

The Fortieth Anniversary of the Founding of the World Tongil-Moo-Do Federation

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On January 5, 1979, Father instructed Dr. Joon-ho Seuk to teach Tong-Il Moo-Do at the Belvedere Training Center to all the security guards working at East Garden (True Parents' home in the United States) and to students at the Unification Theological Seminary. Four of the security guards were already black belts in Kyokushin Karate, a style developed by Masutatsu Oyama, a Japanese man of Korean ancestry. Four months later, Father seemed curious about the progress Dr. Seuk had made. On April 15, which happened to be Easter Sunday, Father came to the gym at Belvedere to observe the guards' training session. The students put on a brief exhibition for Father, after which Father wrote a motto in calligraphic script, "Advancing bravely forward with discipline." That day marks the birth of Tong-Il Moo-Do as a fighting style.



The United States of America

Celebrations of having reached the forty-year mark took place in numerous places, including the United States, Brazil, Paraguay and most significantly in South Korea. In the US, they celebrated in motion, that is to say, the national chapter of Tong-Il Moo-Do held a tournament at its the Boys and Girls Club in Clifton, New Jersey on May 19. Master Vincente Belmonte led the event, which forty-nine martial artists competed in. The tournament attracted Tong-Il Moo-Do practitioners from chapters in New York City, Tarrytown and Barrytown, also in New York State;

Clifton, Little Ferry and Elizabeth in the State of New Jersey and San Francisco in far-away California.

Martial artists from the Clifton Martial Arts Academy and the Shotokan Karate Dojo, both of which adhere to a fighting styles other than Tong-Il Moo-Do, also took part.

The Federative Republic of Brazil

The two South American countries held commemorations in cooperation with their national governments, highlighting the internal aspects of Tong-Il Moo-Do, such as character development—loyalty to one's parents and nation, love for one's siblings, mind—body unity, endurance through difficulties, courage and willingness to fight injustice. Good citizens make a good nation. Congressman Luis Miranda and Congresswoman Gleyce Elias, the president and general secretary (respectively) of a Brazil—South Korea legislative group gave the opening remarks. Dr. Joon-ho Seuk, veteran of the Vietnam War, who received the blessing among the 777 couples in 1970 with Hye-seuk Moon, spoke for thirty minutes. The event, which UPF co-sponsored also saw a number of congress-members becoming ambassadors for peace.

The Republic of Paraguay

Under the theme, Forming Leaders with Principles and Values to Build World Peace, on July 23 from 9:00 am until 11:00 am, Paraguayan members celebrated the fortieth anniversary of the founding of Tong-II Moo-Do in the Bicameral Hall of the National Congress Building, to which a hundred and fifty leaders from all areas of society had come. At the center of the commemorative event was the creator of the Tong-II Moo-Do style, Grand Master Joon-ho Seuk, who is the international president of the World Tong-II Moo-Do Federation. The vice president of federation, Master Venus Agustin accompanied Dr. Seuk. We felt True Parents' spirit throughout the event. The senior authorities transmitted love and understanding to us reflecting Heavenly Parent's and True Parents' hearts.

Tong-il Moo-do is the perfect tool to take young people today along the path of discipline and perseverance in its technique and its aspects of spirituality. In Tong-il Moo-do, for young people to deepen their respect for their parents and respect for their nation and its flag, to care for their brothers and sisters and fight against injustice with an unchanging spirit are some of the daily goals. When they enter the dojang [gym], they bow to the flags of both the organization and the nation, as well as photograph of the True Parents, and thus incorporate values to develop humility and a pure heart.

The youth of the Paraguayan Federation of Tong-il Moo-do, showing great skill and discipline, gave a martial arts demonstration in front of the political leaders. The audience appeared moved and responded with loud applause. The youth instructor, Carlos Núñez, who is the twenty-years-old son of the president of the Paraguayan Federation of Tong-il Moo-do, Master Viviana Moreyra, addressed the audience, giving the opening statement of the event, in which he highlighted the values one learns within the practice of Tong-il Moo-do.



