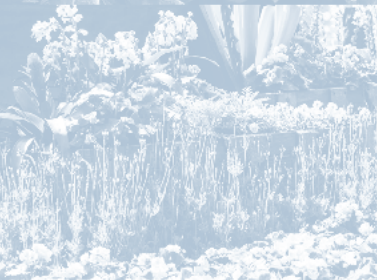


CALENDAR OF EVENTS IN 2016



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January

- 1 The law on Minimum Wage for Cleaning and Security Workers of the Property Management Industry comes into effect. Cleaning and security workers are guaranteed a minimum wage of 30 patacas per hour, 240 patacas per day, or 6,240 patacas per month.
- 4 The *Macao SAR Gazette* publishes an executive order to dissolve the Working Group for the Promotion of Sustainable Development of the Real Estate Market, five and a half years after it was established.
- 5 The Judicial Police investigate a case that involves a senior management member of a VIP room of a casino, who is suspected of misappropriating nearly 100 million patacas.

The Government and related ministries and commissions of the Central People's Government sign three cooperation agreements: Cooperation Agreement between the Ministry of Transport and the Macao SAR Government on Marine Traffic and Fairway Management for Waters Administered by the Macao SAR, Cooperation Agreement between the Ministry of Water Resources and the Macao SAR Government on Management of Water Resources adjacent to Waters Administered by the Macao SAR, and Cooperation Agreement between the State Oceanic Administration and the Macao SAR Government on Maritime Development within Waters Administered by the Macao SAR.

Centralised registration for admission to first year of kindergarten is launched.

According to the first Annual Report on Development of World Tourism Cities (2015), published by the World Tourism Cities Federation, Macao ranks among the top 20 cities on the list in terms of tourism prosperity index and tourism development potential index.

- 14 The Statistics and Census Service (DSEC) releases the average Tourist Price Index (TPI) for the whole of 2015, indicating a year-on-year decrease of 0.86 percent to 138.39, the first ever year-on-year decrease since the launch of the TPI.
The Judicial Police arrest five in-service public security policemen and one retired policeman, who are suspected of committing abuse of power, condoning, shielding and assisting criminals, and receiving bribes totalling 1.83 million patacas.
- 17 For safety reasons, the temporary joint cross-border inspection booths at Wanzai checkpoint, together with all the related border crossing facilities and ferry services, are temporarily suspended.
- 24 As a result of a severe cold wave, the Meteorological and Geophysical Bureau (SMG) records a minimum temperature of 1.6°C - the lowest temperature recorded in January in Macao since 1948.

- 27 Coloane Public Health Clinical Centre commences operations.
- 28 The ferry service between Macao Outer Harbour Ferry Terminal and Hong Kong Tuen Mun Ferry Terminal commences operations.
- 29 The *Macao SAR Gazette* publishes an order by the Secretary for Transport and Public Works to announce revocation of the land grant for Lot P of Areia Preta Reclamation Zone, which had been the planned location of the residential property Pearl Horizon.

February

- 1 According to the 2016 Index of Economic Freedom Report published by the Heritage Foundation in the United States, Macao's economy is rated as "mostly free" for the eighth consecutive year, making its economy the ninth freest among 42 economies in the Asia-Pacific Region and the 37th freest out of 178 economies globally.

- 2 Macao Customs and the Guangdong Sub-Administration of the General Administration of Customs of the People's Republic of China join forces in the three-day 2016 Guangdong and Macao Customs Joint Anti-smuggling Action.

The Public Security Police smash an illegal gambling syndicate operating in a residential property, arresting 15 persons and seizing home-made chips with a total face value of three million patacas.

- 3 Avian Influenza A (H7N9) virus is found in the laboratory test of environmental swabs collected from a poultry booth at the Patane Provisional Market. All live poultry trading activities in Macao are suspended for three days.
- 5 As a result of the collapse of the outer wall of a neighbouring site, the windows, external wall and gutters of Lou Kau Mansion are damaged. The mansion is immediately closed for inspection and repair, and is scheduled to reopen to the public on 19 March.

The Macao Government Tourist Office participates for the first time in the Sapporo Snow Festival, with the Secretary for Social Affairs and Culture, Mr Tam Chon Weng, as the officiating guest.

- 10 At midnight on the third day of Chinese Lunar New Year, a fire breaks out in the main hall of A Ma Temple, causing serious damage.
- 12 The 3D mapping show of the Valentine's Day Fantasia 2016 – The Fairytale of Lights, presented by the Macao Government Tourist Office, commences.
- 17 The Legislative Assembly passes a bill, through emergency proceedings, to include Zika virus in the official list of infectious diseases of the Law on Prevention, Control and Treatment of Communicable Diseases.
- 20 Chief Executive Chui Sai On announces that on 19 February, the State Council officially appointed Mr Vong Iao Lek as Director-General of Macao Customs.

