

23rd June, 2010

Dear Martial Arts Instructor:

On behalf of the government and people of The Commonwealth of The Bahamas, I extend a warm, friendly welcome, for which we have become world-famous, as you come to participate in the **2nd International Chinese Martial Arts (ICMA) World Championships** at the magnificent *Atlantis Paradise Island Resort* from December 10th – 12th, 2010.

I would like to extend hearty congratulations to Master Kent Bazard and (founder) Master Nick Scrima for organizing such a varied and interesting calendar of events for your enjoyment - comprised of over 250 traditional and contemporary **Kung Fu** and **Washu** divisions for **Open Hand and Weapons Forms (Taolu), Push Hands, Chi Sao, Tai Chi and Weapon Sparring**. I understand that these will be augmented by featured bouts of **Sanda (San Shou – Chinese Full Contact Kickboxing), Light Contact Continuous Fighting, Amateur Mixed Martial Arts (MMA) and Grappling**. It is only fitting that organizers have arranged for these events and competitors to be ranked by the highly respected *Kung Fu* and *Inside Kung Fu* magazines.

I am pleased to see that you would have the opportunity to benefit from special group rates at *Atlantis Paradise Island Resort*. When reserving your room, please mention the **2nd International Chinese Martial Arts (ICMA) World Championships**, or reserve your room On-line at <http://www.kungfuchampionship.com/nassau/venue.htm> and use the discount code provided.

I suggest that you put time aside during your stay to purchase an affordable authentically Bahamian souvenir item for your loved ones back home. Also, sample some our local drinks and delectable native dishes, like conch salad fresh out of the shell at *Potter's Cay Dock* or the *Fish Fry*. Visit one of our many eateries which serve up both casual and gourmet dining choices like steamed conch, peas 'n rice, boiled fish, minced lobster, fried plantains and dessert choices like coconut tart, bread pudding and mango ice cream that would fully engage your palate – and capture your imagination.

Take time out to visit one of our many beaches. While there, don't forget to wiggle your toes in the soft white sand where your feet sink in as far as the ankles: this would ensure that you return again and again. Allow your body to submerge – if only briefly - in our clear waters that range in color from blue, to green to turquoise. Then you would know that you have truly experienced one of The Islands Of The Bahamas.

Please enjoy your visit!

Sincerely,



Vernice J. Walkine
Director General