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## BUSAN 2008 PROVIDES FUTURE BUILDING BLOCKS 4<sup>th</sup> TAFISA WORLD SPORT FOR ALL GAMES A SUCCESS FOR THE WMAGC

**October 14, 2008 Victoria, B.C. Canada** - The World Martial Arts Games Committee (WMAGC) is pleased to announce that their participation in the 4<sup>th</sup> TAFISA World Sport for All Games in Busan, South Korea was a huge success. The WMAGC delegation from around the globe demonstrated Chinese Hand and Weapons Forms, Japanese/Okinawa Hand and Weapons Forms, Creative Forms, Kickboxing and Sport Jujutsu at the BEXCO Centre on September 27<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>. While in Busan, WMAGC President Kenneth Marchtaler and Vice President Carl Emery attended the 10<sup>th</sup> Asian Sport For All Association (ASFAA) Congress along with other members of TAFISA, Government Officials, UNESCO representatives and IOC members. The WMAGC was successful at strengthening existing relationships while establishing new ones in the areas of Martial Arts Sport and Sport for All.

“It was a great honour for all of us to be in Busan and to take part in this huge event. Can you imagine that more than 10,000 participants from all around the World were in Busan!”, said Carl Emery, WMAGC Vice President, “We have already planned meetings with top national and international leaders of sport sanctioning bodies before the end of this Year. I can assure you that the World Martial Arts Games movement is going to be stronger than ever and we are all excited to work on future projects and initiatives.”

“We are extremely proud to be part of the TAFISA family, and to have participated in the 4<sup>th</sup> TAFISA World Sport for All Games”, says Ken Marchtaler, WMAGC President & Chairman, “Through this event alone, we were able to raise the awareness of WMAGC and our ability to bring the world of martial arts together under one roof. Meeting and discussing the future of our organization and the possibility of combining our efforts together with other international federations was like a dream come true. We look forward to supporting future events of this kind.”

The World Martial Arts Games Committee (WMAGC) is a non-profit society formed in August 2005. It has its legal office in Geneva, Switzerland. It is the supreme authority of the World Martial Arts Games Movement. Its role is to promote top-level Martial Art Sport and Sport for All in accordance with its bylaws. It ensures the regular celebration of the World Martial Arts Games and strongly encourages appropriate sports ethics and the protection of athletes. The WMAGC is an active member of TAFISA, an IOC recognized Multi-Sport Organisation.

TAFISA was founded in 1969 and incorporated in 1991, and with more than 180 Sport for All members, from over 100 countries, is considered the leading authority on Sport for All (SFA) throughout the world. They are a recognized International Olympic Committee (IOC) Multi-Sport Organisation. Their head office is located in Frankfurt, Germany. More information on TAFISA is located at [www.tafisa.de](http://www.tafisa.de).

Further information about the World Martial Arts Games Committee and the 2009 World Martial Arts Games can be obtained by visiting the WMAG website at [www.worldmartialartsgames.com](http://www.worldmartialartsgames.com).

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