

It is with great sadness that the ITF inform you all of the tragic death of our President Grand Master TrầnTriêu Quân, 9th Degree Black Belt, following the recent earthquake in Haiti.

We have just received information from the Trần family regarding the discovery of Grand Master Trần from the rubble of the Hotel Montana in Port-au-Prince, Haiti. His body was found under several tons of debris. His death was confirmed by an official of the Embassy of Canada in Haiti. His identity was confirmed by the Disaster Victim Identification assessment team working in Haiti with the Consular Affairs Bureau of Foreign Affairs Canada. His body will be repatriated to Canada on Sunday, February 14.

Our thoughts go to the Trần family. We wish to extend our most sincere condolences to them.

Speaking from Argentina, Senior Vice-President Grand Master Pablo Trajtenberg stated: *“We are so sorry to hear about Grand Master Trần’s death. We are still in shock. ITF and Taekwon-Do have lost a very strong and devoted leader, a great defender of our art in the tradition of our Founder, General Choi Hong Hi. He will remain forever a model that will inspire us all. We wish to extend our deepest sympathies to Grand Master Trần’s dear wife, Mrs. Nguyen Thi My; his children, Joliette, Cécilia and Nicolas; his son-in-law, François Beaudin; his grandchildren, Jasmine and Sandrine; his brothers, Trần Triêu Cung and Trần Triêu Lân; and all the Trần and Nguyen extended families. The fact that Grand Master Trần lost his life in a country such as Haiti is meaningful because he strongly believed in the contribution of Taekwon-Do to the building of strong citizenship qualities in developing countries. He had set time aside to meet with a group of Taekwon-Do students during his stay in Port-au-Prince. We already miss him.”*

All Taekwon-Do practitioners from around the world are kindly invited to write memories of Grand Master Trần or words of sympathy to the Trần family on the following ITF web page: <http://www.itfnz.org.nz/commemorative/grand-master-tran-condolence.html>.

Grand Master Trần was President of the ITF since 2003. He had been re-elected to serve for a second term in 2007.

The ITF Board stands united with you in your sympathies for our beloved President and his family. We believe the bond and friendships between all our nations will be forever strengthened and remain strong.

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