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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.

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SEPTEMBER 2006

NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Notice is hereby given that our Association's Annual General Meeting will take place on Sunday, 19 November 2006. In accordance with our Constitution and By-Laws, the following procedures will apply for this forthcoming Election to be held on that date. A Nomination & Election Committee has been appointed to supervise the conduct of the Election. Nomination Forms will be made available at our monthly General Meeting on 17 September 2006.

Nomination Forms

A Candidate must be proposed and seconded by two members in good standing. A prospective Candidate may run for one Council position and, if someone submits Nomination Forms to run for more than one Council position, then his/her application will be declared null and void.

The Candidate expressing his/her willingness to serve on the Executive Council (any one of the four positions of President, Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary) must complete Part "A" of the Nomination Form.



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A Member who wishes to propose the nomination of the Candidate will be required to complete Part "B" and the Member who seconds the nomination will be required to complete Part "C".

All Nomination forms, duly completed and signed, will be enclosed in a sealed envelope, addressed and handed in person to the Chairperson, N & E Committee, or mailed to: -

The Chairperson, N & E Committee,
Macau Cultural Association (Casa de Macau)
P. O. Box 97197,
Richmond, B.C.

Please be advised that, if the Nomination Forms are not fully completed and signed, they will be declared null and void.

Nomination Forms, in sealed envelopes, may also be handed to any sitting and current member of the Executive Committee. However, such nomination forms must be submitted in good time to allow them to be passed on to the Chairperson, N & E Committee. Council members will not be held responsible if the completed Nomination Forms missed the official closing date. It is the responsibility of the Candidate to ensure that the duly completed Nomination Forms reach the Chairman, N & E Committee before 17.00 hours (5.00 p.m) on Wednesday, 11 October 2006. Mailed-in Nomination Forms reaching the Chairperson after hours on the closing date, will not be eligible.

OPENING OF NOMINATION FORMS

- (a) At the General Meeting scheduled for Sunday, 15 October 2006. The Chairperson, N & E Committee will open all the sealed Nomination Forms in the presence of Members and then announce the names of the Candidates.
- (b) At this meeting on 15 October nominated Candidates will have an opportunity, if they so wish, to say a few words (limit of three minutes) about their platform and aspirations to run for office.

ELECTIONS

- (a) The Elections will take place at the General Meeting on 19 November 2006 under the supervision of Chairperson and members of the N & E Committee;
- (b) Members of the N & E Committee will distribute the numbered voting ballots and any candidate using a non-numbered ballot form will be disqualified.
- (c) Voting takes place and Members of the N & E Committee will count up the votes and then announce the results;
- (d) The N & E Committee will stand down three weeks after the Elections take place, unless a challenge to the election results has been lodged. In such an event the Committee will stand down only after the results have been officially verified and confirmed.

Eligibility to vote on Election Day.

According to the By-Laws of this Association only members who are in good standing and have paid up their current dues by 31 March 2006 are eligible to vote.

Eligibility for Election as Council Members

In order to stand for Election as a Council Member, the Candidate: -

- (a) must have been a member of the Association since 1 January of current year;
- (b) is a member in good standing; and
- (c) is not a member of the N & E Committee;
- (d) is not a member of another association whose objectives are similar to those of our Association. This is in compliance with our By-Laws and is intended to avoid possible conflict of interest in the execution of the duties and responsibilities of that office.

Issued by Members of the Executive Council
Macau Cultural Association
September 2006

FORTHCOMING GENERAL MEETINGS

As members will gather from the above our next few General Meetings from September to December 2006 are going to be very important. Nomination Forms in connection with the November Elections will be available for distribution on 17 September. At the General Meeting on 15 October all the nominated candidates for our Elections will be announced. Our Elections will take place on 19 November 2006.

- (a) General Meeting on 17 September – Nomination Forms for use at our Elections in November will be made available;
- (b) General Meeting on 15 October – Names of nominated Candidates will be announced; and
- (c) Annual General Meeting on 19 November – General Elections will take place. Successful candidates will assume office on 1 January 2007.
- (d) Our December General Meeting at a date to be announced will probably take place at Centre Pointe in Richmond that will include our annual Children's Christmas Party.

CD – “Ensaio do Coral”

Our Association has received a limited number of CDs titled “Ensaio do Coral”. This newly pressed CD includes the following numbers:

Macau	Medley Macau Sa Assi/Cantiga da Rua
I Will Follow Him	An Li Shan
Cancao do Mar	Cominzaina
Medley dos Carpenters	Yie Lai Xian
Vinho Verde	Nos Sa Bem Di Feliz
The Sound of Music	Trem das Onze
Do Re Mi	

Due to the limited number of CDs we can only accept orders for quantities on an individual basis and all available stock will be sold on a "first come first served basis". All orders should be placed with Sergio Rui de Pina at his e-mail address or at (604) 303-7557. All deliveries will be done at our usual monthly meetings and payments in cash at time of pick up. Should Sergio be away on business, interested parties should contact Helen Xavier at (604) 279-8824 for any purchase and pick up of the CDs.

