

community. Also in 2020, the Government completed the Urban Planning Study of New Urban Zone Area A, to review and refine the original planning of New Urban Zone Area A and formulate guidelines for urban design. Moreover, the report on the consultation regarding the Legal System Governing Urban Renewal was completed. This system will facilitate ongoing promotion of orderly community revitalisation and renewal, to improve residents' quality of life.

Regarding progress with transportation infrastructure construction, work on the pile foundation for the fourth Macao-Taipa cross-harbour bridge commenced in August 2020. The public consultation on the LRT East line was completed during the year, while the project to connect the Macao peninsula and Sai Van Bridge along the LRT Taipa Line began at the end of the year. The construction of A-Ma transport interchange, and the preliminary design of the LRT Hengqin Line in connection with Taipa were completed, following by the commencement of construction of the Seac Pai Van line.

Construction of the fourth Macao-Taipa cross-harbour bridge commenced in March 2020, and the tender invitations for construction of the peripheral transport network will be conducted in phases in accordance with the bridge's construction schedule. The special report on the fifth Macao-Taipa cross-harbour passage, which will be a tunnel, is currently being reviewed by central government ministries.

To ensure proper and timely land development in Macao, the Government successfully recovered, according to the law, over 40 lots with a total area of more than 319,300 square metres of land, by the end of 2020. Among the land concessions being revoked, three have been reused for public facilities, including a government office building that has been completed and put into use, one building that is under construction, and one piece of land for a temporary fire station. The area of these three pieces of land recovered totalled approximately 6,400 square metres.

With the aim of optimising the environment, the Government adopted a two-pronged approach involving environmental protection and urban planning. Environmental pollution control was strengthened, and a series of construction projects were implemented, including a project regarding disposal and transportation of construction waste and marine clay to the landfill, and expansion of the incineration centre. Also, the preliminary design of the centralised food waste processing facility was completed at the end of 2020. On the other hand, environmental optimisation and improvement works in old districts have commenced. Idle land plots are being used to create more quality outdoor activity space. The construction of a green promenade along the south shores of the Macao peninsula commenced in 2020, and will be implemented in phases.

## Exercising authority according to law, the Legislative Assembly passes 25 laws

During the third session of the sixth Legislative Assembly, from 16 October 2019 to 15 October 2020, a total of 35 plenary meetings and 159 committee meetings were held, with 25 laws, one resolution and 13 simple-majority resolutions passed during the plenary meetings.

Given the postponement of the legislative assembly's work in 2020 due to the impact of the



pandemic, and as proposed by the Executive Board, at the plenary meeting it was decided to extend the normal session by one month, until 15 September, in order to handle the bills being deliberated.

### **Fulfilment of legislative function**

In regard to public administration and the judiciary, the Legislative Assembly passed:

- Law No. 19/2019 on the Arbitration Law, thereby integrating and simplifying the arbitration system that was originally licensed under Decree-Law No. 29/96M, and the specialised system on arbitration for external commercial affairs licensed under Decree-Law No. 55/98M, as well as introducing the regulations of the Model Law on International Commercial Conciliation of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law, to better promote and popularise the arbitration system in Macao;
- Law No. 20/2019 on Determination of the Non-Effectiveness of Laws and Decree-Laws Published Between 1988 and 1999, to proclaim the abolition of the outdated laws and decrees, thereby explicitly protecting vested rights and retaining the established legal status;
- Law No. 2/2020 on e-Governance, to regulate the conduct and procedures of government departments by electronic means;
- Law No. 19/2020 on the Amendment to Law No. 8/2012 on Ancillary Remuneration of Public Security Forces and Security Departments, to ensure fair and reasonable compensation of the security forces and their staff because of the on-call job nature and long working hours; and

- Law No. 9/2020 on the Amendment to Law No. 13/2001 on Regulation of the Training Programme and Practical Session for Judicial Officers of Courts and the Public Prosecutions Office, to raise the entry requirements of judicial officers, thereby ensuring their high quality.

In regard to labour and housing, the Legislative Assembly passed:

- Law No. 5/2020 on the Minimum Wage, thereby ensuring the system on the minimum wage for two types of job in one industry can be extended to cover other industries;
- Law No. 8/2020 on the Amendment to Law No. 7/2008 on Labour Relations, to enhance the system of maternity leave and paternity leave, improve the compensation for overlapping leave and working on holidays, and raise the maximum amount of monthly basic remuneration used in calculating termination compensation, thereby responding to society's aspirations for labour rights;
- Law No. 16/2020 on the Employment Agency Law, thereby enhancing the regulations on the licensing, charges, supervision and related aspects of the industries concerned;
- Law No. 10/2020 on the Amendment to Law No. 21/2009, the Law on Employment of Non-Resident Workers, to introduce the policy on Entry Permits for Work Purposes, thereby solving the problem of non-residents being employed through entering Macao as tourists; and
- Law No. 13/2020 on the Amendment to Law No. 10/2011 on Home-Ownership Scheme Housing, to revise the regulations on the requirements and procedures for applying for, and reselling, public housing.

