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Youngsters steal the limelight

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DANCE competitions are platforms for dancers of various disciplines to put into motion their routines and to take their steps to higher heights.

Hence, it was not surprising to see so many serious dancers practising their routines just before the Asia Pacific Dance Explosion 2008 championship took off at Shangri-la Hotel Kuala Lumpur on July 20.

From near and far, the fast and furious dancing kings and queens, with their strapping dancing shoes and without, stepped out with confidence as the competition witnessed a return of last year's winners and competitors.



A-Winning act: Oasis Queen emerged as winners of the Belly Dance Troupe event.

Organised by JoyClub Dance Academy, the competition recorded a 120% increase in the number of competitors from last year's championship, said Academy principal Joanne Wong.

Meanwhile, organising chairman Alvin Loong said the overwhelming response from competitors proved there was a need for such adrenalin-charged dance competitions.

"This year, more than 400 participants signed up for the competition, which is more than double last year's entries.



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All the way from Sri Lanka: Okama Brook from Sri Lanka on the floor in the Belly Dance Individual - Intermediate competition.

"The number of competitors in each category – line dancing, hip hop and belly dance – increased so tremendously that we had to start the competition a day earlier as we would not have finished all the events in one day," he said.

Loong said costly air fares had deterred the participation of contestants from Philippines, Australia and Thailand but contestants from Japan, Singapore, Indonesia, Sri Lanka and Iran had nevertheless made the journey to represent their countries.

"We have received positive comments from spectators as each category showcased serious competitors who showed their love for dancing.



Starting young: The adorable child belly dancers from Zen Production.

"This year, the quality of the performances by the dancers has gone up as the competition has drawn serious participants," Loong said.

He added that such dance platforms needed the government's endorsement in order to get international recognition.

"The Tourism Ministry has shown good support for our efforts and we hope to be able to present ourselves to a wider audience next year," Loong said of the championship, which is in its second year.



Slick moves: Contestants wooing the crowd with their dance routine in the hip hop team category.

Though the participants ranged from the very young to senior citizens, each leg of the competition offered a different perspective of dance.

The children, however, captured the attention of the audience in all categories.

Japanese hip-hop dancers Crazy Bee and Wookie Wookie Monkeys may have come in second and third respectively in the Hip Hop Team - Junior category but their antics on the floor were worth watching all the way.

First prize winners U.D.C, however, got the better of the Japanese with their well-choreographed dance steps.

The young belly dancers from Zen Production stayed up way past their bedtime to compete in the Belly Dance Troupe event and although they did not make it to the top three, their routine was certainly adorable.

Loong said the competition allowed students of the various dance academies in Malaysia and throughout the Asia Pacific region to display their prowess on the dance floor.

"Many of the contestants were first-timers and the first step is to overcome your fear.

"When you step on the dance floor, it gives you the confidence to come back and do even better," he said.

RESULTS

Line Dance Individual – Primary Newcomer

1st: Joanne Chan Jing Han (Malaysia)

2nd: Michelle Tek Huijing (Malaysia)

3rd: Angela Ngan Jia Chee (Malaysia)

Line Dance Individual – Primary Novice

1st: Jovitta Law Min Hui (Malaysia)

2nd: Hilda Chan (Malaysia)

3rd: Yasmeen (Indonesia)

Line Dance Individual – Newcomer Jr. Teen

1st: Yevon Ng (Malaysia)

2nd: Cassandra Leow Yin May (Malaysia)

3rd: Sheena Low Hui Lin (Malaysia)

Line Dance Individual – Newcomer Open

1st: Wong Schok Cheng, Cynthia (Malaysia)

2nd: Choo Ee Lin (Malaysia)

3rd: Low Sook Huey (Malaysia)

Line Dance Individual – Newcomer Crystal

1st: Selina Lee Mian Hooi (Malaysia)

2nd: Soh Lee Peng (Malaysia)

