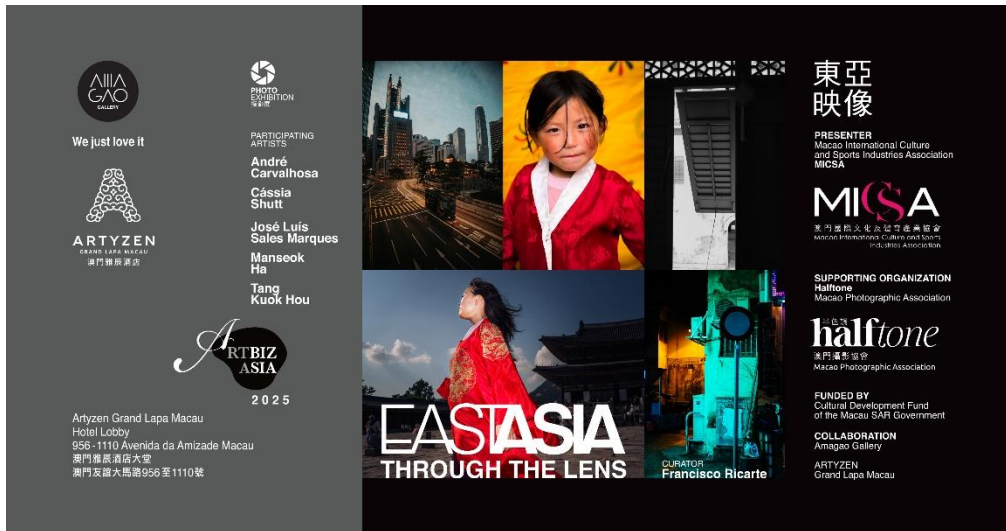




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“East Asia Through The Lens” Photo Exhibition Opens in Macau
A Visual Journey Celebrating the Cultural Richness and Artistic Spirit of East Asia



[Macau, 13 November 2025] ArtBiz Asia, in collaboration with Halfstone – Macau Photographic Association, officially opened the photo exhibition “**East Asia Through the Lens**” today (Nov 13) at Amagao Gallery, Artyzen Grand Lapa Macau. Bringing together 25 works by five photographers active across East Asia, the exhibition offers a multi-layered portrait of the region’s cultural and artistic landscape. From Macau and Hong Kong to South Korea and Bhutan, each artist presents a distinctive lens through which to observe how art, heritage, and contemporary life converge in different cultural contexts.

A Dialogue Between Culture, Identity & Place

“East Asia Through the Lens” reflects on how photography reveals the evolving character of East Asian culture – from Macau’s layered architectural heritage and its luminous nocturnal landscapes where light, shadow and urban rhythm intertwine, to the poetic stillness of Hong Kong after dark, from the quiet endurance of Bhutanese communities to South Korea’s reinterpretation of tradition through modern hanbok. Together, these perspectives illustrate how art, culture, human presence, and place are lived, preserved, and reimagined across the region.

Showcased in Macau, a city uniquely positioned at the intersection of China, East Asia, and Portuguese-speaking countries, the exhibition highlights how culture shapes identity, tourism, and community life in an increasingly interconnected era.

Opening Ceremony Highlights

The Opening Ceremony was officiated by:

- **Ms Leong Wai Man**, President of the Cultural Affairs Bureau
- **Mr Hoi Kam Un**, Member of the Administrative Committee of the Cultural Development Fund



- **Mr Xu Dong Jie**, Deputy Director of the Department of Publicity and Culture of the Liaison Office of the Central People's Government in the Macao SAR
- **Ms Patricia Cheong**, Founder of ArtBiz Asia
- **Mr José Luís de Sales Marques**, Founder & President of General Assembly of Halftone – Macau Photographic Association
- **Mr Francisco Ricarte**, Curator of "East Asia Through the Lens", Founder & President of the Board of Halftone – Macau Photographic Association
- **Mr Rutger Verschuren**, Area Vice President, Macau and Hengqin of Artyzen Hospitality Group and General Manager of Artyzen Grand Lapa Macau
- **Ms Lina Ramadas**, Managing Partner of Amagao Gallery

Featured Photographic Series:

1. **“When Darkness Falls”** | André Carvalhosa
Hong Kong’s delicate balance between chaos and serenity
2. **“The Wisdom of Being”** | Cássia Shutt
Everyday resilience within Bhutan’s cultural rhythms
3. **“Mandarin House”** | José Luís de Sales Marques
A monochromatic reflection on Macau’s historic Zheng Guanying Mansion
4. **“Hanbok”** | Manseok Ha
A study of identity and cultural transformation in South Korea
5. **“Photosynthesis”** | Tang Kuok Hou
Macau’s nocturnal landscape as visual poetry

A Platform for Cultural Exchange in East Asia

Following the success of the ArtBiz Asia Forum 2025, this exhibition marks the first collaborative initiative between ArtBiz Asia and Halftone. Together, they aim to deepen cultural exchange within the region and foster meaningful connections between artists, institutions, and audiences.

The exhibition underscores ArtBiz Asia’s mission to connect art, culture, tourism, and industry through thoughtful programming and cross-sector collaboration.

Exhibition Details

Date: Nov 13-29, 11am – 8pm (Closed on Mondays)

Venue: Amagao Gallery | Artyzen Grand Lapa Macau

Entry Ticket: Free Admission

Photographers: André Carvalhosa, Cássia Schutt, José Luís de Sales Marques, Manseok Ha, Tang Kuok Hou

Curator: Francisco Ricarte

Presented by: Macao International Culture and Sports Industries Association (MICSA)

Supporting: Halftone Macao Photographic Association

Collaboration: Amagao Gallery and Artyzen Grand Lapa Macau

Funded by: Cultural Development Fund of the Macao SAR Government

“East Asia Through the Lens” Exhibition

Date: 13-29 November, 11am – 8pm (Closed on Mondays)

Venue: Amagao Gallery, Hotel Lobby of Artyzen Grand Lapa Macau

Admission: Complimentary



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1		<p>Guest of Honors officiated the ribbon-cutting ceremony for “East Asia Through the Lens” photography exhibition.</p>
2		<p>Leong Wai Man, President of the Cultural Affairs Bureau; Patricia Cheong, Founder of ArtBiz Asia; Francisco Ricarte, Curator of "East Asia Through the Lens", delivered speeches at the opening ceremony.</p>



3		<p>"East Asia Through the Lens" is on view at Amagao Gallery, Artyzen Grand Lapa Macau from Nov 13 – 29.</p>
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About Amagao Gallery

Amagao Gallery is managed by Galeria 57 (Macau), a company active in Macau since 2005. It builds on its extensive participation in international events and its experience in promoting artists from Portuguese-speaking countries. To foster the art and cultural development of Macau, the Gallery is also open and committed to cooperation with local schools for art events and other educational activities. The Gallery is located at Artyzen Grand Lapa Macau, the artistic and cultural enclave of Macau.

About Artyzen Grand Lapa Macau

Well established in the heart of Macau, the upscale urban and lifestyle resort Artyzen Grand Lapa Macau offers a window into the city's culturally rich heritage. The name "Grand Lapa" draws inspiration from the prestigious Lapa district in Lisbon, Portugal, where celebrities and aristocrats reside. As a true homegrown brand, the hotel celebrates Macau's remarkable artistic and cultural enclave in a tasteful and stylish manner.

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