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## Kwan Jang Nim



I am very fortunate to have spent the last 9 days with the Kwan Jang Nim.

During that time he never stopped preaching to visiting instructors, and he never stopped wishing for the well-being of the Moo Duk Kwan, its members, and their families.

July 14, 2002 at 7:05 pm, Korean time, he rested peacefully. His eyes were closed and he looked very serene. I am very grateful to have been able to stay next to him during his passing.

**"SCHOLARSHIP STARTS WITH STUDY AND ENDS IN THEORY, AND MOO DO STARTS WITH ACTION AND ENDS IN THEORY"**

His actions, which have been demonstrated in his Moo Do life, have become the Moo Do theory that is practiced by thousands of Moo Duk Kwan members. Thank you, Kwan Jang Nim, for the great gift for us.

My family received the hundreds of kind and thoughtful condolences from everyone. I join you in your thoughts of "although his physical being will no longer be with us, his teaching and philosophy will be alive and embraced in all of our thoughts and actions generation after generation."

Thank you Kwan Jang Nim. Your Moo Do habits and living spirit will always be with us.

We will miss you greatly, sir .....

Respectfully,

HC Hwang  
Your Son and Student

# President's Address

Dear Members,

On behalf of the Moo Duk Kwan and my family, I would like to take this opportunity to express our sincere gratitude for your thoughtfulness and support during our difficult time.

I am very thankful and honored to be accepted by you as your new Kwan Jang Nim in that role for the Moo Duk Kwan.

As you all expressed to me, our founder Hwang Kee Kwan Jang Nim's teaching will live and continue to be practiced in all our actions and will be passed on to our students.

Hwang Kee Kwan Jang Nim has taught Soo Bahk Do Moo Duk Kwan as a Moo Do system. Moo Do brought us together. We are a Moo Do organization. When Moo Do is strong, our gathering will be strong.

During my presidency, it is the highest responsibility for me to uphold the Moo Do standards of our organization and ensure its application in all our practices. Please join me in carrying on this important mission.

I am looking forward to your continual support and guidance in the future.

The Technical Advisory Committee met with me on August 4, 2002 at 9:00 AM at the Sheraton Meadowlands Hotel in New Jersey. During that


meeting, Ted Mason Sa Bom Nim was appointed as the Chairperson of the Technical Advisory Committee for a three-year term in order to fill the vacant position resulting from recent changes.

In the meantime, the TAC and the Board will look closely into the revisions of the Charter and By-laws that will best serve the current and future needs of the Federation.

Please note that all technical and administrative procedures will be the same as you have previously been instructed until further specific notice is sent to you from the Federation.

I am looking forward to carrying on Hwang Kee Kwan Jang Nim's mission with you.

Yours in Moo Duk Kwan,



H.C. Hwang, President  
U.S. Soo Bahk Do Moo Duk Kwan Federation



## A Letter From the TAC Chairman

Dear Members,

I hope this letter finds you in the best of health and spirits.

We are all saddened by the loss of the founder of our Art, Kwan Jang Nim Hwang Kee. Our future is bright because of the ideals that he has taught us through the years.

As the newly appointed T.A.C. Chairman, I would like to pledge my support of our new President, Kwan Jang Nim H.C. Hwang.

With the new administration there will be some changes in our procedures. The renewal process for Kyo Sa and Sa Bom Certification will be discontinued. The original purpose of that

program was to ensure the highest quality of instruction through the continuing education of Kyo Sas and Sa Boms. Other TAC programs have since been created that now give instructors the opportunity to develop their skills. All other procedures and programs will continue as before until further notice. Thank you.

