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## SU-LO - Being a true teacher

Given a number of diverse disciplines differing one from another such as Karate, T'ai-Ji-Quan, Tae Kwon Do, Viettaichi, Kendo, Vietvodao, Qi-Kung, and so on, if we try to interview a number of students from each discipline on the question of how different or similar is their own discipline from the others, we can easily expect that the outcome will be largely in favor of differences. It's true, but only from the student point of view; from a master perspective the situation can be seen quite differently.

Why is that? It is because teaching is different from learning. Serious teachers and masters in any discipline of our concern understand that they all are tied together by an invisible string which is their common factor, and this could be named as the "*Teachers' Way*", or simply: *Being a true teacher*. This Way is for all teachers, beyond their specific discipline. Grand Master PHAN HOANG named it by a Vietnamese term: SU-LO.

SU means teacher, or master. LO is road, way, or path.

**SU-LO** = The Way for Teachers and Masters. In our context, it stands for:

"THE TEACHING AND TRAINING FOR THOSE WHO ARE TEACHERS AND MASTERS". Therefore, SU-LO program aims specifically to train those who are sincerely seeking a high way of learning and training for becoming a noble and successful teacher in modern and global time while keeping deep roots to ancient traditions. The teaching of SU-LO was reserved, during a long period, only to a limited number of disciples. Recently the Grand Master has decided to open, from now on, the gate to his highly desired teaching on SU-LO, to all teachers and masters, from any style, and discipline.

The structure of SU-LO program consists of three pillars. The first is **Technical Training** (Quyên-Thuat) ; the second is **Methodology** (Phuong-Phap), and the third stands for **What teachers must know** (Thong Lo). Under this third pillar many practical learning could be treated while under the pillar of Methodology important theoretical subjects are explained. The Technical Training starts with an exceptional Quyên called **KY-MON**. This Quyên KY-MON opens up a broad view to those who, for years, have been trained in one of the eight VIET-CHI disciplines such as Vietvodao, Viettaichi, Chi-Kiem, and in the same time offers a rare occasion to new comers —who have already acquired a high level of knowledge and skill but from an outside discipline— to catch up and become part of a great family of teachers without distinction of discipline. Also, masters who are disciples of the Grand Master are very welcome to attend the teaching of KY-MON because this could be for them a deep revision of the long path they have followed.

The first training and teaching session will be held in Pisa (Italy), **SATURDAY October 17, 2009 (10:00 am – 18:30 pm)**, along with the Anniversary Training "Stage" of VIETTAICHI and CHI-KIEM/ PEACE SWORD. In the evening of Saturday, at the Gala

Dinner, we will celebrate the 73<sup>rd</sup> birthday of our Grand Master who at this advanced age is still going around the world to train Black Belts and Leading Black Belts, to teach Research Methodology to doctoral students at prestigious universities, and to be a mentor for some young professors. This gives us a sense of how the training with SU-LO method could keep teachers and masters in good shape and high spirit. *(to be continued on VIET-CHI POST No 39)*

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