"Mahjong Social & Dinner – 3 September 2006."

On 3 September 2006 we saw the revival of our most popular "Mahjong Social & Dinner" at Centre Pointe. This time we had five tables of mahjong with another few camp followers to enjoy a tremendous dinner prepared by Cecelia Gill. There was roast chicken, prawn curry and a large pot of cabbage with tomatoes and herbs for a wonderful dinner for nearly thirty people. It was a most enjoyable dinner prepared by a person who knew what she was doing. Earlier at teatime members enjoyed samosas, sandwiches and toasted Cinnamon flavoured mini rolls. There was so much offered for tea that some goodies were withdrawn and kept for our next social event! We ended the evening with two large watermelons for dessert that was very much appreciated. We are already looking forward to the next "Mahjong Social & Dinner in October. Thank you Cecelia for a most wonderful meal!

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS

We take this opportunity to wish all the "birthday" members "MUITO PARABENS" on behalf of the Association. The greeting goes to Ronald Gill, Rosalina da Silva, Dolores Rodrigues, Florinda Pina, Samantha Gill and Antony Jose MA Jr.

Recent Obituaries

- (a) Jack Edwards in Hong Kong, war veteran and ex-serviceman who fought to secure pensions and British passports for war veterans and their wives and widows which were eventually granted on the day before the handover. (Source: SCMP – 2 September 2006)
- (b) Rudolfo Pedruco passed away in Pacifica, U.S.A. on 22 August 2006. Born in Macau on 8 December 1930. His children, Tito, Paul, Michael, Kevin, Julie and ten grandchildren survive him. (Source: DeSouzaGRF@aol.com)
- (c) Norma Souza (Ed's wife) passed away on 11 August 2006. Memorial Mass was observed on 17 August at All Saint's Church in Hayward. (Source: DeSouzaGRF@aol.com)

WYNN CASINO – MACAU

This casino opened in early September with a tremendous display of fireworks. Our Association had in our newsletter a write-up prior to the opening many months ago.

Until next month,
Luiz M. Souza, MBE (Mil), AE
Editor, Boletim Macaense,
Casa de Macau (Macau Cultural Association)
Vancouver, BC, Canada.
16 September 2006.

BOLETIM MACAENSE – ADDENDUM
FOR SEPTEMBER 2006

A CASA DE MACAU EM VANCOUVER
(MACAU CULTURAL ASSOCIATION)

RUA DE CAMPO

We have previously been receiving e-mails from an individual under the alias of “O Macaense, Rua de Campo” in which he commented on the actions of Casa de Macau Club and his opinion of them.

Lately however we have been receiving abusive e-mails from Rua de Campo addressed to us. After consulting with people in the know, it is the opinion that the identity of “Rua de Campo” has been taken over for the purpose of sending disparaging e-mails to me.

Some individuals take our existence in promoting Macau as a game of winning and losing. Let us hope that this attitude never creeps up into our Association, and if it does, it should be expunged immediately. This is a posture foreign to Macaenses.

Although most unpleasant to read I am reprinting two of them although there are a few more not worthy of repeating, to show what mentalities we have been confronted with over the last ten years. They are typical examples of the type of peculiar things said about us.

We have been referred to as “dumb” and “donkeys” in the past, but we are now referred to with a couple of new ones – “bald donkey’s ass” and “jackasses”.

SERGIO RUI DE PINA
PRESIDENT
A CASA DE MACAU EM VANCOUVER
(MACAU CULTURAL ASSOCIATION)

Extract of e-mail 1

- From: "O Macaense"
- To: sergiodepina@shaw.ca
- Sent: Thursday, September 07, 2006 2.20a.m.
- Dr. Rodrigues will be coming to Vancouver and he will buy 1 clubhouse and not 2 clubhouses. You donkeys will be royally screwed. And you think you will get 70%-30%? Jackasses!

Extract of e-mail 2

From: "O Macaense"
To: Sergiodepina@shaw.ca
Sent: Thursday, September 07, 2006 2.39 a.m.
Subject: 1 clubhouse and not two clubhouses

To bald donkey's ass.

Dr. Rodrigues and his purchase of 1 clubhouse. You lose.

In reference to your latest bulletin, we will get only 1 clubhouse and not 2. We will eventually be victorious. Your bulletin is right. We will win and you will lose. Go screw yourselves, donkeys, jackasses. Its already decided by Macau. 1 clubhouse – we've won.