



## **ABOUT the New Zealand Kung-Fu Wushu Federation and the International Wushu Federation**

### **Kung-Fu Wushu New Zealand**

#### **Mission**

Foster wushu spirit and values and promote awareness, interest, participation and success at all levels, thus enriching the health and well-being of New Zealanders

#### **Vision**

Sport, recreation, health and art form kung-fu wushu is a widely recognised and popular 'option of choice' for a significant number of New Zealanders, young and old

#### **Values**

Encourage excellence, respect diversity, display integrity, inspire success and demonstrate professionalism at all times

#### **Strategic Direction**

Actively grow membership and create a sustainable organisation

### **International Status**

The New Zealand Kung-Fu Wushu Federation (NZKWF), first known as the Wellington Region Chinese Martial Arts Association (represented by Glen Keith) was among the 31 countries and territories present at the Inaugural Meeting of the International Wushu Federation (IWUF), founded on 3 October 1990 in Beijing China. NZKWF has maintained its status as New Zealand's only official representative to IWUF since 1990 and to the Oceania Wushu Federation (OWUF) since 1998.

### **National Status**

The New Zealand Kung-Fu Wushu Federation has evolved through several restructures as it has matured into a government recognized National Sport Organization (NSO) by Sport and Recreation New Zealand (SPARC). NZKWF still has many of its foundation members, which is a sign of strong commitment and loyalty.

### **Significant dates**

The dates and organisations below depict the evolution of the NZKWF and significant historical development of wushu in New Zealand and Oceania, since the formation of the International Wushu Federation in 1990.

1990 - The Wellington Region Chinese Martial Arts Association Inc;

1995 - The New Zealand Chinese Martial Arts-International Wushu Council Inc;

1998 - The Oceania Wushu Federation (Co-founded between NZ and Australia);

2005 - The New Zealand Kung-Fu Wushu Federation Inc;

2007 - Recognition by Sport & Recreation New Zealand (SPARC) as the National Sport Organization (NSO) - National Governing Body for Kung-Fu Wushu in New Zealand;

2009 - Recognition by the New Zealand Olympic Committee (NZOC) for 'Associate Status' under Section 9 (9.9) of the NZOC Constitution;

### **Achievements**

While it is difficult to capture the total effort of hundreds of people over many years, the following is a brief overview of some of the achievements of the NZKWF to date;

- Became an Inaugural member of the International Wushu Federation in 1990 and has maintained the status as New Zealand's only official representative;
- Taken a lead role in the promotion and development of Chinese martial arts and wushu in New Zealand and maintained a high public and government profile;
- Taken an active role in continental and global wushu development through official positions held in the Continental and International Wushu Federations;
- Organised local and overseas kung-fu, wushu and tai chi masters to run workshops and seminars for members and for the general public - including a visit and performance by elite wushu athletes from China in May 2010;
- Organised national wushu competitions, wushu friendship festivals, sanda invitationals, world tai chi and qi-gong days;
- Participated in community based events such as the Chinese New Year celebrations, asthma awareness campaigns etc.;
- Fund raised and organised New Zealand wushu teams to compete at most of the IWUF World Wushu Competitions, including the World Wushu Championships, World Junior Wushu Championships, World Traditional Wushu Championships and World Sanda Cup;

- Facilitated the development and achievement of national and internationally qualified wushu judges and coaches in taolu (forms) and sanda (fighting);
- Ensured New Zealand wushu members clubs and athletes have up-to-date information and coaching in international wushu competition
- Introduced a Code of Conduct and Athlete Protection Policy;
- Developed a National Wushu Development Plan and Strategic Plan to take wushu into the future.
- Achieved government recognition by Sport and Recreation New Zealand (SPARC) as the National Sport Organization (NSO) / National Governing Body for Kung-Fu Wushu in New Zealand covering “all recognised and recognisable forms of traditional, recreational, health related and contemporary (sport) Chinese martial arts”.
- Achieved recognition by the New Zealand National Olympic Committee (NZOC) for ‘Associate Status’ under Section 9 (9.9) of the NZOC Constitution.

### **International Wushu Federation**

The International Wushu Federation (IWUF) has current membership of 125 countries and territories across the 5 Continental Federations of Asia, Africa, Europe, America and Oceania.

IWUF comprises an Executive Committee, Technical Committee, Traditional Wushu Committee, Medical Committee, Marketing and Development Committee and Athletes Commission.

Glen Keith is a member of the Executive Committee holding the post of IWUF Vice President. He also holds the posts of President of the Oceania Wushu Federation and President of the New Zealand Kung-Fu Wushu Federation.

The successive Presidents of IWUF are (from first to most recent) Li Menghua, Wu Shaozu, Li Zhijian and Yu Zaiqing.

The International Wushu Federation was accepted as an official member of the General Association of International Sports Federations (GAISF) at their 28th Congress held in Monaco on 22 October 1994.

The IWUF was officially recognised by the International Olympic Committee (IOC) by a resolution adopted at the 109th session of IOC held on 20 June 1999 in Seoul, South Korea.

On December 10, 2001 the International Wushu Federation signed an agreement with the World Anti-Doping Agency.

The IWUF currently hosts four (4) major international bi-annual wushu sports events on consecutive years. These events are considered to be the pinnacle achievement for elite kung-fu wushu athletes.

- World Wushu Championships (contemporary forms and fighting)
- World Junior Wushu Championships (contemporary forms and fighting)
- World Traditional Wushu Championships (traditional forms)
- World Wushu Sanda Cup (contemporary fighting)

Wushu is also included in the following events:

- Asian Games
- East Asian Games
- South Asian Games
- South East Asian Games
- World Games
- SportAccord World Combat Games.

Wushu is currently seeking inclusion in the Olympic Games and Commonwealth Games.