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NTU DANCE CAMP A SUCCESS!!!!!!!

Following their initial success in 2009, the Nanyang Technological University DanceSport Academy (NTU DSA) organised their annual Dance Camp in January 2011, which culminated in a very successful Closed DanceSport Championships. Led by very able leaders in Le Duy and Joyce Neo, the camp comprised Technique Workshops, Video Screenings, a comprehensive makeup workshop by National Latin Champions – Lim Chong Aik & Riane Low – which was extremely well-received by the participants. With the Singapore DanceSport Federation (SGDF) in an advisory capacity, the NTU DSA leaders made their own decisions on the programme and the components of the Dance Camp. Said President Mr Robert Ong “The SGDF is very proud to work with such a group of highly motivated young leaders who are very focused in their targets, to prepare their member to excel in regional dancesport championships and to bring success to the Club”.



NTU DSA Chairman Le Duy's Opening Address



Closed-Door Debrief Session For NTU DSA Members

At the end of the Closed DanceSport Championships, participants and guests were invited to a delicious dinner, followed by a closed-door debrief session by the Executive Members of the SGDF. These included performance matters, interpretation of their results among other things.



Dinner Is Served!!!!



NTU DSA Alumni Attending The Event

MALAYSIA NAT'L CHAMPIONSHIPS

With the already close working relationship between the Singapore DanceSport Federation (SGDF) and the Malaysian DanceSport Federation (MYDF), the Malaysia National DanceSport Championships was another opportunity for these two Federations to renew ties. The MYDF extended an invitation to the SGDF to participate in these Championships.

A total of 70 participants supporters left Singapore on the morning of Saturday 15 January 2011 for the 3 hour bus trip to Muar, Malaysia for this event. All competitors (all Grades) were provided with hotel subsidy of one room night and free transport. Eventually each competing pair only paid approximately S\$75 (per couple, incl of dinner and Entry Fee) for the entire trip. Now, who said there was no benefit in becoming a member of the SGDF?

The bus left Singapore promptly at 9:00am for Muar. Many had one aim in mind – Muar was the home of the “*otak*” (a kind of spicy fish cake). On Sunday morning, our athletes all assembled for a hearty breakfast for doing “battle”. The competition was tough and in the spirit of friendly rivalry.



For the first time, the inaugural Singapore-Malaysia Team Match was the highlight of the event. Never had we seen such ferocious voices of support from both sides cheering for each other. The Team Match started with an Opening Dance from the host country, followed by a March Past of participants from both countries. Each country was represented by two team, Team A and Team B. Following the March Past was the traditional Friendship Rumba between Singaporean and Malaysian athletes. Shy at first, athletes from both sides slowly warmed up to the idea to the loud cheering from the spectators.

Singapore Team A (below left) emerged winners, while Singapore Team B (below right) came in a lose runners-up.



It was an eye-opener for many of the Grade E participants – said one “I’m glad I made the right choice to join the SGDF, and be given an opportunity to officially represent my country. And I can’t believe how heavily we were subsidised”. The same sentiments were echoed by all participants.

All participants were award a Certificate of Participation for their personal records.



Team Singapore DanceSport

The final medal tally? Team Singapore DanceSport returned to Singapore victorious, garnering a total of 7 Gold, 6 Silvers and 7 Bronze medals over 11 categories. Yes, Singapore DanceSport is on the right track.

SGDF IS NOW A CHARITY

As part of Singapore Sports Council's (SSC) continuous efforts to build capabilities across the sports sector, all National Sports Associations are required to register as a Charity by 1 January 2011. NSAs do not need to amend their objects of sports promotion in their respective constitution as the advancement of sports is recognised as a charitable object, where the sport advances health through both physical skill and exertion. However, the NSAs will have to include the required provisions relating to charities in their constitution in order to qualify for charity registration. Said Dr Vivian Balakrishnan, Minister for Community Development, Youth and Sports, "NSAs are key pillars of Singapore sports. They need to elevate their professional competence in talent development, strategic planning and event organisation. This also entails high standards of governance that will help build up public confidence in their leadership. Achieving charity status will enhance their relationships with all stakeholders and position them well for the future. MCYS looks forward to helping the NSAs make this transition."

With effect from 3 January 2011, the Singapore DanceSport Federation is now a certified Charity organisation, registered with the Registrar of Charities.

TOKYO EARTHQUAKE & TSUNAMI

On Friday 11 March 2011, an 8.9 magnitude earthquake struck about 400km (250 miles) north-east of Tokyo Japan. Singapore had a team of athletes and officials who had just arrived in Tokyo for the 13th Tokyo International Open Championships, as well as the IDSF Adjudicators' Congress. Fortunately, none of our team were affected by this terrible disaster.

The Championships was immediately cancelled, but after several investigations by Japan DanceSport Federation (JDSF), the Adjudicators' Congress proceeded without any incidents.

Singapore DanceSport Federation extends condolence and sympathy to Japan, and the members of JDSF who are affected by this tragedy.

MOSCOW-WORLD JUNIOR II LATIN



The 2011 IDSF World Junior II Latin Championships were held on Moscow, Russia. Singapore was represented by Timothy Ong & Pang Wan Ching at these World Championships. The competition was tough, but the Singapore athletes did Singapore proud by doing their best and at the same time renewing old friendships, and making new ones.

NEW ADJUDICATION SYSTEM

The IDSF has been slowly introducing the new adjudication system into several of their high-profile events, which includes the 2010 Guangzhou Asian Games (December 2010). Instead of the usual 6-pair finals, all finalists are now required to dance individually, one dance at a time. One could argue that nothing has changed in terms of judging criteria but their name. From the criteria used in traditional judging evolve the five Programme Components and their corresponding abbreviations – POSTURE, BALANCE & COORDINATION (PB); QUALITY OF MOVEMENT(QM); MOVEMENT TO MUSIC (MM); PARTNERING (PA); CHOREOGRAPHY & PRESENTATION (CP).

The system will again be used at the IDSF Grand Slam Standard to be held in Seoul, Korea on 30 April 2011.

UPCOMING CALENDAR OF EVENTS

23 & 24 April 2011	TDSA/IDFS International Open DanceSport Championships	Bangkok, Thailand
30 Apr & 1 May 2011	2011 Korea Open DanceSport Championships	Seoul, Korea
22 May 2011	2011 Crystal Palace Cup	London, England
2-3 July 2011	2011 China Chengdu International DanceSport Championships	Chengdu, China
10 September 2011	2011 IDSF World DanceSport Championships Latin	Singapore
24 September 2011	2011 IDSF Asian DanceSport Championship	Beijing, China
10-11 December 2011	2011 IDSF Asian-Pacific DanceSport Championships	Melbourne, Australia

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