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CHENGDU WDSF GRAND SLAM

The Chengdu WDSF Grand Slam event was held on 14-15 July 2012, in Chengdu, China. Singapore was represented by Rick Peh & Joy Stephanny Lau (Latin).

The event was well organised by the China DanceSport Federation and the Guest of Honour was Mr Carlos Freitag, President (WDSF).



THE 3rd THAILAND KING'S CUP / WDSF WORLD OPEN



The 3rd Thailand King's Cup was held on 4-5 August 2012 in Bangkok, Thailand. As this was a very prestigious event, the organiser (Thailand DanceSport Association or "TDSA") applied to the World DanceSport Federation (WDSF) for the Grade A events to be classified as "World Open" events.

A "WDSF World Open" requires a minimum of 9 adjudicators from at least 8 WDSF member countries nominated by the organiser and confirmed by WDSF. The number of adjudicators can be moved to 11 adjudicators from at least 9 WDSF member countries, to 13 adjudicators from at least 11 WDSF member countries. In addition, a "WDSF World Open" event must have a minimum of 48 couples from 10 WDSF member bodies.

This being such a prestigious event, it was no wonder that several of the WDSF Presidium Members were present. They included Carlos Freitag (WDSF President) and his wife Evelyn; Heidi Goetz, Michael Eichert, Keiji Ukai.



The adjudication panel read like a Who's Who in dancesport which included Bo Loft Jensen (Denmark), Helle Loft-Jensen (Denmark), Heinz Spaeker (Germany), Hermann Goetz (Austria), Glenn Weiss (USA), Daniela Novak (Slovenia), Markus Sonyi (Germany, left).

The Asian adjudicators included Ok Su-Tu (Korea); Mary Yeh (Chinese Taipei), Andrew Shen Yi (China), Zhang Qing Shu (China), Keiji Ukai (Japan) and Robert Ong (Singapore).

Singapore was represented by (left photo, L to R) Pang Wan Ching, Timothy Ong, May Ng, Elmer Fernando, Rachel Teo & Jerome Teo.



Congratulations to Elmer Fernando & May Ng for emerging into 1st Runners-Up (Silver Medal) in the Standard Senior Open (5 Dance), after having to dance in a gruelling Semi-Finals.

14th SGDF SINGAPORE NATIONALS

The SGDF Singapore National DanceSport Championships returned for the 14th Edition on Monday 20 August 2012, held at the Hougang Community Club. A record number of entries were received representing three countries (Vietnam, Malaysia & Singapore) as well as a sell-out crowd, making this one of the most successful National DanceSport Championships.



The team (above left) that brought you these Championships were from the SGDF and the Hougang Community Club, both working hand in hand to ensure that nothing was left to chance. To ensure sports safety was observed at all times (above right), a First Aid Kit, an Automated External Defibrillator (AED) was present. In addition all athletes were required to compete Physical Activity Readiness Questionnaire (PAR-Q).



Panel of Adjudicators & Scrutineers



Sell-out Crowd Enjoying the Championships



Even Local Athletes Have Their Private Fan Clubs



Latin Grade A (Open) Finalists

In usual SGDF-style, the event ran like clockwork without any hiccups, which prompted many to say that although it was only a National event, it certainly was one of the best-organised dancesport events that they have attended in recent years. So keep a date with us as the next edition of the Nationals will be in January 2013.

2012 WDSF ASIAN-PACIFIC CHAMPIONSHIPS



The 2012 WDSF Asian-Pacific DanceSport Championships were held in Christchurch, New Zealand on 1st & 2nd September 2012.

Singapore was represented in the Asian-Pacific Championships (Standard) by Elmer Fernando & May Ng. Timothy Ong & Pang Wan Ching also took part in the Championships in the Youth Latin event. Robert Ong was nominated by the WDSF to be on the panel of adjudicators.

Congratulations to Elmer Fernando & May Ng for emerging as Champions in the Standard Senior Open, after a gruelling 3 rounds of competition

A WDSF Adjudicators' Congress was also conducted before the Championships, and the lecturer was Craig Wilson (Australia).



WDSF Asian-Pacific Finalists (Standard)



WDSF Asian-Pacific Finalists (Latin)

The Champions were Masayuki Ishihara & Saori Itoh (Japan, WDSF AP Standard) SeJin Jang & HaeIn Lee (KOR. WDSF AP Latin)

After two hard long days of competition and adjudication, the team from Singapore and their friends from Malaysia went on a “Lord of The Rings” Tour, which took about 3 hours each way to arrive at the foot of Mount Sunday. It took an additional 30 minutes to trek by foot from the base of the mountain. Mount Sunday was the home of Eodoras in the film “Lord of The Rings”, and a fully realised set was created at the top of the hill



2012 WDSF ASIAN CHAMPIONSHIPS



The 2012 WDSF Asian Championships were held on 8-9 September 2012 in Macau. The competition venue was the Tap Seac Multisport Pavilion, which has hosted several dancesport events previously.

Singapore was represented by Chiu Xian Siang & Grace Tan (Latin).

The Champions were Vladlen Kravchenko & Aigerim Toktarova (Kazakhstan, Standard) and Cai Jie & Liu Chang (China, Latin).

AUSTRALIAN INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL PARENTS' ASSOCIATION BALL



On Saturday 15 September 2012, the SGDF was invited by the Australian International School Parents' Association (AISPA) to perform at their Grand Ball for their guests.

Three pairs of athletes performed to loud cheers from the audience – Timothy Ong & Pang Wan Ching (Latin); Chiu Xian Siang & Grace Tan (Latin); Elmer Fernando & May Ng (Standard).

Photo left shows our athletes and new-found fans.

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