

TENANTS OF TAEKWON-DO

COURTESY

INTEGRITY

PERSEVERANCE

SELF CONTROL

INDOMITABLE SPIRIT

STUDEN OATH

I SHALL OBSERVE THE TENANTS OF TAE
KWON-DO

I SHALL RESPECT INSTRUCTORS AND
SENIORS

I SHALL NEVER MISUSE TAE KWON-DO
I WILL BE A CHAMPION OF FREEDOM
AND JUSTICE

I WILL BUILD A MORE PEACEFUL
WORLD

PATTERN DEFINITIONS

CHON-JI MEANS LITERALLY "THE HEAVEN THE EARTH". IT IS, IN THE ORIENT, INTERPRETED AS THE CREATION OF THE WORLD OR THE BEGINNING OF HUMAN HISTORY, THEREFORE, IT IS THE INITIAL PATTERN PLAYED BY THE BEGINNER. THIS PATTERN CONSISTS OF TWO SIMILAR PARTS; ONE TO REPRESENT THE HEAVEN AND THE OTHER THE EARTH.

DAN-GUN IS NAMED AFTER THE HOLY DAN-GUN, THE LEGENDARY FOUNDER OF KOREA IN THE YEAR OF 2,333 B.C.

DO-SAN IS THE PSEUDONYM OF THE PATRIOT AHN CHANG-HO (1876-1938) THE 24 MOVEMENTS REPRESENT HIS ENTIRE LIFE WHICH HE DEVOTED TO FURTHERING THE EDUCATION OF KOREA AND ITS INDEPENDENCE MOVEMENT.

WON-HYO WAS THE NOTED MONK WHO

INTRODUCED BUDDHISM TO THE SILLA DYNASTY
IN THE YEAR OF 686 A.D.

YUL-GOK IS THE PSEUDONYM OF A GREAT
PHILOSOPHER AND SCHOLAR, YI L (1536-1584),
NICKNAMED THE "CONFUCIUS OF KOREA". THE
38 MOVEMENTS OF THIS PATTERN REFER TO HIS
BIRTHPLACE ON 38 DEGREES LATITUDE AND THE
DIAGRAM REPRESENTS "SCHOLAR".

JOONG-GUN IS NAMED AFTER THE PATRIOT AHN
JOONG-GUN WHO ASSASSINATED HIRO-BUMI ITO,
THE FIRST JAPANESE GOVERNOR-GENERAL OF
KOREA, KNOWN AS THE MAN WHO PLAYED THE
LEADING PART IN THE KOREA-JAPAN MERGER.
THERE ARE 32 MOVEMENTS IN THIS PATTERN TO
REPRESENT MR. AHN'S AGE WHEN HE WAS
EXECUTED IN A LUI-SHUNG PRISON (1910).

TOI-GYE IS THE PEN NAME OF THE NOTED
SCHOLAR YI HWANG (16TH CENTURY), AN
AUTHORITY ON NEO CONFUCIANISM. THE 37
MOVEMENTS OF THE PATTERN REFER TO HIS
BIRTHPLACE ON 37 LATITUDE; THE DIAGRAM
REPRESENTS "SCHOLAR".

HWA-RANG IS NAMED AFTER THE HWA-RANG YOUTH GROUP, WHICH ORIGINATED IN THE SILLA DYNASTY IN THE EARLY 7TH CENTURY. THE 29 MOVEMENTS REFER TO THE 29TH INFANTRY DIVISION, WHERE TAE-KWON-DO DEVELOPED INTO MATURITY.