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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](http://www.casademacau.net)  
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NOVEMBER 2006

## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

As there were only four nominations for the four positions in the Executive Council the following are being elected on 19 November 2006 by acclamation for the two years 2007/2008: -

<b>President:</b>	<b>Sérgio Rui de Pina</b>
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## UP-TO-DATE NEWS

Members will recall that last month, with Sergio and Josefina away in Macau, Luiz chaired a very low key meeting and reported nothing the developments that had taken place in the previous weeks. He will therefore leave these developments to be reported verbally by Sergio at the November General Meeting on 19 November 2006. Two important subjects relate to the relationship between our Association and the other Club AND the latest developments vis-à-vis the question of a clubhouse.



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### **EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING**

**Notice is hereby given and pursuant to a decision taken by the Executive Council, an Extraordinary General Meeting is being convened to take place in Sunday, 17 December 2006 at 13.30 hours (1.30 p.m.) at the following location: - Centre Pointe (Amenities Room), 8811 Lansdowne Road in Richmond, B.C. (Side door facing Lansdowne Road)**

The important issue of the acquisition of a "SEDE" (Club house) will be discussed as well as other related matters requiring approval by the General Assembly of Members. Your participation and presence at this Extraordinary General Meeting is of utmost importance and necessity, as the future and well being of our Association and all our Members should and will be the focal point/issue at hand.

In order to facilitate the work and planning by the organizers and volunteers, the Executive Council requests that any and all Members planning to attend this Extraordinary General Meeting, to call and inform the Association of their intentions at: -

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As mentioned above, the subject of the "sede" or clubhouse is of utmost Importance to all of us, and therefore, the Executive Council strongly advise and encourage one and all Members in good standing to attend this Meeting which will also coincide with the regular General Meeting in December as well as the annual Christmas Party for the children, and all at the same location. The program for that day will start of with the Extraordinary General Meeting in conjunction with the regular Monthly General Meeting, and then be followed by the Children's Christmas Party.

**This Circular Notice is dated 12<sup>th</sup> November 2006.**

**Issued by Sergio Rui de Pina – President – Macau Cultural Association.**

### **CELEBRATING, INSPIRING, AND UNITING PORTUGUESE-SPEAKING CANADIANS**

**"FORCA.CA" on the webpage will be launched soon. Visit [www.forca.ca](http://www.forca.ca) and sign up so that the organizers can inform you of its impending launch date.**

**GET INSPIRED ! GET INVOLVED !**

- **Learn how to speak, read and write Portuguese.**
- **Learn about famous Portuguese-speaking Canadians.**
- **Find a job, an apprenticeship, or a job-training program.**
- **Learn how to write a resume and prepare for an interview.**
- **Find teaching and learning resources.**
- **Find homework help, mentorship and scholarship programs.**
- **Get inspired to volunteer and to get involved in your community and your future.**

The above is a project of the Portuguese Canadian National Congress and has been recommended and brought to our attention by Professor Alexandra Henriques of the University of British Columbia and a member of our Association.

### **CASA DE MACAU (USA) INC.**

Casa de Macau (USA) Inc. held its elections on 12 November 2006 and elected its officers for the two-year period from 12 November 2006 to 11 November 2008. The

newly elected officers comprise of the following:-

**President:** Henrique Manhão Jr.  
**Vice-President:** Albertino da Rosa  
**Secretary:** Rita Lopes  
**Treasurer:** Alice Luz  
**Directors:** Irene Manhão, António Capitule, Aida Capitule, Rosita Lopes, Lourdes Xavier, Jose Xavier, Jessica Xavier, and Luiza da Roza.

The Executive Council and Members of the Macau Cultural Association (Casa de Macau) of Western Canada – “A Primeira Casa de Macau em Canada” wish to extend their warmest regards and best wishes on the above appointments and sincerely hope they all have a successful term of office.

### **OBITUARY**

Ben Abbas passed away recently in the Toronto, Canada. He was a well known lawn bowler in Hong Kong and he will be missed by many of his bowling buddies. His funeral took place on Thursday, 9 November 2006. He was the late husband of a Macau girl, Nydia Nogueira. Ben worked for many years with the Peninsula Hotel, part of the Hong Kong & Shanghai Hotels Group. To the next-of-kin and relatives we offer our very sincere condolences and deepest sympathy.

