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The Macau Cultural Association ("A Primeira Casa de Macau em Canada") is a non-profit organization founded in the autumn of 1989 for the cultivation of Macanese culture, heritage and interest. It is the first such association established here in Canada and forms an integral part of the network of "Casas de Macau" established throughout the world. Sister organizations are located in major cities like Lisbon, Toronto, Rio de Janeiro, Sao Paulo, San Francisco, Hong Kong and Sydney.

Our Association Website is located at www.casademacau.net
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EDITORIAL

Our Association is anxiously waiting to hear from **Dr. Jose M. Costa Antunes**, Director of the Macau Government Tourist Association (MGTO) on the results of his in-depth analysis and study to try and establish a closer spirit of co-operation between the Macau Government through the MGTO and the Casas de Macau worldwide. Our Association responded promptly to a

communication from Dr. Antunes in our letter dated 25 November 2005. Meanwhile we have placed Dr. Antunes on our mailing list to receive copies of our monthly newsletters. It is our belief that our newsletters are an excellent source of public relations and to provide information on what's going on within our own Association here in Vancouver, in Macau itself, and where, conceivably possible, in Macanese communities spread throughout the world in that order of preference. We also believe that our Association remains the only Casa de Macau worldwide that still produces a bulletin each and every month of the year. Our Association intends to co-operate fully with MGTO in order to achieve the maximum level of public relations for Macau.

We are fully aware that MGTO is most active in promoting Macau but not everyone has unlimited access to copies of the Macau Travel Talk and other publications from Macau. As far as this Association is concerned we have, for many years now, acted as an unofficial Ambassador of Goodwill in supporting

Macau in every possible way by publicizing Macau's efforts in selling Macau to the world. Our Association has seized every opportunity to, so to speak, shout out through the rooftops to the entire world that Macau is fully capable of creating a healthy economic structure involving government and the private sector and to stress that Macau is doing a tremendous job in organizing events and functions of a very high caliber.

We must do our part to help promote our cultural heritage particularly when the year 2006 is being celebrated as "World Heritage Year" in Macau. Our Association is doing its utmost to assist and help to turn Macau into something more than just a gambling and entertainment city. By publicizing every aspect of its development we sincerely hope that this would help Macau to attract even more visitors and encourage tourism in that city. All this is of paramount importance to Macau's overall development.

Having said the above we would also like to draw the attention of **Fundacao Oriente, Macau, APIM, MGTO, APOMAC, Fundacao Macau; I.I.M.; ATFPM and other institutions in Macau**, and our own members and friends, that for many years now and without any prompting from Macau, we have been supporting Macau and quietly assumed the role of an unofficial Ambassador of Goodwill to Macau. We introduced a good many years ago a section in our monthly newsletter devoted to "News from Macau" incorporating news from "Macau Travel Talk" and other publications in a genuine attempt to spread information about what's going on in Macau and to give as much publicity as possible to Macau.

In the year 2005 alone, we have published information in our newsletters regarding the following topics: -

- The First Five Years of Macau as a Special Administrative Region of China and the success of its "one country, two systems" arrangements that was the formula devised by the late Deng Xiaoping to facilitate Hong Kong and Macau's return to Chinese rule in 1997 and 1999 respectively.
- The choice of the name "Sai Van" meaning West Bay, as the name chosen for Macau's new bridge.

- The gaming profits in Macau and the economic benefits derived from them.
- The third bridge linking Macau with the Islands.
- China's growth and rise as a commercial power have given rise to a vast increase in prosperity in the region and some of that has rubbed off on Macau which is slated to become China's "Las Vegas" but a family oriented version of Las Vegas, and the entertainment capital of Asia.
- The publicity surrounding the announcement that Macau's Historic Center has been named an UNESCO World Heritage Site.
- Brief descriptions of the many locations in Macau that make up the Historic Center of Macau.
- Report on the activities in Macau as the location of the 4th East Asian Games. The Opening and Closing Ceremonies by themselves were absolutely lavish and spectacular. The presence and participation by the Vice Premier, Madam WU Yi of the People's Republic of China reflected the importance given to those Games by the Central Government in Beijing.
- The recent announcement by RAEM of the proposed reclamation plan to enlarge the city's land area by 400 hectares, or roughly one seventh of its current size.

