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The 8th Junior and 3rd Veteran ITF Taekwon-Do World Championship Brought the Great Successes



We, the ITF, would like to take this opportunity once again to present our sincere gratitude and congratulation to all the participants including competitors, Organizing Committee members and volunteers, coaches, umpires, instructors and masters, and ITF officials who have devoted themselves to the success of this event.

During the Championship, ITF held its 18th Congress meeting on 19th September in Le Grande Plaza Hotel in Tashkent.

The above mentioned Championship has taken place in Tashkent, Uzbekistan from 16th to 21th September this year with more than 750 participants (around 400 competitors and 350 officials, coaches and accompanies) from 55 countries all over the world.

Having been held under the strong support and assistance of the Uzbekistan Government it witnessed one of historical event for all the ITF members including the best athletes and coaches , being remained as the most successful and memorable Championship in the hearts of all the Taekwon-Do brothers and sisters throughout this globe.

This Championship fully demonstrated all the participants' firm solidarity, the friendships and fellowships among themselves as well as a high level of umpiring and tournament throughout the whole process of the Championship.

More than a hundred of attendants from 55 countries expressed their absolute and constant supports to the discussions and decisions made at the Congress.

During the Championships Prof. Dr. Channg Ung, ITF President met Mr. Kurbanov Rustam Javdatovich, Minister of Culture and Sport affairs and Uzbekistan NOC Chairman and Mr.Akhad Khamzievich Nasirov, Chief of Presidential Security Service and Chairman of Uzbekistan Martial Arts Center.

Prof. Dr. Chang Ung expressed a deep thanks to them for their unreserved assistance to the successful Championships and they showed their willingness to render consistent spiritual and material assistance to the activity of Uzbekistan ITF Taekwon-Do as well as ITF.

MANY CONGRATULATIOS TO THOSE COUNTRIES DPR KOREA, RUSSIA AND UZBEKISTAN FOR THEIR EXECELLENT RESULTS AT THE COMPETITIONS!













<u>Information on the 5th Session of the "Coordination</u> Committee for Taekwon-Do Integration"

The 5th Session of the Coordination Committee for Taekwon-Do Integration between the ITF and WTF has been held in the Beijing Shi Cha Hai International Plaza hotel in Beijing, China on 10-11 Sep. this year.

There participated Mr. Ryu Song-II, the Cochairman of this Committee representing ITF including Master Hwang Ho Yong, ITF Education Committee Chairman and other four participants on ITF side and Mr. Dai-Soon LEE, the Co-chairman of this Committee representing WTF including Mr. Yang Jin Suk, WTF Secretary General, Mr. Lee Kyung Myung, WTF Education Committee Chairman, Mr. Choe Man Seek, WTF Deputy Secretary General on WTF side.

Following the plenary meeting, the subcommittees for Sparring and Pattern have concurrently held its meeting and consulted profoundly and comprehensively about the technical integration for Sparring and Pattern. The subcommittee for Pattern has exchanged the references of both sides concerning the Taekwon-Do Technical Composition and continued explaining about the fundamental principles of Taekwon-Do Power accordingly. Through this opportunity, both sides have

confirmed the common views on the fundamental principles of Taekwon-Do Power and, based on it; both sides have agreed to clarify the fundamental movements of Taekwon-Do technique by technique at the next Session.

The subcommittee for Sparring has, as well, shared the in-depth views and opinions on the most basic issues amidst the tournament rules of both sides. Both sides tried their best at this meeting to seek the way to unify the rules of Sparring throughout the tournament rules of each side and agreed to make it more details at the next Session.

Both sides have agreed to determine the time and venue for the next Session through the communications.

At the end of the meeting, two sides released the Joint Communiqué.

Before the opening the session the WTF suggested to pay a one minutes silence in a deep sorrow and condolence of Master Ri Yong Sok, the late ITF Technical Committee Chairman and handed over condolence money to Master Ri's family side.







Constructive discussion on the ITF Tournament rules and Seminar successfully held in DPR Korea

From 6th to 11th of July 2008 in Pyongyang, DPR Korea the constructive discussion for revising and improving the ITF Sparring tournament rules with Grand Master Rhee Ki Ha, Senior Vice-President, Master Ri Yong Sok, ITF Technical Committee Chairman, Master Hwang Ho Yong, ITF Education

Committee Chairman, and Korean Masters in attendance.

During this time the Technical Seminar was held, guided by Grand Master Rhee Ki Ha and conducted by Master Ri Yong Sok and Master Hwang Ho Yong with lots of Korean Masters and Instructors in attendance.









Other news

-Pro-Taekwondo Tournament WORLD FINAL (TEST)

will be held in Zagreb, Croatia, 13th of December 2008, hosted by Master Anto Nobilo, ITF 8th dan holder and ITF Pro –Taekwon-Do Committee.

More information under http://www.pro-taekwondo.com/

-"Cup of Peter the Great", World Cup Tournament

will be held in Saint-Petersburg, Russia, in November 28-30, 2008 More information under http://www.tkdpetercup.com/eng

IMPORTANT NOTICE:

All the ITF NGBs are kindly requested to send its annual plan for 2009 to ITF HQs by the end of this November.