

International Hapkido Summit

Proves to be a Huge Success in New Jersey

The recent and annual “International Hapkido Summit”, hosted by Grandmasters Ken MacKenzie, Scott Yates, and John Godwin was held at ‘MacKenzie’s Martial Arts’ dojang in Voorhees, New Jersey, USA. MacKenzie’s dojang serves as the world-headquarters for Hapkido-Founder “DoJuNim” Ji, Han Jae, as well as the World SinMoo Hapkido Federation. Over one hundred (100) participating instructors, with thirty-one (31) of them being masters and grandmasters participated on the mat. There was a strong feeling of brotherhood at the event, which had participants from the USA, Korea, Canada, Honduras, Chile, Trinidad, Mexico, Switzerland, Germany, Ireland, France, Spain, Austria, Norway, Iran, Uzbekistan, and Australia. The Keynote presenter was Hapkido-Founder “DoJuNim” Ji, Han Jae himself, assisted by GM’s MacKenzie, Yates and Godwin. DoJuNim Ji, Han Jae considers MacKenzie to be his ‘American Son’. The semi-formal banquet was well attended, and offered a feast of traditional Korean cuisine. Fourteen grandmasters presented high-level seminar sessions at the event. A notable highlight was the elevation of GM Geoff Booth (Australia) and GM In, Wan Kim (USA / South Korea) to **“Golden Belt”**...joining the ranks of Senior-Grandmasters / Golden Belts SGM Ken MacKenzie (USA, WSMHFed., President), SGM Juerg Ziegler (Switzerland), SGM Merrill Jung (USA / Hong Kong), and SGM Masson Ghorbani (Ireland / Iran). Grandmasters Perry Zmugg (Austria) and Chris Garland (USA) were elevated to ninth dahn, while Dr. Mark Fabi achieved eighth dahn. Seventeen additional Blackbelt certifications were presented to those who had successfully completed the rigorous 10-hour WSMHFed. testing with GM Scott Yates a week prior. DoJuNim Ji, Han Jae presented beautiful gold-trimmed dobalks (*uniforms like the one worn by DoJuNim Ji, Han Jae in Bruce Lee’s “Game of Death” movie*), SinMoo headbands, special medallions, and new title-certificates to all masters and grandmasters. For more information on DoJuNim’s official membership organization, please see: www.WorldSinMooHapkidoFederation.com . Note: Hapkido-Founder “DoJuNim” Ji, Han Jae and Grandmaster Ken MacKenzie were featured on the cover of the recent November issue of TaeKwon-Do Times magazine.