

Dance Flame

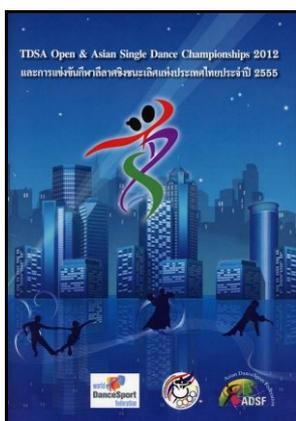
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THAILAND Thailand DanceSport Association (TDSA) Open & Asian Single Dance Championships 2012



The first event for SGDF athletes to participate in was the Thailand DanceSport Association (TDSA) Open & Asian Single Dance Championships 2012. It was held over two days – Saturday 28 and Sunday 29 April 2012 in Bangkok, Thailand. The competition venue was the Bangkok Metropolitan Gymnasium 1.

Held annually, this was the first time that the Championships included the Asian Single Dance events. Although the event was based on single dances of the 5 Latin-American or 5 Standard dances where each dance is an event itself, it was by no means similar to the Beginners' Grade E events in terms of participation skill level.

A team of 8 athletes and 1 adjudicator represented Singapore at these Championships. The athletes (Standard) were Jerome Teo & Rachel Teo and Zandro Siozan & May Ng; (Latin) S Mahendren & Gan Pin and Zane Tan & Dara Tan. Robert Ong was the adjudicator from Singapore.



The competition was adjudicated using a PDA (above left, for usual events) and a laptop computer (above right) for the Asian Single Dance Championships. The PDA proved to be fast and efficient, and results were tabulated quickly, and participants recalled to the next round could prepare early.

In the Single Dance Championship events, participants were judged based on the new adjudication criteria of five basic components. The five components are (1) Posture & Balance (PB); (2) Quality of Movement (QM); (3) Movement to Music (MM); (4) Partnering Skills (PS); and (5) Choreography & Presentation (CP). These components were introduced several years ago in WDSF's effort to ensure that all athletes were evaluated on the same basic components.

Team Singapore DanceSport arrived in Bangkok on Friday and were quickly and efficiently transported to their official hotel, the Grand Mercure Fortune Bangkok.

Top right photo of the team before the Parade of Athletes (March Past) with athletes in full costume. (L to R): Zandro Siozan; May Ng; Zane Tan; Dara Tan; Rachel Teo; Jerome Teo; Gan Pin; S Mahendren (photo courtesy Mr Terence Tan).



Middle right photo shows the adjudicators seated in front of their laptop computers in preparation for the Asian Single Dance Championships. Adjudicators have 1 minute 40 seconds to rank each pair of athletes' performance based on the 5 basic judging criteria. Not an easy job for the adjudicators, but a much fairer system for the athletes as now they now which of the 5 criteria they should improve on in the future.



Our Singapore athletes' performed well despite the very strong competition from the athletes from Europe.

Congratulations to Zandro Siozan & May Ng who emerged Champions in the Standard Senior Open (WTQ) amidst a very strong challenge from the other overseas athletes.

Will Team Singapore DanceSport be back in April 2013 at these Championships? You can sure of it!



DanceSport Trivia

Can you list the 5 judging criteria used in the Asian Single Dance Championships?

When was the Singapore DanceSport Federation formed / registered?

OLYMPIC FEVER HEATS UP



2012 London Olympic Park. The Aquatics Centre on the left; "The Orbit" on the right.



2012 London Olympic Park. "The Orbit" on the left; the Olympic Stadium on the right. Stratford, London.

Several SGDF members on holiday in the United Kingdom, sent these photos of the 2012 Olympic Park.

1st JDSA OPEN DANCESPORT CHAMPIONSHIPS

The Johore DanceSport Association (JDSA) organised their 1st JDSA Open DanceSport Championships on 27 May 2012 in Segamat, Johore. Team Singapore DanceSport was represented by a team of athletes.



Team Singapore DanceSport



Team Manager May Ng with Standard Demonstrator Antonio Micheli & Katerina Maksimova

Team Singapore DanceSport performed reasonably well. Congratulations to the following athletes:

Jerome Teo & Rachel Teo	- Standard Junior Grade C	- Gold
	- Latin Junior Grade C	- Bronze
Timothy Ong & Pang Wan Ching	- Latin Grade C	- Gold
Zane Tan & Dara Tan	- Latin Junior Grade C	- Gold
Maxel Lee & Gazel Lee	- Latin Junior Grade C	- Silver
Natalie De Silva	- Latin Junior Solo Girls (Cha)	- Gold
	- Latin Junior Solo Girls (Jive)	- Gold
Felis Tan	- Latin Juvenile Solo Girls (Cha)	- Gold
	- Latin Juvenile Solo Girls (Jive)	- Gold

MALAYSIA NATIONAL DANCESPORT CHAMPIONSHIPS

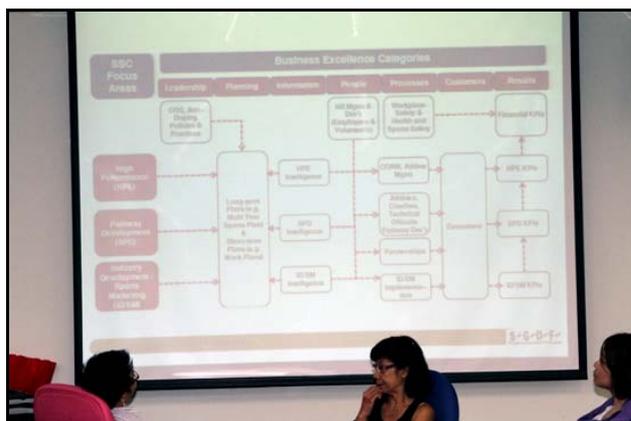
The Malaysia National DanceSport Championships was held on 9 June 2012 in Kota Kinabalu, Sabah. Singapore was represented by a team of athletes, a scrutineer (Hwa Mee Thoo) and an adjudicator (Michael Lim)

Our athletes Rick Peh & Joy Stephanny Lau emerged Champions in Latin Grade B. Timothy Ong & Pang Wan Ching emerged 3rd Place in Latin Grade B and 2nd Place in Latin Grade C.

Congratulations to the Team.



SGDF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING



At the 21st Annual General Meeting, members present were updated with new developments in the world, and the region. A detailed walk-through by President Ms Sabrina Sim on the recent Organisational Excellence model for National Sports Associations was also covered in detail.

UPCOMING CALENDAR OF EVENTS

14-15 Jul 2012	2012 WDSF Grand Slam / Chengdu DanceSport Festival	Chengdu, China
20-21 Jul 2012	HTV International Cup / WDSF Open	HCM, Vietnam
4-5 Aug 2012	The 3 rd Thailand King's Cup (WDSF World Open)	Bangkok, Thailand
20 Aug 2012	14 th SGDF Singapore National DanceSport Championships	Singapore
1-2 Sep 2012	2012 WDSF Asian-Pacific DanceSport Championships	Christchurch, NZ
8-9 Sep 2012	2012 WDSF Asian DanceSport Championships	Macau

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- The 3rd Thailand King's Cup / World Open Championships
- 14th SGDF Singapore National DanceSport Championships
- 2012 WDSF Asian-Pacific DanceSport Championships

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