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# Introducing New Members of SIFD

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Surrey International Folk Dancing Society (SIFD) is honoured to have as regular attendees Sam Chiang, and his wife Eunice Lu, who have been passionate about international folk dancing since they were senior high school and university students.

As new members of SIFD, they are exploring and learning new dances, making new friends, broadening their visions of folk dancing, enjoying folk dancing as non-instructors, and experiencing the stress-free atmosphere of Surrey's International Folk Dancing community.

Their SIFD involvement is small, when compared to their impact on the dance communities of Taiwan, Mainland China, South Korea, Vietnam.

In September 1998, they gathered together people who loved to dance—or who just wanted to exercise and to meet people within their community—when they formed an international folk dancing interest group, working with Langley Family Services Association and teaching at Langley's Douglas Recreation Centre and at Surrey's Fraser Heights Recreation Centre. Later, this group became Langley-Surrey International Folk Dancing Interest Group (LSIFDIG)

The group participates and performs in many community events such as:

- Taiwanese Cultural Festival
- Tzu Chi Humanistic Academy's year-end celebration
- Chinese New Year Party at United Chinese Community Enrichment Services Society (S.U.C.C.E.S.S.)
- Surrey's annual Fraser Heights Country Fair.



*Performance at Tzu-Chi Foundation's 2018 New Year. The ladies are wearing Qing Dynasty (1644–1912) palace costumes, which were derived from those of Manchurian nobles.*

*Photo courtesy of Sam Chiang*

Recently a performance went towards the education funds of City of Surrey's Erma Stephenson Elementary School; and, they are performing at the Taiwanese Canadian

Cultural Festival on Saturday, July 14th, on the outdoor stage of Vancouver's Queen Elizabeth Theatre Plaza.

Being able to give back to their community while doing the things they love is their utmost pride and joy as a team, and as a communal group.

We at Surrey International Folk Dancing Society are proud to introduce them to the Northwest folk dancing community.



*The above photographs were taken at the Erma Stephenson Elementary School, where these performances contributed to the Surrey school's educational funds.*

*Top: Energetic recreational dancing in club costumes.*

*Middle: Five ladies performing in Korean dresses*

*Bottom: Performing wearing generic Taiwanese Aboriginal apparel*  
*Photos courtesy of Dale Adamson*

## Website of the Month

[www.travelbarefeet.com/about-mickela-v2/](http://www.travelbarefeet.com/about-mickela-v2/)

This is a travel show that includes dance segments from various countries (as well as segments on food, culture, etc.). If you click TV episodes, you'll see Season 1, Season 2, and YouTube; all the shows from each season are listed, and you can watch the entire episode of each one.