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Our family was fortunate enough to meet Master Tan when we moved from Australia to Malaysia in 2012. Since 2012 to the present, our son Ashton has been taking Taekwon-do lessons three days a week from Master Tan. More recently our youngest son commenced lessons after transferring from Karate, his decision to transfer based solely on witnessing the expert instruction given to his older brother.

Master Tan is generous with both his wisdom and his time. I have witnessed countless hours of interaction between Master Tan and his students and am in awe of not only his exceptional Taekwon-do instruction but also the valuable life lessons he passes onto his students. Master Tan has helped my sons develop excellent interpersonal skills, patience and perseverance while learning Taekwon-do. Master Tan takes a holistic approach to instruction, taking the time to get to know each student, discovering their strengths and weaknesses and tailoring instruction to the individual. From my observations, Master Tan is extremely patient and always displays a calming demeanor. He appears to take a personal responsibility for the welfare of his students and is always encouraging them to aim high.

This encouragement to aim high resulted in my children participating in tournaments in both Malaysia and Australia. At the first tournament I was not familiar with Taekwon-do, embarrassingly I knew nothing about it. Master Tan is extremely humble and never sings his own praises. It was not until Master Tan's students were competing side by side with other students that it became evident to me the instruction his students were receiving was exceptional. Every single student of Master Tan's excelled in the tournament, each person came home with a medal and bursting with pride. All of Master Tan's students stood out, not only because of their excellent technique but also the respect and sportsmanship displayed throughout the tournament, all a direct result of the teaching given by Master Tan. Our family was hooked since this first tournament and I am happy to say we now feel part of the Taekwon-do family.

Just this past month, which was the prompt for this testimonial, Master Tan went above and beyond for our family. He suggested my boys take part in a tournament in Sydney to gain experience for an upcoming Malaysian Tournament. Master Tan out of his own pocket, paid for airline tickets and accommodation in Sydney. He took time out of his busy life to give my boys the opportunity of a lifetime. I am so incredibly proud to say both boys received gold medals at the tournament and came away feeling on top of the world. Our family was amazed at the respect displayed to Master Tan throughout the tournament. For example, a gentleman stopped him to relay a story, which is testament to the influence Master Tan has had on others. This man was advised by Master Tan to consider teaching a long time ago. He took Master Tan's advice on board, became a Master himself, which then led to his son also becoming a Master, his current students were honored to meet the Master behind their Master. It was heartwarming and inspirational to witness.

Our family will be eternally grateful to Master Tan for all he has done and will continue to do for our boys over the years. We are truly blessed to have crossed paths with Master Tan, who has positively influenced and steered the life course of our boys.

Sincerely,

Jane Chami and Paul Owen