

## ITF President Choi Jung-Hwa and KTA President Yang Jin-Bang are in the first “official meeting”.

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*ITF President Choi Jung-Hwa (left) and KTA President Yang Jin-Bang speak cheerfully at the Hoban Gymnasium in Chuncheon, Gangwon-Do, on August 11.*

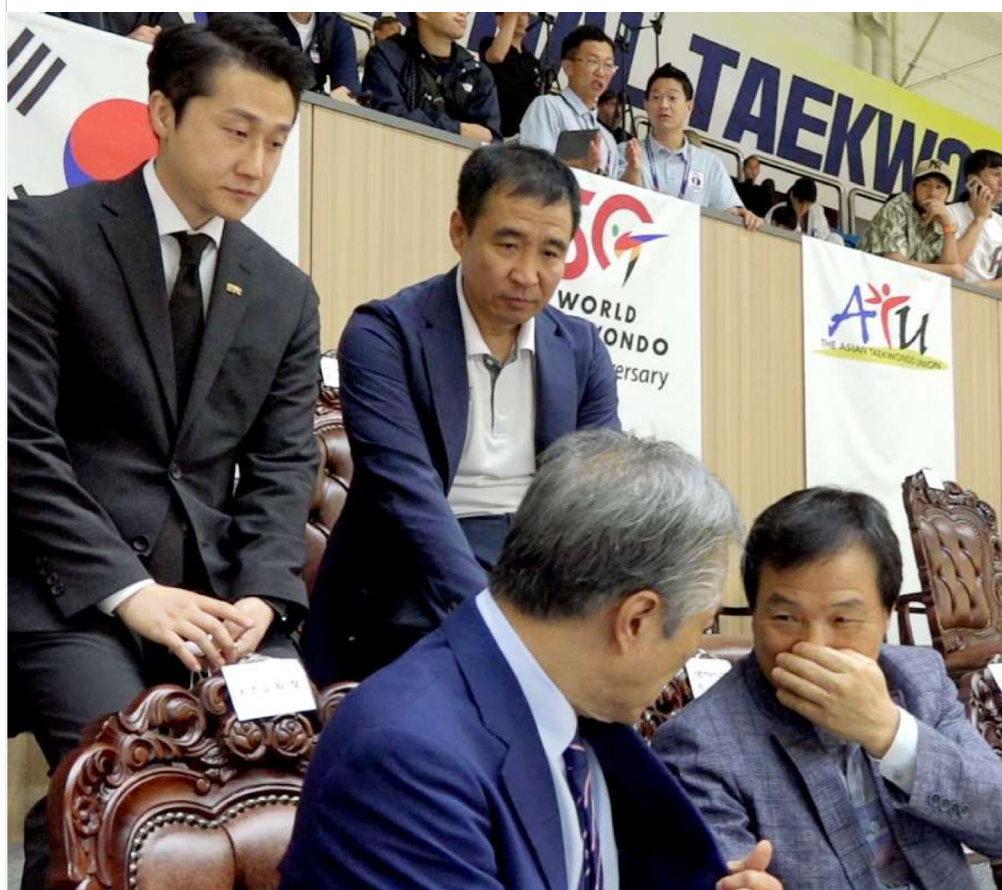
- There will be a turning point in the trend of accepting only the North Korean-led ITF as an exchange partner for the Taekwon-Do
- The KTA promises the participation of its exhibition team at the ITF World Games to be held in September in Seoul.

A “historical reunion” in the modern history of Taekwon-Do took place on August 11 in Chuncheon, Gangwon-Do

At 11 am, the president of the International Taekwondo Federation (ITF), Choi Jung-Hwa, visited the Hoban gym, where the International Open Taekwon-do Tournament was held in Korea, for the official invitation of the president of the Korean Taekwon-Do Association (KTA).

Meanwhile, the KTA and the World Taekwon-Do Federation (WT) have had Taekwon-Do meetings with the ITF (President Ri Yong-Seon), this federation is led by North Korea, and the meetings were held in terms of inter-Korean relations and global sports trends. The significance of these meetings is of great importance.

ITF-Korea Secretary General Yoo Seung-Hee and KTA Director Eom Jae-Young played a leading role in bringing President Choi and President Yang together. ITF-Korea notified KTA of all information in advance to advance the formal meeting between the two chairpersons, and KTA, for its part, held an executive meeting, deliberating all the details to reach an agreement.



*ITF-Korea President Yoo Seung-Hee (left) and KTA President Eom Jae-Young are listening to the historic conversation between President Choi Jung-Hwa and President Jin-Bang.*

During the event, President Choi and President Yang spoke about the WT trend and the current state of the ITF and observed the performance of the KTA exhibit team at the Hoban gym.

President Yang plans to send a KTA exhibition team for the opening ceremony of the ITF 2023 World Games, which will take place on September 8 at Olympic Handball Stadium Olympic Park Seoul. Regarding this, President Yang said: “On the day of the opening ceremony, the Secretary-General and I will take a business trip abroad.”

President Choi and President Yang do not end this meeting as the only event that will have them together but plan to meet again to build a cooperative relationship in the future.

Meanwhile, there are about 10 ITF gyms and professional clubs working in Korea under the ITF-Korea umbrella located in the country disseminating the Taekwon-Do ITF.