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INTERNATIONAL TAEKWON-DO FEDERATION



New Year Message

Having seen out the glorious year of 2018, we are now seeing in the New Year 2019 with great hopes.

Availing of this opportunity, I would like to send my sincerest New Year greeting to the Vice-Presidents and EB member of the ITF, the Presidents of the ITF Continental Federations, Chair people of the ITF NGBs, high-ranking black belts, TKD artists and practitioners and the people concerned.

The year 2018 was a year of great pride.

Last year, we celebrated the 100th birth anniversary of Gen. Choi Hong Hi, the father of Taekwon-Do and the 1st President of the ITF in the TKD motherland where his remains lie in state and the TKD Holy Center stands.

Looking back upon the lifetime of the TKD founder and subsequent years, we summed up, with great pride, the history of the ITF development and made a decision to develop TKD true to the desire of Gen. Choi Hong Hi.

Last year the 13th Junior and the 8th Veteran TKD World Championships took place successfully in Minsk, the capital of Belarus.

They vividly showed that the future of our Taekwon-Do is bright and that the love for, the trust in, and the expectations for our Taekwon-Do of the world people are ever increasing.

Last year the ITF made great successes in the work with the international sports organizations as a prestigious martial arts organization.

Especially in November last year, we had a talk with the World TKD Federation and signed the joint agreement with them.

It showed the will of unification between the two TKD Federations.

This is a significant event which set up a new milestone in the 60 years' history of the ITF.

This year 2019 will be a significant year. We have to bring the seeds of last year into full bloom in accordance with the new requirements of the ITF development.

In August 2019 we are to open the World Championship in Bulgaria that will embrace all the adult, veteran and junior tournaments for the first time in the championship history of the ITF.

The 21st Taekwon-Do World Championship in which all the superstars of every division will take part will add luster to the ITF championships with full pomp and ceremony. It will open a new chapter in the chronicle of the international martial arts development along with the ITF development, further promoting the unity between the Taekwon-Do artists and the development of Taekwon-Do techniques all around the world. In this new year, the ITF is to celebrate the 40th birth anniversary of the European Taekwon-Do Federation and the 10th birth anniversary of the African Taekwon-Do Federation, both of which are the principal Continental Federations under the ITF.

Taking this opportunity, we will review the history of the development of our Taekwon-Do in Europe and Africa once again and will set the new stages of development for both of the Federations.

In the New Year, we will keep on working our way for the fulfillment of the joint agreement that we signed with the World TKD Federation last year.

The New Year 2019 will turn out to be a year of changes by further consolidating the successes achieved in the past and making greater successes in the present.

Hoping that all the ITF Taekwon-Do artists and the people concerned will further strive for turning our worldwide family of the ITF into a more friendly and lovable one with extraordinary willingness and enthusiasm, I, from the bottom of my heart, wish all the Taekwon-Do artists and lovers and the people concerned love, good health and happiness.

Thank you.

A Happy New Year!

