

30 Years of Showmanship Part V

After the 1992 success of the “Western Stunt Show” at Janfusan, The new Taiwanese theme park asked Charlie for another attraction. This time, remembering his own recent honeymoon in Hawaii, Charlie pitched a “Polynesian Dance Show” (which, with its Aloha spirit and cultural significance, would also represent a fresh new thing for Taiwan). Once again, Charlie got Brad involved and Brad was able (through a connection with Disneyland talent scout, Sonny Anderson) to contact a Polynesian dance troupe, led by Pete Sanoa and his wife, Porsche.

A 4 month run in Taiwan was arranged for the dance troupe and the new Polynesian show was another big hit at Janfusan –which established a long-running relationship between Mirage Entertainment and the Taiwanese theme park that has lasted to this day! When Janfusan wanted, yet, another attraction, Charlie proposed an edutainment “Space Center”, with Nasa-style space travel displays.

Though the “Space Center” attraction was never built at Janfusan, the idea caught the attention of Frobel Land in mainland China, which opened up a whole new market for Charlie and Brad on the Asian continent. Stay tuned to see how important the relationship between Mirage Entertainment and China would soon become!

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