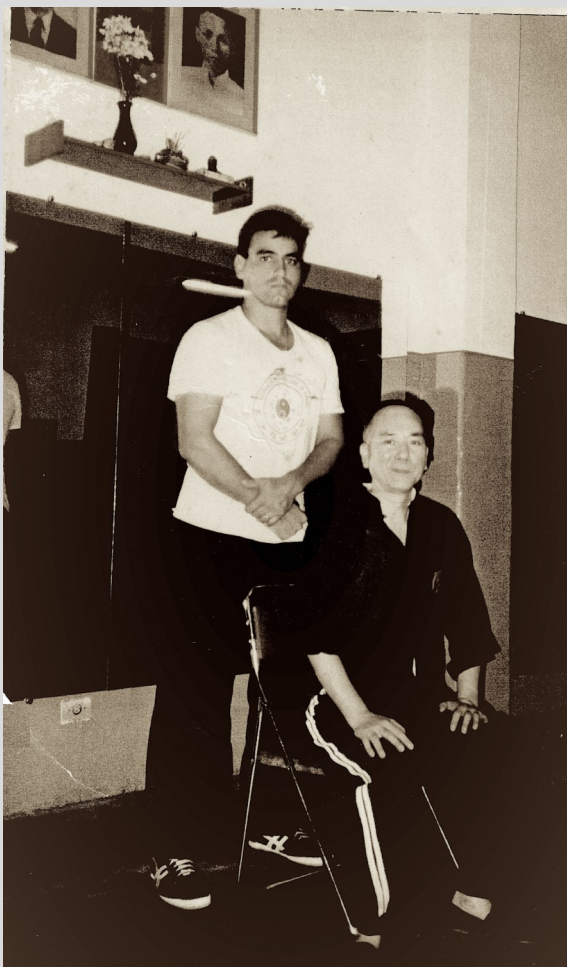




MASTER ROBERTO BAPTISTA



World Traditional KungFu Expert



ROBERTO BAPTISTA WITH CHAN KWOK WAI

Master (Sifu) **Roberto Baptista** began his apprenticeship in martial arts in 1972 in his home country Brazil when he was eight years old. He started practicing classical Judo (柔道) and made it his school sport until 1983 when he graduated from High School. In 1979 he was introduced to Gōjū-ryū (剛柔流), one of the main traditional Okinawan styles of Karate. Finally, in 1980 he was introduced to KungFu by a neighbor and immediately started his lifelong KungFu journey. He started his first formal **Northern Shaolin Kung Fu (北少林拳門 Běishāolín Quánmén / Bak Siu Lum)** classes with Master Lee Chung Deh who was the second disciple of world-famous Master Chan Kwok Wai (Chén Guówěi 陳國偉), the father of KungFu in Brazil and the inheritor of one of the purest traditions of Chinese martial arts, Grand Master Chan Kwok Wai was one of the first authentic Chinese Masters to bring traditional KungFu to the Americas and accept non-Chinese students.

Master Lee Chung Deh's senior student Master Jorge J. Jung (one of the best traditional fighters of his generation) inspired Master Baptista's interest for traditional fighting skills. His discipline and dedication granted him to become a member of the training fighting group lead by Master Jorge J. Jung.

In 1990, after near ten years of dedicated practice, Master Baptista concluded his study of Northern Shaolin style KungFu, acquiring his first certification and becoming a first-generation graduate of Master Jorge J. Jung. His credentials were recognized and endorsed by the Brazilian Boxing Federation, being among the first KungFu Masters to receive an official certification from this renowned Brazilian sports organization.

Master Jorge W. Jung continually encouraged Master Baptista to deepen his studies and learn other styles of KungFu. Since January 1981, Master Baptista began deepening his knowledge of Northern Shaolin by learning directly from Grand Master Chan Kwok Wai at his world-renowned Sino Brazilian KungFu Academy in São Paulo – Brazil, becoming his direct student and acquiring certification under him after ten years of practice.



