

GRANDMASTER HUANG, CHIEN-LIANG PRESENTS

THE 35th ANNUAL

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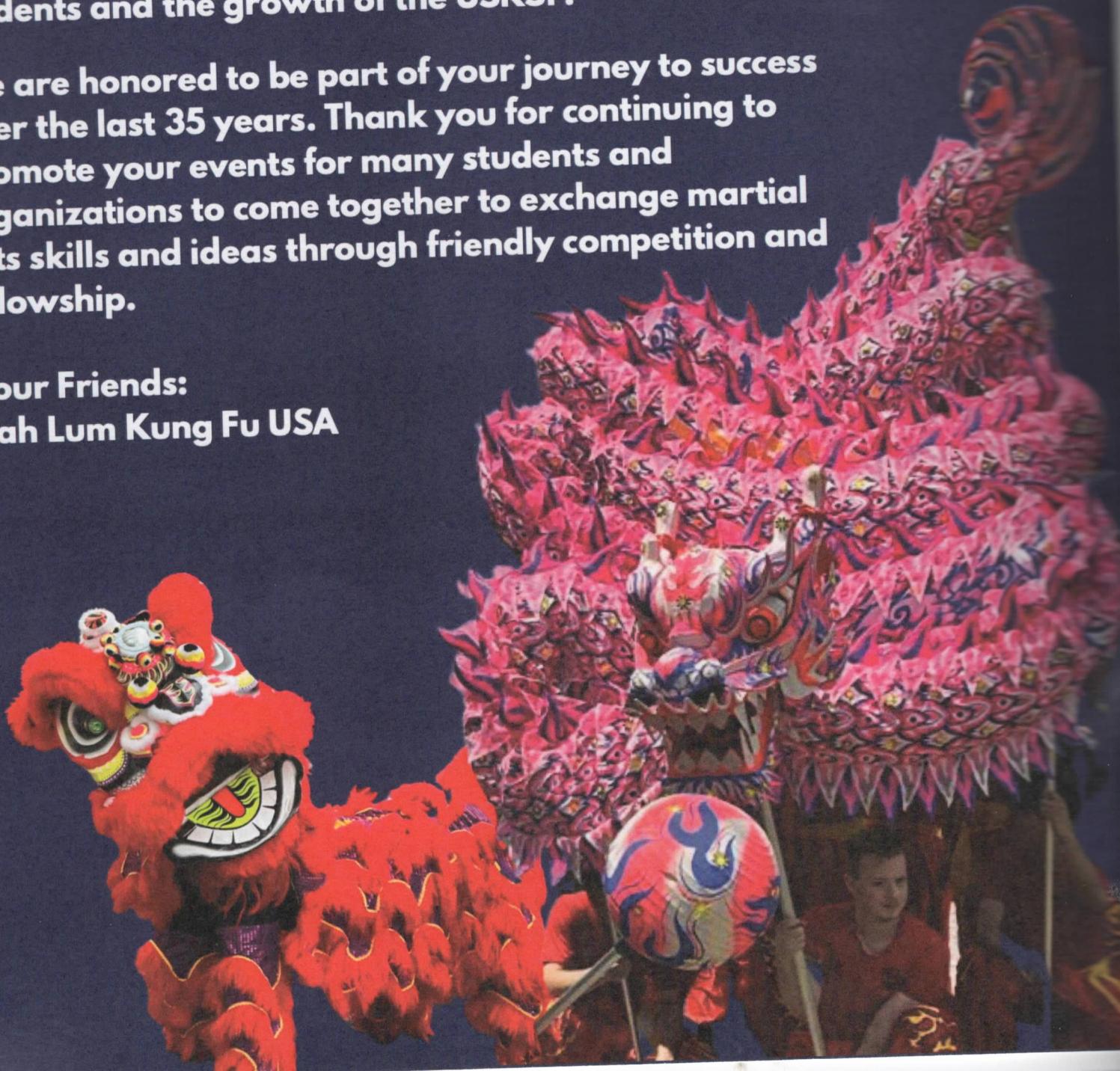


Grandmaster Huang and the USKSF,

Congratulations on 35 years of United States Koshu Federation Tournament! Your hard work and determination to succeed is reflected through the many generations of students and the growth of the USKSF.

We are honored to be part of your journey to success over the last 35 years. Thank you for continuing to promote your events for many students and organizations to come together to exchange martial arts skills and ideas through friendly competition and fellowship.