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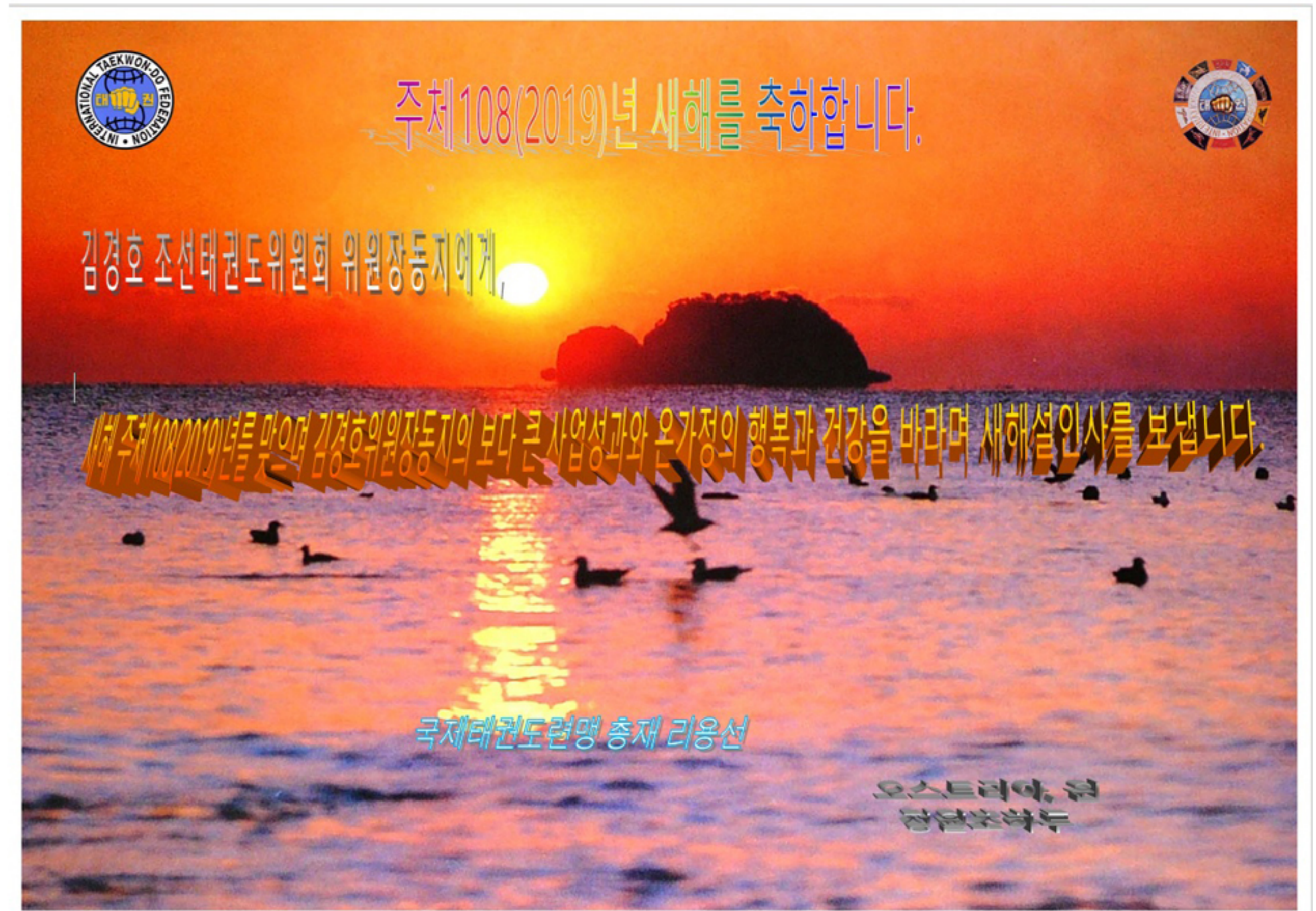




Exchange of New Year Message

Greeting the New year 2019, the President of ITF and many figures in ITF family exchanged New Year Messages.

They all wished more success and development of ITF and also health, happiness and prosperity of their families





Activities

TALK ITF & WT IN WUXI, CHINA



The first round of talks between ITF and WT was held in Wuxi, China on Dec. 14-16, 2018 for fulfilment of the agreement signed by ITF and WT on Nov. 2, 2018 in Pyongyang, DPR Korea to establish a joint body committed to the integration of Taekwon-Do.

In this talk participated Prof. RI Yong Son, Prof. GM HWANG Ho Yong, Prof. KIM Sung Hwan, Secretary General from ITF side and Dr. CHOUE Chungwon, President, Mr. LEE Kyu Seok, President of Asian Federation, Mr. Ahmed Fouly, President of African Federation from WT side.

The talk was held in an amicable atmosphere and the both sides exchanged the mutual proposals and opinions and discussed on the practical issues for the integration of Taekwon-Do





VISIT TO SRI LANKA FOR DEVELOPMENT OF ITF TAEKWON-DO

Along with the Indian team consisting of master Abdurahiman, Sabum Pradeep Janardhana and 13 members of Indian demo team visited Sri Lanka on the request of Dr. Grand Master Leong Wai Meng, vice president of ITF.

