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### **WTF COUNCIL MEETING**

**March 1, 2010 / 17:00**

**Salon Chopin, Marriott Hotel**

**Tijuana, Mexico**

#### **1. Roll Call & Meeting called to order**

WTF Secretary General Jin Suk Yang reported that a total of 29 Council members and 2 Auditors were present at the meeting and that in accordance with article 16.9 of the WTF Rules & Regulations, a quorum for the meeting was constituted.

#### List of Attending WTF Council members & Auditors:

Dr. Chungwon Choue, President	Mr. Cheng Yeong Lee, Member
	Mr. Kyu Seok Lee, Member
Mr. Phillip Walter Coles, Vice President	Mr. Zhao Lei, Member
Mr. Ivan Dibos, Vice President	Mr. Michel Madar, Member
Gen. Ahmed Fouly, Vice President	Mr. Dai Won Moon, Member
Mr. Dai Soon Lee, Vice President	Mr. Fuzuli Musayev, Member
Dr. Sun Jae Park, Vice President	Mr. Roger Piarulli, Member
	Seyed M. Pouladgar, Member
Mr. Jin Suk Yang, Secretary General	Mr. Metin Sahin, Member
	Mr. Anatoly K. Terekhov, Member
Mr. Tae Eun Lee, Treasurer	Ms. Myriam Baverel, Member
	Mr. Dae-sung MOON, Member
Mr. Mohamed A.K. Al-Sulaiti, Member	
Mrs. Maria Rosario Borello Castillo, Member	Mr. Athanasios Pragalos, Ex-officio member
Mr. Jesus Castellanos Pueblas, Member	Mr. Ji Ho Choi, Ex-officio member
Mr. Driss El-Hilali, Member	
Mr. Sung Chon Hong, Member	Mr. Dalibor Krpan, Auditor
Mr. Issaka Ide, Member	Mr. Ali Sagirkaya, Auditor
Mr. Tae Kyung Kim, Member	



## **2. President's welcome speech**

Dr. Chungwon Choue WTF President and Chairman of the meeting started his opening speech by wishing everyone welcome to Tijuana, Mexico on the occasion of the WTF World Qualification Tournament for 2010 Youth Olympic Games and 8<sup>th</sup> WTF World Junior Taekwondo Championships. The Chairman also extended his and the Council's appreciation to the President of the Mexican Taekwondo Federation and to the fellow Council member Mr. Dai Won Moon for their hospitality and efforts in organizing the meetings and the important tournament championships for the youth.

The Chairman pointed out the 1<sup>st</sup> Youth Olympic Games in Singapore and the 1<sup>st</sup> SportAccord Combat Games in China to be held in 2010 as landmark occasions for the World Taekwondo Federation.

At the previous Council meeting in Cairo, Egypt the Council looked into the progress of the tasks of the World Taekwondo Federation that requires much attention to further develop taekwondo. The Chairman stated that the vision must now be reaffirmed. New and greater goals have to be set. The Chairman expressed his wish to expand the membership of the WTF to 200 nations by the next World Championships.

In order to accomplish any goal of our new vision, committees need to be renewed, formed or activated in their particular domains and they need to be working, thriving entities that will fulfill their purposes the Chairman said.

The work to create a new image for taekwondo as an Olympic sport and the World Taekwondo Federation as an International Sporting Federation befitting of global standards has been hard. Our efforts seek to take taekwondo beyond just a sport, to contribute to the process of world peace for the future generation, the Chairman stated. The Chairman went on to express his belief that with unity and common goals within the Council there is nothing that cannot be overcome.

The Chairman finished his opening speech by asking the Council for their full attention and active participation in the meeting, since there were many important tasks to be deliberated.



Before moving on to the next point on the Agenda the Chairman informed the Council of the Youth Olympic Games. A total of 100 athletes, 50 male and 50 female will be participating in the Taekwondo Competitions of the Youth Olympic Games. During the WTF Taekwondo Qualification Tournament for the 2010 Youth Olympic Games a total of 30 male and 30 female in 5 male and 5 female weight categories would be selected. The host nation of Singapore automatically qualifies 3 male and 3 female athletes, the remaining 34 athletes (17 male and 17 female) are to be selected as wild cards named Universality Places by the YOG Tripartite Commission of the IOC, ANOC and the WTF.

