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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 on Association activities
“Click” into the “Photo Section” and view the numerous photographs

Mahjong social – 7 October 2007.

The Association held its Mahjong Social on 7 October when the social attracted 4 tables of Mahjong and 17 members enjoying a dinner prepared by Josefina do Rosario after the mahjong social.

BIRTHDAYS IN OCTOBER

The list of names for birthdays in October included Fred Collaco, Martha Pulay, Therese Prata, Nazibi Madar, Stella Leung, Vasco dos Santos, Armando Santos, Ethan Rybar, and Elfrida Seth. We wish each and everyone named a “Most Happy Birthday” from all of us.

Notes on General Meeting held on 16 September 2007.

Executive Members in attendance included Sergio de Pina (Chair), Josefina do Rosario (Secretary), Helena Xavier (Treasurer). Apologies received from Luiz Souza (V.P.) as his son was visiting Vancouver from Hong Kong. There were twenty one members in attendance to establish a “quorum” for the meeting.

- (1) Secretary Josefina do Rosario read out the Minutes of the General Meeting held on 19 August. Motion to approve and pass the Minutes were proposed by Louis Lee and seconded by Armindo Santos. The motion was voted unanimously, passed and adopted.
- (2) The Financial Statement as at 31 August 2007 was posted up for general information and read out by Sergio de Pina. A motion to approve and pass the Financial Statement as at 31 August 2007 was proposed by Paulina

Brown and seconded by Armindo Santos. The motion was passed and adopted unanimously.

- (3) Lusitania: An article was published in this magazine during the visit of the Macau Delegation from APIM.
- (4) Casa de Macau – Sydney sent an e-mail giving the names of their new Council members.
- (5) Ex-Alumni of Santa Rosa Lima: A Re-union is planned to take place in Macau during the Encontro 2007. Those interested may contact Manuela Sequeira or Betty Sousae for further information.
- (6) “Dia de Juventude” planned for Thursday, 29 November 2007. Macau activities will concentrate on our “youth” aged 18-35 years of age. Each Casa is being requested to assemble a group of three. Air Fares and hotel accommodation will be provided for them from 25 November to 3 December 2007. **These “youth” participants MUST be familiar with our culture and customs. In addition they should be good organizers with a good knowledge of preparation and setting up programs. The Council has drawn up a list of 13 members and the final selection will be made from this list.**
- (7) Armindo Santos suggested that we should ask Macau that in future we need to know well in advance when a “youth event” is planned.
- (8) **Confraria de Gastronomia Macaense**
The Organizing Committee of Encontro 2007 has decided to invite a member to represent each “Casa” to the meetings and other official gatherings and events that are being organized. **In-depth knowledge of Macanese cooking and culinary is a “must”. Another requirement is the ability to speak and address the general public in Macau in the Portuguese OR Chinese language. From MCA two names were submitted and it was agreed to draw lots to see who will represent our Association. Gwen d’Souza was asked to do the draw and Fernando Leopoldo do Rosario was declared to be the MCA representative.**
- (9) A new set of registration forms has been received from Macau and Fina has already assisted all participants to fill out these forms. As venues are generally small not everyone will be “invited” to all the functions. The cut-off date is already past due and we urgently need to send the necessary information to Macau as soon as possible.
- (10) **CLUB HOUSE (SEDE)**: The funds were to be transferred to APIM who then sent the money to a law firm in Vancouver. The money has finally arrived here and members need to know what is happening. As the money is in the hands of a law firm in Vancouver, we have also been forced to hire our own lawyer to look after our own interests. After turning down our several requests, the money is now on an interest bearing account, but we are being forced to accept some unreasonable terms and conditions. Meanwhile our Clubhouse committee will continue to look at various properties, but will proceed with great caution, bearing in mind some of the terms and conditions imposed upon us:
 - (a) purchase within one year;
 - (b) Cannot request additional funding;
 - (c) Cannot sell the property without Macau’s consent;
 - (d) If we get approval to sell, the entire proceeds go back to Macau

(11) **VISIT OF APIM DELEGATION TO VANCOUVER.**

MCA hosted two functions – a cocktail and a formal dinner. At the formal dinner Sergio read out a letter from our Primer Minister, the Right Honourable Stephen Harper.

(12) **TEA:** The MCA thanked the ladies who brought the tea today. They Included, amongst others, Gemma Gillis, Jenny Sequeira, Gwen d'Souza; Patsy Jorge; Ruth Mak; Gertie Remedios; Leonor Pek, Teresita IEZZI and Helen Xavier. Several individuals also offered to provide tea for refreshments next month for the General Meeting scheduled on 21 October 2007 at 2.00 p.m. The Meeting adjourned at 5.00 p.m.