### **MACAU'S GAMBLING INDUSTRY (Agence France-Presse)**

Macau's gaming industry chalked up yet more record takings in the second quarter of the year, raking up almost \$1.6 billion in US currency at its tables. With annual gambling receipts now expected to nearly \$7 billion, Macau is already believed to have overtaken the earning power of the Las Vegas Strip casinos. In addition, some \$25 billion has been committed to building some 20 new hotel-casino complexes over the next few years in anticipation of tourist arrivals in excess of 20 million.

### **BIRTHDAY WISHES**

We extend our congratulations and birthday wishes to a number of our members whose birthday falls in November 2006 and they include the following: -

- Hank Killeen
- Lily Guterres
- Maria Teresa LEONG
- Alice de Souza

Very special wishes go out to Alice de Souza as we understand she will be celebrating her 88<sup>th</sup> birthday. "Muitos Parabens" to one and all.

### **RECIPE FOR BEEF SHORT RIBS**

4 to 5 lbs. Beef Short Ribs cut into about six oz. pieces

2 tbsp butter

¼ cup canola oil

1tbsp cumin seeds

2 large onions, finely chopped

10 cloves Garlic, finely chopped

1 tin (28oz) plum tomatoes, pureed with juices

2 tbsp (25ml) ground cumin

½ tsp (2 ml) turmeric pepper

2 tsp (8 ml) chile powder  
1 whole piece cinnamon bark  
3 cups (750 ml) chicken or vegetable stock  
½ cup (125 ml) red wine.

**Method**

1. Brown the short ribs first before finally adding them to the sauce.
2. Heat the butter in a large Dutch oven. Add canola oil and cumin seeds. Allow seeds to sizzle for about 30 seconds. Add onions and sauté for about 10 minutes until brown. Add garlic and cook about three minutes.
3. Reduce heat to low and add tomatoes, ground cumin, turmeric, cayenne, chile powder and cinnamon bark. Stir well and increase heat to medium. Cook, stirring often, until oil separates from tomatoes in about ten minutes. Add stock and wine and bring it to a boil. Cover and simmer 15 minutes longer, until oil appears on the surface.
4. Add the browned short ribs, bring it to a boil, reduce heat, cover and simmer about three to four hours or until very tender. Makes six servings. ENJOY FUSION COOKING.

**MACAU TO BECOME A “SHOPPING PARADISE”**

Venetian Macau announced recently that its COTAL property would include a one million-square foot shopping center costing about US\$200 million or 10% of the company's total investment for its resort-hotel, now under construction.

The entire adjoining shopping mall, which is one of the world's largest, will also house a 200,000-square foot shopping center incorporated into the Four Seasons Hotel, which will cover an area of three million square feet.

The new Macau shopping center will attract an estimated 80 percent of its customers from Mainland China and Hong Kong and the rest from visitors coming to Macau for conventions and exhibitions or as tourists.

**REPORT ON RECENT VISIT TO MACAU**

Sérgio Rui de Pina accompanied by Josefina do Rosário visited Macau at the invitation of the President of the Organizing Committee of COJOL, Dr. Manuel Silveiro who will serve as the first Vice President of the Macau Olympic Committee (Macau S.A.R. China) as well as the President of the ACOLOP Games which will take place in Portugal in 2009. Angola will be the third country to host the ACOLOP Games scheduled to take place in 2013.

Having gained tremendous knowledge and experience in the organization of this type of sporting events in 2005, this wealth of organizational practice and skills were evidently displayed and truly reflected in the highly professional performance of all the personnel and volunteers involved from the Youth and Students to the professional drivers and limousine chauffeurs. We must not overlook the performance of all the Security Personnel and their attention to details and procedures, though extensive, did not cause any undue discomfort and embarrassment. It was very comforting to see the Security Personnel at the Entrances of all Events.

The Government of Portugal has awarded a Meritorious Medal to Dr. Manuel Silveiro in recognition of his work in the promotion and development of the ACOLOP Games that, in turn, will create and establish consolidation and unity of all the Portuguese-speaking countries in the world. It is worthy to note that in these first ACOLOP Games held in Macau, we have witnessed the participation of three “special” Associate Member Countries – by India, Sri Lanka and Guine-Equatorial. The full member countries

participating are: - Angola, Brasil, Cabo Verde, Guine-Bissau, Macau, Moçambique, Portugal, São Tome, e Príncipe e Timor-Leste.

