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## WORLD KARATE CONFEDERATION

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### 2<sup>nd</sup> Open WKC South-East Asian & Oceania Championships New Delhi, India, 6<sup>th</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> January 2005

Due to unforeseen circumstances the 2nd Open WKC South-East Asian & Oceania Championships had to be postponed from the first weekend in December 2004 to the beginning of January 2005. In the meantime the disastrous Tsunami devastated the regions where many competitors who intended to participate at this tournament lived. Despite this terrible disaster 12 federations with 253 individual contestants came to New Delhi for the technical seminar and the championships. As well competitors attended from the Chennai (Madras) region where many people lost their life during the flood. Mr. Vikram Kapoor, president of the *Goju Ryu Karate Federation of India* GKFI, and his team were the hosts of this event. Mr Kapoor and his organising committee rented the Talkatori Indoor Stadium in New Delhi, which guaranteed the use of all the facilities required to run this large event.

At the regional South-East Asian meeting the WKC president presented WKC membership diploma's to the presidents of two new federations who had joined our confederation at this tournament: Dr. Swakky Rethinam from the *All India Okinawa Shorin-Ryu Karate & Kobudo Federation* AIOSKKF and Mr. Nureddin Kh. Guliyev of the *Karate Confederation of Azerbaijan* KCA-AZ. The president of the Indian Karate Confederation, Dr. Rupak Debroy, put forward to host the 3<sup>rd</sup> Open WKC South-East Asian & Oceania Championships in Tripura, North-East India, late in the year 2007. All the delegates who attended the meeting warmly welcomed this proposition.

On 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> January 2005 Master Ladislav Klementis conducted a technical seminar with the help of Ms. Tomie Ochi, WKC Regional President for South-East Asia and Mr. Ronnie Watt, WKC Director for Shotokan. While Mr. Klementis taught the WKC competition rules and Goju Ryu Ms. Ochi and Mr. Watt instructed the Shotokan practitioners. Mr. Roland Dietrich from the WKC Organising Committee prepared the tournament along with his GKFI counterparts.

At the Opening Ceremony two fine demonstrations were on display: stick fighting and weapons. These demonstrations showed the long tradition of Indian martial arts.

#### Medal Table

	Gold	Silver	Bronze
1. GKFI	21	9	13
2. AIBKF	17	14	18
3. SKFI	9	7	4
4. ITBP	6	1	-
5. SKA	4	-	1
6. JAL Shotokan	3	-	-
7. IKC	2	1	2
8. AKC-AZ	1	2	-
9. SKF (MP)	1	1	1
RAJ Shito Ryu	1	1	1
11. DEL Shito Ryu	-	1	-

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The most successful competitor was Prajna Shree (AIBKF) who won in the 11-12 year old division the Ippon Shobu Kumite and the Shotokan kata categories.