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*The World Hapkido Federation, the original.  
Honoring our legacy, continuing our tradition of the “Ancient Art of Masters” ©.*

Los Angeles, CA — March 18<sup>th</sup>, 2010 — The World Hapkido Federation – The first and original, world-wide Hapkido federation has mourned the passing of its esteemed president and founder Grandmaster Kwang Sik Myung, since July 19<sup>th</sup>, 2009. He was 69 years old, powerful in presence, technique, and vision throughout his dynamic lifetime. Few have led others with as much insight, tenaciousness, and endearment as our beloved Grandmaster. He traveled the world as an ambassador of Hapkido from its first, modern formation, as one of the first students of Yong Sul Choi, to its present global presence. Hapkido is forever indebted to Grandmaster Myung’s catalogue of Hapkido technique, teaching 10<sup>th</sup> Gup white-belt to 7<sup>th</sup> Dan black-belt technique. No other person has clearly structured, shared, or revealed as much about Hapkido, as well as with his authentic openness and authority. The lineage of his teachings holds with us today, from decades of teaching, and overseeing his great vision.

Our current state is to move forward, humbly following in the footsteps of Grandmaster’s lineage. The next chapters for the WHF will encompass Grandmaster Myung’s original vision of uniting the world through complete Hapkido. This will move through our newly appointed Board of Directors who will oversee regions by demographic location and build the vision of the WHF’s future. The Board of Directors will support new growth and sustain current membership inquiry and requests.

WHF Board of Directors:

Chief Executive Officer: Master Roe Jai Myung

Chief Communications Officer: Master Emilio Iglesias

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- North America: East Coast – Master Nathan Robinson  
Midwest – Master Frank Babcock  
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West Coast – Master Jason Mix
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deputy – Pablo Peralta
- Eastern Europe / Middle East: Master Michael Paleologos  
Master Thanos Evagelis
- Western Europe: Master Jose Manuel Reyes Perez
- Southeast Asia : Master Daniel Sng

Our next stage in development will start with:

- A redesigned, community and tool based web presence, consisting of information on seminar hosting, community forums, regional meetings.
- Charter school roll-out
- Tailored self-defense technique for law enforcement and street defense
- Feature documentaries on Masters and their schools.

Our hopes are to enrich the student and masters of Hapkido through learning & teaching, community, and technique development.

Please stay tuned as we roll out our next phases in the coming months.

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