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**First Day of 2009 World Championships:
Team DPR Korea – 10 of 10 gold medals**

The first competition day of the ITF Taekwon-Do World Championships ended today at the Yubileyny Sports Complex. All the 10 gold medals in men and women individual and team pattern competitions were taken by the representatives of the DPR Korea team.

Team Russia-1 takes second place after the first competition day with three silver and three bronze medals. Team Tajikistan is currently the third with two silver and three bronze medals.

Taekwon-Do practitioners from 13 countries won medals on the first day of 2009 World Championships.

Medal winners of the first day:

Team pattern:

Male – 1. PRK. 2. Czech Republic. 3. Tajikistan, Canada.

Female – 1. PRK. 2. Russia-1. 3. Russia-2, Tajikistan.

Individual pattern:

Male:

I dan: 1. Kim Il Gyong (PRK). 2. Sayfitdinov (Tajikistan). 3. Iakovlev (Russia-1), Pacheco (Argentina).

II dan: 1. Han Song Min (PRK). 2. Son (Russia-2). 3. Shibata (Japan), Mineev (Russia-1).

III dan: 1. Ri Hang Song (PRK). 2. Funamizu (Japan). 3. Pixaev (Russia-1), Liu Yang (China).

IV dan: 1. Pak Chung Song (PRK). 2. Stepnyakov (Russia-1). 3. Titussen (Greenland), Nikolaidis (Greece).

Female:

I dan: 1. Ri Chol Ok (PRK). 2. Tagaynazarova (Tajikistan). 3. Dimitriou (Greece), Grodova (Czech Republic).

II dan: 1. An Yun Mi (PRK). 2. Klochkova (Russia-1). 3. Muhamedrakhimova (Tajikistan), Plecnik (Slovenia).

III dan: 1. Jegal Un (PRK). 2. Kimura (Japan). 2. Javornik (Slovenia), Cardona (Columbia).

IV dan: 1. Sa Ok Jin (PRK). 2. Fedorova (Russia-2). 3. Naraoka (Japan), Steel (RSA).