The IOC has received applications from 63 NOCs last year. The WTF has prioritized the 63 NOCs' applications taking into consideration the lesser possibility for qualification, financial conditions, and so on. The IOC will finally confirm the 34 Universality Places before June 21, 2010 through contact with each NOC that applied. With this explanation the Chairman moved on to the next item on the Agenda.

### **3. Approval of the minutes of the Extraordinary WTF Council Meeting held in Cairo, Egypt on November 29, 2009**

The Chairman motioned that the Minutes of the Extraordinary WTF Council Meeting held in Cairo, Egypt on November 29, 2009 on the occasion of the 4<sup>th</sup> WTF World Poomsae Taekwondo Championships would be approved.

The motion was seconded and the Chairman declared that the Minutes of the Extraordinary WTF Council Meeting in Cairo, Egypt were approved by the Council.

### **4. Proposal for amendment to the WTF Rules and Regulations**

The Chairman reminded the Council of the report sent to the International Paralympic Committee (IPC) following the 1<sup>st</sup> Para-Taekwondo Championships held in Azerbaijan in 2009 and the "Declaration of Intent for inclusion in the 2016 Sports Program" that was submitted to IPC at their request. The first Pro-Taekwondo event named the WTF World Taekwondo Tour was also held in Mexico in 2009. Both events were held with great success. Therefore there is now a proposal of amendments to the article 2 Operations of the WTF Rules and Regulations by adding the WTF World Para-



Taekwondo Championships and Special Events for promotion of Taekwondo. Events such as the World Taekwondo Tour, the Continental Taekwondo demonstration teams' contest, the King of Breaking Techniques Contest will all go under the Special Events for promotion of Taekwondo category for further promotion and enhancement of a more dynamic Taekwondo. With this short rationale for the proposed amendments to Article 2 Operations the Chairman moved that the Council approve the amendment proposal.

The motion was seconded and approved by the Council and the Chairman declared that the amendments would be put in the Agenda for the approval of the General Assembly.

The Chairman informed that in order for WTF to adopt some of the best practices of the IOC and other International Olympic Sports Federations an Ad-Hoc Committee for an overall amendment to the Rules & Regulations will be appointed and that the committee's findings will be presented at the next WTF Council meeting.

## **5. Proposal for amendment to the Competition Rules**

The Chairman informed that last year's amendment to the Competition Rules brought a lot of positive effects, mainly the successful application of the instant video replay system, differentiation of points and electronic body protectors. The amendments to the Competition Rules are proposed for a more effective application of the current Competition Rules. The main points of these amendments are a detailed description of venue requirements and additions, deletions or corrections of pertinent articles required for the use of electronic body protectors.

For a better understanding of the proposed amendment to the Competition Rules the Chairman introduced Mr. Philippe Bouedo, Chairperson of the Technical Committee for Games for further explanation.

Mr. Bouedo started by informing that the amendments to the Competition Rules consisted of 12 pages and that he would not comment all the changes in detail but just the important ones. Mr. Bouedo went on to explain that with the introduction of electronic body protector and the instant video replay system the Competition Rules need to be updated. However, there are some new changes being made, like article 3 Position of the Coaches during competition, coaches shall not leave the 1m X 1m



marked Coach's Zone that indicates the position of the coach, Mr. Bouedo informed.

Mr. Bouedo went on to explain that due to the great amount of athletes that attended the WTF World Taekwondo Championships in Copenhagen, Denmark another change to article 7, Duration of Contest has been proposed so that rounds can be adjusted to 1 minute or 1 minute 30 seconds upon the decision of the Technical Delegate for the Championships.

Mr. Bouedo introduced Mr. Chakir Chelbat, Chairperson of the Technical Committee for Referee, to further explain the proposed amendments to article 13 of the Competition Rules.

