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The Macau Cultural Association is a non-profit organization for the advancement of Macau and Macanese culture, heritage and interest. Based in Vancouver it forms part of the network of Casas de Macau throughout the world. Sister organizations are located in Lisbon, Toronto, Rio de Janeiro, Sao Paulo, San Francisco, Hong Kong and Sydney.

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ADDRESS BY THE PRESIDENT

On behalf of your new Executive Council, it is my great pleasure to express our very best wishes for a very Happy New Year accompanied by good health and prosperity, to all our Members and Families.

We are looking forward to meet the challenges, and we shall try to carry out our duties and responsibilities in order to ensure that the present and the future of our Association will be preserved and improved. In order to achieve these main objectives, the new Council Members have already agreed to create a more active calendar of events for the rest of the year. As the main event of the Encontro 2004 has closed the year in such a grand fashion, we now look forward to the next Encontro possibly in 2007.

In order to achieve this, we shall try to promote more activities and plans to encompass more action by all members of all age groups. And in due course, we shall prepare and study plans to involve more active participation of our Members.

As I have made mention earlier in the Elections Meeting in November 2004,

we will encourage our Members to participate and contribute more actively towards the Social planning and other activities in order to accelerate and improve the social well being of all Members of our Association. The new Executive Council Members have made a commitment to find ways to make and organize changes to achieve improvements in our future calendar of events. As we have witnessed during the Encontro 2004. Macau's financial growth and stability are so obviously healthy that we cannot but admire, and also to congratulate the most able Government Team in Macau which is, of course, led by none other than **H.E. Dr. Edmund HO Hau-Wah**, the Chief Executive. Also we might add that the "one country, two systems" policy is well entrenched in Macau S.A.R. and it is well proven to be correct and sound. Congratulations and our best wishes to **H.E. Dr. Edmund HO Hau-Wah**, and also wishing him and Macau continued success in the future !

At this time, as the new Executive Council Members take on the reins and duties for the next two years, we wish to

express our sincere thanks and our very best wishes to our immediate Past President, **Mr. Carlos Cordeiro** who served this Association, and its Members so well and so diligently, and more than anything else, let us not forget that Carlos is the founding Member/President of this Association. We thank you again, Carlos.

The New Executive Council look forward to carry on and continue to execute the policies set in the past by the previous Councils and Directors, and in addition, we will continue to diligently study to find ways and avenues in our process to get a clubhouse for our Members. We will maintain our policy of being "open for business", and we will entertain any fair and legal proposals, and of course, we will maintain avenues and channels open for any legal and honest proposals that can be conducive to the betterment, social improvement and the well being of the Macanese Community at large. Past Presidents of this Association have repeatedly made attempts in the past to harmonize and to create well being of the Macanese Community, and this current President and Council will be no exception. We shall try and give it a chance, the opportunity and the opening this Community deserves, and to this end, we are prepared to listen to any arrangement or proposal. We have been patient in the past, and again, for the sake of all members of the Macanese Community, we are now prepared to continue, if at all possible, to accommodate and to achieve our objectives.

In closing, the new Executive Council Members wish to convey to all Members of the Macau Cultural Association, that we are here to serve you and to listen to your ideas, opinions, comments and contributions that you may wish to offer. Many thanks, and again, have a Happy New Year !

**Signed: Sergio Rui de Pina, President
On behalf of all Members of the
Executive Council.**

ENCONTRO "MACAU 2004" (MacaU – Dec 2004)

People came from nearby Hong Kong or from far away, mostly from Australia, Brazil, Canada, Portugal and some other European countries also from the U.S.A. and collectively made up the largest representation of the Macanese to attend an Encontro in Macau. They numbered over one thousand persons and the numbers, to some extent, took the Macau Organizing Committee by surprise.

Following the opening at the Macau Cultural Centre and the formal constitution of the "Council of Macanese Communities", the program was filled with meetings, book presentations, seminars, a fashion show, "maquista" theatre and parties. Receptions, lunches, and dinners were hosted by the executives of Macau SAR and also by the Portuguese Consulate General. Other hosts included APIM (the organizing committee), IACM, Fundacao Oriente, and several other Macanese associations including APOMAC and Associacao dos Macaenses.

The "Encontro" provided plenty of occasions for friends and family to meet in joyful reunion and excursions were organized to see all the tremendous developments that have taken place in Macau in recent years.

