

# abstracts



## **Macau's Legal Organization**

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*The changes in the Organic Statutes of Macau have permitted a broad devolution of powers to the territory of Macau. This is translated into a genuine and permanent legal authorization enjoyed by the territory giving it its own broad legislative powers. These legal powers allow the territory to adapt its legal system to fit into the local situation. The defence of the principles and values in Macau's legal ordenance still depend to a large extent, however, on how it is applied. The legal mechanisms for doing this must be increased to cover all possible contingencies in order for it to be effective after the transition period.*

*The articles published in this issue are a critical analysis of the planned basic law for Macau's legal organization in the light of the constitutional principles and rights of Portugal, the Organic Statutes, the articles included in the Sino-Portuguese Joint Declaration and in the general defence of a modern and flexible legal system capable of adapting to the changing needs of Macau. It must also be able to offer an organized response to local requirements so long as the basic principles on which it is founded are protected for it is these principles which are founded on modern law.*

## **Matai's role in the Economic Cooperation between Guangdong, Hong Kong and Macau**

Chao Wai Peng

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*In the eighties, Guangdong, Hong Kong and Macau underwent major economic changes. Development took place at the same time in various areas and now the three zones together form an important economic group within the Asia-Pacific region. The most important factor in this development is definitely the economic cooperation which has been established between the three areas.*

*The author examines the situation and the role of Macau within this framework, discussing how to maintain and improve the coordination of economic, scientific, technological, financial and construction policies between these areas.*

## **The Construction of Macau's Deep-Water Port**

Lo Cheong Ian and Vong Chau Son

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*Macau's future economic development will depend to a great extent on the territory's harbour capacity. There are three ports at present (the Inner Harbour, the Outer Harbour and Ka Ho Port) each of which serves a different purpose. In view of this, the construction of a deep-water port capable of receiving large ships is, according to the author, absolutely necessary to Macau's economic and social progress.*

*The problems of building a deep-water port in Macau — its location and the depth of the water, sedimentation and road, river and rail links — are approached from the point of view of the need to integrate Macau's development into that of the entire Pearl River Delta region.*