Get a Korean groove

Fans of Korean pop here pack dance classes to learn to jive just like their idols

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About 13 to 20 people turn up for a class at the studios. Some dance schools such as Studio Wu at Singapore Management University cater to in-the-know pop fans while others, like the newly opened Celine Jeanette School Of Performing Arts at Goldhill Centre, opened in 2010. Since then, the two schools have experienced an increase in student numbers of more than 30 per cent. Each class currently has 20 to 30 students.

The schools change between K-pop and J-pop classes a week and often only seven to nine weeks.

She says: “K-pop is huge and has its fashion, music videos and dance move the dance as a way to better relate to their favourite artists.”

In November last year, there was a demand for studios with classes that resemble that of Wonder Girls’ shows.

Psychology student Nigel Tan, who has spent more than $400 on several K-pop dance classes over the past year, says: “It was the last summer music, which caught my attention initially. I now learn to master the difficult but skilled dance moves as well.”

I have been exposed to k-pop music since I was young. I want to dance like them... I used to watch the dance videos by watching YouTube videos. The students even do the moves and I enjoy it.

Students learn to move to popular Korean boyband Super Junior’s Banana Smoothie at the Celine Jeanette School Of Performing Arts.

Cheerful Celine Jeanette School Of Performing Arts.

Moves to attract girls

K-pop dance schools

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