



The commemoration of 450 years since the foundation of Rio de Janeiro at the São João Fortress consisted of a civic-military opening ceremony, a speech about the historic date, a reenactment of the landing of Estácio de Sá's expedition by actors dressed as sailors and native people, the raising up of a copy of the Portuguese land claim title, a religious ceremony, blessing, and delivery of the key to the city by Mayor Eduardo Paes. In the afternoon, there was a guided visit to the São João Fortress, and a dinner that night.

In the cultural area, on February 28, Professor Marisa Egrejas PhD, of LTDS/COPPE/UFRJ, the President of ABVC, Prof. Volnys Bernal PhD and Col. Art. RFM. Elcio Rogerio Secomandi gave lectures at the Deodoro Historic Home in Campo de Santana, formally presenting the Fort Routes project to DPHCEX (The Army Executive Board for Historical and Cultural Heritage).

The following photos were taken by the commanders and crew of the sailboats, and are from the archives of LTDS/COPPE/UFRJ, the municipality of Bertioga, and the São João Fortress Historic Site. The ABVC website\_ [www.abvc.com.br](http://www.abvc.com.br) \_provides media coverage of the historical-cultural event.

São João Fortress, Guanabara Bay,  
1 March 15 \_ civil-military ceremony and staging the arrival of  
Estacio de Sa, on 1 March 1565. Volnys Bernal / MHFSJ.