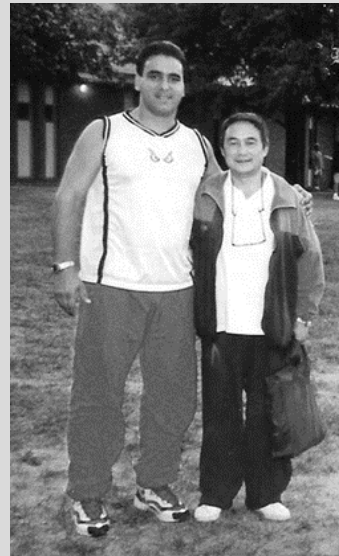
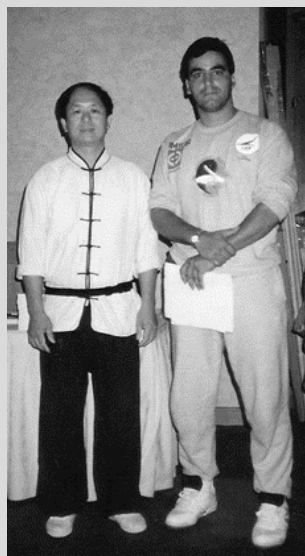
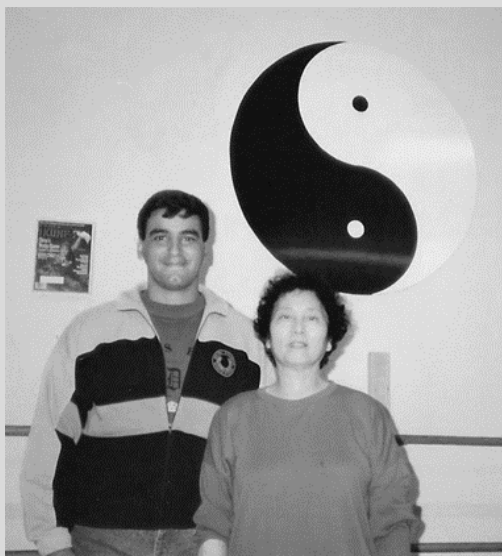


In 1988 Master Baptista also founded one of the first Brazilian state associations that led to the founding of the **Brazil KungFu Wushu Federation (CBKW)**. He was very active in the process of bringing recognition to KungFu Wushu as a legit sport in Brazil. Soon after its official recognition, Brazil KungFu Wushu Federation (CBKW) became the sole Brazilian entity affiliated to the recently founded **International Wushu Federation (IWUF)**.



In the early 1990's Master Baptista began to travel abroad. His need to fulfill his calling and continue learning inspired him to travel to the United States to learn one of the oldest styles of Chinese Martial Arts, *Shuaijiao* (Chinese Wrestling). His **Master, John S. Wang**, was a direct disciple of the legendary Grand Master *Chang Tung Sheng*. After being certified by Master Wang through the American Combat Shuai-Chiao Association (ACSCA), Master Baptista became one of the first teachers of Shuaijiao in Brazil. One of his proud *Baojin Shuaijiao* students, Marcelo Antunes (PhD), has proceeded in his journey and leads nationwide *Shuaijiao* schools in Brazil to this day.

Master Baptista never lost an opportunity to improve his knowledge with many famous masters. He deepened his knowledge of TaiChi (*Taijiquan*) and TaiChi Sword (*Taijijian*) with late **Grand Master Wang Ju-Rong** – daughter of the renowned Grand Master Wang Zi-Ping. He also improved his knowledge of Chinna (*Qinna* 擒拿) with Master Yang Jwing-Ming and Master Liang Shou-Yu and made numerous trips to China to improve his knowledge.



