

## **CHARLES TSUI PO**

### **Recipient of Kung Fu Wushu Victoria's First Lifetime Achievement Award**

**Active in the martial arts since the 1970's Charles' contributions and sacrifices to further the cause of Chinese martial arts were honored when KWV's first lifetime achievement award was presented to Master Charles Tsui Po on the 4<sup>th</sup> of August at the 2012 Victorian Kung Fu Wushu Championships.**

#### **The Early Years:**

Charles was born and spent his early years in Mauritius. He comes from a family of Chinese origin that practiced Chinese martial arts. His father was from Canton Province in Mainland China. In Mauritius, Charles learned Kung Fu from his uncle.



#### **1970s:**

When the family migrated to Australia in **1970**, his older brother, Pier, took over the training of Charles and his younger brother, Richard, later joined by their young nephew, Steeve Kiat.





Pier started teaching the family's 'Hung' style in Melbourne in **1971**, and was soon joined in his teaching endeavors by his younger brothers.

In **1976**, Charles was the winner of the first Chinese Martial Arts Competition to be held in Victoria.

**1980s:**

He initially continued to specialize in Southern Style Chinese Martial Arts, but in around **1983**, Charles transferred his main interest to Taijiquan. This enabled the 3 brothers to set up the first Chinese Martial Arts School in Melbourne to offer a full, diversified range of Chinese Martial Arts.

Charles was honoured to be the referee for the heavyweight section of the **1984** Australian Full-Contact Kung Fu Championship.



In **1988** Charles and his brother Richard were Australian representatives to the First World Wushu Invitation Tournament in Hangzhou, China. This tournament was the forerunner of the World Wushu Championships.

Charles followed this also in **1988** by being one of the first Australians to participate in the International Wushu Coaching Accreditation Course, offered by the China Wushu Association in Macao.



**1990s:**

In **1992**, Charles commenced the first of regular training and tourist trips to China. During these trips, Charles has had regular contact with Wu Bin and many other highly respected Master including Professor Men Huifeng, Professor Zheng Guangde, Professor Kan Guixian, Professor Bai ..., Master Cui and very many others.

In **1999** Charles was formally invited to participate in the first Duan Course and Examination that was open to foreigners as well as Chinese Nationals. This was held in Beijing and Charles received 5<sup>th</sup> Dan Level.

**2000s:**

In 2001, Charles successfully attended the first International Wushu Judges Accreditation Course run by the IWUF in Macao, and renewed this qualification in **2004** in Beijing.

From **2002 to 2004**, Charles was elected as the first Chairman of the Victorian Branch of the AKWF. His tenure was distinguished by the Branch running several very successful Wushu Competitions with nation-wide participation, and by Charles pursuing a vigorous and successful policy of cooperation and integration with other Wushu organisations and Wushu practitioners in general.

From **2004 to 2008**, Charles served as Deputy Secretary-General, Wushu, AKWF, and during this time was a major force in the development and implementation of policy and procedures for the selection of athletes competing for Australia in International competitions.



In **2008**, Charles served as Team Manager & Coach to the Australian representative at the

Beijing Olympics Wushu Tournament.

In **2009**, Charles, collaborated in delivering an Officials Training Course based on the latest IWUF International Wushu Competition Rules and Regulations.

Charles has become recognized and respected as an expert consultant to coordinators of national and state wushu competitions across Australia, and continues to provide valuable advice and support in this area.



In **2011**, Charles again coordinated the very successful and efficient Australasian Kungfu/Wushu Championships in Melbourne, with competitors participating from across Australia and New Zealand.

During all this time, Charles, together with his brothers, Pier and Richard, has continued to operate what is arguably the most successful (in business terms, and in reputation) Wushu school in Australia. While attracting and serving a large body of students of greatly varying abilities, Charles has been able to maintain the very highest training standards, producing many State and National Champions and International competitors from 1994 to the current day.

Charles has worked tirelessly to raise the profile of Chinese Martial Arts In Australia, cooperating with other practitioners in broad-exposure projects, engagement in

community-based activities, organisation of wushu events, and is seen weekly on community television Channel 31, “Move It Or Lose It”. The Golden Lion Academy, largely through Charles’ interest, contributes regularly to community-interest activities such as “Relay For Life”.



## **CV: CHARLES TSUI-PO**

### **Golden Lion Academy, Tai Chi Chief Instructor**

- International Wushu Judge (IWUF)
- International Wushu Coach (IWUF)
- Wushu 5th Duan – International (CWA)
- Golden Lion Senior Master, 7th Degree (GLA)
- Accredited TC Instructor with Australian Sports Commission (NCAS) National Coaching Accreditation Scheme
- Australian Team Manager/Coach at the Beijing Olympics Wushu Tournament 2008.
- Personal Coach to 1994, 1997, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2011 Tai Chi Champions
- Personal Coach to 1997 and 1999 New Zealand Champion

- Australian representative to the 1988 World Wushu Invitation Tournament
- National Team Manager to the Australian Team for the 2nd World Traditional Wushu Championships 2006
- Weekly TC presenter on TV Channel 31 (Move or Lose it)
- Leading Australian TC coach
- Author of Beijing 24 Form Workbook, 32 Sword Workbook, International 42 Form Workbook and International 48 Form Workbook