We like to repeat once more that, *without any prompting from Macau*, we have been in the forefront in assuming the role of an unofficial Ambassador of Goodwill to Macau. We like to see, in a nutshell, other Casas de Macau worldwide likewise emulate us in these activities to promote Macau in the eyes of the world and to create a positive image of our beloved Macau.

GENERAL MEETING – 19 FEBRUARY

24 members attended this meeting. The meeting touched on the following topics:

- In the absence of Josefina do Rosario, Sergio Rui de Pina read out the Minutes of the previous General Meeting in January 2006

and which members present passed as read.

- The Association Financial Report as at 31 January 2006, prepared and read by Sergio Rui de Pina, were subsequently passed as read by members present.
- Sergio Rui de Pina announced that the annual “year end” financial statement would be tabled next month for consideration and subsequent approval by members.
- It was announced that as Easter week will fall on the third week in April, there would not be a monthly meeting in April. Instead the Association is planning on celebrating Easter Break with a dinner on Wednesday, 19 April. Arrangements will be finalized for an announcement to be made at the next meeting on 19 March. 2006.
- The Association welcomed three new members: Jose Santos, Odete Souza and Daniel SHEUNG.
- A number of members paid up their dues for 2006 whilst another member paid \$6 for the newsletter to be sent to her by post.
- There being no other business the meeting was adjourned at 3.40 p.m.
- Members present followed the adjournment with a fabulous “chagordo” with food either donated or otherwise by a string of members. There was pasta, several varieties of fried rice, curries, garlic toast and even a large pot of Congee plus a large variety of sweet desserts. All members present for the meeting had just a wonderful time.

NEXT GENERAL MEETING – 19 MARCH

Notice is hereby given that a General Meeting will take place on Sunday, 19 March 2006 in the Metropolis Community Room in Metrotown commencing at 2.00 p.m.

MEMBERSHIP DUES – 2006

Based on current By-Laws all members are reminded that annual membership fees are payable as from 1st January of each year and any member who fails to pay his membership fees by March

31 of each year shall be considered as delinquent or a member “not in good standing”

MAHJONG SOCIAL – 6 March 2006

27 members attended an organized Mahjong & Dinner Social at Centre Pointe in Richmond on Sunday, 6 March 2006. Josefina do Rosario and Sergio Rui de Pina cooked up a really fabulous Chicken Curry whilst Luiz Souza helped with a smaller pot of “Tempera Pastel” cooked for those who did not agree very much with a hot curry. As usual we got a great deal of help from our regulars including Helen Xavier, Paulina Brown, Gertie dos Remedios, Thelma Wood and others. We welcomed Dow & Nancy NG to our Mahjong playing group. Several of the Delgados made a somewhat surprise appearance to play Mahjong on this occasion and to join all of us for a great dinner. Several other individuals did not play Mahjong but turned up for dinner anyway. We realize that the Delgados remain members of both Casas but we do sometimes wonder just where their allegiance lies. Their presence therefore came as a surprise to some of our members.

NO GENERAL MEETING IN APRIL

Members are hereby advised that there will be no General Meeting in April 2006, as the Easter Break will take place during the third week in April.

GREEK DINNER & GET TOGETHER

Members are reminded that our Association will organize a Greek dinner at the MAD GREEK RESTAURANT located at 7260 Westminster Highway in Richmond on Wednesday, 19 April 2006 commencing at 7.00 p.m. sharp.

There has been a slight change of plans. Members joining us for dinner will now pay for a meal of their own choice but each person will be receiving a \$5 rebate from our gracious convener, Helen Xavier.