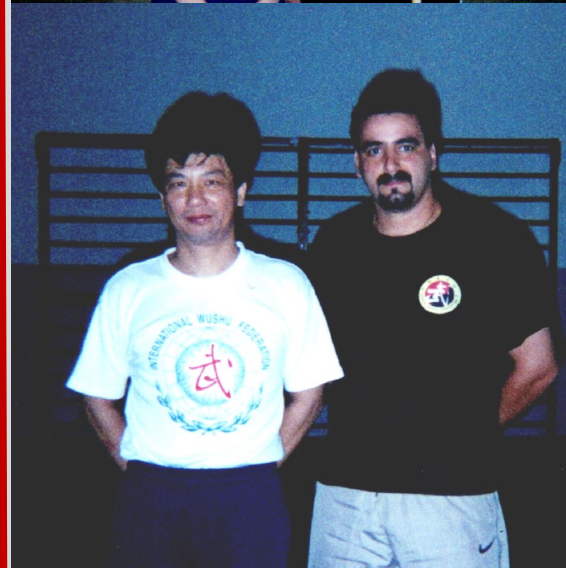
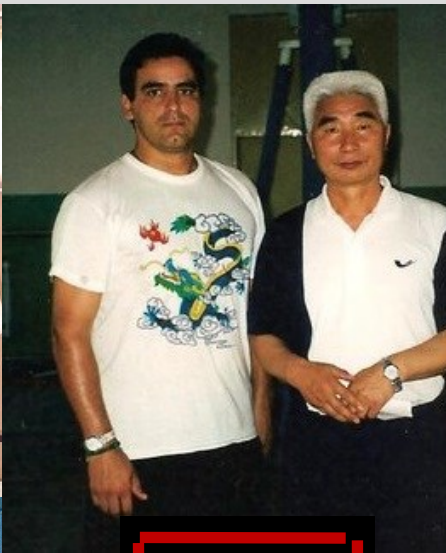
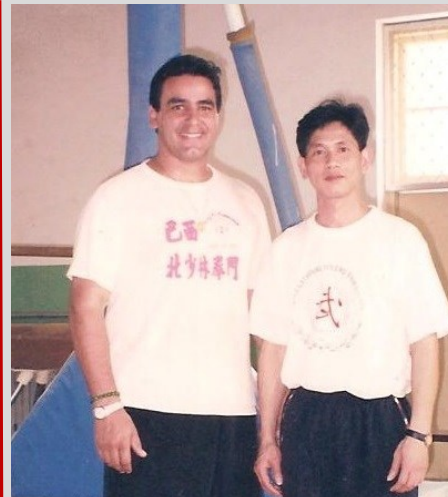
In 1999 Master Baptista became a **Certified International Level Coach of Wushu** by the IWUF (international Wushu Federation) in Beijing – China, receiving instruction from several world-renown masters.



On the same occasion, two others masters from *Chan Kwok Wai's* lineage were also certified: Master Thomaz Chan Hon Kit (GM *Chan Kwok Wai's* son) and late Master Nereu Graballos.



Class of 1999 — Students and Faculty — **International Level Coach Certification** by the IWUF (international Wushu Federation) in Beijing – China.



In the same decade Master Baptista also learned **Chen Taijiquan** (the original style of TaiChi) in China with **Master Chen Yinxu**, a direct descendent from the Chen family and direct disciple of Grand Master *Chen Zhenglei* (陈正雷) from *Chenjiagou* (Chen Village, 陳家溝).



Besides learning traditional and contemporary Chinese martial arts, Master Baptista also learned many traditional Qigong practices from his teachers, including *Liangong* (練功十八法).

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Master Baptista was appointed to **Member of the Technical Committee of the IWUF** (International Wushu Federation), Beijing – China.

PREVIOUS AND CURRENT SUB - COMMITTEES OF IWUF

1. Previous and Current Technical Committee

THE TEMPORARY TECHNICAL COMMITTEE - 1993~1995

Chairman: Zhang Yaoting (China)

Members: Wu Bin (China), Yasuhiko Ishihara (Japan), Ng Shau Yin (Italy), Piotr Osuch (Poland), Nick Gracenin (United States of America), Benzda Luc (Gabon)

THE 1ST TERM OF TECHNICAL COMMITTEE - 1995.09~1999.11

Chairman: Zhang Shan (China)

Vice Chairman: Wu Bin (China), Peter Warr (Great Britain)

Members: Ng Shau Yin (Italy), Cheng Fung Chi (Hong Kong, China), Benzda Luc (Gabon), Patricia Rice (United States of America)

