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Mike Fournier appointed Senior National ICHF Canadian Representative by Grandmaster John Pellegrini; presented with Award of Excellence

Appointment to contribute to growth of Combat Hapkido in Canada

November 12, 2014 (Halifax, NS) – Grandmaster John Pellegrini, legendary founder of the Combat Hapkido martial art, appointed Mike Fournier, owner/operator of East Coast Combat Hapkido Academy, as the representative for the International Combat Hapkido Federation in Canada. He also presented Fournier with the Award of Excellence during his recent visit and seminar in Halifax. The award reads:

“In recognition of your dedication and outstanding contribution to the growth of Combat Hapkido in Canada; and in appreciation of your loyalty and support of the International Combat Hapkido Federation.”

“Mike has been a dedicated Hapkido instructor in Halifax,” said Pellegrini. “His appointment as lead, senior ranked member of the ICHF in Canada will help Combat Hapkido grow in the Atlantic Region and across Canada.”

“This is an honour,” says East Coast Combat Hapkido Academy owner and chief instructor Mike Fournier. “To be recognized in this manner and entrusted with such a responsibility by the founder of one of the most recognized modern martial arts in the world is humbling indeed.”

About the International Combat Hapkido Federation

The International Combat Hapkido Federation was founded in 1992 and officially recognized as Hapkido Kwan (style) by the Korea Kido Association and the World Kido Federation, collectively known as the Kido Hae, in 1999. Referred to as the “Science of Self Defense” Combat Hapkido is based on sound scientific principles and modern concepts, a modern interpretation and application of traditional Hapkido techniques for street self-defence. The techniques are very powerful and extremely effective, and it’s the martial art of choice for most security professionals around the world. Combat Hapkido teaches the student skills that limit an attacker’s ability to continue their attack, increases their self-confidence, and prepares them to deal with any conflicts.

About Mike Fournier

Mike Fournier is presently a 4th Dan in Combat Hapkido and has been involved in the combat arts since 1969. He is studying for his 5th Dan test that will take place in early 2015. In 2005, he was inducted into the World Head of Family Sokeship Council International Martial Arts Hall of Fame. Fournier retired from the Canadian Forces after nearly 32 years of service in 2013; served a tour in Afghanistan in 2008/2009; and is a certified SAS Army Combat Survival Instructor. As a certified IPDTI Police Defensive Tactics instructor, Mike trained more than 180 policing and correctional students in close quarters police defensive tactics who now serve in various law enforcement agencies.

The East Coast Combat Hapkido Academy is co-located with Woo Yong’s Martial Arts Academy at 3200 Kempt Road, Suite 102 in Halifax. For more information on the Academy, visit www.eastcoastcombathapkido.com. For more information on the International Combat Hapkido Federation, visit www.dsihq.com.

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