

## USA's 1st Tong Il Moodo Unified Martial Arts Open Tournament

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①Presentation of the Ambassador for Peace Award ②Demonstration ③Tong Il Moodo Unified Martial Arts Exhibition ④Group photograph

The "1st Tong Il Moodo Unified Martial Arts Open Tournament - Queen of Peace Cup" was successfully held on December 8, 2024, at the Clifton Boys and Girls Club, with numerous martial arts enthusiasts participating.

This tournament highlighted the unity, discipline, and sportsmanship that symbolize Unified Martial Arts, receiving high praise both internally and externally. Although Mayor Raymond Grabowski could not attend due to prior commitments, his support and encouragement were felt throughout the event. Additionally, the presence of distinguished personalities and community leaders added honor and prestige to the competition.

Naokimi Ushiroda, Regional Director of the Family Federation for the Northeast, shared an inspiring message about the theme "Peace Starts with Me" and presented awards to all participants at the conclusion of the tournament. David Eaton, President of the International Culture and Peace Association, received great acclaim for his moving message about the importance of culture and arts.

The event was sponsored by the Universal Peace Federation (UPF), which presented the Ambassador for Peace Award to Shotokan martial arts masters Shihan Nixon Feliz and Albert Sander.

Eight schools participated in the competition, with athletes of various levels, from beginners to experts, demonstrating a great sense of community and cooperation. As True Mother emphasized, "Unified Martial Arts is the path to peace and unification," and this tournament fully reflected that vision, reaffirming the power of martial arts to unite people and promote the values of peace and harmony.