

**ORGANIZATIONS...****International TKD Federation–  
World TKD Federation**

**Lausanne, Switzerland** - The International TaeKwon-Do Federation has recently taken significant steps to solve the "Tae Kwon Do issue" on the Olympic stage. The talks also have brought a promising future to the development of the International Martial Arts Game Committee (IMGC).



**ITF President Professor Ung (left) and WTF President Dr. Chungwon Chou met in Switzerland to discuss the future of Tae Kwon Do**

Dr. Jacques Rogge, President of the International Olympic Committee (IOC), met twice in September with the presidents of both the ITF and the World Taekwondo Federation (WTF) to solve the matter.

Professor Chang Ung, President of the ITF, first visited Rogge on September 5. At that time, Rogge proposed conducting a joint meeting of the IOC, ITF and WTF to be held in IOC headquarters on September 20. Official talks between the ITF and the WTF began after their first joint meeting, which was held on June 3, 2005, in the IOC headquarters. In addition, Rogge supervised the second joint meeting of the ITF and WTF, held September 20, during which he facilitated discussion of integration of the two organizations.

Ung met with Hein Verbruggen, acting president of the General Association of International Sports Federations (GAISF), in Salzburg, Austria, in mid-September to establish better terms and conditions for all martial arts disciplines. The two men discussed reasonable solutions of matters arising from the martial arts fields and determined that the GAISF would study and seek ways to support IMGC activities in the future.

**ITF  
North Korea  
Team Visit  
Canceled**

**Cedar Rapids, IA** –North Korea's recent testing of its nuclear ability caused the U. S. State Department to cancel the Visas of the North Korean Tae Kwon Do team. The group, scheduled to travel to America in October, was to present demonstrations in select cities throughout the month. They were to travel by bus to the various cities so that they could experience and see America at its grassroots.

Grandmaster Woo Jin Jung, publisher of *Tae Kwon Do Times* magazine, and a sponsor of the event, said that he was disappointed that the team could not come as so many people had worked very hard to make it happen. He added, "We will try again and again until we make this happen."

**Choi Kwang Do Asia  
Oceania Tour 2006**

**Atlanta, GA** - In August and September 2006, Grandmaster Kwang Jo Choi and instructors from all over the world traveled to Malaysia, India, Nepal, South Korea, Australia, and New Zealand to promote Choi Kwang Do. The tours commenced in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, with the first ever Choi Kwang Do seminar in this country. This historic event's opening ceremony was conducted by Malaysian State Assemblyman YB Dato' Hoh Hee Lee. International Choi Kwang Do delegates and martial artists from all corners of Malaysia, who remember Choi Kwang Do's founder from his Tae Kwon Do days in the 1960s, attended the event.

While in Bombay, India, Grandmaster Choi conducted training sessions for instructors and students and led a question and answer session with parents. Mr. Dhanesh Chheda was graded and promoted to fifth-degree. The tour also included training workshops in Chandigarh and Valsad, India.

The next destination was the land of Mount Everest: Katmandu, Nepal. The Deputy Prime Minister of Nepal opened the seminar events. The Nepalese media interviewed Grandmaster Choi, who also graded and promoted Mr. Ram Chandra K.C. to fourth-degree.

In Auckland, New Zealand, Mr. Robert Darby and Ms. Caroline Hazelden were promoted to second-degree, and Mr. Graham Lockhart to first. In Christchurch, New Zealand, Mr. Palmer was tested and promoted. Choi Kwang Do currently has three affiliate schools in New Zealand, with more opening at the beginning of 2007. The Australian leg of the tour made stops in Townsville and Cairns, and included certification of four new examiners of Choi Kwang Do International.

Grandmaster Choi arrived in Seoul, Korea, to conduct a Martial Arts Leaders seminar. During the seminar, Grandmaster Choi explained and demonstrated the bio-mechanic principles behind Choi Kwang Do.

Choi Kwang Do now looks forward to their 20th Anniversary Seminar and Festivities which will take place in Atlanta, Georgia, from March 3-9, 2007.



**Grandmaster Choi lectures to a group of martial artists during his Asia and Oceania seminar tour**