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Messege from President



Dear Friends,

Seeing off this year and greeting a new year soon, I look back the IMGC activities of 2019 with deep emotion and pride as the IMGC President.

This year 2019 was recorded significantly as we celebrated with splendor the 20th anniversary of IMGC foundation in Pyongyang, the capital of DPR Korea, the birthplace of Gen Choi Hong Hi, the Founder of the IMGC. This was pleasure and pride for all of us and an important occasion for the martial artists to exchange their experiences and views and further develop and strengthen the friendship and cooperation, future development in accordance with the mission and task aspiring after martial arts Olympic.

This year added more significance to the IMGC as we successfully held the 8th IMG and the 10th IMGC Congress.

The 8th IMG held in Carrara, Italy provided us with an opportunity to demonstrate the image of the IMGC developing and strengthening under the ideal of friendship, cooperation and development and radical turning point in the organizational development through the 10th IMGC Congress held during period of the 8th IMG.

The 9th IMG will be held in Chevoksary, Russia in August, 2020.

I am convinced that the 9th IMG would be one of the magnificent Games in the IMG history to be remembered in the minds of all the participants.

I will join and walk together with my martial art friends to find out the way of martial arts development and fulfill my duty and responsibility to achieve our common goal as the IMGC President.

Seeing off the memorable year and greeting the New Year, I wish all the martial artists good health and happiness of your family, great success and good luck in your work.

Prof. RI Yong Son
President, International Martial Art Games Committee
President, International Taekwon-Do Federation



The 8th IMG held in Italy



In the opening ceremony, the world-famous the DPR Korean Taekwon-do Demo Team played amid cheers and praises of thousands of audiences.

The Taekwon-do demo performance showed the spirit, excellence and power of Taekwon-do, the national martial art of Korean people and swept the opening stage with joy and passion.

The participants who watched the demonstration of the DPR Korean Taekwon-do Demo Team in the opening ceremony, unanimously expressed their feelings that the opening ceremony was more splendidly decorated with the Taekwon-do demonstration and offered their sincere thanks to the IMG C for providing them with such a good opportunity.

The 8th IMG was held with success from Oct. 31 to Nov. 3, 2019 in Carrara, Italy.

The Opening Ceremony of the 8th IMG took place in the "CarraraFiere" located in Carrara, Italy on 31st Oct.

Athletes emerged, artists performed and Mayor of Carrara, Italy, the host city of the 8th IMG, delivered congratulatory speech. Then two athletes from DPR Korea and Italy were on the opening stage with the torch light and the national anthems of DPR Korea and Italy were played.



There were second demo performance of the DPR Korean Taekwon-do Demo Team at the demand of the participants and the OC.



After the opening ceremony, competitions of different disciplines conducted.

Participated in the 8th IMG were two thousands of athletes and officials from 70 countries including DPR Korea, Italy, Russia, England, Sweden, Belgium, Germany, France, Romania, Iran and India. Ten disciplines of martial arts such as Taekwon-do, Muay, Judo, Jujitsu and Karate competed and demonstrated respectively in the event.





The 8th IMG became an occasion which displayed to the world the development image of martial arts upgrading day by day and recorded another proud growth line of the IMGC history advancing under the ideal of friendship, cooperation and development.

IMGC EB Met

International Martial Art Games Committee Executive Board meeting was held at La Pineta Hotel, Carrara, Italy on October 31, 2019.

Attended in the EB meeting were about 10 personalities including the EB members, leaders of International Federations and invited was Mayor of Cheboksary, Russia

The EB meeting approved the agendas to be presented to the Congress, examined the EB member candidates to be elected and appointed chairpersons of the commissions.





The 10th IMGC Congress

The 10th IMGC Congress was convened in the conference room of "Carrarafiere" in Carrara, Italy on Oct. 31, 2019.

The 10th IMGC Congress was attended by 40 representatives from the international martial art organizations including International Taekwon-Do Federations(ITF), World Karate Confederation(WKC), World Muay Federation(WMF), World Jujitsu Confederation(WJJC), World Judo Federation(WJF), International Oriental Martial Arts Federation, World Federation of Kowart Alrami & Self-defense(WFKA), World Federation of Jujitsu, World Pahuyuth Federation, World Nanbudo Federation, World Jujitsu Kobudo Organization and from the NMGCs including India, England, Scotland, Russia, Australia, Latvia, Iran, Azerbaijan and etc.

The Congress reviewed the IMGC activities for 2 years, approved the affiliation of new members, amended the IMGC Statues, elected the EB members, introduced the chairpersons of the commissions appointed in the EB meeting and decided the next IMG venue and time.

The Congress elected Prof. Dato GM Leong Wai Meng(ITF Vice-President) and Dr. Paul G Hoglund(WJJC President) as Vice Presidents, Mr. Kim Myong Gun as Secretary General of the IMGC.

Dr. GM Rajendran Balan (President Indian Martial Arts Federtaion), GM Mikhail Kolvart (President of Estonian Martial Arts Union), Dr. Walid Kassas (WKAF President), Dr. Vicheslav Timofeev (WKC Vice-President), Ms Gabriela Murg (WMF Vice-President) were elected as members of IMGC Executive Board.

