

The International General Sodality of the South Shaolin Wuzuquan Notice

Dear _____ :

The celebration of the 20th anniversary of the International General Sodality of the South Shaolin Wuzuquan was originally planned to be held at Quanzhou in the later part of November this year. Although all the preparation work has been done, thanks to the specially grand “Minnan (South Fujian) Cultural Festival” which will be held during the Lantern Festival from February 25 to March 1, 2010 (January 12 to 16 by the Chinese lunar calendar) to focus more on the cultural cream in the South Fujian area, the celebration of the 20th anniversary of the International General Sodality of the South Shaolin Wuzuquan shall be postponed till the Cultural Festival being held, for the Party Committee and the Government of Quanzhou Municipality wish that the 20th anniversary celebration be included in the Cultural Festival as one of the important programs of the Minnan (South Fujian) Cultural Festival.

In June 2008, the State Council of the People’s Republic of China duly issued that South Shaolin Wuzuquan be included in the state-leveled intangible heritages of humanity. The Party Committee and the Government of Quanzhou Municipality have not only highly appreciated the great contributions done by the International General Sodality of the South Shaolin Wuzuquan for the past 20 years in the safeguard, saving, delivery and development of the Wuzuquan but showed great concern for the development of the Sodality. This very “Minnan Cultural Festival” involves very wide range of great interests. Besides the South Shaolin Wushu, it covers various intangible cultural heritages such as dramas, Nanyin (the Southern Music), the tea culture, porcelain culture, puppet show, the stone carving arts and so on. Friends from all over the world will be invited to attend the unprecedented grand occasion. It has been a rare opportunity to take the celebration of the International General Sodality of the South Shaolin Wuzuquan as an important part of the “Minnan (South Fujian) Cultural Festival”, which will add luster to the celebration of the International General Sodality. Leaders, fraternities or members from the branch sodalities have sent letters to ask about the celebration of the 20th anniversary of the International General Sodality of the South Shaolin Wuzuquan. On one hand we really thank them for their inquiries, on the other hand we feel very sorry for the postponing of the celebration. Now we shall take this great opportunity to announce the following concerning the celebration:

I. The celebration of the 20th anniversary of the International General Sodality of the South Shaolin Wuzuquan shall be postponed till February 25 to March 1, 2010. The time for check-in shall be the whole day of the 25th of February; the place for check-in shall be at Quanzhou Overseas Chinese Hotel (Quanzhou Huaqiao Hotel). We shall give you a prompt advice if anything is different.

II. Merriment:

1. A grand celebration meeting for the 20th anniversary of the International General Sodality of South Shaolin Wuzuquan shall be held. The merriments include: (1) a celebration meeting being held; (2) the new chairman for the new session of the year of 2010 shall be elected and at the same time a preliminary election for the

chairman of 2012 shall be in vote; (3) the ceremony for the first international release of < The Manual of Wuzuquan> shall be held; (4) the international academic exchanges of the South Shaolin Wuzuquan shall be held; (5) setting up a ranking system of Wuzuquan, confirming and releasing the first batch of high rank players.

2. Holding wushu parade activities and the joint performance of the South Shaolin Wuzuquan

3. Holding an international invitational tournament of the South Shaolin Wushu.

III. For a better celebration of the 20th anniversary fully reflecting the achievements since the establishment of the General Sodality, you fraternities from every country or region are asked to help do well the following matters before October 1:

1. Our Sodality is going to publish a 20 Years' Commemorative Picture Album. Please provide us with literary or picture data about the activities of your branch sodality and the participation of the annual meeting of the General Sodality for the publication of the Commemorative Picture Album.

2. Submit commemorative articles or study essays about Wuzuquan for the publication of a collection. The contents will cover variety of aspects such as the history of Wuzuquan, the reason of Wuzuquan, the theory about Wuzuquan, skills and techniques. Styles and the length of the article are unrestricted

3. In order to rank the first batch of the senior players of Wuzuquan (Grade 7, Grade 8 and Grade 9) please recommend qualified teachers and athletes for the General Sodality to make public after a good evaluation and consultation.

4. Please select athletes and have them well-organized and trained to make good preparations for participating in the invitational tournament of the South Shaolin Wushu.

IV. Please contact us and let us know if you have any good ideas or suggestions.

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