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BUSAN 2008 TO BE SPECTACULAR

BIGGEST WORLD MARTIAL ARTS GAMES EVENT YET

September 21, 2007 Victoria, B.C. Canada - The World Martial Arts Games Committee (WMAGC) is pleased to announce that the 2008 World Martial Arts Games will be held September 20 to 22, 2008 at the Kijang (Gijang) Gymnasium in Busan, South Korea. The 3rd World Martial Arts Games will take place in the heart of Asia and within one of the highest concentration of martial arts athletes in the world. Busan 2008 is expected to be the highest profile and best attended event so far.

"I am pleased to announce that the Kijang Gymnasium will be the venue for the 2008 World Martial Arts Games", says Jeong Seong Kim, WMAG National Director for South Korea, "We are expecting more than 600 participants from South Korea and an equal or greater number of competitors from the rest of the WMAGC world. The Kijang Gymnasium will provide the floor space to accommodate an event of this size. We are currently working on finalization of the details with the facility manager. We are thrilled to be hosting the 2008 WMAG here!"

The Kijang Gymnasium is part of the Kijang Athletic Centre managed by the Busan Metropolis Athletic Facilities Management. The state-of-the-art facility was completed in 2002 and has hosted many high-profile events since that time. Athletes, officials and spectators can expect to feel right at home for this event.

"We are very pleased with the progress being made by the hosting committee of Busan 2008", says Ken Marchtaler, WMAGC Chairman, "With WMAG events in North America and Europe behind us, we look to Busan as our gateway to the Asian martial arts community. We are impressed with the Busan 2008 Hosting Committee's choice of the Kijang Gymnasium as it will play home to the thousands of athletes, coaches, officials and spectators who will gather there next year. There is no doubt the 2008 World Martial Arts Games will be our most spectacular event yet!"

The World Martial Arts Games Movement is a non-profit society formed in August 2005. Its goal is to unite the World of Martial Arts through annual competition. The World Martial Arts Games encompasses organizations, athletes and other persons who agree to be guided by the World Martial Arts Games Charter. The Charter is governed by World Martial Arts Games Committee (WMAGC).

The World Martial Arts Games Committee (WMAGC) is the supreme authority of the World Martial Arts Games Movement. Its role is to promote top-level sport as well as sport for all in accordance with the World Martial Arts Games Charter. 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 a supporting member of TAFISA, an IOC recognized Multi-Sport Organisation.

Further information about the World Martial Arts Games Committee and the 2008 World Martial Arts Games can be obtained by visiting the WMAG website at www.worldmartialartsgames.com.

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