For some time it was impossible to go downtown or anywhere near the usual favorite cafes and restaurants without meeting up with familiar faces and acquaintances not seen for many years. A great many stayed on after the "Encontro" to spend Christmas in their hometown and with family, relatives and friends.

The Encontro "Macau 2004" was also marked by the launching of a number of books by local authors on Macanese culture, tradition and heritage. The publication "Macanese Cooking" was published simultaneously in three languages – in Portuguese, Chinese and in English.

As with previous occasions in the past Encontro "Macau 2004" will remain in our hearts and memories for the rest of our lives. Finally a very big "thank you" to APIM and all the other organizations

that contributed to the tremendous success of the event. Many of us are already looking forward to the next Encontro in 2007.

DEC. 2004 ASSOCIATION MEETING

Some members were still abroad in Macau and elsewhere in mid-December but our Association went ahead to hold its regular monthly meeting on Sunday 19 December 2004 at Centre Pointe, 8811 Lansdowne Road in Richmond. Sergio Rui de Pina presided at the meeting in the absence of Carlos Cordeiro. Sergio spoke briefly about the formation and inauguration of the **“Macanese Communities Council”** and stated that any post mortem discussions on the “Encontro “Macau 2004” would be deferred until the next meeting in January 2005. Sergio also stated that the subsidy from Macau this time around amounted to about \$100 in Canadian funds but, as had been announced previously, the Association will pay out \$300 to every member who registered with the Association and attended the recent Encontro in Macau as an integral part of our group. Checks were ready for collection immediately after the meeting. The meeting itself was cut curtailed to make way for the arrival of Santa Claus and the ensuing Children’s Christmas Party that was followed in turn by a sumptuous tea party. We are looking forward to the next meeting in January 2005 to be chaired by members of the new Council. **A list of individuals elected and/or appointed to the Macanese Communities Council is attached to this newsletter.** The Editor himself only returned to Vancouver on 15 December but he managed nevertheless to produce the December newsletter on time.

CHINESE NEW YEAR

As the Year of the Monkey draws to a close we will be bidding a warm welcome to the Year of the Rooster and we wish to take this opportunity to wish all our members **“KUNG HEI FAT CHOY”** The Year of the Rooster commences on 9 February 2005 and will end on 28 January 2006.

Chinese tradition suggests that there are two types of roosters. Those born near dawn are noisy and think they are always right; those born later are quieter and less extrovert. Whatever their birth time, roosters tend to be tough, outspoken, strong-willed and active. They are self-confident, competitive and have little patience with those who fail to meet their high standards. Artistic in the extreme, and very precise, these are very perceptive people, practical and shrewd. They can be aggressive when threatened. Sociable and extrovert, flamboyant yet enigmatic, roosters have a wide variety of friends and live life to the full. Roosters excel at organizing, especially parties, and because they will make sure that everybody has a great time.

Some famous Rooster people include Katherine Hepburn, Richard Wagner, Joan Collins, Errol Flynn, Dolly Parton, James Mason, Bianca Jagger, Mary Quant, Peter Ustinov, Anne Murray, Carly Simon, Roman Polanski and Goldie Hawn.

The “rooster” years in the past included 1909, 1921, 1933, 1945, 1957, 1969, 1981 and 1993. Born under this sign you should be happy as a restaurant owner, publicist, soldier or a world traveler. **ONCE AGAIN, KUNG HEI FAT CHOY TO ONE AND ALL!**

NEXT MEETING

The next monthly meeting will be held on Sunday, 20 February 2005 at the Metropolis Center (Formerly Eaton’s Center) commencing at 14.00 hours. We like to see more of you attending these monthly meetings and we will endeavor, to the best of our ability, to make them more interesting and entertaining.

MEMBERSHIP DUES – 2005

We once again wish to remind members that the annual membership is now up for renewal. Needless to say we appreciate and value your membership in our Association. Our current dues are as follows:- Adult \$20; Spouse \$10; Children 13-18 \$10; Newsletter (optional) \$6; Addresses outside of Canada:- Adult \$30 (includes

newsletter); Spouse \$15; Children 13-18 \$10. Please attach a note with your renewal for us to update our records if details have been changed in recent times. Please make your check payments payable to "Macau Cultural Association" For new members there is also a flat entrance fee of \$20 per person. If you have already paid your dues or your payment is in the mail, we like to thank you for your support.