Mr. Chelbat explained that the proposed amendment to article 13 of the Competition Rules is for the use of Electronic Body Protector (EBP). In the case of a turning kick to the trunk the EBP will register one point while the "valid turn" shall be scored by the judges. In the case that the EBP validates a point and the judges do not give the extra point for a "valid turn", only one point will be given. However, if the EBP does not acknowledge the point, no point shall be given regardless of the judges scoring of a "valid turn".

Mr. Chelbat went on to explain the proposed amendments to article 14 of the Competition Rules, Prohibited acts and Penalties. With the EBP comes the risk for manipulation of the scoring system and/or increased sensitivity of the sensing socks. In the event that the referee finds intentional manipulation, the referee shall reserve the right to give "Gam-jeom" to the pertinent contestant and shall reserve the right to declare the violating athlete as the loser by penalty based on the degree of seriousness of the violation. With this Mr. Chelbat finished his clarifications and gave the word back to Mr. Bouedo.

Mr. Bouedo went on to article 16 decisions, regarding weigh-in, in the event that athletes have not passed or did not show at weigh-in the information should be provided to technical officials and relevant persons. Referees will not be assigned for this match. The opponents of athletes that did not pass or show for weigh-in do not need to appear at the court to compete. Mr. Bouedo explained that this amendment is suggested to save time and make for a smoother championship management. Amendment to article 24, arbitration and sanction serves the same purpose in limiting the number of appeals from



coaches. And with this Mr. Bouedo concluded his presentation.

The Chairman thanked Mr. Bouedo and Mr. Chelbat for their clarifications on the proposed amendments to the Competition Rules and opened up the floor for questions.

Mr. Kyu Seok Lee stated that international sports like wrestling and boxing all use a standardized terminology. However, in taekwondo all members use different terminology and Mr. Lee suggested that the WTF make an official list of terminology. Mr. Lee took an example from article 13 of the proposed amendments of the translation from Korean to English of a turning kick technique.

Mr. Chelbat clarified that with the use of Electronic Body Protectors it is made clear that when you talk about a turning kick in the education of International Referees and coaches you are referring to a dwit chagi (back kick) or a dolgae chagi (spinning kick) which awards two points.

Mr. Kyu Seok Lee asked for further clarification to what terminology is used.

Mr. Chelbat answered that the terminology used for explaining the competition rules at International Referee courses and refresher courses is in English. Mr. Chelbat also assured that this is taught in a proper way.

Mr. Kyu Seok Lee pointed out that if an official terminology is not established, like has been done within boxing and wrestling, it can lead to confusion.

Secretary General Yang pointed out that for communication purposes within the WTF English is used. When it comes to terminology Korean is used since taekwondo comes from Korea and that it would be hard to make a unified terminology in English.

Mr. Kyu Seok Lee went on regarding article 15, sudden death, and pointed out that previous warnings and penalties does not count in the sudden death round and that this might be a matter to reconsider.

Mr. Chelbat informed that the way games are conducted in case of a tie and the game moves on to sudden death all warnings are and penalties are reset.



Mr. Ji Ho Choi pointed out that he agrees with the proposed amendment that penalties and warnings should be reset for the sudden death round to give both athletes the same chance of winning.

Mr. Seyed Mohammad Pouladgar expressed his concern of giving the center referee too much power in deciding the outcome of a match. And that although we have tried to reduce the power of the center referee the suggested amendments brings more power to the center referee. Mr. Pouladgar also stated his concern that reducing match time would serve against our will to expand since it takes away the opportunity for an athlete to get back into a match.

Mr. Chelbat replied that with the proposed amendments referees will be put under the microscope and that a coach is allowed to protest a decision using the Instant Video Replay system.

The Chairman motioned that the proposed amendments to the Competition Rules be approved.

The motion was seconded and approved by the WTF Council and the Chairman announced that the amendment proposal would be put in the Agenda for the approval of the 21<sup>st</sup> General Assembly on March 2, 2010.

## **6. Proposal for amendment to Byelaw of WTF World Ranking**

The Chairman informed that the main purpose of the amendment to the Byelaw of the WTF World Ranking was to adjust the grades of World and Continental Qualification Tournaments for the Olympic Games since these competitions have been undervalued.