The list for this function will close on Wednesday, 12 April 2006 and Helen Xavier will handle the registrations. Members who fail to join us are going to miss out on a wonderful and enjoyable evening. Drinks consumed at this function will also be at each member’s own personal account.

BIRTHDAYS IN MARCH

We wish to extend birthday greetings to the following members who are celebrating their birthdays some time this month in March: -

- Monica Gutierrez
- Renato Rodrigues
- Filipe Antonio Cordeiro
- Alfonso McSmith
- Margarida Pina
- Janett Airoso
- Gwen d'Souza
- Osman Madar

Please provide us with details of your birthdays in order that they may be included in future and appropriate issues of our newsletters.

NEWS FROM MACAU

Aftermath of 4th East Asian Games.

Macau is going to be recognized as a city with sporting facilities of international standards. The Games left something tangible – an infrastructural legacy that would prove to be of benefit for future sporting events in the city. Residents of Macau are also going to benefit from these newly built or renovated EAG venues. What a wonderful legacy for the citizens of Macau!!

Macau Grand Prix

It's Grand Prix time again in October/November 2006 when the heart of the city will throb with the sound of racing cars. Now on its 52nd year, the event has reached a new standard propelling Macau to a widely recognized spot in the world of sports car racing.

Macau's Fishermen's Wharf

Macau's first theme park, with a first stage investment of MOP\$1.0 billion, opened on 31 December 2005. Macau's newly opened Fishermen's Wharf is centrally located along Macau's outer harbor, a five-minute walk from the Macau Ferry Terminal and Helipad. It is divided into three main sections following different and distinct themes: Dynasty, East Meets West, and the Legend Wharf.

Dynasty is a replica of Tang Dynasty architectures containing shops with an international array of products to satisfy everyone's shopping desire.

East Meets West is a children entertainment and functional area, and includes a mixture of different live shows and convention facilities. Both Eastern and Western cultural elements are included.

Legend Wharf features a collection of European and Latin style architectures. Visitors can indulge their senses with tasty treats in a variety of restaurants or choose a gift from a wide range of shops. There will also be a variety of street performances in the main boulevard.

PUBLIC RELATIONS

These are extracts of recent correspondence received by us from several members.

One from Teresa da Roza reads: "I need a favor from you because I have misplaced your newsletter for April 2005 that included the recipe for "Chocolate Pudding Pots" – It is sooooo good! I used the recipe as a filling for a chocolate "panache" and decorated it with a rolled fondant. It makes a most impressive and spectacular birthday cake and it tastes so very good. Please e-mail me a copy of the newsletter or just the recipe if you have it on the computer. Once again I enjoyed your newsletters. I think that if you had the chance you should have been a journalist or a writer in this country".

One from Theresa Pereira expressed her view that the New Year's Eve Dance organized by the MCA was a real success. She went on to say:

- The food was excellent as was the hall decorations and table settings.
- The singers who entertained us with traditional Portuguese songs.
- The superb "single person" DJ who provided us with a great variety of dance music.
- It was a pleasure to listen to and watch the professional dancers glide on the dance floor.
- "I will not miss a dance like this for anything in the world and at such a reasonable price".
- "I wish to thank all the Council members and other hard working individuals who worked so hard to put up such a terrific show".

Another written letter came from Marcus A. da Roza who wrote:

- The New Year's Eve Party was a wonderful and enjoyable evening experience.
- The dinner consisting of several choices of main courses, salads, desserts and drinks in addition to late night snacks, were well received and appreciated by the huge number of guests who enjoyed the Portuguese songs, and the non-stop performance by our Association DJ.
- The function was so far the most enjoyable occasion that deserves an "Obrigado" to one and all.
- "Well done" Helen Xavier for her very great effort
- Thank you all for a very successful year-end celebration and for the "Cash rebate"!
- God bless you all for your efforts.

Thank you **Teresa da Roza, Theresa Pereira** and **Marcus da Roza** for their very kind words and praises. We really appreciate those words of expression. You lifted up our spirits no end.

