

Macau Gambling Law Book Launched



Macau legal experts Fernando Vitória and Óscar Alberto Madureira presented last September 15, at Rui Cunha Foundation, a publication named “Direito do Jogo em Macau” – Gambling Law in Macau - that gathers the complete legal framework of Macau gaming laws. The publication also contains a brief history of Macau gaming market, a glossary of terms related with Macau gaming industry, a comparative draft of a gaming concession contracts and some court decisions over disputes involving matters related with gaming related issues.

Macau Special Administrative Region is well known as the gaming market that generates more revenue in the world, surpassing large-scale competitors such as Las Vegas or Singapore. The gaming industry accounts for about 80 percent of the local economy, both directly and indirectly. On that account the importance of this sector of activity and what it

represents for the local society is indisputable.

There is however, both in Macau and in other jurisdictions where gambling is legal, some rift in discussing topics related to this industry, including those related to the legal-normative plan.

According to both authors the book was designed to be a working tool not just for legal professionals but also to anyone looking for information on gaming regulations and to all legal professionals dealing with matters involving Macau gaming law. The last compilation of gaming industry legal framework was published in the 1980’s and therefore the authors understand that the new compilation may be used to fill in a gap that definitely existed.

For now the Gambling Law in Macau is available in Portuguese only, but the authors are planning to launch English and Chinese versions by next year.