



## TFA Newsflash: August 2011

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### Umpire “B” seminar held at the Africa International Taekwon-Do Centre

On 6 August 2011, an Umpire “B” seminar was held at the Africa International Taekwon-Do Centre. The seminar was hosted by the TFA Technical and Umpire Director, Senior Master Kim Jong Su.

The first part of the seminar consisted of theory and Senior Master Kim took the attendees through the ITF Tournament Rules, explaining the meaning and application the rules pertaining to all aspects of Taekwon-Do: Sparring, patterns, power breaking, special techniques and self defence for both individual and team events.

After the theoretical part of the seminar, Senior Master Kim went on to go through the practical application of the ITF Tournament Rules, giving the attendees the opportunity to apply their theoretical knowledge.

Finally all attendees had to write a theoretical exam.

The event was also attended by five members of the Zimbabwe International Taekwon-Do Association, including its President Mr Evan Brown.

The event was a wonderful opportunity for everyone attending to improve their umpiring knowledge and skills.



Senior Master Kim Jong Su and the attendees of the Umpire B seminar at the AITC



Senior Master Kim Jong Su with the President of Zimbabwe International Taekwon-Do Association and the rest of the Zimbabwe Delegation

Also, the next tournament at the AITC will give special attention to using female centre referees and to develop their skills.

The TFA is privileged to have someone with the skills and experience of Senior Master Kim in its midst.

## Technical and Umpire Seminar in Mozambique

On the 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> of June 2011 Senior Master Kim Jong Su, Technical and Umpire Director of the TFA, held a Technical and Umpire Seminar and Black Belt grading in Maputo, Mozambique.

Seventy five students attended the seminar and 11 students successfully completed the black belt grading held after the seminar. 9 students graded to 1<sup>st</sup> Dan and 2 to 2<sup>nd</sup> Dan. A further 3 students successfully obtained their ITF Umpire "B" certification.

The seminar was another milestone in the development of Taekwon-Do in Mozambique. 2 of the 1st Dan candidates have been doing Taekwon-do since 1993 but since there was no support structure, they were unable to grade. This led to the stagnation of the development of Taekwon-Do as there were no assistance students and clubs.



The Mozambique NGB Vice President, Mr Tony Ribeiro, Senior Master Kim and the students who graded.



Senior Master Kim and the students who attended the Mozambique Seminar

Thanks to the efforts of the Mozambique NGB and of Senior Master Kim, Mozambique has come a long way and they are seeing people who are proud of Taekwon-Do and eager to improve their skills and knowledge. It has taken 2 years of hard work with the existing black belts to unite them in the same cause but finally they are a team again.

Mozambique is never the less a poor country and the Mozambique ITF have reached out to the businesses and schools to help in the development of our art. An existing development is that the University Politecnica of Maputo (Technical University) will be offering Taekwon-do as a subject together with the other sports like basket ball, hockey etc. as from 2012.



Senior Master Kim and Fenias



Students at the Mozambique Seminar

Special mention should also be made of Fenias. He is 17 years old and born without a right leg. Despite this, he has been training Taekwon-Do for 2 and a half years. Despite not having a prosthesis, he trains using his crutches to support him. This is truly a remarkable student and someone with "indomitable spirit."

We want to wish Mozambique all of the best with this exciting new chapter in the history of Taekwon-Do in Africa.