

WARM CONGRATULATIONS TO

GRAND MASTER BENNY RIVERA (PUERTO RICO) GRAND MASTER RICARDO DESIMONE (ARGENTINA) GRAND MASTER ADOLFO VILLANUEVA (ARGENTINA)

ON THEIR ATTAINMENTS TO THE TOP DEGREE OF ITF

THE 16TH WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP WAS OVER



The above Championship has successfully taken place in St. Petersburg, Russia on 12-18 last Oct. amidst the tremendous expectations and attentions of the Taekwon-Do brothers and sisters throughout the world. To be honest, this event was a great challenge to the ITF members and nobody could anticipate how many countries would take part in and what would happen during the competitions as it had been scheduled in the horrible financial crisis swept over this planet.



However, this FESTIVAL enriched the ITF history and made all of us happy with the fact that more than 1000 competitors from 82 countries gathered in this biggest event in its kind and deepened the friendship & fellowship among the members beyond our imaginations.

It was, no doubt, a strong demonstration to the world that we, ITF, had nothing to scare and nobody could defeat ITF because we were one family.

More importantly, we brought the firmer unity to ITF through the 19th ITF Congress held on 13th last Oct. during the Championship, where we unanimously reelected Prof. & Dr. Chang Ung as the ITF President for his second term of office. Needless to say, the HIGHLIGHT in this festival was that Mrs. Choi Chun Hi, the Widow of late Gen. Choi Hong Hi, blessed and inspired us to move forward with her husband's spirits & hearts, staying with us in the entire periods of the Championship and it, thus, led us to proof, before the world, that we are the real sons and daughters of Gen. Choi Hong Hi.



<u>HEARTY THANKS TO MRS.</u> <u>CHOI CHUN HI AND SINCERE</u> <u>CONGRATULATIONS TO THE</u> <u>PARTICIPANTS IN THIS</u> <u>CHAMPIONSHIP !</u>

For the detailed information and overall outcomes for it, please access the homepage (<u>www.taekwondo2009.com</u>) run by the Organizing Committee.





Mrs. Choi Chun Hi is awarded ITF Commendation letter from ITF President Prof. Dr. Chang Ung during the 19th ITF Congress



Mrs.Choi Chun Hi, makes a congratulatory speech.



The ITF NGB Representatives attending the 19th ITF Congress



Voting-Election of ITF President



ITF Executive Board Meeting

THE 9TH PAN AM GAMES ENDED IN GREAT SUCCESSES

The **9th Pan Am Games** was held in Puerto Rico on 20-22 last Nov. with 18 countries across the American Continent in attendance.

This event was run at the higher levels under the mammoth supports of the local Government of Puerto Rico and greatly contributed to the growth & intensification of ITF not only in this Continent but in the globe. The members belonging to the Pan Am Taekwon-Do Council (PTC) made one voice to render the constant support to ITF and stay in the loyalty to the last will of late Gen. Choi Hong Hi through the tournaments and PTC Congress.

The interesting one to have astonished us was that they had agreed to stage the next PTC Championship on the Cruiser in 2011 at the PTC Congress and all the members of ITF are expressing its full supports to this idea.





THE 25TH ADULT AND 16TH JUNIOR & 2ND VETERAN EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP TO TAKE PLACE IN ITALY

The European ITF Taekwon-Do Federation (EITF) schedules the above event in Barletta, Italy on 9-14 March 2010.

The organizers have already commenced their jobs to make it pleasant & memorable under the close contacts with the EITF as well as with the ITF HQ.

The detailed information for it is available on ITF website (<u>www.itftkd.org</u>).



FOR THE TOURNAMENT RULES TO BE APPLIED FROM 2010

The Tournament Rules modified at the 19th ITF Congress held in Russia during the 16th World Championship have already been delivered to the members.

It would be applied to all the competitions arranged by ITF from 2010 and the NGBs are required on this occasion to update the competitors and students in advance with these rules in order for them to avoid any confusion and disappointment at the time of the competitions like the World Championship.

These revised rules are also posted on the ITF website.

THE ITF MEMBERSHIP BOOKLET

Pursuant to the decision made at the 19th ITF Congress, all the members are cordially requested to possess the Membership Booklets to exercise the full rights and obligations as the member of ITF.

All members must have received the copies of its sample and instruction letter circulated by the ITF Treasurer a couple of months ago.

Through these Booklets, you will definitely enjoy the lifetime records for Taekwon-Do activities you have made in the past or are making at present or in the future.

The ITF HQ is now ready to issue these Booklets to the members and please contact us for its purchase.





