

NEWSLETTER

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MERRY CHRISTMAS

and

A HAPPY AND PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR!!!

The “Coordination Committee for Taekwon-Do Integration” Established

It was well known fact that the draft of Mutual Agreement for the establishment of “Coordination Committee for Taekwon-Do Integration” had been made at the working-level talk between ITF and WTF held in Beijing, China on 24- 25 Nov. 2006.

At that time, the two delegations agreed it would take an effect from the moment when the both Presidents of ITF and WTF sign on it.

This great moment to make all Taekwon-Do brothers and sisters across the world happy and excited has finally reached our hearts and minds on Dec. 2nd, this year.

The Presidents of ITF and WTF met each other on Dec. 2nd, 2006 in Doha, Qatar during the 15th Asian Games and signed on the Mutual Agreement and declared to the world that the “Coordination Committee for Taekwon-Do Integration” has been set up, which will simultaneously deal with the matters concerning the administrative and technical integration of two Taekwon-Do Bodies.

Thus, we could take the big steps to solve the Taekwon-Do matters in accordance with the desires and requirements of entire members of Taekwon-Do family on this globe.

As everybody knows, it was the lifetime wish of Gen. Choi Hong Hi, the Legendary Founder of Taekwon-Do, and, consequently, we would like to report to Gen. Choi Hong Hi on this occasion that we are in much progress to implement the historical mission for merging the two Taekwon-Do into one, which has been given to us by Gen. Choi Hong Hi.

Our warm thanks and congratulations to Prof. CHANG UNG, the ITF President, for his great achievement!

* *The Mutual Agreement signed by the two Presidents will be available on the ITF Website.*

Information For The 15th ITF Taekwon-Do World Championships

Pursuant to the decision of the 16th ITF Congress held in Sofia, Bulgaria, the 15th ITF Taekwon-Do World Championships will take place in Bled, Slovenia from 24th to 29th April 2007.

All the members are invited to the ITF website (www.itftkd.org) for its detailed information which has already been posted on website under the "EVENT".

ITF is going to remind you through this opportunity that the 17th ITF Congress will be held at 2 p.m. on 27th April 2007 at Festival Hall in Bled, Slovenia in the period of the Championships.

The agendas for the Congress will be informed to the members in due course.

SEE YOU ALL AT THE WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS!

The Technical & Umpire Course Will Be Held

The official ITF Technical & Umpire Course is scheduled in Bled, Slovenia on 22-24 April 2007 when is just before the 15th ITF Taekwon-Do World Championships.

The course is open to all the Black Belt Holders wishing to update their technical and umpiring standards and levels.

The peoples who want to attend this course should arrive in Bled, Slovenia before or on 21st April 2007 and inform the organizing committee of their travel schedules in advance.

All the participants should pay for their lodging and boards at their own expenses during the course.

The course fee is USD 100.00 up to 2nd Dan and USD 200.00 from 3rd Dan and up as laid down in ITF rules and regulations.

However, the Umpires representing their countries at the World Championships will pay only USD 50.00 for the course and, therefore, every NGB is kindly requested to register the 1 Umpire for its country to ITF Umpire Committee as well as to the organizing committee as required on the General Information for the coming Championships.

Those registered Umpires are allowed to pay their hotel accommodations and meals only for 2 days on 22-23 April.

The Umpires who do not take part in this seminar are not granted to officiate at the World Championships.

All participants are cordially advised to come to the course with their Doboks and Umpire Dresses.

After the seminar, the course certificates will be issued by ITF and the participants are permitted to apply for their Umpire Certificates class "A" and "B" according to their degrees along with the International Instructor Certificates to ITF.

This seminar will be conducted by Grand Master Leong Wai Meng, the Chairman of Umpire Committee, Master Kim Ung Chol, the Chairman of Tournament Committee and Master Ri Yong Sok, the Chairman of Technical Committee.

For Membership Fee

ITF decided at the 16th ITF Congress held in Sofia, Bulgaria that the NGBs should pay for all kinds of membership fees to ITF HQ in EURO.

All NGBs are, therefore, obliged to pay for the membership fees to ITF HQ in Euro.

At present, as you know very well, there are big differences in exchange between Euro and US Dollar and it gives ITF some difficulties to make the correct budget.

ITF would like to recommend you that if there are NGBs wishing to pay for the membership fees in US Dollar, please make the payments based on the exchange rate between Euro and US Dollar on that day.

It would be of the great assistances to ITF if all the NGBs send the fees to ITF HQ through the Bank Transfer or by Western Union which should be addressed to ITF Treasurer Mr. KIM Chol Gyu.

The bank charges should be paid by the payers when you make the remittance at the bank.

Through this chance, we would like to ask you again to send the membership fees for your Plaques for its renewal of the coming New Year to ITF HQ by 31st Jan. 2007.

The Masters with 8th Dan and above will be waived.
