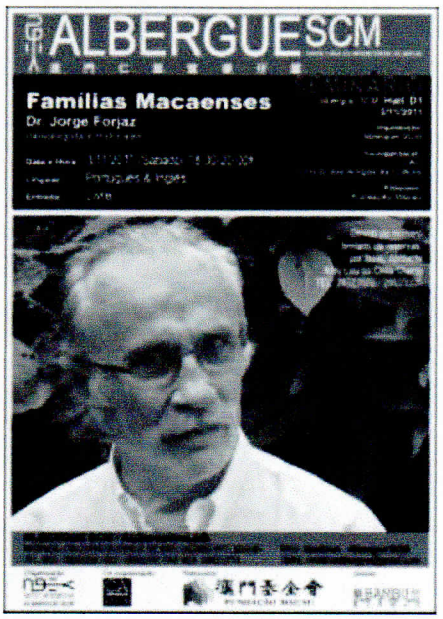
New edition of *Macanese Families* by Jorge Forjaz

Dear Friends

As you may remember, during the second Meeting of Macanese Communities in 1996 which presented to the public the work *Macanese Families* by Jorge Forjaz, a ceremony was held at the Tourism Activities Centre of Macau and the book launch had attracted more than a thousand participants.

The author presented the results of a five-year of work, in which, for the first time gathered all the Macanese family initially dispersed by the immense territory of China (Hong Kong, Guangzhou, Shanghai, Harbin, etc.), Japan (Kobe, Nagasaki, Tokyo, etc.), Thailand, Singapore, or later by Brazil, Canada, USA, Australia and Portugal.

The reception of the work within the Macanese community was extremely positive, as Professor Henry "Quito" Assumpção would say: "*For this work Forjaz earned the accolades of his peers and the gratitude of Macanese all over the world. Generations to come will treasure these books*".



In 2011, being aware of the importance of such work for the preservation of Macanese memory, Albergue SCM invited Dr. Jorge Forjaz for the celebration of the 15th anniversary of the work's publication to come to Macau and to share a reflection on the work and the impact that it had on the community. After the conference, Arch. Carlos Marreiros challenged Dr. Jorge Forjaz to a new stage, namely the reviewing and updating of the 1st edition of the work.

After five years of work, we can see the monumental achievement that far exceeded what we expected from the author. The 2nd edition of the *Macanese Families* is a general review of the work, updated in almost all the chapters and sub-chapters, adding 80 new chapters and illustrated with over 3,000 photographs in an edition in 5 volumes plus a volume of indexes, which will include all the names mentioned throughout the book.

Considering the scale of the project, which involve a huge financial effort, Albergue SCM need to have an accurate estimation of the numbers of potential buyers so to determine the final print run.

The final price of the book is not yet confirmed, but we are committed to ensure you the lowest possible price as the sale is not for commercial purpose.

If all turn out as we hope, the 2nd edition of *Macanese Families* will be launched at the Meeting of the Macanese Communities to be held in Macau from November 26th to December 2nd, 2016.

We are in the final stage of this project, therefore if you are interested in purchasing the second edition of Macanese Families, please send us an email confirmation with your full name and address to the email creativealbergue@gmail.com
letting us know how many copies you would like to purchase

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