3rd: Oh Peck Yan (Malaysia)

Line Dance Individual – Newcomer Diamond

1st: Audrey Moy Soo Feun (Malaysia)

2nd: Ruzita bt. A. Rahim (Malaysia)

3rd: Soh Bee Lay (Malaysia)

Line Dance Individual – Novice Jr. Teen

1st: Leou Phooi Kuan (Malaysia)

2nd: Yevon Ng (Malaysia)

3rd: Krystle Koh Shao Phing (Malaysia)

Line Dance Individual – Novice Open

1st: Leou Phooi Kuan (Malaysia)

2nd: Wong Schok Cheng, Cynthia (Malaysia)

3rd: Muhammad Mulky Adam (Indonesia)

Line Dance Individual – Novice Crystal

1st: Aprillia Munarwati (Indonesia)

2nd: Eileen Soong (Malaysia)

3rd: Selina Lee Mian Hooi (Malaysia)

Line Dance Individual – Novice Diamond

1st: Yu Fen Hsiang (Malaysia)

2nd: Cindy Leong Lai Wan (Malaysia)

3rd: Christina Choong Mian Lee (Malaysia)

Line Dance Individual – Intermediate Jr Teen

1st: Karen Lee (Singapore)

2nd: Cosmas Hoo (Singapore)

3rd: Ungku Hanna Athirah (Malaysia)

Line Dance Individual – Intermediate Crystal

1st: Loo Sew Pin (Malaysia)

2nd: Wong Chee Yoon, Chloe (Malaysia)

3rd: Albert Lim Fung Wai (Malaysia)

Line Dance Individual – Intermediate Diamond

1st: Evonne Ng Paik Hoon (Malaysia)

2nd: Linda Tan Lye Wah (Malaysia)

3rd: Pat Sung (Malaysia)

Line Dance Individual – Advanced Jr Teen

1st: Ungku Hanna Athirah (Malaysia)

2nd: Cosmas Hoo (Singapore)

3rd: Karen Lee (Singapore)

Line Dance Individual – Advanced Crystal

1st: Lim Sae Min (Malaysia)

2nd: Evonne Ng Paik Hoon (Malaysia)

3rd: Wendy Lai Yoke Ching (Malaysia)

Line Dance Individual – Gold

1st: Helen Mak Ah Moi (Malaysia)

2nd: Looi Pek Neo (Malaysia)

3rd: Lim Siew Mui (Malaysia)

Line Dance Duo – Jr. Teen

1st: WANNA Juvenile (Singapore)

2nd: Team WANNA (Singapore)

3rd: Twins (Malaysia)

Hip Hop Individual – Junior

1st: Sorane Nakamura (Japan)

2nd: Kimberly Sypongco (Singapore)

3rd: Nao Akimoto (Japan)

Hip Hop Individual – Open

1st: Chris Ooi Kok Wei (Malaysia)

2nd: Thong Kok Leong, Gary (Malaysia)

3rd: Ang Joo Yee (Malaysia)

Hip Hop Team – Junior

1st: U.D.C. (Singapore)

2nd: Crazy Bee (Japan)

3rd: Wookie Wookie Monkeys (Japan)

Hip Hop Team – Open

1st: Elecoldxhot (Malaysia)

2nd: Fhunkie Stylerz (Singapore)

3rd: Moving Force (Malaysia)

Belly Dance Individual – Novice

1st: Priscilla Ooi (Malaysia)

2nd: Tan Syea Chee (Malaysia)

3rd: Gayathri Maya (Malaysia)

Belly Dance Individual – Intermediate

1st: Niloufar Bakhshy (Iran)

2nd: Mandana Bakhshy (Iran)

3rd: Serene Keng (Malaysia)

Belly Dance Troupe

1st: Oasis Queen (Malaysia)

2nd: Shahrzad Dancers (Iran, Malaysia)

3rd: ARK (Malaysia)

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