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CHINA INTERNATIONAL TAEKWON-DO FEDERATION

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Dear ITF President Mr. Zhang Ung, Grand Masters, Masters, Instructors and Taekwon-Do practitioners,

On behalf of the Chinese Taekwon-Do lovers and practitioners, the **CHINA INTERNATIONAL TAEKWON-DO FEDERATION** would like to pay high tribute to all of you, and most sincere gratitude to the DPR Korean instructors for their teaching in China the orthodoxy Taekwon-Do created by General Choi Hong Hi.

China is a big country with multi ethnic groups, a country with profound tradition of Martial Arts. General Choi Hong Hi, Founder and ex-president of ITF, had long realized the significance of popularizing the art in such a country, and he did attach much stress in this regard during his lifetime. In June 1986, General Choi visited China with his ITF delegation and introduced the art to Chinese people in Biejing, Xi'an, and Ji'nan. Their brilliant performance not only launched great sensation in these cities, but also won the acclaim from concerning Chinese leaders. Since then, General Choi made many other visits to China to bring in the true spirit of Taekwon-Do.

In 1998, sent by General Choi, the vice president of ITF had several discussions with Mr. Song ShuoJing about the details of developing Taekwon-Do in China and arranged for General Choi and Mr. Song's joint investigation of Taekwon-Do in China, as well as their negotiation for future effort. In the same October, General Choi and his wife, followed by the vice president and consultants, held kind talks with Mr. Song ShuoJing in Beijing, **with the hope that Mr. Song establish CHINA INTERNATIONAL TAEKWON-DO FEDERATION.**

In early 1999, CHINA INTERNATIONAL TAEKWON-DO FEDERATION was officially founded in Beijing and Mr. Song ShuoJing was appointed the Senior Representative. General Choi personally signed documents granting Mr. Song only authorized use of ITF title and ITF Plaque in China. Among all the ITF member countries, CHINA ITF is the only NGB that has ever received General Choi's written permission, which fully demonstrates CHINA ITF's special position. Since then, Mr. Song, as an adoring supporter of General Choi's cause, has made it his lifelong commission to popularize and develop Taekwon-Do in China and has made great contributions for CHINA ITF. Bearing General Choi's great concern and under the leadership of Mr. Wang Wei, the second president of CHINA ITF, the cause has achieved great results with the tireless efforts of instructors home and broad, and the enthusiastic assistance from friends of all circles.



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In 2003, President Wang Wei resigned from the office out of personal reasons and requested to hold assembly to elect a new president. **On Dec. 12 and 13, 2003, the annual assembly of CHINA ITF was held in Beijing and elected Instructor Li Guangsong as the new President, Mr. Ren Chao as the Secretary General. The third generation leading group of CHINA ITF was born. Delegates attending the meeting from all over China unanimously agreed Mr. Song ShuoJing to be the Honorary President for Life. Meanwhile, the conference passed the CHINA ITF CONSTITUTION**, and invited Mr. Wang Wei, the ex-president and Ms. Piao Yang, the ex-general secretary, to be the consultants assisting the development of CHINA ITF.

Under the leadership of the new leaders, the 2004 CHINA ITF, despite all the disadvantages from home and abroad, has made leaping advance in popularizing Taekwon-Do in China. From March 22 to 24, 2004, CHINA ITF held the “Internal Training Class of Taekwon-Do, 2004” in Beijing, commemorating the 38th anniversary of ITF, with Master Phap Lu voluntarily presiding the training. The training was reported by *China National Sports Daily*, *China Police Daily*, and was made full coverage by almost all the major websites in China, which greatly promoted the influence of ITF and Taekwon-Do in China.

In April, CHINA ITF established branch in Zhejiang Province.

In May, CHINA ITF established branch in Hubei Province.

In June, CHINA ITF established branches in Xi’an, Shaanxi Province, where the Eight World Wonder, Terra-cotta Warriors and Horses locates, and Yunnan Province, southwest of China.

In July, CHINA ITF established branch in Henan Province, where the Shaolin Temple—the hometown of Chinese Martial Arts—locates.

In August, CHINA ITF established branch in Shandong Province.

In September, CHINA ITF President Li Guangsong, Secretary General Ren Chao met in Beijing with Master Phap Lu and Master Normal Law, vice president of Hong Kong ITF, and held talks on the co-operation between China and Hong Kong ITF. On Sept 28, leaders of CHINA ITF met in Beijing Mr. Senator Mac Harb, Chairman of the International Martial Arts Games Committee.

