



# WORLD TONG-IL MOO-DO FEDERATION

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Dearest World Leaders of FFWPU, UPF, IAYSP and members of World Tong-Il Moo-Do Federation:

It is my great pleasure to extend my greetings everyone to welcome the new year 2021 and wish you all have a good health and able to have a resilient attitude in facing the biggest challenge and threat to humankind that affected the socio-economic, transnational connectivity and more. I knew too well that everyone experienced the most devastating moment that never in our lifetime did humankind was and still confronted the type of pandemic that lasted for one year to be exact since its alleged origin in Wuhan, People's Republic of China.

Last year 2019, my memory reminded me of being fortunate as one to witness the inauguration of 40<sup>th</sup> Foundation Anniversary Tong-Il Moo-Do. In a nutshell, Dr. Joon Ho Seuk, the founder of Tong-Il Moo-Do pioneered the path that integrate all the best essence of all martial arts style and philosophy centering on the Unification Principle. It was more significant to recall that the Co-Founder of Universal Peace Federation Dr Hak Ja Han Moon, whom we called her Mother Moon, the Mother of Peace, was the special guest of honor and speaker. In her speech, she spoke about the potential of martial arts as an instrument to bridge peace and reminded all participants of our role in educating the youth to live for the sake of others for future generations. The most significant and meaningful moment in that event was that Mother Moon were able to witness the spectacular Tong-Il Moo-Do demonstration prepared. Thereafter, the whole delegation went to participate in the Woungu World Mastership at South of Seoul wherein Tong-Il Moo-Do World Championship was part of Woungu event.

Later, in the mid-February of 2020, we were surprised by the Novel Covid-19 become pandemic that affected our over-all one year programs and activities. Judging from the density of the pandemic, Tong-Il Moo-Do never wavered, rather we were able to pursue our events using the availability of the internet. Communication became more often via Zoom among Tong-Il Moo-Do leaders more than ever before. Tong-Il Moo-Do Online Championships was held from Individual and Team Form (Bon), Gi-Choom Team Online Championships as well as Tong-Il Moo-Do Philosophy online lecture championships. Before the year-end is concluded, we launched the 2<sup>nd</sup> Gi-Choom Team Online Championships.

Before the year-end 2020, the 8<sup>th</sup> Mombasa Open Tong-Il Moo-Do International Martial Arts Championships 2020 was successfully completed without any cases of infection from Covid-19 not to mention the threat of Covid-19 and lockdown from many countries. It was indeed another milestone and silver lining truth that Tong-Il Moo-Do fighting spirit has shown its resiliency and indomitable spirit that it goes beyond at all odds.

The year 2020 is a training ground and much things we've all learned the hard way. Let us therefore welcome the year 2021 with much prepared spirit and plan well with the heart and motivation to succeed in raising and educating many young people and adult alike through Tong-Il Moo-Do and in partnership with any affiliate organizations that envision world peace and to expand the foundation of Tong-Il Moo-Do in all the corners of the world far more imagined like a dream come true.

Truly yours,

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