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Dr. Daeshik Kim (1934–2007), Master-Teacher of Martial Arts from Korea / Dr Daeshik Kim (1934–2007), mistrz-nauczyciel sztuk walki z Korei

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My father was born on November 8, 1934 in North Korea. Sometime during the Korean War, his family moved to South Korea.

In 1958, he graduated from the Judo University, which is now known as Yongin University

(Yongin University now is a large university with many departments). In 1960, he went to study abroad in the United States. In the U.S., he went through many hardships, and graduated from Georgia State College with a bachelor of education, and graduated from Emory University with a master of education, and graduated from the University of Georgia with a doctor of education. As a result, he earned the recognition of the first Korean doctor of physical education. He continued with his post doctorate in 1970 at Columbia University and later taught at City University of New York.

In 1971, he returned to Seoul, Korea and taught at Yonsei University, one of the most prestigious university in S. Korea, but in 1974, he returned to the States. From 1974 to 1996, he lectured various courses, academic courses as well as martial arts, at the University of Texas at Austin.

At the time of his death, he was a 10th degree black belt in Tae Kwon Do and a 9th degree blackbelt in Judo. I believe he was also an 8th degree in Jujitsu. In total, he wrote about 25 books. The last book is titled *The way to go: philosophy in martial arts practice*¹. This book is available now. In 1970, he received an award from the State of Georgia, and in 1999, he received an award from the State of Texas in recognition of his service and contributions to the field of physical education and martial arts.



Photo 1. Dr. Daeshik Kim (10 dan)

In 1999, Dr. Kim was awarded a National Medal (Kuk Min Hoon Jang) by the Republic of Korea in recognition of his dedicated lifetime service, outstanding contributions and scholastic developments to the field of physical education, sport management and martial arts in Korea and abroad. That year he also received a special award – “Seogryu Medal”. It is the Presidential Order of Merit, which is presented to those who greatly contributed to the public welfare and national development of Korea.

I am not aware of what positions he held in what sport organizations, but he held many over his lifetime. He was one of the first Koreans to teach martial arts in the U.S., and opened opportunity for Korean physical education majors to study abroad in the U.S.

This is about all I know. I knew him as a father you see.

¹ D. Kim, A. Bäck (2000), *The way to go: philosophy in martial arts practice*, Nanam, Seoul, Korea, 525 pp. The co-author – Allan Bäck – is a Professor of Philosophy.