- 22 The Government establishes the Committee for Development of the Commercial and Trade Cooperation Service Platform Between China and Portuguese-speaking Countries, chaired by the Chief Executive.
- 23 The Macao Trade and Investment Promotion Institute organises the first delegation of Macao's convention and exhibition and tourism industries, to attend the 2016 Asia-Pacific Incentives and Meetings Expo (AIME 2016) in Melbourne, Australia.

The Government recovers a plot of land with an area over 1,500 square metres at Doca do Lam Mau.
- 26 A ceremony for commencing 12 projects of the Guangdong-Macao Cooperation Industrial Park is held at the Hengqin Macao Youth Business Valley.
- 27 The Commission Against Corruption (CCAC) commences a criminal investigation of alleged corruption involving the former head and members of senior management of the Public Prosecutions Office.
- 29 The *Macao SAR Gazette* publishes the by-law for the establishment of Urban Renewal Committee. With the Secretary for Transport and Public Works as chairman, and the Director of the Land, Public Works and Transport Bureau as vice chairman, the committee will appoint 21 non-governmental members on 2 March for a three-year tenure.

March

- 1 The Government submits the Report on Adequate Economic Diversification of the Macao SAR to the Central People's Government.

The Judicial Police crack a case of money laundering that involves the most offenders in Macao's history. Nine men and women are arrested, and are suspected to have laundered illegal income of about 25 million patacas for an immigrant smuggling group through at least 10 accounts in the form of a family-run business. The Judicial Police also crack the third largest ever drug trafficking case since the Handover. Three male foreigners are arrested, and about six kilogrammes of cocaine with a market value of about 18 million patacas are seized.
- 2 The *Macao SAR Gazette* publishes an order by the Secretary for Transport and Public Works to announce the revocation of land grants for the five pieces of land involved in the Ao Man Long corruption case, due to the expiry of the 25-year land grant period.
- 4 Member of the Standing Committee of the Political Bureau of the CPC Central Committee and Chairman of the National People's Congress Standing Committee, Mr Zhang Dejiang, participates in the joint panel discussion of the National Committee of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference. He expects Hong Kong and Macao to keep faith in the "One country, two systems" principle, value rule of law, maintain stability, and not to appease actions that challenge the bottom line of the rule of law.

Chief Executive Chui Sai On visits the General Administration of Customs and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, to exchange views on cooperation between customs departments in law enforcement, the subsequent work regarding demarcation of Macao's waters and land boundaries, and Macao's establishment of "One centre, One platform".

Chief Executive Chui Sai On meets with member of the Political Bureau of the CPC Central Committee and Secretary of the CPC Beijing Municipal Committee, Mr Guo Jinlong, in Beijing. Both agree with the necessity of enhancing multi-disciplinary cooperation, especially on cultivation of young people.

- 5 Chief Executive Chui Sai On meets with member of the Political Bureau of the CPC Central Committee and Secretary of the CPC Guangdong Provincial Committee, Mr Hu Chunhua, and the Governor of Guangdong Province, Mr Zhu Xiaodan, in Beijing. He thanks Guangdong Province for supporting and working with Macao in the demarcation of Macao's jurisdiction over its customary waters, recognises the achievements of Guangdong and Macao over the past year, and expects to further deepen cooperation between both parties.
- 6 Member of the Standing Committee of the Political Bureau of the CPC Central Committee and Chairman of the National People's Congress Standing Committee, Mr Zhang Dejiang, meets Macao deputies to the National People's Congress. He raises three expectations and shows concern about Macao's deep economic correction, and hopes that Macao will benefit from the policies and measures launched by the Central People's Government and seize new opportunities.
- 7 State Councillor and Deputy Head of the Central Coordination Group for Hong Kong and Macao Affairs, Mr Yang Jiechi, states at the meeting of Macao deputies to the National People's Congress that the Central People's Government attaches importance to Macao's adequate economic diversification, and supports Macao's positioning as "One Centre, One Platform".
- 14 The *Macao SAR Gazette* publishes an executive order issued by the Chief Executive regarding the establishment of the Macau Grand Prix Organizing Committee.
- 15 The State Council publishes its Guiding Opinions on Deepening Cooperation within the Pan-Pearl-River Delta Region.
- 19 A Turbojet carrying 74 passengers and crew members hits an abutment of the Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macao Bridge in misty weather, while heading towards Macao from Tuen Mun. No one is injured, though the front of the vessel is dented.
- 22 Chief Executive Chui Sai On meets with the Chairman of the Hong Kong Tourism Board, Mr Peter Lam, and a delegation from the Travel Industry Council of Hong Kong, with the aim of expanding tourism cooperation between both sides.
- 29 Chief Executive Chui Sai On visits Nanjing to witness the signing of the Memorandum of Understanding on Building the Jiangsu-Macao Cooperation Park.
- 31 The Portuguese-speaking Countries Food Products Exhibition Centre commences operations.