THE 2ND TERM OF TECHNICAL COMMITTEE - 1999.12~2003.10

Chairman: Wu Bin (China)

Vice Chairman: Peter Warr (Great Britain), Huang Linghai (China)

Members: Cheng Huikun (China), Cheng Fung Chi (Hong Kong), Yasuhiko Ishihara (Japan), Ng Shau Yin (Italy), William Nochet (France), Lu Xiaolin (United States of America), Roberto Baptista (Brazil), Han Jinsong (Australia), Benzda Luc (Gabon)

THE 3RD TERM OF TECHNICAL COMMITTEE - 2003.10~2007.11

Chairman: Huang Linghai (China)

Vice Chairman: Peter Warr (Great Britain), Gleb Muzrukov (Russia)

Members: Cheng Huikun (China), Cheng Fung Chi (Hong Kong), Yasuhiko Ishihara (Japan), Ng Shau Yin (Italy), William Nochet (France), Lu Xiaolin (United States of America), Han Jinsong (Australia), Sherif Moustafa (Egypt)

THE 4TH TERM OF TECHNICAL COMMITTEE - 2007.11~2011

Chairman: Wang Yulong (China)

Vice Chairman: Peter Warr (Great Britain), Gleb Muzrukov (Russia)

Members: Cheng Huikun (China), Cheng Fung Chi (Hong Kong), Yasuhiko Ishihara (Japan), William Nochet (France), Lu Xiaolin (United States of America), Shao Zhaoming (Australia), Sherif Moustafa (Egypt)




In 2000 **Master Baptista** was inducted to the **International Hall of Fame** of the United States of America Wushu KungFu Federation (USAWKF). A very prestigious award that grants recognition of his skills and contributions for the development of the sport worldwide.

In 2005, after teaching in Manaus where he graduated eight teachers, Master Baptista moved back to Sao Paulo and spent the next 12 years under the direct tutelage of **Grand Master Chan Kowk Wai**, deepening his practice of what was previously learned and learning even more.



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A Academia Sinc Brasileira de Kungfu concede ao Sr. **ANTONIO ROBERTO SALLES BAPTISTA**, nasc. 23/05/1984, o presente Certificado de conclusão do Curso SHAO-LIN DO NORTE TRAUDE DEZ ANOS DE PRÁTICA.

São Paulo, Brasil 24.03. de 192006

Professor Chan Kwok Wai

畢業證書

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二〇〇六年三月二十四日 社長兼教練 陳國偉

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Porto Alegre, Brasil 18.11. de 1920

Professor Jorge Wilson Jung

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Brazil Kungfu Federation
Confederação Brasileira de Kung-Fu

WUSHU KUNGFU COACH CERTIFICATE
CERTIFICADO DE TREINADOR DE KUNG-FU WUSHU

This is to certify that Mr. **Antonio Roberto S. Baptista**

has completed all requirements of the Wushu Kungfu Coaching Course satisfactorily, and meeting this Federation standards, is hereby issued this Wushu Kungfu Coach Certificate as proof of professional qualification.

Issued on 26/Jan/1991
Expedido em 26. Jan / 1991
Nº. 03 / 91
Herewith certified by Certificado por

Enio Carlos Cuono
President

Kao Chian Tou
Technical Director
Diretor Técnico

Chan Kwok Wai
Grand Master
Grão Mestre

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DIPLOMA Nº 001


Esta Federação de acordo com os preceitos legais e tendo presente os termos de aprovação que obteve o(a) senhor(a) **Antonio Roberto Salles Baptista** R. G. n.º 1062267-5, Orgão Expedidor, **sesegam**, confere-lhe o presente Diploma e o Título de **Professor Titular** de KUNG-FU (WUSHU), de que trata o Regulamento de Gradação de 28 de fevereiro de 1991, desta Federação, com especialização em **Shao-Lin do Norte, Wushu e Tai-chi-chuan**, para que possa gozar de todos os direitos, regalias e prerrogativas concedidas a este Título.

