

Message from the OTA President

1st WTF Para-Taekwondo Championships

The concept of Para-Taekwondo is a WTF initiative to ensure that all athletes, regardless of physical or mental capacity or condition have access to Taekwondo training and coaching. Para-Taekwondo will ensure a path to higher competition levels and venues that were not previously available to Taekwondo competitors.

I am honoured to inform you that the global initiative, is being led by Ontario's own **Grandmaster Tae Eun Lee**, of Ottawa, who is Chairman of the WTF Para-Taekwondo Committee.

The Committee is pleased to announce that after three years in the making, the WTF will be holding the 1st WTF Para-Taekwondo Championships on June 10th, 2009 in Baku Azerbaijan. After great work and research, the competition venue will hold sparring competition for upper limb (arm) amputee athletes. In the future, it is anticipated that more categories will open up for greater participation and competition.

To make this a successful event, the WTF has waived entry fees, and the Organizing Committee will be providing full room and board.

Should you have any athletes who are interested in participating in this historic inaugural event, please immediately contact:

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Please join me in congratulating Grandmaster Tae Eun Lee, the WTF Para-Taekwondo Committee, and the WTF, for their efforts in Para-Taekwondo sport development.

Master Hwa Sun Myung, President
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