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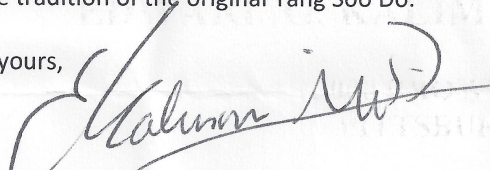
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Dear Master Bruno,

I would like to thank the International Tang Soo Do Federation, the city of Lisbon, Portugal, and the whole country of Portugal which was very kind in accepting our International Federation with open arms in hosting our world championship. The experience was absolutely wonderful. The classes were excellent. The Tournament itself was first class. And the instructors and Masters were absolutely superb. The amount of work that was required by the International Federation to organize, set up, and make sure all the arrangements were made properly was outstanding; specifically Grand Master C. S. Kim, Master Bruno, and Master Costas. It was tiring work but it resulted in excellent results. Personally I enjoyed myself tremendously and I know for a fact that everyone I spoke to during the Tournament had a wonderful time.

I also would like to relay what was told to me by the Porters, the Housekeeping, and the Doormen of the Marriot Hotel in Lisbon which really complements the International Federation and the entire group of members. Since I was born in Argentina and am fluent in Spanish I had no problems communicating with the hotel staff. They told me that they have had multiple events in that hotel throughout the years with delegations from multiple countries, football teams, international tournaments, and very important affairs with government officials. I was told without doubt that it was remarkable how so many hundreds of people who belong to the Tang Soo Do Federation came to the hotel and were so respectful, humble, and very patient with waiting in line, never causing any trouble whatsoever and were very respectful to not only the entire staff at the Marriot Hotel but to all the other guests. One of the doormen told me it was an honor and a pleasure to have the association come in and said it reminded him of his days when he did kick boxing. He said that our association looked like a military regiment and did everything with great respect for everyone around them. To me that was a very high complement. Many times politicians or representatives of countries say things to be polite and for show but when the working employees of a hotel express their feelings about how pleasant it was to have us as guests it says a lot about the Tang Soo Do Federation who brought in people from all over the world, all of whom showed the same kind of respect and humbleness and patience with all the events and all the delays that can occur during big tournaments. I wanted to relay this message to the whole Federation since it gives great honor and says a lot about Choong Jae Nim Master Chun Sik Kim, Master Joseph Bruno and all the other Masters who have helped spread the tradition of the original Tang Soo Do.

Sincerely yours,



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