MCA Participation in Encontro 2007

On 1 October 2007 Josefina do Rosario mailed to Macau all the completed forms on behalf of all MCA participants in the forthcoming Encontro 2007 scheduled to be held in Macau in November 2007. The list of MCA participants will include the following individuals:-

DA SILVA, Peter;	RIBEIRO, Augusto
HENRIQUES, Maria Alexandra Lopes;	RIBEIRO, Kathryn
VIEIRA, Cynthia;	DE PINA, Brigida
TELLIS, Ana;	DOS SANTOS, Jose Vasco
RODRIGUES, Renato;	SJODIN, Carol
TRAUTMANN, Maria Silvia;	DA SILVA, Guilherme
SEQUEIRA, Genevieve;	DA SILVA, Ivone
D'SOUZA, Gwendoline Mary.	VAN, Maria Helena Cordova
ROSARIO, Fernando	GILL, Carling
ROSARIO, Fernanda	VAN, Barbara
DE PINA, Florinda	BEAUFORT, Nancy
WONG, Cinder	TANG, Martinho
KWOK, Terrence	NG, Joao
SMIT, Ruud	<i>CUNHA, Daniel</i>
DE PINA, Margarida	ROSARIO, Adrian
DE PINA. Sergio	ROSARIO, Maria
COELHO, Pedro	DA ROZA, Gustavo

LOUIE, Dorothy

DA ROZA, Gloria

LOUIE, Howard

WHITE, Oscar

PEREIRA, Marlene

BOILEAU, Janet

ROSARIO, Josefina

REMEDIOS, Christine

ACHIAM Linda

REMEDIOS, Anthony

We take this opportunity to wish the above named a wonderful trip to Macau and all the very best.

NEXT MEETING: Members are hereby reminded that the General Meeting scheduled for 18 November 2007 will take place, as usual, at the Metropolis in Metrotown, Burnaby BUT commencing at 3.00 p.m.; **REPEAT – the meeting on 18 November 2007 will begin at 3.00 p.m.** Please note however that our ENCONTRO GROUP will be departing for Macau just four days later on 22 November 2007.

OBITUARY: Augusta Maria Carmo MA passed away in Vancouver on 14 September 2007. She was the grand mother of Antony MA in Macau who was here in Vancouver for her funeral.

Marcus d'Almeida, an old classmate of the Editor, passed away in England, on 3 October 2007. To his widow, Patsy (nee Osmund) and the rest of the d'Almeidas we offer our sincere condolences.

New Member: This month we welcome Carl Christensen to our membership. Antony MA has informed us that he will re-new his membership with our Association.

ENCONTRO 2007

At this time our Hon. Secretary, Josefina do Rosario joins the rest of our Executive Committee members to update our Members who have submitted their names to participate in Encontro 2007.

We have submitted our list of Members along with the participation forms all completed. As previously discussed and voted for by our Members who attended our General Meeting on 16 September, we have filled and completed the Participation forms on behalf of those members who reside in the Lower Mainland. To those Members who reside out of town the participation forms were forwarded to them to complete and return to MCA by the end of September 2007. We wish to assure every Member who submitted their names for participation that those forms were completed and their names submitted to the Organizing Committee in Macau.

The list of Names and completed Participation forms were put in the mail and dispatched to Macau on 1 October 2007. A follow-up e-mail was sent one week later to the attention of the Macau Organizing Committee to confirm receipt of our package of forms. This reply e-mail has already been received.

To those Members who require hotel accommodation and have already filled out reservation forms ...those forms have been submitted by fax to the Hotel Royal. The Hotel has emailed back to say that they have received the completed

forms. We have made the request that Members' credit cards be presented to the hotel in person.... And not send a photocopy of the card itself. The Hotel will require your credit card for billing and incidentals.

To those Members who are traveling with our Group, we like to remind those who have not made contact with our travel agent (Sam Lau/Yolanda of Charming Holidays 604-231-6038) to contact them to firm up their dates of travel. The Group will be departing 22 November 2007. Members' names have already been submitted to the travel agent but they require contact from each individual to find out when each individual plans to return. Reminder to those traveling with the Group, the option to return from Macau or Hong Kong is possible. No extra billing for this service but plans must be made ASAP. Return dates are filling up quickly in the month of December since there are only three flights per week.

We are also including an outline of the Events to take place during Encontro 2007. These are tentative plans with possible changes to take place. We will try our very best to keep our Members updated as best as we can. Please note that some of the events listed will be limited in the number of attendees and this is due to the size limitations of the venues chosen. We hope to get more details when we arrive in Macau.

NOVEMBER 25, 2007.

Welcome Reception at the Portuguese School of Macau.

November 26, 2007.

Open Ceremony at the Roman Amphitheatre of the Macau Fishermen's Wharf.

Dinner Party offered by the Chief Executive at the Convention & Exhibition Centre of the Macau Fishermen's Wharf.

November 27, 2007.

Sightseeing

Photo session at the Ruins of St. Paul.

Launching of books at the Macau Museum

Dinner at the Monte Fortress

November 28, 2007.

Swear-in ceremony of the Social Boards of the CGM and Conference on the Gastronomy Culture at the D. Pedro V Theatre

Social Gathering of the Macanese Gastronomy and Culture at the Praca Tap Seak.

November 29, 2007.

Youth Day

Patua Show presented by "Docu Papiaciam di Macau" at the Auditorium of the Macau Tower.

November 30, 2007.

Conference & debate on the Program of the UNESCO Universal Intangible Heritage at the Centro de Actividades Turisticas

Mahjong Contest at the Convention Centre of the Macau Fishermen's Wharf

Dinner at the same Center.

December 01, 2007.

Laying of wreaths of flowers at the Monument for the Macanese Communities.

Mass and Te-Deum at the Cathedral of Macau.

Concert by the "Macau Youth Symphony Orchestra" at the Macau Cultural Centre.

December 02, 2007.

Closing Dinner Party of the Encontro at the Macau Dome.

Any changes and/or updates that will take place in Macau will be posted at the Hotel Royal for those of our Members who will be staying with our Group.

***Josefina do Rosario
Secretary.
Macau Cultural Association.***

Until Next Month

**Luiz M. Souza, and ASSISTED by
Sergio de Pina
Josefina do Rosario
Helen Xavier**

20 October 2007.