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## EXPLANATION

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Macau (officially the Macao Special Administrative Region of the People's Republic of China) is a city by the South China Sea, in the western Pearl River Delta, nowadays the most densely populated region in the world.

The first written record of the name "Macau", as "Ya/A Ma Gang“, dates back from 1555. The earliest Portuguese spelling for the place was AMAQUÃO, and many variations were used until Macau became standardized by the new Portuguese orthography.





the hustle and bustle of the street





Public edifice, built in 1939, by the Portuguese governor of Macau.





China has two “internal frontiers” between its 3 parts: mainland China, Hong Kong and Macau.





Same for the currency: the yuan, the Hong Kong dollar, and the Macanese pataca.





wandering through the mall





with student Zhiming,  
enjoying a meal





glimpsing





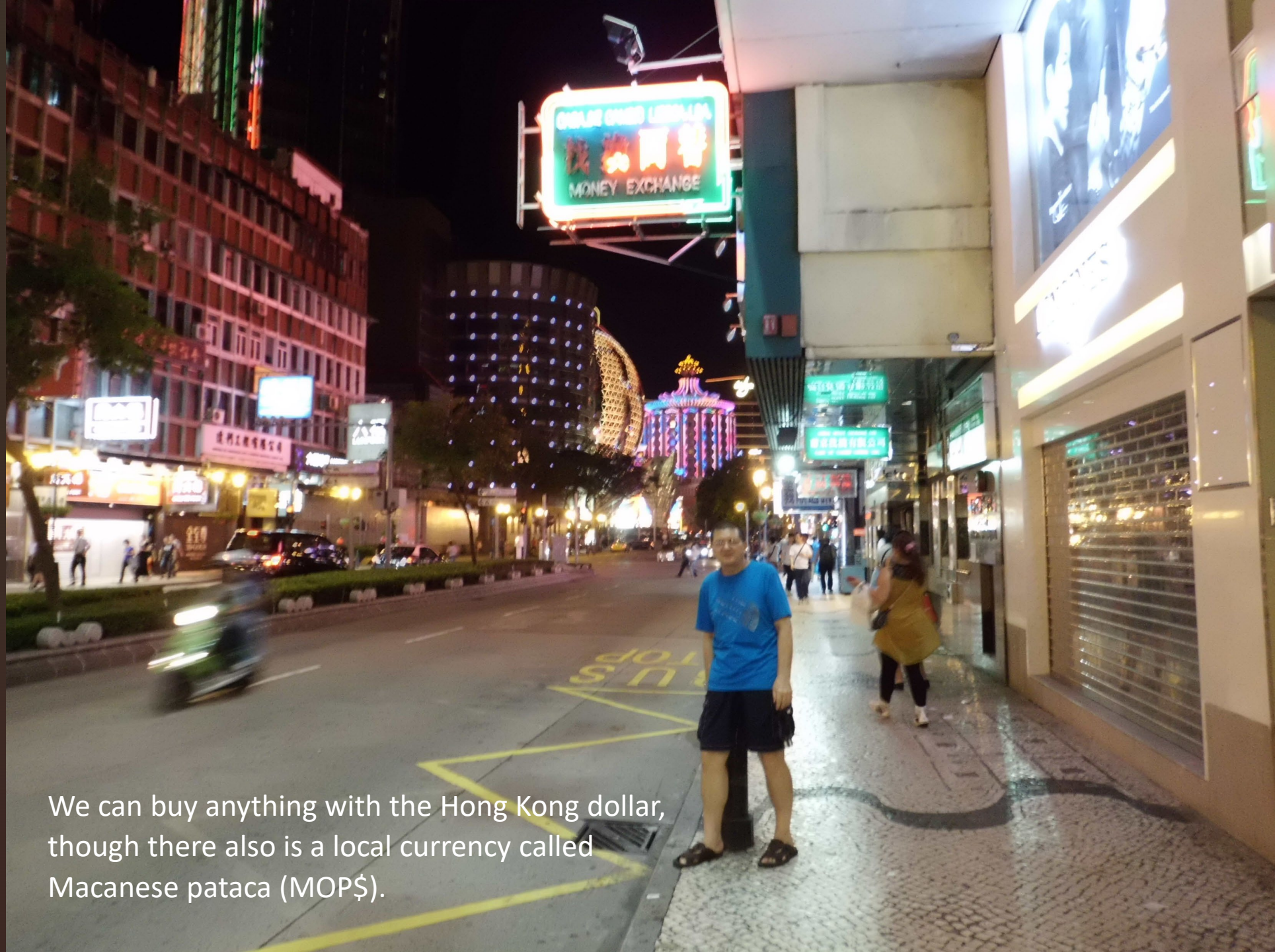
Grand Emperor Hotel





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We can buy anything with the Hong Kong dollar, though there also is a local currency called Macanese pataca (MOP\$).





