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Council Members
Member National Associations
Via e-mail

Re: 45th Founding Anniversary of World Taekwondo

Dearest Colleagues,

As you know, today marks the 45th founding anniversary of the World Taekwondo, and I would like to take this opportunity to thank all our member national associations and global Taekwondo family for today's success of Taekwondo.

There have been several remarkable moments and achievements for the 45 years.

The number of member national associations has grown from 35 to 209, and Taekwondo has become one of the most important sports in every corner of the world.

Taekwondo was confirmed as an Olympic sport at the Paris IOC Session on 4 September 1994 making its debut at the Sydney 2000 Olympic Games. Since then, revolutionary changes of Taekwondo sport, such as introduction of PSS and IVR as well as change of scoring and competition area, have made Taekwondo one of the most transparent, exciting and media-friendly sports.

Moreover, World Taekwondo has been playing a significant role in spreading peace through sport by launching World Taekwondo Peace Corp and Taekwondo Humanitarian Foundation enabling the deprived young people to better access to sport and change their life through Taekwondo. Taekwondo is considered the most peace-oriented sport, using Taekwondo as an effective and educational tool.



And today, I would like to ask global Taekwondo family to jointly work together even harder and stronger to make our beloved sport more valuable and sustainable to be passed on from generation to generation. Once again, I wish to thank you all for your continued dedication.

With my best regards,

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President