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**Dr. Russell Ahn Appointed as “Coordinator of World University Sports Peace Corps”
by World Taekwondo & International University Sports Federation**
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The University of California Martial Arts Program is pleased to announce that UCMAP Director Dr. Russell Ahn has been nominated as the Coordinator of “World University Sports Peace Corps” WUSPC supported by both the [World Taekwondo \(WT\)](#), the [International University Sports Federation \(FISU\)](#).

Both WT and FISU closed an MOU to develop “World University Sports Peace Corps” to contribute to *World Peace* through various sporting activities, training programs and educational programs in the General Assembly of FISU. This collaboration convention will cultivate future leaders of the world university sports and envision hope and vision for underserved and underprivileged people. The collaboration between WT and FISU will unite people through sports and expand collaborations with various international organizations for the pursuit of world peace. The purposes of WUSPC will be the following:

- *Share core values and practices of WT (Inclusiveness, Leadership, Respect, Tolerance, Excellence, and Integrity) and FISU (Excellence, Teamwork, Innovation, Joy of Sport, Integrity).*
- *Providing opportunity for all to participate in physical activity, while acting for their health and wellbeing and thereby helping them become tomorrow’s leaders.*
- *Promoting sport as a powerful vehicle towards peace, hope, social development and integration of underserved populations.*
- *Uniting forces in offering sport for development and peace activities in the geographical areas where WT, FISU, and the Taekwondo Humanitarian Foundation (THF) are already providing services, as well as potentially other locations in worldwide.*
- *Collaborating and exchanging expertise and information of FISU and WT to achieve mutual goals and visions of World Peace.*



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World Taekwondo has been leading a great example of contributing to world peace and mankind through various programs and activities such as Taekwondo Peace Corps, Taekwondo Humanitarian Foundation and One Taekwondo Movements under vigorous efforts and outstanding leadership of President Choue. WT also developed refugee athletes' program to provide not only hope but also visions and opportunities for refugee campers. It was surprising to



find that there are about 20 million refugees in camps throughout the world. According to the UN High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), one in every 122 of our fellow humans is now a refugee, internally displaced, or seeking asylum. WT president Choue spearheaded to establish the Taekwondo Humanitarian Foundation (THF) in April 2016 in Lausanne, Switzerland to deploy taekwondo coaches to refugee camps worldwide, bringing the benefits of fitness, sport, self-defense, self-belief, and self-respect to those who need it most. Taekwondo is an economical sport and a

martial art that easily deployed and deliverable that can help raise the quality of life for refugees in camps worldwide.

Currently, Dr. Ahn is serving as the Vice Chair of taekwondo for all committees of WT and Technical Committee Chair of FISU. On top of these important responsibilities, he will carry out these duties to not only world taekwondo communities but also world university sports communities. He would have to reanalyze these two international federations education and training programs to create collaborative conventions to uphold world peace by utilizing sports as main vehicles of bring people together to share wisdoms and passions to serve the underserved and the underprivileged.

This impressive array of responsibilities continues within the University of California, Berkeley Martial Arts' leadership, as the previous Taekwondo Technical Delegate to FISU, Dr. Ken Min, also hails from the university. Dr. Ahn will continue to serve various leadership roles in national and international organizations to pursue positive social impact and to contribute to world peace utilizing sports as the main vehicle.

