

Message from Secretary General



Dear friends!

On behalf of the IMGC Secretariat I extend warm greetings to all the member International Federations and the leaders of the National Martial Art Games Committee.

This year constitutes a meaningful trademark for us in the sense that we will be celebrating the 20th anniversary of IMGC Foundation.

The celebration events will be held in Pyongyang, capital of the DPR Korea where the IMGC HQs are located.

I am quite sure that the events will leave a deep and unforgettable remembrance upon the participants and provide with a significant occasion for the development of IMGC.

Confirming that I will do my best to organize all the events in high level to meet the whole IMGC members' expectations, I hope to meet all of you, my dear friends who are making every possible efforts for the sound development and beautiful feature of the International Martial Art Movement.

IMGC is ready to welcome all of you.

Kim Myong Gun

IMGC Secretary General



Preparation for the 20th Anniversary of IMGC foundation



As was already announced, the International Martial Art Games Committee will celebrate the 20th anniversary of its foundation from Sep. 17th to Sep. 19th, 2019 in Pyongyang, the capital of DPR Korea, the IMGC is now thrusting forward the preparation for the event.

During the celebration event, the celebration program will include the commemorative meeting, friendship gathering, martial arts demonstration, the 8th IMG torch-lighting ceremony, art performance and others, which may afford the participants an unforgettable reminiscence.

The organizers proceed with technical measures to provide the visitors with every possible convenience including visa issue, air ticket-booking, local accommodation, etc.

Mr. Kim Myong Gun, the Secretary General of IMGC who has a great attention to the martial art demonstration as well as the whole event prepares the technical matters to the last detail, in which Taekwon-Do, Muay, Jendo, Jiu-Jitsu and other martial arts are supposed to demonstrate.

Now about eighty martial artists from twenty countries applied to participate in the celebration event and the number of participants are increasing as days go by.





IMGC President's Activities

The work with the international sports

Prof. Ri Yong Son, the President of IMGC met the officials of the related international sports organizations including Dr. Thomas BATH, the President of IOC who participated to the joint Taekwon-Do demonstration event in Geneva, Switzerland. After the performance Dr. Thomas BATH, the President of IOC expressed his gratitude to Prof. Ri Yong Son, the President of IMGC about the high level demonstrate and congratulated the athletes who showed their high skill. Prof. Ri Yong Son, the President of IMGC met Dr. Thomas BATH, the President of IOC and other delegates of several international organizations and talked about the constructive opinions to improve the martial art including the issues of increasing the cooperation between the international organizations.



Prof. Ri Yong Son, the President of IMGC visited the HQs

On June 11 and July 17, IMGC President Prof. Ri Yong Son met Secretary General Kim Myong Gun and his staff at the HQs and discussed several pending issues for the success of the celebration event and preparation of the 8th IMG.



The 8th International Martial Art Games under Preparation



It is not long time until the 8th IMG begins in Carrara, Italy.

The 8th IMG Organizing Committee proceeds the preparation at the final stage in close touch with the Italian Foreign Ministry for the participant's visa issue to attend the event without any problem.

The Organizing Committee continues technical contacts with the representatives of each Federation to organize their respective competitions.

At present about ten international martial art federations applied their participation to the 8th IMG thanks to the active efforts made by the local Organizing Committee and IMGC HQs.

In the International Taekwon-Do Federation(ITF) representative were appointed to deal with technical matters to hold the Taekwon-Do competition and World Federation of Kowat Alarmi & Self Defence plan to organize the World Cup Championship during the 8th IMG.

World Jiu-Jitsu Confederation President Dr. Paul G. Hoglund who is Vice-President of IMGC and a local Organizing Committee member push forward the preparation processes with the information package distributing to member organizations through the World Jiu-jitsu Federation and the Indian Martial Art Games Federation President Dr. SM. Rajendran Balan activates to prepare his team athletes by suggesting to the ITF to organize the color belt Taekwon-Do competition.

Besides World Judo Federation, World Pahuyuth Federation and World Muay Federation applied to participate and push ahead with their preparation.

The last 7th IMG held in Belarus in which three thousand and two hundred athletes took part from 72 countries but according to the OC it is expected that about five thousand athletes from 104 countries participate to this 8th IMG.

At the invitation of the 8th IMG Organizing Committee in Italy IMGC HQs delegation headed by Secretary General Kim Myong Gun will visit Italy in August and elaborate constructive program for the successful event with the local organizers.

The 8th IMG held from Oct. 30 to Nov. 3, in Carrara, Italy will be one of the grand worldwide gatherings which will contribute to the strengthening of the friendship, unity and cooperation among all the martial artists.

