

REPORT ON HONG KONG ASIAN AMATEUR LEAGUE DANCE CHAMPIONSHIPS 2010

(3rd Donnie Burns Cup Open Dance Championships 2010

(World Dance Council Asian Championship Ranking 2010)

(WDC AAL Asian Open Series)

(WDC-AL World Amateur 10 Dance Championships- World Ranking Event)

As the crowds started to stream into the Queen Elizabeth Stadium in Hong Kong, one can sense that the above event, which was endorsed by the World Dance Council & World Dance Council-Amateur League, would undoubtedly be a successful one judging by the record turnout. .

Congratulations must be accorded to the organizing Chairman of the event, Mr. Walter Wat for his tireless efforts in ensuring that the adjudicators and competitors were made to feel at home. Walter Wat was his usual flamboyant self at the event, virtually running the competitions by himself with little room for the other members of his organizing committee to display their skills.

The Championship started without a hitch at about 5.00pm on the first day, 24th April 2010, which showcased the WDC- AAL, World Ten Dance & the WDC-Asian Amateur League events.

The WDC President Mr. Donnie Burns MBE was accompanied by his fellow WDC presidium members, members of WDC and the WDC-AAL Council to centre stage where the opening ribbon cutting ceremony was held.

With much prom and fanfare, Mr. Donnie Burns MBE declared the Championship open. This was followed by a welcome speech by Mr. Marcel De Rijk, President of WDC-AAL and an exuberant performance by a Chinese lion dance troupe from Hong Kong.

In his congratulatory speech, Mr. Donnie Burns emphasized that the WDC-AAL inaugural event in Hong Kong was designated to stay, in direct repudiation of its detractors' claims that all dancers inspiring to participate in the Olympic Games must be members of their respective bodies. He encouraged ADC-AL and WDC-AAL to work together towards the goal of uniting the dance fraternity to promote the World Dance Council's objective of **FREEDOM OF CHOICE** in participation for all aspiring dancers to compete without restriction and backlash from the current controlling bodies.

In summing up his speech, Mr. Donnie Burns predicted that WDC-AAL will be a force to be reckoned with in the fast growing dancing industry and that it will eventually be recognized and accepted as a family member of the World Dance Council and its Associate counterparts. With a line-up of 30 upcoming WDC-AAL competitions in 2010 alone, it would appear that Mr. Burns' prediction may well come true sooner than later.



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