

Guideline & Application for a **ARTU-KUKKIWON** Special Promotion Test in Morocco

To the Taekwondo Family in Arab Nations

First and foremost, we extend our deepest gratitude to the many instructors and Taekwondo practitioners across Arab nations for your continued interest and unwavering support in promoting and developing Kukkiwon Taekwondo. As the World Taekwondo Headquarters, Kukkiwon remains fully committed to advancing Taekwondo, preserving its traditions, establishing a systematic promotion process, and standardizing Taekwondo techniques worldwide.

Since the inauguration of President Dong Sup Lee in 2021, Kukkiwon has actively pursued mid-to-long-term international policies, including the establishment of overseas branches. Recognizing the challenges individual offices and associations face in independently carrying out Kukkiwon's mission, we have sought to develop a collaborative business model that enables participation from multiple nations.

As part of this initiative, Kukkiwon signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Arab Taekwondo Union (ARTU) in January 2024, leading to the establishment of the Kukkiwon Arab Office. This office plays a pivotal role in systematically promoting Kukkiwon Taekwondo across Arab nations, including the Middle East and Africa. Moving forward, Kukkiwon will collaborate closely with the Kukkiwon Arab Office to strengthen Taekwondo techniques, enhance instructor capabilities, provide continuous training and seminars for professional development, and expand the Kukkiwon Membership System (KMS).

