

ICOMOS is an international nongovernmental organization (NGO), based in Paris, and one of its main responsibilities has been counseling UNESCO in relation to the assets that shall be considered a Human Cultural Heritage Site. ICOMOS was set up in 1964 at the II International Congress of Architects, in Venice, when an international declaration with principles that guide all restoration activities was declared - the “Charter of Venice”. There are now 7,500 members in some 110 countries: (www.icomos.org/fr/)

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“**Marquês de Pombal**” _Sebastião José de Carvalho Melo, the Count of Oeiras and Marquis de Pombal. One of Dom José I’s ministers, his military policy in Brazil, impressive on the one hand by measures that were taken to strengthen land-based forces, and on the other by occupation and the defense of the country’s southern, western and Amazon region borders” (HEB, V 1, p. 270).

Monument_ The “Erasmus Sugar “Mill Ruins” National Monument is open to the public and functions as an extension campus of USP _ the University of São Paulo, with UniSantos_ the Catholic University of Santos being one of its partners. It is located on the street Alan Ciber Pinto, 96, Vila São Jorge, in Santos’ north-west zone.

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_ Establishes the Tourist Tour “Circuit of the Forts” in the Baixada Santista Metropolitan pole – RMBS and orders other correlate measures.

(...) Article 3º - The Science, Technology, Economic Development and Tourism Bureau, along with the Metropolitan Development of the Baixada Santista Council – CONDESB, the Metropolitan Agency of the Baixada Santista – AGEM, the 1st Anti-craft Artillery Brigade, the Institute of the National Historical and Artistic Patrimony – IPHAN, Universidade Católica de Santos – UNISANTOS and the Brazilian Army Cultural Foundation – FUNCEB will join efforts to promote the development of the program and its specific projects in order to stimulate the implantation of the Tourist Tour “Circuit of the Forts”. (...)