Student Zhiming at rest



City of casinos.

The sidewalks, full of people.

Gran Lisboa, casino.

It also has prostitutes.





In another casino, Casino Lisboa.  
We aren't allowed to take photos.  
Police even inside.







But I don't see automated  
machines like in Vegas.  
Just table games.



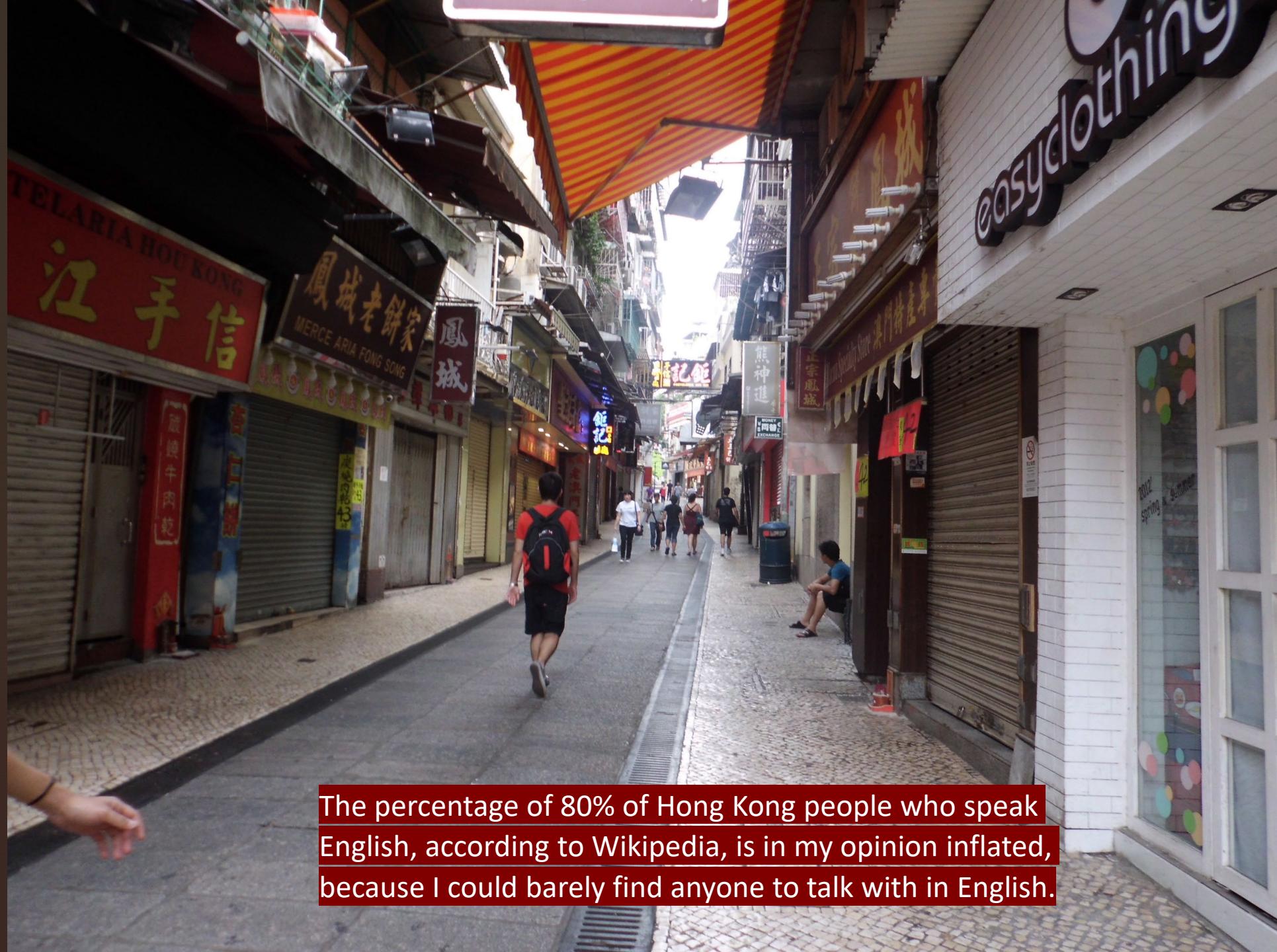






Saint Dominic's Church in Macau.





