International Youth Dance Festival 2026
（Rules and Regulations for Local Dance Groups）

Introduction

To be aligned with the development positioning of the SAR as "One Centre, One Platform, One Base" and promote the city's adequate economic diversification as well as facilitate its integration with the Greater Bay Area, and at the same time provide a platform for young dance enthusiasts from different countries and regions to establish friendships, conduct cultural exchanges and perform diverse dances, the International Youth Dance Festival will be held in 2026.

Date

From 17 to 23 July 2026

Application

1. **Age Limit**
   - 1.1 All performers must be between the ages of 13 and 35（born between 1991and 2013）.
   - 1.2 The accompanying staff must be at least 18 years old.

2. **Number of Participants**
   A maximum of 25 people in each dance group (including a maximum of 5 accompanying staff)

3. **Application Deadline**
   From now until 22 October 2025（Wednesday）

4. **Application Method**
   Application is made online. On or before the application deadline, visit the website: www.dsedj.gov.mo and enter the "International Youth Dance Festival" page to fill in the information and obtain the activation code, and use the activation code to register*.
   *After completing and uploading the required information, applicants will receive a confirmation email and automatically enter the selection stage.

Selection

5. For diversified performances, the organiser reserves the right to select the appropriate dance groups to participate.

6. **Confirmed Invitation**
   In normal circumstances, the confirmed invitation will be sent out starting from the fourth quarter of 2025.

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Performances

7. All dance groups will be arranged to participate in indoor and outdoor performances and a parade. The detailed requirements are as follows:
   7.1 Indoor performance (to be held at night): performance time for each dance group should not exceed 8 minutes;
   7.2 Outdoor performance (to be held in the evening): performance time for each dance group should not exceed 5 minutes;
   7.3 Parade (to be held in the evening): the whole parade lasts for about 1.5 hours, with 2 to 3 performance spots along the route. The performance time at each spot should not exceed 2 minutes.
   7.4 Flashmob performance (to be held in the afternoon or evening): the performance time should not exceed 5 minutes. (Some dance groups may have the opportunity to perform dances in Hengqin.)

8. **Costumes**
   During the formal performances, dancers must wear performance costumes. If the organiser believes that the dance group's performance costumes involve political elements or do not comply with the arrangements of the event, the organiser has the right to not allow the dance group to wear he costumes concerned in the formal performances without advance notification.

9. **Scenery and Props**
   All dance groups must prepare their own scenery and props. If the organiser believes that the dance group's scenery and props involve political elements or do not comply with the arrangements of the event, the organiser has the right to not allow the dance group to use the scenery and props concerned in the formal performances without advance notification.

Relevant Activities

To achieve the goals of "establishing friendships and having youth exchanges", all local participating dance groups will be arranged to take part in the following activities:

10. **Artistic Performance Workshops**
    The organiser will provide venues for non-local dance groups to host artistic performance workshops during the event, thereby offering participants an opportunity for mutual learning，comparing notes and showing their talents.
    10.1 Duration of each workshop: 2 hours
    10.2 Target group: All dancers participating in the "International Youth Dance Festival".

11. **Cultural Tour**

To show non-local dance groups hospitality and improve communication and exchanges between local youth and youth from all over the world, the organiser will arrange local dance groups to accompany non-local dance groups to Macao's cultural attractions.

Support from the Organiser

12. **Insurance**

The Education and Youth Development Bureau (DSEDJ) is only responsible for purchasing medical insurance for members of the dance groups to cover any medical expenses incurred from accidents that occurred during their participation in the activities arranged by the organiser. The dance groups may purchase extra insurance according to their needs.

13. **Performance Fee**

Each participating dance group will be granted a performance fee of $8,300 patacas after the end of the event.

Rules and Regulations that Dance Groups Must Follow

14. Each dance group must perform according to the arranged programmes; no additions, omissions, or changes shall be made to the programmes.
15. All participants must take part in all relevant activities arranged by the organiser.
16. Follow the arrangements and instructions given by the staff members of the organiser.
17. Be punctual for all activities; late arrival or early leave is not allowed.
18. Be responsible for other expenses not mentioned in the rules and regulations.
19. Refrain from organising any public political or religious activity during the event.
20. Cooperate with the organiser in making the event a success.

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21. Film and photograph the performances of all dance groups and related activities and publish relevant materials.
22. Cancel or change the schedule for the event or the programmes if necessary.
23. The DSEDJ reserves the right to a final decision on all matters related to the "International Youth Dance Festival" and the final interpretation on the terms of the rules and regulations.

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