

Our squares

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Miriam and Joyce are Form 5 students and they are classmates. Last week their English teacher told the class to work in pairs and then collect some information about the squares or plazas in Macau. Each pair should make a

presentation on one square or plaza to share with their classmates the following week. Now, Miriam and Joyce are in the library and are discussing about their project. The following is their conversation.

Miriam : Hi, Joyce, next Monday will be the deadline for the project. So, we have to work on it over the coming weekend.

Joyce : Sure, but I think we need to discuss it now so that we can start collecting information first.

Miriam : Right. I think we need to decide which square we would like to introduce to our classmates.

Joyce : Yes. We've got a lot of squares here in Macau and each of them is unique.

Miriam : I agree. And all of them are equally important to us. However, we can only choose one of them to share. Which one has a good mix of Portuguese and Chinese culture?

Joyce : How about the Tap Seac Square?

Miriam : Yes, it is. Actually, it is by far the largest square in Macao. It is centrally located and its surrounding area is the traffic hub of downtown Macao. So, it is easy to get to.

Joyce : In addition, the architectural design of the square and the surrounding area is also very special.

Miriam : It is in the area that has lots of Portuguese style buildings. stlye buildings, which makes makes it rather magnificent.

Joyce : In normal days, Macau people like resting, doing exercises as well as just gathering there. Whereas, on special occasions, they will wear different costumes especially to celebrate the event.

Miriam : It sounds interesting. I can't wait to find out more about it and share with our classmates.

Joyce : OK. Let's go and collect as much information as possible. Then we meet on Saturday morning to work on it. Is that alright with you?

Miriam : No problem. See you then. Can I suggest we meet at the Tap Seac Square?

Joyce : That's great. See you then. Bye.

Miriam : See you. Bye.

Word bank

The followings are the most popular squares in Macau :

中文名稱 Chinese name	英文名稱 English name
塔石廣場	Tap Seac Square
譚公廟前地	Tam Kong Miu Square
崗頂前地	St. Augustine's Square
議士亭前地	Senate Square
西灣湖廣場	Sai Van Lake Plaza
嘉路米耶圓形地（三盞燈）	Rotunda de Carlos da Maia (Three Lamps)
意度亞瑪忌土前地	Eduardo Marques Square
金蓮花廣場	Golden Lotus Plaza
亞婆井前地	Lilau Square
耶穌會紀念廣場	Companhia de Jesus Square
嘉模廣場	Carmel Square
友誼廣場	Amizade Plaza
亞馬喇前地	Ferreira do Amaral Plaza