The Chairman gave the floor to Mr. Bouedo for a further explanation on the proposed amendments to the Byelaw of WTF World Ranking.

Mr. Bouedo started by pointing out the proposed amendment to article 3 of the Byelaw of WTF World Ranking, in a G-1 event ranking points will be given to all medalists, G2 ~ G5 events points will be given to all quarter-finalists and above, in WTF-promoted championships athletes that advance to round of 16 or above will be given ranking



points and in the case of Olympic Games all athletes will receive ranking points. Mr. Bouedo went on to article 5.5 and informed that the proposed amendments added World Qualification Tournament for Olympic Games as a G-7 event and Continental Qualification Tournament for the Olympic Games as a G-5 event.

Mr. Ji Ho Choi made a motion to accept the proposed amendment to the Bylaw of the WTF World Ranking. The motion was seconded and approved by the WTF Council. The Chairman declared that the amendment proposal to the Bylaw of the WTF World Ranking had been approved.

## **7. Proposal for amendment to the Regulations on the Administration of International Referees**

The Chairman informed that the proposed amendments to the Regulations of the Administration of International Referees were aimed to improve the administration process of International Kyorugi Referees in such a way that they meet the realistic requirements.

The Chairman called upon Mr. Chakir Chelbat for a summary of the amendment proposal.

Mr. Chelbat thoroughly went through the proposed amendments and pointed out article 5 Activation, the major change here being that those who pass the examination at the International Referee Seminar shall be automatically registered with the WTF as International Referees and they shall not need to pay registration fee.

Mr. Ji Ho Choi asked if this meant that International Referees do not have to pay yearly fees and if this included the current International Referees.

Mr. Chelbat confirmed that Mr. Ji Ho Choi was correct.

The Chairman thanked Mr. Chelbat for his presentation and moved that the Council approve of the proposed amendment to the Regulations on the Administration of International Referees.





The motion was seconded and approved by the Council and the Chairman declared that the amendments to the Regulations on the Administration of International Referees had been approved.

## **8. Report of the Ad Hoc Committee Chairman of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Quadrennial Reform Fund Allocation**

The Chairman reminded that at the Extraordinary WTF Council meeting held in Cairo, Egypt in November 29, 2010 an Ad-Hoc Committee for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Quadrennial Reform Fund Allocation was set up to determine the basic criteria on the graded distribution system and class ranking. The Ad-Hoc Committee will deliberate on the matter and announce class ranking by Member National Associations for the 1<sup>st</sup> stage of 2010 and 2<sup>nd</sup> stage of 2011 & 2012 by the end of May, 2010. With this short introduction the Chairman gave the floor to Mr. Phillip W. Coles, Vice President and Chairman of the Ad-Hoc Committee.

Mr. Coles informed that due to his visit to the Vancouver Winter Olympic Games the Ad-Hoc Committee has not yet met. However, the committee will analyze the answers from a survey of the Member National Associations so that they will be ready to announce the allocations for before the end of May, 2010. Mr. Coles pointed out that further assistance from the WTF Secretariat would be needed on this matter.

The Chairman thanked Mr. Coles for his summary and moved on to the next item on the agenda.

## **9. Report of the Ad Hoc Committee Chairman of the Electronic Body Protector**

The Chairman stated that the successful application of the electronic body protector in taekwondo competitions is one of the most significant progresses in taekwondo history. The Chairman continued by extending his appreciation to all of the Ad-Hoc Committee for Electronic Protectors for their efforts and gave the floor to Mr. Ivan Dibos, Vice President and Ad-Hoc Committee Chairman, for a progress report.



Mr. Dibos started by pointing out that the electronic body protectors (EBP) has become very important for fair refereeing in taekwondo. Up to date two brands have been approved, Lajust in September 2006 and Daedo in February 2010, both brands had to go through severe testing in competition as well as exhibitions and laboratory testing. The laboratory testing had been performed by Korean Institute of Sport Science (KISS). Mr. Dibos took this opportunity to extend his appreciation to the committee he has been working together with and with this Mr. Dibos finished his summary.