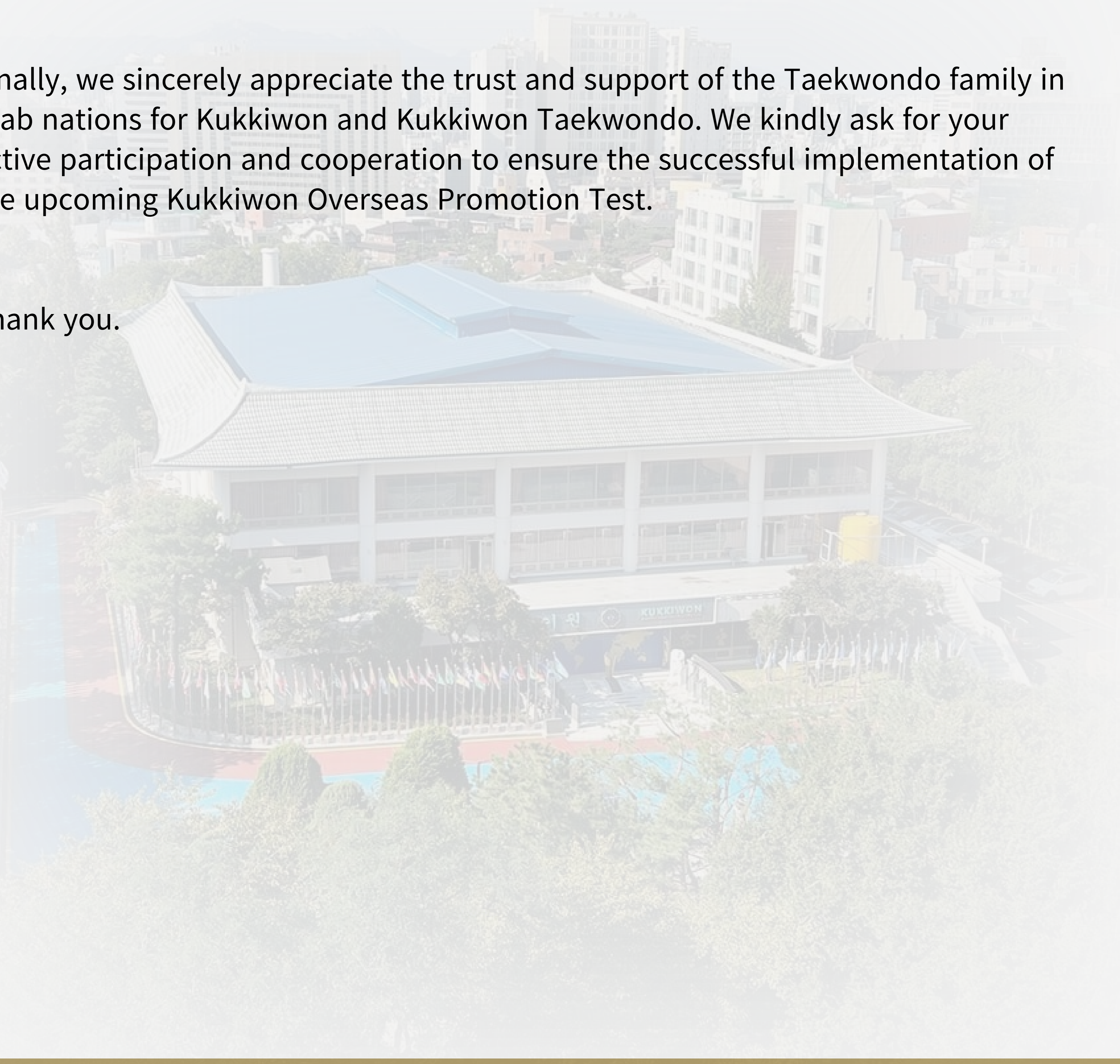


Notably, the upcoming Kukkiwon Overseas Promotion Test, scheduled for April–May 2025, holds great significance as it marks the first project directly conducted by Kukkiwon in cooperation with the Kukkiwon Arab Office.

This overseas promotion test is designed to offer an opportunity for Taekwondo practitioners in Arab nations who, for various reasons, have yet to obtain a Kukkiwon Dan certificate. Conducted in strict accordance with Kukkiwon’s official promotion regulations, this initiative aims to recognize qualified practitioners and grant them the esteemed Kukkiwon Dan certification. We hope this will serve as an opportunity for long-time practitioners to deepen their understanding of Taekwondo’s diversity, techniques, and philosophy. Furthermore, we expect this initiative to reinforce Kukkiwon’s status as the World Taekwondo Headquarters within Arab nations.

Finally, we sincerely appreciate the trust and support of the Taekwondo family in Arab nations for Kukkiwon and Kukkiwon Taekwondo. We kindly ask for your active participation and cooperation to ensure the successful implementation of the upcoming Kukkiwon Overseas Promotion Test.

Thank you.



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Event Name ARTU-Kukkiwon Special Promotion Test in Morocco

Organizer Kukkiwon

Dates Late April to Early May 2025 (Exact dates to be announced soon)

Location Morocco

Eligible Participants Residents of Arab countries in the African region, including Egypt, Libya, Tunisia, Algeria, Morocco, Mauritania, Sudan, Somalia, Djibouti, and Comoros.

Detailed Schedule

Main Activities	Dates	Remarks
Notice of Special Promotion Test	7th Feb. ~ 28th Feb.	Tcon Website
Registration (Appication and related document submission)	14th Feb. ~ 14th Mar.	kkwarab.mrc@gmail.com
Qualification Review and Notification (Notification of test fees)	17th Mar. ~ 25th Mar.	Individual notification
Payment of Test Fees	24th Mar. ~ 30th Mar.	To submit payment receipt after wire transfer (kkwarab.mrc@gmail.com)
Kukkiwon Special Promotion Test * Pre-Education : 2 days * Evaluation : 1 day	Late April to Early May 2025	Morocco
Result Announcement	From July 2025	Individual notification

※ The schedule is subject to change.



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The Procedure for **KUKKIWON** Special Promotion Test



Procedures

- **STEP 1**
Notice of Special Promotion Test
- **STEP 2**
Registration
- **STEP 3**
Qualification Review and Notification
- **STEP 4**
Selection of Candidates
- **STEP 5**
Notification to selected Candidates
- **STEP 6**
Payment of Test Fees
- **STEP 7**
Conducts Kukkiwon Special Promotion Test
- **STEP 8**
Result Announcement





Pre-Education and Evaluation for **KUKKIWON** Special Promotion Test

Pre-Education

- Pre-Education for Special Promotion Test will be conducted by Kukkiwon instructors over 2 days, covering Poomsaes, basic movements, Cha-gi(kick), and Gyeorugi(sparring)
- All candidates must attend the Pre-Education for Special Promotion Test, and those who cannot participate in the promotion test

Evaluation

- Evaluation for Special Promotion Test includes assessment by Kukkiwon evaluation committee on Poomsae, basic movements, Gyeorugi(sparring), and breaking (if necessary)
- All candidates must perform 2 Poomsaes (mandatory/designated) per Dan level up to the final promotion Dan.
 - ※ Example1 : A Kukkiwon 1st Dan holder applying for Kukkiwon 5th Dan must perform a total of 8 Poomsaes based on the 2nd / 3rd / 4th / 5th Dan criteria
 - ※ Example2 : A holder of a similar certificate, 3rd Dan, applying for Kukkiwon 3rd Dan must perform a total of 6 Poomsaes based on the 1st / 2nd / 3rd Dan criteria



Eligible Criteria for KUKKIWON Special Promotion Test



Candidates for Special Promotion Test

- Holders of Kukkiwon Dan certificates who have been unable to participate in Kukkiwon higher-level promotion tests due to various reasons over the years
- Those who have obtained a certificate from a national association, institution, or individual but do not possess a Kukkiwon Dan certificate
- Those who have not been able to obtain a Kukkiwon Dan certificate and only hold similar certificates
- However, candidates for Special Promotion Test must provide proof of Taekwondo practice more than 10 years and must meet the required years of practice and age of Kukkiwon Special Promotion Test.

