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**ITF President Professor Chang Ung visited Saint Petersburg's
Legislative Assembly**

On 15 October President of the International Taekwon-Do Federation (ITF) Professor Chang Ung and members of the Organizing Committee of the XVI ITF Taekwon-Do World Championships visited the **Legislative Assembly of Saint Petersburg**. On behalf of the city authorities the guests were welcomed by Hero of Russia, Honorary Citizen of Saint Petersburg, six-time Olympic medal winner, **Chairman of the Commission on Physical Culture and Sports of the Legislative Assembly of Saint Petersburg Lyubov Egorova**.

In his speech **Professor Chang Ung** noted the great impression of the organization of the XVI ITF Taekwon-Do World Championships in Saint Petersburg and of the beautiful opening ceremony. "I can say that this world championships is the best in the history of taekwon-do and its organizers are worthy of all praise", noted the ITF President. Professor Chang also mentioned that as a IOC Member he closely watches the preparations for the 2014 Winter Olympics in Sochi and is sure about its success. The ITF President expressed hope that the Committee on Physical Culture and Sports of the Legislative Assembly of Saint Petersburg will support the city Taekwon-do Federation, the organization that proved its ability in training of European and World Champions in this sport.

The President of the Saint Petersburg Taekwon-Do Federation and the Chairman of the Organizing Committee of the 2009 World Championships **Mikhail Shmelev** and the Head of the Saint Petersburg Martial Arts Union **Mikhail Kuzmin** in their speeches thanked the ITF leadership for their trust and their right to hold a tournament of such high level in this city and thanked the federal and city authorities for support in organization of the XVI ITF Taekwon-Do World Championships.

After the speeches the guests were invited to an excursion round the Mariinsky Palace where Professor Chang Ung showed extraordinary knowledge of Russian history, politics and art.

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