In recent years, there has been an upsurge in violence and a loss of morality in all levels of society, especially among the young. There are, of course a number of reasons for this.

Many psychologists today, feel that this problem stems from frustration. Analysts, on the other hand, point out that these misguided people are indeed a disillusioned segment of society searching for values and relevance in what they consider deceitful, materialistic and absurd world of wars and decadence.

Unfortunately, however, instead of constructively channeling their extraordinary energy and potential, far too many strikes out in blind anger destroying rather than building or merely running away from it all by isolating themselves with drugs and their own world of fantasy.

Presently, the tendency of “the stronger preying upon the weaker” appears to be at its peak. Frankly, the present world closely resembles a “corrupt age”.

It is obvious that this phenomenon of society is not because of the struggle for survival, but mainly because of an overdeveloped material and scientific civilization. The former misleads the young to the extreme materialism or egoism, while the latter seizes human beings with fear through playing an essential role in public welfare.

Then what would be the remedy? Needless to say it is the development of moral civilization – the proper mental state of a human being, enough to prevail or at least keep abreast with the development of material and scientific civilization.

The utmost purpose of Taekwon-Do is to eliminate fighting by discouraging the stronger’s oppression of the weaker with a power that must be based on humanity, justice, morality, wisdom and faith, thus helping to build a better and more peaceful world.

All men, regardless of age, have felt that death is a shame and lamented that they cannot live as long as the pine trees or the turtles that seem to live a thousand years. Righteous men, on the other hand, deplore the fact
that justice does not always triumph over the tyranny of power, however, there are two ways to deal with these problems: The former, through mental discipline and the latter, through physical training.

It is my sincere hope that through Taekwon-Do, anyone can garner enough strength to become a guardian of justice, to challenge social disunity and to cultivate the human spirit to the highest level attainable. It is in this spirit, I am dedicating the Art of Taekwon-Do to the people of the world.

The philosophy of Taekwon-Do is based on the ethical, moral and spiritual standards by which men can live together in harmony and its art patterns are inspired by the ideals and exploits of great men from Korean history. Korea’s most military and civil leaders who in nearly five thousand years of Korean history have never invaded their neighbors, yet fought bravely and made great sacrifices to defend their homeland against invading enemies. I also include the names of patriots who willingly gave up their lives to regain Korea’s freedom and independence from the Japanese occupation.

Each Tul (pattern) of Taekwon-Do expresses the thoughts and actions of these great men, so the students of Taekwon-Do must reflect the true intentions of those whose name each Tul bears.

Therefore, under no circumstances should Taekwon-Do be used for selfish, aggressive or violent purposes, either by an individual or group. Nor will Taekwon-Do be used for any commercial or political purpose whatsoever.

I have set forth the following philosophy and guidelines which will be the cornerstone of Taekwon-Do and by which all serious students of this art are encouraged to live.

1. Be willing to go where the going may be tough and do the things that are worth doing even though they are difficult.
2. Be gentle to the weak and tough to the strong.
3. Be content with what you have in money and position but never in skills.
4. Always finish what you begin, be it large or small.
5. Be a willing teacher to anyone regardless of religion, race or ideology.
6. Never yield to repression or threat in the pursuit of a noble cause.
7. Teach attitude and skill with action rather than words.
8. Always be yourself even though your circumstances may change.
9. Be the eternal teacher who teaches with the body when young, with words when old and by moral precept even after death.
"The Advantages of a Federation"

A young boy was walking with his father along a country road. When they came across a very large tree branch the boy asked, "Do you think I could move that branch?" His father answered, "If you use all your strength, I'm sure you can." So the boy tried mightily to lift, pull and push the branch but he couldn't move it. Discouraged he said, "Dad, you were wrong. I can't do it." His dad said, "Try again." This time, as the boy struggled with the branch his father joined him and together they pushed the branch aside. "Son," the father said, "the first time you didn't use all your strength, you didn't ask me for help".....

Like any other group of professionals, we're always looking to build our professional networks, find career advice and uncover new industry resources. One way to further these goals is through becoming a member of a professional organization. The affiliation must not only provide a value to the individual, but should enhance or maximize the performance of the person to ultimately benefit the organization.

