



Dance Flame

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8th SGDF Singapore Nationals

2nd NTU Tertiary DanceSport Championships



The 8th SGDF Singapore Nationals was held in conjunction with the 2nd NTU Tertiary DanceSport Championships on 28th June 2008. This is the 2nd time Nanyang Technological University is co-organizing the Singapore Nationals together with SGDF.



NTU DSA President giving a Speech

Despite of the remote location, the 8th SGDF has yet again seen an increase in the number of competitors. The participation from the Tertiary Institutions were overwhelming with 50 athletes from the Ngee Ann Polytechnic family, 42 athletes from the Singapore Polytechnic family, 16 athletes from the NTU family and 40 SGDF members, totaling to 148 participants altogether!



We were very honoured to have Mr. Teo Ser Luck, Senior Parliamentary Secretary for community Development, Youth and Sports, and Transport, to grace our event as Guest of Honour.

For the very first time too, our events at the Nationals have grown beyond the day's programme to include night events as well.

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Left Top : Sharon Tan, Gladys Tay, Shawn Tay accompanying Mr. Teo Ser Luck in the Night event.

Left : Our Adjudicators for the 8th Nationals. From left : Mr George Tan (Malaysia), Ms. Sylvia Loo (Malaysia), Mr. Michael Lim (Spore), Mr. Richard Tan (Spore), Mr. Anantapat Sriprapat (Thailand), Ms Ang Ai Nee (Spore), Ms Sabrina Sim (Spore).

Team Match!! Singapore Polytechnic's 4th Consecutive Win in the Opening Item



Singapore Polytechnic posing for the Camera.



Ninja Attack!



Beautiful Japanese "Women"

Singapore Polytechnic has again proven their creative prowess by winning the Opening Performance Item of the Team Match for the 4th consecutive time. As usual, Singapore Polytechnic delighted the audience with their entertaining opening item, 'dressed' with a huge dose of humour, drawing roaring laughter from spectators and supporters.

This time round, they have chosen a Japanese theme. Depicting a group of beautiful women attacked by Ninjas in the midst of their dancing, they amused the audience when the Ninjas were caught by surprise that the beauty they favoured was actually a man!

Ngee Ann Polytechnic also put up a very good fight. They brought elaborate props and produced a brilliant love ballad. Overall and in all good fun, Singapore Polytechnic still remained everybody's favourite and clinched the coveted Best Opening Performance title.



NP rowing a Love Boat.



Happy Ending!

Special Recognition :

Our President, Robert Ong, was awarded the Sports Award 2007 by the Japan Chamber of Commerce & Industry (JCCI) Singapore Foundation, for his significant contribution towards the development of DanceSport in Singapore.

The JCCI Singapore Foundation was established in May 1990 with the objective to support the development of arts, culture, sports and education in Singapore. The JCCI Singapore Foundation Sports Award is another way in which SSC works with its partners to give recognition to NSAs for their efforts in good governance and achievements in Sports.

We would like to congratulate Mr Robert Ong on receiving this prestigious award. He received a JCCI plaque and a cash award of S\$10,000.00, of which half was presented to SGDF to further our Sport. We thank Mr Ong for his leadership and tireless effort in steering SGDF to the forefront in DanceSports in the region.



Japan Chamber of Commerce & Industry (JCCI) Award. SGDF President Robert Ong receiving the 2007 JCCI Sports Award from Mr Lee Suan Hiang, CEO, National Arts Council



SGDF, in its efforts to raise the competition standards of members, organised a series of Workshops, entitled "Fundamentals of DanceSport Competitions Workshop". The entire series lasted 8 weeks. Conducted by Mr. Shawn Tay, this workshop was well received by the members of the federation.

Left : Group picture with Mr. Shawn Tay

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Team Match!!!

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After the exciting display of the opening items, the 3 tertiary institutions settled down for their friendship dance – the Rumba. This is the time to mingle and invite partners from different tertiary institutions to dance before the commencement of the friendly match.



Ngee Ann Polytechnic Group Picture after winning the Inter-Tertiary Latin Team Match Champions



Singapore Polytechnic Group Picture after winning the Inter-Tertiary Latin Team Match Opening Item

The format of the team Match was based on competitions in 2 single-dance events, a 2-dance event and a 3-dance event. What makes this format interesting is that nobody knows who they are up against until they are on the dance floor.

It was a tough competition with only marginal differences in points amongst the teams. At the end, Ngee Ann Polytechnic emerged the overall Champions.



*Nanyang Technological University
– Team Match 1st Runner Up*



*Ngee Ann Polytechnic
Team Match Champions*



*Singapore Polytechnic
Team Match 2nd Runner Up*

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