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SOLEMN DECLARATION

In light of recent rumours and inaccurate reports, to set the record straight, Ving Tsun Athletic Association hereby makes the following statement:

In accordance with the treasured instructions of Grandmaster Ip Man, the lineage traces back to Guangdong, Foshan. The lineage of martial arts stems from Grandmaster Leung Jan, with the inheritance of Chan Wah Shun. During his youth studying abroad in Hong Kong, he was deeply guided by Leung Bik.

Grandmaster Ip Man moved to Hong Kong in 1949 and began teaching martial arts in 1950. In 1967, he founded the Ving Tsun Athletic Association. The Ving Tsun lineage of Grandmaster Leung Jan from Foshan has since taken root in Hong Kong, blossoming and spreading across the world for over seventy years.

Grandmaster Ip Man was an outstanding martial artist with a profound impact on the current martial arts world. Not only was his martial arts skill exceptional, but he also spread this ancient martial art globally, allowing it to take root, grow, and flourish. He is rightfully honored as a "Grandmaster," a title reflecting his deep understanding and dedication to Ving Tsun.

For him, the essence of martial arts was not limited to the sophistication of techniques; the cultivation of the mind and the understanding of martial arts spirit were paramount.

Hong Kong has become one of the important birthplaces of Ving Tsun, attracting countless martial arts enthusiasts for attention and study. Although the Grandmaster has passed away, his spirit and philosophy will undoubtedly continue to live in the hearts of martial arts lovers, passed down from generation to generation.

Grandmaster Ip Man's influence extends beyond martial arts itself. His story tells us that the true martial way lies in the cultivation of the mind and the cultural heritage. Regardless of external evaluations, the Grandmaster's place in the history of Ving Tsun is undeniable. His spirit will always inspire future martial arts enthusiasts. Let us cherish this mission of inheritance, continue the spirit of Ving Tsun, and contribute to the development of martial arts.

The Chairman of Ving Tsun Athletic Association
Dated 20 November 2024

