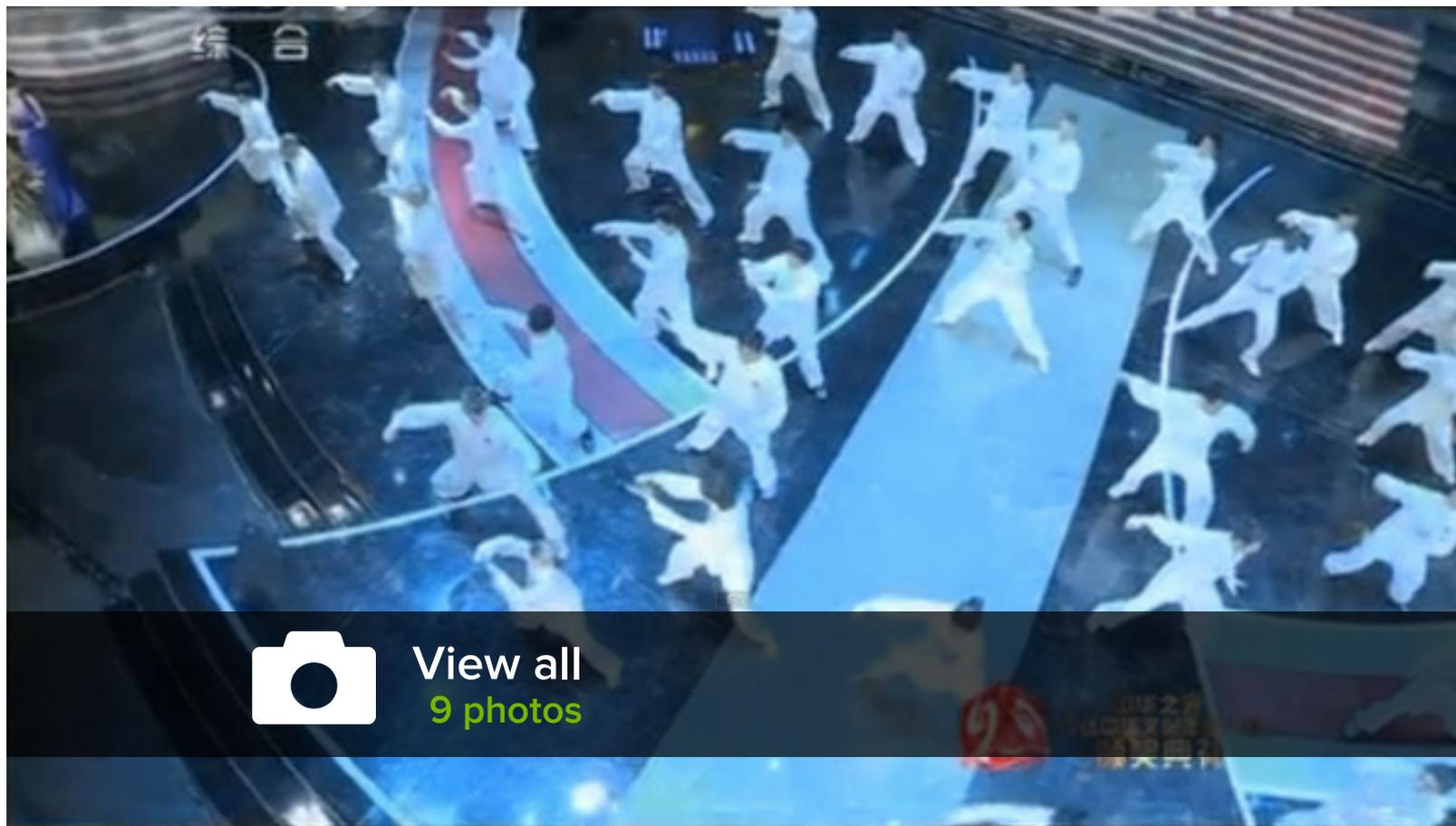


Congratulations to Grandmaster Chen Xiaowang

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Grandmaster Chen Xiaowang and his students performed during the award ceremony.
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After an exciting six months of nomination, selection and voting, Chen Style [Tai Chi](#) Grandmaster [Chen Xiaowang](#) was as one of the top ten Chinese artists promoting Chinese culture in the world. The award ceremony was attended by high-ranking government officials and dignities and viewed by millions and broadcasted on Jan. 17, 2013 by China Central Television (CCTV).



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Named the China Beacon, this award is regarded as the most prominent award sponsored by the Chinese Culture Department, the News Department of the Central Government, the Overseas Chinese Bureau, the Chinese Broadcasting Bureau and CCTV. Nominations were submitted by domestic media, education and arts communities, as well as reputable foreign organizations and individuals. The nominees were all Chinese but not limited to Chinese nationality. The award committee then selected 20 prominent candidates for final voting, which was conducted online from the beginning of Dec 2012 through Jan. 10, 2013. Anyone who had a legitimate email account could vote. Among the 20 finalists, there were a movie star, scholars, writers, musicians, a famous chef, educators and cultural institutes. But the voting was just part of the final selection.

Born in Chen Village, 69-year-old Grandmaster Chen Xiaowang is a 19th generation Chen family descendent and 11th generation Chen Style Tai Chi lineage holder. He is one of the few Tai Chi masters who are ranked 9th Duan for his supreme martial art knowledge and skills. Besides promoting the art of Tai Chi in China by teaching, Grandmaster Chen started to train foreigners aboard in 1990. Each year, he spends eleven months traveling around the. In the past twenty-two years, he visited over fifty countries and established fifty-eight Chen Xiaowang Tai Chi centers in forty different countries. It is estimated that he has taught 300,000 people. Every March, he hosts workshops in Chen Village and Tai Chi practitioners come from all over the world to learn from him. Many also follow the traditional Chinese Bai Shi ritual and become disciples of Grandmaster Chen. Grandmaster Chen was nominated by [Petr Kolar](#), a prominent Czech politician and formal Czech ambassador to the United States and Russia. In his nomination summary, Ambassador Kolar praised Grandmaster Chen's effort to promote Tai Chi around the world and acknowledged Chen's training resulting in low healthcare costs for his countrymen. Grandmaster Chen got the second most ballots with approximate 350,000 votes or

32.59% of the total casting. It was heartwarming to see many of his students and Tai Chi enthusiasts eagerly encouraging others to vote via social media.

During the award ceremony, Grandmaster Chen was asked why he promotes Tai Chi. He replied that Tai Chi helps Qi and blood circulation as well as emotional balance. It is a mind, body and spirit regimen. He also led 30 students through a few Tai Chi movements on stage and won warm applause from the audience.

The other awardees included 2012 Nobel laureate of Literature [Mo Yan](#), internationally renowned pianist [Lang Lang](#) and NBA player [Yao Ming](#). You can click the link <http://news.cntv.cn/2013/01/17/VIDE1358428685665341.shtml> here to see Chen Xiaowang receiving the award.

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