



International Taekwon-Do Federation



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Dear All,
I hope all are in good health during the current pandemic Covid-19.

June 15th is the day of passing away of Gen. Choi Hong Hi, the Founder of Taekwon-Do & the 1st President of the International Taekwon-Do Federation.

On this day we, Taekwon-Do practitioners, come to look back upon his life.

His life was the one devoted to developing the traditional martial art of Korea into Taekwon-Do and to the world-wide promotion & technical improvement of it until the very last moment.

Gen. Choi Hong Hi founded Taekwon-Do on Apr. 11th, 1955, that is, 65 years ago and the International Taekwon-Do Federation on Mar. 22nd, 1966 and since then he devoted all of his to the world-wide promotion of Taekwon-Do.





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Gen. Choi, as the ITF President, established the continental federations in Asia, Europe, America and Oceania and poured all his enthusiasm into building and consolidating National Governing Bodies touring the 5 continents of the world.

During those days Gen. Choi had to suffer the pain of abandoning his own child for the promotion & development of Taekwon-Do in the world and had to fight back all sorts of pressure and appeasement in order to defend the purity of Taekwon-Do.

Gen. Choi began to make the genuine development for the ITF since he was taken in the benevolent bosom of the Motherland of Taekwon-Do.





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Gen. Choi Hong Hi, laid in state at the Patriotic Martyrs' Cemetery in Pyongyang, the Capital of the DPR Korea, is still blessing the bright future of our ITF and the entire Taekwon-Doists.

On the occasion of the day of passing away of Gen. Choi Hong Hi, I pray for his eternal life and appeal to all the Taekwon-Doists of the ITF to pool our wisdom, do our best to realise the sound development of original Taekwon-Do.

Sincerely yours,

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