

Holy House of Mercy opens new exhibition hall

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About 120 religious items including Jesuit statues and ceramics are on display at the Holy House of Mercy's new exhibition hall.

Chief Executive Fernando Chui Sai On attended the opening ceremony of the new exhibition hall at the Macau Holy House of Mercy's white edifice on Largo de Senado yesterday.

António José de Freitas, president of the Holy House of Mercy, said that the new hall was providing more space to display more artefacts to promote the history of Christianity, its tradition and values, and how Roman-Catholicism has contributed to the multi-cultural characteristics of Macau.

"Since the cul de sac [next to the Holy House of Mercy] has been

renovated, many tourists come here to take photos, especially as our building is one of the UNESCO heritage sites. We get roughly 200 visitors a day, which is quite a lot for a small, themed museum like us," Freitas said.

The Holy House of Mercy, set up in 1569, is Macau's oldest charity organisation. It is run by the city's Macanese minority. ■



This photo taken yesterday shows the new exhibition hall at the Holy House of Mercy.

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