

# Roper brings Kuk Sool Won to Puerto Rico

Martial Arts master instructor Richard Roper of the Kuk Sool Won school in Kingwood, was recently given the responsibility by the World Kuk Sool Association (WKSA), to take charge of the development and progress of Kuk Sool Won in Puerto Rico.

The WKSA has for many years received requests for support from Puerto Rico, however until now has had no master instructor able to give the time or energy to such an undertaking.

Master Roper is an instructor with an international reputation. Before moving to Kingwood, Roper was chief instructor for

Kuk Sool Won in the United Kingdom in addition to being part of the WKSA seminar and master's demonstration team. Roper frequently travels back to the United Kingdom and other European countries. Roper is also kept busy here in the U.S. throughout the year helping to organize Black Belt testing which are held four times a year.

Mr. Ernesto Ayala recently visited the Kuk Sool Won school in Kingwood for a period of two months of intensive training. This is regarded as a starting point for the standardization of the Kuk Sool Won in

Puerto Rico. "The people of Puerto Rico love to practice martial arts and are very interested in seeing the art of Kuk Sool Won flourish in Puerto Rico," said Ayala. "It is a beautiful flowing and graceful system, yet one which demonstrates extremely strong and practical self-defense technique."

Master Roper and a small number of his Black Belts plan to travel to Puerto Rico in March to begin the first official training program for Kuk Sool Won on the Island.