April

2 The Judicial Police arrest a Malaysian man arriving in Macao from the Philippines, and seize from his suitcase about 3.6 kilogrammes of cocaine in eight large packs, with a market value of 11 million patacas.

5 Chief Executive Chui Sai On meets with the Regional Director of Regional Office for the Western Pacific of World Health Organization, Dr Shin Young Soo, to exchange views on prevention and control of communicable diseases.

The Judicial Police arrest a Colombian man at the airport, and seize from his backpack cocaine with a black market value of 13 million patacas.

6 The Macao SAR Gazette publishes an order by the Secretary for Transport and Public Works to expropriate three pieces of idle land with a total area of over 14,300 square metres.

7 The Judicial Police crack for the first time a criminal group in Macao that produces counterfeit credit cards, arresting eight Macao and mainland Chinese men and women, who have stolen the data of more than 1,000 overseas customers.

11 Chief Executive Chui Sai On meets with the Governor of Hainan Province, Mr Liu Cigui, to explore further cooperation in tourism, culture and trade.

12 The International Monetary Fund (IMF) publishes the latest report on World Economic Outlook, which for the first time presents major macroeconomic forecast for the Macao SAR.

14 The interdepartmental working group of the Government expropriates an 86,000-square-metre piece of land adjacent to Estrada de Pac On at Pac On Terminal, Taipa, which will be slated for construction of public infrastructure and administration offices.

15 A 46-day public consultation on the Ten-year Development Plan for Rehabilitation Services in the Macao SAR begins.

The Transport Bureau opens the 755 tender submissions for 250 eight-year taxi licences.

18 Chief Executive Chui Sai On meets with the Attorney General of Portugal, Ms Joana Marques Vidal, to exchange views on promotion of judicial cooperation between Portugal and Macao, and issues related to Portuguese judges providing services in Macao.

The event “Experience Macao – Korea”, organised by the Macao Government Tourist Office, opens in Korea. Secretary for Social Affairs and Culture Tam Chon Weng leads a delegation of government officials and entrepreneurs to take part in the event.

22 Energetic Macao Promotion Week – Jiangmen, Guangdong, begins.

Chief Executive Chui Sai On attends the plenary meeting of the Legislative Assembly, and answers legislative members’ questions concerning government administration and social issues.

- 25 The Chief Executive issues an executive order to recognise and promulgate the Standards and Criteria for Certification of Brain Death.
- 26 The Government publishes the draft of the Five-year Development Plan of the Macao Special Administration Region (2016-2020), and starts a two-month opinion collection process. In a press conference On 8 September, Chief Executive Chui Sai On, together with the five policy secretaries, unveiled the Five-year Development Plan of the Macao Special Administration Region (2016-2020).
- 29 The Rubber Duck in Macao event begins.
- 30 Macao's computer system for border crossing suffers a rare technical glitch, which causes varying degrees of interruption to Macao border checkpoints. The related department opens additional temporary counters, to manually handle border-crossing procedures.

May

- 1 The Macao Federation of Trade Unions and its eight subordinate unions hold an assembly. In addition, 11 other associations organised a demonstration to communicate their aspirations to the Government.
- 2 During the three-day public holiday starting on 1 May, about 980,000 passengers travel through Gongbei checkpoint, and almost 100,000 passengers travel through Hengqin checkpoint.
- 4 The *Macao SAR Gazette* publishes an order by the Secretary for Transport and Public Works, to announce the revocation of land grants for two pieces of land. One is adjacent to residential property Green Island in Bairro da Ilha Verde, and has an area of 4,440 square metres. The other is opposite the public housing estate at Estrada Nordeste da Taipa, and has an area of 19,314 square metres.
- 7 The trial run of time-limited public transport lanes from Barra to Lam Mau begins.
The Gaming Inspection and Coordination Bureau begins banning use of phones at gaming tables.
- 11 The Government announces the Interim Review of Gaming Liberalisation for Games of Fortune in Macao: Economic, Social, and Livelihood Impacts and Operating Conditions for Concessionaires.
- 18 The Executive Council concludes its discussion on the draft by-law on the Organisation and Operation of the Labour Affairs Bureau, which will merge with the Human Resources Office from 28 May.
- 19 The 2016 Pearl River Estuary National Marine Rescue Drill is conducted in the waters near Guishan Island, Zhuhai. It is China's largest air, sea and land search and rescue, island evacuation and transfer drill to date, involving 35 vessels, four planes and over 1,300 people.

