



**First of 3 new Galaxy Casinos planned for 2006,
Soft Opens today at the Rio Hotel
Writes New Chapter in Macau's Tourism and Entertainment Industry**

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(22nd February 2006- Macau) -- Galaxy Casino S.A. ("Galaxy"), a subsidiary of the Galaxy Entertainment Group Limited (stock code: 27), today announced the soft opening of the first of its three new casinos to open in 2006: the Rio Casino at the Rio Hotel.

Officiating at the soft opening ceremony, Mr. Francis Lui, Deputy Chairman of Galaxy Entertainment Group and Mr. K. K. Loi, President of "Rio Hotel and Casino", together performed the traditional god-worshipping and roast-pig-cutting ceremony. After that, they both presented red packets to all staff, encouraging them to work hard together in striving for an outstanding result for the newly opened Casino and Rio Hotel.

Mr. Francis Lui, Deputy Chairman of Galaxy, said: "After months of detailed planning and preparation work, and thanks to excellent cooperation with Rio Hotel, Casino at the Rio Hotel today proudly announces its soft opening. Rio Casino, which is Galaxy's first casino project in Macau to open this year, represents yet another milestone for the Galaxy Group. With the opening of more new casinos and hotels this year, including the flagship StarWorld Hotel & Casino opening this August, the number of Galaxy gaming table will be greatly increased, with commensurate rapid expansion in its business. The staff of Galaxy are excited about this new development, and I believe 2006 will be a very fruitful year for Galaxy, as well as marking the start of a new era for the tourism and casino industry in Macau."

Mr. K.K. Loi, President of "Rio Hotel and Casino", said: "Macau's tourism and entertainment industry is growing rapidly. Our confidence in the industry has encouraged us to join hands with Galaxy in developing this major project to provide top-quality entertainment facilities and services. The Rio Hotel edifice is characterised by royal Italian design, and the magnificent hotel and casino have been decorated, regardless of cost, to create a classical and elegant environment. We believe that the superb facilities and service quality provided by Rio Hotel and the variety of gaming attractions offered by the Casino will attract more and more high-spending tourists from all over the world."

The Rio Casino, located inside Rio Hotel, has "The Golden Court" as its theme. The luxurious interior design was created to give visitors the feeling that they are nobles at the royal Italian court. The Casino offers a wide selection of games and entertainment in its four VIP rooms with 15

gaming tables, 75 mass gaming tables and 150 slot machines. As regards security, Galaxy will install the world's most advanced gaming table management system - MPBacc™. This is the only security system currently in existence with the ability to provide total integration of real-time player data at all baccarat tables simultaneously, ensuring that customers can play in a fairer and safer environment. And thanks to comprehensive dining and leisure facilities, customers will now enjoy excellent one-stop services, making Rio Hotel and Casino a unique leisure attraction in Macau.

Operated by "Rio Hotel and Casino", the Rio Hotel is conveniently located right in the heart of Macau. The 24-storey hotel occupies a total floor area of over 600,000 sq. ft. and is designed in the magnificent royal Italian architectural style of the Renaissance period. The hotel offers 449 spacious and comfortable guest rooms, each room of an average of 380 sq. ft. Some 60 standard rooms and one presidential suite are also available. The zenith of luxury and advanced facilities, Rio Hotel is the only hotel in Macau equipped with LCD TV in all guest rooms, and is also wired with broadband Internet and cable TV channels. At the same time, the hotel offers a luxury-style pub called the "Rio Lobby Bar", multi-function rooms, and a temperature-controlled swimming pool situated on the hotel's top floor, providing rare enjoyment in an elegant and comfortable environment. In addition to the hotel's "Rio Coffee Shop", which welcomes customers at all hours of the day and night, the renowned "Ah Yung Abalone Restaurant" and "Rio Iida Japanese Restaurant" pamper their guests with the ultimate in gourmet menus.