

## [IMMEDIATE RELEASE]

## GEG Supports "Art Macao" for Local Art and Cultural Development; GalaxyArt Gallery and "Juxtapose" Exhibition Unveiled

Macau, Special Administrative Region of the People's Republic of China, (July 20, 2021) – Throughout the years, Galaxy Entertainment Group ("GEG") has been actively supporting and participating in the large-scale arts, cultural, recreation and sports activities organized by the Macau SAR Government, and helping to promote Macau's positioning as a World Center of Tourism and Leisure. Today, the Galaxy Entertainment Group Foundation ("GEG Foundation") unveiled the non-profit GalaxyArt Gallery and presented its first art exhibition "Juxtapose" at Galaxy Macau™. As a special exhibition of the 2nd "Art Macao: Macao International Art Biennale 2021" hosted under the auspices of the Secretariat for Social Affairs and Culture and the Secretariat for Economy and Finance, and organized by the Cultural Affairs Bureau and the Macao Government Tourism Office of the Macau SAR Government, "Juxtapose" features a series of giant metal sculptures designed by Malaysian artist Tang Mun Kian and reflects on Macau's long-standing customs, history and culture. The exhibition will be open to the public for free starting today.

This afternoon, Ms. Lo Hou Chi, Representative of the Secretary for Social Affairs and Culture; Mr. Wan Su Cheng, Director General of Department of Publicity and Culture of the Liaison Office of the Central People's Government in the Macau SAR; Ms. Mok Ian Ian, Director of Cultural Affairs Bureau; Ms. Maria Helena de Senna Fernandes, Director of Macao Government Tourism Office; Mr. Chui Sai Cheong, Sole Supervisor of GEG Foundation; Mr. Wong Yu Kai and Dr. Jorge Neto Valente, Trustees of GEG Foundation; Mr. Francis Lui, Vice Chairman of GEG; and Mr. Philip Cheng, Director of GEG, officiated the opening of the long-term non-profit GalaxyArt Gallery.

In his speech, Mr. Philip Cheng said, "GEG is very honored to present the 'Juxtapose' exhibition, participate in the Macau SAR Government's 'Art Macao', and to have opened this brand-new art gallery for local residents and tourists. GEG actively explores and introduces different products to help enrich the city's arts and cultural scene, and we continually contribute to Macau's development as a 'World Center of Tourism and Leisure'. GalaxyArt, a long-term and non-profit art gallery, is another testament of GEG's unwavering commitment to promote arts and cultural development in Macau. As a world-class integrated resort operator, GEG hopes that by participating in 'Art Macao', we can help the Macau SAR Government promote the cross-sectoral integration of tourism and art, attract more tourists to enjoy Macau's diversified tourism experiences, and support the economy and tourism industry on its gradual recovery."

Located on the Promenade Shops at Galaxy Macau, GalaxyArt's first exhibition "Juxtapose" is open until October 31, 2021, after which GalaxyArt will hold thematic arts



and cultural exhibitions and present different cultural and artistic experiences to the public for free in order to promote the development and exchange of arts and culture in Macau. For its first exhibition, GalaxyArt will provide workshops for children ages 5 to 12, which include storytelling sessions, held in cooperation with the Oral History Association of Macao, followed by hands-on handicraft sessions. In addition, upholding its philosophy of "what is taken from the community is to be used for the good of the community" and give back to the community, GEG will organize family visits and workshops for local social service associations. These are aimed at helping to promote the preservation and inheritance of local cultural heritage by encouraging children on exploring Macau's history, culture and artistic interests in an entertaining and innovative way. Daily docent-led guided tours will also be offered to the general public.

The Macau-themed "Juxtapose" exhibition features 11 giant metal sculptures created by artist Tang Mun Kian. Through his artistic and witty humor, the sculptures depict Macau's tangible and intangible cultural heritages, including historical monuments, architectures, religious sites, food, people, and pays tribute to the long and unique historical and cultural customs of Macau. Over the years, GEG has been actively promoting the community's interests in local art and cultural exchanges, and rolled out different initiatives through the Foundation in hopes of facilitating the development of arts and culture, including the GEG Arts & Cultural Initiative, the GEG Intangible Cultural Heritage Scheme and the GEG Chinese Music Promotion Scheme. In 2019, the GEG Foundation and the Grimaldi Forum Monaco signed a cultural memorandum of understanding, and hosted the exhibition "GRACE KELLY: From Hollywood to Monaco – Artists' Tributes" in support of "Art Macao 2019", organized by the Macau SAR Government. In addition, GEG supported The Monte-Carlo Ballet's performances in Macau. Moving forward, GEG will continue to help establish Macau as a multi-cultural base for the exchange and cooperation of different initiatives that diversify Macau's economy.

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## **Photo Captions**



P001: This afternoon, Mr. Francis Lui, Vice Chairman of GEG; Mr. Wong Yu Kai, Trustee of GEG Foundation; Ms. Maria Helena de Senna Fernandes, Director of Macao Government Tourism Office; Mr. Wan Su Cheng, Director General of Department of Publicity and Culture of the Liaison Office of the Central People's Government in the Macau SAR; Ms. Lo Hou Chi, Representative of the Secretary for Social Affairs and Culture; Ms. Mok Ian Ian, Director of Cultural Affairs Bureau; Mr. Chui Sai Cheong, Sole Supervisor of GEG Foundation; Dr. Jorge Neto Valente, Trustee of GEG Foundation; and Mr. Philip Cheng, Director of GEG (from left to right), officiated the opening of the long-term non-profit GalaxyArt Gallery.





P002: Mr. Philip Cheng, Director of GEG, delivered his speech.





P003: Officiating and distinguished guests toured "Juxtapose", the first exhibition of GalaxyArt Gallery.





P004: Officiating and distinguished guests took a group photo in front of the exhibits of "Juxtapose".





P005: "Juxtapose" features a series of giant metal sculptures designed by Malaysian artist Tang Mun Kian and reflects on Macau's long-standing customs, history and culture.





P006: GalaxyArt will hold thematic arts and cultural exhibitions and present different cultural and artistic experiences to the public for free in order to promote the development and exchange of arts and culture in Macau.