Macao Marine and Water Bureau and Macao Customs also deploy vessels to take part in the drill.

“Archives and Manuscripts of Macao Kong Tac Lam Temple” is included on the list of the 7th editions of UNESCO’s Memory of the World Regional Register for Asia/Pacific.

- 23 The selection of archives of Chapas Sínicas, which has been jointly nominated by the Archives of Macao and Arquivo Nacional da Torre do Tombo, is included on the list of UNESCO’s Memory of the World Regional Register for Asia/Pacific.

The Macao Government Tourist Office publishes a consultation paper for the Master Plan for Development of Macao’s Tourism Industry. The consultation period ends on 22 July. More than 1,100 opinion submissions are received.

- 24 The mutual recognition of inspection of small passenger vehicles at Zhuhai-Macao land borders commences at Hengqin border checkpoint. Passenger vehicles with both Macao and mainland China licence plates only need to undergo inspection by the customs department of either side when travelling through Hengqin and Lotus Flower checkpoints.
- 25 The General Administration of Customs and the Macao SAR Government sign the Cooperation Arrangement for the General Administration of Customs and Macao Special Administrative Region for Preventing and Combating Smuggling Crimes at Waters and Land Borders Administered by the Macao SAR, as well as the Cooperation Memorandum for the General Administration of Customs and Macao Customs on Management of Country of Origin of Transshipment Products under Free Trade Agreements.
- 28 Two vessels collide at the Outer Harbour Ferry Terminal. A mainland China passenger vessel, which is attempting to berth at the terminal, collides with a Hong Kong-Macao high-speed ferry that is already berthed there. Two passengers are injured.
- 30 The *Macao SAR Gazette* publishes an executive order issued by the Chief Executive to award the service contract of Management and Technical Support for Macao LRT Project to MTR Corporation Limited (MTRC) of Hong Kong at a sum of 474,318,199 patacas. The MTRC will provide management and technical support services to Macao LRT project for two years, starting from April 2016.

On behalf of the Government, Secretary for Social Affairs and Culture Tam Chon Weng signs the Macao-Cambodia Cooperation Memorandum with Cambodia.

- 31 The Judicial Police arrest three shareholders and directors of a real estate group, who have allegedly solicited investment at an illegally high interest rate return and issued blank cheques. At least 24 victims have lost a total of 33 million Hong Kong dollars.

June

- 1 The Children’s Comprehensive Assessment Centre at Conde S. Januario Hospital commences

operations.

- 2 Due to faulty mid-voltage cables in Toi San, a total of 3,900 households in 78 buildings experience blackouts.
- 3 Anim'Arte NAM VAN opens. It is jointly launched by the Cultural Affairs Bureau, Sports Bureau, the Macao Government Tourist Office and the Institute for Tourism Studies.
- 4 Dynamic Macao Week in Kunming, Yunnan begins.
- 7 Chief Executive Chui Sai On meets Member of the Secretariat of the Communist Party of China Central Committee and Vice Chairman of the National Committee of the CPPCC, Mr Du Qinglin, to exchange views on Macao's economic diversification and cultural development.

Chief Executive Chui Sai On meets the Auditor General of the National Audit Office, Mr Liu Jiayi, to exchange views on the ongoing improvement of auditing operations.

- 8 The Fourth Annual Conference of Tai Hu World Cultural Forum opens, with the theme "Jointly Build a Community of Shared Destiny for Mankind".
- 13 The *Macao SAR Gazette* publishes the newly amended By-law on the Recruitment, Selection and Promotion Training System for Civil Servants, which comes into effect on 14 July. Once this is in effect, a centralised recruitment examination will be adopted for the recruitment and selection of civil servants.
- 21 The 2016 Guangdong-Macao Cooperation Joint Conference is conducted. On behalf of Macao and Guangdong, respectively, Chief Executive Chui Sai On and the Governor of Guangdong Province, Mr Zhu Xiaodan, sign the letter of intent for cooperation on joint participation in the "Belt and Road" initiative.
- 22 H7N9 avian influenza virus is detected in samples from a poultry booth in Iao Hon Market. The Civic and Municipal Affairs Bureau announces immediate suspension of live poultry trade, and culls 9,000 birds in the wholesale market. Live poultry trade resumes on 7 July. Secretary for Economy and Finance Leong Vai Tac states that the Government will inject 20 billion yuan (equivalent to about 23.8 billion patacas) to the Guangdong-Macao Cooperation and Development Fund in 10 instalments, for investment in infrastructure and key projects in Guangdong Province. Macao will receive a fixed annual investment return.
- 26 Giant Panda Xin Xin, granted to Macao by the Central People's Government, gives birth to twins, which are named Jian Jian and Kang Kang.
- 27 The *Macao SAR Gazette* publishes an executive order issued by the Chief Executive to increase the Old Age Allowance from 7,500 patacas to 8,000 patacas. The subsidies for free education and tuition fees are also increased, with effect from 1 September.

