

Press Release

Cultural Affairs Bureau Commemorates the Centenary of the 1911 Revolution

To commemorate the centenary of the Xinhai Revolution in grand style, the Cultural Affairs Bureau, starting in September, will hold a series of activities, including large-scale thematic exhibitions, conferences and seminars, historical guided tours of Dr. Sun Yat Sen's revolutionary sites as well as two musical events. It is hoped that this wide range of popular and academic promotional programs will not only enhance local residents' understanding of Dr. Sun Yat Sen and the 1911 Revolution in China, but also arouse public interest in the history and culture of Macao by revealing the important role the territory played in the 1911 Revolution. The Macao Cultural Affairs Bureau held yesterday afternoon (August 31st) a press conference at the Macao Museum Auditorium. It was hosted by the Director of the Macao Museum, Chan Ieng Hin, the director of the Macao Chinese Orchestra, Zhou You, and the director of the Special Project Division, Lam Chong Keong. Invited to attend and speak was the deputy director of the working committee for the Commemoration of the Centenary of the Xinhai Revolution in Macau, Chen Kin Ieng .

Macao was an important basis for Dr. Sun Yat Sen to move out into the greater world and carry out his revolutionary activities. To this day, the cultural relics retained in Macao relating to Dr. Sun Yat Sen and his revolutionary activities bear a glorious historical imprint on Macao. Putting the 1911 Revolution into historical context, the exhibition For the People – Sun Yat Sen and Macao, which will be held at the Macao Museum of the Cultural Affairs Bureau, seeks to introduce Dr. Sun Yat Sen and his family's strong connection with Macao through the display of cultural relics. This collection comes from a number of cultural organizations and individual collectors from Macao, Shanghai, Guangzhou, Taipei and Hong Kong and some of them are extremely rare and precious. The exhibition will be held on the 3rd floor of the Macao Museum and will run from September 24th to December 11th . There will also be a grand opening ceremony.

Allegiance of Revolutionaries: Seminar commemorating the 100th anniversary of the 1911 Revolution organized by the Macao Historical Archives will be held at the Macao Museum Auditorium on September 24th. Dr. Sun Yat Sen's granddaughter, Dr. Lily Sun, has been invited to attend this seminar alongside expert scholars from China, Hong Kong, Macao and Portugal to present various papers themed on the history of

the 1911 Revolution, Macao's role in the 1911 Revolution and the impact of this Revolution. These experts will provide valuable information for the study of the historical relationships between Macao and the 1911 Revolution. Admission is free. In addition to this, two seminars will be given by local scholars: Macanese and the 1911 Revolution by Dr. Li Chang Sen, Professor of the Macao Polytechnic Institute, at 3pm on October 29th and The Newspaper Industry in Macau Before and After the 1911 Revolution by Dr. Agnes Lam Iok Fong, Assistant Professor at the Faculty of Social Sciences & Humanities (FSH) in University of Macau, at 3pm on November 12th.

Revolutionary pioneer Dr. Sun Yat Sen promoted revolutionary activities in Macao and left his indelible mark in different places. The Culture Affairs Bureau and the Macao Heritage Ambassadors Association will jointly launch the Tour of Dr. Sun Yat Sen's Macau Revolutionary Trail, guiding participants and allowing them to revisit places which were once familiar to the "Father of Revolution". This guided tour will be held in Cantonese and will take place at 3pm every Saturday from September 10th to October 29th. The tours of September 24th and October 29th will be held in English. People of all nationalities are welcome. Through visits to sites which present Dr. Sun Yat Sen's life in Macao, this tour will provide a deeper understanding on the close relationship between Macao, Dr. Sun Yat Sen and his revolutionary causes from different perspectives. The route for the September tour will be: the Dr. Sun Yat Sen Memorial Hall, the Lou Lim Ioc Garden, the Lok Kuan Reading Room, the Meeting Place of the Tong Meng Hui Union and the Kiang Wu Hospital Historical Museum. The route for the October tour will be: the Lilau Square, the Mandarin's House, the headquarters of the old newspaper- the 'Eco Macaense', the House of Secret Meetings of the Revolutionary Party Chong Hua, the Residence of Sun Mei, elder brother of Sun Yat Sen, Rua de Estalagens, N.º 80 and the Lou Kau Mansion. Applications for guided tours are currently being accepted. Application forms can be found in promotional leaflets or downloaded from the Cultural Affairs Bureau website.

