

Chinese New Year 2015: Chronicles of the Flying Sheep

On a fine Sunday morning of 15th March, the Malaysian Chinese Student Community of Volgograd State Medical University had organized a Chinese New Year celebration festival with the theme: Chronicles of the Flying sheep (漂“羊”过海过新年)。The theme reflects the fact that they as overseas students do not have a chance to celebrate this important festival back at home, so they adapted and celebrate in a land far away from home, as a big family.



The event was held in Hiroshima Hostel hall and was attended by various nationalities, namely, Malaysians, Vietnamese, Russians, Chinese and Indians. The concept of this event, is international culture sharing, with “making new friends of other nationalities and understanding each other's culture” as the main aim. Mandarin oranges (Bliss) were given out as door gifts.



The event took 1 hour 15 minutes, starting with interactive games, encouraging the participants to greet each other in a different language aside from their mother tongue in order to claim a red packet (angpao) containing a piece of BBQ meat (bakkwa), prepared in the Chinese traditional way.

Then the event proceeded with the spectacular Lion dance, brought to the audiences by the Vietnamese team. In the Asian countries, the Lion dance is invited into the house to perform, in order to gather good luck and prosperity. To watch the full performance, click on this link: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=X4xJAgcqeM&feature=youtu.be>



Team member: Dinh Xuan Bang, Pham Kim Dao, Pham Hoang Trung, Tran Ai Va, Cao Xuan Truong, Le Duc Manh, Quach Duc Cong

Next, the president of MSA (Malaysian Student Association), Mr Amir Aqil and the president of MCSC (Malaysian Chinese Student Community), Mr Chan Jun Win were invited to deliver a speech. Soon after, the Malaysian Curator, Miss Nina Arsenyevna Chepurina was ushered to complete the Chinese Character “羊” (sheep) to symbolize the official opening of this event.

To watch Miss Nina Arsenyevna’s completing the character, click on this link: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v= 2qMX5E9xBE>

The energetic Modern dance performance by Zeus (Indian community) was next up, performing some Tamil numbers with red clothes on (symbolizes luck). Dance Choreographer: Mr Mukesh. To watch the full performance, click on this link: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pl-qo4N9TYQ&feature=youtu.be>



Team member: Harinath Arumugam, Mukesh, Vishal, Keerthi, Thiru Karthi, Deepan, Prabhu.

The Chinese Traditional dance performance followed, choreographed by Miss Lee Wei Xin with the help of her team members. Dance team members are consisted of Malays and Chinese. When one of the team members Miss Fatin Norhanani was being interviewed, she revealed that practice started early in December, as it is not easy for non-chinese to memorize Chinese lyrics to dance to the beat. To watch the full performance, click on this link: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=91hRkn02uxc&feature=youtu.be>



Team member: Madeline Chong Chai Siang, Cathyn Tan, Fatin Norhanani, Nurul Qurratu'aini, Nur Saadah, Amber Liew Chia Chen, Kimberly Lim Jing Li, Vivian Lee Wei Xin

Miss Lee Siew Suan and Miss Tang Xin Rou led their team to perform Handsign accompanied by traditional music instruments Dizi (Chinese instrument) and Conga (Arabic instrument). Handsign is a type of dance involving only hand gestures and minimum steps, performed in various occasions. To watch the full performance, click on this link: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YhE9kBg3odQ&feature=youtu.be>





Team member: Jasmin Tan Chia Min, Chong Yu Suam, Chai Hui Yi, Tong Xiang Jun, Alfred Chua.

Lastly, the festival ended in a happy tone with a Music Video, recorded and put together by Mr Kwang Zhen Yi, Mr Jonah Seeni, and Mr Ng Yung Jeat. The song is adapted from ASTRO's 开心过年, with the lyrics altered to Bahasa Malaysia, Chinese, Tamil and English. The Music Video was filmed in various buildings of Volgograd State Medical University, Park Druzhbi, Hiroshima Hostel and embankment. The cover version was performed live by Mr. Afiq Shah, Miss Nazurah Puasa, Mr Prahbu Vasudevan and Mr Sharynol Emryan.

To view the full Original Music Video, click on this link:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=49iQ5h7C5No>





Conducting the event in dual language (Russian and English) , the Masters of Ceremony, Mr Alicia Lua Pei Ru and Mr Yap Han Kee were as superb as all the fellow performers.



Hall decoration led by Mr Brian Sim Mong Huat was a huge success. Some popular photo points: 3D sheep by Miss Josephine Juni and Chinese Door by Miss Tham Kah Yee.



Miss Katia and Miss Farida tried on Chinese calligraphy and origami during the culture introductory session.



Winner of the photography competition.

Title: the last angpao bender

Group: 5th year group 32

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