Funding Scheme for Dance Groups of the International Youth Dance Festival

1. Organiser: Education and Youth Development Bureau (DSEDJ)

2. Purpose: 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 Education and Youth Development Bureau (DSEDJ) organises the International Youth Dance Festival once every two years. To reduce the performance costs of local dance groups and alleviate the financial burden of air travel for non-local dance groups coming to Macao to participate in the event, this Funding Scheme is designed to provide subsidies for participating dance groups, thereby encouraging more dance groups to join, making the event more diverse and enhancing international exchanges for Macao youth.

3. Eligible recipients: Local and non-local dance groups selected to participate in the International Youth Dance Festival (the age of members, composition and maximum number of participants of subsidised dance groups must comply with the provisions of the Rules and Regulations for Local Dance Groups and Non-local Dance Groups [Annex]).

4. Types of funding:
   - 4.1 Performance subsidy for local dance groups;
   - 4.2 Air travel subsidy for non-local dance groups.

5. Application method, application period, scope of funding and subsidy amount:
   - 5.1 Application method: Complete the application form for the Funding Scheme for Dance Groups of the International Youth Dance Festival;
   - 5.2 Application period:
     - 5.2.1 Performance subsidy for local dance groups: Within ten working days after the closing of the International Youth Dance Festival;
     - 5.2.2 Air travel subsidy for non-local dance groups: During the period when non-local dance groups are in Macao to participate in the event;
   - 5.3 Scope of funding and subsidy amount:
     - 5.3.1 Performance subsidy for local dance groups: The subsidy amount is MOP 8,300.00 (eight thousand three hundred Macao patacas) per group;
     - 5.3.2 Air travel subsidy for non-local dance groups:

Region of non-local dance group	Subsidy amount (per person, MOP)
Asia	3,500.00
Europe	8,500.00
Oceania	6,800.00
North America	8,000.00
South America	12,000.00

Africa	11,000.00

6. Required documents for application:
   6.1 Performance subsidy for local dance groups: Submit the application form for the Funding Scheme for Dance Groups of the International Youth Dance Festival, together with bank account details for receiving the subsidy (which must be consistent with the name of the dance group, the group's representative, or the entity to which the dance group belongs);
   6.2 Air travel subsidy for non-local dance groups: Submit the application form for the Funding Scheme for Dance Groups of the International Youth Dance Festival, copies of flight tickets, original boarding passes or other valid proof of travel for all members travelling to Macao, as well as bank account details for receiving the subsidy (which must be consistent with the name of the dance group, the group's representative, or the entity to which the dance group belongs).

7. Grant approval criteria:
   7.1 The dance group applying for funding must be a dance group selected to participate in the International Youth Dance Festival;
   7.2 The funding application and required documents must be submitted within the application period;
   7.3 The organiser must verify that the dance group has completed all performances and related exchange activities in accordance with the requirements of the Rules and Regulations of the International Youth Dance Festival;
   7.4 If the documents specified in Point 6 are not provided, the organiser has the right, depending on the circumstances, to withhold the relevant subsidy in whole or in part for individual members.

8. Grant approval and disbursement:
   8.1 The grant approval criteria set out in Point 7 must be met;
   8.2 The performance subsidy for local dance groups shall be paid to local dance groups that have completed their performances, based on their actual attendance, in accordance with Point 5.3.1. The subsidy shall be disbursed by bank transfer, after the conclusion of the International Youth Dance Festival, to a bank account consistent with the name of the dance group, the group's representative, or the entity to which the dance group belongs;
   8.3 The air travel subsidy for non-local dance groups shall be paid to non-local dance groups that have completed their performances, based on their actual attendance and the number of members who actually travelled to Macao by air, in accordance with Point 5.3.2. The subsidy shall be disbursed by bank transfer, after the conclusion of the International Youth Dance Festival, to a bank account consistent with the name of the dance group, the group's representative, or the entity to which the dance group belongs;

8.4 If the organiser announces cancellation or suspension of the International Youth Dance Festival due to force majeure, non-local dance groups that have been notified by the organiser of their selection to participate in the event and had purchased air tickets for travel to Macao prior to being notified of the cancellation or suspension may, after being notified of the cancellation or suspension, apply for a subsidy equivalent to the cancellation fee incurred on a reimbursement basis for the tickets purchased for their members, up to a maximum not exceeding the amount set out in Point 5.3.2. The organiser may provide such subsidy for cancellation fees to eligible non-local dance groups that present proof of ticket purchase.

9. Obligations to be fulfilled:
   - 9.1 Provide accurate information and make truthful declarations;
   - 9.2 Prudently and reasonably arrange for members to participate in the International Youth Dance Festival;
   - 9.3 Bear sole responsibility for all visa arrangements, travel arrangements and related costs to and from Macao;
   - 9.4 If the grant approval is cancelled in whole or in part, return the relevant grant amount within the period specified by the organiser upon notification;
   - 9.5 Participate in and complete all performances and related exchange activities arranged by the organiser in accordance with the Rules and Regulations of the International Youth Dance Festival;
   - 9.6 Should the organiser cancel or change the event schedule or programmes as necessary, cooperate with the organiser to ensure the success of the event.

