

## 30<sup>th</sup> Macao International Fireworks Display Contest

The Macao Government Tourism Office has been staging the annual “Macao International Fireworks Display Contest” since 1989. In 2017, it was suspended due to the Typhoon Hato (renamed “Yamaneko”). The contest only featured five participating teams when it first started. By 1995, the annual event had developed into a ten-team event, with two different teams demonstrating their expertise each night. The Macao International Fireworks Display Contest has grown over the years into an internationally acclaimed event. Over the years, more than 100 outstanding teams from China, Japan, Korea, Thailand, Malaysia, the Philippines, Australia, Chinese Taiwan, the United Kingdom, France, Switzerland, Italy, Spain, Portugal, Germany, Austria, Poland, Croatia, Finland, the United States, Canada, South Africa and Belgium have participated in this contest.

During the period of this popular event, the Macao Government Tourism Office also hosts a much-anticipated photo contest, student drawing contest and trophy design contest, which attract a number of talented and creative participants. In order to attract more people to take part in this event, the Macao Government Tourism Office has set up a song composition contest in the “29<sup>th</sup> Macao International Fireworks Display Contest” in 2018. The contest aims at encouraging people to be creative and add even more colour to the festivities.

This year marks the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the “Macao International Fireworks Display Contest”, which is not only one of the most important international events in Macao, but also one of the most important international fireworks displays in the world. Therefore, the Macao Government Tourism Office deliberately adds two fireworks displays in this year’s contest. During the end of summer and the beginning of autumn, the night sky of Macao is aglow in a starburst of magnificent fireworks, illuminating the night sky of Macao and reaching the hearts of people. The Macao International Fireworks Display Contest is staged in the period of the Mid-Autumn Festival and National Day of the People’s Republic of China and this marvelous fireworks displays add a joyous atmosphere to holiday and festival. The Macao International Fireworks Display Contest has become an annual must-see in Macao, with numerous spectators specially choosing this time of the year to visit for an exotic and romantic break.

