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Dear Mr.Kim:

I recieved your letter dated June 23, and here I should like to explain you brevely some points.

1. I had a chance to see Mr. Yoon Byung at th 1st. World Karatedo Championship by Wuko in Tokyo in 1970. At that time I was working in the Secretariate of WUKO. He led his group called Tang Soo Do.
2. Tōyama Sensei said always "my karate is mine, and shall finish with me." In that meaning, I should like to say that his style has not successor, and after he died in 1968 his old disciples were scattered and absorbed in each prefectural organization.
3. The karate concept in Japan changed completely as sportlike karate. Tōyama Style Karate does not remain any more in strict meaning but in the hearts of those who learned personally with him.
4. I heard that after his death (at that time I lived in Buenos Aires to teach karate), his son violinist managed the dojo and some persons recieved the diploma for teaching. But that was not the same karate of the direct teaching of Tōyama Sensei in old days.
5. It is too difficult to discover books by Tōyama Sensei today in Japan because they are out of print.

I am sorry but I can't inform you more about Tōyama Sensei because we have too few materiales.

Sincerely yours,

Hideo Tsuchiya

