



1. Dr. CHOE Chungwon

- Current Position: WT President
- Date of Birth: December 20, 1947
- Language: English, Korea
- Gender: Male
- Nationality: Republic of Korea

A. Qualification & Experience in Taekwondo

- During my presidency, I was able to work closely with the Council, MNAs and CUs to achieve the following:
- Installed a Taekwondo statue at the Olympic Museum in 2023, which reflected WT's status in the Olympic Movement and in commemoration of WT's 50th founding anniversary
- Promoted universality of Taekwondo with global membership now standing at 213 Member National
- Associations (and one Refugee Taekwondo Team), and supporting them through development programmes
- Allocated Olympic Games revenue to Member National Associations and Continental Unions for capacity building and growth of Taekwondo worldwide
- Oversaw the inclusion of Para Taekwondo for the Paralympic Games in Tokyo 2020 and Paris 2024, with LA28 confirmed
- 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), Women's Open (2021), Virtual Taekwondo (inclusion in the Olympic Esports Games in 2023), Grand Prix Challenge Series, GMS
- WT was showcased by IOC as an "IF Sustainability Case Study" for achieving gender balance in referees in Rio 2016 Olympic Games (first combat sport to do so)
- Launched Taekwondo Peace Corps in 2008, Demonstration Team in 2009, and Taekwondo Cares programme in 2016. The Cares programme benefitted thousands of youths and underprivileged
- Demonstration Team achieved global stardom in America's Got Talent and similar shows in Italy and France, which contributed to promotion of Taekwondo at grassroots level
- Oversaw statutory changes to allow hijabs to be worn during competition in Beijing 2008 Olympic Games and in WT events from 2009
- 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
- Introduced athletes' ranking

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

Humanitarian pioneer:

- THF and WT were awarded Olympic Cup by the IOC in 2023, in recognition of efforts to promote peace and health through Taekwondo
- Represent Taekwondo at Olympic Refugee Foundation and working closely with the IOC, ORF and UNHCR in promoting peace and enhancing lives of refugees and displaced persons
- Launched Hope and Dreams Sports Festival for refugee youths in Azraq and Za'atari refugee camps in Jordan
- Refugee athletes selected for Tokyo 2020 for first time (participated in 2021)
- Launched Taekwondo Humanitarian Foundation in 2016, and have signed MOUs with at least 10 sports in the Olympic and non-Olympic movements

Global recognition of WT:

- WT was recognised as “Federation of the Year” by Peace and Sport (2016) and FISU (2019)
- Taekwondo is the third largest sport in FISU sports programme in terms of number of medals and participation

Governance:

- Established WT Reform Committee in 2004 to implement new governance structure and fairness into Taekwondo (WT has achieved A2 ranking in ASOIF governance review of Olympic IFs since 2020)

Sport diplomacy:

- 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 Forum (2018)

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 re-elected as President of World Taekwondo, I will do my utmost to foster unity and harmony within

the Taekwondo family, and strive together to be one of the most respected international sports federations.

Together, I will commit to:

- Establish a permanent WT headquarters in Korea
 - Increase Taekwondo medal events in multi-sport games including Olympic Games
 - Refine PSS and uniforms to make Taekwondo a more attractive and marketable sport
 - Continue expanding WT's humanitarian initiatives to more regions and more beneficiaries
 - Enhance WT's marketing activities to better support MNAs
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