



**HOSHINKIDO HAPKIDO**  
국제호신기도협회

# 50 Years In Martial Arts A Life Of Practice, A Practice For Life

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Born in 1949 in Figeac, France, and now living in Montréal, Canada, since 1988, Chông Kwan Jang Serge Baubil has had a passion for martial arts from as early as 1959. A Canadian with French roots, he began his martial arts studies with Shotokan Karate and Judo. He started practicing these arts in his hometown of Figeac and attained his first black belt ten years later in 1969.

Moving to Paris, he became a member of the National Syndicate of the French Karate Teachers, whose President at that time was Grandmaster Henry Plee, who was the pioneer of Karate in France. In 1970, armed with passion and dedication, he trained himself hard at the A.F.A.M., Académie Française des Arts Martiaux (French Martial Arts Academy) under the guidance of the Japanese Great Grandmaster of Shotokan Karate; Taiji Kasé Sensei.

In 1971, as a second-dan black belt and a member of the International Cocatre Bushido School of Paris, he participated in numerous international championships. During that same year, he witnessed spectacular demonstrations of Korean Karate, known as Tae Kwon Do, by Grandmaster Lee Kwan Young, who was the pioneer of this martial art in France and is currently a ninth-dan in both Tae Kwon Do and Hapkido. Grandmaster Serge Baubil was struck by how these extraordinary techniques and the rigors of the Korean traditional martial arts forms not only strengthened the body, but more importantly the mind.

His admiration for Grandmaster Lee was so immense that he himself modified his Karate schools in Paris to integrate the art of Chungdokwan Taekwondo, with the participation of Grandmaster Lee teaching Hoshinsul Hapkido techniques at the end of each Tae Kwon Do course.

In 1973, Serge Baubil founded L'Institut Parisien de Taekwondo (The Parisian Taekwondo Institute) in Paris. But Serge Baubil had to handle the everyday challenges and destiny of the French Taekwondo Institute alone due to Grandmaster Lee's departure to Hong Kong for a series of martial arts movies. He then proceeded to invite the Korean master and Tae Kwon Do champion Bang Seo Hong, from whom he learned his amazing combat techniques, to replace Grandmaster Lee and to help with the development of Tae Kwon Do in France. With this, Grandmaster Baubil introduced Tae Kwon Do in several French towns. In 1974, while working as a technical agent in the aerospace industry, Grandmaster Serge Baubil got his National Judo, Aikido and Karate instructor certifications, which are essential in France in order to teach martial arts. In 1976, he decided to leave his regular job in order to



Training at Grandmaster Serge Baubil Dojang



become a full time martial arts and self-defense instructor for L'Association Sportive de la Police (Shobukai French Police Association). He was also the official delegate of L'Association Nationale de Kung-Fu Kempo (National Kung-Fu Kempo Association) for the east side of France, while continuing to learn and teach the Korean martial arts.

In 1977, he accepted a contract as a martial arts instructor in the national police school in Libreville capital of Gabon, Africa. While in Gabon, he met Grandmaster Yong Man Kim, General Master and Founder of the Korea Moo Moo Kwan Hapkido Association and President of the Asia Hapkido Association in Gabon. This meeting became a major focal point for Grandmaster Baubil's passion for Hapkido.

Training extensively in private courses every day, Grandmaster Baubil attained his third-dan in Tae Kwon Do and Hapkido in 1978. Later that same year, he introduced and was the official chief instructor of Tae Kwon Do and Hapkido in Cameroon, Africa. The following year, he became technical counselor and national trainer of the Zaire Federation of Karate and Taekwondo in Kinshasa capital of Zaire, Africa.

In 1982, after special training and having been selected by Grandmaster Phan Xuan Tong, founder of Qwankido, the Vietnamese Kung-Fu Kempo system, Grandmaster Baubil was chosen as the South American National Technical Director for Qwankido, based in Sao Paulo, Brazil. Pursuing his training in the Korean martial arts, he obtained his fourth-dan in WTF and became the regional director for Grandmaster Sang Min Cho, who introduced Tae Kwon Do in Brazil. In 1985, after three intense years of private courses, Grandmaster Baubil received his fifth-dan diploma in Hapkido from the hands of Grandmaster Yun Sik Kim, founder and President of the Korea Bum Moo Kwan Hapkido Association and former student of Grandmaster Ji Han Jae, the founder of modern Hapkido.

In 1987, Grandmaster Serge Baubil owned three and supervised 27 martial arts schools in Brazil. Due to a downturn in the Brazilian economy, he decided to immigrate to Canada with his wife and daughter. In Canada, he continued to invite and receive his Grandmasters, to further his personal training, participate in seminars and to introduce his Grandmasters to his students. More importantly, Grandmaster Baubil did this to further his personal quest for knowledge of the art. In 1988, he received his fifth-dan in Vietnamese Kung-Fu Kempo Qwankido along with his fifth-dan in Tae Kwon Do. He achieved the rank of sixth-dan in Bum Moo Kwan Hapkido in 1990.



