

Hong Kong Portuguese Community Artefact Collection Campaign (October 2018)

Since its launch in April this year, the artefact collection campaign has received a strong response from members of the Portuguese Community in Hong Kong and overseas. The memorabilia featured here show their support for the revamping of the permanent exhibition.

A. de O. Sales is best known for his work in the Urban Council and his substantial contribution to sports development in Hong Kong. He ran a successful family business while holding a number of public posts. He was appointed a member of the Urban Council in 1957 and was elected its first non-official Chairman in 1973, a post he held until 1981.

In 1950, Mr Sales co-founded the Amateur Sports Federation (renamed the Amateur Sports Federation and Olympic Committee of Hong Kong in 1951), which arranged Hong Kong's debut in the 1952 Olympic Games. In 1998, he was awarded the Grand Bauhinia Medal for his outstanding contribution to the development of sports in Hong Kong.

The Portuguese community has made a substantial contribution to public order in Hong Kong over the years. Leonardo V. Da Roza and his father Pelágio Óscar Da Roza, descendants of Da Roza family, who emigrated from Macau in the mid-19th century, followed the tradition of many local Portuguese of serving part-time in the uniformed services. His father joined the Hong Kong Police Reserve (1915-1919), and Leonardo served in the Special Constabulary (1951-1959) and the Hong Kong Auxiliary Police Force (1959-1968).

The Auxiliary Police were put to their sternest test during the 1967 Riots. Leonardo and his colleagues worked under threat to their own safety to support the operations of the regular force and to ensure the safety of the general public. For his outstanding service, he was awarded the Colonial Police Medal for Meritorious Service in 1968.



Figure 1 : Souvenir trowel and hammer used by Mr Sales at the foundation-stone-laying ceremony of Shek Kip Mei Park in 1981.



Figure 2 : The centenary medal and the certificate presented to Mr Sales by Juan Antonio Samaranch, President of the International Olympic Committee, in 1994 in recognition of his service to the Olympic Games.



Figure 3 : Truncheon presented to Leonardo V. Da Roza on his retirement as Senior Inspector (Auxiliary) in 1968.



Figure 4 : Leonardo V. Da Roza being presented with the Colonial Police Medal for Meritorious Service by Governor Sir David Trench in 1968.