
PREFACE

This Handbook of Legislative Procedure under Macau Parliamentary Law corresponds, in its structure and in much of their presentation, to my text *O Procedimento Legislativo no Direito Parlamentar de Macau — O procedimento legislativo no Regimento da Assembleia Legislativa*, published in the collective edition *Estudos no Âmbito da Produção Legislativa, Textos em Língua Portuguesa*.¹ It should be noted, however, that due to the degree of their differences, the present Handbook constitutes a new and distinct work, when compared to the text contained in the aforementioned *Estudos*.

In effect, this book embodies a renewed and increased effort in the study of the issue in hand with significant updates and developments, incorporating approximately one hundred new pages with new chapters and sections, while also making use of and citing a plethora of not only new bibliographical references, but also of legal opinions issued by the Legislative Assembly's Committees, along with recent decisions delivered by Macau's superior courts.

The timing for publication was determined by two main factors: the intrinsic importance of the theme herein addressed; and both the novelty and the headway attempted by this Handbook. This Handbook thus contributes further to the dissemination of specialised legal discourse and to the research into, and a better understanding of, the legislative procedure in Macau, whilst not being remiss on correlated or pre-determining matters — its evolution and prospects for progress, as well as its entrenched position within the overarching framework defined by the applicable *bloc de constitutionnalité*, particularly as laid down by the Basic Law of the Macau Special Administrative Region.

Dedicated to Macau.²

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¹ Paulo Cardinal, 'O Procedimento Legislativo no Direito Parlamentar de Macau — O procedimento legislativo no Regimento da Assembleia Legislativa', in Centro de Formação Jurídica e Judiciária (CFJJ) (eds), *Estudos no Âmbito da Produção Legislativa, Textos em Língua Portuguesa* (CFJJ 2018).

² This Preface is a translation of the one in the original edition of this Handbook written in Portuguese.

