



WORLD TAEKWONDO FEDERATION

WTF President's Congratulatory Speech

On behalf of the global taekwondo family, I would like to congratulate the Russian Taekwondo Union and the Chelyabinsk Taekwondo Federation for organizing the 3rd Russia Open International Taekwondo Tournament 2013.

The 2013 Russia Open bears a special significance in that it features senior, junior and cadet categories at the Russian city of Chelyabinsk, which will host the 2015 WTF World Taekwondo Championships.

It is also meaningful as the Russia Open comes shortly after the IOC's final decision to include taekwondo in the 25 core sports for the 2020 Tokyo Olympic Games at its Session on September 8 in Buenos Aires, Argentina.

I believe that the successful taekwondo competitions at the 2012 London Olympic Games and the 2013 World Taekwondo Championships in Puebla, Mexico combined to help produce such a good result.

Under the slogan "Stronger than Ever!" the WTF has actively launched a global campaign to provide financial and technical assistance to taekwondo-developing countries around the world. Since 2008, the WTF has dispatched abroad about 1,000 members of its Taekwondo Peace Corps.

Once again, I wish to express my appreciation to the Russian Taekwondo Union and the Chelyabinsk Taekwondo Federation for organizing the 3rd Russia Open. I wish the 3rd Russia Open a great success.

Thank you.

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