

## 1. Mr. Chungwon CHOUE

Current Position: President of World Taekwondo  
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### A. Qualification & Experience in Taekwondo

*As President of World Taekwondo, I contributed to the following achievements:*

- *Established WT Reform Committee in 2004 to implement new governance structure and fairness into Taekwondo. WT is now recognised as one of the best governed international federations by the IOC and in ASOIF's good governance review of international federations; WT achieved A2 ranking in 2020.*
- *Introduced Protector and Scoring System in 2007, instant video replay system, and enhanced referee training, which has contributed immensely to Taekwondo's status as a fair sport and core sport in the Olympic Programme.*
- *Launched new events and properties including: Poomsae championships (2006), Para Taekwondo championships (2009), Cadet championships (2012), Grand Prix Series (2012), Grand Slam Champions Series (2017), GMS.*
- *Oversaw the inclusion of Para Taekwondo for the Paralympic Games in Tokyo 2020 and Paris 2024.*
- *Oversaw statutory changes to allow hijabs to be worn during competition in 2008 and 2009, which resulted in the emergence of Arab and Muslim women becoming Olympic and World champions. WT is also planning to launch Women's Open Championships in end of 2021.*
- *WT is also recognised for achieving gender equality, both in terms of athletes' participation and rules, and also for composition of referees at the Olympic Games. WT was showcased by IOC as an "IF Sustainability Case Study" for achieving gender balance in referees in Rio 2016 Olympic Games. WT also launched its own Gender Equity and Women Leadership Forums (since 2020).*
- *WT was recognised as "Federation of the Year" by Peace and Sport (2016) and FISU (2019). I received AOC President's Trophy (2019) and Stefano Casiraghi Memorial Award (2020) for outstanding contributions to sport.*
- *Promoted universality of Taekwondo with global membership now standing at 210 Member National Associations (and one Refugee Taekwondo Team) and supporting them through development programmes. Refugee athletes selected for Tokyo 2020 for first time.*
- *Launched Taekwondo Peace Corps in 2008 and Taekwondo Humanitarian Foundation in 2016, which contributed to peace and social development through Taekwondo.*

- *Launched WT Demonstration Team in 2009, which has become global ambassadors with performances in the Vatican and America's Got Talent (also in France, Italy, etc.).*
- *Launched online Poomsae championships and education forums to help stakeholders overcome ongoing pandemic.*
- *Opened Humanitarian Taekwondo Centre in Azraq, Jordan. Signed MOUs with 10 other international federations to work together on missions in Azraq and other refugee camps.*
- *Signed Protocol of Accord with North Korea-led International Taekwon-Do Federation in 2014, resulting in joint demonstrations at the Opening Ceremony of the Olympic Winter Games PyeongChang 2018 and many other occasions, and contributed to peace-building through sport.*
- *WT was only the second international sport federation to be invited to present at the 1st Paris Peace Form (2018).*
- *Enhanced branding power of WT with new logo in 2017.*
- *Enhanced international networking IOC, GAISF*

#### **B. Experience in Other Areas (Other Sports, Business or Professional)**

- *Represented Taekwondo at Olympic Refugee Foundation and worked closely with UNHCR in promoting peace and enhancing lives of refugees and displaced persons.*
- *President of Kyung Hee University (1997-2003)*

#### **C. Education**

- *Ph.D., International Politics, Katholieke Universiteit Leuven, Belgium (1984)*
- *M.A., International Politics, Fairleigh Dickinson University, USA (1974)*
- *B.A., Economics, Kyung Hee University, Korea (1970)*

#### **D. Vision for WT in next 4-years**

*If I am elected as President of World Taekwondo, I will do my utmost to deliver the following:*

- *By 50th founding anniversary in 2023, WT will be one of the most respected and well-governed international federations (e.g. achieving A1 ranking in ASOIF).*
- *Launch new properties to bring excitement of Taekwondo to the public (e.g. professional league, WT Demonstration Team Championships, Urban championships).*
- *Establish an international Taekwondo graduate university.*
- *Continue increasing women representation in WT. Mixed Gender Team Event is already included as an official event in the Youth Olympic Games Dakar 2026. My goal is to work with the IOC to have the event by the 2028 Olympic Games.*
- *Continue being the leading IF in Esports by working with the IOC for the inclusion of Virtual Taekwondo as an official medal event in the Olympic Games Los Angeles 2028.*
- *Embrace more Taekwondoin from other organizations ultimately to achieve 'One World, One Sport Taekwondo'.*
- *Establish permanent WT HQ in Korea at no cost to WT.*