



## **MGM Organizes National Education Macau Series to Mark the 15th Anniversary of the Historic Center of Macau on the World Heritage List**

*Accentuating its Beauty to Promote Cultural Tourism*

In celebration of the 15th anniversary of the inscription of the Historic Center of Macau on the UNESCO World Heritage List, MGM launched a series of programs from this July to cultivate team members' historical and cultural knowledge as part of its effort to promote Macau's heritage. The multi-pronged series featured a seminar co-organized with Macao Polytechnic Institute, guided tours of the Historic Center supported by Cultural Affairs Bureau, plus a practical e-learning course, attracting a total of nearly 300 team members. MGM hopes that its team members will get acquainted with Macau's history, so that they can guide visitors from around the world to take in its heritage. Such an initiative will also help MGM better relate the stories of Macau and promote cultural tourism.

### **Themed Seminar to Promote Conservation Awareness**

The programs began with the "MGM National Education Series Seminar—The Formation and Development of the Historic Center of Macau". MGM had the honor to have Professor Lam Fat lam, Acting Director of School of Humanities and Social Sciences of Macao Polytechnic Institute, as the guest speaker. He expounded on Macau's history and culture, including some lesser-known stories of the Historic Center, inspiring team members to inherit the city's eclectic mix of Eastern and Western attributes. Guests of honor included Zuo Xiang Hua, Director of Economic Affairs Department of the Liaison Office of the Central People's Government in the Macao SAR; Leong Man Ion, Deputy Director of the Gaming Inspection and Coordination Bureau; Lei Heong lok, President of Council of Macao Polytechnic Institute; Hubert Wang, President & Chief Operating Officer; and Wendy Yu, Executive Vice President of Human Resources of MGM.

Lam Fat lam said, "The inscription of Macau's Historic Center on the World Heritage List brought forth a new gateway for the world to explore the city. However, we should also inspire local citizens, particularly the younger generation, to understand our history and culture. I am pleased to see MGM organizing themed events to motivate employees to learn about the Historic Center, allowing them to appreciate the relics which bear the imprints of the co-existence of Chinese and Portuguese cultures. In fact, we do not need to look at it in an academic context; but rather just relax and try to savor and cherish our heritage. This will organically bring about the pursuit of heritage conservation, which is conducive for the government to advance related projects."

### **Guided Tours of Historic Center**



MGM also co-organized guided tours of Macau's historic buildings with Cultural Affairs Bureau, which offered two meticulously planned routes for team members to choose from. Participants visited historic structures such as Holy House of Mercy, Dom Pedro V Theatre, Sir Robert Ho Tung Library, St. Joseph's Church, Lou Kau Mansion and IAM Building, during which they gained a deeper understanding of the Historic Center and appreciated its beauty in the company of professional guides. The guided tours also helped amplify the message of "Protecting and Appreciating Our World Heritage Together". Meanwhile, MGM eAcademy launched the "Must-sees in the Historic Center of Macao" program in mid-July, featuring 10 videos for team members to know more about the city's historic buildings anytime, anywhere.

Toni Wong, Arts & Culture Coordinator of MGM, joined both the seminar and the guided tour. She said, "Professor Lam helped me understand the formation and development of our Historic Center. After participating in the 3-hour guided tour, I got to know a number of stories in Macau that are worth exploring and appreciating. I am particularly impressed by the Mandarin's House. It underwent a restoration of almost 10 years, which retained the basic features of a rare family complex in Macau. As a younger generation here, we are so fortunate to have a glimpse of these traditional residences. The guided tour also took me to different churches and other historic buildings, which continued to enrich my understanding of this historical city, as well as making me proud to be born here.

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