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## **MGM Junior Lion Dancers Perform at ‘Greater Bay Area’s Junior Lion Dance Performances’**

*Enabling Local Youth to Gain New Perspectives on Traditional Cultural Sport*

**[July 31, 2018, Macau]** With its pivotal role in promoting traditional Chinese lion dance among youth in Macau, MGM organized an exchange visit to Heshan for 35 children of the MGM Junior Lion Dance Training Program, between ages 6 to 12, on July 28 and 29. Heshan is the birthplace of the Sar Ping (Lui Pai) Lion Dance style that they are learning.

The trip aims to further develop the knowledge and skills of the young lion dancers and continue their interest in this age old tradition. The highlight of the trip was the “Greater Bay Area’s Junior Lion Dance Performances”, where seven junior lion dance troupes from Heshan were invited to perform with the MGM team, sharing knowledge amongst peers to excel in new skills while forming bonds of friendship. Feng Zhaohua, Director of the Heshan Sports Bureau; Zhang Mingzhong, Secretary of the Leading Party Members’ Group; Su Ziliang and Chen Zhong, Deputy Directors of the Heshan Sports Bureau; Hu Jie, Director of the Heshan Culture, Radio, TV, Press and Publication Bureau; Wang Zongqiu, Deputy Director of the Heshan Culture, Radio, TV, Press and Publication Bureau; and Liang Caihong, Director of the Heshan Cultural Bureau attended to show their support. The two-day trip also included the visit to two renowned Chinese martial arts schools based in Heshan, Heshan Bai Qiang Tang martial arts school and the He Pai Lion Dance school, as well as historical attractions such as the Heshan County Museum and the Wing Chun Dr. Leung Jan Tribute Theme Park, enabling young lion dancers to gain a deeper understanding of the city’s culture and history.

**Mr. Mak Chi Leong, Chief Coach of the MGM Junior Lion Dance Training Program**, said, “The Southern Lion is divided into two major types, the Foshan and the Heshan. As the Greater Bay Area consists of Macau, Foshan and Heshan, I believe that lion dance continues to be an important part of the cultural heritage of the Greater Bay Area. This trip organized by MGM not only deepens mutual understanding and exchange between young people in these two places, but also enhances their lion dance skills and techniques, spiking interest in this traditional sport among youths in the Greater Bay Area.”

One of the parents, Ms. Chan, also expressed her joy, “My sons have both participated in the MGM Junior Lion Dance Training Program for four years, and I have full confidence in their performance. I am proud that my sons have more confidence and perseverance after joining this program, and I will continue to encourage them to learn this traditional Chinese sport.”

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