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Dear fellow referees and referee candidates,

Please allow me to share my thoughts with you.

First of all, I regret that I am unable to be with you personally at this important occasion due to my schedule conflict. When Master Jack Amsell informed me of this referee seminar and conference, I was very excited to attend and participate. I was looking forward to meeting with you to discuss many important issues, not only regarding refereeing but also Taekwondo as a martial art and sport.

In my past experience as an international referee for Taekwondo at the local, regional, national, and international levels, I cannot stress enough how important a referee's roles are. Refereeing at any level competition requires one to be equipped with ample knowledge, the ability to perform, and to maintain humanitarian values in and out of the competition rings. Referees must be respected from all concerned--competitors, spectators, organizing officials, and even fellow referees. If any of the above areas is lacking, performing a referee's duty will be very difficult and will inevitably create chaotic situations.

Therefore, if any one is serious about becoming a referee, constant training and acquiring the most up-to-date information on all concerned matters related to refereeing is vital. Today's event is a golden opportunity to learn, not only for the person beginning the process to become a referee, but also for already qualified referees who want to sharpen their refereeing skills.

I applaud your devotion in attending this seminar and your contributions to the sport of Taekwondo. You will certainly enhance the competition arena. Also, I would like to commend the organizers of this event for their valuable contributions and achievement.



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P.s. – I certainly am going to miss you all, and looking forward to seeing you again in the near future.