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SEDE OPENING



September 6, 2008 was an historical day for the Casa de Macau Club Vancouver. It was the grand opening of our sede.

What a memorable event, with local and out-of-town members, guests and dignitaries enjoying the ambience of the clubhouse, the catered lunch, and most of all the camaraderie of family and friends.



A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Due to an oversight and confusion at the Grand Opening of our Clubhouse (Sede) on 6th September 2008, I overlooked an important guest and a very good friend from USA, Madam Judith Jorge Hartman. Judith is an Honorary Member and a great help to our clubhouse, because without her contribution, a lot of things could not have happened. I intended to introduce her to every one at this important event. Judith came all the way from USA, taking leave

from her busy schedule just to be with us. This is a great honour and real friendship.

Judith, thank you very much and I apologize for this happening.

Please continue your great support to us.

Antonio Alberto Carlos Amante
President
Casa de Macau Club (Vancouver)
Canada

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SEDE OPENING



Our Lady of Fatima's constant presence watches over our sede



Father Patrick Tepporten from Our Lady of Fatima Church blesses our sede



Antonio Amante with Mr. Luis Machado, APIM Representative from Macau



Antonio & Mr Carlos de Souza Amaro, Portuguese Consul General



Antonio with guests from USA: Henrique Manhão, President Casa de Macau USA (above) & Nuno Prata da Cruz, President, Association of Macanese Businessmen USA (right)



Monique Guterres, Antonio & Artur Britto, President, Macau Arts Institute, San Francisco

SEDE OPENING



The invitation to our grand opening



Joyce Williams & Natascha Lawrence greeting members, guests and dignitaries

Some of our younger members - Xavier Stonehouse, Jocelyn Cunha & Tiara Shuster



Anne Remedios with her grandson Marc and great grandson Raphael



Casa members Angelina Rozario, Freda Neves, Tony da Costa, Rita Rocha, Mac da Roza & Marina de Faria- Neves



The foyer with the casa's logo



MENSAGEM PRESIDENTE A VANCOUVER

Exmo. Presidente da Casa de Macau Club,
Vancouver
Sr. António Amante
Exmas. Autoridades
Ilustres Convidados
Minhas Senhoras e Meus Senhores

Em nome do Conselho das Comunidades Macaenses e da Associação Promotora da Instrução dos Macaenses, congratulo e manifesto o desejo das maiores felicidades à inauguração da vossa sede.

Agradecemos o empenhamento e sacrifício dispendidos por um grupo de dirigentes ligados a este projecto sob a liderança do Presidente, Sr. Amante.

A aquisição desta sede não seria possível se não fosse o apoio por parte do Governo da Região Administrativa Especial de Macau, através da Fundação Macau, nas pessoas do Sr. Chefe do Executivo e do Presidente da Fundação Macau, Dr. Vitor Ng.

Impossibilitado de estar presente nesta inauguração histórica devido a compromissos inadiáveis em Macau, devo dizer que o local tem condições para desenvolver as vossas actividades sociais na esperança de poder estimular a participação das novas gerações para dar continuidade à nossa secular identidade cultural, reconhecendo, assim, a importância desta sede na vida futura da Comunidade Macaense em Vancouver, B.C.

Termino, saudando todos os presentes e ao Clube o desejo de sucesso das vossas actividades futuras

Cordiais saudações
José Manuel de Oliveira Rodrigues
Presidente do Conselho Permanente do Conselho das Comunidades Macaenses e
Presidente da Comissão Directora da APIM

The President of the Casa de Macau Club,
Vancouver
Mr. António Amante
Honorable Authorities
Distinguished Guests
Ladies and Gentlemen

In the name of the Macanese Communities Council and of the Associação Promotora da Instrução dos Macaenses, I congratulate and send our wishes of many happiness to the opening of your clubhouse.

We appreciate the dedication and sacrifice spared by a group of diligent persons under the leadership of the President, Mr. Amante.

The acquisition of this clubhouse would not be possible without the support of the Government of Macau S.A.R., through the Macau Foundation, specially of His Excellency the Chief Executive and the President of the Macau Foundation, Dr. Vitor Ng.

Unable to be present in this historical ceremony due to commitments assumed in Macau, I must say that this place has conditions to develop your social activities in the hope of being able to stimulate the participation of the new generations to give continuity to our secular cultural identity, thus, recognizing the importance of this clubhouse in the future life of the Macanese Community in Vancouver, B.C.

I conclude by greeting all those present and to the Club the wishes of success of your future activities.

Cordial greetings
José Manuel de Oliveira Rodrigues
President of the Standing Committee of the Macanese Communities Council and President of the Management Committee of APIM

CASA DE MACAU VANCOUVER

by Maria Roliz



Antonio with Maria Roliz, President, Lusitano Club California

The Grand Opening for Casa de Macau Vancouver was held on Saturday, September 6th, 2008 at their sede (clubhouse) located in Richmond, BC. It was an outstanding event attended by over 100 members, dignitaries and friends. It was truly an honor to be invited and present to witness this auspicious occasion.

Our sincere congratulations to President Antonio Amante, all the directors and volunteers for this great accomplishment. They have made their place into a beautiful, cozy, and tastefully decorated sede for their members to enjoy for many years to come.