OUR ASSOCIATION WEBSITE

We are delighted to inform our members and friends that **Paulo Batalha da Conceicao**, our hardworking Webmaster, recently spent some hours in updating our Website. Some of the changes are subtle ones but others will clearly resolve some of the problems that crop up on the website. Previously "cropping" occurs with many web pages because the browser cannot render the pages correctly in print form. Paulo has now created a "printer-friendly" version on all pages containing photographs of MCA activities to resolve the problems we have with printing out photographs from the website, not only for ourselves but also for others visiting our website as well. We are most grateful to Paulo for his great effort in not only tackling but also finding the solution to these problems.

MISCELLANEOUS Club Dissidents

We also enclose in this newsletter a very recent self-explanatory letter addressed to Antonio Amante, President of Casa de Macau Club and copied to Dr. Victor NG of Fundacao Macau **and** to Dr. Jose M. de

Oliveira Rodrigues, President of A.P.I.M. and C.C.M. for their information. We are looking forward to receiving at long last some kind of positive response from Casa de Macau Club or are we to endure stonewall silence from them again. There are already rumors warning us that we can expect, as has been the case in the past, little or no co-operation from the Club. This is a very sad state of affairs indeed.

OBITUARY

Therese da ROCHA (nee Barradas) passed away peacefully at Markham-Stouffville Hospital, in her 81st year, on Thursday March 9, 2006. She was the loving wife of the late Octavio (Doc) da Rocha and devoted mother of Antonio (deceased), Lina (Robert Little), Regina (Robert CHAN), Andrea (Norman Steinhauser), Jose (Joanne Wilson), Fernanda (Basil LEE), Avo (Granny) to Dennis, Mark, Alison, Carl, Derek, Michelle, Peter, Jacqueline, Amanda, Cristina, Adam, Anthony, and Alex. Therese was the sister to Ilma, Mickey, and Bruno. Family is thankful to Annie for her loving care.

To the next-of-kin and relatives we offer our very sincere condolences and deepest sympathy. I like to mention here that Delcie Souza is a close relation to the late Octavio (Doc) Rocha and Annie da Rocha Barradas.

Until next month

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Vice President & Editor
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Enclosures:

- **Copy of recent two-paged letter addressed to Mr. Antonio Amante, President of Casa de Macau Club and copied to Dr. Victor NG, President, Fundacao Macau; and to Dr. Jose M. de Oliveira Rodrigues, President of A.P.I.M. and C.C.M.**
- **Pictorial of our Chinese New Year Banquet held on 22 January 2006**



Chinese New Year Banquet – 22 January 2006 - Photographs

**ENCLOSURE TO
MARCH 06 NEWSLETTER**

C O P Y

28th February 2006.

**Mr. Antonio Amante
President
Casa de Macau Club
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Dear Sir,

Re: Joint Acquisition of Clubhouse

In accordance with Dr. Victor NG's instructions, and on behalf of the Macau Cultural Association (Casa de Macau) of Western Canada – hereafter called the Association, we would inform you that, once again, it is our intention to take the initiative and the leadership in finding a solution to the situation and impasse of the purchase of a Clubhouse in the Lower Mainland/Vancouver area for the use and enjoyment by the entire Macanese Community.

Since Dr. Victor NG's letter dated 7th December 2005, and as usual, we have not heard from you on this subject, just as we did not receive any written reply from you (for about five years) on a previous occasion when we sent proposals to your club on the subject of the purchase of the Clubhouse for the Macanese Community in Western Canada.

We are sure that you would not deny the Macanese Community at large of a Clubhouse which hopefully will create unity and brotherhood, and heal the pain and hurt caused by your separation and split from our Association in 1995.

We take this opportunity to once again appeal to you and your club to join us in an honest and true effort to facilitate the process of the acquisition of the Clubhouse for the entire Macanese Community.

Dr. Victor NG, President of the Fundacao Macau, in his letter of 7th December 2005, advised, notified and instructed us to work and co-operate towards the acquisition of the Clubhouse.

