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IFMA WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS '09

IFMA received the highest praises for the recent World Championship in 2009. Over 1,200 athletes, coaches, officials and executives from 82 countries participated at this mega event held in honour of HM the King.

The championships were the first official qualification event for the upcoming 2010 SportAccord Combat Games in Beijing.



IFMA EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

IFMA executives gathered in Bangkok to make important decisions for 2010, including the finalisation of continental quotas for the Beijing games.

IFMA AGM WORLD MEETING

Representatives from 96 countries representing all five continents came together for the 2009 IFMA AGM. The AGM was opened by Permanent Secretary of the Tourism & Sports industry of Thailand, Dr. Sasithara Pichaichannarong who expressed her full support to IFMA's IOC goal.



One of the major decisions made at the meeting was the removal of body guards for Division A male and female competition. This marks a notable turning point on the amateur muaythai competition platform.

SportAccord Combat games manager Laura Shi-Yan addressed the IFMA board and gave a presentation and update on the upcoming SportAccord Combat games.



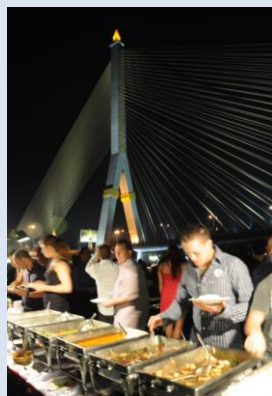
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MUAYTHAI FRIENDSHIP CRUISE

Over 800 fighters, officials and executives set adrift on a gala dinner cruise which took them along the Chaophraya River to take in the sights of Bangkok's scenic river banks spotted with magnificent temples and buildings.



IFMA HUMANITARIAN AWARD

2009's Humanitarian Award was presented to Mr. Richard Stephenson, President of the Jamaican Muaythai Federation and CEO of Risarc Co., Ltd., for raising funds to purchase 3000 computers, which were donated to schools in need.

IFMA prides itself on being a strong supporter of youth development and charity initiatives.



IFMA AT SPORTACCORD IF FORUM

IFMA General Secretary Stephan Fox travelled to Lausanne, Switzerland to represent muaythai at the SportAccord Martial Art & Combat sports meeting, and was also one of the speakers at the SportAccord Summer and Winter Olympic joint forum on the topic of Youth & Sport.





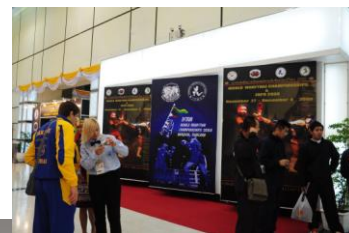
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4TH MUAYTHAI EXPO

Over 60 suppliers and event promoters joined the 4th Muaythai Expo that was held in Bangkok during the IFMA world championships. The expo was a huge success with customers from over 90 countries visiting the booths.



SPORTACCORD COMBAT GAMES QUALIFICATIONS KICK OFF!

Over 100 countries will be competing from now until April 30th to decide on which athletes will fill the 88 spots to compete in Beijing.

IOC GIVES ITS PATRONAGE TO THE SPORTACCORD COMBAT GAMES

IOC President Jacques Rogges sent an official letter to SportAccord confirming IOC's patronage of the games.