Grandmaster Serge Baubil and his students



Grandmaster Serge Baubil demonstrates a throwing technique

In 1992, he founded the Hoshinkido Hapkido Canadian Association in Montréal. By 1996, he was promoted to the rank of seventh-dan by the President of the Korea Kido Association and World Kido Federation, Grandmaster In Sun Seo.

In 1998, in Pusan, Korea, Grandmaster Baubil received the gold medal at the Masters' Exhibition of the World Hapkido Championship under the Korea Kido Association and World Kido Federation.

In 1999, The Korea Kido Association



officially recognized the Hoshinkido Method (the way of energy for the protection of the body) and Grandmaster Serge Baubil as its founder. In 2000, at the Yong-in University of Seoul, Korea, he again received a gold medal at the Masters' Exhibition of the second Hapkido World Championship. A plaque was presented to Grandmaster Baubil to officially recognize him as a Grandmaster of Hoshinkido Hapkido and he was awarded the official rank of eighth-dan in front of the Korean authorities. This honor was bestowed to him in the presence of Grandmaster Professor Suh Bok Sup, the first black belt student of the founder of Hapkido Young Sul Choi.

In 2004, after receiving another gold medal and a plaque for the Masters' Exhibition World Cup Hapkido in Pusan, Korea, he was publicly promoted to ninth-dan Grandmaster in Hapkido by the Supreme Grandmaster In Sun Seo, tenth-dan and President of the World Kido/Hanminjok Hapkido Association at the international seminar in Montreal, Canada. At this time, this made Serge Baubil the third Westerner in the World Kido Association to obtain this rank in Hapkido.

Since 2008, Grandmaster Serge Baubil, official founder of Hoshinkido, is the first Vice-President of the International Combat Union headquartered in Belgrade, Serbia, with membership from 50 countries and open to all styles of martial arts from around the world.

Serge Baubil is first of all a teacher. His passion for Korean martial arts is shown through his desire to transmit his Hoshinkido method. He takes special care to preserve the authenticity of the traditional method in the transmission of his art. He not only dedicated his life to the practice of Korean martial arts but also improved on his own life with personal discoveries. His enthusiasm, dedication and professionalism have enabled him to spread his method wherever he has lived.

Regional Director in Canada for the World Kido Federation/Hanminjok Hapkido Association as well as President and founder of the International Hoshinkido Hapkido Federation headquartered in Montréal, Canada since 1988, Grandmaster Baubil has become an essential part of the international martial arts community with students and affiliated schools in approximately 15 countries. **TD**

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1983 - Serge Baubil with Grandmaster Pham Xuan Tong founder of Qwankido, Vietnamese Kung-Fu Kempo



(L-R) Joe Vasile, GM Serge Baubil, Lino Peluso



(Right) GM Serge Baubil defending against multiple attacker's



1985 - Serge Baubil training with Grandmaster Yun Sik Kim founder of Bum Moo Kwan Hapkido in Brasil



1971 - Serge Baubil assistant of first Korean Master Lee Kwan Young in Paris, France



1979 - Serge Baubil with Moo Moo Kwan Hapkido founder GM Yong Man Kim in Gabon, Africa with students of the police academy



1976 - Serge Baubil 2nd dan in action in France



1983 - Serge Baubil with Grandmaster Cho Sang Min who introduced Taekwondo in Brasil



1989 GM Serge Baubil pictured with GM Yun Sik Kim



2004 - Grandmaster Serge Baubil receiving his 9th dan diploma from Supreme Grandmaster In Sun Seo

## More of GM Baubil's Achievements

- + Elected ten times as Grandmaster of the Year by the World Head of Family Sokeship Council (WHFSC) Hall of Fame between 1998 and 2009.
- + Grandmaster of the Year by the American Federation of Martial Arts for the New Millennium 2000.
- + International Grandmaster of the Year for 2001 and 2005.
- + Founder of the Year by the Pioneer and Legends Martial Arts Hall of Fame.
- + Soke/Founder by Grandmaster Frank Sanchez, President of the Hall of Fame (certificate signed by over 18 grandmasters and founders).
- + Golden Life Achievement award/Grand Patriarchs award/Continued Excellence in the Martial Arts/World Pioneer of the Year in 2006 in Hoshinkido Hapkido.
- + Historical Figure award by Hall of Fame in 2008.
- + Grandmaster Pinnacle award in 2009 from WHFSC Hall of Fame.
- + 2010 nomination by the worlds greatest martial arts hall of fame the World Head Family Sokeship Council Hall of Fame as "World Grandmaster Ambassador"