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MESSAGE FROM THE ITF PRESIDENT PROF. CHANG UNG

Dear Members,



The summer holiday season is coming closer to us and I wish everybody enjoy this holiday season with the family and friends and so on. However, to us, the ITF members, this season is considered most busy because you would be "forced" to concentrate on the training for the coming World Championship scheduled in Tashkent, Uzbekistan from 16th to 21st Sep. this year.

I terribly feel regret and sorry on this and look forward to the generous understandings from you all.

I, as the ITF President, have no choice but requesting all ITF members through this page to make the possible contributions to the strength and promotion of your ITF, instead of spending the wonderful times in these periods.

Frankly speaking, we put the particular significance on the 8th Junior & 3rd Veteran Taekwon-Do World Championship as it is held right after the Beijing Olympic Games. As everybody knows well, the WTF will organize their own competitions during the Beijing Olympic Games, consequently, it would be the more precious chance than ever for the peoples world-wide to evaluate through the competitions of the ITF and

WTF accordingly which one is real and better.

Of course, it is well known fact in this globe that our techniques are the original one as the Martial-Art Discipline which is far different from the WTF's one which has been known to the peoples as Sports only, however, most of peoples do not know exactly what is different between the ITF and WTF.

It is not my intention to blame anybody here but to highlight the duties and obligations of our members to keep yourselves well and stronger.

In recent, we have achieved some progresses in the talks with the WTF to solve the TKD issue as earlier as possible in conformity with the interests and benefits of the whole TKD family.

However, we have still long way to go and, in order to make this historical project accomplish earlier, we need more supports and cooperation from you.

I have no doubt that we have the ability and power to overcome any difficulties and challenges we are encountering and should again show it to the world through the 8th Junior & 3rd Veteran Taekwon-Do World Championship.

Looking forward to seeing you all in Tashkent!

Thank you

Prof. Chang Ung
President
IOC Member

NEWS ON THE 4th ASIAN TAEKWON-DO CHAMPIONSHIP



The 4th Asian Taekwon-Do Championship took place in Almaty, Kazakhstan from 2nd to 6th Apr. this year under the participation of more than 450 competitors from 18 countries across the Asian Continent.

The Sports Minister and the Secretary General of NOC in Kazakhstan attended the opening ceremony and congratulated the participant with the blessing over the success of this event. The Kazakhstan Government was very proud with this Championship and rendered the great

supports and assistances to have this event running smoothly in the whole periods of the Championships.



During the Championship, the Congress of Asian Taekwon-Do Federation has been held and the items discussed at the Congress have been approved unanimously among the member countries.

It was really of the best opportunity to boost the unity and understandings between the participants and open the new road to make the ITF more dynamic and popular in the region of Asia.



WARM CONGRATULATIONS TO THE COMPETITORS, COACHES, UMPIRES, ORGANIZERS, VOLUNTEERS AND SPONSORS !!!

THE SPECIAL THANKS GO TO THE KAZAKHSTAN GOVERNMENT !!!



THE 23rd ADULT & 14th JUNIOR EUROPEAN TAEKWON-DO CHAMPIONSHIP ENDED IN SUCCESS

The above Championship was opened in Porec, Croatia from 28th May to 1st Jun. 2008.



Over the 700 competitors from 31 countries were gathering and exchanged the skills and experiences among themselves as well as shared the friendship and fellowship between themselves.

In one word, the big success has been produced throughout the Championships under the strong activities of the members participated in the competitions.

Furthermore, the ITF members in the European Continent could fully show their one voice and hearts as well through the EITF Congress and the decision taken at the Congress would be greatly conducive to the consolidation of ITF in the future.



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DREAMS ACHIEVED THROUGH THE 3rd IMG

What is the dream of the Martial Artists over the world?



It would most probably bring all the Martial-Art Styles and Disciplines together and contribute to building the more peaceful and better society throughout the Martial-Art activities.

The dream could come true on the occasion of the 3rd International Martial-Art Games held in Bangkok, Thailand on 12-19 Apr. 2008.



On 12th April when the 3rd IMG has been proclaimed open, 42 countries across the world from a number of Martial-Art Disciplines entered the stadium amidst the colorful cheers and applauds and proofed before the world that we are the real AMBASSADOR bringing the peace and unity among the peoples.