ESTADO DO AMAZONAS, 18 de janeiro de 1992

CIDADE DE MANAUS

Prof. **Alcides Vieira de Silva** (Presidente) Deputado Técnico **Antonio Roberto Salles Baptista** (Assessorado e registrado em Cartório no verso)

美國實戰摔投協會
American Combat Shuai-Chiao Association



茲證明

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 出生日期 BIRTH DATE **5-23-64** 出生地 BIRTHPLACE **São Paulo - Brazil**

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DIPLOMA

Antonio Roberto Baptista 于一〇〇〇年九月三日至九月十六日在中國北京參加了國際武術聯合會舉辦的第二屆國際武術教練（長拳、劍術、刀術、槍術、棍術、槍術、短棍術）培訓班，經考試合格，特發此証。

This diploma is presented to Mr. **Antonio Roberto Baptista** to certify that he participated in the International Wushu Coaches' Training Course for the 2nd Set of International Competition Routines (Changquan, Swordplay, Broadswordplay, Spearplay, Cudgelplay) organized by the International Wushu Federation from September 3-16, 2000 in Beijing, China, and passed the examination.



September 16, 2000

CONFEDERAÇÃO BRASILEIRA DE PUGILISMO



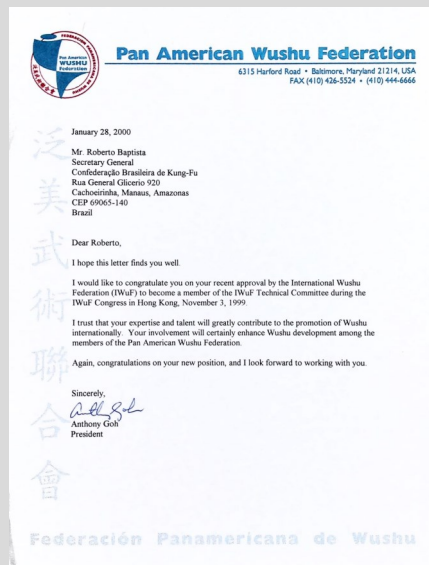
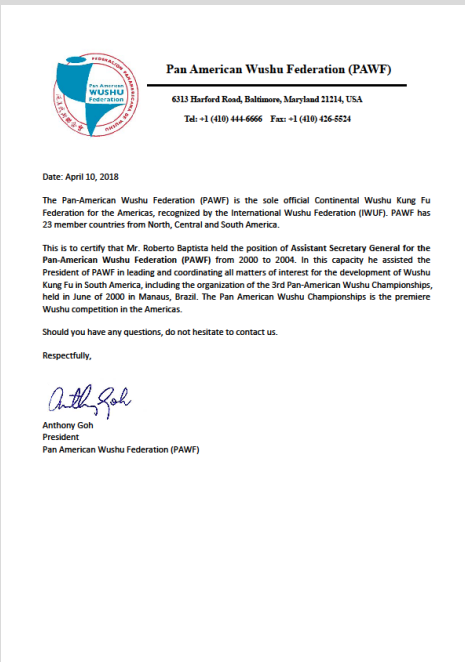
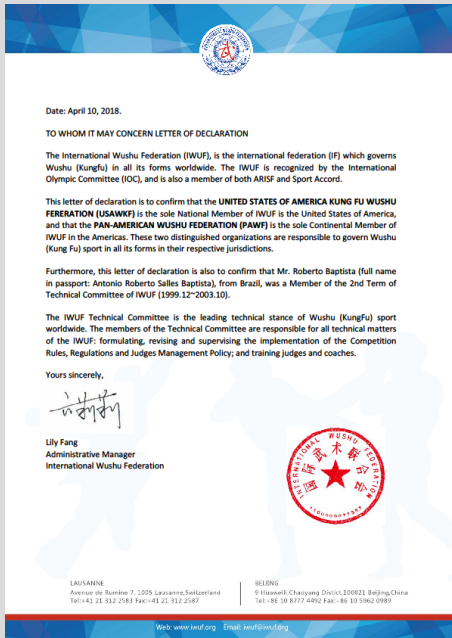
Diploma

Conferido a **ANTONIO ROBERTO SALLES BAPTISTA**

na qualidade de **PROFESSOR DE KUNG-FU**

ESPECIALIZADO EM SHAO-LIN DO NORTE

Em 22 de novembro de 1992



In March 2017, Master Baptista accepted an invitation from his KungFu nephew, Master Gus Rubio, to teach in the USA and moved with his family to Florida. In 2019 he became a permanent resident of the USA after being recognized as an Alien of Extraordinary Ability in the field of martial arts.