Eligible households which have applied for multiple-room apartments under the Home-Ownership Scheme 2013 may select their apartments starting from this date. In all, 1,900 apartments for eight projects under the Home-Ownership Scheme are available for selection

by the applicants.

Chief Executive Chui Sai On meets with the newly appointed Secretary of the CPC Zhuhai Committee, Mr Guo Yuanqiang, to exchange views on the direction for further cooperation between both sides.

July

- 1 The Government increases the temporary disability allowance from 3,350 patacas to 3,450 patacas per month, starting from this date. The amount is similar to the disability benefit under the Social Security Fund.

The Gaming Inspection and Coordination Bureau announces that the gross revenue from gaming in June was 15.881 billion patacas, representing a year-on-year decrease of 8.5 percent. Gross gaming revenues have been decreasing for 25 consecutive months, hitting the lowest point since September 2010.

- 4 The Animal Protection Law passes its second reading in the Legislative Assembly, and will come into effect in September.

The Government establishes the Commission for the Coordination in the Management and Development of Macao's Waters, which is chaired by the Chief Executive, and is responsible for centralised management of the use and development of Macao's waters.

- 11 The Lands, Public Works and Transport Bureau commissions CCCC Highway Consultants Co., Ltd Macao Branch to commence the Feasibility Study on Nobre de Carvalho Bridge – Construction of Two Cross-harbour Tunnels.

- 13 The Commission Against Corruption publishes a report on an investigation into Iec Long Fireworks Factory, stating that nearly 95 percent of its land is state-owned, and that its land swap agreement is invalid.

- 15 The Cultural Affairs Bureau introduces cultural relics and archaeological sites of different periods, which were first unearthed on Rue de Estaleiro, Coloane. Some of the relics appear to be the remains of a dyeing factory in the Tang or Song dynasty.

The Ninth High Level Meeting on Hong Kong-Macao Cooperation is held. Government representatives from both sides initial the main document of the Hong Kong and Macao Closer Economic Partnership Arrangement (HK-Macao CEPA). They also agree on the establishment of the Working Group on Enhancing Hong Kong-Macao Economic Cooperation, which is the first working group under the Hong Kong-Macao liaison mechanism for facilitating further economic cooperation between the two places.

- 19 The State Council appoints Mr Wang Zhimin as Director of the Liaison Office of the Central People's Government in the Macao Special Administrative Region, while Mr Li Gang is transferred to the post of Deputy Director of the Overseas Chinese Affairs Office of the

State Council.

Secretary for Economy and Finance Leong Vai Tac meets with the Deputy Commissioner of the State Administration of Taxation, Mr Wang Qinfeng, to sign the third protocol on the Arrangement Between Mainland China and the Macao Special Administrative Region for the Avoidance of Double Taxation and the Prevention of Fiscal Evasion with Respect to Taxes on Income (the Arrangement on Taxation).

- 21 Chief Executive Chui Sai On visits the Secretary of the CPC Beijing Municipal Committee, Mr Guo Jinlong, in Beijing, to confirm multilevel cooperation between Beijing and Macao; and exchanges views with the National Development and Reform Commission and the Hong Kong and Macao Affairs Office of the State Council on the first Five-year Development Plan of the MSAR.

The Government requests Macau (Yat Yuen) Canidrome Co. Ltd to relocate from its current site within two years (i.e. before 21 July 2018), and to consider whether dog racing should be suspended.

The Statistics and Census Service (DSEC) announces that the Consumer Price Index for June was 108.29, representing a narrowed year-on-year increase of 2.26 percent, the lowest year-on-year inflation rate since March 2010.

- 22 The Macao Government Tourist Office announces that operations of the Beijing Imperial Palace Hotel (previously known as New Century Hotel) are to be suspended for six months, starting from the following day, due to serious breaches of administrative regulations, posing a danger to public safety and damage to Macao's tourism image. This is the first time the Government has temporarily suspended operations of a five-star hotel in Macao.
- 26 The Transportation Infrastructure Office commissions the South China Sea Branch of the State Oceanic Administration to conduct a maritime environmental impact assessment for the construction of the fourth cross-harbour passage in Macao. A 10-day public consultation begins this day.

August

- 8 A serious traffic accident occurs on Rua da Entena, where a coach crashes into a residential building, injuring 32 passengers on the coach, and causing damage to the building's structural columns. The Government evacuates all the building tenants and deploys manpower to reinforce the building's structure.
- 11 The first Wushu Masters Challenge begins. It is organised by the Sports Bureau and the Wushu General Association of Macau.
- 12 The draft bills on the Legal System on Handling Medical Incidents and the Implementation System for Frozen Assets pass their second reading in the Legislative Assembly. The former

will come into effect after 180 days, while the latter will come into effect on the day following its promulgation.

