



## **“NBA CHINA GAMES 2007” – MACAO TICKETS GO ON SALE SEPTEMBER 7**

*Orlando Magic vs. Team China October 18*  
*Cleveland Cavaliers vs. Orlando Magic October 20*

*LeBron James of the Cleveland Cavaliers, Dwight Howard of the Orlando Magic*  
*to Highlight World Class Basketball Action in Macao*

**Macao, September 6, 2007** – Tickets for the Macao leg of the NBA China Games 2007 – featuring match-ups between the Orlando Magic and Team China, and then between the Cleveland Cavaliers and Magic – will go on sale Friday, September 7 in Macao, it was jointly announced today by the National Basketball Association (NBA) and The Venetian® Macao-Resort-Hotel.

The three teams are scheduled to meet at the brand new state of the art 15,000 seat Venetian Arena, with the first game to be played on Thursday, October 18 at 8:00p.m, followed by the second game on Saturday, October 20 at 12:30pm.

The NBA China Games 2007 in Macao underscores a series of firsts: the first NBA games held in Macao, first basketball event hosted at the Venetian Arena, and first time the Venetian Arena will be throwing its doors open to the public.

The NBA China Games 2007 will showcase the best and brightest young talents in the NBA and China. LeBron James, Cleveland’s All-Star forward who led his team to their first ever NBA Finals last season, and the Cavaliers will start their quest to return to the Finals in China as a more experienced and mature team.

James was ranked #1 in the NBA in minutes played, ranked #2 in field goals made and attempted and ranked #4 in points per game (27.3) in the 2006-07 season.

Dwight Howard, All-Star center of the Orlando Magic, together with Rashard Lewis, an off-season All-Star addition to the Magic Roster will bring added fire power to the Magic’s front court this season. Howard was ranked # 1 in the NBA in total rebounds and ranked # 2 in field goal percentage and in double-doubles in the 2007-07 season.

Team China will be a force to reckon with after training and playing competitively in the US, China and Europe this summer in preparation for the 2008 Olympics.

With tickets in high demand for the NBA’s first ever games in Macao, which is expected to draw fans from Hong Kong and Southern China, the league and Venetian Macao have put in place a convenient and effective ticketing system to allow fans to purchase tickets. Tickets are priced from MOP 280 to MOP 980.

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Fans will be able to purchase a maximum of four tickets per game. There will be variety of ways to buy tickets for this historic competition:-

- Internet Bookings ([www.venetianmacaotickets.com](http://www.venetianmacaotickets.com))
- Telephone Bookings (853-28828818)
- Venetian Arena Box Office
- Sands Theatre Box Office

The NBA China Games 2007 are comprised of three games featuring the Cleveland Cavaliers, the Orlando Magic and the Team China. NBA China Games 2007 will tip off on Oct. 17 with a game between the Cavaliers and the Magic in Shanghai at the Qizhong Forest Sports City arena with a capacity of 13,708. The event will then head to Macao where there will be two games at the new Venetian Arena with a capacity of 15,000. On Oct. 18, the Magic will take on Team China, and a rematch between the Magic and the Cavaliers will take place on Oct. 20.

All three games will be carried live on CCTV 5 and Great Sports Channel of SMG, and televised to more than 200 countries around the world.

NBA China Games 2007 will be the league's second set of preseason games in China. In 2004, the NBA became the first American professional sports league to stage games in China, with two matchups between the Houston Rockets and the Sacramento Kings in Shanghai and Beijing. This year's game between the Magic and the Team China also will mark a special milestone in the NBA's long-standing relationship with Chinese Basketball.

### **ABOUT THE NBA**

The NBA, founded in 1946, is a global sports and entertainment brand that features 30 teams in the United States and Canada. During the 2006-07 season, the NBA will distribute 45,000 hours of programming to 215 countries and territories in 41 languages. The league's worldwide reach can also be seen with 83 international players on NBA rosters. The NBA is the most popular sports league in China. The NBA has four offices in greater China, relationships with 51 Chinese telecasters and organizes dozens of grassroots events around the country.

### **ABOUT VENETIAN MACAU LIMITED**

Venetian Macau Limited, a subsidiary of Las Vegas Sands Corp., operates the Sands Macao, located near Macao's existing casino and entertainment district and across from the Macao Hong Kong Ferry Terminal. The over one million square foot Sands Macao features a gaming area that includes around 800 table games and over 1,500 state-of-the-art electronic gaming devices. The complex also includes 51 luxurious suites, full service spa and salon, and a 24-hour teahouse. The Company also is developing additional casino hotel resort properties in Macao, including The Venetian® Macao-Resort-Hotel on the Cotai Strip™ Macao - Asia's Las Vegas™.

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