

Alki Taekwondo Kid's Class will be giving a Taekwondo Demonstration this Friday evening, March 12<sup>th</sup>, 4:30-5:30. Alki Taekwondo is celebrating the visit of Korean Taekwondo Grand Master, Chin Ho Lee's Seattle visit. The demonstration will involve traditional orthodox Taekwondo kicking drills, breaking techniques, self defense applications, and precision master kicking demonstrations (lighter than gravity kicks).

Alki Taekwondo is the only remaining TKD training center in continuous operation since Grand Master Lee's Seattle Dojang opened in the 1960s. GM Chin Ho Lee opened the first Korean Martial Art's school in the Northwest, opposed at that time by the various martial arts schools already present in Seattle. Surviving threats and challenge matches, GM Lee spread the art of Taekwondo in Seattle until he left to serve the US government in the mid-70s.

Grand Master (GM) Lee was born in Korea where he attended Yon Sei University in Seoul, obtaining a BBA degree. GM Lee immigrated to the United States and attended the University of Washington where he received a Masters Degree in International Business. After becoming an American citizen, GM Lee was appointed as a Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI). After various field assignments, he was promoted to Supervisory Special Agent rank and assigned as an instructor at the FBI Academy. Training our government agents in self defense and hand to hand combat was another way he continued to spread the art of Taekwondo.

Special Agent Lee was thereafter selected by the FBI Executive Assistant Director Oliver "Buck" Revell to serve in the Bureau's newly established Office of Liaison & International Affairs. Special Agent Lee was instrumental in assisting the South Korean Government prepare for the 1988 Seoul Olympic Games. The security was considered the "best ever" in Olympic Games history. GM Lee made several trips to Korea to directly facilitate Security preparations for the games. Martial Arts played a major role in the training of these 'high tech' security specialists.

When GM Lee resigned from the FBI, he returned to Korea as a Senior Executive in the Hyundai Corporation. GM Lee served as Chairman of three Hyundai companies as principal assistant to the Hyundai Group founder.

Grand Master Lee's philanthropic and charitable work has also played a major role in his professional life.

Taekwondo Demonstration: At Alki Church, Anderson Hall, 6115 SW Hinds Street, Seattle 98116. Contact – Master Stephen Coates, Phone 206-930-4541, alkitaekwondo@aol.com

The Taekwondo Demonstration is Free