- 15 The temporary designated motorcycle lane on Sai Van Bridge becomes a permanent measure, to ensure safety for cross-harbour motorcycle traffic.

Chief Executive Chui Sai On leads the task force that formulates the Five-year Development Plan of the Macao Special Administration Region (2016-2020) to attend a seminar in Beijing. They listen to leaders of ministries and commissions of the Central People's Government and the representatives of Guangdong Province giving opinions on Macao's five-year development plan.

- 25 Chief Executive Chui Sai On attends the opening ceremony of the 11th Pan-Pearl River Delta Regional Cooperation and Development Forum and Trade Fair, and witnesses the ceremony for signing contracts for PPRD cooperation projects.

The Transport Bureau conducts a trial run for two types of electric bus. TCM and New Era jointly operate a pilot route between the Macao peninsula and downtown Taipa. Journeys are free for the public during the trial period.

- 29 On the invitation of the Government, the Rio Olympic Games National Olympians Delegation begins their four-day visit to Macao.

September

- 5 An executive order is issued by the Chief Executive to increase two disability gratuities. The ordinary disability gratuity is increased to 8,000 patacas per year, while the special disability gratuity is increased to 16,000 patacas per year.

- 6 Macao Taxi Radio Service Corporation Limited is granted special taxi licences with a period of eight years. The first 50 special taxis are expected to commence operations in April 2017 at the earliest.

- 10 Chief Executive Chui Sai On leads a government delegation on a visit to Portugal, to review cooperation and introduce the first Five-year Development Plan of the Macao SAR.

- 12 Chief Executive Chui Sai On pays a visit to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Portuguese Republic and – with the Portuguese Minister of Foreign Affairs, Mr Augusto Santos Silva – co-chairs the Macao-Portugal Joint Committee meeting.

Chief Executive Chui Sai On meets the Ambassador of the People's Republic of China to the Portuguese Republic, Mr Cai Run, in Lisbon. They exchange views on issues related to promoting China-Portugal relations and Macao-Portugal relations, and enhancing Macao's function as a platform for cooperation between China and Portugal.

- 13 During his visit to Portugal, Chief Executive Chui Sai On says the Government will construct a building to provide a business and trade cooperation and services platform for China

and Portuguese-speaking countries. This will be the hub for economic and trade activities, enterprise services, conventions and exhibitions, cultural showcases and talent cultivation.

- 14 The Sports Bureau announces that the Macao Grand Prix Formula Three race will be upgraded from an intercontinental race to an international race of the International Automobile Federation. It becomes the world's first venue simultaneously hosting two international races of the International Automobile Federation.

The Government commences four cooperation plans with Alipay and Alibaba. Tmall International will become a B2C e-commerce platform recognised by the Government and an accredited merchant under the quality merchant accreditation scheme. Starting from 12 December, visitors may pay via Alipay at Rua de S. Domingos in Macao.

- 15 The first phase of the Urban Closed Circuit Television (“CCTV”) Cameras System for Macao, which comprises 219 CCTV cameras, commences operation at midnight.
- 16 The Education and Youth Affairs Bureau establishes the minimum class hours for Portuguese language courses organised by private schools, and lists Portuguese language courses as priority items for subsidies under the school development plan.
- 21 The Dementia Treatment Centre, jointly set up by the Health Bureau and the Social Welfare Bureau, commences operations.
- 23 The DSEC announces that the number of overnight visitors in August increased to 1,476,900, representing year-on-year growth of 3.7 percent, a record high since January 2008.
- 26 The *Macao SAR Gazette* publishes an executive order issued by the Chief Executive to announce that the tender for design and construction of a multi-purpose government office complex at Lot 01 of Rua da Felicidade, Pac On, is awarded to China State Construction Engineering (Macao) Limited at 278 million patacas. The project construction fee will be paid to the contractor in each of the three financial years starting from 2016.

The *Macao SAR Gazette* publishes an executive order issued by the Chief Executive to announce that the tender for the construction of the LRT depot superstructure is awarded to China State Construction Engineering (Macao) Limited at 1.07 billion patacas. The project construction fee will be paid to the contractor over four years. Construction is expected to resume in the fourth quarter of 2016.

- 27 The 22.9-kilometre main bridge of the Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macao Bridge is fully completed. The construction enters the stage of road surface paving on the bridge.

October

- 1 The Government organises a series of activities to celebrate the 67th anniversary of the establishment of the People's Republic of China.
- 5 The Law on Preventing and Combating Domestic Violence comes into effect.

