

Press Release

Museums open with a series of cultural activities during Chinese Lunar New Year

The Macau Museum, the Tap Seac Gallery, the Mandarin's House, the Lou Kau Mansion, the Museum of Sacred Art, the Kun Iam Ecumenical Centre, the Pawnshop Museum as well as the Guia Fortress Chapel will be opened as usual during Chinese Lunar New Year. A series of cultural activities will also be provided. Citizens and tourists are welcomed to enjoy local cultural activities during the Festival.

The Museum of Sacred Art, the Kun Iam Ecumenical Centre, the Pawnshop Museum and the Guia Fortress Chapel will be opened from February 2nd to February 6th. 'Heavenly Harmonies – Taoist Ritual Music in Macao' exhibition is now presenting by the Macau Museum, publics are welcome to pay a visit. In 2009, the Taoist Ritual Music has become an element of Macao's local intangible cultural heritage. Macau Museum would like to increase citizens' awareness to the importance of cultural heritage protection. At the same time, visitors could review the moment when Chinese Premier Wen Jiabao visited Macao last year through the videos shown at the Macau Museum. Local residents and students are welcomed to visit for free every Sunday.

The Tap Seac Gallery will be opened everyday as usual during Chinese Lunar New Year. A solo exhibition by Taiwanese artist Wu Dar-Kuen will remain on display through February 13th. The exhibition, titled *Mi-Lou (a-Maze) - interactive new media*, includes an interactive installation, along with a series of photographs taken during Wu's visits to other countries, such as the US and Japan.

A series of activities such as Chinese music, Chinese calligraphy, prayer tree, guided tour in Cantonese as well as dancing Lion will be provided at the Mandarin's House. A relatively large number of visitors are predicted to pay a visit at the meantime; visitors are encouraged to use the online reservation service.

The 'Floriculture for the Chinese Lunar New Year' and the 'Flour sculpture and wood block craftworks' workshops are now presented at the Lou Kau Mansion. 'Flour sculpture and wood block craftworks' is hosted by a technologist from Shandong province and will remain on display through February 6th, follow with the 'Porcelain and paper-cut in high density' workshop from February 8th.

Further, The Macau Central library will be closed from February 3rd to February 5th. From February 6th will be opened again as usual. Except certain museums and sites, the public is invited to attend the activities above for free of charge. Interested parties are welcomed to make inquiries by calling 83996636 during office hours or through the website of Cultural Affairs Bureau www.icm.gov.mo.

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	Opening date and time	Closing date	Current Exhibitions, activities and information
Macau Museum	Opens as usual during Lunar New Year: 10:00am to 18:00pm	Every Monday	<i>‘Heavenly Harmonies – Taoist Ritual Music in Macao’</i> exhibition
The Mandarin’s House	Opens as usual during Lunar New Year: 10:00am to 18:00pm	Every Wednesday and Thursday	A series of cultural activities will be provided. A relatively large number of visitors are predicted to pay a visit at the meantime; visitors are encouraged to use the online reservation service in advance.
The Lou Kau Mansion	Opens as usual during Lunar New Year: 09:00am to 19:00pm	Every Monday	<i>‘Floriculture for the Chinese Lunar New Year’</i> and the <i>‘Flour sculpture and wood block craftworks’</i> workshops.
The Tap Seac Gallery	Opens as usual during Lunar New Year: 10:00am to 19:00pm	No Closing	<i>‘Mi-Lou (a-Maze) - interactive new media’</i> exhibition
The Macau Central library	February 2 nd 10:00am to 18:00pm	February 3 rd to February 5 th	February 6 th will be opened again as usual