Republic of Korea

On August 28, the ultimate celebration of fortieth anniversary of the founding of the World Tongil-Moo- Do Federation took place at the Hyo Jeong Cultural Center in the HJ Cheonwon complex. After an opening prayer by Dr. Venus Agustin, vice president of the World Tong-II Moo-Do Federation, Young-ho Yun, director of the Hyo Jeong Cultural Center, spoke about the establishment of a great training hall, which True Mother had decided to establish in HJ Cheongwon for Tong-II Moo-Do called "Sedowon." Sedowon is to be the mecca for Tong-II Moo-Do, to which

athletes from all over the world will come to practice their martial arts. Dr. Seuk reminded everyone of the spirit of Tong-II Moo-Do and encouraged all the athletes. "Today, through this celebration, I wish you all become true hyo jeong rang for True Parents and take the lead in the realization of a Unified heavenly Korea and a peaceful world. In the spirit of athletic success, Dr. Seuk and Master Takamitsu Hoshiko presented a tall trophy to True Mother for her years of promoting true values and guiding us to the realization of a world of peace. She then spoke briefly.



As the True Parents, we have earnestly sought to reach out to fallen humanity, trying to bring back one more nation, one more life to Heavenly Parent during our lifetime on earth, as well as to guide them to a position where they can receive blessings as true devoted children of Heavenly Parent.

It is with such ardency that we created Tong-II Moo-Do. Unfortunately, the body does not follow

what the mind desires. It is tremendously difficult to bring unity in the family, nation and world when the individual still struggles from body–mind disunity. However, we know God, the Creator, our Heavenly Parent. We also know that True Parents are our true parents. That place where you reach absolute unity with True Parents is the place where your bodies and minds become one.

I sincerely hope that through Tong-Il Moo-Do, you can live not only for yourselves, but also for your neighbors, tribe, nation, and world. Celebrating forty years today, Tong-Il Moo-Do is in a position of maturity and manhood. What then should you do, being in that position? Shouldn't you expedite your efforts? I sincerely hope and ask you all not to stop until you take your last breath, to boldly advance until you attain that position in which Heavenly Parent can bless you, saying, "You are my proud sons and daughters!" Tong-Il Moo Do has spread unification thought in more than 190 countries. In the Philippines, it has helped rehabilitate young drug addicts who had run away from home. In the Middle East, where there are ongoing religious conflicts, it opened the doors to dialogue and cooperation.

We discipline our mind and body through Tong-Il Moo Do and acquire a heart of filial piety and loyalty that allows us to have dominion over all things. In line the teachings of True Parents, who affirm that filial piety and loyalty is the foundation for dominion over all things, our two hundred athletes from twenty-one countries with a heart of total devotion disciplined their minds and bodies and reaffirmed their resolve to take a leap towards achieving a peaceful world, by spreading the Tong-il Moo Do spirit.



Testimony of Master Gustavo Giuliano, seventh degree black belt

I started my path in martial arts at eleven years old in 1972. When I left a movie theater and after having seen Bruce Lee's movie "Operation Dragon" my whole being felt strongly that I should practice martial arts.

I went to the Gimnasia and Fencing Club in Buenos Aires, Argentina, which I was a member of and observed the practice of Judo and Tae Kwon-do. Eventually, I pursued martial arts through the practice of the Korean martial art Tae Kwon-do.

At nineteen I received my black belt and I had a strong desire to teach. I did not care about money; I just wanted to find someone who wanted to learn the style. Then at age twenty, I encountered the Divine Principle and True Parents and dedicated myself full-time to fulfilling the sacred ideals found in Divine Principle. Finally, I resumed Tae Kwon-do in 1987 in the city of Rosario, in Santa Fe Province, three hundred kilometers from Buenos Aires.



I reached the Second Dan (level of expertise) in 1988 and when I was going to receive the Third Dan and had developed a school with three hundred students, we welcomed Master Kensaku Takahashi from Tong-il Moo-do to transmit to us the technical style and Tong-il Moo-do's philosophy, which is connected to the Divine Principle and the Unification Thought.

That gave a clearer meaning to my life so I dedicated myself to expanding popularity of the Tong-il Moo-do style throughout Latin America. It

was not easy and there is still much to do. I am deeply grateful to Grand Master Dr. Joon-ho Seuk, who along with Master Hoshiko Takamitsu and Master Venus Agustin supported me at all times.