In October, President Li Guangsong and Secretary General Ren Chao went in person to Weihai city to help develop Taekwon-Do, a city which has just been honored with the “Best Living Environment City” title by the UN. Their visit attracted much attention from local sports circle and was covered by several local media.

Therefore, at the time when ITF and all Chinese ITF Teakwood-Do lovers are jointly making efforts to develop Gen. Choi Hong Hi’s orthodox Taekwon-Do, when Chinese ITF Taekwon-Do is beginning its rational development, especially when WTF Taekwon-Do participants gradually have a new acknowledge of Taekwon-Do, We CHINA ITF still needs the support and help of ITF just as before, just like when Gen. Choi was still with us. However, upon this crucial time, the



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attitude of ITF Headquarters towards our CHINA ITF confuses us all, confuses all those hard working instructors who are teaching Gen. Choi's ITF orthodox Taekwon-Do throughout China, confuses those friends who were entrusted by Gen. Choi to give free help to CHINA ITF development. **Recently, we noticed that, while President Li Guangsong and General Secretary Mr. Ren Chao, being the leaders of the 3rd leading group of CHINA ITF, are developing Taekwon-Do in China whole-heartedly, the ITF headquarters replaced in its official website the information of CHINA ITF with one DPR Korean Instructor's Dojang who was not willing to follow the leadership of CHINA ITF. Can that small local Dojang with just a few instructors and which was pieced together temporarily take place all the sweats, efforts, contributions and achievements made by CHINA ITF to the ITF? The most important thing is that the ITF Headquarters has done so without informing CHINA ITF in advance at all. Does it mean that ITF will deny the official approval of CHINA ITF that was recognized in written confirmation by Gen. Choi Hong Hi officially in 1999? All Chinese Taekwon-Do lovers are eager to know: Why did ITF Headquarters support a DPR Korean Instructor's Dojang while ignore CHINA ITF? **We are here to call your attention to the fact that CHINA ITF was the first member nation who stood up to support Gen. Choi's last wishes.****

According to Article 36, 37, 38, 41, 42, and Article 43 of the ITF Constitution, such a Dojang, without even the basic organization rules, cannot be accepted to join in ITF as a full member nation. The measure seriously broke the rules stipulated in Chapter 6 of the ITF Constitution, which deal with National Associations of Members of the ITF. It not only brought harm to the CHINA ITF's legal rights, but also defiance to the ITF. The measure also brought to Chinese ITF lovers keen disappointment and indignant, which impairs greatly the sustainable development of Taekwon-Do in a country with 1.3 billion population. It is also a measure that badly hurts the feelings of all Chinese Taekwon-Do lovers, of instructors teaching at the front lines and of the faculty working for CHINA ITF.

Of course, we believe the decision of ITF Headquarters was influenced by the false report of some DPR Korean Instructors in China. It is obvious that they try to overthrow CHINA ITF established by Gen. Choi. We know clearly what these instructors had done to CHINA ITF in 6th Junior and 1st Veteran World ITF Championships 2004 - Malaysia in July and International Martial Arts Games in Pyongyang in September. They took possible means to stand in the way of the contact between CHINA ITF officials and Mr. Chang Ung in order to conceal their unlawful practices. Because some DPR Korean Instructors made full on their language and the other advantages to contact directly with some officials of ITF Headquarters and this continuously hindered the officials' CHINA ITF regular contact with Mr. Chang Ung, which resulted in, on one hand, Mr. Chang Ung's not having a complete understanding of CHINA ITF, on the other hand, Mr. Chang Ung's not having chances to



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meet CHINA ITF leaders, and CHINA ITF's not having taken part in all kinds of activities of ITF. ITF shouldn't have listened to One-sided statements only, but also should have correctly deal with the normal relationship between ITF Headquarters and CHINA ITF.

CHINA ITF and its widespread lovers appeal to ITF to treat CHINA ITF fairly and promptly solve the above-mentioned problems equitably. Thus get a settlement finally of the troubles of DPR Korean Instructors face in China. CHINA ITF believes that ITF will make a satisfactory reply to CHINA ITF, to its widespread lovers and to the member countries all over the world in agreement with ITF Constitution. **Otherwise, CHINA ITF will take necessary lawful actions to protect its legal rights.**

Yours in Taekwon-Do,

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