



United Taekwondo Association

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Ladies and Gentlemen,

I began my Taekwondo journey in the United States in August of 1967 in Cincinnati, OH. Over the 52 years that have passed and through the more than 11,000 students that have participated in the programs affiliated with me, I have accomplished many important things for Taekwondo and have met a multitude of wonderful people.

However, as all stories have a beginning, so must they have an end. This letter is to advise all of you of my decision to retire from active participation in the affairs of the United Taekwondo Association and the Ahn Taekwondo Classic effective December 31, 2019. There are personal issues that require 100% of my attention and that must be my focus.

As required by the By-Laws of the United Taekwondo Association, the Board of Masters and the Board of Grandmasters was advised of my decision. The result of the discussions with the Boards is that Grandmaster August O'Neal has been elected to serve as President and Chief Executive Officer of the United Taekwondo Association (UTA) effective January 1, 2020. I have endorsed this decision – and hope that all of you will congratulate Grandmaster O'Neal on his new responsibilities.

Please accept my best wishes for the continued success of the Association.

Very truly yours,

Grandmaster Kyongwon Ahn