



International Federation of Karate

President and Founder: Hanshi Steve Arneil (10th Dan)

MESSAGE FROM HANSHI ARNEIL

To all the members of the IFK,

I would like to wish you all Happy New Year.

With the world still gripped by the Covid-19 pandemic, I asked our Secretary General to contact all IFK Country Representatives to relay my wish that I relinquish my position of President of the IFK and they accept our Vice President, Shihan David Pickthall, as my successor.

I am pleased to announce our Country Representatives unanimously agreed with this decision and the IFK Executive Board ratified the vote on the 3rd January 2021.

I want this to take place with immediate effect as from today.

As my years advance and my ability to be able to travel abroad and see you all has declined, I have relied on the work of my Board to push the IFK forward and I am confident this new era will see growth within our Organisation.

I will retain the role of Founder of the International Federation of Karate that has seen me dedicate my life to the art I love so much.

I will further retain a place on the Board of the IFK and will be on constant communication with the board to lend my experience.

It has given me great pleasure to be part of a World Organisation that has grown stronger and more diverse over time. The work we have done to unite Kyokushin has and will be an important part of our future and I believe with Shihan David as our new President this goal will become closer through our place at the forefront of the KWU.

I look forward to witnessing the next stage of our development and I wish all our members good health and to stay safe until we are through this difficult time.

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Hanshi Steve Arneil
Founder – IFK



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