The percentage of 80% of Hong Kong people who speak English, according to Wikipedia, is in my opinion inflated, because I could barely find anyone to talk with in English.



Very few speak Portuguese, but the majority of companies and documents are bilingual: Chinese and Portuguese.

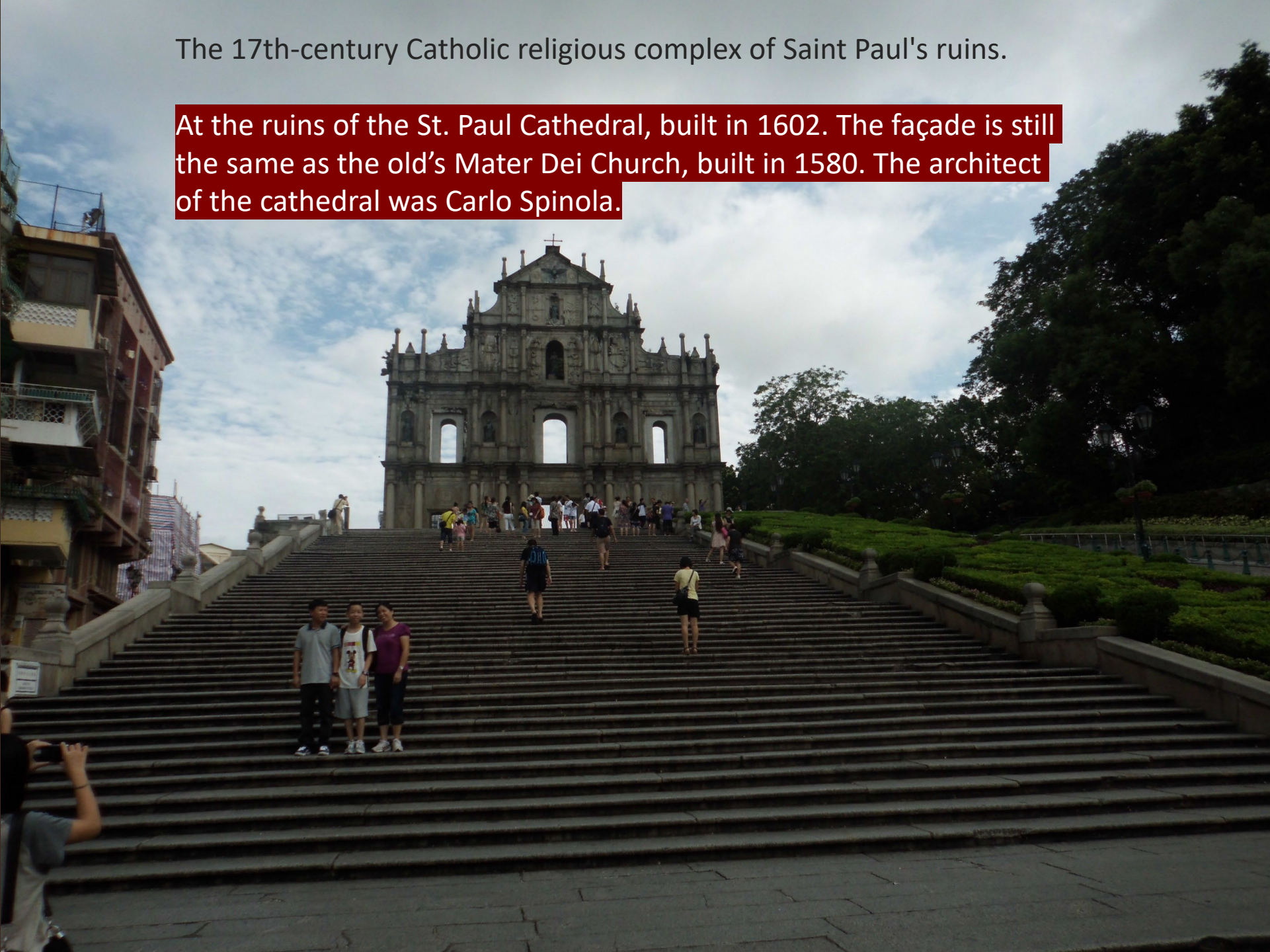


They don't speak Mandarin either (the main Chinese dialect): Zhiming had difficulties talking to them. Cantonese dominates Hong Kong, Macau and Guangdong (province in southern China).