Yours in Moo Duk Kwan,

Ted Mason, Chairman  
Technical Advisory Committee

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## From the Chairman



Dear Members:

Kwan Jang Nim Hwang Kee passed away on July 14, 2002 at 7:05 pm, Korean time. This is a sad and significant time for all members of the Moo Duk Kwan family. It is an occasion to reflect upon the impact that one person can have throughout the world. Hwang Kee Kwan Jang Nim's vision, Mission 2000, has touched all corners of the globe. The Kwan Jang Nim affected each of us directly and his legacy and teachings endure. This is a time to reflect upon his life and how his experiences influenced his scholarship and teaching. As long as the Moo Duk Kwan family continues to live and teach Soo Bahk Do and Mission 2000, the Founder lives on. Hwang Kee Kwan Jang Nim is not gone; he lives on in every Soo Bahk Do Moo Duk Kwan practitioner.

On Thursday, August 1, 2002, in accordance with the Charter of the United States Soo Bahk Do Moo Duk Kwan Federation, Inc., Walsh Sa Bom Nim, representing the Technical Advisory Committee, H.C. Hwang Sa Bom Nim, and I, representing the Board of Directors, went to the First Union Bank where our Founder had placed in a safe deposit box a document naming his successor. Walsh Sa Bom Nim and I were privileged to witness the opening and reading of the document naming Hwang Sa Bom Nim as Hwang Kee Kwan Jang Nim's successor. This was immediately communicated to both the TAC and the Board. During the National Championships, the TAC representative, Chung Sa Bom Nim, read a statement from the Korean Soo Bahk Do Association, Moo Duk Kwan, confirming H.C. Hwang Sa Bom Nim as the Kwan Jang Nim's successor in that organization. On behalf of the United States organization, I confirmed his succession as well.

This orderly succession reflects on our Founder's legacy. As many of you are aware, upon the death of a founder, many martial arts organizations dissolve as no method of recognized and orderly succession has been put in place. The method chosen by Hwang Kee Kwan Jang Nim provides a legitimate successor appointed by the Founder in his own handwriting and confirmed by our Charter. This allows the strong continuation as a Moo Do organization and allows all practitioners to continue what the Founder began.

The continuation of the Moo Duk Kwan necessarily requires Board support of the T.A.C. via active Board Director participation. I have heard the question raised on a number of occasions: What does the Board do? Most recently, the Board has voted to put the Board Director attendance and also the approved minutes of each Board meeting online at the U.S. Federation website. This will help all members to evaluate their representatives' commitments and the effectiveness of their representation of their regions and to see more clearly what the Board actually does during the course of the year.

All members in attendance at the National Championships demonstrated action philosophy by their presence at this historically significant event and I look forward to seeing all of you next year at the 2003 National Championships, July 25-27, at the Sheraton Meadowlands Hotel in New Jersey.

Yours in Moo Duk Kwan,  
Lee Schumacher - Chairman, Board of Directors  
U.S. Soo Bahk Do Moo Duk Kwan Federation

# Historic Document Names Soo Bahk Do Moo Duk Kwan Successor

Article V of the U.S. Soo Bahk Do Moo Duk Kwan Federation Charter & By-laws contains information regarding the officers of the U.S. Federation. Section 1 of Article V names Grandmaster Hwang Kee as life-President of the U.S. Federation.

Article V, Section 2 of the charter states "only one successor shall serve at a time and shall serve in accordance with the Charter and By-laws. The Grandmaster shall name his successor and has done so in a sealed document entrusted to the Board of Directors."