Criteria for Eligibility for KUKKIWON Special Promotion Test

- Holders of Kukkiwon 1st to 3rd Dan certificates, considering the evaluation period and age from the date of initial Kukkiwon Dan certification, they are eligible to apply for up to Kukkiwon 6th Dan (e.g., those who promoted Kukkiwon 1st Dan in 2004 can apply for Kukkiwon 6th Dan in 2024).
- Holders of Kukkiwon 4th Dan certificates– considering the evaluation period and age from the date of initial Kukkiwon Dan certification, they are eligible to apply for up to Kukkiwon 7th Dan.
- Holders of association / institution / individual and other certificates, Eligible to apply up to their current held Dan level (Only up to 6th Dan)

(e.g., holders of national association 4th Dan are eligible to apply up to Kukkiwon 4th Dan or holders of national association 7th Dan are eligible to apply only up to Kukkiwon 6th Dan)



Required Documents

- a. Application Form(Attached application. 1)
- b. Copy of Kukkiwon Dan certificate (The current Dan) and file(Attached file. 2)
 - b-a. Copy of association / institution / individual and other certificates (from 1st Dan to current Dan)
- c. Copy of identification document (e.g., passport, driver's license, national ID)
- d. Thesis (Only for 6th and 7th Dan applicants)
 - The thesis must be on a freely chosen Taekwondo-related topic, excluding table of contents, cover page, and references, and must be at least 10 pages long in A4 size papers, written in Korean or English (7,000 characters for Korean / 4,000 words for English)
- e. Proof of residence
(Applicants who are not nationals of the Arab countries must submit proof of residence for at least six months in the respective country.)
- f. Payment receipts for test fees
 - The final candidates for the Special promotion test will receive a separate notification after document review, and the submission of payment receipt is mandatory within the specified deadline which will be notified again through email.

Kukkiwon Special Promotion Test Fees

- Candidates for Kukkiwon Special Promotion Test must pay all test fee for the promotion test to Kukkiwon.
 - ※ Example: For a Kukkiwon 2nd Dan holder applying for Kukkiwon 5th Dan, they must pay for the 3rd / 4th / 5th promotion test fees
 - ※ Example: For holders of certificates similar to Kukkiwon Dan, applying for Kukkiwon 3rd Dan, they must pay for 1st / 2nd / 3rd promotion test fees
- Test fees will be notified individually to applicants after review of submitted documents by Kukkiwon.
- All candidates must submit a copy of the payment receipt to Kukkiwon after completing the payment and test fees will not be refunded for non-attendance during pre-education and evaluation.
- All candidates must include their name when making a wire transfer to make the check process quicker.



Application Method

- General : Applications for Kukkiwon Special Promotion Test are accepted online (Email-kkwarab.mrc@gmail.com) only within the application period (Postal and in-person applications are not accepted)
 - Application forms must be submitted by 13:00 (KST) on the application deadline date (14th((Fri) Mar 2025) – kkwarab.mrc@gmail.com
 - Kukkiwon Office/Association must collect applications along with all required documents from their members and submit them to Kukkiwon as a group.
 - Individual : Individuals should prepare the application with all required documents and submit them directly to Kukkiwon.
- ※ However, for countries where Kukkiwon offices are established, submission of an office approval letter for participation in this special promotion test is required.

Announcement of Results for Special Promotion Test

- Results of Special Promotion Test will be individually notified within 3 months after the test to Kukkiwon Office/Association.
- Issuance and dispatch of Kukkiwon certificates will be completed within 2 months after result announcement

Note

- Kukkiwon Special Promotion Test provides only one opportunity in life-time.
- Applicants who fail to submit all required documents and remit the promotion test fee by the specified deadline will be disqualified.
- Kukkiwon Special Promotion Test may be canceled if the Number of applicants is fewer than 100.

Inquiry (Further Information)

For inquiries regarding Kukkiwon Special Promotion Test



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Your interest and cooperation are greatly appreciated. Thank you.



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