

Karatekas pay tribute to late Master

The International Federation of Funakoshi Shotokan Karate South Africa (IFFSKSA) recently held their 23rd National Championship's

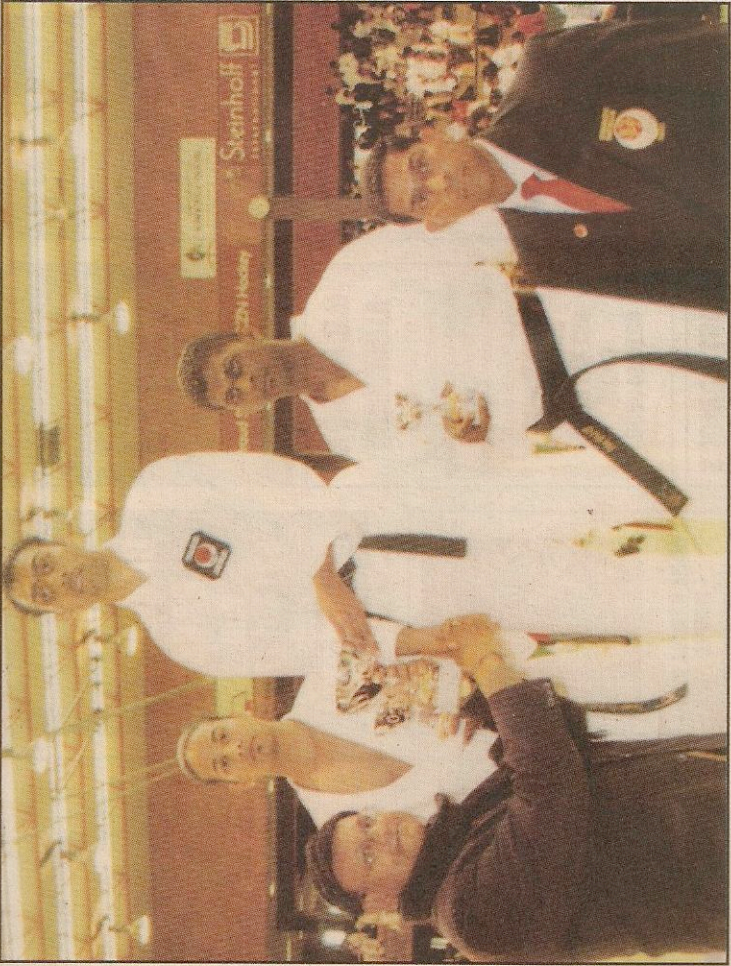
and also paid a special tribute of 50 years for the late, Master Ginchin Funakoshi, who is the founder of Shotokan and modern karate.

More than 605 eager karatekas gathered at the University of KwaZulu-Natal to participate in this event. The president and chief instructor, Shihan Eric Govender said "The competition was a huge success." He extended his appreciation to the parents to the karatekas for encouraging their children during the participation.

The large amount of parents at this event enabled the children to perform to the best of their ability. "Tournaments of this nature bring karatekas from various provinces together, and allow them to interact with each other as one happy family," said Shihan Eric Govender.

Malvin Govender

won the senior kata and kumite division at this championship and was declared The Grand Champion for 2007 Funakoshi Cup. The Minister of Sport and Recreation, Mr Amichand Rajbansi, who was the guest-of-honour, said he was delighted to see a large turn out of people at the event. He also stated that the code of sport should be embedded in every child. Mr Rajbansi congratulated sensei's who will be competing in the 9th WFSKA, World Karate Championships in England. He wished them all the best and to do the country proud. For further details contact Shihan Eric Govender on 083 777 0727 or log on to www.funakoshiff-sksa.com.



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MEC for Sport and Recreation, Mr Amichand Rajbansi, Mark Govender (2nd kumite), grand champion Malvin Govender (for kata / kumite), Denver Soobramoney (3rd) and Shihan Eric Govender.