



# Dance Flame

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*The Asian Indoor Games* is an idea raised by the Olympic Council of Asia (OCA) in 2001 with the aims to further promote the noble ideals of the Olympic Movement among the Asian people and arouse their interests in sports that are good to their moral and physical qualities.

The idea received a consensus on October 3, 2002 at the 21<sup>st</sup> OCA General Assembly Meeting in Busan. This brand new sport meet has a diversified sport program featuring the events that are neither included in the Olympic Games nor in the Asian Games, but have strong TV broadcasting potential and popularity. The amateur multisport meet not only stimulates the development of the sport circle in Asia, but enhances the involvement of the youth in the region in sport activities.

From the inaugural 1<sup>st</sup> Asian Indoor Games where there were 9 Sports featured, to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Asian Indoor Games where 17 sports were featured, we can see that the AIG Games are getting more and more exciting and competitive.

This is the 2<sup>nd</sup> time Singapore DanceSport Federation (SGDF) is sending a team of competitors to participate. In this issue, we would like to bring some of the thrill and sensation to our members, so that you too can experience some of the wonderful emotions felt by just being part of the Asian Indoor Games (AIG).

*Your Editor*

## *Departure Day @ Budget Terminal on 25 October 2007, Thursday*

### *Our Soldiers ...*



*Left to Right : Melvin Tan, Sharon Tan, Lim Chong Aik, Riane Low, Kelvin Toh & Rosanne Chong*

### *DanceSport Team*



*Our Soldiers with Team Officials Robert Ong and Hwa Mee Thoo at Budget Terminal Departure Gate*



*Right : Team Singapore settles down to eat a hearty meal before boarding the budget airline to Macau. (There is no food provided on the plane)*

*Left : Poor Sharon... while the rest of the team are having a meal, she's on the phone, with her notebook open, trying to settle last minute urgent work issues.*





## 2<sup>nd</sup> Asian Indoor Games

### Flag Raising Ceremony @ Macau

Immediately after we arrive at Macau at about 4 pm, we were chartered off to the Flag Raising Ceremony,

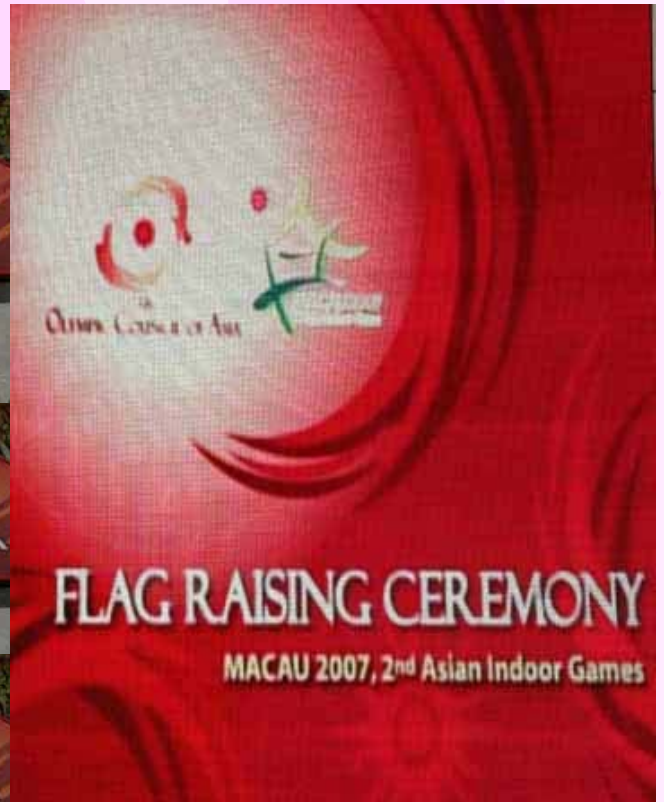
As there were a fair bit of waiting time before the rest of the countries arrives, we took on our favorite activity – Photo Spree.

Looking around, we spotted quite a big pyramid showcasing the 2<sup>nd</sup> AIG event. We took pictures of almost everything, from back ground to the various mascot in action. (Note Melvin trying to capture the DanceSport mascot on the far right hand side)

The concept of “Mei Mei” (the mascot) derives from the wild migratory black-faced spoonbills which come and perch in Macao every year.

“Mei Mei” soars high into the sky, symbolizing that Macao opens new path with endless innovative spirit, and also representing the youthful, boundless and ground-breaking force of the Asian Indoor Games.

As this migratory bird is chosen to be the mascot, “Mei Mei” not only shows her energy of flying high, but also leads the Macao citizens to participate in the Macau 2007, 2<sup>nd</sup> Asian Indoor Games.





# Macau, 26 October - 3 November 2007



## Opening Ceremony @ Macau Stadium

The grand opening ceremony was held in the Macau Stadium and Pavilion which boast of a capacity of more than 16000 seats. We got to the waiting area, as usual round about 3 hours earlier than required. While waiting for our march past in the Stadium, we made several new friends with our neighboring countries, exchanging our collar badges. Each of our team members tried our very best to secure the full range of collar badges from all the participating countries. Judging from the picture below, we would probably venture to guess that Melvin and Sharon were successful in their endeavors.



The beauty of the Macau Stadium with full Lights..



Above : M&S showcasing the various collar badges collected



Right : DS Team in waiting area..



Far Right : DS Team in the Stadium.



Left : Guess who's looking through the flats? (Hint : R & R)

Far Left : The whole Singapore Contingent in the Stadium.

Bottom Far Left : You wouldn't believe it, but it is our Singapore Chess Team sharpening their skills with a game of chess in the middle of the Opening Ceremony in the Stadium!

Bottom Middle : Our SGDF President, Robert Ong, with a pair of mascot.

Bottom Left : DanceSport "Mei Mei" in full lighting and splendor.



## 2<sup>nd</sup> Asian Indoor Games, DanceSport Competition

Finally the DanceSport Competition Day arrives. There are a total of 12 different events in DanceSport. There are 5 individual Standard Events, 5 individual Latin Events and 1 Standard event of 5 dances and 1 Latin event of 5 dances.

Right : DanceSport Team before the March Past

Right 2<sup>nd</sup> : DanceSport Team warming up and running through the dance routines prior to competition

Right 3<sup>rd</sup> : Our supporters who encouraged and cheered for us during the competition

Below : March Past of the Singapore DanceSport Team

Bottom : Our Solders in the midst of fierce competition



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