

First Asian Martial Arts Peace Cup

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Competitors at nations in the first Asian Marital Arts Peace Cup

The World Tong-II Moo-Do Federation (WTMF) and the Martial Arts Federation for World Peace (MAFWP) go hand in hand in teaching way to illuminate walls of selfishness, greediness and other forms of self-centered interest within oneself. Ridding oneself of these flaws contributes to reviving the original standard of values necessary to realize man's three life goals -- maturing one's character, building a family as the cornerstone of peace and caring for the environment all of which is

tied to the philosophy of living for others' sake.

Upon receiving the approval of President Yong of the Asia Region in August 2014, we immediately set our goal to hold the first Asian Martial Arts Peace Cup on November 28–30 in the Philippines. His permission was crucial as he is also the chairman of both the Martial Arts Federation for World Peace (MAFWP) and the World Tong-II Moo-Do Federation (WTMF) in Asia.

Our goals for the Peace Cup were to teach the martial arts community in Asia as a step toward our goal of entering the mainstream on the tribal, national and regional levels. Our second goal is specific: We wish to forge a path -- with the collaboration of MAFWP -- over which Tong-II Moo-Do becomes part of the 2018 Asian Games. Our third Peace Cup-related goal is to strengthen relationships and expand Tong-II Moo-Do's foundation into nations in Asia that we have yet to reach.



A Korean vs. an Albanian competitor in action and right after the match

Our final goal for the Peace Cup was to teach martial arts volunteers that have the potential to become teachers of this fighting art and its philosophy locally or internationally.

I have personally observed and experienced that Tong-II Moo-Do is different from all other styles of martial arts that exist today. It could be said that Tong-II Moo-Do is a form of mixed martial arts in its style and techniques; while philosophically, it is aligned to True Parents' principle of living for others. All Tong-II Moo-Do forms express the universal principle of achieving the three life goals. In other words, Tong-II Moo-Do's philosophy connects closely to True Parents' philosophical thought through the Tong-II Moo-Do forms. In fact, all Tong-II Moo-Do students learned the Divine Principle through the Tong-II Moo-Do forms. For instance, one Iranian martial arts champion encountered Tong-II Moo-Do and its philosophy through our web site. He sent e-mail and wished to visit a Tong-II Moo-Do dojang anywhere in the world. He expressed a desire to become an official member because he testified that Tong-II Moo-Do philosophy is very close to his Iranian faith, culture and tradition. Dr. Joon Ho Seuk recommended that he visit the Philippines to meet us and learn Tong-II Moo-Do. Indeed, he, his wife and an interpreter

came three years ago. He appeared delighted and inspired to meet us and to see the Tong-II Moo-Do foundation in the Philippines through the support of the International Peace Leadership College (IPLC). Upon his return to Iran, he studied Tong-II Moo-Do philosophy and practiced its styles through videos downloaded from our web site. In turn, he taught these to all his martial arts students, friends and associates in the Iranian martial arts community.

He continuously communicated with us for almost two years after he and his wife had stayed in the Philippines. At one point, he invited Tong-II Moo-Do leaders to visit Tehran, Iran. Dr. Joon Ho Seuk, Master Hoshiko Takamitsu, Master Panfilo Lumibao and I went to Tehran, where he, his students and his friends -- also martial arts practitioners -- and some government sports representatives warmly welcomed us.

This visit was the crown on his hard work in establishing Tong-II Moo-Do in Iran, which had begun with his visiting our web site.

The Asian Martial Arts Peace Cup 2014, the first of its kind, concluded its activities on November 30. It had begun two days earlier at the UPF Peace Embassy in Quezon City, Philippines. Competitors from eight nations participated; namely, Afghanistan, Albania, Cambodia, Iran, Japan, Korea, Thailand and the Philippines, eighty-two entrants in all.



Asian Peace Cup winners, a team from the Philippines

Forty-eight of them competed in the martial arts ballet tournament, the team and individual form competition and the sparring competition.

The first day was spent introducing the Tong-il Moo Do philosophy to everyone. The second day we explained the tournament rules and regulations, including a special tournament meeting on how the World Tong-II Moo-Do Federation (WTMF) can introduce its style to

the Olympics. The third day was for the tournament proper.

During the tournament meeting, we received significant input and good suggestions, particularly from the delegation from Iran, headed by Master Mohammad Omid Sajedi, a representative of the Martial Arts Federation of the Iranian government; Mr.

Majid Salari, president of Tong-II Moo-Do Iran and Middle East; and his vice-president Master Reza. They had much advice on how to develop Tong-II Moo-Do tournaments for them to be acceptable to the World Olympics. Grandmaster Pyung Rae Moon, president of the Martial Arts Federation for World Peace International, Master Hoshiko Takamitsu and I led the meeting. Martial arts instructors from the participating countries and other martial arts traditions also joined the meeting. The main points discussed and voted on by the members present were the establishment of a clear organizational chart for the World Tong-II Moo-Do Federation Asia and establishing two new committees, one on coaching and one on referees. Both Master Salari and Master Pourkianias pointed out that these are very important factors in Tong-II Moo-Do developing its tournament athletes and programs. They also suggested having a sports calendar so that everyone can prepare in advance for activities like the Peace Cup and World Cup. During the meeting, someone from the Iranian Embassy visited and gave a short message to all the participants. He returned on the third day to watch the tournament and stayed until the dinner banquet to give his support.

The tournament was very exciting, having different countries compete with one another in the spirit of sportsmanship and camaraderie. The winners for the ballet competition were Tong-II Moo-Do Philippines of the International Peace Leadership College, practitioners of the same style from Thailand won second place. In the team form competition, both the men's and women's divisions, the same groups won first and second place.

After the tournament, everybody got together for the banquet to celebrate the spirit of S.P.O.R.T.S. reflected during the event, which is S-strength with wisdom, P-patience with indomitable spirit, O-opportunity to make friends, R-respect for each other, T-teamwork to learn from each other, S-success to everyone.

Essentially, the first Asian Martial Arts Peace Cup 2014, which was held in the Philippines, can now roar over the horizon to help members fulfill goals and objectives. It has forged a path that True Father, the founder of the Martial Arts Federation for World Peace; and Dr. Joon Ho Seuk, initiator of World Tong-II

Moo-Do Federation; envisioned, that martial arts must raise and educate young people of the world through the philosophy of "living for the sake of others" with disciplined and indomitable spirit.

Along this line of focus, martial arts students were taught the importance of loyalty and filial piety within the framework of true love, true life and true lineage bound together under the universal principles of living for the sake establishing peace in the family, tribe, nation and world.