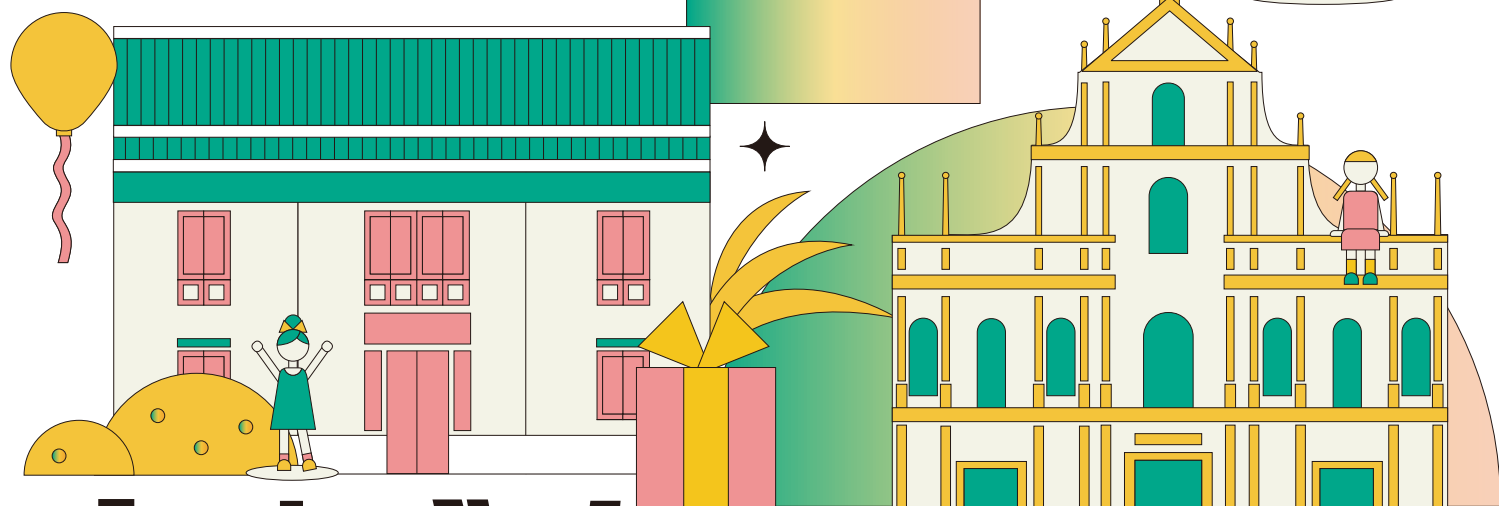


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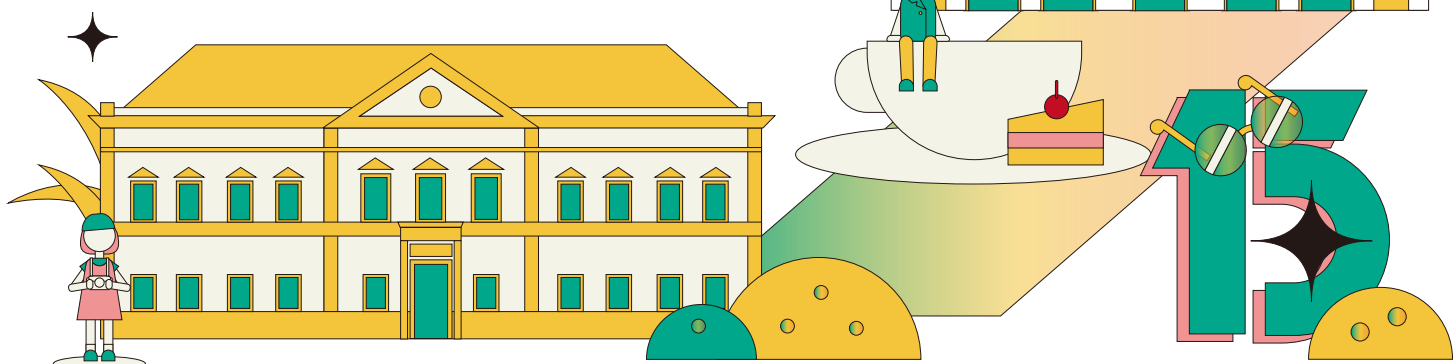
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Activities in celebration of the 15th anniversary
of the inscription of the “Historic Centre of Macao”
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Historic Centre of Macao

In the 29th Session of the UNESCO's World Heritage Committee convened on 15 July 2005, the "Historic Centre of Macao" was inscribed on the World Heritage List upon the unanimous approval of 21 State Parties, making it the 31st World Heritage site in China.

