

## **Press Release**

### ***Conference of the Central Banks and Regulatory Authorities of Portuguese Speaking Territories 6 April 2009 – Four Seasons Hotel, Lotus Room***

*On the eve of its 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, the Monetary Authority of Macao (AMCM) will host the captioned international conference with the main theme “Establishing a Platform for Financial Cooperation and Promotion of Economic and Commercial Development”. It is hoped that a financial cooperation mechanism can be established subsequently whereby economic and trade cooperation between China and Portuguese speaking countries can be further enhanced. The move will certainly underline the function of the MSAR as the service platform for liaison between China and Portuguese speaking territories. Representatives from central banks and financial institutions of Portuguese speaking countries in four continents will make their addresses surrounding the main theme.*

*Up-to-date, confirmation has been received from representatives of Portugal, Angola, Brazil, Cape Verde, Guinea-Bissau, Mozambique, São Tomé and Príncipe and Timor-Leste. To reinforce the effectiveness of this conference, AMCM has specially invited the Commercial Attachés of Chinese Embassies in the aforementioned countries to participate in the conference, whose presence will certainly of great help in our subsequent follow-up action in this respect. It is hoped that a financial cooperation mechanism between China and Portuguese speaking countries can be set up at an earlier date whereby economic and trade relationship can be further strengthened.*

*The above mentioned conference will be held on 6 April 2009 from 9:30am to 6:30pm at the Lotus Room of Four Seasons Hotel. It will be officiated by the Secretary for Economy and Finance, Mr. Francis Tam, Ms. Gao Yan, Deputy Director of the Liaison Office of the Central People’s Government, Mr. Lu Sumin, Special Envoy, Office of the Commissioner of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Representatives of consulates of Portuguese speaking countries in Macao and commercial institutions in addition to decision makers of local financial institutions have been invited to attend the conference.*

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