

HOLY HOUSE OF MERCY CELEBRATES 443 YEARS OF EXISTENCE



The Macau Holy House of Mercy celebrated its 443rd anniversary last Monday, July 2, with the honorable presence of the Consul General of Portugal in Macau, Mr. Manuel Carvalho and the Bishop of Macau, Most Rev. José Lai.

The event was also marked with a simple but meaningful ceremony: collaborators of a fortnight of Portuguese cultural events “en-Cantos” integrated in the celebrations of Portugal National held in June, made a donation of twenty thousand patacas to the causes of the Macau Holy House of Mercy.

Almost 13 years after the establishment of the Macau Special Administrative Region, a continuing and ongoing vitality and strength of this institution is well noted. The Macau Holy House of Mercy, one of the testimonies of the peaceful coexistence and integration for more than four centuries as well as a key reference in affirmation of the spirit of social solidarity as an institution of the only portuguese milieu integrated in Greater China.



The President, José António de Freitas highlighted that, the consolidated and modernized social structures, allow this institution to offer quality and efficient services to children, the elderly and the visually impaired. The Museum, expanded last December, receives over 100 visitors on a daily basis.



At the hearing with His Excellency the Chief Executive on June 19, “*we hearted very kind and encouraging words from His Excellency*, especially when he said that the House of Mercy has been responding to the needs of the disadvantaged comprehensively against the challenges of time and change, seeking to promptly respond to more urgent and demanding situations.