ITF DELEGATION VISITS THE SPORT ACCORD

Dr. Hein Verbruggen (center) and the ITF Delegation

As having already informed the members, the ITF Delegation paid a visit to the Sport Accord Headquarters in Lausanne, Switzerland, and held the productive talks with Dr. Hein Verbruggen, the Sport Accord President, on 23rd Jun. 2010.

The ITF delegation was composed of President Prof. & Dr. Chang Ung, Vice President Prof. Dr. Dato, GM Leong Wai Meng, Executive Director General Master Ri Yong Son, Treasurer Mr Kim Chol Gyu, EITF President Senior Master Anto Nobilo, ITF EB Member Master Augustus Mitchell and Senior Master Michael Prewett, ITF Spokesperson.

The talks took place in a friendly atmosphere over a period of 1 hour 40 minutes, during which time a lot of views and perspectives in terms of the Taekwon-Do and Martial-Art activities were exchanged. Dr. Hein Verbruggen explained in detail the function of Sport Accord and assured the delegation that he would be pleased to support the ITF Taekwon-Do in the future.

Following the ITF President's introduction of the delegation members to Dr. Hein Verbruggen, every member spoke to him of the Taekwon-Do history and the ITF activities all over the world which he found enlightening.

The delegation handed the documentary files over to the Sport Accord Secretary Ms. Ricarda Ettlin who is in charge of this project. She was also presented with a complete set of Taekwon-Do Encyclopedias.
On behalf of the entire members of International Taekwon-Do Federation, we would like to express our heartfelt thanks and gratitude to Dr. Hein Verbruggen, the Sport Accord President, for his kindness and hospitality toward the ITF Delegation. The sincere thanks also go to all of our members for their great support to this important issue.

6TH MEMORIAL CUP TOURNAMENT FOR GEN. CHOI HONG HI HELD IN NEPAL

The historical National Championship of Nepal ITF, the 6th Memorial Cup Tournament for Gen. Choi Hong Hi, has successfully been concluded at the Eastern part of Nepal, Shahid Stadium in Biratnagar, on 14-15 Jun. 2010.

Prior to the beginning of the Championship, all players, guests, instructors, officials and spectators have bowed to Gen. Choi Hong Hi, the Founder of Taekwon-Do, and made one minute silent respect to the Father of Taekwon-Do.

At the opening ceremony, Mr. Pitamber Timilsina (Vice-President of National Sport Council) as a Chief Guest has boosted up all participants for their great dedications and contributions to the success of this Championship. Many respected and distinguish Personalities were invited to this significant event.
The Medals, Trophy and Certificates were distributed to all winners by Mr. Pitambar Timilsina, Mr. Khadaga Bahadur Ranabhat (Executive Member of National Sports Council) and Mr. Krishna Bahadur Balal (President of Nepal ITF).

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PREPARATION FOR THE 9th JUNIOR & 4th VETERAN WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP GOES WELL

Belarus 2010
Taekwon-Do ITF
World Championships
IX. Junior & IV. Veteran

The ITF HQ sent the ITF Delegation comprised of Senior Master Michael Prewett, the Chairman of EITF Umpire Committee, and Mr. Ladislav Burian, the Chairman of EITF Tournament Committee, to Minsk, Belarus from 28th to 30th May 2010 for the collaboration and assistance over the works of the Organizing Committee for the said Championship.

Master Yuri Kalashnikov, the ITF Vice President, and Mr. Ivan Rajtr from Czech joined this team and worked together with the members of Organizing Committee during the weekend.

The delegation had a fruitful meeting with the Sports Minister of Belarus and looked around the Stadium, the venue for the Technical & Umpire Seminar and Hotels in the periods of their stay in Minsk and held the constructive discussions with the organizers for the smooth and better organization of this said Championship.

Pursuant to the debriefing from them, all preparations were going on well and in order, and what made us pleased was that the Sports Minister assured them of the 100% Belarusian Governmental Supports to this Championship.

We look forward to the great success of this Championship and expect as well more countries over the world would take part in this biggest Festival in ITF.
ITF SPECIAL SEMINAR TAKES PLACE IN BEIJING

and coped with the technical matters raised from the members over the world. The ITF Technical Committee presided over this seminar and all participants were very happy with it.

The report on the key points dealt with during the seminar would be made by Senior Master Hwang Ho Yong, the Chairman of ITF Technical Committee, and delivered to the members in time of the Technical & Umpire Seminar scheduled in Minsk, Belarus on 21-22 Aug. this year.

According to the decision of the ITF Executive Board, the Special Seminar for 8th Dan and up was ever held in the Remin University of China on 8-11 Apr. this year. 4 Grand Masters and 34 Senior Masters under ITF participated in this historical seminar

The ITF HQ, based on the suggestions from the Masters including the attendees, would host such a seminar every year in the different countries and open to all the Senior Masters and NGB Leaders who wish to attend.
5th ASIAN CHAMPIONSHIP BRINGS THE DUE SUCCESS

The 5th Asian Taekwon-Do Championship took place in Almaty, Kazakhstan on 24-28 Apr. this year.

This event was successfully held under the participation of 350 participants from 18 countries of the Asian Continent.

The Asian Taekwon-Do Federation held the 5th ATF Congress during this Championship and produced the crucial decisions to make ATF stronger and ITF Taekwon-Do more popular in these areas.

All the participants shared the friendship and fellowship during the competitions and expressed their unwavering support to ITF, the Legacy of Gen. Choi Hong Hi.

INFORMATION FOR IMGC EB MEETING

The IMGC EB Meeting was held in Belgrade, Serbia on 4th Jun. 2010 in conjunction with the 7th European Championship of World Karate Confederation.

At the meeting, the profound and comprehensive issues were discussed for further consolidation of IMGC in a short time.

The major subject consulted at the table of this meeting was how we make the 4th IMG to be held in Tallinn, Estonia next Feb. success. The constructive initiatives and ideas were revealed and the important decisions were made.

As you know well, the IMGC is also SON of late Gen. Choi Hong Hi, therefore, all ITF Members are considered to do our utmost for the development and intensification of IMGC in the future.
TECHNICAL & UMPIRE SEMINAR SCHEDULED IN BELARUS

The above seminar is scheduled in Minsk, Belarus on 21-22 Aug. this year in accordance with the ITF Rules and Regulations.

ITF invites not only the Umpires who will officiate at the coming Championship but also the Black Belt Holders with 3rd Dan and up to this seminar.

At the end of the seminar there would be the test for participants willing to be promoted to 4th Dan and up and the participants are as well eligible to apply for the Umpire A Certificate from the ITF HQ.

The candidates for 4th Dan and up are kindly advised to submit their applications for Dan Promotion to the ITF HQ and Promotion Committee by end of Jun. 2010 for the approval.

The seminar fee is Euro 50.00 per participants and the Hotel Accommodations for 2 days must be paid by the participants.