

Grandmaster Uhm's Speech to the Tae Park World Class Tae Kwon Do Tournament November 2011

(Editor's note: I was privileged to be able to deliver this message on behalf of Grandmaster Uhm. It is in this newsletter with his permission. JGM Rick Warren)

I am very happy to be here today because I am very proud of my beloved American students. I want to make four very simple but important points today.

1. Be dedicated and work very hard in practicing traditional taekwondo. Do not try to create your own techniques.

Summary:

1. Practice traditional taekwondo.
2. Respect your instructor.
3. Love your students.
4. Earn the respect of your community.

2. To all taekwondo students: exactly follow and respect your instructor. And respect all fellow students with more seniority than you.

3. To all taekwondo instructors and senior students: Love your students and all your fellow students of taekwondo.

4. All taekwondo people should earn the respect of their community and their country. Those that do this the best should strive to be a world taekwondo leader.

I am very happy and proud to be with you all today and to see how the Tae Park Institute has grown over the last 37 years to be a premiere taekwondo organization in the world.

Thank you.

Editor's note: After observing the Tae Park Institute tournament and students for two days, Grandmaster Uhm made the following comments:

GM Uhm said that he came to Michigan to see what GM Tae Zee Park had built and to recognize all the hard work of his lifetime. He knows GM Park is always thinking about the development of TKD. This has been GM Park's life. Many other grandmasters have tried various methods in many nations and GM Park has been among the most successful. GM Uhm made this special trip to Michigan to acknowledge the success of GM Park's methods and contribution to TKD.

The next day, GM Park related that during a breakfast conversation with several Tae Park Institute masters GM Uhm showed genuine respect and honor to TPI by the choice of words he used in answering our questions. He used the dialect fit for high class society to show dignity and respect. He told GM Park that Tae Park Institute is very big and proud with smart and very respectful students... maybe the biggest in the world showing high class respect. GM Uhm is very proud of GM Park and Tae Park Institute.