Your continued refusal to work directly with us will cause serious and continued disrupture in the well being of our Community, and the damaging results in the legacy to our Community must rest and weigh entirely and solely on your shoulders, and therefore you and your club must bear full responsibility for any and all failure in the achievement of the purchase of the Clubhouse in the Vancouver/Lower Mainland Area.

We are, once again, appealing and urging you and your club to co-operate with our Association in negotiations with a view to purchase a Clubhouse for the common use and enjoyment of the entire Macanese Community.

We should put aside all and any differences between this Association and your Club, but above all, we must put aside the interests, the well-being and the unity of all members of the Macanese Community first and foremost, and in the future we must prevent any kind of divisions, splits and separations of any kind.

In order to kick-start the negotiations, we propose the following:

- **An initial meeting between the two Casas' Presidents to discuss and plan a program and prepare a list of issues for discussion.**
- **The first meeting between the Presidents to take place on Friday, 24th March 2006 at a venue to be arranged at the earliest possible convenience. This meeting may be informal in nature e.g. dress code, etc.**
- **To set up times and venues for future meetings on regular basis (bi-weekly), until a final agreement and a decision is achieved.**
- **Each President to bring an official list of items and proposals for discussions. All items and discussions should refer to the subject in hand i.e. the purchase of the Clubhouse/Sede.**
- **We request a reply to this letter at your earliest time via regular mail, and also, please indicate to us about your acceptance of the above mentioned second proposal, as your confirmation to this is essential.**

For the good and well being of the Macanese Community in Vancouver/Lower Mainland.

(signed)

Sergio Rui de Pina

President

Macau Cultural Association (Casa de Macau) of Western Canada.

**c.c. Dr. Victor NG, President, Fundacao Macau, Macau SAR
Dr. Jose M. de Oliveira Rodrigues, President, APIM & CCM
Members of the Executive Council of Macau Cultural Association
Mr. Luiz M. Souza, MBE AE, Editor, Boletim Macaense, Vancouver, B.C.**

ADDENDUM TO ASSOCIATION'S NEWSLETTER FOR MARCH 2006.
CONTRIBUTED BY SERGIO RUI DE PINA.

MACAU SAR AT UNIVERSITY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

At the invitation of Professor Alexandra Henriques of University of British Columbia, Sergio Rui de Pina agreed to preside over the Portuguese Language Class at U.B.C. on Thursday, 9th March 2006. Sergio researched extensively to produce the text and program for the Class. He extended an invitation to Luiz Souza, Helen Xavier and Ana Clara Rodrigues to join him and to assist him in the preparation of the classroom with posters, and motifs to reflect the Theme of the Day: "**MACAU**".

The class was conducted in Portuguese in its entirety and Sergio elaborated on the history of Macau. He spoke on the development of the city from its early days to the present. A complete overview of the history of Macau was presented to the students commencing with a brief history of the Portuguese Navigators travelling to the settlements of Goa, Damao, and Diu; to the settlement of Malacca and to the settlement of Macau which ultimately gave place to the present day Macau.

Sergio's program had a very high Educational and Linguistic impact on all the students who were made aware of the existence and geographical location of Macau. Sergio also made certain to convey the Social and Cultural character of Macau, the Macanese people, the Macanese patois, the Modern History of Macau, the new Macau under Chinese administration, the "one country – two systems" policy, the two official languages (Chinese and Portuguese), the fact that the Macau SAR Government as currently lead and administered by a number of local individuals such as its Chief Executive, H.E. Dr. Edmund HO hau-wah, and the Secretary for Social Affairs and Culture, Dr. Fernando CHUI Sai-on, et all.

Other subjects briefly touched upon: the rejuvenated Sports facilities brought about by the 4th East Asian Games held in October/November 2005; the 1st Lusofonia Games scheduled for this coming October with the participation of all the Portuguese speaking countries around the world with a planned gathering of about 1,300 athletes in Macau to be organised by the very same Organizing Committee (MEAGOC) under the direction of Dr. Fernando CHUI Sai-on and Dr. Manuel Silverio, the Chairman of the Organizing Committee and Vice President of the Macau Olympic Committee.