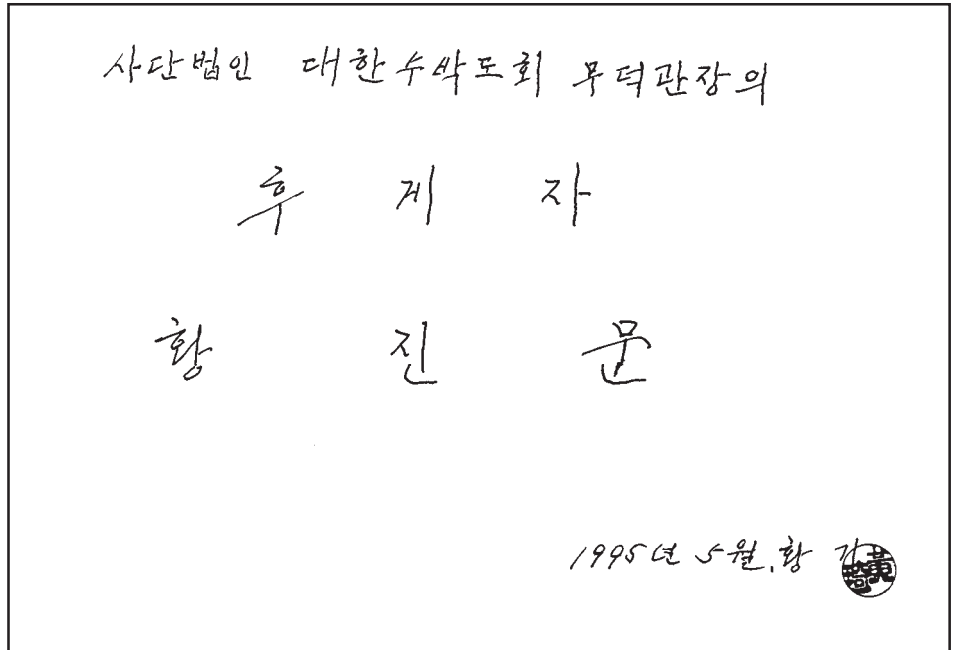
This historic document, written in Korean hangul by Kwan Jang Nim Hwang Kee, is shown at right.

The memo reads across the first line "Legally/Officially Korean Soo Bahk Do Association Moo Duk Kwan," the word "successor" on the second line, and the name "Hwang Jin Mun" \* directly under that. In the bottom right corner is the date and Grandmaster Hwang Kee's name and seal.

On Saturday, August 3rd, as we stood gathered at the National Championships, listening to Sa Bom Nim Chung as he spoke, we knew we were witnessing an emotional and historic moment in our Moo Duk Kwan history.

Although our hearts felt the loss of Kwan Jang Nim Hwang Kee, the founder of our art, we were consoled by the precise way in which he provided for us and we were reassured and grateful that Sa Bom Nim Hwang was there to lead us and encourage us to "continue to keep Grandmaster's teachings alive and make our art a leading art."

As our new President, Kwan Jang Nim H.C. Hwang invited us to uphold the Grandmaster's "habit and embrace his philosophy in our actions and thoughts." He reminded us of some of the many characteristics that were created by the Grandmaster for Soo Bahk Do Moo Duk Kwan: our connection to scholarly discipline, the use of the huri, the dan bon system, the do bak trim, etc. These gifts will forever



be a part of our unique and extraordinary heritage. As this historic document also becomes a part of our proud history, so does our pledge of support to continue to carry out the mission of our Founder, Kwan Jang Nim Hwang Kee.

\*Editor's note: "Jin Mun" is Sa Bom Nim H.C. Hwang's birth name.

# 2002 National Championships

## National Championships Journal

For all of our members who could not attend the Nationals this year, we will do our best to report on some of the activities of the event. Keep in mind that this brief and limited summary in words can never replace the thrill of being there and experiencing the action firsthand.

### *Integrity Through Integration*

The activity started for us on Thursday as we lined up for the first clinic. We were excited to be able to train under the Technical Advisory Committee Chairman, Sa Bom Nim H.C. Hwang, and also to receive instruction from two other TAC Members, Sa Bom Nim Ted Mason of the Nae Gung Bu and Sa Bom Nim Jeff Moonitz of the Shim Gung Bu. For me, training under the seniors with other practitioners who have traveled from all over the country is one of the best parts of our Moo Duk Kwan gatherings.