The Cultural Affairs Bureau will also hold two major events during the 25th Macao International Music Festival to commemorate the centenary of the 1911 Revolution. Running ten successive days from October 9th to 16th, Rising Sun - The Musical provides an innovative overview of Dr. Sun Yat Sen's young and frivolous years, explaining the various events surrounding Dr. Sun's immersion in discussing matters of great importance with his revolutionary comrades known as the "The Four Bandits" and his commencement of the Revolution. The Xinhai Revolution Commemorative Concert will be held at 8pm on October 15th at the Grand

Auditorium of the Macao Cultural Centre. An event of significant importance, the Macao Chinese Orchestra under the baton of Maestro Pang Ka Pang has specially commissioned new music from four of the most distinguished Chinese composers of contemporary folk music, who will have their new works premiered in Macao.

In addition to the above activities, the Cultural Affairs Bureau's magazine Review of Culture will launch two "Centenary of the 1911 Revolution" Special Commemorative Editions (Chinese Edition Issues 80 and 81) in the autumn and winter of this year, which will contain several academic research works on the 1911 Revolution. At the same time, a variety of beautifully-themed commemorative souvenirs will be available for sale to residents and tourists alike at the Mandarin's House and other locations. At the press conference, the deputy director of the working committee for the Commemoration of the Centenary of the Xinhai Revolution in Macau, Chen Kin Ieng, announced that on September 4th a large-scale commemoration of the centenary will be held in Macao.

Activity details can be obtained from promotional leaflets, the Cultural Affairs Bureau website at www.icm.gov.mo, or over the phone, via Cultural Affairs Bureau Hotline at 8399 6699.

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Date	Time	Details	Location	Remarks
24/9 - 11/12	10:00am-6:00pm	<i>For the People – Sun Yat Sen and Macao</i>	Exhibition Gallery, 3 rd floor of the Macao Museum	Paid admission
24/9	9:30am-5:30pm	<i>Allegiance of Revolutionaries: Seminar commemorating the 100th anniversary of the 1911 Revolution</i>	Macao Museum Auditorium	Free admission. For enquiries: 2859 2919
29/10	3:00pm-5:00pm	Seminar on the <i>Macanese and</i>	Macao	Free admission. For

		<i>the 1911 Revolution</i>	Museum Auditorium	reservation and enquiries: Call Ms. Un at 8399 6382
12/11	3:00pm-5:00pm	Seminar on <i>The Newspaper Industry in Macao Before and After the 1911 Revolution</i>	Macao Museum Auditorium	Free admission. For reservation and enquiry, please call Ms Un at 8399 6382
10/9 - 29/10 (every Saturday)	3:00pm-5:30pm	<i>Tour of Dr. Sun Yat Sen's Macau Revolutionary Trail</i>	For the tour itinerary, please consult the promotional leaflet or visit the Cultural Affairs Bureau website at www.icm.gov.mo	Free participation. For enquiries, please call Ms. Chau at 8399 6695
9~16/10	3pm (9, 15 and 16 October) and 8pm (9~15 October)	<i>Rising Sun – The Musical</i>	Mandarin's House	Ticket : MOP 150 on sale at www.macauticket.com (with various ticket discounts)
15/10	8pm	<i>Xinhai Revolution Commemorative Concert presented by The Macao Chinese Orchestra</i>	Macao Cultural Centre Grand Auditorium	Tickets : MOP 150, 120, 80 on sale at www.macauticket.com (with various ticket discounts)