

2019 Chungju World Martial Arts Masterships will be held in Chungju city, Chungcheongbuk-do province for eight days from 30 August to 6 September 2019. Around 4,000 athletes and officials from about 100 countries will take part in 20 martial arts, including Taekwondo, Judo, Sambo, Muaythai, Jujitsu, etc.

In both East and West, martial arts have protected the peace and unity of a country from early human history as a form of a spiritual culture. For generations, traditional martial arts have developed into various forms.

Chungcheongbuk-do province is considered as the center of world martial arts, being the birthplace of Taekkyeon. The Korean traditional martial arts have been registered as the UNESCO's Intangible Cultural Heritage and the National Intangible Cultural Heritage. Various international martial arts organizations are located in Chungcheongbuk-do province such as World Martial Arts Union (WoMAU), International Centre of Martial Arts for Youth Development and Engagement under the auspices of UNESCO (ICM) and World Martial Arts Committee (WMC).

2019 Chungju World Martial Arts Masterships is a comprehensive international martial arts competition that aims to promote the traditional martial arts value across the world and to contribute to world peace through martial arts. Chungcheongbuk-do province is also aiming to preserve and develop traditional martial arts through the Masterships, taking a potential role as that of the modern Olympics in the martial arts field.

The 1st World Martial Arts Masterships was held in Cheongju City in 2016 while Chungju city will host the 2nd edition this year. The Masterships was approved by the Korean central government as an international sport event in November 2017 and earned the patronage from Ministry of Culture, Sports and Tourism, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the Korean Sports & Olympic Committee and the Korean Sports Promotion Foundation. Global Association of International Sports Federations (GAISF), which has similar status and reputation in the international sports field to that of the IOC's, has granted its patronage to the Masterships in March 2019.

GAISF granting their patronage signifies that the international sports and martial arts fields are recognizing the Masterships' attempt and effort to contribute to world peace through disseminating traditional martial arts. It also means that the Masterships is equipped with competition operations that satisfies the international level and is ready to receive an increased attention and participation from International Federations (IFs).

Furthermore, the 8th Secretary General of United Nations Mr. Ki Moon Ban taking the position of Honorary President and the President of World Taekwondo Mr. Chung-won Choue being the President of the Masterships have raised the status of the Masterships in the international level. An increased participation of the international sports and martial arts leaders are also expected.

An official invitation to the Masterships has been sent to:

- Presidents of Mongolia, Indonesia, Thailand and Vietnam;
- Sports Ministers of the Russian Federation, Republic of China, Japan;
- Presidents of international organizations such as the IOC, Association of National Olympic Committee (ANOC), Olympic Council of Asia (OCA), GAISF, IFs and Asian Federations; and
- Martial arts celebrities and movie stars including Jackie Chan, Steven Seagal, Sylvester Stallone, Manny Pacquiao, etc.

Following figures have confirmed their attendance to the Masterships:

- 8 IOC members including the Vice President Yu Zaiqing;
- OCA Vice President Syed Arif Hassan; and
- GAISF Vice President Stephan Fox.

Athletes from all over the world will participate in fair competition at the Masterships while martial arts-themed various cultural activities will also be prepared for global participants.

Cultural events to be hosted include the world's first international martial arts film festival where famous martial arts actors will hold demonstration and fan meeting events, Chungju World Martial Arts Festival, Virtual Reality experience, martial arts experiences and making martial arts tools.

In addition, there will be martial arts industry exhibition and each competition venues will hold a range of fun booths including quizzes and sweepstakes.

Furthermore, the World Martial Arts Committee Conventions (Congress, World Martial Art Leaderships Forum and an International Conference) plans to hold during the Masterships period where martial arts scholars and leaders will discuss the martial arts values and its possibilities of development.

The 2019 Chungju World Martial Arts Masterships Organizing Committee is in active consultation with each IF to invite best athletes to live up to the level of a global sports competition. The Organizing Committee is doing its best to greet the athletes and officials in Chungju City by arranging every detail in accommodation, venues, transportation, volunteer recruitment and food and beverage services including halal food.

2019 Chungju World Martial Arts Masterships will promote a successful "development –oriented standard model in which martial arts becomes a culture and the culture becomes an industry" to the world and present its uniqueness and originality as one of the world's best martial arts competitions.



Appendix.

1. 2019 Chungju World Martial Arts Masterships

1.1 Masterships Overview

Date: Aug. 30 - Sep. 6 2019 (8 days)

Venue: Chungju city, Chungcheongbuk-do province, Republic of Korea

Disciplines: 20 martial arts

Participation: 4000 athletes and officials from about 100 countries

Hosts: World Martial Arts Masterships Committee, Chungcheongbuk-do province and Chungju city

Managed by: 2019 Chungju World Martial Arts Masterships Organizing Committee

Patronage by: GAISF, Ministry of Culture, Sports and Tourism, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Korean Sports & Olympic Committee, Korean Sports Promotion Foundation, Korea Tourism Organization, Korean National Commission for UNESCO

1.2 Disciplines: 20 Martial Arts

Taekwondo



Judo



Belt Wrestling



Muaythai



Wushu



Ju-Jitsu



Sambo



Savate



Aikido



Kabaddi



Pencak-Silat



Kurash



Yongmudo



Korean Hapkido



Tongilmoodo



Taekkyeon



Ssireum



Horseback
Archery





Martial Arts
Show



Martial Arts
Record Contest



1.3 Ideology

	Symbols
<p>Emblem</p>	<div style="display: flex; align-items: center;">  <div> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Image of sparring athletes ◦ Mobius strip that symbolizes infinity ◦ English initial C from Chungju city and Chungcheongbuk-do province ◦ 6 colors with 6 continents, Yin-Yang & five elements of the universe themed color and harmony ◦ The martial arts that remain in the tradition and the world symbolize the field of peace and unity </div> </div>
<p>Mascot</p>	<div style="display: flex; align-items: center;">  <div> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ A pair of lovebirds symbolizing Chungju city ◦ Traditional martial arts with Taekkyeon costume and a friendly martial arts masterships image ◦ Pleasant expressions and welcoming poses represent the festival of the world martial artists held in Chungju city </div> </div>
<p>Slogan</p>	<div style="text-align: center; margin-bottom: 20px;"> <h2 style="color: #0056b3;">시대를 넘어, 세계를 잇다</h2> <h3 style="color: #0070c0;">Beyond the Times, Bridge the World</h3> </div> <p>Pass down the values of traditional martial arts to the next generations and widely practiced in the world to contribute to the peace and harmony that unites the world</p>