In concluding his brief report Sérgio de Pina presents his warmest and heartfelt congratulations to Dr. Manuel Silveiro on the successful ACOLOP Games MACAU 2006 and wishes his best wishes on his new appointments and asks him also to extend congratulations to ACOLOP's staff, personnel and the many volunteers who performed so magnificently throughout the Games.

## **GENERAL ASSEMBLY MEETING OF CCM**

### **Report by Sérgio Rui de Pina**

A General Assembly Meeting of the CCM was convened on 13 October 2006 at 09.30 a.m. at the SEDE located at the Edifício Jardim de Infância "D. Jose da Costa Nunes", Avenida Sidonio Pais, Macau SAR with the following Agenda:

1. Approval of the Report of Activities and Financial Accounting 2005 submitted by the Permanent Council.
2. CCM Programs for 2007:
  - (a) Establishment of an Organizing Committee for the Encontro das Comunidades Macaenses;
  - (b) To collect suggestions for the setting up the program of the Encontro 2007.
3. To form an Executive Committee of the Permanent Council.
4. Other Matters

Representatives of all the Casas were present at the Meeting at the appointed time and venue.

The first order of the day was the Financial Report 2005 covering the period of November 2005 to September 2006 which was discussed, voted on, passed and adopted, even though there were some members who questioned the figures tabled. The next item of importance was the Encontro 2007.

The most surprising questions originated from the Casas in San Francisco and Toronto. Representatives from these Casas demanded to know the amount of their share of the monies, or their "split" of the subsidies received from the Government of Macau (Fundacao Macau)...

They displayed surprise and shock when they were told that there wasn't any money to be divided or shared...(quite honestly I have no idea where and from whom they got the idea about "splitting" or for that matter that there was any money to be distributed....) It seemed as if "money" was all they had on their minds...

The matter of the plan of the Activities for the 2007 Encontro was also discussed fairly extensively. The question of the programs envisaged for the Encontro 2007 was also discussed and an Executive Committee of the Permanent Council is being planned in order to co-ordinate the programs and communications between the Casas.

Other matters were also tabled... A few tried to clear the air about the differences between APIM and CCM..... another provided information as to how much the CCM depended on APIM in all areas of expertise as well as the financial assistance, support staff and other office assistance. Councils also covered the area of relationship and communication between the Casas and Fundacao Macau and other Government Agencies in Macau and all other Institutions and Agencies..... in fact, it was suggested

that any request for funding from the Casas to any Foundations or Agencies should be submitted through the CCM.

Planning for the Encontro 2007: ideas, plans, programs, financial assistance, etc..... the special formation of the Committee to look after the affairs and programs of the Encontro 2007 will take care of these items.

Formation of a "CONFRARIA" to support the preservation of "PATUA" and the "MACANESE CULINARY" (GASTRONOMIA).

Plans to put our "PATUA" in the UNESCO, in the same frame and idea as MACAU is considered as a World Heritage place..... these plans have already been submitted to the Macau and Chinese authorities in the Central Government for consideration.

It is felt however that there are still some undercurrent movements of power struggles going on in Macau.....there are still differences involved in different ideologies and political outlooks.

Our biggest concern is that certain individuals within our communities in the Diaspora are still involved with taking sides and building walls and dividing our communities..... whatever their reasons for this treacherous behavior is really beyond me... and yet in public, they will continue to profess and glorify the word "UNITY" in a false sense..... Some of these people are influenced and driven by simple GREED for money; others are influenced by personal friendships and other self-serving reasons. In all, and in the end, they are always using underhanded means and less than honest tactics to mislead others in order to achieve their selfish and sinister goals.

Within certain quarters, there is very little or no respect at all for these people; in fact, there are only disdainful feelings for them. For those who created disunity in our community, it is high time for them to suffer the consequences, and most of all, they will have to accept the responsibility for their dishonest and selfish motives.

Notwithstanding these negative words I wish the community a pleasant and successful future.

**Sérgio Rui de Pina, President, Macau Cultural Association. Casa de Macau em Vancouver – 17 November 2006.**

**Until next month,  
Luiz M. Souza, MBE (Mil), AE  
Editor. Boletim Macaense – Macau Cultural Association  
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**E & O.E. – This newsletter was completed in a rush and I apologize if some mistakes in spelling, etc have cropped up.**