Article originally published in the Lusitano Bulletin Fall 2008

NOSSO PATRIMÓNIO / OUR PATRIMONY



The Mural in our sede, and its talented artists John Freimark & casa member Mandy Boursicot

A-Ma Temple: Original structure in Macau when the Portuguese arrived and the origin of the name Macau

Ruins of St. Paul: All-time landmark of Macau and symbol of Catholic cohesiveness in Macanese society

Leal Senado: Government and guardian of Macau

Guia Lighthouse: The means of safe entry to the port of Macau for centuries

Gate of Understanding (Friendship Gate): Symbolizing the friendship and cordial understanding between Portuguese and Chinese governments

Statue of Koon Yan: Tribute to our Chinese co-inhabitants

Grand Lisboa: Symbol of the new Macau

Foreground

Wave patterns of Leal Senado Square: Unique identifier of Macau in all of Asia and a big part of the restoration of Macau's Portuguese Heritage.

Fountain with Monument to the Macanese Diaspora: Tribute to ourselves, the overseas Macanese, with a bubbling fountain symbolizing continued life and prosperity.

The blue and white painting resembles traditional Portuguese tile work.

A MEMBER'S PERSPECTIVE ON THE SEDE OPENING

by Amanda King Wolniewicz

I am really grateful to have been part of our Sede opening. What a beautiful clubhouse for the Casa de Macau of Vancouver! The unveiling of the gorgeous mural, showcasing key elements in Macanese history, was the highlight for me. I had the opportunity to speak with Mandy Boursicot, the main artist of the mural, about Macanese culture throughout time. I also enjoyed my conversations with

Mr. Luis Machado, our honoured guest from Macau. Mr. Machado had mentioned that there is a lot of heritage research still to be done, as archaeology has only been conducted in Macau since the mid 1990s. The Sede opening allowed me to learn more about my culture and the richness of Macanese heritage. Especially as an archeologist, it is exciting for me to think of all the research on Macanese his-

tory yet to be completed. With our Sede, we have a fantastic venue to bring local Macanese together to keep our traditions alive and engage younger generations to bring our culture into the future.

Thank you to all the people, especially Mr. Luis Machado, APIM, our President Antonio Amante, and the Renovation Committee, who made the opening of our Sede a success.

RICHMOND SENIOR IDOL CONTEST WINNER

Parabéns to Lyce Rozario, casa member, and Senior Link 2008 Senior Idol

Senior Link, Independent Living Society, is an organization that empowers seniors to use their wisdom and experience to help others. Below is an article from their newsletter, 'The Independent Senior News'. The support for Lyce was tremendous, over 150 votes.

Our senior idol winner: an inspiration to us all.



Lyce Rozario has been an integral part of the Senior Link family for many years. Her enthusiasm and dedication to helping others serves as an example to which we should all aspire.

This is only highlighted by the many challenges she has had to overcome personally, most notably her battle with cancer.

Thankfully she won that battle and continues to make our lives better. For that she is admired, respected, and loved by seniors and Richmond residents alike.

REMEMBERING

Maria Carmelita Antonio (née da Roza) passed away peacefully at Fellburn Care Centre on Saturday, February 9, 2008 at the age of 89. She is now re-united with her husband Poli Antonio who pre-deceased her in 1968. Survived by children Maria King, Francis (Alison) Antonio, Manuel (Mary-Anne) Antonio and Teresa (Philip) Clarke, sister Elga da Roza, brother Leandro (Belinda) da Roza, 14 grandchildren, Amanda (Maciek), Alex, Sam, Thomas, Jacob, Emily, Matthew, Michael,

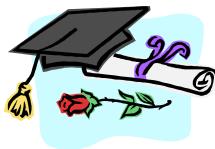
Mario, Marco, Bryan, Vicky (Julio), Russell, David, nieces, nephews, cousins and friends especially in the Holy Cross Church CWL. A loving mother and grandmother who kept our family united, she will be greatly missed.



Jose M. Achiam, brother of Linda Achiam, passed away in Macau on September 23, 2008. Mr. Achiam was a member of APIM, co-sponsor of CCM (Macanese Community Council), and Macau (RAEM) Sport Director. Members may remember meeting him at a dinner in August 2007, when he was in Vancouver with his APIM colleagues.

A Mass was said for Mr. Achiam at Holy Cross Church in Burnaby, on Saturday, October 18, 2008.

Our prayers and thoughts are with his family at this difficult time.



CONGRATULATIONS

Amanda King graduated with her Master of Arts in Archaeology on October 9, 2008. Since July 2007, she has been conducting research for the Stó:lō Research and

Resource Management Centre in Chilliwack, a group that works with and for Stó:lō First Nations communities on cultural, heritage, and archaeological research. At the mo-

ment, she is the coordinator of a study to understand the impacts of the BC Hydro lines on Stó:lō peoples and their traditional use of the landscape.



While in Lisboa, Antonio Amante met with:

General Vasco Rocha Viera, who as Governor of Macau (seven years ago) assigned 7 million patacas to our casa



Next Meeting
January 10, 2009



Dr, Jose Manuel de Oliveira Rodrigues, and Mr. & Mrs. Gao Kexiang, People's Republic of China Ambassador to Portugal



Welcome to New Members

Vancouver	Edmonton	Calgary
Jamie Chan	Sandy Huns	Sharon & Patrick de Sa
Daniel Cunha	Kalli Huns	
Bob de Guzman	Marsha Huns	
Ann-Marie Lai	Livia Huns	Ottawa
Grace & Jimmy Liu		Nicole & Marc Davidson
Mimi Luk		
René Peres	Norway	
Elfrida Seth	Wenche Maria Sorbotten & Jan Henning Solli	
Marlene & Buddy Stewart	Anne Ingrid Sorbotten & Marius Heyerdahl	
Joyce Williams		