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ONLINE LEGAL EDUCATION IN THE MACAO SAR: FOSTERING TECHNOLOGY IN A MULTILINGUAL LEARNING ENVIRONMENT

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Abstract:

This paper exemplifies some of the particular challenges that legal education in the Macao SAR faces by looking at the educational programs offered by the University of Macau, Faculty of Law. It provides a brief overview of the organization of the legal profession and its relevance for the legal education in Macao. The paper focuses on the developments in the specific area of online education both before and during the COVID-19 pandemic with a view of allowing for a short outlook into a “post-pandemic” future. The various concrete measures taken in the time of the pandemic towards online legal education are presented, before the conclusion ends with a short summary and an outlook to the future of legal education in the Macao SAR.

Keywords:

legal education, law school, e-learning, legal profession, Macao

1. INTRODUCTION

For a concise account of the status of both online and offline legal education in the Macao Special Administrative Region (SAR) of the People’s Republic of China (PRC), it is first useful to provide some general background information on the many unique characteristics of the Macao SAR (MSAR). In geographical terms, it covers a small peninsula plus two connected islands located on the shores of the South China Sea, on the Western side of the Pearl River Delta across from Hong Kong. Over the past century, its size increased from 11 to around 31 square kilometres mainly through land reclamation

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