MASTERS & STYLES

THE MASTER: **CHONG SUNG KIM**

randmaster, Dr. Chong Sung Kim, is recognized as one of the world's foremost instructors and practitioners in the Korean Martial Art, Hapkido. Grandmaster Kim was born in Seoul, South Korea and has practiced Hapkido for nearly 60 years. He has attained the highly desired rank of Ninth Degree Black Belt in Hapkido and is widely known



for his enthusiastic devotion to detail in his teaching. His teaching style incorporates an emphasis on timing and precision in the execution of Hapkido techniques. Grandmaster Kim is notably the founder of "Jang Mu Won Hapkido", a unique variation of the traditional Korean Martial Art.

Grandmaster Kim began studying Hapkido when he was just a young man. He attended Seoul Technical High School and graduated from Hong Ig University, majoring in Political Science. In Seoul, the name Chong S. Kim became famous among the citizenry as the epitome of Hapkido. He owned and operated a total of three schools, two of which were in the Yong San Ku District (the Sam Kag Ji branch and the Nam Young Dong branch) and a third which was located in Young Dong Po Ku District (the Bong Chun Dong branch).

Grandmaster Kim was part of a select group of twelve Hapkido practitioners who toured Asia, giving Martial Art demonstrations and instructional lessons in locations such as Hong Kong, Taiwan, and South Vietnam. With an invitation and recommendation by the Korean C.I.A. he and his elite team of Hapkido masters provided specialized instruction in Hapkido techniques to both the United States Green Berets and C.I.A. personnel in South

Grandmaster Kim supplemented his extensive training in Hapkido by studying at Dong Ue Acupuncture School where he became proficient in acupuncture, joint manipulation and bone setting. In 1973 he chose to bring his outstanding abilities to the United States of America. Grandmaster Kim owns and operates a school in Alhambra, California. There are four additional "Jang Mu

Won Hapkido" schools located throughout Southern California.

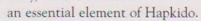
In 2009, Grandmaster Kim completed one of his lifelone dreams, by compiling traditional Hapkido techniques of the Jang Mu Won Hapkido Association on DVD.

THE STYLE: HAPKIDO

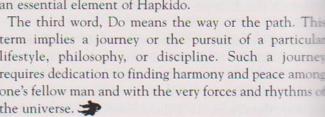
The word Hapkido consists of three words from the Korean language. The first word, Hap means to combine coordinate, or make one. This combining or harmonizing is part of what makes Hapkido such a versatile and effective martial art. Hap refers to the ability to harmonize with an opponent's energy, momentum, weight speed, strength, and angle of attack. Through effective

rhythm, timing, body mechanics and movement students learn to overcome a larger, stronger, or even faster opponent.

The second term, Ki identifies the power that pervades the universe, and has been defined as mind, spirit, heart, or breath depending upon the context in which it is used. Ki is a form of vital energy, representing the life force and a source of internal strength. Ki development through the unification of mind. body, and breath is



The third word, Do means the way or the path. This term implies a journey or the pursuit of a particular lifestyle, philosophy, or discipline. Such a journey requires dedication to finding harmony and peace among one's fellow man and with the very forces and rhythms of the universe.



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