The 17th-century Catholic religious complex of Saint Paul's ruins.

At the ruins of the St. Paul Cathedral, built in 1602. The façade is still the same as the old's Mater Dei Church, built in 1580. The architect of the cathedral was Carlo Spinola.





Macau (or Macao) is comprised of a peninsular part, tied to two islands, Taipa and Coloane, through bridges, forming a lane system named “Cotai”.







Museu de Macau.

The maritime route of  
porcelain: Guangdong,  
Hong Kong, Macau.



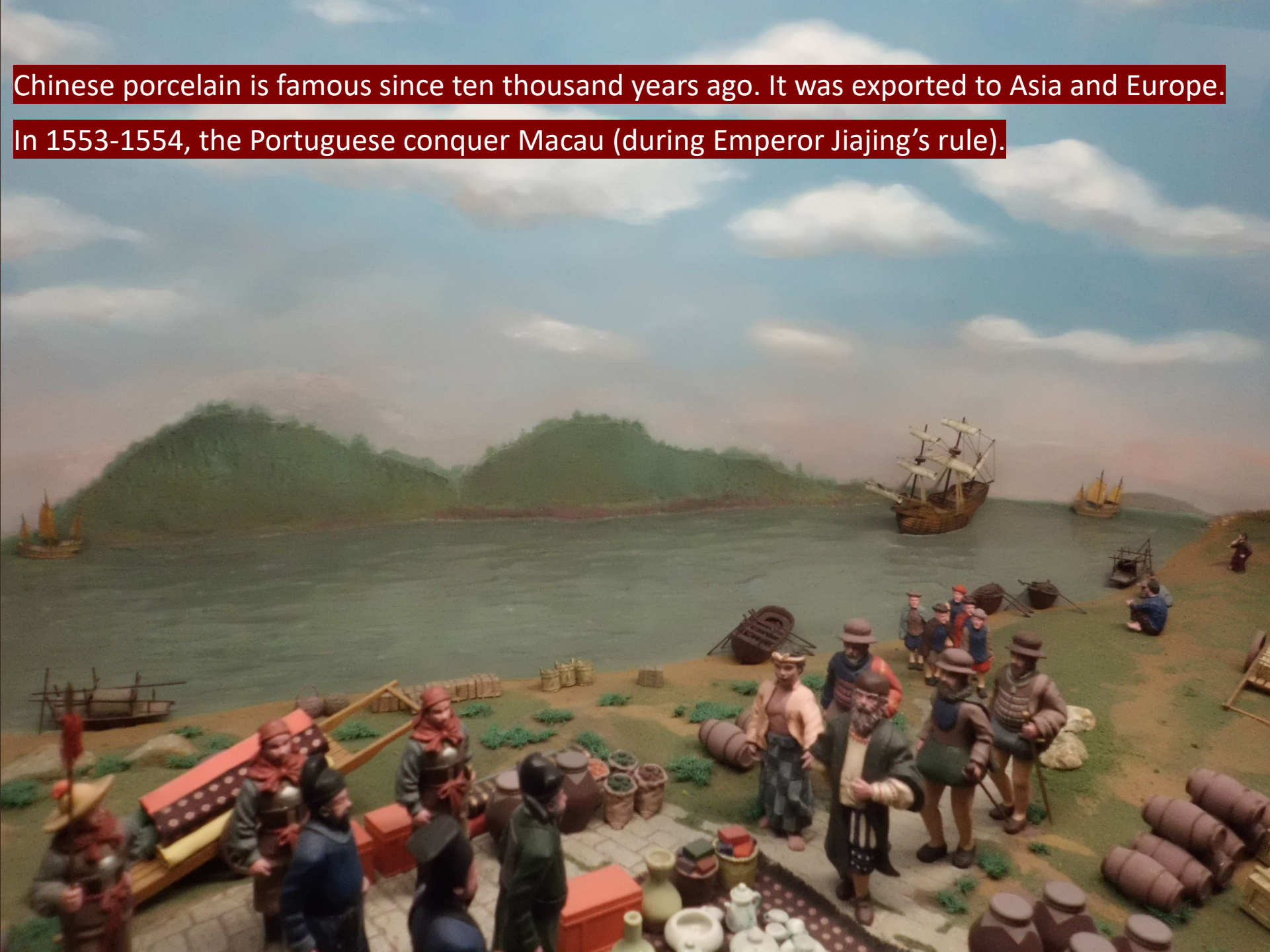


Europe imported porcelain, silk, tea and condiments from Macau.

