



## **MGM Junior Lion Dance Summer Class Celebrates Decade of Success**

*Promoting Chinese Lion Dance Traditions With Over 540 Young Lions Trained*

MGM is committed to promoting Lingnan culture and lion dance. The "MGM Junior Lion Dance Summer Class", which celebrates its 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year, marks a new milestone in MGM's commitment to traditional Chinese culture. This year's class received an overwhelming response with a number of applications tripled last year's record, enabling MGM to increase the recruitment to 100 participants. Through the summer class, MGM aims to encourage children to make good use of their summer break with lion dance training – a great opportunity to strengthen their physical fitness, team spirit as well as cultural confidence.

The 10<sup>th</sup> MGM Junior Lion Dance Summer Class is jointly organized by MGM and the Mak Chi Leong Dragon & Lion Dance Sports Association, with the support of the Education and Youth Development Bureau, the Cultural Affairs Bureau, the Macau Government Tourism Office, and the Wushu General Association of Macau. The orientation of the summer class took place on July 7 at MGM MACAU with almost 250 young lion dancers and their parents attending.

Catarina Lio, Senior Vice President of Brand Marketing at MGM, said, "Even though the journey has not been easy, the Junior Lion Dance Summer Class has reached its 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Some of the alumni have already achieved remarkable results in youth competitions. We are grateful for the support of the parents and hope that the young lion dancers will appreciate the charm of this sport. MGM has organized a variety of events to preserve the lion dance tradition, including the upcoming "11<sup>th</sup> International Lion Dance Championship 2024 – MGM Cup" in October. We strive to popularize the lion dance tradition in the Lingnan culture and leverage MGM's strengths to make Macau a platform for showcasing lion dance."

At the orientation, MGM's mascot Leo made an impressive appearance in a lion dance costume to welcome the participants and mark the start of the summer class. Participants of the "MGM Lion Dance Training Program" also took part and performed a captivating performance, aiming to inspire the young lion dancers. As per the tradition, the alumni tied waist belts on the lion dancers to symbolize the passing down of the skills and spirit of lion dance.



The first class begins on July 8 and runs for seven weeks. The participants, aged five to eight, will learn about the history of the lion dance, its basic movements, and the use of various props and musical instruments for the dance. Over the years, the summer class has already trained over 540 young lion dancers. Those who demonstrate outstanding performance will have the chance to enroll in the “MGM Lion Dance Training Program” to further enhance their lion dance techniques. To date, the training program has recruited more than 180 members. Since 2018, members of the training program have taken part in local competitions, with some of them representing Macau in competitions in Hong Kong and achieving notable results. In addition, they also performed in cultural and sporting events in Macau as well as the Greater Bay Area to make the art of lion dance and Chinese culture widely known.

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