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Asian Professional DanceSport Council Established

The IDSF has been advised of the establishment of the APDC ("Asian Professional DanceSport Council"), a new professional body established by a group of prominent Asian DanceSport professionals. The impetus for establishing the APDC has been the growing dissatisfaction with their respective WDDSC country member bodies.

The first meeting of the new body was held in Hong Kong on 16 April 2006 with 11 inaugural member countries consisting of China, Malaysia, Singapore, Japan, Macau, Hong Kong, Indonesia, Philippines, Thailand, Vietnam and Chinese Taipei.

The Council will encourage its professional members to participate and support Games hosted by the Asian DanceSport Federation (ADSF), a continental federation under the International DanceSport Federation (IDSF). The APDC will be working with the ADSF in relation to the conduct of the East Asian, South East Asian, Asian-indoor and the latest and most prestigious Asian Games to be held in China in 2010. It will also provide the necessary technical support and expertise for IDSF member countries in Asia.

As part of its development, the APDC has announced its first series of Professional events in Asia called the World Super Series Professional DanceSport Championships. This series of events have received immediate support by some of the most well known DanceSport championship organisers in Asia. Five professional events have already been scheduled:

1. Japan - 5 Aug 2006
2. Singapore - 26 Aug 2006
(in conjunction with the Lion City International DanceSport Championships)
3. Taipei - 30 Sept and 1 Oct 2006
(in conjunction with the Taipei International Open DanceSport Championships)
4. Korea - 5 Nov 2006
5. China - (date to be advised)

The APDC leadership has met with Mr Shawn Tay representing the IDSF to discuss its relationship with IDSF and future plans to assist in the growth and development of DanceSport in Asia. This development in Asia is timely in the light of the IDSF General Meeting agenda item proposing the establishment of an IDSF Professional Division.

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The IDSF notes with disappointment that the actions of some WDDSC country member bodies who have forced their professionals into this extraordinary action of establishing a new Asian professional body. The IDSF offers any reasonable assistance it can provide to the WDDSC in

dealing with the problem of dysfunctional WDDSC country member bodies that have become disconnected from their own constituency.

The IDSF as the IOC recognised International Sports Federation for DanceSport also acknowledges the important and legitimate place of professional competitors and professional coaches and trainers in the dancesport community.

Following the IDSF General Meeting in June, the IDSF Presidium will meet to discuss how the IDSF can assist in meeting the legitimate aspirations and needs of professionals in the Dancesport community. Any developments from this meeting will be the subject of relevant Press Releases.

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This is the photo of the first meeting of the new Asian Professional DanceSport Council in Hong Kong

