



# The Celestial Zone Cosplay

and dancing to get the attention of the judges. The entrants included characters from well-loved anime like Saiyuki, Fruits Basket and Gundam Seed, and lesser-known titles like Trinity Blood. The game entrants were largely made up of Final Fantasy contestants (talk about an influx of Yunas). This writer particularly liked the Star Wars team, with their understated costumes but incredible energy on stage. Of course, the lightsabers that could light up earned them extra points!

When the results were announced, it was clear that the competition belonged to the Guilty Gear XX team. They swept the Best Male, Best Female and Best Team awards.

At the end of the day...

At any cosplay event, it is the cosplayers who make such it such a resounding success. A big round of applause goes to all of them, competitors and non-competitors alike, for the efforts put into the costumes. So until next year... Ganbatte, minna!

And yet more Cosplay goodness was going on at Suntec City's International Book Fair, where cosplayers of the local manga "The Celestial Zone" graced the event to invigorate the audience with all that was fun.

Rocking the crowds with their winsome costumes and stage presence, the team of cosplayers soon found themselves re-enacting scenes from the popular period manga by Mr. Wee Tian Beng. The people were thrilled and enthralled as enemies took the stage to try to denounce the other, while siblings and friends also played their part by putting on teasing tones in one of the stage games where the audience had to figure out which character was lying through his teeth and which one was speaking the whole truth.

Quizzes seemed to dominate the event, as a speed quiz of the audience having to answer ten questions within one minute was dished out as a challenge. We noticed that the male cosplayers would always pick female audiences to participate in games and the vice versa. Well, as one cosplayer aptly put it, "I am a good-looking man, so I need a good-looking woman to accompany me on the stage!"

Lastly, at the close of the event, all were invited to watch a special animated feature of the manga at the TCZ booth, where the latest publication of the popular local manga was also being released. Mr. Wee Tian Beng graciously autographed books and many fans left happy and satisfied. See you again next year, then!