The grand mass gymnastics and artistic performance: “The Land of the People”

The grand mass gymnastics and artistic performance which began on early of June in Pyongyang, the capital of DPR Korea has a tremendously successful run day by day touching the hearts of the people.

The performance presented by 4 47 00 which shows graceful rhythmic movement, vigorous gymnastics, national folk sense of emotion, rich artistic depiction and endless, extensive changes of background pictures will be presented during the period of the celebrating the event of the 20th anniversary of the IMGC Foundation.

September when the event is to be held is the best time in Pyongyang so that the number of the foreign visitors trying to view the performance is expected to increase explosively.



Brief News

Ambassador of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam in DPR Korea maintains his close contact with the IMGC HQs in order to make the Vietnamese traditional martial art delegation headed by a senior officer of Sports Ministry participate in the events.



International Martial Art Games Committee's 10th Congress



During the 8th IMG periods, the 10th Congress of the International Martial Art Games Committee will be held. The 10th Congress will elect the Executive Members and decide some important issues such as the IMGC statutes amendment, development orientation and next IMG venue.



Some countries applied to host the 9th IMG

In the midst of the international interests increasing in the IMG, martial art organizations in Germany, Uzbekistan, Russia, Philippines and Kazakhstan expressed their intention to host the next 9th IMG.

This will be discussed in the forthcoming 10th Congress during periods of the 8th IMG in Italy.

Brief News



Prof. Ri Yong Son, President of IMGC sent a congratulation message to Mikhail Korlvart, Executive Member of IMGC and President of Estonian Nation Martial Art Union with regards to his election as City Mayor of Tallinn.

From the Korean Martial Arts Federation

Mangyongdae Prize National Martial Art Championship for

Celebrating the Day of the Sun

Mangyongdae Prize National Martial Art Championship was held at the Taekwon-Do Palace in Pyongyang, DPR Korea from April 9th to 19th.

About five hundred men and women athletes selected from twenty units including every local athletes groups participated in this championship.

Taekwon-Do, Paduk(GO), Wushu and other disciplines competed for each championships.

This event for celebrating the Day of the Sun provided with an important opportunity to the strong promotion of the martial art development throughout the country.



From the Indian Martial Art Federation

16TH SOUTH & WEST INDIA OPEN ITF Taekwon-do Championship

The 16th SOUTH & WEST INDIA OPEN ITF Taekwon-Do Championship was held successfully at CHAMUNDI VIHAR INDOOR STADIUM, MYSURU from 19th to 21st July 2019.

The event witnessed a total participation of 563 members including the officials from 8 States of India.



Italy-8th IMG hosting Place

The History and culture of Tuscany

Carrara, the 8th IMG hosting place is belonged to Tuscany.

Tuscany is one of twenty regions in Italy. The region is located in the central, western part of the country, north of Rome and south of Genoa.

Mountains to the North and East, the Apuan Alps on the northwest and by the Tyrrhenian Sea on the West.

Its land area is about 23.300 square kilometers.

Its major cities are Carrara, Florence, Pisa, Siena and Arezzo.

Its major river, the Arno, begins in the Apennines and heads toward the coast- both Florence and Pisa sit astride the Arno river

Well-known Tuscans

Tuscany is famous all around the world for its colors, tastes and smells.

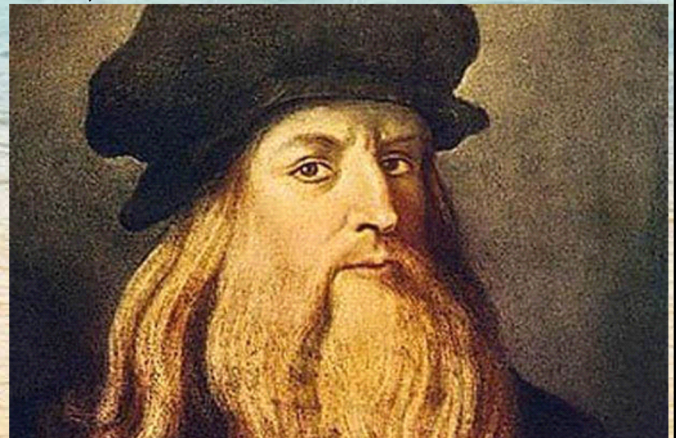
It offers many things to see, to do and to taste.

But overall it offers the masterpieces of many illustrious figures that made Tuscany what it is today.