**Your Friends:
Wah Lum Kung Fu USA**



FROM
THE USKSF PRESIDENT



美國國術總會
United States Kuo Shu Federation

President:
Grandmaster Huang, Chien-Liang

會長:
黃乾量

On behalf of the United States Kuo Shu Federation (USKSF), I extend a warm welcome to all of you attending the 2024 US International Kuo Shu Championship Tournament. This event, sanctioned by The World Kuo Shu Federation, sponsored by the United States Kuo Shu Federation (USKSF), and co-sponsored by the International Contact Weapon Sport Federation (ICWSF), marks the 35th year of this world-class tournament. I am grateful that so many people continue to choose to attend our event.

This year begins a new era for our tournament as we have moved closer to our nation's capital. Our new, modern location provides space for all of our events and ongoing growth in what promises to be a bright future. As we have done for many years, to provide the highest quality experience for our competitors, we continue to host a national judge certification program annually. Once again, this year, we are honored to receive greetings from the White House, as we have since 1994. I would also like to express my gratitude to the U.S. Congressmen and Senators for their citations and greetings this year, as well as Maryland Governor Wes Moore, Rockville County Executive Marc Elrich, and Baltimore County Executive John Olszewski's declarations of this week as "U.S. International Kuo Shu Week." As a federation, we sincerely appreciate your recognition and support.

Finally, my heartfelt thanks go to all of you: international teams, competitors, referees, judges, volunteers, and spectators, for your steadfast support for the last 35 years. Without your valuable contributions, this tournament could not be a success. It is because of your dedication to this competition that we are able to continue to provide the highest quality Kuo Shu tournament possible. I wish you all the best of luck, and thank you for your continued support in promoting peace and friendship through Kuo Shu.

Sincerely,

Grandmaster Huang, Chien-Liang
President, USKSF

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FROM
THE USKSF TOURNAMENT GENERAL MANAGER



美國國術總會
United States Kuo Shu Federation

President:
Grandmaster Huang, Chien-Liang

會長:
黃乾量

July 12, 2024

Dear Competitors, Judges, and Esteemed Guests,

Welcome to the 35th Anniversary USKSF Tournament! We are thrilled and deeply grateful to have you join us for this significant milestone event. This year's tournament holds a special place in our hearts, not only because of its long-standing history, but also due to the incredible effort and dedication that went into making it a reality.

Over the past twelve months, we have experienced some of the most challenging moments since we started hosting tournaments 35 years ago. Last year, our longstanding venue shut down unexpectedly, forcing a last-minute scramble for a new location. Our team embarked on a monumental task, exploring over 100 properties across VA, MD, DC, and PA to find the ideal venue. After finding the venue, our volunteers demonstrated unparalleled commitment to overcome challenges we haven't faced in over three decades. Their perseverance and passion have been nothing short of inspiring. While there are too many people to mention, it is essential to highlight some of the leading players who worked tirelessly to make this event possible:

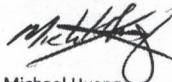
Shi Fu Nam Phamdo	Master Ian Chisholm
Shi Fu Ken Saunders	Shi Fu John Gafos
Ms. Alyssa Bryan	Shi Fu Gabriel Chang
Shi Fu Peck Mun Lee	Master John Green

If you see them, please extend your heartfelt thanks and appreciation. They helped make sure that this tournament not only meets but exceeds the standards we have all come to expect.

One more important thing: While our venue and logistical strategies may evolve, our core values and beliefs remain steadfast and true. Your continued support and enthusiasm drive us to push boundaries and create memorable experiences year after year.

As we celebrate this special occasion, I hope you immerse yourself in the spirit of camaraderie and competition that defines our kung fu family. Thank you for being part of this incredible journey. Enjoy the tournament, embrace the challenges, and let the spirit of martial arts inspire you to new heights.

Respectfully,


Michael Huang
USKSF General Manager
TWKSF Executive Member
ITSPA 8th Degree Black Sash

FROM
THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES



THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

July 13, 2024

I extend my best wishes to everyone gathered in Rockville, Maryland, for the 35th Annual United States International Kuo Shu Championship Tournament.

I hope each of you feels well-deserved pride in all it took to get to this moment. You worked hard. You dug deep. And you never gave up as you strove to compete at the highest levels of Kuo Shu. Your participation in this event is a reflection of your tenacity as well as your dedication to this time-honored martial art.

As you take part in this year's United States International Kuo Shu Championship Tournament, I hope you are inspired not only by the talents of your fellow competitors but also by the ability of Kuo Shu to unify people all around the world. Please accept my best wishes for a memorable competition.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Joe Biden".



