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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)  
Explore our website for information of activities  
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### General Meeting – 19 August

**MINUTES:** Josefina do Rosario read the Minutes of the General Meeting held on 15 July. They were approved and adopted.

**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS:** Sergio Rui de Pina then read out the Financial Statements for the month ending 31 July.

Subject matters touched upon in the course of the Meeting included: -

**ENCONTRO 2007:** Arrangements have been finalized regarding air/flight, hotel accommodation and planned departures/dates etc and we should have the list of participating members for transmission to the Macau Government soon. A lot of work and planning are in the works – we are trying to organize and synchronize travel and hotel arrangements for our members from all over the North American continent. Europe .... from Switzerland to Washington, DC to Montreal, Edmonton and Vancouver. A large number of our members will be traveling at different times and dates to Macau.

**VISIT BY APIM:** The Macau delegation arrived on 6 August. President Sergio Pina and Secretary Josefina do Rosario were at the Airport to receive the Delegation on arrival at Vancouver Airport. The planned dinner reception on 9 August at the Horizons Restaurant in Burnaby was cancelled when APIM decided to hold their reception at their hotel in Richmond instead. The MCA went out of their way, as reported in the newsletter last month, to hold their cocktail reception at the head office of Remedios & Company in Vancouver followed by a formal dinner at the Royal Vancouver Yacht Club in Point Grey Road, in Vancouver.

On that date we also received a letter from the Right Honorable Stephen Harper, P.C. M.P., Prime Minister of Canada, extending his warm greetings to everyone attending the day’s event and also to welcome the representatives of Macau Foundation to Vancouver. The Macau Foundation’s **gift** to the local Vancouver association is truly generous and that donation will be

essential in the development and understanding of the economic and cultural opportunities in Macau. Canada and China.

We have also received a letter from The Honorable Jason Kenney. PC, MP, welcoming everyone to the reception and dinner hosted by the Macanese Hosts in Vancouver. With the added **gift** of the generous Macau Foundation from Macau, Canadians of all backgrounds will be better able to experience Macau and its four Centuries long tradition of east meeting west. As Secretary of State (Multiculturalism and Canadian Identity) he commended our Association members and friends on their efforts to promote greater understanding and awareness of Macau's rich history and culture.

The **gift** of the subsidy towards the purchase of a "club house" has finally arrived in Vancouver and our Executive Committee and Club House Committee members are meeting to discuss this matter in earnest. Meanwhile we continue to receive nasty e-mails received Anonymously from the same coward who hides behind the fictitious name of "macaense - rua de campo".

**OBITUARY:** On 24 August 2007, MCA members lost an old friend in Barney Abbas who passed away after a long illness. Barney was born 2 July 1919. Many of the old timers will remember Barney who was a great sportsman taking part in a number of sports, including a jockey, lawn bowls and a host of games in his younger days. We all enjoyed having "curry kok" and "samosas" and other curried "goodies and snacks" at the Indian Recreation Club in Happy Valley, Hong Kong.

On 29 August 2007 Mally Abbas, and family hosted a dinner for about fifty of Barney's friends from our Association in appreciation for the friendship and respect shown to Barney in the past. We are absolutely certain that Barney would have appreciated our presence. To Mally, Yvonne, Dennis & family we offer our sincere condolences.

#### **SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS:**

Our birthday greetings go out to those of our members whose birthdays fall during the month of September 2007. Here are the names for the September birthdays: Rosalina de Silva; Ronald Gill; Dolores Rodrigues; Florinda Pina; Samantha Gill; Tara Shapiro; Candida Cooper; Tessie Delgado; Gemma Gillis; and Maria Helena Cordova VAN. Parabens to all of them from all of us.

#### **NEW MEMBERS**

We are happy to announce tow new members in the persons of Howard and Dorothy LOUIE. We wish them a warm welcome!

#### **VOLUNTEERS WHO PROVIDED TEA.**

Many thanks to those volunteers who assisted in the provision of tea snacks at the meeting in September.

**SICK BAY:** Domingos Leong is receiving fresh limited medical attention; Ruddy TELLIS appears to be slightly under the weather; whilst Luis Gutierrez is recuperating and coming on very nicely at home. It was a welcome sight to Luis back at our Mahjong Social on 2 September and we understand Luis made money at the gaming tables as well.

#### **MAHJONG SOCIAL – 2 SEPTEMBER 2007.**

Just over twenty-five persons attended the dining with four tables of mahjong. Patsy Jorge made the soup this time around and Sergio de Pina cooked the very popular grilled salmon dish in the absence of Josefina.

#### **"MACAU TRAVEL TALK" & "LUSITANIA"**

We have received recent copies of the English/Chinese editions "Macau Travel Talk" for May/June 2007 and copies of the Portuguese/English Editions of the "Lusitania" for September 2007. Spare copies are available on request while copies last.

#### **GENERAL MEETING IN OCTOBER**

Our next monthly meeting will take place on Sunday, 21 October 2007 at Metro town commencing at 1.30 for 2.00 p.m. Hope to see you all there for the meeting.

**This will be a short newsletter this month. Until next time, LUIZ M. SOUZA, MBE AE Vice President & Editor, Macau Cultural Association – 16 September 2007**