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Note of Appreciation from Grand Master Lee

I would like to tell all my students and their families how truly blessed I feel that our trip to Korea was a tremendous success! Thank you to everyone who took part in it.

As my first experience taking a group of people including several students of a young age overseas, I am very thankful everyone made it there and back not only without incident, but as champions! I prayed for everyone's safety and health and my prayers were answered. Even considering the 14-hour flight, everyone had a great time and enjoyed this once-in-a-lifetime experience.

With this being our very first time ever competing with 100+ schools from all around the world, it is amazing that **KMA won the Gold Medal for Group Competition and seven individual gold, silver, and bronze medals** - you guys were awesome! Then, to have the added bonus of the confirmation of the 2010 Championships coming here - I definitely got way more than I prayed for.

This was such a great opportunity to interact with international community. KMA was the only school with such a diverse student body, in terms of age, rank, and ethnicity. We were a true example of the melting pot of America. Several Hap Ki Do Federation Board Members and Masters gave us very high comments regarding the caliber of our students - they noticed you all were very well mannered and patient under sometimes challenging circumstances. I was very proud to show you off to some of my family members and friends in Korea.

I deeply appreciate the strong leadership of Master Schreiner and Master Ormstead and the guidance of all our chaperones. And I truly value the work our Advisory Board did in the planning of the trip. I would also like to thank those of you who stayed in Battle Creek and supported your team - we all appreciated everything you did to make this trip possible. Last, but not least, I am so proud of the students who competed. You showed your country proud. Thank you.

I cannot thank God enough for this whole experience. The Lord led us greatly and I am very thankful.

Now, it's time for us all to work together for the next three years to make the 2010 Championships a huge success. My vision is for every KMA student to compete in this international competition, with your friends and families cheering you on. I look forward to this exciting time for the KMA family.

A Great Experience in Korea!



Nancy, Nathaniel, Chris, and Tanner Micklatcher

Recently our family, along with 35 other individuals from KMA, traveled to South Korea to participate in the International Hap Ki Do Championships.

The trip to Korea was a big adventure. From riding 14 hours in a plane with individual video screens allowing us to watch practically any type of movie, to fumbling with chop sticks daily, to sleeping "Korean style" on the floor with a futon, to experiencing the exotic smells of the open air market in Seoul, to meeting people from all around the world at the competition - it was an amazing opportunity. I cannot wait for the chance to go again. However, as many in Battle Creek know already, the 2010 World Championships will be coming right here to Battle Creek. There will be athletes from all over the world visiting our community!

Since our entire family went on the trip, I thought it would be interesting to hear about the trip from the perspectives of our 9 and 12 year old sons. They both went and they both competed.

What was the trip to Korea all about?

Tanner & Nathaniel: It was for the 2007 International Hap Ki Do competition.

What was your schedule like? What did you do?

Tanner: It was busy. We went shopping at some open air markets and I visited a fire station in Seoul.

Nathaniel: We rode on the bus a lot. We visited the Nam Sang Tower in Seoul where you could see the whole city, the Korean War Museum where they had planes and tanks, and an old Korean Folk Village where we watched sword fighting.

What was the competition like?

Tanner: It was cool. I was pretty nervous. But I liked talking with the Korean kids I met.

Nathaniel: It was really fun. I got to meet lots of people from other countries. I practiced my Spanish with an athlete from Chile and my German with some German athletes.

What did you do in the competition?

Tanner: I was in a group competition and individual sparring.

Nathaniel: I sparred with a Korean kid and we did a group

demonstration.

What was your overall impression of Korea?

Tanner: Korea is really neat. I liked it. The people are really nice there.

Nathaniel: It's very fun. The people are really nice. It has a lot of open air markets.

How was the food? What did you eat?

Tanner: The food was great. We ate a lot of rice. I really liked the kimchi.

Nathaniel: The food is great! We ate rice at all our meals. I drank some fruit tea out of a bowl. We also had Korean pancakes, Korean pizza, and bulgogi.

What did you like best about the trip to Korea?

Tanner: I liked the competition the best.

Nathaniel: I'd have to agree with Tanner. I also liked it when a Korean TV station interviewed me, and the next day a shopkeeper in Seoul recognized me from the TV!

