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Dear PATU Family and Friends,

As we celebrate this Holiday Season I would like to wish everyone a joyous time with your loved ones and the completion of another successful year!

Together we have successfully completed many challenging businesses in 2015. I would like to inform you a few list of accomplishments that we have made in 2015.

At the beginning of the year, we initiated PATU Intercontinental Coach Certification to educate our coaches with valuable information to better assist our athletes. PATU Intercontinental Coach Certification is now a mandatory requirement for all Cadet, Junior, Senior and Poomsae Coaches in 2016. Observing our success with the coaches' education, WTF is now planning to initialize WTF coach certification together with PATU in 2016.

We have also successfully organized and completed 10 WTF G Ranking events, along with our official Pan Am Cadet and Junior Championships, Pan Am Club Championships, South American Championships, Pan Am Games Qualification Tournament, and of course, our bi-annual PATU General Assembly which made many important and positive decisions to improve our region.

Prior to the Argentina Open, PATU signed a positive agreement with Americas Paralympic Committee (APC) to work together to be an official member of the APC in the near future and to include Para-TKD in the 2019 Para-Pan Am Games. In July, we celebrated one of the best Pan Am Games in Toronto, Canada with great results. At the Grand Prix Finals, PATU qualified 5 athletes with ranking points for the upcoming 2016 Rio Olympic Games. Upon completion of this year's competition season, we pre-qualified a total of 9 athletes including 4 from Brazil's auto qualification prior to Pan Am Olympic Qualification Tournament in March 2016. To complete this year with a strong message to the world, the Mexican Federation ended the WTF Grand Prix finals with a glamorous WTF Award Gala.

Our continued communication with PASO/ODEPA and Lima, Peru Organizing Committee for 2019 Pan Am Games has initiated the inclusion of Poomsae and Para-TKD in 2019. PATU is also making strong efforts to increase our Gyorooigi competitions to 5 weight categories in 2019.

At the beginning of December, we have accomplished a constructive meeting with Kukkiwon representatives and agreed on basic operational standards to establish all businesses partnered with PATU for our MNAs during the WTF Executive Committee Meeting held in Mexico City. It was without a doubt a busy and challenging year, but I am proud and happy to inform you that we have worked together to reach our goals and accomplished our common objectives to improve our region.

On behalf of the PATU Executive Council, I would like to extend our sincere appreciation to all of our PATU family and friends for your continued support and cooperation towards completing 2016 with great success.

As 2016, the year of the Monkey fast approaches us, we have many new businesses and challenges to face. PATU will be organizing a new PATU Intercontinental Coach Certification Program prior to U.S. Open and Canada Open in February. But most importantly, our Pan Am Olympic Qualification Tournament is scheduled to be held in March, 2016 in Aguascalientes, Mexico. As Mexico and Brazil have fully qualified with 4 athletes each, our qualification tournament will offer better opportunities for many PATU MNAs to qualify for the Rio Olympic Games. I urge all PATU MNAs, to start their preparations for the Olympic Qualification Tournament immediately after the Holidays and New Year to ensure their success.

But for now, please enjoy your holidays with your family and close friends to reward yourselves from yearlong challenges and hard work, and fully recharge yourselves for another successful new year. As a team, I am very confident that PATU can achieve many new goals and celebrate our successes that the new year of the Monkey brings upon us.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ji Ho Choi". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letter of each name being significantly larger and more stylized.

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