

Report on the “2004 JU-JITSU INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION SEMINAR” IN TAIWAN

(March 28- April 1, 2004)

On March 28 and until April 1, JJIF Honorary President Rinaldo Orlandi and JJIF Sport Director Mario den Edel were in Taipei for the first Ju-Jitsu International Federation Seminar held in Taiwan. The seminar was highly appreciated by local sport authorities, in particular the

Chinese Taipei Olympic Committee (CTOC), and proved an important milestone for a series of reasons. Firstly, the JJIF was able to present itself and its activities. Subsequently, the JJIF achieved the target of providing guidance for the founding and launching of a

National JJ Federation and stimulating the interest from local parties to become JJIF Members.

In parallel, the occasion proved useful to verify the adequacy of venues proposed for Ju-Jitsu in the city's bid to host the 2009 World Games.

1) Ju-Jitsu Seminar

The Seminar saw a strong involvement of local authorities and attracted the attention of about 200 participants. Among the speakers there were representatives from the CTOC (whose President Thomas Ta-Chou HUANG was opening speaker), from the National Council of Physical Fitness and Sport (NCPFS) (whose speaker was the Deputy Director International Department Rey CHOU) from the Chinese Culture University (whose speaker was the President Tien-Ren LEE) as well as from the JJIF.



From left to right:
CTOC President **Thomas Ta-Chou HUANG**, JJIF Honorary President and IWGA Ex-Co Member **Rinaldo ORLANDI** and JJIF Sport Director **Mario den EDEL**

The seminar was conducted mainly by Mr Orlandi, in the conference hall, and by Mr den Edel on the tatami allowing the participants to hear lectures and debates, practice on the tatami and

intervene in various panel discussions. The structure and content of the seminar allowed Authorities and participants to express great interest and gratitude for its conduct and results. The JJIF then officially renewed its willingness to provide support on technical and organizational matters to its Member Countries and the next step will be the establishment of a Ju-Jitsu National Federation in Taiwan and the development of local activities leading to a qualified participation to the 2006 and 2008 World Championships as well as the World Games to come. If the application reaches President Paul Hoglund in time it may be possible for the JJIF Board to examine it before presenting it to the General Assembly already by this coming November.

2) Visit to venues proposed for Ju-Jitsu

At the end of Seminar, the JJIF representatives were invited to fly to Kaohsiung to see the venues proposed for Ju-Jitsu in the bid for the 2009 World Games.

In particular the visit included the I-shou University (Accommodations and Gymnasium) and the Chung-Cheng Martial Art Stadium, whereas the Modern Multiple Gymnasium was still under construction.



The CTOC also organized a brief meeting with the Deputy Mayor of Kaohsiung City: Kao Chiao Yao. Mr Orlandi confirmed that, as indicated in the bid, the Modern Multiple Gymnasium should be the first alternative venue, although the I-shou University Gymnasium could be a second alternative, seeing it meets all technical requirements. Of course this is a matter for the World Games Coordinating Committee to decide.

The JJIF delegation concluded with confidence that there will be room for a good co-operation with Taiwan in the future.