The Congress approved chairpersons of the commissions as follows;

Chairman of Ethic and Verification Commission: Prof. Dato GM Leong Wai Meng, ITF Vice-President

Chairman of Competition and Umpire Commission: Dr. Walid Kassas WKAF President

Chairman of Communication: Mr. Antoni Kraus, WMF Secretary General





Chairman of Finance and Marketing Commission: Mr. Kim Yong Il, Chief Director of International Martial Art Fund.

The Congress admitted the World Pahuyuth Federation and World Federation of Jujitsu as associated members.

The World Pahuyuth Federation headquartered in Teheran, Iran and recognized by the Iran Olympic Committee has member organizations in 25 countries.

The World Federation of Jujitsu is the martial art organization which has 22 member countries and headquartered in Helsinki, Finland.

The Congress discussed the issue of the venue of the 9th IMG.

Russia, Uzbekistan and Germany applied for the Next IMG venue.

The Russian delegation headed by Mayor of Chevoksary and consisted of 8 members including Vice-President of WKC, Vice-Mayor of Chevoksary, Director of the Culture & Sports, 9th Kickboxing Champion presented the hosting of the 9th IMG. Chevoksary Mayor made the presentation about the feasibility and conditions of Chevoksary City for hosting the next IMG. His presentation was welcome and received unanimous approval.



Leong Wai Meng



Paul G Hoglund



Kim Myong Gun



Rajendran Balan



Walid Kassas



Mikhail Kolvart



Vicheslav Timofeev



Gabriela Murg





Agreement Signed

On November 2 in Carrara, Italy, President of the International Martial Art Games Committee (IMGC) and Mayor of Cheboksary, Russia signed the agreement regarding the host venue selected for the 9th IMG.

The agreement stipulated the technical matters to organize 9th International Martial Games (IMG) in Cheboksary, Russia as a high worldwide event.

Both sides agreed the contents and signed.

IMGC President Prof. Ri Yong Son and Mr. Oleg Radykov, Mayor of Cheboksary, Russia signed the agreement.

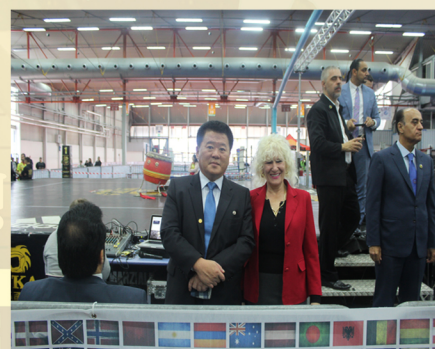
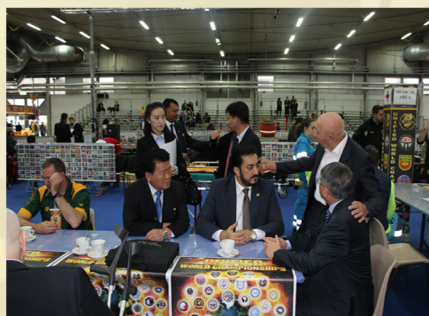
Present at the signing the agreement were President, the Secretary General and the officials of Headquarters From IMGC and the delegation headed by Mayor from Russian side.



HQ Activities

During the 9th International Martial Art Games (IMG), Mr. Kim Myong Gun, Secretary General met the Executive members and leadership members of International Federations and discussed the issues to develop the IMGC activities for the coming years.

Particularly he met the newly elected Executive members and chairpersons of commissions to elaborate the practical matters for strengthening and developing the international martial art movement.





Next IMG Venue

Cheboksary is a capital of Chuvashia Republic, Russia.

The population of the city is about 50 00 00 and it is a river port city where the river Volga and river Cheboksary flow together.

The city began to be built up before 1469 and has historical buildings between 17 and 19 century including the Palace in 1657 and the religious houses.

Cheboksary has enough experience in terms of organizing the high level sports and culture events including the European Championship on track and athletes field and World Cup free-style wrestling among women and sufficient condition of stadium and hotel to organize the international event.

Chairman of the 9th IMG Organization Committee (OC) is Mayor of Cheboksary, Russia, host city and will be consisted of the officials of the City government related.

They are ready to prepare the event in close contact with the IMG C and trying to provide the intended participants to show their skills to the full.

All the participants shall experience the Russian culture, customs and history in the beautiful Cheboksary city located in the shore of river Volga.





National Martial Art Organizations Activities

From ITF Indian National Association



75 students participated in the "7th Black Belt National Physical & Technical Seminar" and 57 Black Belt from over 10 states of India took part in the "3rd National Instructor Course" from 27th September to 30th October 2019 at Club Tennis De Gaspar Dias, Miramar, Goa.



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From Nepal National Martial Arts Games Confederation

In the Burtibang city of Baglung district where is 360km from capital city Kathmandu of Nepal, "Dhorpatan municipality mayor Cup" ITF Baglung District Championship 2019 was to be held successfully, presented by Mayor and about 2000 thousand people.



From ITF Singapore



On 8 September 2019, ITF Singapore organized the ITF Singapore Taekwon-Do Championship 2019.



Happy New Year

The IMGC Information Department extends a Happy New Year greetings to all member lfs, NMGCs, Martial Artists and fans who enjoy our e-magazine "Martial Art World". At the same time we wish you great success in your responsible work and happiness in your family in 2020, the year of promising beautiful dream and bright future.

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