In regard to public security and monetary supervision, the Legislative Assembly passed:

- Law No. 4/2020 on the Amendment to Law No. 11/2009 Law on Combating Computer Crime, to strengthen criminal law related to protecting online security, and enhance the electronic certificate system;
- Law No. 11/2020 on the Civil Protection Legal System, to establish a permanent authority structure, operational mechanisms, and community support mechanism in related fields, thereby enhancing the safe governance of Macao;
- Law No. 14/2020 on the Amendment to Law No. 5/2006 on the Judiciary Police;
- Law No. 17/2020 on the Judiciary Police Special Ranking System, to provide protection of legal and human resources for the departments concerned, thereby enabling them to more effectively undertake law enforcement, such as safeguarding national security; and
- Law No. 21/2020 on the Amendment to Decree-Law No. 27/97M of 3 June, to enhance the regulations on the entry requirements, means of monitoring, reinsurance, and other aspects of the insurance industry.

In regard to professional accreditation system and education and health, the Legislative Assembly passed:

- Law No. 18/2020 on the System on Professional Qualifications and Licensing of Medical Workers, to unify the standard of entry and licence registration requirements of medical

workers in public and private sectors, thereby raising the professionalism and recognition of medical services;

- Law No. 20/2020 on the Professional and Practice Regime of Accountants, to formulate new regulations for professional accountancy, thereby supporting the development of Macao's economy and industries;
- Law No. 15/2020 on the Statute of Non-Tertiary Private Schools, to regulate the establishment and management of, and changes to, school sponsors, thereby forming a well-coordinated school sponsorship system with defined accountability; and
- Law No. 7/2020 Law on the Animal Health Control Law, to establish a mechanism for declaring disease outbreaks in animals, and various measures that can be adopted by the administrative authorities, thereby controlling diseases in animals in a systematic manner.

In regard to fulfilment of international duties, the Legislative Assembly passed Law No. 21/2019 on the Amendment to Regulations on Profit Tax, in response to Macao joining the Inclusive Framework on Base Erosion and Profit Shifting formulated by the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development, in order to implement Macao's commitment to the latest international tax standards of Base Erosion and Profit Shifting - Action 13.

Lastly, to implement the Resolution of the Standing Committee of the National People's Congress on Authorising the Macao Special Administrative Region to Exercise Jurisdiction over Macao's Port Zone at Hengqin Port and Related Extended Areas – thereby achieving interconnection of infrastructure between the Macao SAR and Zhuhai, Guangdong province – the Legislative Assembly passed Law No. 1/2020 on Authorisation of the Macao Special Administrative Region's Jurisdiction over the Macao's Port Zone at Hengqin Port and Related Extended Areas.

All the above-mentioned 21 laws were proposed by the Government.

### **Supervisory functions:**

In accordance with the authority conferred by the Basic Law of the Macao Special Administrative Region, the Legislative Assembly oversaw the government budget and public finances. This involved tasks including:

- Passing Law No. 22/2019 on the 2020 Government Budget, which was amended by Laws No. 3/2020, 6/2020 and 12/2020;
- Deliberating the Government's Reports on Budget Implementation for 2018 and the Commissioner of Audit's Report 2018;
- Listening to the Review of the Government's Work in the Fiscal Year 2019 and the Financial Budget for the Fiscal Year 2020 delivered by the fourth Chief Executive; and
- Listening to and discussing the 2020 Policy Address delivered by the fifth Chief Executive.

To better listen to and collect legislators' opinions, the Government organised information seminars on the Legal Framework for Urban Renewal, the draft Macao Urban Development Master Plan (2020-2040), the Light Rail Transit (LRT) East Line Plan, and the New Macao Central

Library Plan and the related work on cultural facilities. During the session, the legislators visited the Pac On Civil Protection Action Centre (Taipa) and Taipa Ferry Terminal, to better understand the Government's civil protection management and progress with public works projects.

During the legislative session, legislators delivered 325 pre-agenda speeches, covering housing policy, public transport, medical and health, economy and culture, technological education, public administration, urban planning, and social security. Moreover, legislators raised 696 written and 85 oral questions, and called for 10 plenary meetings regarding the oral questions.

Lastly, the Follow-up Committee for Land and Public Concession Affairs, the Follow-up Committee for Public Finance Affairs and the Follow-up Committee for Public Administration Affairs strived for progress with important issues regarding public administration and the implementation of related laws, and compiled 17 reports.

Other responsibilities of the Legislative Assembly include listening to and fully reflecting different views, suggestions, and criticism from the public, and making prompt responses regarding public aspirations. During the session, six residents were personally received by legislators through the roster system. The Legislative Assembly also received 74 submissions and recommendations via personal visits, telephone and email. The Legislative Assembly received two petitions from citizens and groups, and handled these appropriately.

## **CCAC ensures integrity and efficiency, and CA emphasises optimal use of public funds**



Looking back at 2020: there was a plan for long-term, multi-faceted development, and the Commission Against Corruption (CCAC) united at all levels and strived to forge ahead without fear