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We are pleased to announce the formation of the Dai Ailian Foundation (Foundation), a non-profit company currently being registered in the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago. The Foundation is being formed to honour Dai Ailian, born in Couva of Cantonese parents on May 10, 1916. Dai Ailian, famous dancer, choreographer and teacher, is one of China's premier dance icons and widely regarded as 'the mother of Chinese ballet and dance'. Madam Dai as she was affectionately called, was a dancer with international influence and in 1982 was elected as Vice Chairman of the International Council for Dance of UNESCO. It is with a measure of her achievement that a bronze bust of Dai Ailian (one of four outstanding female dancers) is displayed at the Royal Academy of Dance, London, England. Dai Ailian died in Beijing in 2006 at the age of 89.

One of the objectives of the Foundation is to grant scholarships to persons to pursue studies in the performing arts and **the Foundation is proud to be offering its first scholarship to the Beijing Dance Academy (BDA), Haidian District, Beijing.**

Dai Ailian deserves much of the credit for the founding of the BDA in 1954. The BDA is the best institution of higher education in dance in China and has produced dancers who have become professionals in companies around the world and constantly sets a high standard at world-class competitions. The BDA was recently awarded the Best School award at the prestigious Youth America Grand Prix in New York City.



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A full scholarship, for a 10-month period commencing September 2011, will be awarded to an exceptional dancer who demonstrates ability, artistry and passion, with the Awardee selecting the area of specialisation, be it Ballet, Chinese Classical Dance, Chinese National and Folk Dance and Modern Dance.

The Foundation is honoured that a 5-member team, headed by Zhang Ping – Director, from the BDA will be visiting Trinidad to attend the launch of the Dai Ailian Foundation as well as to select the scholarship awardee.

The closing date for applications is this Friday, July 29, 2011. This is a wonderful education and cultural opportunity for a young person we ask you to share this information with as many people as you could. We have prepared a Scholarship Information Bulletin and this form together with the application form could be viewed and download at lanterfestivaltt.com or



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