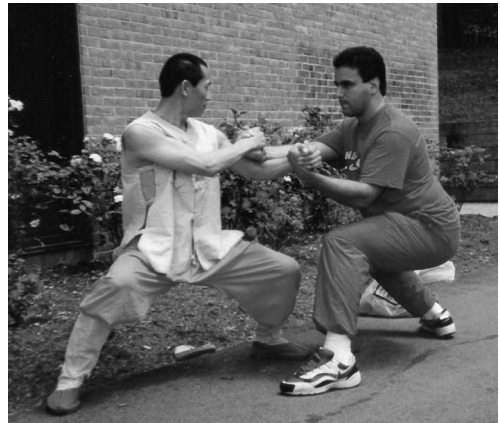
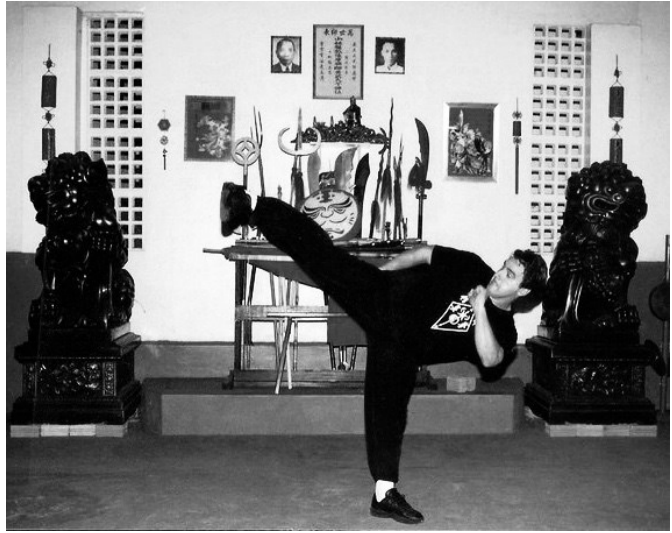
In 2019 Master Baptista was appointed to serve as **Vice-Chairman of Traditional KungFu for the United States of America Wushu KungFu Federation (USAWKF)** and serves in this role to this day.

Understanding the responsibility to preserve this priceless legacy transmitted through the ages from Master to Master and in **one on the most pure and authentic lineages in Chinese martial arts** history, Master Baptista opened his own school in Coral Springs, FL called **Kung Fu Connection**. He currently teaches and continues to pass down the traditional content that was preserved through his lineage.



