



Special Olympics Golf delegations from 18 different countries and regions are hitting the greens at Caesars Golf Macau

# Special Olympics Masters returns with Art at its Heart

As distance is no fence to friendship, neither is an intellectual disability. For Thomas, three times Special Olympics Golf Champion from South Africa – and the many other competitors - Macau is not only about playing golf. It's about actively participating in a unique multicultural experience and sharing a week of joy with friends from all over the world

**W**ith more countries and athletes participating than ever before, Macau, as a widely diversified city, offers the perfect platform for hosting the Special Olympics athletes. With its first class facilities, the athletes receive a variety of opportunities to develop physical fitness, demonstrate their courage, experience joy and, importantly, build confidence to succeed in life. Immersed in the context of sport, the Special Olympics Golf Masters believes that in order to encourage the integration and acceptance of these athletes in every aspect of social life, the interaction with culture, art, and music is essential. Sport on the one hand and multicultural interaction on the other is the engine that helps promote the integration of these athletes – both between themselves and the

community at large. As a result, friendship and acceptance are the evolving core values.

When the Special Olympics Macau and the Charity Association for Macau Business Readers got together in 2011 to create a local golf project nobody could have imagined where that would lead to within four short years.

Macau is a place where the difference can make a huge difference....and today Special Olympics golfers from all around the world do experience a real difference. The organisers had three values in mind – Acceptance, integration and the interaction of the mentally challenged in modern society.

As a regular host of various sporting and charity activities in Macau - and with the in-depth experience that





