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**To: ITKF National Traditional Karate Federations
New Era ITKF Representatives**

Re: New Era ITKF

Cc: ITKF Executive Committee

Dear ITKF People,

November 7, 2008 will stay in our memories forever. Five years ago Sensei Nishiyama passed away leaving us a responsibility to work hard toward the future success of ITKF.

In the last letter to the ITKF Board of Directors Sensei wrote:

“First and foremost, ITKF must grow through the mutual vision which I have given to all of you. Each of you have many skills and strengths that, when combined, I am confident will ensure our future success. There is an old adage, ‘The whole is greater than the sum of its parts’. In reality, by working together with great determination and cooperation we will be able to achieve more than any one person, struggling to carry the organization forward by himself”.

These words are very meaningful and acquire a completely new value after five years of Sensei’s passing.

Sensei Nishiyama was unquestionable world leader of Traditional Karate who devoted his life to developing this martial art. He did his job with great passion and determination with full support of Ms. Aiko Torii. At the same time, however, he was a human being with natural right to have weaknesses, emotions and a tendency to make mistakes. If any organization issues were left by him and Ms. Aiko unresolved, it was Mr. Jorgensen’s and the ITKF Board of Directors’ task to fix the situation and correct all faults.

Unfortunately, **Mr. Jorgensen did something completely different. Even though he was fully aware of the ITKF situation he lied to all of us and hid the following important information both from the ITKF Board Members and its Member Federations:**

- 1) **ITKF has never been registered as International Sport Organization but as a Business Entity (private business).**
- 2) **ITKF has been suspended by the California Secretary of State (Franchise Tax Board) since May 1, 2002 due to the tax arrears.**

Mr. Jorgensen's five years of ITKF management can be described in the following points:

- For five years the outdated ITKF has illegally collected money from its Members under the state of suspension.
- For five years Mr. Jorgensen has behaved as dictator using different methods of threatening and punishment. His attacks have increased when the truth about the ITKF status came out. He then became to suspend all Members who wanted to explain the situation.
- The most outrageous, however, is the fact that he tried to cover up all his negative actions and lies with Sensei Nishiyama's and Ms. Aiko's names.
- Outdated ITKF Constitution has never been officially registered.
- Outdated ITKF has not updated the Constitution with Amendments taken by the General Meeting for many years. In consequence, the ITKF does not have one compiled text of the basic document which contains all rules and regulations.

In August 2013 the Polish Sport Ministry asked the outdated ITKF for the valid registration document and constitution. In October Mr. Jorgensen provided the Ministry with false outdated certificate from the Attorney General confirming the ITKF status "Exempt – Active" and he attached numerous files that were supposed to make up the ITKF Constitution. Some of the attached documents were incomplete with missing pages (!)

In response to Mr. Jorgensen's accusations that New Era ITKF is a "pirate" organization we would like to point out the facts to show that the outdated ITKF is void and invalid:

1. The ITKF Extraordinary General Meeting held on 17th August 2013 in Stara Wieś (Poland) was called by two members of ITKF Board of Directors – Sensei Katsuya Ishiyama (Venezuela) and Mr. Włodzimierz Kwiecinski (Poland) and numerous other members.
2. This meeting was called subsequent to fact finding meetings about ITKF office and its president in June 2013 based on existing ITKF bylaws and requirements.
3. The Chairman of ITKF refused to recognize the right of its membership and constitution.
4. All other Board Members and the ITKF Chairman were notified and asked to attend this extraordinary meeting.
5. In this meeting the attended membership signed a resolution to move the ITKF office to Switzerland and register it as a sport organization.

6. Also, the outdated ITKF BOD including its Chairman were resolved and a new Transitional Board was established to revise and create a new constitution for ITKF.
7. Any activities by outdated ITKF are nulled, void and illegal and cannot be recognized by the new assembly including the recent gathering in Cancun. In addition, no suspension by outdated ITKF is valid due to non-existence of such an organization after August 17th General Meeting.
8. A temporary office is established in Poland until the Swiss registration is finalized.
9. The resolved/void ITKF located in California cannot use the name, logo, rule books and etc. of ITKF since those belongs to the legal and right ITKF (New Era) as stated by the Extraordinary General Meeting in August 17, 2013.

Please try to answer to yourself the following questions: How can ITKF grow when its Chairman and the office staff do not have sufficient organizational expertise to manage an international organization? How can you trust the Chairman whose common practice is to lie, threaten, suspend, expel etc.

We are convinced Sensei would never trust him anymore.

We hope you will join us in Prague during the 2013 European Championship (5-8 December) where you can feel great atmosphere and positive fresh energy of the New Era ITKF. All together we have a lot of catching up to do.

We are looking forward to meeting you there.

Sincerely Yours,



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ITKF Acting President