



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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