SOCIAL TIDBITS

Another member of our Association will be celebrating his eightieth birthday on 9 February 2005 coinciding with the celebration of Chinese New Year on the very same day. It's going to be a double celebration. Our birthday wishes go out in advance to **Albert Britto** on his 80th birthday on 9 February and we hope he will have a great and wonderful time with his relatives and friends on his birthday.

OBITUARY

It is with regret that we have to report the untimely death of **Edmundo Marques Jacinto**, until recently a member of the A.P.I.M. Organizing Committee for Encontro "Macau 2004" On behalf of all members of the Macau Cultural Association we offer to the next-of-kin and other relatives our sincere condolences and deepest sympathy. MAY HE REST IN PEACE.

GOSTOS E SABORES (Macau's fusion cuisine)

CNY glutinous rice pudding (Tai Loong Ko)

Ingredients

1 lb. Glutinous Rive Flour (sifted)
1 lb. Brown Sugar (in slabs)
2 cups water

Preparation

Dissolve the slab sugar in two cups of boiling water and then allow the mixture to cool down.

Mix in the sifted glutinous rice flour into the water and slab sugar mixture.

Mix well to avoid any lumps. Try using a blender to produce a smooth batter.

Pour batter into a greased pan and steam for about two hours

Keep a day or two before eating.

One can also later fry slices of the sweet rice pudding in a non-stick frying pan with a little oil.

Minchi (Minced Meat) & Fried Diced Potatoes

Ingredients

1 lb. Meat (choice of pork, beef or a combination of both)
1 clove garlic, minced
1 medium onion, chopped
3 tablespoon sweet soy (tek yau)
3 tablespoon mushroom dark soy
2 teaspoon corn starch
salt and pepper as desired

Preparation

Place minced meat in a mixing bowl and add all other ingredients except onions and potatoes.

Mix well and marinade for about an hour.

Meanwhile heat some oil in a frying pan or a wok and deep-fry the diced potatoes until golden brown.

Remove from frying pan or wok and keep warm.

Heat about three teaspoon of oil and fry the onions until they are golden brown.

Add the minced meat and stir fry until the minced meat is well cooked and there are no longer any lumps of meat.

Drain any excess fat from the minced meat and transfer the minced meat into a large serving dish.

Add the fried potatoes on the top of the minced meat or mix well. ENJOY !

Noodles with Avocado Pesto

Ingredients

½ cup almonds
½ cup walnuts
2 large avocados
1 cup Parmesan cheese, freshly grated.
5 cloves garlic
12 basil leaves fresh OR loose packed.
4 oz. Olive oil.
2 cups cream
2 lbs. Pasta Noodles.
Salt & Pepper: to taste.

Preparation

Soak the almonds and walnuts in hot water for one hour, then drain.

Blend all the ingredients, except the last two ingredients, in a food processor.

Add cream gradually until the pesto sauce is light and creamy.

In two-gallons of salty water, cook the noodles until "al dente". Drain well. Toss well the noodles with the avocado sauce. Sprinkle with fresh grated Parmesan cheese. Serve immediately.

Internet Fraud (Warning)

There have recently been a number of attempts to gain fraudulent access to bank customers' accounts on the Internet at a number of financial institutions. These fraudsters have been sending out e-mails attempting to obtain customers' personal banking information. These e-mails, which look genuine in every way, redirect customers to fraudulent bank websites to disclose their account details, PIN, user name and password. Armed with these, the fraudsters then access customers' accounts and send money to other parties. Here is some useful advice to help members combat this type of fraud.

IF you receive a suspicious email, do not respond to it and delete it. Never access your Internet banking account through hyperlinks embedded in emails or you are at risk of being diverted to a fraudulent website. Always access your online banking accounts directly through your bank on your browser.

IF you have already received and responded to such an email, you should immediately change your password, check your account status and notify your bank's customer service.

If you are in doubt, or have any concerns – **change your password**. Once you have done so, any fraudsters that have obtained your old password will be denied access. You can also change your password regularly, and never disclose your PIN or password to anyone.

NEWS ABOUT MACAU

1st Five Years (MacaU – Dec 2004)

The liberalization of the gaming and telecommunications industries, economic partnership with Mainland China and a clear focus on confirming Macau's status as a platform linking China with Portuguese-speaking countries are clearly the four major

policies that have marked the first five years of the Macau S.A.R.

Two-system Policy (S.C.M.P.)