Under the supervision of Dr. Grand Master Leong Wai Meng Master Rajendran Balan held a technical seminar for the students of Sri Lanka on 5th January and successfully conducted their National Taekwon-Do Championships at Galle on 6th January 2019.

The Indian team received a great accolade for their performance during the opening ceremony of the event by the audience and all other dignitaries present.

It was a great experience for all the participants of the delegation.

GM Leong Wai Meng and President-SATF discussed about further promotion of ITF Taekwon-do in Sri Lanka with Mr. M.P.G.Hiren and advised him how to proceed further.

Mr. Hiren looked very positive about it and promised that he will work towards the development of ITF Taekwon-do in Sri Lanka.





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The sixth Congress of China International Taekwon-Do Federation



The Sixth Congress of China International Taekwon-Do Federation was held in Fucheng International Hotel, East Yanjiao, Beijing on 4th Jan. 2019.

There were more than 200 people attending the Congress, including leading cadres at all levels, ITF international friends, foreign guests, distinguished guests, senior leaders of China ITF affiliated regional associations and provincial associations, representatives of each membership dojangs and representatives from WTF.



In the meeting, Mr. Zhang Guangjun, President of China International Taekwon-Do Federation, Vice Chairman of Marketing & Financial Committee of the ITF, showed the most sincere gratitude to the government officials of all levels, and the International Taekwon-Do Federation, Korean Taekwon-Do Committee, ITF continent federations, ITF NGBs, all distinguished guests, media friends and taekwondoists.



"The Nine Development Planning of 2019" President Zhang Guangjun grandly announced in the meeting .





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TKD Association of India

The 4th International & 33rd National ITF Taekwon-Do Championships concluded successfully at THYAGRAJ Indoor Stadium, NEW DELHI.

The following events were held from 25th to 30th December 2018.

1. 67th NATIONAL TECHNICAL & THEORY ITF TAEKWON-DO SEMINAR
2. 19th NATIONAL UMPIRE & REFRESHER ITF TAEKWON-DO COURSE
3. 33rd NATIONAL SUB-JUNIOR/JUNIOR/SENIOR/VETERAN ITF TAEKWON-DO CHAMPIONSHIPS

A total of 968 players from 21 States of India participated in the events.

And many Government officials who applauded the event visited the event.





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All Afghanistan National Taekwon-Do Association

The 16th National ITF Taekwon-Do Championship of Afghanistan

Over 120 Taekwon-Do athletes from four provinces Kabul, Herat, Badakhshan and Balkh took part at the 16th National Taekwon-Do ITF Championship of Afghanistan held on 17th-18th of Jan. 2019.

The competition was held at Dashta Barchi modern sport hall with a very positive impression on all the attendees.

The competitors presented as always a very good technical skills, especially in the sparring category of children.



ITF Taekwon-Do Seminar Kabul- Afghanistan

All Afghanistan National Taekwon-Do Association, Umpire Committee conducted a Umpiring Seminar for ITF Taekwon-Do Umpires and new course participants.

To be mentioned in this Seminar there were over 30 Umpires and took place in AANTA Head Quarters by Sabum Mohammad Maruf Sharifzada AANTA President and Chairman Umpire Committee AANTA.

For all participants certificates were distributed and Seminar concluded with group photos..





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AANTA WOMEN TEAM

All Afghanistan National TKD Association ITF Women Team is appreciated by Certificates signed by Master Hed Mohammad Shirzai in an event where board of directors AANTA and Students family members took part.

The Event started with Master Hed Mohammad Shirzai, Founder and Hon-Life President Message, speeches and Demonstrations and concluded with certificate distribution and group photos.



They would like to congratulate ITF Afghanistan Women Committee for their hard work on efforts and as well All Afghanistan National Taekwon-Do Association Board that they are working hard on gender equality in ITF Taekwon-Do in Afghanistan.



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