The "Historic Centre of Macao" is composed of 8 squares, 22 classified immovable properties and streets connecting squares and historical buildings.

8 squares: Barra Square, Lilau Square, St. Augustine's Square, Senado Square, Cathedral Square, St. Dominic's Square, Company of Jesus Square and Camões Square;

22 historic buildings: A-Ma Temple, Moorish Barracks, Mandarin's House, St. Lawrence's Church, St. Joseph's Seminary and Church, Dom Pedro V Theatre, Sir Robert Ho Tung Library, St. Augustine's Church, Municipal Affairs Bureau Building (old Leal Senado Building), Sam Kai Vui Kun (Kuan Tai Temple), Holy House of Mercy, Cathedral, Lou Kau Mansion, St. Dominic's Church, Ruins of St. Paul's, Na Tcha Temple, Section of the Old City Walls, Mount Fortress, St. Anthony's Church, Casa Garden, the Protestant Cemetery and Guia Fortress (including Guia Chapel and Lighthouse).

The "Historic Centre of Macao", consisting of a group of classified immovable properties, squares and streets, manifests the urban structure of this major trading port city with its content and morphology. With the historic streets, residential, religious and public buildings in Portuguese and Chinese styles, the "Historic Centre of Macao" provides a unique testimony to the convergence of Eastern and Western aesthetic, cultural, religious, architectural and technological influences. It also bears witness to the first and most enduring encounter between China and the West amid the vibrant development of international trade.

Outstanding Universal Value of the Heritage

The "Historic Centre of Macao" was inscribed on the World Heritage List by virtue of satisfying UNESCO's selection criteria (ii), (iii), (iv) and (vi). The evaluation results in accordance with the criteria are as follows:

Criterion (iii): The "Historic Centre of Macao" boasts the oldest Western architectural heritage in China. It also encompasses a number of the city's traditional Chinese architecture and stands witness to the successful coexistence of Chinese and Western architectural traditions.

Criterion (iii): Macao" is a solid testimony of the city's missionary role in the Far East while also reflecting the dissemination of Chinese folk beliefs to the Western world.

Criterion (iv): The "Historic Centre of Macao" is the product of Sino-Western cultural exchange, constituting the most unique blend of cultural heritage existing in China's historic cities.

Criterion (vi): The "Historic Centre of Macao" presents a complete social infrastructure that has encompassed and sustained the living traditions of Chinese and Western cultures.

World Heritage

World Heritage is, according to the Convention Concerning the Protection of the World Cultural and Natural Heritage, any type of heritage submitted for the assessment and approval of the UNESCO World Heritage Committee and inscribed on the World Heritage List.

In November 1972, the Convention Concerning the Protection of the World Cultural and Natural Heritage (the World Heritage Convention) was adopted by UNESCO. Four years after the adoption of the Convention, in November 1976, UNESCO held the 1st Session of the General Assembly of States Parties for the World Heritage Convention in Nairobi, Kenya and established the World Heritage Committee. In 1978, the first batch of the World Heritage List was released, which included a total of 12 heritage sites.

Types of World Heritage:

Cultural Heritage (to which the Historic Centre of Macao belongs)

Natural Heritage

Mixed Cultural and Natural Heritage

As of July 2019, 55 items in China have been inscribed on the World Heritage List, 37 of which being cultural heritage sites, 14 natural heritage sites and 4 mixed cultural and natural heritage sites, ranking top in the world along with Italy.



Chronicle of Macao's World Heritage Development

◆ After Macao's handover to China

With the support of the Central People's Government, the Macao SAR Government took the inscription of Macao on the World Heritage List as one of its priorities.

◆ 2001

- A series of publicity efforts commenced for the application of Macao as World Heritage
- The draft application proposal of the "Historic Monuments of Macao" was framed
- The "Application of Macao to World Cultural Heritage Launch Day" on 23 July 2001 marked the official commencement of the application process

◆ Early 2002

UNESCO's World Heritage Centre accepted the application proposal for Macao to be inscribed on the World Heritage List.

◆ 2003

The "Historic Monuments of Macao" were declared the first item in China to apply for inscription on the World Heritage List for the year of 2005.

◆ September 2004

The International Council of Monuments and Sites (ICOMOS), the association in charge of World Cultural Heritage assessment, sent experts to Macao for an on-site evaluation.

◆ December 2004

As suggested by the International Council on Monuments and Sites, the original proposal of "Historic Monuments of Macao" was revised to "Historic Centre of Macao", enriching the idea of the 12 original buildings and linking them to neighbouring squares and streets, giving shape to a core historical area that comprised the old centre of Macao.

