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The **OBSERVATORY FOR CHINA (OC)**, founded on December 28, 2005, it presents the newsletter with the main initiatives between January 2019 and December 2019.



II International Congress “Portugal-China Intercultural Dialogues”, March 2019.



Conference “Macao Special Administrative Region as a Business Platform”, March 2019.



International Forum of the “Guangdong-Hong-Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area Cultural Mission”, August 2019.



“International Confucius Association Forum – International Confucian Forum”, Copenhagen, August 2019.

Photographic exhibition “The Shipyard” by Roberto Santandreu

Opened on January 17, 2019, this selection of photographs by Chilean artist Roberto Santandreu show the Lai Chi Yun shipyards, on the island of Coloane in Macau.

Organized by Casa da América Latina, this cultural event had the institutional partnership of the China Observatory and UCCLA, highlighting the promotion and artistic-cultural dissemination of China in Portugal.



Chinese New Year Celebration at the Póvoa de Varzim Casino

On February 1, 2019, the China Observatory was present at the conference on "Portugal-China Economic Relations", organized by the Institute for Cooperation and Development Portugal-Orient, together with the League of Chinese in Portugal.

The three communications presented addressed diplomatic relations between Portugal and China and how they were seen through Macau, since the establishment of this Portuguese-Chinese contact entails the resolution of the Macau issue and the transfer of its administration to China.



Issuance of stamps commemorating Portugal-China Diplomatic Relations

The China Observatory was involved in publicizing the issue of stamps marking 40 years of Official Diplomatic Relations between Portugal and the People's Republic of China.

It is a joint issue by CTT and the Chinese Post Office, with the support of the Chinese Embassy in Portugal, whose first day of circulation was the same day and month as the re-establishment of diplomatic relations between the two countries – February 8, 2019.



II International Congress “Portugal-China Intercultural Dialogues”

The Confucius Institute of the University of Aveiro organized the second edition of the International Congress of “Portugal-China Intercultural Dialogues”, which took place on the 13th, 14th and 15th of March 2019, an event that included the participation of the China Observatory. In addition to Rui Lourido's communication, this initiative included the intervention of other founding members of the Association, Jorge Tavares da Silva and Zélia Breda.



Conference “Macao Special Administrative Region as a Business Platform”

On March 20, 2019, the China Observatory was present at the conference on the role of the Macao Special Administrative Region (SAR), as a business platform between the People's Republic of China and Lusophony, which took place in the Auditorium of Macau Economic and Commercial Delegation, in Lisbon. At this event, the importance of Forum Macau and the Chinese plan for the Greater Bay Area were also discussed.

Organized by the Economic and Commercial Delegation of Macau and Rato, Ling, Lei & Cortés – Advogados e Notários, based in Macau, this initiative's main objective was to raise awareness of the business environment in the MSAR as well as the political and administration of the region.

The speakers – Diogo Machado, Pedro Cortés, Óscar Madureira and Bruno Nunes – highlighted the celebration of the 20th anniversary of the transfer of sovereignty from the Macao SAR to China and the 40th anniversary of Portugal-China Diplomatic Relations.



2nd International Ancient Capitals Forum & International Symposium, Luoyang.

The China Observatory had the honorable invitation to participate with a communication – “The Silk Roads: Roads of Dialogue between China and Portugal/Europe, from the past to the Qing Dynasty”, in the international Forum of Ancient Cities, which took place in the province Henan, and its president was one of the individuals invited to witness the inauguration of the new museum created at the site of the archaeological excavation of the oldest kingdom of Luoyang.

Conference “Our Future – Essential Role of Macau in the Luso-Chinese Relationship”.

The China Observatory participated in the Conference “Our Future – Macau's Essential Role in the Luso-Chinese Relationship”, organized by the Luso-Macanese Association (AELM) and held on March 21, in collaboration with the Academic Law Association of the Catholic University Portuguese.



Conference “Portugal – China Trilateral cooperation within the scope of the Belt and Road Initiative.

Organized by Lusa - Portuguese News Agency, on April 16, an initiative that had the institutional support of the Macau Scientific and Cultural Center, the Chinese Embassy and the Portugal-China Young Entrepreneurs Association. and with the presence of the China Observatory.



University of Évora recognizes Chinese personality, sponsor of higher education in Macau.

At the invitation of the rector of the University of Évora, the China Observatory was represented by its President at the ceremony awarding the degree of Doctor Honoris Causa to Chang Meng Kam, deputy in Macau and businessman who finances the City University of Macau, on April 9, 2019.

Reception of the Government of the Macau Special Administrative Region in Lisbon

The China Observatory was invited by the chief executive of the Macao SAR, Fernando Chui Sai On, to the reception of the Government of the Macau Special Administrative Region (SAR) which took place on May 13, at Epic Sana, in Lisbon. Several authorities were present on the occasion, namely the ambassador of the People's Republic of China in Portugal, Cai Run and from the Government of Portugal, the minister of internal administration, Eduardo Cabrita.

On the part of the China Observatory, the president of the board, Rui d'Ávila Lourido, member of the board of the general assembly, Choi Man Hin, member of the supervisory board, Y Ping Chow and associates, Carmen Amado Mendes, Gil Torcato and Rui Pereira. On the occasion, the exhibition "The successful implementation of the One Country, Two Systems principle" was also inaugurated.

Center for the Study of China and Portuguese-Speaking Countries (CECPLP)

At the invitation of the Center for the Study of China and Portuguese-Speaking Countries (CECPLP), the Institute of Regional Studies of the Beijing University of International Economics and Business (UIBE), the president of the China Observatory was invited to give an open class on "40 years of Portugal-China relations and the One Belt and One Road initiative", which took place in Beijing, on May 17, 2019.