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Master Baptista

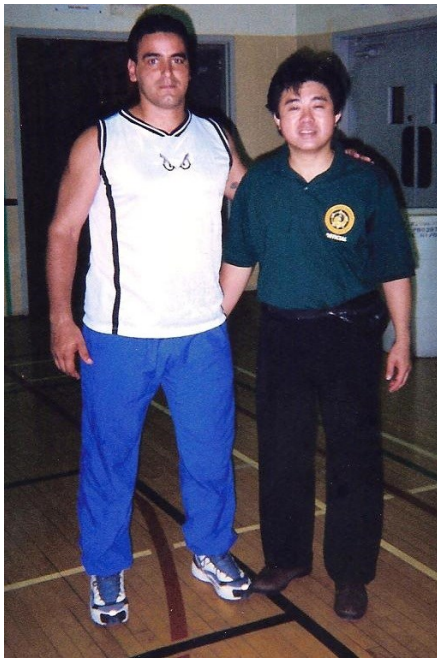
- Began his Martial Arts studies at age 8, studying Judo in Sao Paulo – Brazil, under Ono Sensei (1972);
- Began his Northern Shaolin KungFu studies in 1980;
- Achieved Instructor Level of Northern Shaolin KungFu (Sino- Brazilian KungFu Academy);
- Achieved Master Level in Yang Taijiquan (Sino-Brazilian KungFu Academy – Grand Master Chan Kwok Wai);
- Achieved Master Level in Northern Shaolin KungFu (Sino-Brazilian KungFu Academy – Grand Master Chan Kwok Wai);
- Achieved Black Belt Level in *Baojing Shuaijiao* (American Combat Shuaichiao Association – Grand Master John Wang);
- Achieved Liangong Instructor level;
- Introduces Northern Shaolin KungFu in the Brazilian Amazon State;
- Co-Founder of the Amazon KungFu Federation;
- Technical Director of the Amazon State KungFu Federation;
- Became a Certified KungFu-Wushu Judge (Modern/Traditional and Internal Styles);
- Head Technical Director of CBKW – Brazil KungFu Federation (2005-2009);
- Became a Certified International Coach by the IWUF – International Wushu Federation, Beijing, China (1999/2000);
- Brazil Team Leader during the World Wushu Championships (Baltimore/USA – 2000);
- Organized the 3rd Pan-American Wushu Championships (2000);
- Nominated Member of the Technical Committee of IWUF – International Federation –Beijing, China (2000-2002);
- Nominated to the International HALL OF FAME of USAWKF (USA Wushu KungFu Federation);
- Taught courses and seminars about Chinese Martial Arts in Brazilian Universities;
- Studied Traditional *Chen Taijiquan* in China (lineage of *Chen Zheng Lei* - China - 2002/2004);
- Studied contemporary Wushu Shaolin in Shaolin School (Dengfeng, China - 2002/2004);

- Advanced Northern Shaolin Studies under Grand Master Chan Kwok Wai (April/2005 –February/2017)
- Received a Citation of a Brazilian State Government due to its contributions to the development of KungFu;
- Author of articles in US magazines; cited in KungFu-Wushu/Shuaijiao books and articles;
- Taught special seminars about Traditional KungFu in Brazil and in the USA;
- Invited by Master Gus Rubio's KungFu Connection, and moves to the USA in 2017 to be KungFu Connection Program Director and opens a new branch school in Coral Springs, FL;
- Served as National Judge during the 2017 USA Nationals (Lubbock, TX);
- Served as Vice-Chairman of the USAWKF selecting the US team to compete in the 2017 Traditional KungFu World Championship held on November 2017;
- Served as National Judge during the 2018 USA Nationals (Lubbock, TX); And served as Vice-Chairman of the USAWKF to select the US team to compete in the 2018 Juniors World Wushu Championship held on July 2018 (Brazil).
- Appointed as Vice Chairman of Traditional Chinese Martial Arts Committee of USAWKF - January 2019
- Served as Jury of Appeals during the 3rd Pan American Kungfu & Taijiquan Championships - July 2019
- Currently teaches Authentic Traditional Chinese Martial Arts at KungFu Connection in Coral Springs, FL.

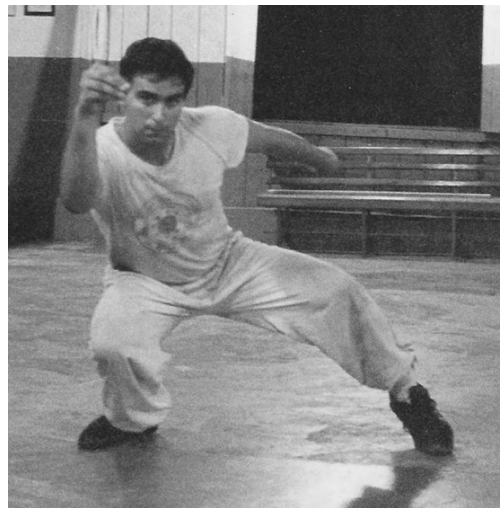
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Roberto Baptista is one of the most successful and talented masters in the world who offer training in Authentic Traditional Chinese Martial Arts.



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