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Chapter 1

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1.1 144.guide

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Header (Macau)
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Affiliation:
 (overseas territory of Portugal)

1.4 144.guide/Geography (Macau)

Geography (Macau)
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Location:
 East Asia, 27 km west-southwest of Hong Kong on the southeast coast of ↔
 China
 bordering the South China Sea
 Map references:
 Asia, Oceania, Southeast Asia, Standard Time Zones of the World
 Area:
 total area:
 16 km²
 land area:
 16 km²
 comparative area:
 about 0.1 times the size of Washington, DC
 Land boundaries:
 total 0.34 km, China 0.34 km
 Coastline:
 40 km
 Maritime claims:
 not specified
 International disputes:
 none
 Climate:
 subtropical; marine with cool winters, warm summers
 Terrain:

generally flat
 Natural resources:
 negligible
 Land use:
 arable land:
 0%
 permanent crops:
 0%
 meadows and pastures:
 0%
 forest and woodland:
 0%
 other: 100%
 Irrigated land:
 NA km2
 Environment:
 essentially urban; one causeway and one bridge connect the two islands to
 the peninsula on mainland

1.5 144.guide/People (Macau)

People (Macau)

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Population:
 477,850 (July 1993 est.)
 Population growth rate:
 1.44% (1993 est.)
 Birth rate:
 14.99 births/1,000 population (1993 est.)
 Death rate:
 4.05 deaths/1,000 population (1993 est.)
 Net migration rate:
 3.45 migrant(s)/1,000 population (1993 est.)
 Infant mortality rate:
 5.5 deaths/1,000 live births (1993 est.)
 Life expectancy at birth:
 total population:
 79.64 years
 male:
 77.24 years
 female:
 82.17 years (1993 est.)
 Total fertility rate:
 1.44 children born/woman (1993 est.)
 Nationality:
 noun:
 Macanese (singular and plural)
 adjective:
 Macau
 Ethnic divisions:
 Chinese 95%, Portuguese 3%, other 2%
 Religions:

Buddhist 45%, Roman Catholic 7%, Protestant 1%, none 45.8%, other 1.2% (1981)

Languages:
Portuguese (official), Cantonese is the language of commerce

Literacy:
age 15 and over can read and write (1981)
total population:
90%
male:
93%
female:
86%

Labor force:
180,000 (1986)
by occupation:
NA

1.6 144.guide/Government (Macau)

Government (Macau)

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Names:
conventional long form:
none
conventional short form:
Macau
local long form:
none
local short form:
Ilha de Macau

Digraph:
MC

Type:
overseas territory of Portugal scheduled to revert to China in 1999

Capital:
Macau

Administrative divisions:
2 districts (concelhos, singular - concelho); Ilhas, Macau

Independence:
none (territory of Portugal; Portugal signed an agreement with China on 13 April 1987 to return Macau to China on 20 December 1999; in the joint declaration, China promises to respect Macau's existing social and economic systems and lifestyle for 50 year after transition)

Constitution:
17 February 1976, Organic Law of Macau; basic law drafted primarily by Beijing awaiting final approval

Legal system:
Portuguese civil law system

National holiday:
Day of Portugal, 10 June

Political parties and leaders:

Association to Defend the Interests of Macau; Macau Democratic Center; ↔
 Group
 to Study the Development of Macau; Macau Independent Group
 Other political or pressure groups:
 wealthy Macanese and Chinese representing local interests, wealthy
 pro-Communist merchants representing China's interests; in January 1967 the
 Macau Government acceded to Chinese demands that gave China veto power over
 administration
 Suffrage:
 18 years of age; universal
 Elections:
 Legislative Assembly:
 last held on 10 March 1991; results - percent of vote by party NA; seats -
 (23 total; 8 elected by universal suffrage, 8 by indirect suffrage, and 7
 appointed by the governor) number of seats by party NA
 Executive branch:
 president of Portugal, governor, Consultative Council (cabinet)
 Legislative branch:
 unicameral Legislative Assembly
 Judicial branch:
 Supreme Court
 Leaders: Chief of State:
 President (of Portugal) Mario Alberto SOARES (since 9 March 1986)
 Head of Government:
 Governor Gen. Vasco Joaquim Rocha VIEIRA (since 20 March 1991)
 Member of:
 ESCAP (associate), GATT, IMO (associate), WTO (associate)

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Government (Macau 2. usage)

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Diplomatic representation in US:
 as Chinese territory under Portuguese administration, Macanese interests in
 the US are represented by Portugal
 US diplomatic representation:
 the US has no offices in Macau, and US interests are monitored by the US
 Consulate General in Hong Kong
 Flag:
 the flag of Portugal is used

1.8 144.guide/Economy (Macau)

Economy (Macau)

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Overview:

The economy is based largely on tourism (including gambling) and textile ←
 and
 fireworks manufacturing. Efforts to diversify have spawned other small
 industries - toys, artificial flowers, and electronics. The tourist sector
 has accounted for roughly 25% of GDP, and the clothing industry has ←
 provided
 about two-thirds of export earnings; the gambling industry represented well
 over 40% of GDP in 1992. Macau depends on China for most of its food, fresh
 water, and energy imports. Japan and Hong Kong are the main suppliers of ←
 raw
 materials and capital goods.

National product:
 GDP - exchange rate conversion - \$3.1 billion (1991)
 National product real growth rate:
 3.1% (1991)
 National product per capita:
 \$6,700 (1991)
 Inflation rate (consumer prices):
 8.2% (1991 est.)
 Unemployment rate:
 2% (1991 est.)
 Budget:
 revenues \$305 million; expenditures \$298 million, including capital
 expenditures of \$NA (1989)
 Exports:
 \$1.8 billion (1992 est.)
 commodities:
 textiles, clothing, toys
 partners:
 US 36%, Hong Kong 13%, Germany 12%, France 8% (1991)
 Imports:
 \$2.0 billion (1992 est.)
 commodities:
 raw materials, foodstuffs, capital goods
 partners:
 Hong Kong 35%, China 22%, Japan 17% (1991)
 External debt:
 \$91 million (1985)
 Industrial production:
 NA
 Electricity:
 258,000 kW capacity; 855 million kWh produced, 1,806 kWh per capita (1992)
 Industries:
 clothing, textiles, toys, plastic products, furniture, tourism
 Agriculture:
 rice, vegetables; food shortages - rice, vegetables, meat; depends mostly ←
 on
 imports for food requirements
 Economic aid:
 none
 Currency:
 1 pataca (P) = 100 avos
 Exchange rates:
 patacas (P) per US\$1 - 8.034 (1991), 8.024 (1990), 8.030 (1989), 8.044
 (1988), 7.993 (1987); note - linked to the Hong Kong dollar at the rate of
 1.03 patacas per Hong Kong dollar
 Fiscal year:

calendar year

1.9 144.guide/Communications (Macau)

Communications (Macau)

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Highways:

42 km paved

Ports:

Macau

Airports:

none useable, 1 under construction; 1 seaplane station

Telecommunications:

fairly modern communication facilities maintained for domestic and international services; 52,000 telephones; broadcast stations - 4 AM, 3 FM, no TV (TV programs received from Hong Kong); 115,000 radio receivers (est.) ←

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international high-frequency radio communication facility; access to international communications carriers provided via Hong Kong and China; 1 Indian Ocean INTELSAT earth station

1.10 144.guide/Defense Forces (Macau)

Defense Forces (Macau)

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Manpower availability:

males age 15-49 137,738; fit for military service 77,159 (1993 est.)

Note:

defense is responsibility of Portugal