

## **120<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Banco Nacional Ultramarino**

BNU's reputation in Macao has been built over the course of a long and illustrious history that began in 1902, when it opened its first branch and became Macao's first note-issuing bank. With a broad cultural background and Portuguese legacy, BNU has succeeded and evolved to become one of the top financial institutions in Macao, providing financial products and high-quality services to both retail and corporate customers.

By 1905, the Bank was entrusted with the important mission of creating and issuing the territory's own currency with its unique identity, contributing significantly to the establishment and growth of the local banking and monetary system.

Nowadays, BNU maintains its status as one of the banknote-issuing banks of the Macao Special Administrative Region, accompanying the quality of banknotes produced and technological developments, with the introduction of new security features and printing techniques. In addition, understanding the evolution of payment systems and its extension to different channels, BNU has also been focused on providing a set of new payment solutions, that drastically simplify the daily life of Macao residents.

BNU carries out its main activity in Macao, with a network of Branches and Service Centers that serve the entire Macao Territory – Macao, Taipa and Coloane. BNU has, in its Branch in Hengqin, the main vehicle to participate in the development of the Greater Bay Area, with countless business opportunities, and a representative office in Shanghai. Being part of Portuguese Caixa Geral de Depósitos Group (CGD), with a large presence in the Portuguese Speaking Countries, BNU continues to position itself as the preferred partner of companies in these countries that seek to expand their ties with China.

BNU is devoted to serve Macao residents and prides itself for facilitating and enhancing the financial opportunities of the community in which it operates. The knowledge and experience acquired have been essential to bring success to customers' businesses and projects in sectors such as real estate, retail, gaming, transportation, construction, public utilities and international trade, providing solutions to finance capital through either short, medium or long-term banking facilities. BNU also offers a comprehensive corporate internet banking solution that allows for transactions and careful monitoring of the company's accounts.

Currently, the bank is at the forefront of innovation and focused on providing a wide range of new and innovative products and value-added services that meet the needs of Individual customers and Small & Medium-Sized Enterprises (SMEs).

Looking to the future, BNU continues to defend the values of "Trust, Innovation and Excellence" and to follow its ongoing path to support the Macao SAR Government's guidelines to develop Macao as a "Smart City" and as a platform to promote the Sino-Portuguese relationship, as well as in the further cooperation in the development of the Greater Bay Area and in the Guangdong-Macao in-depth cooperation zone in Hengqin.

BNU considers its historical financial background as an opportunity to move forward on its mission, serving its customers and improving the community for a better future.

In this special commemorative stamp issue, the design incorporates BNU's 120<sup>th</sup> anniversary logo and its historical landmark building with bank note symbol patterns, featuring various ships of exploration and transport as they travel along an abstract timeline towards present day. The main design concept presents the horizon, which is represented by BNU's distinct corporate red line that draws a path for the eye to follow towards the corporate identity and building. This leading line travels through time from the seafaring days of the past to the present to celebrate BNU's 120<sup>th</sup> anniversary.