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Message from IBDI's President

In April of this year, my wife, **Charlene**, and I made a trip to Southeast Asia. While in Hong Kong, we saw on TV a portion of a formal competition involving European, Asian and probably US dancers that was held in this gateway city. Spending a few days in Zhongshan, China and in a city called Shekki, we visited a recently constructed recreational center and park and were pleasantly surprised to see about 12 couples informally doing ballroom dancing. It seems ballroom dancing is alive and well not only here in Hawaii but in other parts of the world as well.

We are happy that you are a part of this activity and, in particular, a participant in IBDI's programs, whether it be taking our classes or attending our dance events. Thank you for your interest and support.

Keep on dancing!

CHRIS JAY



2009 Inaugural Ball

IBDI's 2009 Inaugural Ball was held on February 27, 2009 at the Pacific Beach Hotel. **Kay Yahiku** was the emcee for the evening's program and after an invocation by **Goro Furusho**, an international buffet was served. The 2009 Officers and Board of Directors were installed by **Sandra Lee Kunimoto**, Chairperson of the State of Hawaii Board of Agriculture, and also an avid ballroom dancer. Following the installation and an address by President **Chris Jay**, exhibitions were performed by **Sergio & Renna Villanueva's** Dance Appeal Troupe doing a Lion King Showcase; **Gus Esposo & Delia Tom**, a Rumba; **Edwin & Charlotte Bugarin**, a Jive; and **Thomas Nakamura & Stephanie Uechi**, a modern medley. Attendees could dance the night away until 11:30 p.m. to beautiful music played by **Henry Lee**. These photos taken at the Inaugural Ball are courtesy of **Dawn Le & Charlene Jay**



Upcoming Event:

48th Anniversary Ball
Ala Wai Palladium
Saturday, August 15, 2009
5:30 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.
Mini-Bento served from 5:30 p.m.,
doors open at 6 p.m.

Mini-Bento, Exhibitions,
Door Prizes and Refreshments
Full Ballroom

Cost: \$6.00 pre-sale
\$8.00 at the door, no bento



**A Contribution from IBDI Vice President,
Grace Nohara**



While I Still Can Dance

**I will look loved ones in the eyes,
Take their hands in mine,
And tell them how much I love them.
I will make the most of our time together.
Dance while you can.**

**I will believe I was born to dance....
created by God to make a difference in people's
lives.**

**I will call my friends just to talk,
to let them know I care and that I'm thankful for
the joy they've brought me.**

**(From the book 'Dance While You Can: Gentle Reminders to
Help You Live Life to the Fullest'
by Lance Wubbels)**

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