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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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CLUBHOUSE (SEDE) FOR VANCOUVER

We are pleased once more to announce that our Association has finally succeeded in persuading officials of the Macau Foundation to accept our view that funds earmarked by them for a clubhouse in Vancouver is to be shared separately and equally between the two associations located in Vancouver and not jointly as previously banded about by certain associations and/or individuals. We recall also earlier disclosures of abusive e-mails as reported by us to A.P.I.M and the Macau Foundation back in August and September 2006.

Macau Foundation has now decided on the following terms for the purchase of the two clubhouses in Vancouver:

1. The allocated amount of MOP7 million granted by the Administrative Council of the ex-FDCM will be shared equally between the Macau Cultural Association of Western Canada and Casa de Macau Club in Vancouver and that will mean each of those two associations will be granted up to MOP3.5 million for the purchase of a clubhouse.

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2. The clubhouses purchased cannot be sold without the permission of the Macau Foundation, and
3. If the allocated funding is insufficient for the purchase of the clubhouse (sede), both Associations should be fully responsible for it themselves.
4. Both Associations must purchase their own clubhouse within a period of one year after receipt of the official verification by the Macau Foundation.

It should be clearly understood by all concerned that should each of the two Casas in Vancouver (Macau Cultural Association and Casa de Macau Club) agree to the four terms as stated above they must each provide the Macau Foundation with an official verification in writing before the end of January 2007 accepting those terms. Upon receipt of the letters of verification of acceptance from both parties, the Administrative Council of the Macau Foundation will report the consultative result to the Trust Council and the final solution will be up to the review and decision of the Trust Council of the Macau Foundation.

OUR PRESIDENT'S NEW YEAR MESSAGE

From a slightly different perspective here is a 2007 New Year's message to the Membership from Sergio Rui da Pina, President of our Association and we "QUOTE" as follows:- "As we begin 2007 we must look forward to new challenges, and there are many still ahead of us. However, and quite rightly so, we must not and cannot simply forget the pains and heartaches imposed on our membership during the past 12 years. For a very long time also we have been trying to convince the Authorities in Macau to heed our advice and request for a separate clubhouse for the two associations in Vancouver. From the very start the idea of a joint and combined clubhouse has presented us with insurmountable problems impossible to overcome because the other club had other sinister and dark plans and ideas of their own. Whilst outwardly promoting "unity" within the community these individuals were still talking about "we" and "them" but never in terms of "us" – the entire Macanese Community. We simply cannot fathom what is in their minds when they continuously refer to "we" and "them"

We are convinced that the Macau Foundation made a very wise decision in finally accepting this fact and authorizing the acquisition of two separate clubhouses and recognizing the impossible conditions that have prevailed in the Vancouver area over the past twelve years.

It is therefore with great joy and excitement that we now look forward to a new era, so to speak, and fresh plans for our Association and most importantly, our members. "UNQUOTE"

ENCONTRO 2007

We have not received any information to date regarding the next ENCONTRO that is scheduled to take place in November 2007. If and when we receive any such information, our members will be advised forthwith.

FRAUD ALERT ISSUED BY MINISTRY OF FINANCE

This is a warning to our members that some individuals have been receiving e-mails fraudulently and purporting to come from the Department of Finance Canada that promise a tax refund if an appended form is completed and returned. We are alerting everyone to the fact that the e-mail is **NOT from the Department of Finance Canada.**

THERE IS NO SUCH REFUND. DO NOT COMPLETE THE FORM AS REQUESTED AS IT WILL THEN COMPROMISE YOUR OWN CREDIT CARD AND OTHER SOCIAL SECURITY INFORMATION. IF YOU RECEIVE THIS SORT OF E-MAIL, SIMPLY DELETE IT BUT NOTIFY THE APPROPRIATE LAW ENFORCEMENT AUTHORITIES FOR FURTHER INVESTIGATION.

FORTHCOMING SOCIAL EVENTS

- JANUARY Mahjong Social: There will not be any Mahjong Social in January 2007.
- JANUARY General Meeting: Our monthly Meeting will take place in conjunction with an important Extraordinary General Meeting primarily to discuss the question of a clubhouse for our own Association on 21 January 2007
- Our FEBRUARY Mahjong Social will be held on Sunday, 4 February 2007. Please phone Helen at 604-279-8824 if you intend to attend this event. Some circles have suggested serving a "TACHO" on that date.
- Our FEBRUARY GENERAL MEETING will take place on Sunday, 18 February 2007 to welcome on board the Year of the Pig (Chinese New Year). At the same time we will also observe St. Valentine's Day that this year falls on 14 February.

