

London Tae Kwon-Do (UK-TKD)

Colour Belt Patterns

There are 24 patterns in Tae Kwon-Do as Major-General Choi Hong Hi (*founder*) compared the life of a man to the day in the life of the world: "*People should strive to bequeath good spiritual legacy to future generation and therefore gain immortality*".

Pattern	Grade	Meaning
Chon Ji	9th Kup	Literally means 'Heaven and Earth'. In the Orient it is interpreted as the creation of the world or the beginning of human history. It is the first pattern practiced by the beginner. The pattern consists of two parts - one to represent Heaven and the other Earth to make a total of 19 moves.
Dan Gun	8th Kup	Named after the holy Dan-Gun - legendary founder of Korea in the year of 2333 B.C. There are 21 movements in Dan Gun.
Do San	7th Kup	The pseudonym of the patriot Ahn Chang-Ho (1876-1938) who devoted his life to furthering the education of Korea and its independent movement.. There are 24 movements in Do San.
Won Hyo	6th Kup	The noted monk who introduced Buddhism to the Silla Dynasty in the year of 686 A.D.
Yul Gok	5th Kup	Pseudonym of a great philosopher and scholar Yi I (1536-1584) nicknamed the "Confucius of Korea". The 38 movements of this pattern refer to his birthplace on 38' latitude.
Joon Gun	4th Kup	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. There are 32 movements in this pattern to represent Mr. Ahn's age when he was executed at Lui-Shung prison (1910).
Toi Gye	3rd Kup	Pen name of the noted scholar Yi Hwang (16th century), an authority on neo- Confucianism. The 37 movements of the pattern refer to his birthplace on 37° latitude.
Hwa Rang	2nd Kup	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 Tae Kwon-Do developed into maturity.
Choong Moo	1st Kup	The name given to the great Admiral Yi Soon-Sin of the Lee 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. The reason why this pattern ends with a left hand attack is to symbolise his regrettable death, having no chance to show his unrestrained potentiality checked by the forced reservation of his loyalty to the king.