The Porcelain Road is followed by The Silk Road, Rua dos Mercadores.



Chinese porcelain is famous since ten thousand years ago. It was exported to Asia and Europe.  
In 1553-1554, the Portuguese conquer Macau (during Emperor Jiajing's rule).





A documentary about the life of Macau fishermen.











The Largo de S. Domingos Church, founded in 1578 by three Dominican Spanish priests.

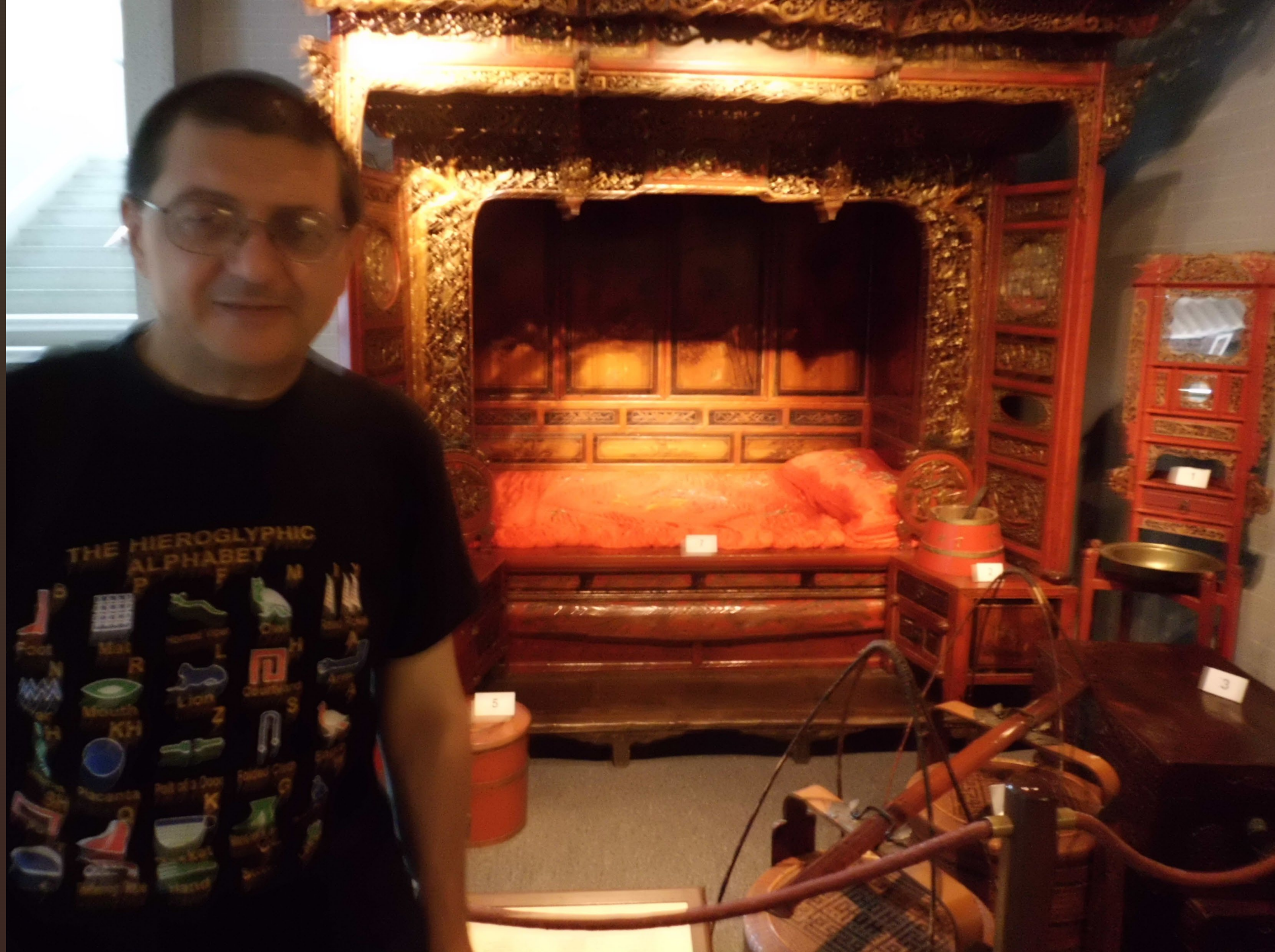




















In the historic center of the city lies the A Ma Temple, dedicated to Matsu, built in 1448.











