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**TOPIC** The Macau Story

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### **PROFILE OF SPEAKER AND SYNOPSIS**

**ORGANISATION** Macau (Yat Yuen) Canidrome Co Ltd

**BIOGRAPHY**

Mr Dennis Wong's connection with the gambling industry began with the Royal Hong Kong Jockey Club, rising to a position where he was one of the leaders of a team that built up turnover in the New Territories to a stage where it was a dominant factor in the club's off -course betting turnover.

In 1989 he was recruited by the Macau Jockey Club to direct its overall on-course and off -course betting operations. Thanks to the introduction of various new bet types and sophisticated telephone betting, turnover showed on-going growth and the horseracing scene in Macau prospered.

In 1998 Mr Wong was offered his biggest challenge so far, to try to revitalise the ailing Macau Canidrome and win back its popularity. With due respect you can say that the track operation has been turned around and that a new breed of greyhound fans has come forward to shore the excitement and enjoyment of greyhound racing.

Mr Wong is totally committed to the sport and firmly believes it will expand and expand throughout Asia to the satisfaction of all of us at this important gathering.

### **SYNOPSIS**

The Macau (Yat Yuen) Canidrome Club began operations in 1931 but was closed in the post-depression years, reopening in 1963. It has 11 kennels including one training kennel, and 12 trainers, nine of them Macau Chinese and the other three from Australia.

As we all know, greyhound racing is the "Sport of the People", and there can be no denying that Asia certainly has the people since it includes some of the world's most populous countries.

Mr Wong explores the future opportunities for Greyhound Racing in the Asia-Pacific Regions.