Conference organized by the CASS Institute of World Economics and Politics.

The Chinese Academy of Social Sciences (CASS) invited the president of the OC to present a communication on the Chinese initiative, a track and a road: background and projections. Rui Lourido was the only guest delegate from the Iberian Peninsula and Western Europe, at this conference organized by the Institute of World Economics and Politics (IWEPP), CASS and with the support of the Shanghai Academy. This conference took place in Beijing on May 20, 2019.



Yangzhou Puppet Theater

The China Observatory organized a tour of the Yangzhou puppet company (Yangzhou Puppet Research Institute) in Jiangsu province. The shows took place in three Portuguese cities, as part of two international puppet festivals in the center and south of the country.

In Évora, the performances were part of the BIME (Évora International Puppet Biennial), with three shows, namely in the opening session of the Biennale, at Praça Joaquim António de Aguiar, on June 4th. The remaining performances were on June 5th at Jardim Público, June 6th at Jardim Diana and June 7th at Jardim do Bacalhau. In Ovar, the performance took place in the context of FIMO (International Puppet Festival of Ovar), with two performances at Largo do Tribunal, on the 8th and 9th of June. The last performance was in Lisbon, at the Confucius Institute of the University of Lisbon, on June 11th.



Shanghai Business School Delegation Reception

A delegation from the Shanghai Business School visited Lisbon on June 24th. The China Observatory received the delegation and arranged several meetings, with local entities at their request.

Reception of Shanghai Civil Affairs Department Delegation

Reception of a Delegation from the Shanghai Civil Affairs Department: on July 1st, the China Observatory received, together with UCCLA, the Portuguese Refugee Council and Lisbon City Council, a delegation from the Shanghai Civil Affairs Department .



International Forum of the “Guangdong-Hong-Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area Cultural Mission”.

At the invitation of the government of the Macau Special Administrative Region, the president of China Observatory, Rui Lourido, gave a talk at the International Forum, which took place at the Grand Hyatt Hotel, in Macau, on the 12th and 13th of August. The lecture took place on the first day, in the 2nd session, entitled - “Macau Renews as Pioneer Multicultural Platform in Connecting Guangdong Greater Bay with. This meeting was part of the “Draft Development Plan for the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area”, which assigned Macau the important mission of creating a base for exchanges and cooperation with Chinese culture. as a mainstream and coexistence of diverse cultures. This means that Macau takes on a different role here than the other 10 cities involved in this project in the Guangdong - Hong Kong – Macau Greater Bay Area.



Conference “Portuguese Navigations and the Maritime Silk Road”

The President of the China Observatory, Dr. Rui Lourido, participated in the International Confucianism Forum, with the communication “Portuguese Navigations and the Maritime Silk Road.”



Opening ceremony of the Erlitou History Museum.

The China Observatory was invited to participate in the opening ceremony of the Xia Dynasty Erlitou History Museum.



“International Confucius Association Forum – International Confucian Forum” – Copenhagen

The China Observatory was represented at the International Confucianism Forum – Copenhagen International Academic Symposium, which took place between 25 and 28 August 2019, in Copenhagen, at the Niels Brock Copenhagen Business College. The Forum was co-organized by the International Confucius Association (ICA) and the Academy of Comparative Civilization and Intercultural Communication of Beijing Foreign Studies University. The President of the OC presented the communication - “The Portuguese Navigations and the Maritime Silk Roads” / 《葡萄牙海军和海上丝绸之路》.



Macau International Fair (MIF) and the Portuguese Language Products and Services Exhibition (PLPEX)

Between 17 and 19 October 2019, the China Observatory participated in the Macau International Fair (MIF) and the Portuguese Language Products and Services Exhibition (PLPEX), an initiative that took place at the Venetian Macao.



“Contemporary art Portugal-Macau/China”

This exhibition marked the coincidence of 2019 celebrating the 40th anniversary of the establishment of official relations between Portugal and the People's Republic of China. It was organized by UCCLA in partnership with the China Observatory. Furthermore, in addition to the five centuries of Portuguese language experience in Macau, this was one of the founding cities of UCCLA and holds the Presidency of UCCLA in the current biennium 2019-2021. “Contemporary art Portugal-Macau/China” intended to contribute to a better understanding of new artistic expressions and the dialogue that authors of recent decades have developed between Macau and China and Portugal. Rui Lourido coordinated the creation of the Exhibition catalog and a colloquium on “Culture as a bridge for dialogue between Portugal and China”.



Exhibition of Portuguese Cartography about Macau and the China, entitled “China Seen from Europe: 16th to 19th Centuries”.

In December, the China Observatory began preparations for the Portuguese Cartography Exhibition on Macau and China, entitled “China Seen from Europe: 16th to 19th Centuries”, which due to the pandemic was postponed to October to December 2021, in exhibition room of the National Library of Portugal. This project is scientifically curated by Alexandra Curvelo (IHA-Nova FCSH), Angelo Cattaneo (CNR-Consiglio Nazionale delle Ricerche, Rome) and Rui Lourido (Historian, president of the OC). It has a partnership with the Observatory and is related to our Macau-China Digital Library.

Curricular Internships

In 2019, the China Observatory continued to establish protocols with Portuguese universities for the implementation and guidance of curricular internships. We highlight the students, courses and respective educational institutions that carried out internships at OC:

- Alexandra Almeida, final year student on the African Studies Course at the Faculty of Arts of the University of Lisbon.
- Caroline Cicarello, student of the Training Course “China and Portuguese-speaking Countries in the World Economy: “Trade, Tourism, Cooperation and Development”, at the Faculty of Economics of the University of Coimbra.
- Carolina Bonacho, from the Portuguese-Chinese Translation and Interpretation Course, at the Polytechnic Institute of Leiria.

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