The *Macao SAR Gazette* publishes an executive order issued by the Chief Executive to promulgate the Register of Old and Valuable Trees under Protection, which lists more than 500 trees in Macao.

- 6 The Congressional-Executive Commission on China of the United States publishes its annual report, which criticises Macao affairs. The Office of the Government Spokesperson responds on 7 October, maintaining that the affairs of the Macao SAR are internal affairs of China, and foreign countries shall have no rights to intervene. Macao's development and achievements after its reunification are well-recognised. The Government strongly opposes the commission's report, which is totally oblivious to the truth.
- 7 The Executive Council concludes discussions on the draft by-law on the Amendment to Regulations on Road Traffic, to shorten the inspection intervals for light vehicles and heavy motorcycles from ten years to eight years, while the inspection interval for light motorcycle is changed to five years. Light motorcycles will be required to undergo annual inspection, starting from the third year thereafter.
- 10 Premier Li Keqiang visits Macao for the first time, to receive a briefing on the MSAR Government's work from Chief Executive Chui Sai On, and affirm Macao's efforts on behalf of the Central People's Government.
- 11 The Fifth Ministerial Conference of the Forum for Economic and Trade Cooperation between China and Portuguese-speaking Countries opens. Premier Li Keqiang delivers a keynote speech at the opening ceremony, and announces support for the 18 new measures announced during the forum.

Chief Executive Chui Sai On meets with the Portuguese Prime Minister, Mr António Luís Santos da Costa.

- 12 At a seminar with participants from various sectors in Macao, Premier Li Keqiang puts forwards three aspirations for Macao, and announces 19 measures adopted by the Central People's Government in support of Macao.

Chief Executive Chui Sai On meets with the Prime Minister of Cape Verde, Mr Ulisses Correia e Silva; the Prime Minister of the Republic of Mozambique, Mr Carlos Agostinho do Rosário; and the Minister of Timor-Leste, Mr Estanislau Aleixo da Silva, who attend the Fifth Ministerial Conference of the Forum for Economic and Trade Cooperation between China and Portuguese-speaking Countries.

- 13 Chief Executive Chui Sai On leads a government delegation to Nanchang, Jiangxi, to attend the 2016 PPRD Regional Cooperation Chief Executive Joint Conference on 14 October.

Chief Executive Chui Sai On meets with the Secretary of the CPC Jiangxi Provincial Committee, Mr Lu Xinshe. Both agree to deepen cooperation between Jiangxi and Macao, particularly in tourism, environmental protection, and the use of Macao as a cooperation platform.

Secretary for Social Affairs and Culture Tam Chon Weng meets with Portugal's Minister

of Education, Youth and Sports, Mr Tiago Rodrigues, to exchange views on deepening cooperation between the two sides.

- 14 Chief Executive Chui Sai On meets with the Governor of Fujian Province, Mr Yu Weiguo, to share views on cooperation between Fujian and Macao in tourism and cultural exchanges.

Chief Executive Chui Sai On meets with the Governor of Sichuan Province, Mr Yin Li. They agree on furthering Sichuan-Macao cooperation in industries including tourism and Chinese medicine, based on the solid foundation of cooperation between the two places.

- 17 Chief Executive Chui Sai On sends a congratulatory message to the Central People's Government for the successful launch of spacecraft Shenzhou-11.

Secretary for Economy and Finance Leong Vai Tac and the Vice Governor of Fujian Province, Mr Liang Jianyong, attend the First Fujian-Macao Cooperation Conference. During the conference, Fujian and Macao sign the Agreement on Enhancement of Fujian-Macao Economic and Trade Cooperation; Memorandum on Fujian-Macao Exchanges and Cooperation in Healthcare and Hygiene; and Memorandum on Enhancement of Tourism Cooperation Between the Tourism Department of Pingtan Comprehensive Pilot Zone of Fujian Province and the Macao Government Tourist Office.

The former head of the Transportation Management Division of Transport Bureau, Lou Ngai Wa, is convicted of 42 counts of bribe-taking, and is sentenced to 12 years and six months in prison.

- 20 The 21st Macao International Trade & Investment Fair (MIF) commences.

Chief Executive Chui Sai On meets with the Mayor of Beijing Municipality, Mr Wang Anshun, and witnesses the ceremony for signing the contract of the Beijing-Macao Cooperation Partnership 2016.

- 21 Macao is hit by Typhoon Haima. The Meteorological and Geophysical Bureau hoists Typhoon Signal No. 8 at 8:30 a.m.

Chief Executive Chui Sai On meets with the Governor of Jiangsu Province, Mr Shi Taifeng, and signs the Memorandum on the Collaborative Establishment of Jiangsu-Macao Cooperation Zone by the People's Government of Jiangsu Province and the Macao Special Administrative Region.

