

## THE RIO CLUB

### Proud Sponsors of the 2016 Singapore Open Dance Championships

November 13th 2016



For many years RIO has sponsored the annual Singapore Open Dance Championships. My parents were avid dancers so becoming involved with the annually held Singapore Open Dance Championships seemed a natural thing to do. Such events are artistic, tasteful and thoroughly enjoyable to watch and, furthermore, importantly they always uplift the spirits of those who attend.

This year the event took place on 13th November 2016 at suntec city with almost 600 competitors and judges from 24 countries participating. As always, I would recommend any of our Club members, who have an interest in dancing, to attend.

The Singapore Open Dance Championships have achieved their goal, in my opinion, to elevate the quality of competitive ballroom dancing in Singapore and indeed in the region as a whole. This goal has been realized by highlighting professional dancing through the strict adherence to the high standards of dancing set by the organizers and judges for the championships, along with a clear commitment to raise the standard of ballroom dancing in this part of the world.

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