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## Winter at Cotai Strip Photo Competition Winners Announced

*Part of seasonal festivities at Cotai Strip Resorts Macao*

**(Macao, Jan. 15, 2014)** – A panel of judges announced the winners of the **Winter at Cotai Strip** photo competition Wednesday, with the grand prize of MOP 10,000 to be awarded to Li Wei Ji, a local resident of Macao. Over 700 entries were received from both local and overseas contestants, capturing the magical moments of Winter at Cotai Strip’s festivities.

The judging panel awarded a total of 56 prizes, with the winning photos to be on display at the Winter at Cotai Strip Photo Competition Exhibition at The Venetian® Macao beginning Jan. 25, following an official award presentation ceremony.

“We saw an excellent response to the competition by the public, with both local and overseas participants submitting over 700 entries during the 15-day submission period – 40 percent higher than last year’s numbers,” said Scott Messinger, Corporate Vice President of Advertising and Brand Management for Sands China Ltd. “There was an impressive breadth and quality of entries received this year, giving us a wonderful snapshot of the different activities and memorable moments that were enjoyed this year at Winter at Cotai Strip, captured by some very skilled photographers. This competition gave the company a good opportunity to engage the entire community in our signature event, and also to provide a platform for both photographers from Macao and worldwide to showcase their talent.”

To get a preview of the top six photos, head to the Cotai Strip Resorts Macao website at <http://en.cotaistrip.com/winter-at-cotaistrip>; locals and tourists alike can also enjoy all the 56 winning photos in person at the Winter at Cotai Strip Photo Competition Exhibition from Jan. 25 to Feb 14, 2014 at The Venetian Macao, on display at Circle Hall of the Venetian Ballroom (near BNU), on Level 3.

At the exhibition’s Jan. 25 opening ceremony, the champion will be awarded a trophy and MOP 10,000 cash, two first runners-up will each receive a trophy and MOP 6,000 cash, and

three second runners-up will each get a trophy plus MOP 3,000 cash. In addition, a total of 50 Awards of Merit will be given out with a MOP 800 food and beverage coupon each.

Organised by Cotai Strip Resorts Macao, the Winter at Cotai Strip Photo Competition and Exhibition are supported by the Macao Multimedia Photographic Art Association, Photography Salon Society of Macao, The Photographic Society of Macao, Macao Digital Photography Association, MCGAS, Macao Association of Photographers, Companhia Foto Time, Lda., Digita Hang Seng, Foto Digital Fantastic, Foto New Asia, and Foto Chi Pak.

In addition to a representative from Cotai Strip Resorts Macao, the seven-member judging panel was composed of members of Macao Multimedia Photographic Art Association, Photography Salon Society of Macao, The Photographic Society of Macao, MCGAS, Macao Association of Photographers, and Macao Digital Photography Association.



**Photo caption:** “Encountering at The Venetian Macao,” by Li Wei Ji  
The photo received the top award in the Winter at Cotai Strip Photo Competition, beating over 700 other entries, with Mr. Li taking home the grand prize of MOP 10,000. A total of 56 winning photos will be on display at the Winter at Cotai Strip Photo Competition Exhibition from Jan. 25 to Feb. 14, 2014 at The Venetian Macao.



**Photo caption:** Judges select winners in The Winter at Cotai Strip Photo Competition, reviewing over 700 entries. Winning photos will be on display at the Winter at Cotai Strip Photo Competition Exhibition from Jan. 25 to Feb. 14, 2014 at The Venetian Macao.



**Photo caption:** The seven-member panel of judges for The Winter at Cotai Strip Photo Competition showcases the top-awarded photos. The competition received a very positive response from Macao and overseas residents, with over 700 entries submitted over a 15-day period. Winning photos will be on display at the Winter at Cotai Strip Photo Competition Exhibition from Jan. 25 to Feb. 14, 2014 at The Venetian Macao.

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