

Grandmaster Hyun Ok Shin
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Born: May 16, 1931 in Seoul, Korea

Ranking: 9th Dan Kukkiwan and Tae Kwon Do

Education: Choong Ang High School (Seoul, Korea).
Kyung Hee University (Seoul, Korea) - B.A. in Economics.
Baruch College (New York, USA), Graduate Business School

Career(Korea): 1957 - 1961 OEC (USOM), a United States Agency for aid to Korean government.

Career (USA): 1962 -1967 Taught Tae Kwon Do classes in Manhattan, Brooklyn and Queens
1964 -1971 Employed at Mill Factor Corp. accounting department
1967- 2020 Headmaster: Shins Tae Kwon Do Center, Laurelton NY.
1967- 2024 Chairman: United States Chapter United Chung Do Kwan Association.

Additional: 1975 - 1985 Taught children's classes at Long Island Korean School, (Port Washington, NY)
1978 - 2010 Sponsored annual United Tae Kwon Do Chung Do Kwan Association interschool tournaments and training clinics

Achievements: 1967 Opened Shin's Tae Kwon Do Center in Laurelton, NY
Founded the United Tae Kwon Do Chung Do Kwan Association
1970 Sponsored 1970, 1971 and 1972 Continental Open Tae Kwon Do Championships at Wagner High School (Manhattan, NY)
1978 Moved United Tae Kwon Do Chung Do Kwan "Home School" to Floral Park, NY
1993 - Appointed to the Suffolk County Executive Korean-America Advisory Committee
Awarded: Nassau County Korean-American Member Citation
1994 - Appointed to the Suffolk County Executive Korean-America Advisory Committee
1998 - Awarded Suffolk County Korean-American Advisory Committee Member's Award.
1998 - Inducted into Black Belt Instructor's Hall of Fame/presented 1988 All American Open Hall of Fame Award by Grandmaster Henry Cho at Madison Square Garden
2008 - Inducted into the United States Tae Kwon Do Grandmaster Society.
Received Society's 2008 Hall of Fame Lifetime Achievement Award –
2022 - Received Nassau County "60 Years Teaching Martial Arts - Citation of Appreciation"

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PROFILE:

Grandmaster Hyun Ok Shin, 9th dan - Kukkiwon and Chung Do Kwan, is the founder and chairman of the United Tae Kwon Do Chung Do Kwan Association. He has been teaching and promoting Tae Kwon Do in America since 1962.

Grandmaster Shin began his Tae Kwon Do training as a teenager under the tutelage of Grandmaster Won Kook Lee at the Chung Do Kwan "home school" in Seoul, Korea. Among his training partners was Grandmaster Jhoon Rhee.

Grandmaster Shin graduated Kyun Hee University with a B.A. in Economics. While there, he served as Captain of the university's Tae Kwon Do club.

In 1962, Grandmaster Shin emigrated to the United States. He enrolled at Baruch College's Graduate Business School intending to pursue a career in accounting.

At that time, the United States was engaged in a protracted war with Vietnam. Returning American soldiers, after being introduced to Tae Kwon Do overseas, brought their Tae Kwon Do skills back home. At the same time, a wave of martial arts movies featuring Bruce Lee, Chuck Norris and other martial arts personalities, was generating widespread interest in martial arts among the general public.

In response to this public interest in martial arts, Grandmaster Shin abandoned his plan to pursue accounting and, in 1967, opened Shin's Tae Kwon Do center in Laurelton, Queens, N.Y. He also founded the United Tae Kwon Do Chung Do Kwan Association in order to bring together Tae Kwon Do instructors for the purpose of unifying them and establishing common standards for instruction and promotion.

In 1970, Grandmaster Shin organized the first of three Continental Open Karate Championships. These championships, held at Wagner High School in Manhattan, NY, attracted hundreds of competitors from all-over the tri-state area and established Grandmaster Shin's prominence in the metropolitan area.

The next few years saw Association membership grow and expand geographically. Affiliated programs were established at Queens College, NY, Cornell University, NY, Albany State University, NY, and the University of Kentucky. Branch programs were also established in Southwick, MA, Tuscon, AZ, Ithaca, NY, and Rockland and Westchester Counties, NY. Outside of the continental United States, affiliated programs were established on Caribbean islands of St. Martin, St. Kitts, Anguilla and Monserrat.

In 1978, Grandmaster Shin, relocated the Association's "home school" to Floral Park, Long Island. Here, at this newer and more spacious facility, Grandmaster Shin would, for the next forty plus years, teach classes, conduct workshops, hold promotion tests and organize the Association's tournaments and training clinics.

On October 15, 2012 students and honored guests gathered to celebrate Grandmaster Shin's 50 years of teaching Tae Kwon Do in America. Current and former students shared their personal remembrances, making clear how just how much he had been a shaping force in their lives. Here, they said, was a skilled technician, a master teacher, and a visionary leader; a man that had, without ever allowing ambition to cloud his judgement or compromise his integrity, singlehandedly built one of America's foremost Tae Kwon Do organizations.

Over the years Grandmaster Shin has received many awards and citations. He is very proud of having received Grandmaster Henry Cho's 1988 All American Open Hall of Fame Award presented at Madison Square Garden upon his induction into the Black Belt Instructor's Hall of Fame. He is also very honored to have received the 2008 Hall of Fame Lifetime Achievement Award from the United States Grandmaster's Society.

Today, Grandmaster Shin, as chairman of United Tae Kwon Do Chung Do Kwan, continues to oversee the instruction and activities of the Association. When not working, he enjoys playing golf and spending time with his family and friends.