Explorers, writers, all kind of artists famous worldwide: Dante Alighieri, Michelangelo, Leonardo da Vinci, Simone Martini just to name a few. But also Galileo Galilei, Antonio Meucci, Giacomo Puccini, Giovanni da Verrazzano.



Dante Alighieri



Leonardo Da Vinci

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The main cities in Tuscany



Cradle of the Renaissance - Florence

Siena



Pisa



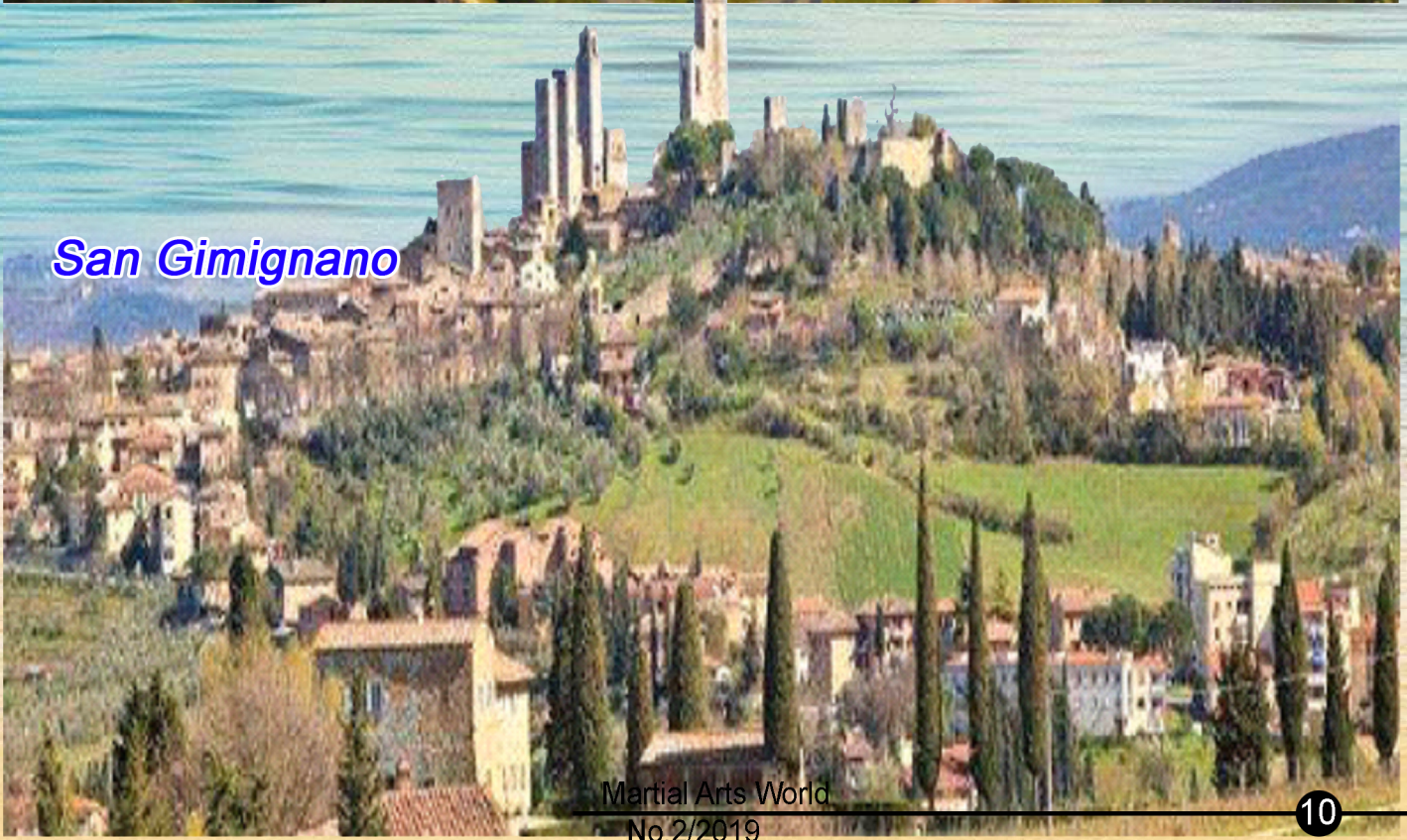
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The Charming Town of Lucca



San Gimignano



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Volterra



National Park of the Cinque Terre Unesco Patronage



RIOMAGGIORE - MANAROLA -
CORNIGLIA - VERNAZZA - MONTEROSSO
Natural Protected Marine Area of the Cinque
Terre

Italy-8th IMG hosting Place

The main cities in Tuscany

Montepulciano



Chianti

Wine Region near Florence & Siena





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