◆ February 2005

The proposed items in the Historic Centre of Macao underwent a technical assessment by World Heritage experts.

◆ 15 July 2005

During the 29th Session of the UNESCO's World Heritage Committee in Durban, South Africa, the "Historic Centre of Macao" was included in UNESCO's World Heritage List, making it the 31st designated World Heritage site in China.

◆ 2006

UNESCO's Convention for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage was enforced in Macao.

◆ 2013

The Cultural Heritage Protection Law (Law No.11/2013) was published.

◆ 2014

The Cultural Heritage Protection Law came into effect on 1 March 2014.

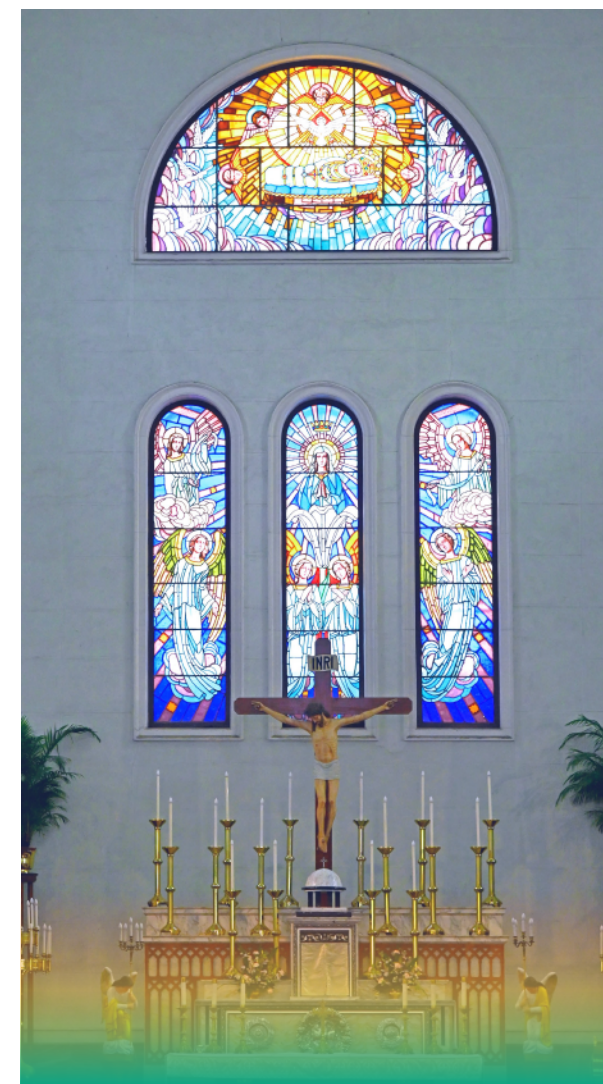
◆ 2014-2019

The "Protection and Management Plan of the Historic Centre of Macao" (hereinafter referred to as "the Plan") was formulated progressively based on the Cultural Heritage Protection Law:

- In late 2014, public consultation for the framework of the Plan commenced
- In 2015, the compilation of opinions on the framework of the Plan during public consultation was issued
- In 2016-2017, the second phase of public consultation paper of the Plan was developed
- In early 2018, the second phase of the public consultation was launched
- In 2018, a summary report for the second phase of the public consultation was released
- In 2019, a draft of the administrative regulation for the Plan was formulated

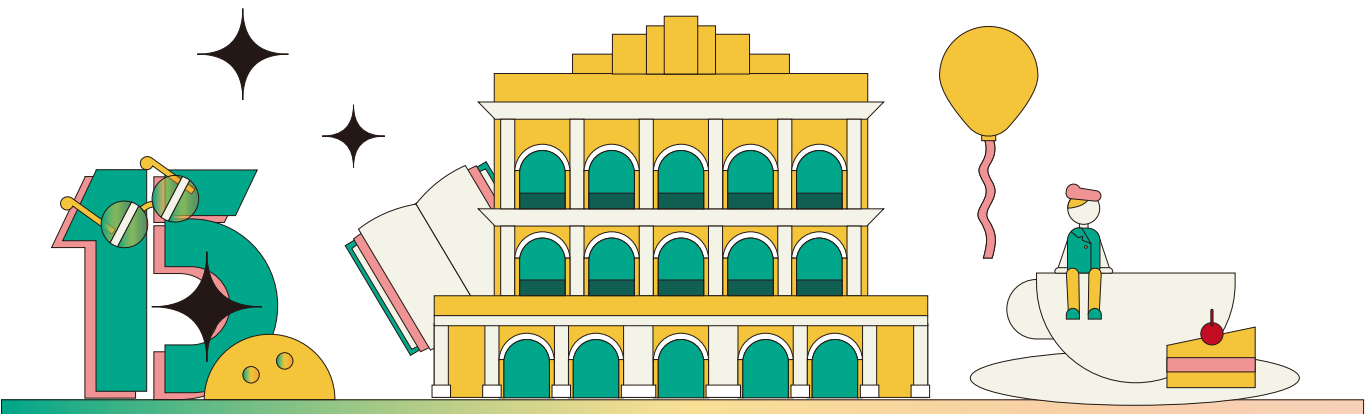
◆ 2020

Effective protection of the "Historic Centre of Macao" will continue to be implemented, and the legislative work for the Plan will be expedited.



