



Wife of International Taekwon-Do Federation Founder Presented with Rare Copy of the Original Taekwon-do Book Written by the Late General Choi Hong Hi

Saint Petersburg, Russia - During the 16th World Championships of Taekwon-Do held in St. Petersburg Russia from October 14-18, 2009, Mrs. Choi Chun Hi was presented with a copy of the first book ever written on Taekwon-Do. It was authored by her husband Gen. Choi Hong Hi in 1959. This book is indeed very rare and Mrs. Choi had not seen it for some time, as much had been lost or misplaced due to the upheaval of moving the family several times. The book also contains a rare photo of Gen. Choi in military uniform with 2 stars as a major general. She commented how young he was and how grateful she was to receive it. The book was presented to Mrs. Choi by [Master George Vitale](#) of New York. The book was preserved by Master Nathan Doggett, a Kukki Taekwondo black belt instructor from Michigan in the USA. Master Doggett saw fit to make an agreement to transfer the original to Grandmaster Jung Woo Jin of Taekwondo Times, a special assistant to the ITF president. This will help to insure the safekeeping so that future generations of Taekwon-Do students can forever appreciate this work.



Mrs. Choi Chun Hi is flanked by Mr. Eum Joon Shik a long time personal assistant to General Choi Hong Hi and Master George Vitale.

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Master George Vitale presents copy of original book written by Choi Hong Hi to his wife Mrs. Choi Chun Hi. Persons observing were Master Pak Chol Min 8th of North Korea (center) and Mr. Eun Joon Shik and his wife Mrs. Eum at right from Canada. Photos Master George Vitale

Much of the credit for the culmination of the historic presentation goes to Master Al Cole a member of the Kukkiwon International Advisory Committee. [Master Al Cole](#) who introduced [Master Nathan Doggett](#) to Master George Vitale is also a Senior Technical Advisor to the Tae Kwon Do Hall of Fame ®

While at the championships Mrs. Choi Chun Hi also accepted the Taekwondo Hall of Fame induction certificate and plaque honoring her late husband General Choi Hong Hi. Gen. Choi was posthumously inducted into the [Tae Kwon Do Hall of Fame ®](#) at a ceremony held April 10, 2009 in New Jersey USA. Mrs. Choi was most thankful for the honor.