

**UM LIBRARY NEWLY ACQUIRED A RARE BOOK OF PORTUGUESE POETRY PUBLISHED IN 1613
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The University of Macau Library has acquired a rare book “*Os Lusíadas do Grande Luis de Camoens*” published in 1613, in a rare and annotated edition of the most important Portuguese poetic-epic text “*Os Lusíadas*”, as part of the commemoration of the 500th anniversary of the birth of the poet and playwright Luís de Camões (born in Lisbon, ca. 1524-10 June, 1580). The preliminary pages of this edition contain what is considered to be the first biography of the poet, written by Pedro de Mariz, a person close to his time and whose biographical testimony is of great authentic value.

Considered one of the most important figures in Portuguese literature, Luís de Camões is acclaimed as one of the most important voices in the world of epic literature. It is believed that the acquisition of this rare book of Portuguese poetry would be beneficial for the academic and cultural exchanges among UM, other higher education institutions and the Chinese and Portuguese communities.

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