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Singapore DanceSport Federation



(National Sports Association governing DanceSport in Singapore)  
(Member of the International Dance Sport Federation)  
(Member of the Asian Dance Sport Federation)  
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Dear Member(s)

## **COACH RECOGNITION AWARDS (CRA) 2006**

A record number of 41 coaches were recognised by the Singapore Sports Council (SSC) for their outstanding achievements and contributions to the success of their athletes and Singapore sports at this year's Coach Recognition Awards (CRA) 2006 Ceremony, the fifth since the inauguration of the Awards in 2002.

Making reference to Prime Minister Lee Hsien Loong's speech at the recent Teacher's Day Rally where he highlighted the nation's need for first-class teachers in the educational sector, Executive Board Member of the International Olympic Committee and Guest-of-Honour Mr Ng Ser Miang said that the same is needed for Singapore sports

"Besides being able to impart the competitive skills of their sports, coaches today also need to be able to inspire, mentor and challenge a new generation of athletes which may think and respond differently from athletes of the past, and who may also have many more other competing demands in their daily lives – be it studies, work, family, friends, entertainment or other interests," commented Mr Ng

He added, "To be effective, coaches need to be able to connect with their athletes both intellectually and emotionally, understanding their concerns, providing counsel, and in the process, expand their horizons to new possibilities in their sporting development. We need coaches who dare to challenge their athletes to dream bigger dreams and at the same time be ready to support them through the many challenges that will come along their way."

Congratulations to Mr Shawn Tay on his third award in successive years for High Performance Coaching Award.

The Singapore DanceSport Federation's athletes were also invited by the SSC to put up a dancesport performance.

Best Regards

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