President Hu Jintao, in the course of a visit to Macau on the fifth anniversary of its return to Chinese rule, declared that Macau's booming economy and trouble-free politics has proven the wisdom of China's "one country, two systems" arrangements and suggested the policy should "continue on" as Beijing deals with Hong Kong and Taiwan in the future. Time has proven that the "one country, two systems" formula devised by the late **Deng Xiaoping** to facilitate Hong Kong's return to Chinese rule in 1997 after 150 years as British colony is perfectly sound. A similar arrangement was put into place when Macau reverted to China after 450 years of Portuguese rule two years later in 1999.

Macau Real Estate

Speculators(SCMP – 8 Dec. 2004)

Macau Chief Executive **Edmund HO Hau-wah** called upon speculators last month to help reduce the fever that recently stirred up a buying trend in Macau real estate. He stated that such speculative action would potentially put Macau's tiny property market at risk. He also warned of creating more sites by reclamation to cool down the property market.

"Sai Van " Bridge (MacaU – Dec 2004)

Over a thousand names were entered in a contest recently and "Sai Van", meaning West Bay, was picked as the name for Macau's new bridge. The 2,200-metre bridge is the very first cabled-stayed bridge in Macau, and the largest public project since the handover in 1999. Construction work commenced in 2002. and will be completed by 2005. Designed with a double deck the bridge starts from the Sai Van Lake on the Macau Peninsula (near the Pousada de Santiago da Barra) linking it to Taipa Island, near the old Taipa pier.

This third bridge linking Macau to Taipa was designed to allow six lanes on the upper deck and four in the lower one. The latter will open only when a typhoon hits the city. There is also room for the installation of a light rail train in the future that would ease the commuter traffic situation.

The new crossing between Macau and Taipa should be open by early 2005. This third bridge is equipped to eventually carry Macau's new public transport system and is designed to allow traffic to cross even during typhoons unlike presently occurs with the other two existing bridges

Sampaio's forthcoming visit to Macau

(Contributed by Carlos from S.C.M.P.)

Portuguese President Jorge Sampaio's forthcoming visit to Macau marks a new step in Lisbon's relations with the enclave that it ruled for over 400 years until just over five years ago. Mr. Sampaio handed back Macau to Chinese administration on December 1999.

The 65-year old centre-left politician will visit Macau in mid-January 2005 on the last leg of a week-long state visit to China. He will no doubt be surprised by Macau's spectacular economic growth; good law-and-order situation and the local Portuguese community's remarkably smooth accommodation to life under Chinese rule. This is in sharp contrast to the situation in the first few months after the handover when many of the Portuguese minority was still beset with a certain degree of anxiety over their future. Mr. Sampaio will be visiting a territory that has the largest number of European Union Passport holders in Asia – 110,000 in all, or nearly a quarter of Macau's population. Some 90 percent of these are local Chinese and most of them regard the passports as convenient travel documents and not any indication of their national identity.

NEWS ABOUT HONG KONG

HSBC Chairman (SCMP- 8 Dec 2004)

Hong Kong is giving a warm welcome to **Vincent CHENG Hoi-chuen**, new Chairman of Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation (Hongkong Bank). Life began far from the futuristic bank building in Central. He was born and grew up in Shamshuipo and started with the Bank in 1978. Within eight years he rose to be the Bank's chief economist. As he worked his way up the corporate

ladder he never forgot the underprivileged and for years he has worked tirelessly for charities and educational causes. He stated often that it is most important to create a society in which it's worth living. He has worked with both the Legislative and the Executive Councils for a number of years. His concerns for a fairer society branded him a liberal, while his economic beliefs cast him as a conservative. He's got common sense, toughness and a sense of what's right. Through sheer hard work, talent and ability he has overcome enormous challenges and made it to the top. He's a real Hongkonger and that is why many Hong Kong individuals are so thrilled and happy with his well deserved appointment.

HOUSE SMART IN WINTER.

(Shell Busey - Province – January 9)

During the winter when we may go away for a vacation or if the local weather turns very cold it is prudent to reduce the possible risk of "burst" pipes or other problems. Here are a few recommendations to follow if you will be away for an extended period or if the weather turns very cold.

Shut off the automatic icemaker in your fridge.

Shut off the water supply under each toilet tank.

Unplug any instant hot-water heaters.

Turn down the setting on the hot-water tank.

Shut off supply hoses to automatic washing machines.

Winterize the outside faucets by shutting off the individual water supplies and draining the faucets by turning to the "on" position.

Leave thermostats for furnace or heating systems at 60o F.

You do not turn off the main water valves because you may have other things such as automatic humidifiers that still require water.

Until next time

EDITOR

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