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WTF Holds 3rd Electronic Protector Demonstration in Seoul



An electronic protector demonstration is under way at Kyung Hee University in Seoul on Jan. 12, 2007. The one-day event drew two companies - Daedo International of Spain and adidas (ATM) of Germany.

The World Taekwondo Federation held a demonstration of electronic protector systems in Seoul on Jan. 12, 2007.

The WTF-organized demonstration, the third of its kind, attracted two electronic protector manufacturers - Daedo International of Spain and adidas (ATM) of Germany.

The one-day demonstration, which took place at Kyung Hee University in Seoul, was conducted before WTF President Chungwon Choue and members of the ad-hoc WTF Electronic Protector Committee.

The ad-hoc committee is led by Mr. Soo-nam Park, vice president of the WTF. The nine-member committee includes Mr. Eui-min Ko, chairman of the WTF Technical Committee; and Mr. Hong-ki Kim, chairman of the WTF Refereeing Committee.

One day after the demonstration on Jan. 13, the ad-hoc committee held its meeting at the headquarters of the WTF to evaluate the demonstrators' performance.

In line with the WTF Reform Report, the WTF set up the ad-hoc committee in July 2005. The report recommended the introduction of a highly effective and accurate electronic protector system as a valuable addition to the sport by helping make judgment more objective.

On Sept. 11, 2006, the WTF signed a contract with Korea's LaJUST on the WTF's official electronic protector supplier.

The WTF plans to hold a special electronic protector test event in early March in Korea with detailed information to be finalized soon.

If the test event concludes successfully, then the electronic protector system will be highly likely to be used at the forthcoming World Taekwondo Championships in May 2007 in Beijing, China, and the 2008 Beijing Olympic Games in Beijing.