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## Introducing the launch of Taipa Village Art Space in Macau

*In Conjunction with the First Solo Exhibition “P.I.B.G.: On the Verge”*

*from Macau Graffiti Artist – Pat Lam*



7<sup>th</sup> October 2016 – Taipa Village Cultural Association takes great pleasure in announcing the official inauguration of Taipa Village Art Space, with the goal of promoting the cultural and creative industries in Macau.

Located in a traditional shop house in the centre of the historic area of Taipa Village, where visitors can savour a rich array of heritage and culture, the art space will be dedicated to showcasing the artwork of both local and international artists.

Taipa Village Art Space will debut with the first solo exhibition, *P.I.B.G.: On the Verge* by a local Macanese Graffiti artist Pat Lam Ka Hou (street tag P.I.B.G.). Pat is a graffiti pioneer whose work has been featured in Macau’s Cotai resorts, including The Venetian Macao and City of Dreams Macau. He has collaborated with numerous fashion and lifestyle brands, such as Moschino, Nike, Vans, Red Bull, as well as HKWall and Stage.

"This unique exhibition aims to promote the street art scene by connecting outdoor graffiti murals in the neighbourhood with a number of graffiti works exhibited inside the art space." says João Ó, President of the Executive Board, Taipa Village Cultural Association. "This is depicted through the exhibited murals *Art-less/full* and *On the Verge* which express the sense that ‘Art is What Matters’. Our aim is to transgress the boundaries of conventional art and create a unique aesthetic experience for both the local community and visitors to appreciate."



Following the launch of the Art Space, Taipa Village Cultural Association will further complement the Macau government's efforts to transform Taipa Village into a lively centre for artistic and cultural endeavours, with initiatives including special festive events, live performances and eclectic pop-up concepts. These initiatives will pioneer the concept of sustainable heritage in Macau, allowing visitors to experience a diverse range of artistic and cultural attractions, so as to contribute to the development of non-gaming tourism in the territory.

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### **About Taipa Village Cultural Association**

The Taipa Village Cultural Association is a non-profit body comprised of representatives from the local community and broader Macau. The association aims to highlight the uniqueness of Taipa Village's heritage by raising awareness of its attractions and cementing its position as a distinctive community that benefits the entire city.

Numerous initiatives are planned to preserve, enrich and cement Taipa Village as a tourism and cultural destination, including a diverse range of artistic and cultural attractions that will allow visitors and future generations to enjoy a unique experience of the authentic Macau.

### **About Taipa Village**

Located in an historic enclave on Taipa Island, Taipa Village was originally inhabited by fishermen – a heritage that lives on today in its quaint village street layout and evocative, pastel-hued shop houses, nestled alongside colonial churches and Chinese temples. The village, with its rich heritage, offers an inspiring, East-meets-West alternative to Macau's casinos, and is a must-go destination for visitors and locals alike.

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