Some associations have membership counts in the thousands, and it can be difficult to navigate such a vast crowd. The size of the group also affects how successful you can be in making meaningful contact at an event, such as an Annual Black belt Meeting.

Getting the most out of any professional association membership is like anything else in life -- you're going to get out of it as much as you put into it. Fortunately, there are some easy steps that you can follow to ensure that your association membership is a success. Really think about what you're trying to get out of this membership. Why did you join the Federation? Perhaps, there are a few questions you should ask yourself:

- What am I hoping to accomplish?
- Is this about furthering my career as an Instructor? Is this about growing my business?
- Is it a social objective, or is this objective an opportunity to grow in the Art of Taekwon-Do?

You won't develop meaningful relationships by walking into a room of 500 to 1,000 association members and handing out business cards. The smaller committees and task forces that you will work on, the events you will help plan, the programs you will help coordinate by volunteering your time -- that's where you're really going to develop working relationships and develop a bond with other members.
By building substantial relationships, you will also learn more about the resources within the organization, as well as additional professional organizations that your new contacts are involved in that may be relevant to achieving your objectives.

Professional membership confers a special status on those who hold it. Memberships open a pathway to other members who are found around the country, as well as those in the international community of like-minded individuals and organizations. Membership presents opportunities for competition, access to educational forums and professional recognition on a national and international level.

Advantages of a Federation Membership:

- Large and prestigious Federations connections
- Access to the leadership in the Federation
- Professional networking at local, regional, national, and international levels
- National publications
- Opportunity to attend Regional and National Federation events
- National support for branch schools
- Certified Instructor Development Course
- Instructional training materials
- National, regional, and local promotional testing’s, seminars, workshops, and symposiums
- Black Belt Certification opportunities
- Web Sites - resources about the federation on the Internet
- Local, national, and international tournament competitions
- National Awards and Honors recognition
- Etc.

There are lots of advantages to becoming a member. The true impact of a membership comes from your participation with the Federation. Get involved! Once you've made the commitment to join the Federation, make a personal commitment to helping that Federation grow. By moving forward and personally helping the Federation achieves its mission; you will immediately start to see the fruits of your labor.

When we say "get involved," we mean do more than simply attend meetings. Sign up to become more active in one of the Federations committees. Help plan an upcoming event. This is the way you will meet people and get traction on achieving those initial objectives.

Don’t just join a Federation so you can “claim” membership, placing a certificate on the wall or listing your membership in promotional material; involve yourself in the Federation and take advantage of the networking opportunities. The more you engage yourself in the Federation, the more you will receive from your participation. Be an ACTIVE member!
General Choi Hong-Hi, the principle founder of Taekwon-Do was quite clear about the fact that the 1st Dan Black Belt is still a novice:

**1st Dan Black Belt—Expert or Novice?**

One of the greatest misconceptions within the martial arts is the notion that all black belt holders are experts. It is understandable that those unacquainted with the martial arts might make this equation. However, students should certainly recognize that this is not always the case. Too often, novice black belt holders advertise themselves as experts and eventually even convince themselves.

The first degree black belt holder has usually learned enough technique to defend himself against a single opponent. He can be compared to a fledgling who has acquired enough feathers to leave the nest and fend for himself. The first degree is a starting point. The student has merely built a foundation. The job of building the house lies ahead.

The novice black belt holder will now really begin to learn technique. Now that he has mastered the alphabet, he can begin to read. Years of hard work and study await him before he can even begin to consider himself an instructor and expert.

A perceptive student will, at this stage, suddenly realize how very little he knows…

The black belt holder also enters a new era of responsibility. Though a freshman, he has entered a strong honorable fraternity of the black belt holders of the entire world; and his actions inside and outside the training hall will be carefully scrutinized. His conduct will reflect on all black belt holders and he must constantly strive to set up an example for all grader holders.

Some will certainly advance into the expert stages. However, far too many will believe the misconception and will remain in novice, mentally and technically.
What is a Master Instructor?

- A Master Instructor is someone that has mastered the basic techniques of Taekwon-Do and is able to train Instructors to become a “Qualified Instructor”. He uses positive reinforcement and encouragement to build a Master Instructor/Instructor relationship.