10. Consequences of non-compliance with obligations:
   - 10.1 The grant application will not be approved;
   - 10.2 The approved grant will be cancelled in whole or in part, and the subsidised dance group will be required to return the relevant grant amount;
   - 10.3 The dance group concerned will be disqualified from participating in the immediate next edition of the International Youth Dance Festival;
   - 10.4 The consequences referred to in Points 10.2 and 10.3 above shall apply in particular to the following circumstances:
     - 10.4.1 The subsidised dance group intentionally violates the obligations set out in Point 9.1;
     - 10.4.2 The subsidised dance group violates the obligations set out in Point 9.2, thereby causing serious risk or harm to the participants of the International Youth Dance Festival or to the public interest, in particular to public safety or social order.

Annex: Rules and Regulations for Local Dance Groups and Non-local Dance Groups of the International Youth Dance Festival 2026

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

Introduction

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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.

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

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.

Rights of the Education and Youth Development Bureau (DSEDJ)

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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International Youth Dance Festival 2026 （Rules and Regulations for Non-local Dance Groups）

Introduction

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Date:

From 17 to 23 July 2026

- Date of arrival in Macao: 16 July 2026（Thursday）
- Date of departure from Macao: 24 July 2026（Friday）

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*.
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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.

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;

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   7.4 Flashmob performance (to be held in the afternoon or evening): The performance time should not exceed 5 minutes.

8. **Costumes**

   During the formal performances, dancers must wear traditional costumes or performance costumes of their own country or region. 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 the 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 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 Workshop" during the event, thereby offering participants an opportunity for mutual learning，comparing notes and showing their talents. The organiser will only provide venues and basic audio equipment. Other relevant equipment or materials are to be prepared by the dance groups.

10.1 Duration of each workshop: 2 hours

10.2 Target group: All dancers participating in the “International Youth Dance Festival”.

11. **Cultural Tour**

The organiser will arrange a tour to local cultural attractions for the dance groups.

Support from the Organiser

12. Transport (air transport)

12.1 Each dance group is responsible for their own travel arrangements and expenses to and from Macao.

12.2 For the activities arranged by the organiser in Macao during the event, the organiser will provide transport for all dance groups.

12.3 If a dance group is selected to participate in the event, a fixed amount of air ticket allowance will be provided for each member in the group. However, the subsidised dancers must meet the requirement of age limit and the dance group must meet the requirement of the number of participants as stated in the rules and regulations.

Continent of origin of the dance group	Air ticket allowance (per person) (in pataca)	Amount in USD[note 1] (for reference only)
Asia	3,500.00	438.00
Europe	8,500.00	1062.00
Oceania	6,800.00	850.00
North America	8,000.00	1000.00
South America	12,000.00	1500.00
Africa	11,000.00	1375.00

Note 1: The amount in USD listed in the table above is for reference only. The actual amount to be received will be subject to the bank’s exchange rate at the time of remittance.

12.4 The copy of the air ticket, the original boarding pass or other valid proof, and the original arrival card of each group member, as well as the information about the passbook that is used to receive the allowance must be provided for verification purpose and granting the allowance. Should any dance group fail to provide the above-mentioned documents, the organiser reserves the right to not grant the allowance to all group members or an individual

group member in accordance with the actual situation.

12.5 After non-local dance groups arrived in Macao and submitted the documents listed in point 12.4, air ticket allowance will be given through bank remittance in accordance with the actual number of participants in each group coming to Macao by air.

13. **Accommodation (hotel)**

The organiser will be responsible for accommodation arrangements and expenses in Macao between 16 and 24 July 2026 (8 nights in total); 2-4 persons stay in the same room.

14. **Meals**

The organiser is responsible for meal arrangements for all members of the dance groups during the eight-day event in Macao (the arrival day and the departure day are counted together as one day).

15. **Insurance**

All participants in the "International Youth Dance Festival" must buy personal travel and medical insurance by themselves. The organiser will only be responsible for purchasing medical insurance to cover the medical expenses incurred due to an accident occurred while participating in the activities arranged by the organiser in Macao.

Rules and Regulations that Dance Groups Must Follow

16. Each dance group must perform according to the arranged programmes; no additions, omissions, or changes shall be made to the programmes.
17. All participants must take part in all relevant activities arranged by the organiser.
18. During the entire event, participants should not leave Macao without permission, otherwise all consequences will be borne by the dance groups.
19. Follow the arrangements and instructions given by the staff members of the organiser.
20. Be punctual for all activities; late arrival or early leave is not allowed.
21. Be responsible for other expenses not mentioned in the rules and regulations.
22. Refrain from organising any public political or religious activity during the event.
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