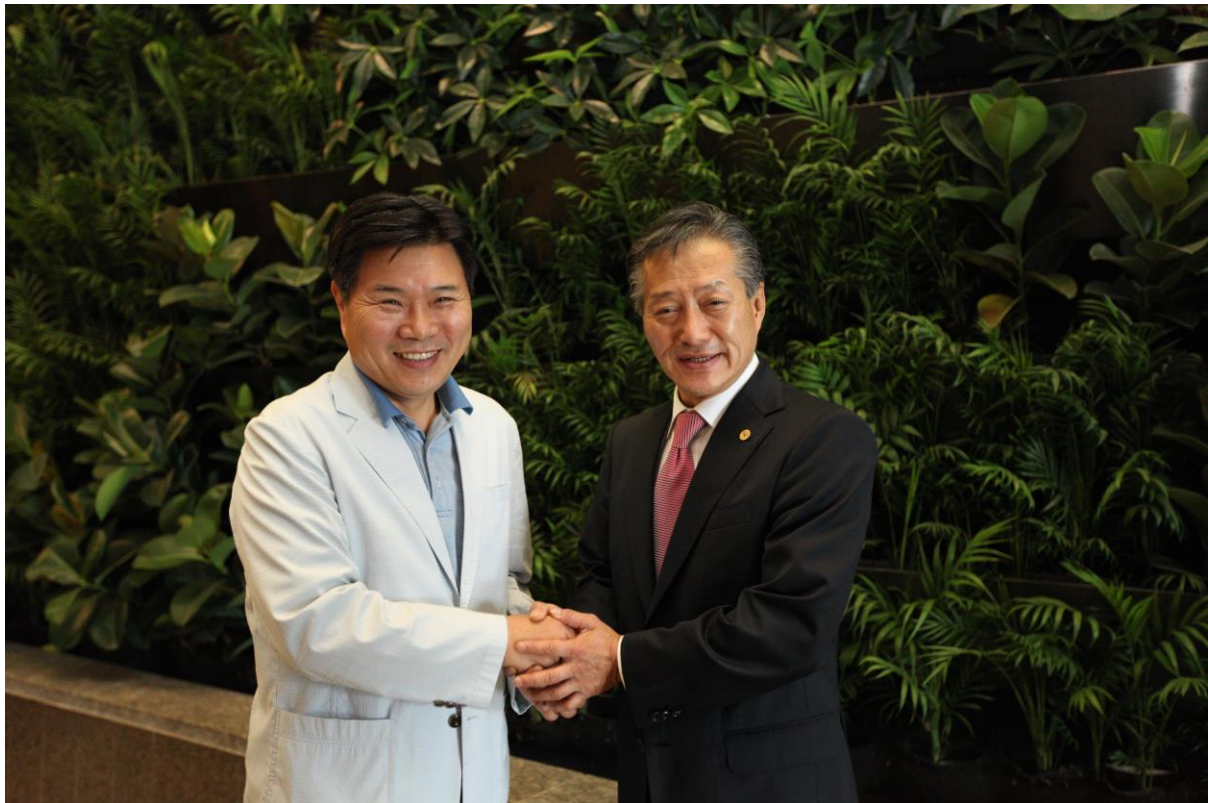


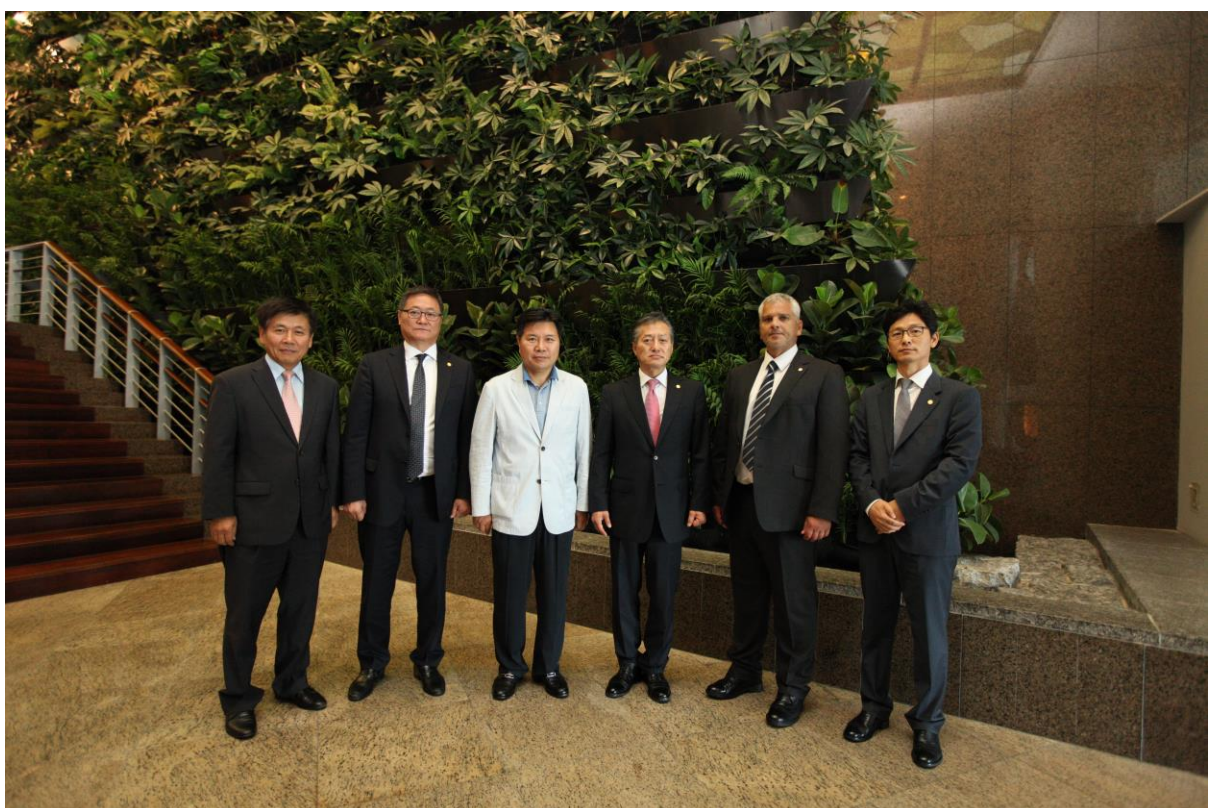
ITF Taekwondo, not the North Korean Taekwondo ITF Tae Kwon was born in South Korea.

As International Taekwondo Federation(ITF) is ready for the second globalization of the Taekwondo in Korea, dispelling the disgrace called as 'The North Korea's Taekwondo', the president Choi Jung Hwa is drawing interests much in this field.



According to the notice of ITF on 30, executives with the president Choi visited Korea recently, and they courtesy met the board president of Kukkiwon.

The profession of Taekwondo sees their visit as they are willing to dispel the misunderstanding that the Taekwondo is the mean of communicating thoughts of the North Korea that is generated when the late Choi Hong Hee(founder) came to Canada as an exile for political reason, and ITF wants to start the second globalization of the Taekwondo in the original country.



Especially, the president Choi met Hong Moon Jong, the board president of Kukkiwon, at noon and promised the cooperation with him in Sheraton Walker Hill Hotel on 29. And people close to the president Choi are saying that they agreed to raise the status of the Kukkiwon as one of the highest organization in the Taekwondo's original country.

It is told that the president Choi said that ITF should correct what is noticed incorrectly as The North Korea's Taekwondo, and The North is one of the 140 countries which spreaded the Taekwondo to other countries, and he claimed that now ITF should go back to its homeland and spread Korea's ITF's Taekowndo to the world with the Kukkiwon.

The president Choi and the board president Hong agreed to develop WTF's Taekwondo which is settled as sports and ITF's Taekwondo as martial arts harmoniously.



Comparing WTF's Taekwondo and ITF's Taekwondo, the different point is that ITF has importance in Teul(Poomsae) like Cheonjiteul, Dangunteul, Sejongteul, Junggeunteul and etc. And it is designed for practicer to accept the Korea's history and culture naturally.

The president Choi also said that his father had the belief that he had to spread the Taekwondo's spirit irrespectively in race, belief, and religion, and he made performance team and went to the North Korea and tried to spread the Taekwondo as national and traditional martial arts, but the North was just interested in political purpose so he cut off the relationship when he noticed this fact.