It is said that you get out of things what you put into them, and I've learned that extending myself by attending camps and clinics has helped me improve my technique, and participating in these seminars has added a critical dimension to my knowledge and experience. I am reminded again of this quote from Kwan Jang Nim Hwang Kee: "scholarship starts with study and ends in theory, and Moo Do starts with action and ends in theory." Could this be what he meant—that reading or hearing about things is only part of the lesson—that only being there and actually putting the lesson into practice completes it?

After a moment of silence to honor the memory of Kwan Jang Nim Hwang Kee, to appreciate all we have received through his sacrifices and to realize that all of us were there because of him, we began our lesson. Sa Bom Nim

Hwang explained the theme to us so we could focus our minds during the session. He connected the "oneness through action philosophy" theme of the National Championships to the application of our physical performances by directing us to maintain the oneness and integration of our Shim Gung, Nae Gung, and Weh Gung energies throughout our techniques, from the beginning to the completion, with a special

both children obtained the short lived "pleasure" of eating the cookie, only the first child experienced the positive effects of the more profound and lasting good feeling of pride and happiness that good actions give us. How we get there is as important as where we end up. How we achieve is as important as what we achieve. When we achieve harmony of our mind and body, thought and action, through the proper process,



*Students practicing the proper Moo Do process in defensive hip motion.*

emphasis on the intermediate movements.

To help us understand the importance of the concept and its relation to our guiding Moo Do principles, Sa Bom Nim Hwang shared an analogy about two children, each eating a cookie. Although both children look the same, one child earned the cookie by practicing Soo Bahk Do, doing homework, and helping with chores while the other child stole the cookie from a younger sibling. Both children had the same thought of eating a cookie and both ended up with a cookie, but because their methods differed, the result was not the same. Although

we feel good about ourselves and that good feeling is conveyed to others.

After the explanation and demonstration, we were invited to practice the lesson through kicho repetition. Sa Bom Nim Hwang instructed us to maintain the harmony of our Shim Gung energy, the thought of our action from the mind to the dan jun, our Nae Gung energy (the thought moves from the mind and breath to the dan jun) and our Weh Gung energy (the thought moves from the mind to the huri with the body following). He encouraged us not to be

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# “Oneness In Our Action Philosophy”

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satisfied with a hadan mahki that looked OK at the end but had lost the proper connection on the way. No matter what we do, when we follow the correct process from the beginning through the middle to the end, we will maintain the integrity of all our thoughts and actions, and we feel good at the finish.

The last portion of this first clinic was devoted to applying the integration concept to hyung practice. The challenge here was to keep our energy flowing freely so our hyung could be performed as a whole rather than as a series of separate moves without any connection to each other.

We were able to continue practicing with the flow of energy during Sa Bom Nim Moonitz's clinic. In his portion of the seminar we had the opportunity to add the energy of our natural surroundings into our training. We worked on the transfer of energy, giving and receiving, in 4 of the Pal Gue (8 directions). We used the Po Wahl Seh to receive and the Do

Mahl Sik to give. I couldn't wait to try it outside!

We finished the seminar with a very interesting class given by Sa Bom Nim Mason. We listened closely as he explained the theory, history, and reasons behind some of the ceremonies (such as bowing), postures, and traditions we display and the words we use. Do you know where the word “kowtow” came from? What about the “secret handshake”?

It was during this portion that we learned about the Jae Bae, 2<sup>1/2</sup> bows. This is a custom practiced by Koreans when a family member passes away. We were invited to join Sa Bom Nim Hwang on Saturday when he was to perform this ritual in honor of Kwan Jang Nim Hwang Kee.

The end of the seminar came too quickly for us. We would have liked to have kept training, but we had jobs to do and meetings to attend. The National Tournament was only a few hours away!

The excitement continued to build on Friday and Saturday as

hundreds of dan and gup practitioners of all ages arrived from near and far. One memorable event after another unfolded as the weekend progressed. As always, the great spirit of our Founder was felt continuously throughout the entire championship. As we approached the ballroom, we saw a table that was heavily laden with hundreds of black ribbons. Throughout the weekend each one of us wore a ribbon beneath our Federation patch as a symbol of our mourning the recent loss of Kwan Jang Nim Hwang Kee.

