

The tiger is symbolic of the physical world and the dragons signify the mental or spiritual world. Together the symbols represent a harmony between both worlds. The Chinese symbol Yin/Yang (Oom/Yung) stands for balance of life.



Honorary Black Belt



One of the many personal achievements of Grandmaster "Iron" Kim is the Kyong Gong Sul Bope (flying side kick). Above is Grandmaster jumping from the top of a building. (The roof is visible in the lower right corner.) In 1970, Grandmaster "Iron" Kim demonstrated Kyong Gong Sul Bope by jumping from the equivalent of an 11-story building. In 1972, Grandmaster "Iron" Kim again demonstrated the Kyong Gong Sul Bope movement by jumping from the equivalent of an 8-story building both times landing without injury onto a sloped surface below.

It is an Oom Yung Doe instructor's mission to accept the challenge and responsibility to teach the traditional line of Moo Doe (Martial Arts) Knowledge, as it has been taught over the centuries. It is their hope to apply the morals of Chung Doe or Correct Path to their lives. Someone who follows the Chung Doe path fully considers the consequences of their actions on others before making any decision. Chung Doe implants a good seed within a community, which bears good fruit of right communication, compassion and integrity for the next generation.

Each year instructors look into the community to recognize a leader. In his seven years as a state legislator, Representative Peter J. Koutoujian, a



Instructors Sheila Graves and Maurice Vera present an Honorary Black Belt to Massachusetts State Representative Peter Koutoujian

Waltham native, has emerged as one of Beacon Hill's most influential and well-respected lawmakers. He is the House Chair of the Joint Committee on Health Care, and has tirelessly championed for better services for the mentally ill and mentally retarded as well as better pay for people who work directly with them.

On the state level, Koutoujian, successfully directed the House to overwhelmingly pass a statewide smoking ban in October. He also filed legislation that prohibits schools from selling junk food and is currently working on increasing nutritional education along with an emphasis on physical activity our public schools.

In recognition of his commitment to improving the quality of life in our community, and especially in honor of his work to protect and educate our youth, The Instructors and students of Oom Yung Doe in the Boston area presented Representative Peter J. Koutoujian with an Honorary Black Belt at the annual New Year's Banquet on January 15, 2005.