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THE WORLD KIDO FEDERATION & HAN MIN JOK HAPKIDO ASSOCIATION 2011 MEMBER SUMMIT SPECIAL GUEST CHAIRMAN GRANDMASTER IN SUN SEO

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July 16-17, 2011 Korean Martial Arts International Championships & Masters Demonstration with Hapkido Seminar featuring Masters Scott and Steve Seo Forney Sports Center - Forney, Texas	Master John Murphy moosulkwan@hotmail.com
October 7-9, 2011 World Kido Federation Referee and Instructors Training and Seminar with Master Steve Seo Decatur, Georgia	Master James Allison kwangnim@windstream.net
October 15-16, 2011 2-Day Intensive Hapkido Seminar with Master Steve Seo Gramado, Brazil	Master Alexandre Gomes umyangkwan@gmail.com

I arrived in San Jose, California on Friday, March 18, 2011 to attend the World Kido Federation/Han Min Jok Hapkido Association International Summit. The event was hosted by the organization, the Seo family and several selected members of the association with the special guest being Chairman Grandmaster In Sun Seo. I was joined by six of my own students with my goal being to educate the practitioners in subjects that only this organization of such great magnitude and Chairman Grandmaster In Sun Seo could possibly demonstrate in only a weekend's worth of time. To know that you, as a Korean martial artist, are sharing this event with people who live and breathe this study is amazing, to say the least. Participants came from ten different countries and seventeen U.S. states.

As I left the hotel room along with one of my students, Kyosa Dr. Steve Matthewson, the feeling came to me that Grandmaster In Sun Seo was in the building. I told my student the importance of letting me know as soon as he made eye contact with the Grandmaster so that I could demonstrate a formal bow with great respect. As the elevator arrived at the lobby and the door opened, my student began to stutter and try his best to explain to me what was happening, but before any sensible words came out of his mouth I heard, "Robert Kwang Jang," which was then followed by two hands on my right hand and a hug. It was apparent that Chairman Grandmaster In Sun Seo was greeting me. At that moment, two things came to be. First was the fact that I mean something to a man of such a high level of notoriety in the world of Korean martial arts and second was that even with such a superior level of rank and leadership, this Grandmaster respects us as well. The encounter was the greatest way the Summit could have begun.

Standing in the large conference room where this event was held were over 180 participants with over 150 of those in uniform ready to train. Over ten of those martial artists held the title of Grandmaster, including John Pellegrini, Rudy Timmerman, Serge Baubil, Ian Cyrus, Kami Moghaddam, James McMurray, Billy Burchett, Mounir Ghrawi, Rony Dassen, Michael De Alba and Darius Ghaffari. I have been to many places in the world to attend seminars, but I have never been to one with so many Grandmasters who have come together in uniform, ready to train with their fellow moosa.

Chairman Grandmaster In Sun Seo made the goals and objectives of this event clear after his opening speech. It was a combination of the practitioners recognizing the celebration of the Korean martial arts training, camaraderie, friendship, and, of course, the collaboration that the Chairman wanted all to

see. The beginning of the Summit started with a DVD that showed several decades of training, teaching, and demonstrating that Chairman Grandmaster In Sun Seo had accomplished. All who viewed the footage applauded with respect and appreciation. The rest of the day consisted of training in a wide range of techniques. During the teaching and sharing of knowledge, Chairman Grandmaster In Sun Seo would share his philosophies and principles of his practice. The Chairman Grandmaster shared to all, the critical importance of training each and every day. Twice, as I understand, he dropped down into a full split during the event! For some, that is not a big deal, but for someone who is 70 years of age it is quite impressive.

Friday night of the event consisted of a casual meet and greet gathering. However, on Saturday evening, a formal dinner for all of the attendees was scheduled. The food for this event was top notch and during the dinner numerous Grandmasters, Chief Masters, and Masters spoke to the participants sharing stories and appreciations to all for what the World Kido Federation/Han Min Jok Hapkido Association has and will do for the future of Korean martial arts. In conjunction, the organization gave gifts to all of the individuals who have helped in supporting this great event. The following day contained several more hours of training. I found it so amazing to feel and observe how Chairman Grandmaster In Sun Seo would move when demonstrating the principles. The speed was astounding and so was the lowness to the ground. It was almost like watching a living, breathing whip coming alive. His movements seemed to never end, with each action showing red energy coming from his body.

On the second day of training, Chairman Grandmaster In Sun Seo took all the seventh, eighth and ninth-dan black belts to a separate room to practice more advanced techniques only suitable for those levels. He also spent quality time with many of the Grandmasters in a one-on-one conversation regarding growth and mutual support. At this event, a total of 14 martial arts practitioners had been promoted to a rank of fifth-dan or above. It was clear that this inaugural event brought together some of the finest Korean martial arts practitioners from all over the world.

The latter part of the second day was set aside for certificates to be issued. Having known that my name was one that was going to be called, I tuned in with my ears to listen clearly. When I heard my name, I quickly responded with a, "Yes Sir," and, with the assistance of Master Thomas Gordon, quickly



moved to the front of the room, dropped down on my knees and gave the formal bow I had previously planned to give Chairman Grandmaster In Sun Seo. To my surprise, an official letter was read aloud to all who stood in that room. The formal letter was on official letterhead of the World Kido Federation/Han Min Jok Hapkido Association, written and signed by the Chairman Grandmaster In Sun Seo giving recognition and true support to my Super Summer International Korean Martial Arts Seminar that is scheduled for August of this year. All previous advertising for this event does not come close to what it is to have a Flowering Warrior, such as Chairman Grandmaster In Sun Seo, sharing his support. I was honored and so greatly appreciative.

Standing there, listening with my fellow Korean martial art practitioners, it became evident once again that this organization, the Seo family, and Chairman Grandmaster In Sun Seo's goals were for us to take away more than anything else, a genuine feeling of support. To compliment his teaching, Chairman Grandmaster In Sun Seo devoted time to having photos taken with the participants and autographing books and magazine covers. His happiness and ability to share such a strong positive spirit was a beautiful thing to witness and feel. It was also clear that the Seo family lives true and from the heart in their relationships and caring for their fellow moosa.

Following the closing ceremony of this Summit, the added touch from this special leader was shown once again. Chairman Grandmaster In Sun Seo went to each participant and each person in the audience to shake his or her hand, bow, and give a hug from his heart. Even more amazing was, that just like before when I didn't see it coming, I received the same unexpected hug. And, for me, that was the greatest ending that this Summit could have had! I've written articles for some of the most well respected Korean martial artists in the world, but it is pleasing and a great honor to write one for this event. **TKD**

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