Introduction of Activities in Celebration of the 15th Anniversary of the Inscription of the “Historic Centre of Macao” on the World Heritage List

The inscription of the “Historic Centre of Macao” on the World Heritage List has not only opened Macao’s door to the rest of the world, but has also supported and reinforced the cultural foundation of Macao to steadily build on the past and present and to look into the future. Time flies and the Historic Centre of Macao is now embracing the 15th anniversary of its inscription on the World Heritage List, which marks a new milestone in Macao’s cultural heritage protection and legacy. For the celebration of the 15th anniversary, the Cultural Affairs Bureau is organizing a rich variety of activities to convey the concept of “Appreciating Our World Heritage Together”, including a thematic festival, special opening of heritage sites, a story-writing competition, WeChat game, guided tours and workshops, and the “Fun Sharing Cultural Heritage” lectures and workshops. With the series of intriguing activities, the Cultural Affairs Bureau seeks to encourage everyone to experience the beauty of Macao’s World Heritage in their daily life, to re-discover the World Heritage sites that play a crucial part in moments of our lives, and to gather to appreciate the Historic Centre of Macao, which is a precious cultural treasure that belongs to all of us.



Category	Name	Date/Time	Location
Story writing	Story-Writing Competition “Memorable Moments and World Heritage”	5-31 May	
WeChat game	“I am a Cultural Heritage Expert”	1-31 July	
Guided tours / workshops	Heritage City Tours - Guided Tours and Illustration Workshop		
	Route A (for families) #^Ruins of St. Paul’s College (Ruins of St. Paul’s, forecourt and stairway), Mount Fortress, Na Tcha Temple (near Ruins of St. Paul’s), Old City Walls (sections on Calçada de S. Francisco Xavier)	4 July 4pm – 6pm	
	Route B (for families) #^Lilau Square and Beco do Lilau, Mandarin’s House, Marine and Water Bureau Building (Moorish Barracks), A-Ma Temple	5 July 4pm – 6pm	
	Route C^ St. Augustine’s Church, Dom Pedro V Theatre, Sir Robert Ho Tung Library, St.Larence’s Church and forecourt, St. Joseph’sSeminary and Church	11 July 4pm – 6pm	
	Route D^ Camões Square, Casa Garden, Camões Park and Old Protestant Cemetery, St. Anthony’s Church and forecour	12 July 4pm – 6pm	
	Route E^ Lou Kau Mansion, The Cathedral, St. Dominic’s Square, St. Dominic’s Church, Holy House of Mercy, Senado Square, Sam Kai Vui Kun (Kuan Tai Temple), Municipal Affairs Bureau Building (old Leal Senado Building)	18 July 4pm – 6pm	
	World Heritage Open Day		
	Tea time at Sir Robert Ho Tung Library ^	4, 11, and 18 July 3pm – 5pm	Sir Robert Ho Tung Library
	Panoramic View of the Ruins of St. Paul’s^	4, 11, 19 July and 2 August 4pm – 6pm	Colégio Mateus Ricci
	Treasure Hunting in the Mandarin’s House^	4, 11, 19 and 26 July 4pm – 6pm	Mandarin’s House
Activities	Secret Magic Circle of the Senado Library	5, 12, 19 and 26 July 3pm – 5pm	Senado Library
	Ascent to the Guia Lighthouse	11-12 July 9am – 6pm	Guia Lighthouse
	Festival “Celebrating the 15th Anniversary of the Inscription of the Historic Centre of Macao on the World Heritage List”	11-12 July 10:30am – 6pm	Mandarin’s House
	Thematic Lectures (for local associations/organizations/ schools)	18 May until 31 December	
	World Heritage Modelling Workshop*^	11-12 July 4:30pm – 6pm	Mandarin’s House
Fun Sharing Cultural Heritage			

Route A and B are for families with children aged 5-8; each child must be accompanied by a parent.
^ Online registration is required via the Cultural Affairs Bureau’s Activity Registration System at www.icm.gov.mo/eform/event/
* For families with children aged 5-12; each child must be accompanied by a parent.



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