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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
Explore our website for information of activities
"Click" into our "Photo" section and view the very many photographs

OLD GOA & THE PORTUGUESE LEGACY

Members, especially those originally from Goa, are reminded that that we had a most interesting article entitled "**OLD GOA & THE PORTUGUESE LEGACY**" published last month in our newsletter for the month of June. Make sure you get a copy and you won't regret it!

ASSOCIATION DINNER/DANCE

Our Association organized and held a Gala Dinner/Dance on 26 June 2007 to celebrate and to honor Canada Day (1 July); the Portuguese Heritage Month (June); the feast day of St. John the Baptist, Patron Saint of Macau (24 June); and last but not least, to honor and pay our due respects to our Senior Members (80 years old plus).

We welcomed the participation of our Chinese sister association, the Macau Friendship Association of Vancouver, lead by its distinguished President, Mr. CHAN Cheong-yip, a well known personality in Macau business circles.

It was a gathering embracing Canadian Multiculturalism in its best form. Present and attending the function we had our own Association members, with the emphasis on our Senior members; members of the Macau Friendship Association; members of the Goan Community; members of the Latin American Community; and members of the Italian Community were well represented and as well as a few others. This was truly a mixture of communities and it further demonstrates Multiculturalism in our Canadian society to the fullest.

During the course of the evening our senior members were presented with a Special Certificate issued in appreciation for so being honored as Senior Members of the Association, by

the Honorable John Cummins, Federal Member of Parliament for Richmond East and Delta here in British Columbia. A copy of the Certificate of Appreciation is attached at **Enclosure 1.**

Our Association also received a letter signed by ***the Prime Minister of Canada, the Right Honorable Steven Harper, P.C., M.P.*** extending his warmest greetings to all those attending the Association's celebrations on 26 June 2007. A copy of the letter is attached at **Enclosure 2.**

On behalf of all members of our Association and all participants at our celebration we are most honored and grateful to ***H.E. the Right Honorable Mr. Steven Harper, P.C., M.P., the Prime Minister of Canada and to the Honorable John Cummins, Federal Member of Parliament for Richmond East and Delta*** for their continuing interest in our Association.

The Association wishes to thank and acknowledge all of our members who contributed and attended our celebrations and festivities honoring such a deserving group of seniors in our Community. Our Association has made tremendous strides in our social, cultural, linguistic and general contributions in the past and we intend to continue and maintain those programs in the future.

We are also very grateful to ***Dr. Alice WONG Chan Siu-ping, M. Educ., PhD*** who was instrumental in contributing to the success of the evening's celebrations organized by the Macau Cultural Association, "a Casa de Macau em Vancouver" and in particular, for her wholehearted support of our Association.

We ourselves have also issued a certificate to honor the occasion. A copy is attached at **Enclosure 4.**

NOTE: Readers of our newsletter are hereby informed that it is hoped the above article will be published in the next issue of "Revista Macau" in Macau and it is most timely for a number of reasons. We are absolutely delighted that the article in question will appear in the magazine "Revista Macau" shortly.

NEW MEMBERS

Sergio de Pina reported that we have a new member, **Janet P. BOILEAU**, currently at the University in Washington, D.C. finishing her studies – She is presently studying Culinary Arts" – Her majors are "Macanese Cuisine" and "Goan Cuisine". We welcome Janet aboard as a member of the Macau Cultural Association.

Janet has just spent about six weeks in Goa where she picked up a great deal of knowledge and experience about Goan Cooking. Her next step will be to visit Macau in order to get first hand knowledge and experience in Macanese cooking as well.

Janet is planning on joining us as a member of our Association going to Macau for the 2007 Encontro in November of this year.

We also welcome on board as new members, **Anthony M. M. Remedios**, his wife, **Christine** and young **Matthew Remedios**

The Executive Council and Members of the Macau Cultural Association extend our most sincere and warmest welcome to our new Members.

BENVINDO ! WELCOME ABOARD !

ANY TYPE OF WALKING IS GOOD.

Study after study has revealed that walking improves cardiovascular health, bolsters weight loss, builds stronger bones and reduces the risk of chronic diseases and some forms of cancer. Fitness walkers are an increasing sight in neighborhoods from coast to coast as they stroll, stride, and strut in parks, and along city streets, and sidewalks. And since it's so accessible, inexpensive, easy to do and easy on the joints, it is no surprise that walking has earned a tremendous reputation amongst health & fitness experts as the perfect form of exercise. So go ahead and spend your lunch hour window-shopping and get a little more than retail therapy in

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exchange for the time checking out the latest sales. But you may be wondering why anyone would bother spending more than half an hour of walking. But if you are up to the challenge, there's even more to be gained if you walk a little faster and a little further.

JULY BIRTHDAYS: As customary we extend our very best wishes to those of our members whose birthdays fall in July. We celebrate this month the birthdays of Alvaro GUTERRES, Barney ABBAS, Laura CORDEIRO, Jeffrey JORGE, Fernando de ROSARIO, Ismalia (Mally) ABBAS, Maria (Marsie) da SILVA, Michael ROSARIO, Jason de CARVALHO, Domingos LEONG, Rudy TELLIS, Armindo SANTOS, Carol SJODIN, Maria L. WONG, Louis LEE, Manuel CORDEIRO, and David NG. **MANY HAPPY RETURNS !**

HEALTHWISE

Martinho Tang had to undergo emergency surgery last month. Martinho is now recuperating at home. We wish him a speedy recovery.

Luis (Gutz) Gutierrez is reported to be slated for surgery in July. We wish him all the very best and a speedy recovery to get him back at our Monthly Mahjong Social in August. Those interested in the latter please register with Helen Xavier and/or Josefina do Rosario asap.

Ruddy Tellis underwent surgery at St. Paul's Hospital recently. He's now back home recovering from his operation. We wish him a speedy recovery.

TENTH ANNIVERSARY OF HONG KONG SPECIAL ADMINISTRATIVE REGION OF CHINA.

A decade ago Hong Kong emerged on 30 June 1997 as a Special Administrative Region of China. At midnight night on that day the then Governor of Hong Kong, Christopher Patten sent a telegram to London that read as follows:- ***"I have relinquished the administration of the Government. - God Save the Queen. - Patten"***.

In torrential rain on the night of June 30 a decade ago, Britain left its last major colony after 156 years of rule, and China regained control of Hong Kong. Chris Patten, the last governor, received a folded Union Jack and wept openly. At dawn, colonial power gave way to communism when 4,000 soldiers of the PLA rolled peacefully into Hong Kong.

A few hours earlier, His Royal Highness Prince Charles who represented the Queen and Chris Patten quietly slipped out of Hong Kong on board the Royal Yacht Britannia. It was a moment unlike any other.

Capitalism is alive and well in Hong Kong despite dire predictions to the contrary.

HONG KONG – 1946 THEN & 2006 NOW

The above contribution is published on pages 4-6 of this July newsletter and we hope you will find the article of some interest to you.

**UNTIL NEXT MONTH,
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Vice President & Editor.
Macau Cultural Association
(Casa de Macau) em Vancouver
Friday, 13 July 2007.**