Friday's schedule began with a slide presentation put together by Sa Bom Nim Segarra. The show consisted of numerous pictures of Kwan Jang Nim Hwang Kee set to the song “The Impossible Dream.” After this touching show we moved on with Ko Dan Ja hyungs and ja yu dae ryun performances and continued with team events. One of this year's team highlights was the addition of the new junior dan team hyung division. It was



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so gratifying to watch the young dans perform and to witness their pride and confidence. Next year there will be even more to enjoy with the senior dan form teams. Anyone who holds a dan rank knows how quickly 12 months can pass, so start practicing now!

The rest of Friday afternoon was filled with dan hyung and sparring competition. After the closing ceremony everyone hurried to prepare for dinner and to meet with friends. The evening's official events ended with a "beach party."

On Saturday, more members and their families arrived for the last day's events and the gup competition. The final day of any of our national tournaments is always exciting and memorable, but this year it was truly unforgettable. We listened as our Federation seniors and leaders shared thoughts about Kwan Jang Nim Hwang Kee and we reflected on our own thoughts as we quietly watched the slide presentation organized by Master Dean Boland and Master Emily Hsu. We nodded in understanding as Sa Bom Nim Jang read a letter from the Korean Soo Bahk Do Moo Duk Kwan members. The letter expressed both the sorrow we suffered at the loss of our Moo Duk Kwan founder and the resolve we felt to continue what he started. Our Korean Soo Bahk Do Moo Duk Kwan family asked that we "not forget July 14, 2002 as the day a star fell from the sky," but they also reminded us that we must "see the great future with one Soo Bahk Do through oneness of heart." We must "remember [Kwan Jang Nim Hwang Kee's] commitment to unify all Soo Bahk Do's brothers and sisters as one." "It is Kwan Jang Nim's philosophy that Soo Bahk Do be one family."

We were all gathered together as one family that morning and we joined Sa Bom Nim Hwang in the "Jae Bae," the two and 1/2 bow ceremony, to honor Kwan Jang Nim Hwang Kee and to offer our farewell. After this solemn ceremony we listened to the

important announcements regarding the future of the Moo Duk Kwan in this country and the rest of the world. It was at this time that Sa Bom Nim H.C. Hwang was publicly confirmed as Kwan Jang Nim Hwang Kee's successor. As our new leader, Kwan Jang Nim Hwang made his emotional and sincere opening remarks. As we were thinking about how grateful we were to him for his continued willingness to sacrifice and dedicate his life to guide us through the Moo Duk Kwan philosophy, he thanked us for our trust in him. It was from this point that we moved on with the planned events of the day and the rest of our future.

The studio teams and individual presentations were fabulous and the kyok pa exhibitions were awesome! The energy was high and it never let up throughout the entire gup competition. The camaraderie and technical execution of the junior members large and small, young and old was inspiring to see. After the competition was over and we finished the closing ceremony, we had the opportunity to have our pictures taken with Kwan Jang Nim Hwang. You should have seen the line! After the photos we said our goodbyes to those who were heading home, and traded our do baks for banquet clothes.

As we mentioned, this brief summary can never fully describe an event as full and complete as the national championships. We've left so much unsaid, so many stories untold. I urge all of our members to make whatever plans necessary to attend the national tournament in 2003. It will be held again at the Sheraton Meadowlands Hotel July 29<sup>th</sup> – August 4. It will be a special event next year, because it will be an international event with Soo Bahk Do practitioners coming from all over the world. Don't be satisfied just reading about it, be a part of it!