Would you like to go back again?

Tanner: Yes.

Nathaniel: Definitely!

The 2010 World Championships is scheduled to be in Battle Creek. What do you think the athletes would like to do in Battle Creek?

Tanner: I don't know - maybe we should ask them!

Nathaniel: They'd probably want to go to the Air Zoo, Binder Park Zoo, and a steakhouse restaurant.

We're looking forward to the 2010 Championship here in Battle Creek. It's going to be a lot of fun and a lot of work. With the community's support we can make this happen. If you would like to be involved in organizing the 2010 event or would like to have a speaker come to your school or organization, please contact Grand Master Hee Kwan Lee at Korean Martial Arts, 1600 W. Goguac Street in Battle Creek or call the office at 963-KICK(5425). You can also learn more by visiting KMA's website at www.koreanma.com.

KMA Class Schedule Reminder

Mon: 9:00-9:50am Combined Class

Mon: 5:45-6:30pm Children Class

Mon: 6:40-7:30pm Adult Class

Tue: 5:45-6:30pm Children Class

Tue: 6:40-7:30pm Adult Class

Tue: 7:35-8:15pm Demo Team

Wed: 9:00-9:50am Combined Class

Wed: 5:45-6:30pm White Belts (7 years old & younger)

Wed: 6:45-7:30pm Combined Class

Thu: 5:45-6:30pm Children Class

Thu: 6:40-7:30pm Adult Class

Fri: 9:00-9:50am Combined Class

Fri: 5:00-6:00pm Combined Class

Sat: 9:30-10:20am Children Class (all ranks)

Sat: 10:30-11:20am Adult Class

Sat: 11:40-12:10am Instructor Class

On Gup Promotion Saturdays, we will have the Children Class, but no Adult or Instructor Classes.

Gup Promotion Schedule

Reminder that the Gup Promotion schedule now allows families with younger children to leave early if necessary:

9:30-10:20am – Children Class – All Ranks

10:45-11:30 – Gup Promotion for **all students, who are currently White Belts thru Orange Belts.**

11:45-12:30 – Gup Promotion for **all students, who are currently Green Belts thru Red Belts.**

No Adult or Instructor Classes on Gup Promotion days.

All Ranks!!! Every time you plan to test, ask a Black Belt Instructor to pre-test you at least two weeks before the test. Also, be sure you know all the requirements, as outlined in the KMA handbook, before you pre-test.

KMA's 271st Gup Promotion is scheduled for 10/20/07
KMA's 27th Black Belt Test is 9/22/07

KMA Picnic

KMA will host a picnic at Willard Beach (Goguac Lake) on Sunday, September 9, at 2:00pm. Everyone is asked to bring a dish to pass (sign-up sheet at KMA), eating utensils, & lawn chairs. We're told the beach will be open, so be sure to bring your swim suits & towels. For additional details, see Master Schreiner, Master Ormstead, Rick Brown, or Rob Gillson.

270th Gup Promotion, August 18, 2007

Congratulations to all students who were promoted 8/18!!

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Welcome New Students!!

Soledad Hurtado	Janet Michael
Hayden Lewis	Mackenzie Scholly
Jazlyn Lotz	Randy Turner
Donald Michael	Cindy Wagner

Happy September Birthday Wishes!!

Paige Dredge	9/1	Dean Wainwright	9/13
Erin Hope	9/2	Peter Patterer	9/14
Lori Huling	9/2	James Scholly	9/14
Kayleen O'Boyle	9/4	Gage Hammock	9/16
Evan Sumpter	9/4	Matt Boshier	9/17
Shiane Tidwell	9/4	Catlyn Clark	9/17
Geoff Craig	9/8	Jamie Daily	9/18
Shaun Rapp	9/8	Katie Lee	9/19
James Wilson	9/9	Jason Kovick	9/24
David Huling	9/10	Sara Grace Sumpter	9/27
Ralph Watkins, III	9/11	Brevyn Andrews	9/29
Tom Burbank	9/12	Mitch Redfield	9/30

Thought for the Month

Try not. Do or do not. There is no try.
-- Yoda, From The Empire Strikes Back

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