Secretary General Yang added that Lajust had undergone another test in Seoul, Korea on February 22, 2010. The test showed significant improvements on the moisture problems that were previously experienced.

Mr. Dibos also pointed out that in order to get more affordable electronic body protectors in the future Mr. Dibos hopes that a third brand of EBP will be approved. Mr. Dibos informed that Adidas has developed an EBP system but that they are unwilling to undergo the laboratory testing that the WTF require since they claim that their own laboratory testing is better. Mr. Dibos also mentioned that KP&P is another brand that would be interesting to test.

The Chairman thanked Mr. Dibos for his presentation and moved on to the next item on the agenda.

## **10. Agenda of the 21<sup>st</sup> General Assembly**

The Chairman moved that the Council approve the Agenda for the 21<sup>st</sup> WTF General Assembly to be held on March 2, 2010.

The motion was seconded and approved by the council. The Chairman declared that the Agenda was approved and that it will be presented accordingly to the General Assembly on March 2, 2010.



## **11. Selection of the host site and dates for the 2010 WTF World Cup Taekwondo Team Championships**

The Chairman informed the Council that Dakar, Senegal and Urumqui, China had applied to host the 2010 WTF World Cup Taekwondo Team Championships and that the terms and conditions for their applications could be found in the Agenda.

The Chairman went on to introduce Mr. Moubarack LO, President of the Senegal Taekwondo Federation to deliver his presentation of Senegal's application.

Mr. Lo delivered the presentation of Senegal's application to the Council. Mr. Lo added to the application that all WTF Council members & Auditors would receive free accommodation of room and board during the championships. Mr. Lo rounded off his presentation by stating his belief that a big international taekwondo competition in sub Saharan Africa would promote taekwondo immensely in the African countries.

The Chairman thanked Mr. Lo for his presentation on Senegal's application and moved on by introducing Mr. Guangming Li, General Director of Xinjiang Sports Bureau for a presentation on China's application to host the 2010 WTF World Cup Taekwondo Team Championships.

Mr. Li delivered the presentation of China's application to the Council and finished by asking for the support of the Council to give China the chance to host this Championship.

Mr. Lo was given the floor for additional comments. Mr. Lo stated that he would be willing to withdraw Senegal's application in favor for China given that the Council would agree to grant Senegal the 2011 WTF World Cup Taekwondo Team Championships.

Secretary General Yang pointed out that this is not a matter that can be decided at this Council meeting.

The Chairman called for a secret ballot vote and appointed the two WTF Auditors, Mr. Dalibor Krpan and Mr. Ali Sagirkaya to oversee the distribution, collection and counting of the ballots.



The ballots were distributed, collected and counted by the WTF Auditors the results of the vote was given to the Chairman.

The Chairman announced that the result was 7 votes for Senegal and 22 votes for China. The Chairman went on to declare that Urumqi, China have been selected by the WTF Council to host the 2010 WTF World Cup Taekwondo Team Championships.

## **12. Selection of the host site and dates for the WTF World Qualification Tournament for London 2012 Olympic Games**

The Chairman informed that the Taekwondo Competitions of the 2012 London Olympic Games will be held August 8-11, 2012. The Council now has to decide upon the host site for the WTF World Qualification Tournament for the London 2012 Olympic Games. The Chairman explained that for the selection of 12 male and 12 female athletes, Azerbaijan and USA have applied to host the event.

The Chairman introduced Mr. Naghi Safarov, Manager of the Azerbaijan Taekwondo Federation to deliver a presentation of Azerbaijan's application.

Mr. Safarov presented Azerbaijan's application and pointed out that the monetary contribution to the WTF had been increased to US\$ 200,000. Mr. Safarov also mentioned that Azerbaijan will not provide free airfare for WTF Council members & Auditors as was previously stated in the application. However, the OC are planning on inviting several high ranking IOC officials to attend the Qualification Tournament. Mr. Safarov also pointed out that the Azerbaijan Government had guaranteed that all participants in the tournament would receive visa upon arrival in Azerbaijan. Mr. Safarov finished by stating that Azerbaijan, in the past, withdrew several applications in favor of other nations and asking for the Council's support for this application.

