



Taipa, Coloane connection road
[In Macau Boletim de Informação e Turismo (Acronym, MBIT) (jun 1968), Vol. IV (4), cover]

“Macau Boletim de Informação e Turismo” (journal)

The journal was published monthly from March 1965, Vol. I(1) to December 1979 (an estimated 177 number issues), most available at the Arquivo Histórico Ultramarino in Lisbon (number issues until 1976). The publication commenced with a modest four-page content, however, by August 1965, the publication had increased to eight pages (I, 8), and by June 1968, it had grown to over twenty pages (IV, 4). This periodical has a partial registry in the Archives of Macao library catalogue and the IICT-ULisboa collective catalogue. Although both institutions lack items and information, it appears to be the successor of the “Macau: Boletim Informativo da Repartição Central dos Serviços Económicos, Secção de Propaganda e Turismo” (1953 -1957).

References

- Arquivo Histórico Ultramarino (Lisbon, Portugal)
- MBIT articles: (1968, feb.) The economy of Macao, VI (12), 2; (1968, mar.) “The water supply to Taipa and Coloane”, VI (1), 5; (1968, jun.) “Press voice”, IV (4), 8; (1968, nov.) “Industrialisation of Macao”, IV (9), 9-13.
- Report by Duarte Abecassis on linking Taipa and Coloane and on Macao's inner and outer harbours. (1963). [PT/AHU/IPAD00649]
- Notes of the Technical Commission for Planning and Economic Integration on the connection of islands, etc. (1968). [PT/AHU/IPAD00678].
- Mindelo water distribution project (1968). [PT/AHU/IPAD07965].
- Arquivo Nacional Torre do Tombo (Lisbon, Portugal) | .Induction of Duarte Abecassis as General Secretary of Public Works Ministry (1940) [PT/TT/EPJS/SF/001-001/0076/23380]
- Arquivo Histórico de Macau (Macao, China). [MO/AH/AC/SA/01]
- Duarte Abecassis: contract (1918) doc. 06839 | appointment to serve as interim director of Macao Port Works (1924) doc.09341; Public written recognition (1925) [doc.09877].

TAIPA / COLOANE ROAD

The territory of colonial Macao was about 15 km², including two additional land portions, the islands of Taipa and Coloane. However, the islands were geographically separated in the 1960s, making Macao's harbours hard to access (MBIT, 1968 (12): 2). Research on this subject has been conducted since 1918 by the Portuguese engineer Duarte Abecassis (MO/AH, doc.06839), appointed in 1924 interim Director of the Macao Harbour Works (MO/AH, doc.09341) which later earned him praise from the Macao Government (MO/AH, doc.09877). His career led him to become General Secretary of the Public Works Ministry, working overseas on infrastructure projects (TT, 1940, doc. 23380). Along with the Engineers António R. Coutinho (IPAD00649) Guedes de Campos and Moreira de Araújo (IPAD00678), Abecassis secured a land connection by an isthmus road of 2,225 metres in length, between the two islands.

The infrastructure was inaugurated in June 1968, marking a significant milestone in the region's development - for instances on water supply (MBIT, (MBIT, 1968:1, 5) a solution designed by Manuel Neto Valente after research in Mindelo, Cape Verde (IPAD07965). The number issue under discussion (Vol. IV (4)) features the inaugural speech and a selection of clips from the printed media's coverage: “Notícias de Macau”, “Tai Chung Po” and “O Clarim” (MBIT, 1968 (4): 8).