



## Mrs. Choi Chun Hi Receives Taekwondo Hall of Fame ® Induction Certificate and Plaque honoring the Late General Choi Hong Hi Founder of the International Taekwon-Do Federation

**Saint Petersburg, Russia** - During the 16<sup>th</sup> World Championships of Taekwon-Do held in St. Petersburg Russia from October 14-18, 2009, Mrs. Choi Chun Hi wife of the late General Choi Hong Hi accepted the Taekwondo Hall of Fame induction certificate and plaque honoring her late husband Gen. 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. Master George Vitale of New York made the presentation with the assistance of Mr. Eum Joon Shik of Canada a long time personal assistant to Gen. Choi. Mrs. Choi was most thankful for the honor.

While at the event Mrs. Choi Chun Hi was also 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 on 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.

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 ®

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. Chun Hong Hi flanked by Mr. Eum Joon Shik of Canada a long time personal assistant to General Choi and Master George Vitale of New York.. The presentaion was made during the XVI World Taekwon-Do Championships held in Saint Petersburg, Russia. Photos Master George Vitale**