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Macau Cultural Center grand opening marks important landmark for Macanese-Americans

The grand opening of the first Macau Cultural Center in the United States in historic Niles, Fremont, California took place on Saturday, May 7, 2011. The three U.S.-based Macanese clubs - Casa Macau USA, União Macaense Americana (UMA), and Lusitano Club of California - joined forces in 2005 to purchase this historic building, remodeling it to include a reception hall, kitchen, conference room, library, and two retail stores. The Macau Cultural Center Board of Directors represents all three Macanese clubs and is currently composed by president Maria Roliz (Lusitano Club), vice president Henrique Manhão (Casa de Macau USA), and fundraising chair Maria Fátima Gomes (UMA), and six other members, two from each club. Participating in the historic event were the Cultural Consul of the People's Republic of China, a representative of the Instituto Internacional de Macau, the president of the Macao Club of Toronto Joseph Chen, the president of the Amigu di Macau Club of Toronto José Cordeiro, and the Vice-president of the Casa de Macau of Vancouver Mickey Da Roza, among many other visitors and community members. A traditional *Chá Gordo* was served.

The Portuguese Tribune shared photos of this event with Macau's premier Portuguese language newspaper, *Jornal Tribuna de Macau*, making it to its cover on Monday, May 9th. The Portuguese Tribune congratulates the Macau Cultural Center for this important initiative to preserve and promote the Macanese culture in the US.