Making us happiest and encouraged during this Festival was that Mr. Hein Verbruggen, the IOC member and President of GAISF, attended the Opening Ceremony as the Special Guest of Prof. Chang Ung, the

President of ITF and IMGC, and inspired all the participants to go forward with no hesitation for reaching the final goals in the near future.

Also having us extremely excited was that he has come to this event in capacity of the Representative of IOC President and it brightened the future of IMGC with the hope of working together with GAISF in keeping with the IOC Charter and Ideals.

On behalf of IMGC, we would like to extend our sincere thanks to the Presidents of IOC and GAISF for their unforgettable supports towards our cause.



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TALKS BETWEEN THE PRESIDENTS OF IOC AND ITF

The ITF President Prof. Chang Ung held the talks with the IOC President at his office on May 30, 2008.



Prof. Chang Ung explained in details about the current situation of the talks between ITF

and WTF to Dr. Jacques Rogge, the IOC President, and shared the views how to make the progress on it.

They reached the common agreement that it should be settled down as soonest as possible in accordance with the requirements and interests of the Taekwon-Doists in the world and there is, too, a necessity to take the due measures for it.

The IOC President asked Prof. Chang Ung to submit the proposal to cope with it and it would be discussed at the Joint Meeting to be presented by the Presidents of ITF and WTF. This meeting is expected to be chaired by the IOC President during the Beijing Olympic Games.

THE 8th JUNIOR & 3rd VETERAN TAEKWON-DO WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP WAITS FOR YOU



The organizing Committee for the above Championship confirmed that they are pouring a lot of energies and times into the preparation for the 8th Junior & 3rd Veteran Taekwon-Do World Championship under the great attention and cooperation with the Uzbekistan Government.

The Uzbekistan Government promised them to do their best for its success including the financial supports and guaranteed the security for the participants in the periods of this event.

As long as the participants respect and follow the schedules of the Championship, you will

stay in Tashkent safely and if you have something to do urgently and abruptly outside the schedules set forth by the Organizing Committee, you are requested to inform it to the Organizers in advance. However, the daily life circumstances and surroundings in Tashkent are much more peaceful and safe than you are expecting and everything is in order and disciplined.

For the visa process, the Organizing Committee is now under the talks with the respective Governmental Department to issue the visa to the participants, who are in difficulties to get it in their countries, at the Tashkent Airport upon arrival and, therefore, the participants from the countries where there are no the Uzbekistan Embassies are cordially advised to contact the Organizing Committee and forward the particulars for your visa to them with no delay.

At 2 pm on Sep. 19th 2008, ITF is going to convene its 18th Congress in the Hotel "Uzbekistan" and the NGBs are allowed to send up to 3 delegates to the Congress and the NGBs who can not come to the Congress with a certain reason are able to trust any NGB with the "PROXY" and must inform it to the ITF HQ in advance. The agendas would be notified to you soon in due course.

As normally, ITF is scheduling to hold the 3-Day-Technical & Umpire Course from 14th to 16th Sep. 2008 in Tashkent, Uzbekistan just before the Championship. It will be conducted by the Chairpersons of the ITF Technical Committee and Umpire Committee and only the Umpires who attend this course are eligible to be umpiring at the coming Championship. The course fee is USD 50,00 per person and will be open to everybody willing to come to this course and hotel accommodations should be paid by the participants during the seminar.

WELCOME TO TASHKENT!!!

ITF CALENDAR FOR NEXT QUARTER (JUL.-SEP. 2008)

MONTH	DATE	EVENT	VENUE
JULY	<i>13th</i>	1st National TKD Team Championship	CHILE
AUGUST	<i>11th-12th</i>	5th South & West Open ITF Championship	INDIA
AUGUST		European Inter-Club Final Competitions	CROATIA
SEPTEMBER	<i>1st - 5th</i>	3rd "10th Sep. Prize" Tournament	DPR KOREA
SEPTEMBER	<i>7th</i>	National TKD Championship	CHILE
SEPTEMBER	<i>14th-16th</i>	TECHNICAL & UMPIRE SEMINAR	UZBEKISTAN
SEPTEMBER	<i>16th - 21st</i>	8th JUNIOR & 3rd VETERAN WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP	UZBEKISTAN
SEPTEMBER	<i>19th</i>	18th ITF CONGRESS	UZBEKISTAN
SEPTEMBER	<i>24th-30th</i>	11th "JONGIL-BONG PRIZE" National Championship	DPR KOREA