

Meaning of Color Belt Patterns

Chon-Ji means literally “the heaven and earth.” It is interpreted as the creation of the world or the beginning of Korean history, and therefore, it is the initial pattern practiced by the beginner. This pattern consists of two similar parts: one to represent the heaven and the other the earth. - 19 movements

Dan-Gun is named after the Holy Dan-Gun, the legendary founder of Korea in the year 2333 B.C. - 21 movements

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

Won-Hyo was the noted monk who introduced Buddhism to the Silla Dynasty in the year of 686 A.D. - 28 movements

Yul-Gok is the pseudonym of the great philosopher and scholar Yi I (1536-1584) nicknamed the “Confucius of Korea.” The 38 movements represent his birthplace on 38° latitude and the diagram (±) represents “scholar” - 38 movements

Joong-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. The 32 movements represent Mr. Ahn's age when he was executed at Liu-Shung prison (1910). - 32 movements

Toi-Gye is the pseudonym of the noted scholar Yi Hwang (16th century), an authority on neo-Confucianism. The 37 movements represent his birthplace on 37° latitude, the diagram (±) represents 'scholar' - 37 movements

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 Taekwon-do developed into maturity. - 29 movements

Choong-Moo: was the name given to the great Admiral Yi Soon-Sin of the Yi Dynasty. He was reputed to have invented the first armored battleship (Kobukson) in 1592, which is said to be the precursor of the present day submarine. This pattern ends with a left hand attack symbolizing his regrettable death, having no chance to show his unrestrained potentiality checked by the forced reservation to his loyalty to the king. - 30 movements