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Dhaka, Bangladesh, a place where we returned for the Fajilatun Nesa- "3rd Intercontinental Asia WUKF Karate Championships WUKF – 2011", hoping to meet our federations in Asia into a high level competition once at two years time.

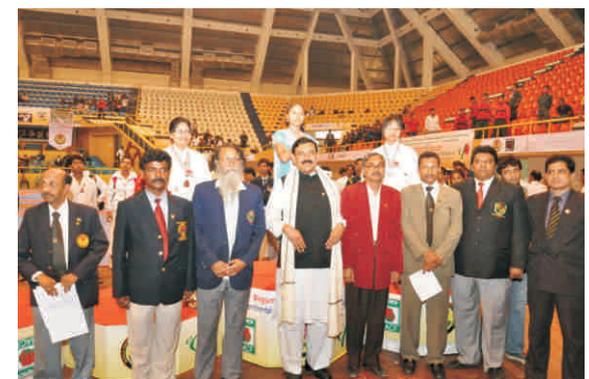
As we expected the arrival in the airport of Bangladesh capital was very nice and friendly, a group of our friends together with press and media people were waiting us with flowers in the traditional Bangladesh way.

After a long transfer to the hotel due to the infernal traffic that completed our exhausted journey (changing several flights) of more than 28 hours we finally start to find the last information about the event. We met the people involved into the organization that made tremendous efforts for running the championship at WUKF level.

The federations that organized sometimes WUKF events know that this is not so easy and WUKF standard is sometimes too high for their possibilities. But one of the WUKF's aims is to show to the Karate world that there is enough room for performance, spectacle and professionalism into the friendly and peaceful environment that we are promoting.

Mr. Humayun Kabir, the chief of the organizing team in charge was omni present; even you can saw the tired on his face, his shining eyes transmitted to us that he is at high energy level, running, calling, sending e-mails, making all that a leader must do.

Congratulation Mr. Humayun Kabir for your work, time and money that you spent for few months for promoting Karate, your organization and your country.





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It was successfully and we appreciated a lot all what you done. With a big organizing team as number but with only few of them working, Humayun Kabir Jewel and Sheikh Ali Kaiser (our friend Lincoln) were the persons that really help the organizing of the championship lot. Bangladesh sport boards must remark them because they were very good promoters for the country sport and we were impressed by their work before and during the event.

As WUKF made for all the events, we design an on-line registration web page, but nobody used it, the system that we are using being maybe too "strange" for Asia federations. Anyway we were prepared for that and our computer man, Florin Bota (also WUKF treasurer) had the mission to insert all the data of the athletes into the competition software of course helped by a local representative.

The referee seminar was programmed for Wednesday and Thursday, but due to the arrival problems of mostly all federations we were forced to start only on Thursdays. Anyway the seminar was successful; we had 38 referees that worked very hard under the indications of Sever Cucu, the director of WUKF referee commission.

We were surprised to see good and very good referees from India, Nepal, Sri Lanka, Pakistan and of course Bangladesh. During the 2 days of competition the referee department worked very well especially with the help of Sever Cucu, running from tatami to tatami and supervising all the time the most "hot" fights.





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Unfortunately the number of participants was not too high, especially due to the refusal of visa for some federations like Iran but also for the weak participation of the local federations. It was a big surprise to see that some of WUKF affiliated were not register any athlete; they preferred to stay out of the competition better than to pay the fees that they have to pay to WUKF. It was strange but I think now we know who are the real WUKF members and who is out in that part of Asia. WUKF membership means not only the presence on the web page but especially the participation at WUKF events following the statute and the rules that all the WUKF members voted, no matter is Europe, America, Asia or Africa. All the people are equal for WUKF regarding the rights but the duties also. The level of competition was very high; especially in Kumite we admired very good athletes that could be champions no matter what Karate federation they compete. Kata competition was hard also the first places were much disputed. The very good thing was that with the good level of referees we could assure "the best must win" the motto that we are trying to impose to all WUKF competitions. We made lot of photos, we discussed with all and the fantastic friendship and tolerance made us feel between friends.

Saturday evening was ended with the medal ceremony sustained by all competitors and officials, beautiful medals and trophies were awarded to all the winners into an atmosphere of happiness and satisfaction absolutely normal after a hard completion. The previous rivalries were forgotten and the real Martial Art spirit was present among all the participants. I'm sure that the participation to Fajilatun Nesa- 3rd Intercontinental Asia WUKF Karate Championships in Dhaka was a good and unforgettable experience for all and I'm sure that we shall meet again in two years for a better and better WUKF event. One time more the President WUKF Osvaldo Messias Oliveira , Vice President Liviu Crisan, Director of Events Gilles Willemin , Florin Bota Treasurer and Sever Cucu Chairman of Referees gave all to WUKF, they brought technology, friendships and experience to Karate of Asia. The next Asian Championships will be held by AIBKF All Indian Budokan Karate Federation under responsibility of Mr. Hanumantha Rao, it will be in November 2012 in the City New Delhi-India.

" Lets continue doing the best Karate in whole of the world"

Osvaldo Messias Oliveira
WUKF President

