

Pattern Meanings

Chonji literally means the 'Heaven and the Earth'. It is in the Orient interpreted as the creation of the world or the beginning of human history, therefore, it is the initial pattern played by the beginner. This pattern consists of two similar parts, one to represent the Heaven and the other the Earth.

Dan-Gun is named after the holy Dan-Gun, the legendary founder of Korea in the 2333 B.C.

Do-San is the pseudonym of the patriot Ahn Chang-Ho (1876 - 1938). The 24 movements represent his entire life, which he devoted to furthering the education of Korea and its independence movement.

Won-Hyo was the noted monk who introduced Buddhism to the Silla Dynasty in the year 686 A.D.

Yul-Gok is the pseudonym of a great philosopher and scholar Yi I nicknamed the 'Confucius of Korea'. The 38 movements of this pattern refer to his birthplace on 38 degrees latitude and the diagram represents scholar.

Choong-Gun is named after the patriot Ahn Joong-Gun who assassinated Hiro Bumi Ito, the first Japanese governor-general of Korea, known as the man who played the leading part in the Korea-Japan merger. There are 32 movements in this pattern to represent Mr Ahn's age when he was executed at Lu-Shung prison (1910).

Toi-Gye is the pen name of the noted scholar Yi Hwang (16 Century), an authority on neo-Confucianism. The 37 movements of the pattern refer to his birthplace on 37 degrees latitude, and the diagram represents 'scholar'.

Hwa-Rang is named after the Hwa-Rang youth group, which originated in the Silla Dynasty in the early 7th century. The 29 movements refer to the 29th infantry division where Tae Kwon-Do developed into maturity.

Choong-Moo was the name given to the great Admiral Yi Soon-Sin of the Lee Dynasty. He was reputed to have invented the first armoured battleship (Kobukson) in 1592, which is said to be the precursor of the modern day submarine. The reason why this pattern ends in a left-hand attack is to symbolise his regrettable death, having no chance to show his unrestrained potentiality checked by the forced reservation of his loyalty to the King.