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TEAM CANADA WINS DA NANG INTERNATIONAL FIREWORKS COMPETITION WITH DIGITAL NIGHTHAWK

The first International Fireworks Competition ever held in Vietnam took place recently in the central city of Da Nang. The 2-day competition drew competitors from Vietnam, Hong Kong, Canada and Malaysia to plan, setup and execute their fireworks displays along the Han River. There was an estimated 400,000 people to see the displays on each night. Team Canada took first place with Team Hong Kong/China in second place. The Canadian team was David Whysall International Fireworks, who encountered many obstacles along the way, from the transportation of equipment, getting fireworks from China into Vietnam and more.



The flights were long – taking 30 hours to get there because of difficult connections and all flights were booked so we had to take what we could get. However, the organization was superb - Joe Ghazzal and Global2000 and his crew were magnificent and the local organizers, the Peoples Committee of Da Nang, made us very welcome and also laid on transport, interpreters and a first class hotel.

All competitors owe a special thanks to Wilson Moa of Team Hong Kong (Pyromagic) for defying the odds and transporting the fireworks overland from China into Vietnam.

Our Pyromate Digital Nighthawk firing equipment was held up for 2 days at Danang airport so that didn't help with set up time. We worked from first light to dark for 7 straight days. Unfortunately we lost a module of 45 shots as a result of a low explosion of one of the other team's 6" shells - we couldn't do much about that so we fired 45 shots short. Despite all the setbacks, all in all it was a great experience.

As a result of this success David Whysall International Fireworks Inc. will again represent Canada at the Malaysia International Fireworks Competition in August.

Team Canada – International Fireworks Competition, Da Nang, Vietnam, 2008
Team Canada – World Fireworks Championships U.K 2007
Team Ontario – Pan-Canadian Fireworks Championships, Quebec 2007