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Farewell Speech

for a memorial service to honor Grand Master Trần Triều Quân's memory,
March 21st, 2010, Hotel Quebec in Quebec City

Dear Mrs Nguyen, Joliette, Cécilia, Nicolas, Family and Friends,

I met Master Tran in 1990 during The World Championships in Montreal. Back then I had no idea how important a role he would play in my life and that one day I would call him my friend. It was amazing how similar our ideas and ways of seeing the organization were. From the time of his first visit to Poland in May 2003 our relationship become stronger throughout our meetings and correspondence.

He was a bridge between Eastern culture and Western mentality, Taekwon-Do and between the oldest generation of masters and the younger adepts. His professionalism, knowledge about aspects of Taekwon-do and professional life were very impressive.

Master Tran Trieu Quan was the first President elected in accordance with the rules of the democratic organization. He took on leading the ITF during the period when three groups fighting each other for the legacy of General Choi Hong Hi. He believed that a democratic system is the best for the ITF despite the fact that in general martial Arts are ruled by decree. As a great advocate of this idea he believed that only democracy will ensure the growth of the organization and its survival for the future generations. He believed that the ITF belongs to its members, and has to work for its members and with them to ensure them support they need and expect.

As the President of the ITF he perceived Taekwon-Do as a sport, a martial art, a way of living and a tool for social development. He believed that the ITF must be open the suggestions of its members and encourage them to innovative actions and it must be free of any influences and political pressures. When making decisions, honesty and fairness guided him. He wanted to assure that any actions of the ITF were professional and efficient. He was concerned about improvement of quality of teaching and standards of Taekwon-Do in the world. He cared about transparency and procedures following criteria in all areas of the ITF from the financial side to educational and organizational ones. He believed that teamwork is a key to success and that everyone can find a place for themselves in the ITF. Only when working in harmony would the ITF become a trustworthy successor of the legacy of General Choi Hong Hi, which would pass to the next generation of students.

He took on the difficult art of teaching Taekwon-Do students the philosophy of „DO”. Its explanation and popularization was one of the main directions of his input in enriching Taekwon-do.

He was a very optimistic person regardless of any problems. He was very friendly and incredibly creative. He was full of great ideas, from Taekwon-do demonstration groups to very serious organizational and financial projects. He was a great problem solver, great listener. He never complained. Despite his high position in the organization, he was very humble and open. He was a visionary who saw our organization from a wide, long term perspective. He understood the meaning of the word „responsibility” and the fact that all decisions made today will have effects in the future. He was a very unique person.

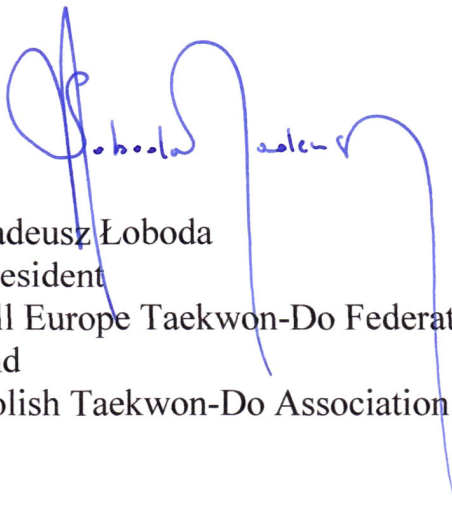
His paragraphs published at the official ITF website under „President’s Message” are timeless and have universal values.

He was very proud of his family that supported him and made him very happy.

The days of waiting for information from Haiti were full of sadness and hope for his safe return. Words cannot express how sorry we are, how big a loss this is for his family, friends, organization. His achievements and his vision will be remembered forever. We will make every effort to continue the work of General Choi Hong Hi as he did.

Dear Mrs Nguyen, family, friends, please accept sincere condolences on behalf of all members of the All Europe Taekwon-Do Federation, Polish Taekwon-do Association and myself.

Thank you,



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President
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