FROM
THE UNITED STATES SENATE



July 13, 2024

Dear Friends:

I would like to offer a warm welcome to the attendees of the 2024 United States International Kuo Shu (USKSF) Championship Tournament. This annual event, which draws thousands of competitors from around the nation and abroad, offers a great opportunity to promote intercultural cooperation while participating in friendly competition.

Kuo Shu has continued to inspire millions of practitioners worldwide through its values: peace, harmony, the health of the body and mind, and the benefits of physical fitness. The influence of Kuo Shu, a central component of China's rich history and culture, can be felt far beyond the nation's borders. Today's tournament will provide contenders the opportunity to honor the impressive heritage of Kuo Shu while competing, training, and partaking in Martial Arts. Participants will also be able to interact with their fellow Kuo Shu practitioners from around the world and build lasting relationships.

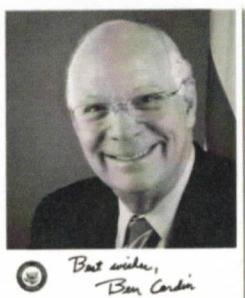
I would like to thank the United States Kuo Shu Foundation and USKSF President Grandmaster Huang Chien-Liang for your dedicated support of Martial Arts in the United States, and for your cultural enrichment of our community.

Best wishes for a wonderful tournament.

Sincerely,



Benjamin L. Cardin
United States Senate



FROM
THE UNITED STATES SENATE



Chris Van Hollen

United States Senator

July 13, 2024



Dear Grandmaster Huang,

I am pleased to extend my warmest greetings to everyone gathered for the 2024 U.S. International Kuo Shu Championship Tournament.

I commend Grandmaster Huang Chien-Liang for his remarkable dedication to promoting Kuo Shu for the past fifty-one years. His contributions to the martial arts community are truly remarkable, and I am honored to recognize his achievements.

I extend my best wishes for a successful and memorable tournament.

Sincerely,

Chris Van Hollen
United States Senator

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PROCLAMATION FROM THE MARYLAND GOVERNOR

The State of Maryland



Proclamation

From the Governor of the State of Maryland

U.S. INTERNATIONAL KUO SHU WEEK JULY 13-20, 2024

WHEREAS, The 2024 U.S. International Kuo Shu (Kung Fu) Championship Tournament will host competitors from around the world and across the United States; and

WHEREAS, This annual event brings competitors from great distances to participate in this important Tournament. The Tournament promotes friendship, physical fitness, peace, and supports the principles of Chinese Kuo Shu, also known as Kung Fu; and

WHEREAS, The success of this tournament has continued to grow under the leadership of Grandmaster Huang Chien-Liang; and

WHEREAS, Maryland is proud to honor and celebrate the efforts of the United States Chinese Kuo Shu Federation in welcoming all competitors and spectators who are participating in this important event.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, WES MOORE, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MARYLAND, do hereby proclaim JULY 13-20, 2024, as U.S. INTERNATIONAL KUO SHU WEEK in Maryland, and call upon the people of our state to join in supporting this observance.



Given Under My Hand and the Great Seal of the State of Maryland,
this 13th day of July
Two Thousand and twenty-four

The signature of Governor Wes Moore.

Anna Miller
Lt. Governor

The signature of Lt. Governor Anna Miller.

Secretary of State



FROM THE MONTGOMERY COUNTY EXECUTIVE



OFFICE OF THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE

Marc Elrich
County Executive

July 13, 2024



Dear Friends:

Welcome to Montgomery County. I would like to congratulate the staff and volunteers of the 2024 U.S. International Kuo Shu Championship Tournament on putting together this grand display of martial arts.

The U.S. International Kuo Shu Championship Tournament will host competitors from across the U.S. and around the world. This tournament will be a showcase of physical ability, focus, discipline, spatial awareness, techniques and martial prowess. I want to wish all the competitors good luck in this tournament.

Montgomery County is home to a multitude of cultures from around the world. It is our rich diversity that makes our County strong. Our residents will undoubtedly have a large presence as spectators at the tournament. Thank you for providing a venue where our residents can view and learn about martial arts.

Once again, congratulations on the success of the tournament and I wish you success in all your future endeavors.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Marc Elrich".

Marc Elrich
County Executive

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FROM
THE BALTIMORE COUNTY EXECUTIVE



JOHN A. OLSZEWSKI, JR.
County Executive



A WELCOME MESSAGE FROM THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE

On behalf of all our Baltimore County residents, it is my pleasure to welcome you to the 2024 U.S. International Kuo Shu Championship Tournament!

