

NEWSLETTER

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ADDRESS FROM THE SECRETARIAT

A few days left when we are going to celebrate the New Year.

As same feeling to everybody, the New Year always comes to our hearts with the fresh hopes, emotion and excitement.

All the people are, on this season, in full determination and encouragement to carry out their duties and obligations, especially to touch the noble target what they wish through their lives at any costs in the New Year.

It is believed that the members of our Taekwon-Do Family can not be exceptional from such feelings.

On the special occasion of this day, ITF would first like to present the heartfelt thanks to late Gen. Choi Hong Hi, the Founder of Taekwon-Do and Builder of ITF on behalf of the entire Taekwon-Do practitioners the world over.

Through this opportunity as well, the ITF offers its gratitude and congratulations to the Grand Masters, Masters, International Instructors and all the Taekwon-Do brothers and sisters.

Looking back at the those days of this year, we have undergone a plenty of difficulties and challenges from the beginning of this year but all the things were successful thanks to the great and active supports and co-operation from you all. The best success in this year is that the 1st Veteran Championships was first ever held in its kind amidst the enormous concerns and attentions among the Taekwon-Do practitioners.

The next success was the 1st International Martial-Art Games which was held in Pyongyang, DPR Korea, in Sep. this year under the participation of over 30 countries belonging to ITF and showed surely and fully to the world through the competitions that the ITF is the leading Martial-Art Organization with the best techniques among all kinds of Martial-Art disciplines.

What is the special achievement in this year was that we established the better condition and atmosphere to solve the Taekwon-Do issue with IOC and WTF in conformity with the requirements and desires of all the Taekwon-Doists.

Apart from this, ITF is now provided with the legal guarantees for its all activities by the Austrian Government and its position in Austria is more intensified.

**There is endless if we point out the successes what we achieved in this year.
In the New Year, we have more things and events to do including the 14th ITF World Championships to be held in Australia.
ITF never say any more but TRUST you all as in the past.
Look far and go faster.**

SEASON'S GREETINGS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!

Thank you

MANY CONGRATULATIONS TO THE PARTICIPANTS IN THE PAN AM GAMES

**The PAN AM GAMES were successfully held in Mar del Plata, Argentina from 19th to 21st Nov. this year with the 2000 participants from 15 countries.
The competitors exchanged their techniques and skills among themselves and showed the high morality and virtue as Taekwon-Doists through the tournaments.
This event was greatly conducive to promoting the orthodox Taekwon-Do, ITF, in this region and to strengthening the friendships, solidarity and unity between them.
During the Championships, the Congress of Pan Am Taekwon-Do Council was held and the constructive and important matters for the development and growth of ITF in American Continent were discussed.**

THE "CUP OF PETER THE GREAT", THE TRADITIONAL EVENT IN SAINT PETERSBURG, RUSSIA

**As well known to everybody, the above event is of the traditional one which is hosted by the Taekwon-Do Association of S. Petersburg, Russia, every December. It draws the great attentions and interesting among the Taekwin-Do practitioners over the world, in particular, from the European countries year by year. It has undoubtedly achieved the tremendous successes in this year too with the amazing demonstration performed by the Korean Taekwon-Do Demonstration Team.
The organizers concentrated on the intensive study for the wonderful results comparing with other events in the past and reached unanimously to invite the Korean Demonstration Team to this event.
After all, they could experience the unexpected outcomes from it and believed that it would boost ITF not only in that region but also in the world.**
