
Grandmaster Chan-Yong Kim

Grandmaster Chan-Yong Kim had a tremendous early effect on the development of the AMK. He was the foundation of what the AMK built its system. After arriving in America in 1971, with his martial arts knowledge and \$300, Grandmaster Kim opened the Oriental Moo-Do School in Gardena, California. His first two American Black Belts were Ron Peckham and Master Amsell. He later moved to Anaheim, Artesia, and finally to Cerritos, also in California. In addition, from 1973 to 1991, at the encouragement of his Yudo College colleague, Dr. Kyung-Ho "Ken" Min, he served as president of the California State Taekwondo Association (CSTA). Most notably to the AMK History, Master Amsell trained with Grandmaster Kim from 1972-1987 where he earned his 1st Dan - 3rd Dan Black Belt. Master Amsell's two daughters also trained with Grandmaster Kim. Lynda SBN received her 1st Poom, Black Belt from Grandmaster Kim in 1985 and was often featured in Grandmaster Kim's demonstrations. Lisa SBN received her 8th Kub, Yellow Belt through Grandmaster Kim before continuing her training under Master Amsell. Grandmaster Kim holds a 9th Dan Black Belt in Taekwondo, a 9th Dan Black Belt in Yudo, and a 6th Dan Black Belt in Hapkido. He was a classmates with Grandmaster Kyu Ha Kim (Sensei Gary S. Goltz's instructor) at the Korean Yudo College and they continue to be close friends. He owns and operates the Oriental Moo-Do School in Cerritos, CA.