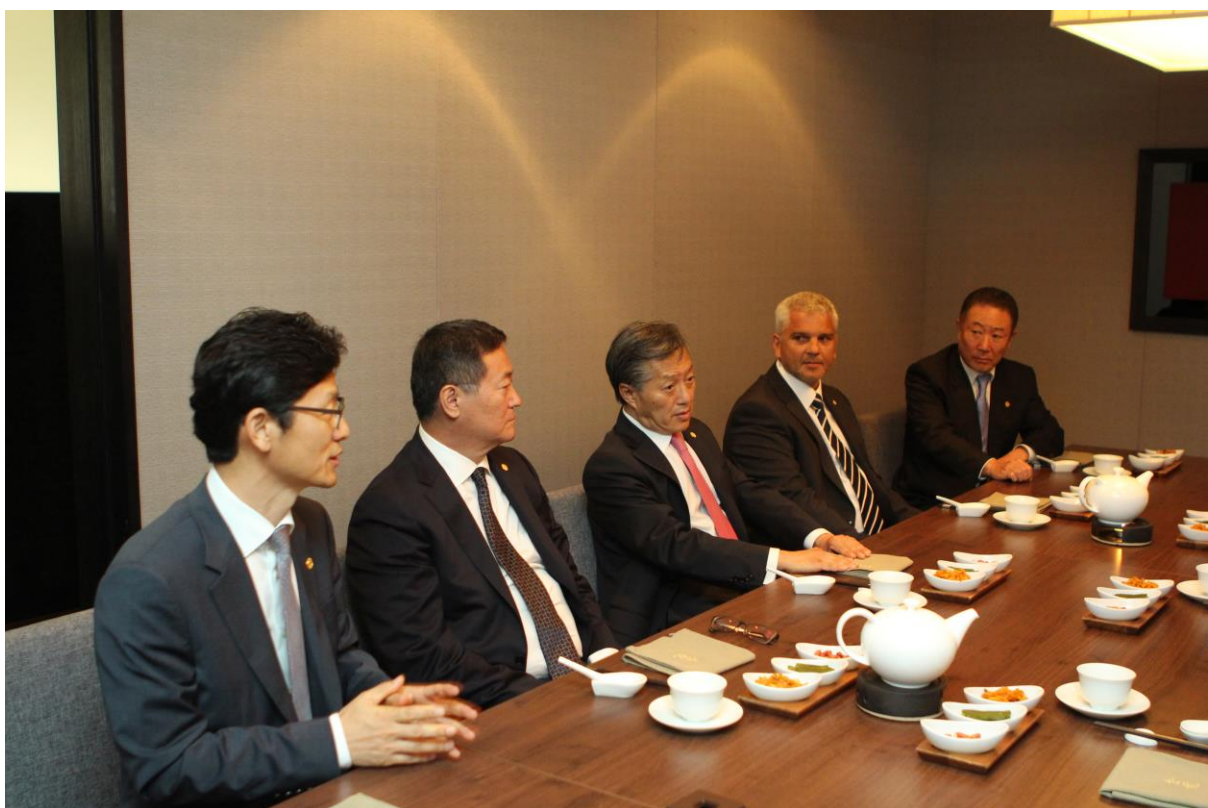
The team of Choi left Korea on 30.

Meanwhile, ITF was founded by the first general meeting with 9 presidents of relative nations in Silla Hotel in 1966. The late Choi Hong Hee, the first president of ITF, was member of nation's forces founders in Korea and was the first chairman and the third chairman of The Korea Taekwondo Association and was ambassador of Malaysia.



Although he made the name 'Taekwondo', but he opposed to Yushin, the Revitalizing Refrom, and took asylum hastily in Canada in 1972, and spreaded the ITF's Taekowndo to the North Korea in 1989.

Before he died, the North called the representatives of each country for the reason of memorial ceremony, and the North changed the memorial ceremony's signboard to the extraordinary general meeting's sign during the ceremony. And the North selected Jang Woong as the president unilaterally and illegally saying that it is Choi Hong Hee's will.



At that time Jang Woong wasn't Taekwondonist and he didn't know well Choi Hong Hee. And the federation driven by the North since that time. But recently, Jang Woong, the member of IOC, retired from the president and ITF's Taekwondo of the North which has been maintained by him will be more isolated.



Therefore, every move of the president Choi is seemed to attract much interest because there are signs of escaping from the legal proceeding about management authority of ITF's Korean branch recently and the main line of descent in the international profession of Taekwondo could be confirmed in this assembly.