C. Minichino







# 108<sup>th</sup> Dan Classing -- Congratulations

## 108th Classing

### Pal Dan

10189 Vic Martinov Sa Bom Nim

### Sa Dan

28459 Jill Weber

### Sam Dan

21620 Gregory Schneider  
29763 Carl Stemm Kyo Sa  
32367 Gary Crimmins  
32612 Michael Chu  
33467 Justin Brown  
33561 Aaron Diaz  
33563 Matt Korhonen  
33902 Debra Estey  
33922 Jose Perez  
34089 Douglas Baganz  
34540 Robert Haines  
34550 Andra Bohnet  
34619 Shannon McCarthy  
35142 Thomas Brnich Kyo Sa  
35143 Debora Brnich Kyo Sa  
35145 Andy Perez  
35209 Elizabeth Frear Kyo Sa  
35224 Mary Williamson  
35292 Joshua Parsons  
35317 Jonathan Helwig

### Ee Dan

29867 Gordon Mays  
33483 Daniel Bertono  
35220 Gina Papabeis  
35821 Roberta Walker  
35945 Richard King II Kyo Sa  
36019 Nicholas Hilbourn  
36551 Jong Tae Lim  
36844 George Walker  
36884 Kyle Clark  
37033 Steven Healy  
37273 Patrick Keenan  
37274 Scott Gaines  
37278 Neil Cohn  
37305 Graham Elliott  
37333 Jason Duhamel  
37335 Tyler Bond  
37337 Gary Barrett  
37352 Ronald Strong Kyo Sa  
37452 Peter Fanelli  
37472 Thomas Elwood  
37791 Samuel Bocchicchio  
37795 Zachary Staller  
37797 Carolyn Ahern  
37803 Seth Thomas  
37809 Dwayne Townsend  
37811 Shane Roberts  
37823 Randy Pruett  
37864 Daniel Chu  
37865 James Portch Jr  
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37870 Joseph Lelesi  
37882 Ashish Bakshi  
37892 Jacob Gallice  
37897 Jason Chan  
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37940 Dale Melbie  
37972 Cynthia Speedy  
37977 Michael Holland  
37978 Kenneth Cook  
38327 Jennifer Lau  
38348 Hercules Walker  
38365 Krista Noonan  
38366 Shiela Kerr  
38368 Mark McPherson  
38388 Janelle Whyte  
38389 Jonathan Glück

38392 Victor Hurwitz  
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38455 Robert Ramon Jr  
38466 Michael McAllister  
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38473 Nicole Pitcaogae  
38475 Vincent Agresta  
38477 Joseph Migoley  
38478 Brian Lee  
38481 Tammy White Kyo Sa  
38486 Jesse Bassignani  
38491 Aimee Mellina  
38496 Chase Helwig  
38499 Chelsea Makara  
38517 Bonnie Brenner  
38524 Beatrice Harrison  
38529 Kenneth Canalli  
38531 Derrick Jones  
38534 Antonio Inacay  
38535 Everette Scott  
38558 Ashley A. Stewart

### Cho Dan

40037 Jack Phillips  
40501 Bobby Choon Wee  
40502 Christina Turek  
40503 Kelly Turek  
40504 Dana Ply  
40505 Ellen Reddick  
40506 Jai Chavous  
40507 Colleen Budge  
40508 Emily Hahn-Carlson  
40509 Alexander Peterson  
40510 Laura Hahn-Carlson  
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40512 Matthew Brown  
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40581 Tyson Gallas  
40582 Donald Wolf  
40583 Raeann Taylor  
40584 Jack Harris  
40585 Helen Bagnall  
40586 Steve Pritchett Jr  
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40708 Anthony Jones  
40709 Donald Bozzuffi  
40710 Michael Bozzuffi  
40711 Richard Grosso  
40712 Andrew Frazzini  
40713 Thomas Penaherrera  
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Congratulations to all the participants of the 108th Dan Classing Championships!  
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# The Connection Online

# Cyberdojang News

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To check your information in our database, go to <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/cyberdojang/database>. You are welcome to make corrections to your own record or email me and I will make the corrections for you.