The Chairman thanked Mr. Safarov for the presentation and introduced Mr. David Askinas and Mr. Mark Haufman of USA Taekwondo for their presentation of their application to host the Qualification Tournament in Dallas, Texas, USA.

Mr. Askinas, CEO of USA Taekwondo delivered the bid presentation and pointed out that the monetary contribution to the WTF had been increased to US\$ 100,000. Mr.



Askinas also informed that visa assistance for the qualification tournament had been assured by the State Department. In addition, due to the low exchange rate of the US dollar the prices are reasonable and with this Mr. Askinas ended USA Taekwondo's bid presentation.

The Chairman thanked Mr. Askinas and opened up the floor for questions and comments from the Council members.

Mrs. Maria Rosario Borello Castillo, WTF Council member, informed of her country athlete's visa problems to attend the US Open and inquired how this problem would be solved for the Qualification Tournament.

Mr. Askinas referred to a letter from the president of the United States Olympic Committee guaranteeing visas for all participants and assured that visas would pose no problems for participants.

The Chairman called for a ballot vote to decide the host site for the 2011 WTF World Qualification Tournament for the London 2012 Olympic Games.

The ballots were distributed, collected and counted by the WTF Auditors.

The Chairman declared that Baku, Azerbaijan had been selected to host the 2011 WTF World Qualification Tournament for the London 2012 Olympic Games with 23 votes against 6 votes for Dallas, Texas, USA.

Mr. Safarov thanked the Council for their support and promised a great qualification tournament in Baku, Azerbaijan.

### **13. Selection of the host site and dates for the 5<sup>th</sup> WTF World Taekwondo Poomsae Championships**

The Chairman informed that Uzbekistan and Vietnam had applied to host the 5<sup>th</sup> WTF World Taekwondo Poomsae Championships 2010. The Chairman went on to introduce Mr. Latipov Abbos, Secretary General of the Uzbekistan Taekwondo Association for a presentation on their bid to host the Championships.



Mr. Abbas delivered Uzbekistan's bid to host the championships. Mr. Abbas informed that participants from nations without an Uzbekistan Embassy would be able to attain visa upon arrival in Uzbekistan.

The Chairman thanked Mr. Abbas and opened up the floor for questions.

Secretary General Yang pointed out that the hotel prices in the printed material and the information presented by Mr. Abbas differed and asked for a clarification on the matter.

Mr. Abbas replied that the printed material shows the normal prices and that in the presentation the prices are presented after the government subsidy and that the actual price will be US\$ 60 for a room of up to 4 persons.

The Chairman thanked Mr. Abbas and introduced Mr. Truong De, Vice President of Vietnam Taekwondo Federation to present their bid.

Mr. De presented Vietnam's bid to host the 5<sup>th</sup> WTF World Taekwondo Poomsae Championships.

The Chairman thanked Mr. De and opened the floor for questions.

Secretary General Yang asked if they were planning to use the same venue that was used for the 2006 WTF World Junior Taekwondo Championships.

Mr. De confirmed that it was so.

The Chairman called for a ballot vote to select the host for the 5<sup>th</sup> WTF World Poomsae Taekwondo Championships.

The ballots were distributed, collected and counted by the WTF Auditors.

The Chairman declared that Uzbekistan had been selected by the Council to host the 5<sup>th</sup> WTF World Taekwondo Poomsae Championships by 21 votes against 8 votes for Vietnam.



## **14. New membership**

The Chairman announced that the National Taekwondo Association of Oman recently applied for WTF membership and that all the administrative procedures had been completed for the approval of the WTF Council and the General Assembly. The Chairman moved that the Council approve of Oman Taekwondo Committee as a new member of the WTF.

The motion was seconded and approved by the Council and the Chairman declared that the Council approved Oman Taekwondo Committee as a provisional member of the WTF and that the matter would now be put for the deliberation of the General Assembly on March 2, 2010. The Chairman informed that with Oman WTF now has 190 members throughout the world and that Maldives and Sierra Leone are currently going through formalities for affiliation.

