Tong-il Moo-do Paraguay: Launch of the Unified Martial Arts Federation for World Peace

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Purpose and Vision

- **Aim:** To unite all martial arts disciplines to rescue young people from vices, addictions, and destructive behaviors while shaping individuals of upright character grounded in core values and principles. The Federation seeks to raise responsible citizens committed to their families, communities, and nations by promoting character education through discipline, self-control, respect, love, and service to others - ultimately contributing to societal transformation and world peace. Building a healthy, responsible, and dedicated youth generation is the path to saving nations and healing global issues.

- **Motto:** *"Uniting Martial Arts to Transform Lives, Build Youth Character, and Create Nations of Peace."*

Key Events

November 4: Meeting with Tong-Il Moo-Do Paraguay

The morning meeting scheduled at the National Sports Secretariat could not take place due to a severe national financial crisis affecting one of the country's major banks. Because the Paraguayan Tong-Il Moo-Do Federation held its funds at that institution, its leaders had to urgently address the situation and were unable to receive Dr. Yong.

November 4: Official Launch of the Unified Martial Arts Federation for World Peace

At 4:00 PM, the Federation was officially launched at the Family Federation Headquarters.

- **Participants:** Attendees included seven Kung Fu and Taekwondo masters, Ambassadors for Peace from the fields of education and sports, and a group of children who gave a special dance performance.

- **Impactful Demonstration:** The performing children were former street youth rescued through the intervention of the Ministry of Children and Adolescents. They are currently participating in educational and social reintegration programs supported by Taekwondo and dance instructors. Their performance served as a powerful testimony to how education, the arts, and martial arts can foster social inclusion and personal transformation.

- **Main Address and Resolution:** Dr. Yong delivered an inspiring lecture on the role of martial arts in character development and peacebuilding. He formally invited the masters to attend the upcoming 21-day international seminar and the World Martial Arts Assembly in Korea. His proposal sparked great enthusiasm, leading to an active QandA session. The event concluded with the signing of the founding resolution.

November 5: Meeting with the Ministry of Children and Adolescents

A meeting was scheduled with the Vice Minister of Children and Adolescents to present the Character Education Program and explore institutional cooperation. However, due to the ongoing financial and institutional crisis in the country, the meeting had to be canceled.

Evaluation and Future Perspectives

Despite the unforeseen circumstances that disrupted two scheduled activities, the overall visit was highly successful:

1. **Successful Launch:** The official institutional launch effectively united masters across diverse martial arts disciplines and generated strong interest in international training initiatives.

2. **Social Impact Highlight:** The children's presentation vividly demonstrated the real-world potential of combining martial arts and character education to transform vulnerable lives.

Next Steps:

- Maintain continuous communication with the interested martial arts masters.

- Coordinate their participation in the upcoming international activities in Korea.

- Reschedule the canceled meetings with national sports and educational authorities once the local situation stabilizes.