Also, FYI, we have added bookmarks/links to the Cyberdojang web site on YahooGroups for all the known home pages of international Soo Bahk Do Moo Duk Kwan Federations. These include Argentina, Australia, Belgium, Greece, Malaysia, Mexico, Philippines, United Kingdom, and the United States.

Might come in handy if you're planning on any trips. It's also fun to visit these other countries' web sites and see how far-reaching Soo Bahk Do Moo Duk Kwan really is. Enjoy!

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## Editorial Notes

### *Correction*

We'd like to mention that Master Nance Boday, # 31100, received her Sa Dan in the 107th Dan Classing. Her name was omitted in the last issue.

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# In Honor of Kwan Jang Nim Hwang Kee



Jack Kerouac, the drifting weaver of beatnik prose, once uttered a fervent hope for the legacies of rare, inspired individuals who have moved beyond a temporal existence of muscle and bone. Kerouac hoped it was true that such people would “not only live in others, but give them life, and not only life but that great consciousness of life.”

Human history is peppered with appointments from blazing souls whose ideas, convictions and creativity have stretched imagination, challenged limitations and moved the masses towards heightened awareness. We feel the pulse of their energy humming in chords of universal truth and we smile at the parallel attitudes of great thinkers. One such man claimed, “We are at our best helping others and at our worst bettering them.” Another stated, “Only a life lived for others is a life worth living.” One of these men was Kwan Jang Nim Hwang Kee and the other Albert Einstein...

Ours is a philosophy that continually challenges us to reach towards deeper and higher levels of discovery. We take up the Grandmaster’s charge to exemplify courage, self-sacrifice and reverence for nature and we transform not only ourselves but the world around us...

During his commencement speech for the 12th annual National Championships Kwan Jang Nim declared, “We come together in this national event to share our brotherhood and sisterhood as martial artists and to promote world peace to people of every nation, race and sex.” Now more than ever we may find ourselves wondering if the prospect of world peace is really attainable. Now more than ever we find ourselves called upon to move to action with sureness and with hope. Grandmaster Hwang Kee embodied the latter virtue extolled by George Bernard Shaw when he declared, “Some men see things as they are and ask why. Others dream things that never were and ask why not.”

From one man sprang the seeds of a philosophy that stimulates an international family to embrace the virtues



of conscience, humility and honesty. There exists a certain resonance in the ideology of individuals like our Kwan Jang Nim that transcends the cessation of physical existence. We mourn deeply the loss of our cherished patriarch, but we also celebrate the birth of an art that now stretches into six continents, a multitude of cultures and a global community.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Kathryn Ward

*Editor’s note: The preceding edited passage was acquired from the cyberdojang. The complete article will be available in December on the Online Connection. See the article on preceding page for details.*

## *Tributes to Kwan Jang Nim Hwang Kee Requested*

The US Soo Bahk Do Moo Duk Kwan Federation is in the process of collecting testimonials to compile into a book to be placed by Grandmaster Hwang Kee's burial site in Korea for visitors to see. This project will include contributions from all over the world, so participation is not limited to members of the U.S. Federation.

It would be nearly impossible to be a part of the Moo Duk Kwan family and not to have been touched or influenced by our Founder, Kwan Jang Nim Hwang Kee, or his philosophy in some way, so we encourage everyone, students, parents, children, friends, to contribute their stories, memories, essays, artwork, etc. The tributes do not have to be originals; they can include quotes, prose, songs, or poems that you know of that remind you of Kwan Jang Nim Hwang Kee and his mission.

Those people who have already shared their thoughts via the Cyberdojang and would like to have those observations considered for this endeavor are asked to resubmit them.

Submissions via email to [USSooBahkDo@Hotmail.com](mailto:USSooBahkDo@Hotmail.com) are preferred, but hard copies can be sent to headquarters at the following address:

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