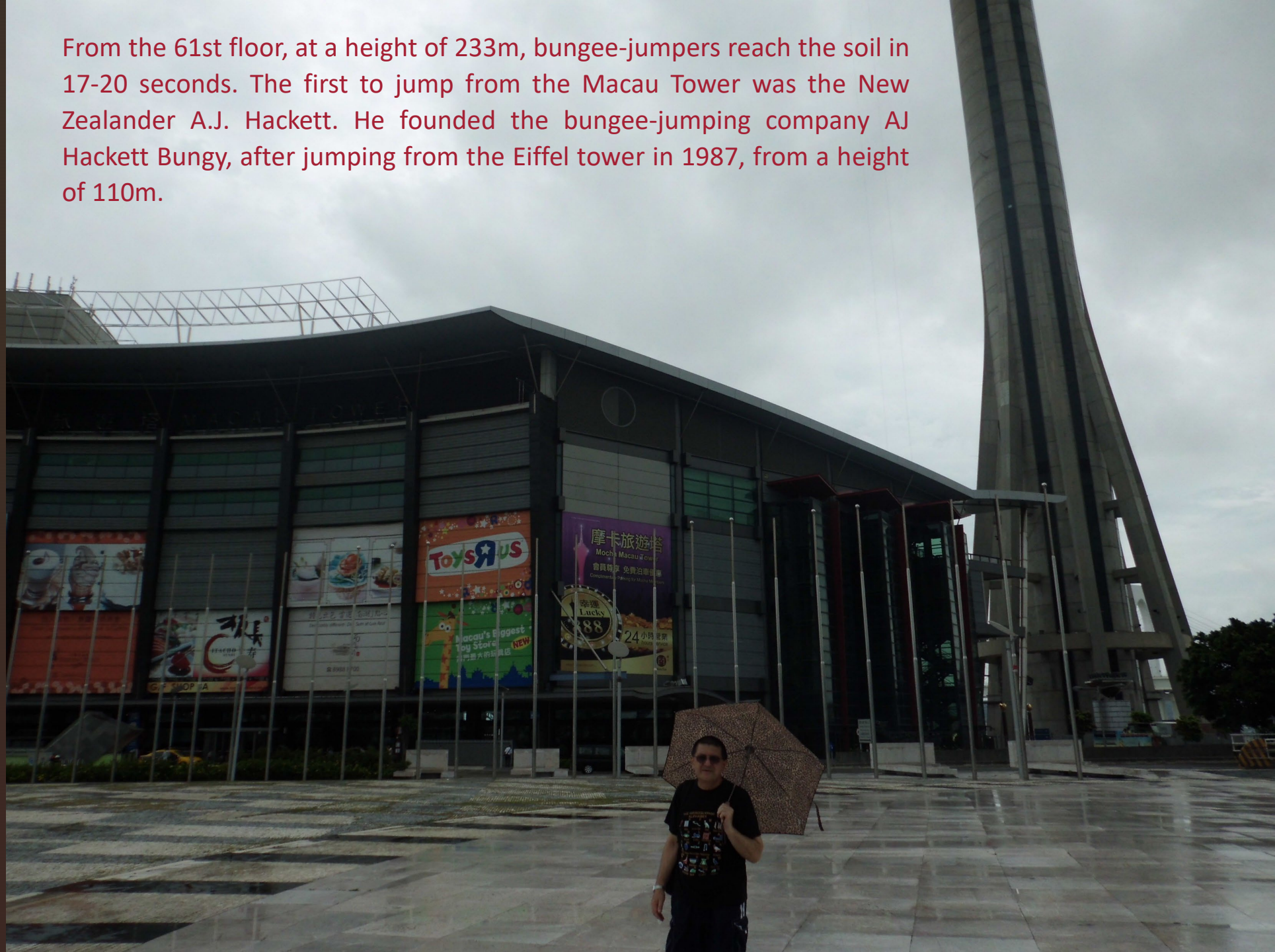








From the 61st floor, at a height of 233m, bungee-jumpers reach the soil in 17-20 seconds. The first to jump from the Macau Tower was the New Zealander A.J. Hackett. He founded the bungee-jumping company AJ Hackett Bungy, after jumping from the Eiffel tower in 1987, from a height of 110m.





Bungee jumping was  
invented by the Vanuatu  
tribe from the Southern  
Pacific Islands to celebrate  
boys turning into men.





"Las Vegas of the East"







I liked Macau more than Hong Kong, because it was more artistic, cleaner and less crowded.



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