## **15. Other matters**

### **a. Appointment of Chairman of each Committee**

The Chairman reminded the Council of the reorganization of Committees for more effective operation of the WTF Competition, administration, marketing and public relations. The Chairman announced that he appointed Mr. Phillipe Bouedo as Chairperson for the Technical Committee for Games and Mr. Chakir Chelbat as Chairperson for the Technical Committee for Referee. The Chairman went on to inform that the work of selecting and appointing Chairpersons and members of each committee would be finalized soon.

### **b. Summary of the 1<sup>st</sup> SportAccord Combat Games**

The Chairman informed that the 1<sup>st</sup> SportAccord Combat Games will be held in Beijing, China from August 28 to September 4, 2010. A total of 13 sports including taekwondo will be participating in the Games. The Chairman referred to the summary enclosed in the Agenda for further details.



**c. Report on the preparations for the curriculum of the World Taekwondo Academy**

The Chairman gave the floor to Mr. Dai Soon Lee, WTF Vice President, for a report on the preparations for the curriculum of the World Taekwondo Academy.

Mr. Dai Soon Lee started his report on the development of the curriculum for the World Taekwondo Academy by pointing out that the development of the curriculum had been a real challenge unprecedented in the history of a single sport for it aimed to utilize the Olympic Spirit through the spirit of taekwondo. The team that was put together for this task consisted of 20 specialists, all distinguished scholars and experts from diverse fields. The curriculum consists of 12 courses in three basic areas, leadership, improvement of athletes' skills and preparatory training. The main features of the Leadership area are global partnership course and future international leadership course. The Improvement of athletes' skills area focuses on training of international referees, development of coaches and preparatory courses. Mr. Lee went on to inform that the next step were to put together text books based on the objectives of the courses. This work has been scheduled for the period 2010-2012. In 2012 faculty will be selected and the curriculum will be tested for the World Taekwondo Academy to be ready to open in 2013. Mr. Lee finished his report by announcing that following last year's success of the World Youth Taekwondo Camp, the Camp will be arranged again in 2010.

The Chairman thanked Mr. Lee for his progress report and moved on to the next item on the Agenda.

**d. Address change of the WTF headquarters**

The Chairman informed that the address of the WTF Headquarters was originally registered in 1973 at 635, Yuksam-dong, Gangnam-gu, Seoul, Korea, which is the same as Kukkiwon. In order to change the address registration with the Korean district authorities to the current address of 113, Samseong-dong, Gangnam-gu, Seoul, Korea, the approval of the WTF Council and General Assembly are necessary according to Korean Laws.





The Chairman moved that the Council approve of the address change of the WTF Headquarters.

The motion was seconded and approved and the Chairman declared that the address of the WTF Headquarters would be changed to 113, Samseong-dong, Gangnam-gu, Seoul, Korea.

## **16. Next WTF Council meeting**

The Chairman announced that the next Extraordinary WTF Council meeting will be held July 16, 2010 in Urumqi, China on the occasion of the 2010 WTF World Cup Taekwondo Team Championships (July 17-20, 2010).

The Chairman started his closing speech by thanking the Council for their participation and attention. The efforts made to improve our sport and organization against the tide of challenges and complexities we face is priceless and I am pleased to see real progress and I am very hopeful for the future, the Chairman said.

The Chairman once again thanked the Council for all the support they have given and informed that with all the new organized committees, taekwondo, in every aspect, will be significantly improved.

The Chairman stated that today's meeting has accomplished a lot. However, this is just an ongoing process toward the betterment of taekwondo as a universal sport, and an instrument for peace and harmony. The Chairman declared his belief that in order to accomplish this we need to continue to do our utmost to strengthen the place of taekwondo in the Olympic program to establish the credibility and backing needed.

The Chairman ended his speech with a quote by Abraham Lincoln, "A house divided against itself cannot stand". Let us reaffirm our strong and united commitment in realizing our vision to continue moving forward.