

UIM President Dr. Raffaele Chiulli and the Universal Language of Sport



UIM President Dr. Raffaele Chiulli & World Taekwondo President Mr. Chungwon Choue at Kyung Hee University

UIM and GAISF President Raffaele Chiulli delivered a fascinating and engaging *Lectio Magistralis* at Kyung Hee University in South Korea on the universal language of sport.

As a Professor, President Chiulli is used to engaging with young bright minds, and he took great pleasure in discussing the global sport landscape and the international sport institutions roles and responsibilities.

President Chiulli spoke enthusiastically about several UIM initiatives and upcoming events within the Olympic Movement.

The UIM and GAISF President also spoke passionately about the need for International Federations to engage with social responsibility and environmentally sustainable projects such as the UIM is actually doing.

With World Taekwondo President Chungwon Choue present at the lecture, President Chiulli referenced the work done through World Taekwondo and the Taekwondo Humanitarian Foundation with regard to aiding refugees around the world.

President Chiulli also discussed the multi-sport games, with the emphasis on providing an affordable, accessible and sustainable platform for growing and emerging sports disciplines to take part in.

During the lecture, President Chiulli engaged students on the role of sports in promoting gender equality, youth development and social inclusion.

“I hope that you have seen that sport has the power to change the world,” President Chiulli said. “It has the power to inspire, it has the power to unite people in a way that little else does. It speaks to youth in a language they understand. Sport can create hope, where once there was only despair. Sport is more powerful than governments in breaking down racial barriers.

“I believe that, together, we are greater than the sum of our individual ambitions and, together, we can build a better world through sport.”

During his trip to Asia, President Chiulli received the honorary doctorate from Yong In University, South Korea for his outstanding competence and services to sport.



Dr. Raffaele Chiulli – UIM President congratulated by H.E. Ban Ki-moon – 8th United Nations' Secretary General