Throughout this tournament, you'll have the opportunity to showcase your talents against competitors from around the world and make your families, your friends, and yourselves proud. This tournament is a tremendous resource for any martial artist that wants to test themselves and exceed their full potential. By participating, you are not only making yourselves stronger but you are also adding to a diverse, international community of Kuo Shu enthusiasts.

The lessons of this revered martial art go deeper than just blocks and strikes. Through your preparation for this competition, you've promoted sportsmanship, developed character, and cultivated peace and confidence. These are important qualities at any age and in every part of the world. Thanks to your Kuo Shu training, you're prepared to meet and overcome any challenge.

I am so proud of the work that the United States Chinese Kuo Shu Federation has done to organize this year's event and I invite all our competitors, families, and fans to meet our neighbors, explore our communities, and enjoy everything that Baltimore County has to offer.

To Dear Grandmaster Huang Chien-Liang with best wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John Olszewski".

John "Johnny O" Olszewski, Jr.
County Executive

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THE BALTIMORE COUNTY EXECUTIVE PROCLAMATION

Baltimore County Executive Proclamation



**DESIGNATING July 8-14, 2024
U.S. INTERNATIONAL KUO SHU WEEK**

WHEREAS, we recognize the opening of this year's championship tournament; and

WHEREAS, the tournament draws competitors from around the world and across the United States, the U.S. International Kuo Shu Championship is a storied event that brings together so many, building friendship, peace, and unity across international boundaries; and

WHEREAS, in addition to helping to strengthen the physical fitness and character of those who participate, this robust competition promotes the principles of Chinese Kuo Shu, as well as its physical, mental, and ethical benefits; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, John A. Olszewski, Jr., Baltimore County Executive, have the distinct honor of proclaiming July 8-14 as "U.S. International Kuo Shu Week" throughout Baltimore County, and urge all our residents to support this observance.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of Baltimore County to be affixed to this second week of July in the year two thousand twenty-four.

The signature of John A. Olszewski, Jr., in cursive script.

John A. Olszewski, Jr.
County Executive



FROM
THE USKSF SENIOR ADVISOR



UNITED STATES KUO SHU FEDERATION

MAY LAW
Senior Advisor

July 13, 2024

Grandmaster Chien-Liang Huang
President, United States Kuo Shu Federation
Chairman, The World Kuo Shu Federation

Dear Grandmaster Huang:

Congratulations on your 51-year milestone of promoting traditional Chinese martial arts and traveling extensively throughout the world to train many students in Kuo Shu. Your martial arts accomplishments, from consistent work and energy, have achieved worldwide renown. You have received numerous governmental declarations of the "U.S. International Kuo Shu Week" for all your Kuo Shu tournaments annually.

The tournament always provides the highest quality experience for our competitors and continues to host a national judge certification program annually. Despite your worldwide reputation, you have been a humble Grandmaster with a focus on martial arts ethics for many decades. You have always served as a model for all your students to follow. You and your Tournament staff are to be commended for the exemplary success of the 2024 U.S. International Kuo Shu Championships Tournament. Under your leadership, all your tournaments have always displayed precision and care.

Wishing the best to all the competitors!

Sincerely yours,



May Law



FROM THE USKSF GENERAL COUNSEL



UNITED STATES KUO SHU FEDERATION

TSIWEN LAW
General Counsel

July 13, 2024

Grandmaster Huang, Chien-Liang
President
United States Kuo Shu Federation
Chairman
The World Kuo Shu Federation

Dear Grandmaster Huang:

Congratulations on the enormous success of the U.S. International Kuo Shu Championship Tournament on July 12-14, 2024, in Maryland. This annual Kuo Shu Federation Tournament confirms the timeless commitment to your vision of a competent refereed and competitor credentialed system.

2024 marks 51 years of your promoting traditional Chinese martial arts throughout the world. All your tournaments give the highest quality experience to our competitors while hosting an annual judge certification program.

All coaches, martial artists, volunteers, and spectators who come to compete or observe know that they can trust the qualifications of judges at this Tournament. Their continued attendance at the Kuo Shu Tournaments is testimony to your vision to assemble qualified judges for the highest quality competition. Judges and competitors come from all corners of the U.S.A. and other countries. They can be assured that this Tournament values their trust in the evaluation process.

Best wishes to all the competitors.

Very sincerely yours,

Tsiwen Law
Legal Advisor, USKSF

