The International Congress "Daxiyangguo - Colóquio Internacional - Portugal Macau e as relações Europa China", held in Lisbon, Torre do Tombo, between the 21st and 24th October 1999, was intended to celebrate the restitution of Macao to the Chinese suzerainty. The formal ceremony was realised, as we know, at midnight between the 19th and 20th December of the same year 1999. Centuries of Sino-Portuguese coexistence and cohabitation have characterised the history of Macao, determining the rise of very peculiar aspects and elements in the small settlement, from the historical, political, economic and religious point of view, as well as with regard to the concrete exercise of suzerainty, because Macao was ruled by two different Countries. Moreover, being one of the most important stopping points of the international routes of East Asia, Macao hosted a multy-ethnic community, especially during the XVI and the XVII Centuries, when together with the Portuguese, also Spanish, Italian, Dutch or German missionaries stopped over there, often in order to reach other destinations, that were mainly Mainland China and Japan or back to the Philippines and to the South East Asia. Essential base also of the international sea-trade network, Macao saw the temporary rising of a Japanese community as well. The identity of the "Macaonese" ethnicity, therefore, its origins and peculiarities, its history are therefore extremely multifarious and complex, being in itself expression and concrete results of the significant encounter of two civilisations.

On the base of these premises, the International Congress organised by Jorge Manuel dos Santos Alves -to whom I express my thanks, in the name of all the participants- under the High Patronage of the President of the Republic of Portugal, was structured in several sections (as it can be seen in the attached program), in order to provide a wide range of scholarly discussions and debates. Certainly, it was a precious occasion to deep the knowledge about the peculiar Macaonese reality, in the wider context of the dialogue between China and Europe.

Patrizia Carioti
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Manhã
10.00h
Sessão Solene de Abertura
Oradores:
Prof. Joaquim Romero Magalhães
(Comissão Nacional para as Comemorações das Descobrimentos Portugueses)
Dr. António Rodrigues Júnior
(Fundação Macau)
Dr. Carlos Monjardino
(Fundação Oriente)
Eng.ª Maria Alexandra Costa Gomes
(Missão de Macau em Lisboa)

10.30h
Conferência de Abertura
Prof. Paolo Santangelo

11.15h
Encerramento
Representante do Presidente da República

Tarde
14.30 h
1 ~ Condições Históricas e Culturais de Macau
Presidente:
Maria Augusta Lima Cruz

1. Teresa Sena
Pensar a História de Macau no Contexto Inter-Asiático: Espaços, Gentes e Estratégias

2. Fei Chengkang
Contributos para um estudo comparativo entre Macau, Bairros Estrangeiros, Repartições para as Tribos Aborígenes, Concessões e Arrendamentos

3. Ana Maria Amaro
Mezinhas de casa das nhonhonha de Macau, uma herança híbrida Ocidente/Oriente

16.30h [Pausa para café]

17.00h / 19.00
4. Jorge Santos Alves
Vizinhas e Rivals: Macau e o Comércio Chinês e japones na Ásia do Sueste e Mar da China (1590-1630)

5. Ângela Guimarães
Relações Portugal-China – Inícios do sec.XIX

6. Wu Zhiliang
Contactos realizados nos inícios da República da China pelos Governos do Sul e do Norte em torno de Macau

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Manhã
10.00h / 11.30h
II ~ Sinologia:
Fontes e Métodos
Presidente:
Luis Filipe Thomaz

1. James Chin
A Critical Survey of the Chinese Sources on Early Portuguese Activities in China

2. Geoff Wade
The Portuguese as Represented in Some Chinese Sources of the Ming Dynasty

11.30h [Pausa para café]

11.45h
3. Rui Loureiro
Gaspar da Cruz, primeiro sínado europeu

4. Jin Guoping
Pinhal no contexto dos conflitos luso-espanhóis no Extremo Oriente. Uma tentativa de identificação do Pinhal Geográfico e Histórico

13.15h [Almoço]