- A Master Instructor must possess integrity and character to train his Black Belt Instructors to become Master Instructors.

- A Master Instructor’s goal is to cultivate and develop the Black Belt Instructors by putting the needs of the Black Belt Instructors’ first. It is imperative that the Master Instructor does everything in his power to promote the success of the individual schools under his authority. Respect is a two-way street; it must be earned, not demanded.

- A Master Instructor must have an open mind and be prepared to listen to the needs of the Black Belt Instructors, allowing them to exercise their authority according to their rank. How will they learn to become a Master Instructor, if they are not allowed to make decisions?

- A Master Instructor should always seek out his Black Belt Instructors and ask the question, “What do you think”? You may have already made your decision, but when you allow the Black Belt Instructors the opportunity to grow by asking questions, you continue to groom them towards becoming a Master Instructor.

- When the Master Instructor recognizes that he is wrong about something, he should say so and seek the advice of qualified counsel within his ranks. This teaches the Black Belt Instructors to be a humble servant, yet wise enough to be worthy to lead. There are no bad Black Belt Instructors, there are bad Master Instructors.

Perhaps, the ideal association or federation may be one that is “Committee” driven. One where the Master Instructors of the organization are split up into various committees and actually run the organization. This eliminates a “dictatorship” and allows the Master Instructors to develop the necessary skills to become the Grandmasters of the future... What do you think?

An integral part of learning and maturing as an Instructor is being allowed to make decisions. Even a bad decision can be corrected, it is better than no decision at all... The Master Instructor must have a Vision for the future of his students; the Bible tells us in Proverbs 29:18 ... “Where there is no vision, the people perish”...
What is a Grandmaster?

A Grandmaster is someone that has the ability to inspire Master Instructors to reach their personal goals by the example that he sets for himself. He uses positive reinforcement and encouragement to build a Master Instructor/Grandmaster relationship. A Grandmaster must possess integrity and character to train his Master Instructors to become Grandmasters. A Grandmaster’s goal is to cultivate and develop the Master Instructors by putting the needs of the Master Instructors’ first. It is imperative that the Grandmaster does everything in his power to promote the success of the individual schools under his authority. Respect is a two-way street; it must be earned, not demanded.

A grandmaster must have an open mind and be prepared to listen to the needs of the Master Instructors, allowing them to exercise their authority according to their rank. How will they learn to become a Grandmaster, if they are not allowed to lead? The “Ideal” association or federation would be one that is “Committee” driven. One where the Master Instructors of the organization are split up into various committees and actually run the organization. This eliminates a “dictatorship” and allows the Master Instructors to develop the necessary skills to become the Grandmaster in the future, what do you think? An integral part of learning and maturing as a Master Instructor is being allowed to make decisions. Even a bad decision can be corrected, it is better than no decision at all... A grandmaster should always seek out his Master Instructors and ask the question, “What do you think”? You may have already made your decision, but when you allow the Master Instructors the opportunity to grow by asking questions, you continue to groom them towards becoming a Grandmaster.

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On April 11, 1955 a special board of leading Master Instructors, Historians and Prominent Leaders gathered to undertake the responsibility of naming and developing this new Korean martial art. General Choi Hong Hi submitted the name Taekwon-Do and explained both literally and technically it’s meaning:

**Tae** - to kick or smash with the foot  
**Kwon** - to punch or smash with the hand  
**Do** - a way of life

The name Taekwon-Do was unanimously accepted and this Korean Art was named Taekwon-Do...

On April 11, 2009 the historic formation of the Jun Tong Taekwon-Do Federation was founded. Never in the history of Taekwon-Do have there ever been an Association or Federation so dedicated to preserving the Art of “**Traditional**” Taekwon-Do.

The Jun tong Taekwon-Do Federation is a “**Committee**” driven federation. One where the Master Instructors of the federation are voted into various committees and actually run the federation. This eliminates a “**Dictatorship**” and allows the Black Belt Instructors to develop the necessary skills to become the Master Instructors of the future.

Welcome to the Jun Tong Taekwon-Do Federation.

With warmest regards,  
Grandmaster Robert Dunn  
Founder of the J.T.F.