

## **Centenary of the Chinese Educators' Association of Macau**

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Founded in 1920, the Chinese Educators' Association of Macau is celebrating its centenary in this year. As the witness and contributor to local education progress and community developments in the past century, the Association has extensively played its proper roles in various historic moments, such as the War of Resistance Against Japanese Aggression, the founding of the People's Republic of China, and the establishment of the Macao Special Administrative Region. The sustainable development has been achieved in the daily operations under the joint efforts of the past presidents, all directors and supervisors. At present, the Association has thirty-two group member schools and more than five thousand individual members. In 1985, the then Macanese government awarded the Association with the Medal of Cultural Merit; In 2005, the Macao SAR Government awarded the Association with the Medal of Educational Merit.

After the handover to the Motherland, Macao's education has made great achievements with the efforts of all parties, including the Association. As a professional education association, it has strongly supported the principles of "one country, two systems" and "Macao people governing Macao", striving to promote the nationalistic sentiment of loving the country and Macao and the inheritance of the traditional Chinese cultures. The Association has long been committed to the protection of the reasonable rights and interests of local teachers, improving their professional quality, and promoting the unity of the local education community. In terms of education, it has organized various kinds of professional events, such as educational and teaching researches to foster the solutions of educational problems, educational and teaching activities to promote the exchange and solidarity of teachers, and large-scale academic competitions to improve students' academic standards. In terms of social affairs, it has raised suggestions and recommendations to the SAR Government to support the Government's administration according to law. It has made its proper contributions to the prosperity and stability of the Macao SAR by participating actively in the social affairs.

In recent years, the Association has extended its operations to the new frontiers by establishing groups such as Chinese, English, mathematics, preschool education and science in order to promote the teachers' professional standards, their academic exchanges and scientific research. In response to the tendencies of the times, several affiliated associations have been established to serve local teachers more pertinently, such as the Macao Teacher Professional Development Association, the Retired Educators' Association of the Chinese Educators' Association of Macao, and the Youth Association of the Chinese Educators' Association of Macau. In terms of regional cooperation, the Association takes the initiative to participate in the educational cooperation in the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area, so as to promote the complementarity of educational resources and to enhance the quality of education in Macao.

Upholding the law of inheritance and innovation, the Association will keep pace with the times in the future by giving full play of its functions as a professional educational organization. It will strive to improve the quality of services, promote the innovation in its daily operation, and contribute to the steady development of Macao's education and the cause of "one country, two systems".

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