Malta Karate Federation hosts 10th National KATA Championships - 2009

The Malta Karate Federation organized the 10th edition of the National Karate (KATA) Championships on Sunday 15th March 2009 at St. Theresa College Mriehel, B'kara.

The event attracted 110 athletes from all the seven clubs affiliated to the Malta Karate Federation, namely B'Kara, Fgura, Mgarr, Mtarfa, Naxxar, Paola and Pembroke.

In his introductory speech Mr. Abela commented that in recent years, the MKF Executive Committee has continued to work hard building on the solid foundations established in previous years, and that as a result of this strong commitment, new successes are being achieved continuously. In fact in the European Karate Championships held recently in Paris, the Maltese athletes faired very well clearly showing that the direction taken is positive. This is all naturally due to the hard work by all the Technical Commissions, the Executive Committee, as well as the foreign technical consultant of the Federation, Maestro Torre (7th Dan), who is simultaneously the Coach for the Italian National Kata Team.

MKF President Mr. Kenneth Abela remarked that he was very pleased with the whole organization of the event as well as the level of Karate displayed by the athletes participating in the different categories, who have been preparing for this competition along with their instructors since December. The refereeing commission was controlled by Sensei Anthony Zammit, who is a world referee, qualified under the World Karate Federation, the largest Karate federation in the world, and which is the only Federation recognized by, and directly affiliated with the International Olympic Committee.

Mr. Abela said that the huge investment undergone in recent years in both foreign tuition as well as overseas competition is showing excellent results. Mr. Abela publicly thanked the Federation's Main Sponsors (Villa Madama & Park Hotel) as well as local sports authorities namely the Malta Olympic Committee and the Kunsill Malti ghall-Isport, for their continuous support.

Il-Malta Karate Federation tospita l-10 edizzjoni tal-Kampjponat Nazzjonali tal-KATA 2009

Il-Malta Karate Federation organizzat l-ghaxar edizzjoni tal-Kampjonat Nazzjonali tal-KATA 2009, nhar il-Hadd 15 ta' Marzu fil-kullegg ta Sta Theresa, Mriehel.

Il-kompetizzjoni gibdet 110 atleta mis-seba' clubs li huma affilijati mal-Malta Karate Federation, li jikkonsistu f' B'Kara, Fgura, Mgarr, Mtarfa, Naxxar, Paola u Pembroke.

Fid-diskors tieghu tal-ftuh, il-President tal-Federazzjoni, s-sur Kenneth Abela, ikkummenta illi dan l-ahhar snin, il-Kumitat ezekuttiv kompla jibni fuq il-pedamenti sodi li hallew il-kumitati ta' qabel, u b'rizultat ta dan ix-xoghol siewi, l-MKF qedgha tghamel successi konsiderevoli fl-oqsma kollha taghha. Fil-fatt, fil-Kampjonati tal Ewropa li saru gewwa Parigi aktar kmieni din is-sena, l-atleti Maltin qatghu figura tajba hafna b'diversi rebhiet. Dan hu grazzi ghal hidma kbira tal-Kummissjonijiet Teknici, il-Kumitat Ezekuttiv kif ukoll il-konsulent tekniku barrani Maestro Santo Torre (7th Dan) li ilu f'din il-kariga ghal dawn l-ahhar ghaxar snin u li huwa ukoll il-kowc tal-Kata tat-tim nazzjonali taljan.

Is-Sur Abela qal li hu kuntent hafna kemm bl'organizzazzjoni tal-kompetizzjoni, kif ukoll bil-livell gholi ta Karate ta l-atleti li hadu sehem fil-kategoriji differenti u li ilhom jithejjew mil instructors rispettivi taghhom minn Settembru li ghadda. Il-kummissjoni tar-referees giet ikkontrollata minn Sensei Anthony Zammit, li huwa Referee mondjali kwalifikat mill-World Karate Federation, li hija l-akbar Federazzjoni internazzjonali tal-Karate fid-dinja, u li hija l-unika federazzjonii tal-Karate dinjija rikonoxxuta u affilijata direttament mal-Kumitat Olimpiku Internazzjonali (IOC)

Is-Sur Abela tenna illi l-investiment li qed taghmel il-Malta Karate Federation, kemm f'tahrig minn instructors barranin, kif ukoll bil-partecipazzjoni f'kompetizzjonijiet barra minn Malta, wasslet f'titjib konsiderevoli fil livell tal-karate. Huwa rringrazzja lil-isponsors principali tal-federazzjoni (Villa Madama u Park Hotel), kif ukoll fahhar u rringrazzja liz-zewg awtoritajiet sportivi, l-Malta Olympic Committee kif ukoll il-Kunsill Malti ghall-Sport ta l-ghajnuna kontinwa taghhom.