Famous people born under the Year of the Pig include Tennessee Williams, Johnny Mathis, Maria Callas, Henry Ford, Humphrey Bogart, James Cagney, Ronald Reagan, Jean Harlow, Elton John, and Jerry Lee Lewis. Individuals born under this sign are tolerant of other people's failings, sincere, easy-going and placid, honest, loving, creative, good company and generous to friends.

- We are contemplating on holding another Chinese Banquet & Dance at the Royal Dinner & Dance Restaurant at the corner of Garden City and Blundell to welcome the Chinese New Year (Year of the Pig) on Monday, 26 February 2007. Members will recall that a similar function at Christmas time was a huge success and those attending raved about it. The food was excellent and the music was very well received. Watch out for further announcements on this. Another possible option would be to offer our members a "TA PING LOO" celebration for the occasion.
- Our MARCH Mahjong Social will be held on Sunday 4 March 2007. Please phone Helen Xavier at 604 279-8824 if you wish to attend this function.
- Our MARCH GENERAL MEETING will take place on Sunday 18 March 2007. We will take the opportunity to also observe and celebrate St. Patrick's Day, which falls one day earlier on 17 March.
- VENUE FOR MCA MAHJONG SOCIALS WILL TAKE PLACE AT CENTRE POINTE IN RICHMOND COMMENCING AT 1.30 P.M.
- VENUE FOR MCA MONTHLY MEETINGS WILL TAKE PLACE IN THE COMMUNITY ROOM AT THE METROPOLIS IN METROTOWN COMMENCING AT 2 P.M. IN THE FIRST THREE MONTHS OF 2007.

OBITUARY

Yvonne d'Almeida FRIPP passed away on 18 December 2006 at the age of 94 after a short illness. One will remember Yvonne as the sister of the late Patrick (Pat) d'Almeida who worked for China Light & Power in Kowloon for many years and who himself passed away a few years ago. Members may recall that Pat was the Sergeant-at-Arms of the Macau Cultural Association for a number of years before passing away. Yvonne's funeral service took place on 28 December 2006 at St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church at 5251 Joyce Street and Luiz Souza represented our Association at that service.

OBITUARY (Continued)

Eurico Viana, past Portuguese Vice-Consul in Sydney passed away 19 December 2006 and his funeral arrangements were concluded on 22 December 2006.

Roberto (Tanas) Baptista passed away on 22 December 2006 and Fr. Marciano Baptista in Hong Kong took care of all the necessary funeral arrangements.

Mario Prata, a long time resident of Richmond passed away on 17 January 2007. He leaves behind an only daughter, Alicia.

Graciano (Gus) Rozario passed away on 17 January after a short illness. He is survived by his son, Tommy, a bachelor and by Becky, married to Michael LEUNG and they have a son, Brandon. Michael also has two daughters from his previous marriage.

To their next-of-kin, relatives and friends we offer our sincere condolences and deepest sympathy.

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS

We extend our congratulations and warmest birthday greetings to a number of our members whose birthday falls in January and they include the following individuals: -

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| • Romao da Silva | Gertie dos Remedios |
| • Guilherme da Silva | Margaret Gutierrez |
| • Ana Clara Tellis | Maria Fernanda Santos |
| • Linda Achiam | Fernando Vieira |
| • Evelyn Florendo | Delcie Souza |

“Muito Parabens” to one and all.

WISEMAN SAYS

Avarice and temper will get you into trouble. Pride will keep you there!

People may doubt what you say but they must believe what you do!

One ignorant of established rules couldn't maintain law & order in society.

Leadership is the ability to get people to accomplish what they really don't want to do!

It is not enough that we do our best; sometimes we have to do what “IS” required.

Doing things right is never as important as doing the “right” thing.

The only time “success” comes before “work” is in the dictionary.

Always “forgive” your enemies as nothing annoys them as much.

Crisis is the mother of many good fortunes.

Good, Better, Best – Never let it rest, make your “good” better and your “better” best.

If you take too much time to judge people, you will not have the time to love them.

SAVOURY TIPS TO SPICE UP YOUR HEALTH

Many of us will make a new year's resolution to eat healthier this year – more fruits and vegetables, and less salt and fat. Now, if you really want to spice up your health - and those healthy food – try adding a dash of basil and oregano, or a few cloves of garlic, to your diet.

Using more herbs and spices and fewer traditional seasonings like sugar, salt, and fat can really help to improve the overall health benefits and flavor of the foods you eat every day. Why don't you just try this for a change.

Until Next month,

Luiz M. Souza, MBE AE

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