Also on the Agenda of the Class Program, the subject of our "ENCONTROS" was covered extensively as well as social and official information such as Population and its "make-up"; the Industries and Commerce starting with Gaming and Casinos to Tourism, Hotel/Accommodation services; to the Restaurant/Culinary Industry; and a special mention was made of Macau's Fusion Cuisine.

The question of emigration of the Macanese people from Macau to neighbouring locations such as Hong Kong and Shanghai as well as other smaller centres along the China Coast was touched upon. In the post World War 2 era the exodus from Macau continued to spread to all the continents around the world (Australia, Canada, Europe, South America and the United States of America).

The program prepared by Sergio Rui de Pina covered a lot of territory and was most appropriate for the Students in this Portuguese Language Class. The aim and objective of "putting Macau on the Map" was achieved and the dual contribution of both cultures was illustrated in the recognition of Macau's Historic Center as an UNESCO World Heritage Site,

The lecture conducted was concise and accurate and obviously made a very good impression not only from the students but also earned a good grading from Professor Alexandra Henriques who was quite impressed by the trouble Sergio went through to obtain the DVD

presentation, the Posters, the books (in Portuguese), the magazines, the brochures, and the Maps.

Finally our Association would like to take a little space in our current newsletter to thank Professor Alexandra Henriques and the University of British Columbia for their kind invitation and for the honour and privilege to participate in that Portuguese Class. We sincerely hope that we would be able to build a stronger relationship and close co-operation and collaboration in the future. THANKS TO ALL WHO HAVE BEEN INVOLVED IN THIS EXERCISE.

WELCOME TO ANA MARIA NORONHA

Recently we had the pleasure of welcoming and entertaining Ana Maria Noronha in our fair city of Vancouver. Ana Maria Noronha, Director of Marketing, AIR MACAU, in Macau, combined her vacation with business meetings with AIR MACAU's official agents in Vancouver and our Association has agreed to assist and collaborate with AIR MACAU's agents in any way that we can, within our capabilities.

As we have mentioned on previous occasions, this Association will be more than happy to be of service and assistance to the Government of Macau SAR and with all its departments and agencies. The same level of co-operation will be extended to other Macau institutions, businesses, organizations, associations, etc. Clearly this Association is privileged to be able to serve as an "Ambassador" to and on behalf of the Macau SAR.

OBITUARY

Jose Morais (1938-2006) passed away on 8th March 2006 after a very long illness caused by a stroke, which had paralysed him seventeen years ago and confined him to a wheelchair. In recent years he suffered more deterioration in his fragile health causing further problems related to some loss in his speech, cancer, diabetes and a blood pressure condition.

Jose Morais was an old personal and family friend AND an old school mate of Sergio Rui de Pina. His late father, Sebastiao Voltaire Morais was a Commissioner of the Macau Police, and a close and good friend of the late Manuel Dimas Pina, a former Commandant of the Macau Fire Department, Many years ago Jose Morais served as an Officer in the Army and later was attached to the Macau Police Force under the old Administration. On his passing he leaves behind two sisters, Fernanda and Virginia in Macau, and a younger brother, Alberto in Brasil.

To all members of the Morais family we extend our deepest sympathy and sincere condolences for their loss.

NATALIE SANTOS

Natalie Santos was recently hospitalized for a couple of days at Richmond General Hospital. Upon her release it was decided that it would be best for everyone concerned that she move into a home for seniors. We are now glad to report that she has been admitted into a senior's home at Oak Tree House located at 7831 Minoru Boulevard in Richmond, B.C. By a strange coincidence Alfonso McSmith is also accommodated in that same home and consequently they will have each other for company. We wish Natalie all of the very best in her now lodgings and surroundings. Natalie has been a member of our Association for a great number of years.