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COMMEMORATING THE LATE MING-HUI WENG

(Founder and President International Woodball Federation)

On behalf of Uganda Woodball Federation, I regret to announce and inform the Woodball fraternity, sportsmen and Women, and all Ugandans that **Ming-Hui Weng**, the inventor of Woodball sport passed away peacefully on Thursday February 11, 2021 shortly after his 77th birthday.

During his entire life, he dedicated himself in developing **WOODBALL** a sport he had invented that helped him to be known and create friendship in the whole world.

President Weng was a man with great passion and dream to see the Woodball innovation surpass generations. His motive was to build a sport that is unique and an inclusive sport for all people irrespective of age, race, gender etc. His dream was to see Woodball named among the spectrum of Olympic Sports. President Weng was a generous man and full of character. He donated the first four machines of Woodball manufacturing equipment to UWbF.

As Uganda and Woodball friends, we join the entire world and Woodball community to commemorate the life of Ming Hui Weng. Here are some of the key achievements we will not forget whenever we read about him.

1. Introduction of Woodball.

In 1990, Mr. Weng made history when he invented woodball sport. He performed all its innovations, and made sure that it becomes a global sport in only 3 decades.

2. He supported the development of Woodball in Uganda.

- i. From Mr. Weng's efforts himself, I managed to touch the mallet for the first time that was in Abu Dhabi, Dubai in 2006.
- ii. He supported us with equipment from China also financed our local production until he procured for us equipment manufacturing machines from Indonesia. This was our breakthrough towards the overwhelming spread of Woodball in Uganda and the East African region

- iii. He has been supporting team Uganda in all aspects during the Woodball World cup Championships and has always personally sponsored one of our players (Lillian Zawedde) in most of the International Championships that she represented Uganda.

3. Visits to Uganda

We are among the proud nations that the late Weng has always paid courtesy visits in his mission of spreading Woodball. He visited Uganda in 2010 during the World University Woodball Championship, and came back in July 2017 during the 5th Uganda International Woodball Open where he met various important dignitaries in this country including the former State Minister for Sports Hon. Charles Bakabulindi, and the Ambassador of Peoples Republic of China HE. Zheng Zhu Qiang.

4. Current administrative Positions.

A retired president of Chinese Taipei Woodball Association has been a President of International Woodball Federation (IWbF), between 1990 - 2021.

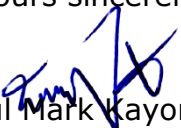
5. World Recognition.

During his time, Mr. Weng won one of the most prestigious awards in China in 2015. "*You bring charm to the world award*". An award from the United Nations rewarded to foreigners who cause development in China.

We as Ugandans and more so Woodball fraternity, we are deeply touched by the inventor of Woodball. We pray that President Weng rests in peace and his family members get the strength to continue their lives without his physical presence. We gather this afternoon to remember his legacy but also to make our commitment that we shall steer the Woodball sport to greater heights, to uphold and carry forward his vision and lasting legacy.

Rest in Peace Ming Hui Weng.

Yours sincerely,


Paul Mark Kayongo

President Uganda Woodball Federation
Vice President International Woodball Federation