- 22 A photo exhibition commemorating the 150th anniversary of Dr Sun Yat-sen's birthday, organised by the MSAR Government, opens, and will last till 13 November.

- 24 The *Macao SAR Gazette* publishes an executive order issued by the Chief Executive regarding an increase of the mandatory contributions to the social security system to 90 patacas per month, starting from 1 January 2017, with 30 patacas and 60 patacas payable by employee and employer, respectively, and 90 patacas for voluntary contributions.

- 29 An unconscious woman and with a deep gash on her neck is found at a refuse station near Mayfair Garden on Avenida do General Castelo Branco. On 30 October, the Judicial Police

arrest a non-local worker on charges of rape and aggravated attempted murder, and transfer the suspect to the Public Prosecutions Office.

- 30 A 60-day public consultation commences on the Performance Evaluation System for Students under Formal Education Curriculum.

November

- 3 Chief Executive Chui Sai On visits the Ministry of Transport and the Ministry of Water Resources, to further discuss cooperation between Macao and mainland China on administration of waters and direction of development, exchange views on affairs related to Macao's peripheral waters, and securing water supplies from mainland China to Macao.

Chief Executive Chui Sai On meets with the Deputy Director of the State Oceanic Administration, Mr Shi Qingfeng, to exchange views on the management of waters under Macao's administration and further cooperation.

- 4 Chief Executive Chui Sai On meets the Minister of the General Administration of Customs, Mr Yu Guangzhou, and exchange views on the administration, use and development of Macao's waters, ongoing cooperation between customs departments of both sides, and joint operations for preventing and combating smuggling.

- 7 A substantial breakthrough is achieved in organ transplants in Macao. The Health Bureau announces that the first organ transplant surgery in Macao's history was completed at Hospital Conde S. Januario on 6 November, with assistance from the First Affiliated Hospital of Sun Yat-sen University.

- 9 The Tertiary Education Services Office states that the Ministry of Education will adjust the policy on admission of recommended Macao students to mainland China tertiary educational institutions, by significantly increasing the quota for recommended Macao students and the numbers of tertiary institutions and disciplines, making all disciplines available for Macao students.

- 15 The Government conducts a 30-day public consultation on the Maritime Area Management Framework Law.

Chief Executive Chui Sai On delivers the Policy Address for the Fiscal Year 2017.

- 16 The two red pandas offered by Chengdu Research Base of Giant Panda Breeding in Sichuan arrive at Macao. They will meet the public upon completion of quarantine.

- 22 TransAsia Airways announces its dissolution, and ceases operation of all flight routes.

The vehicle examination centre in Cotai opens.

The DSEC announces that a rebound in exports of services and investments has been recorded, and results in a year-on-year increase of four percent in real GDP in the third

quarter, representing the first quarterly growth over the past two years.

- 23 The arrangements for cross-boundary pleasure boats sailing between Macao and Zhongshan officially commence.
- 24 A delegation of the Joint Task Group for Nuclear Safety of Macao visits the Taishan Nuclear Power Station in Guangdong Province, which has not yet commenced operations.
- 25 The Government and the World Health Organization (WHO) jointly organise the first Macao WHO Collaborating Centre for Traditional Medicine Inter-regional Training Workshop on Quality and Safety of Traditional Medicine cum Joint Conference of WHO Collaborating Centres for Traditional Medicine of the West Pacific Region.

Chief Executive Chui Sai On meets the Director-General of the World Health Organization, Ms Margaret Chan, to exchange views on the industrialisation of traditional medicine, including Chinese medicine.

The Executive Council concludes its discussion on the amendments to the draft by-law on the Penal Code. It is suggested that sexual harassment, engagement in sexual transactions with minors and minors-related pornographic materials offences will be included in the bill, and offences involving sexual coercion and sexual abuse of people incapable of resistance will be amended to public offences. The bill will be passed to the Legislative Assembly for discussion.

- 29 The Zhuhai-Macao Cooperation Conference 2016 is held in Zhuhai. The governments of both sides sign the Cooperation Agreement on Collaboration between Hengqin and Macao in Development of the Young Entrepreneur Incubation Centre and the Agreement on Education Cooperation and Exchanges.
- 30 Chief Executive Chui Sai On meets the Mayor of Shenzhen, Mr Xu Qin, to review the results of cooperation in the past year, and exchange views on fostering cooperation in the coming year.

December

- 8 The First International Film Festival & Awards · Macao begins. It will last six days.
- 9 Former Prosecutor General Ho Chio Meng is put on trial for alleged corruption. He is charged with 1,536 counts of offences, involving bribes of more than 70 million patacas.
Patane Library opens to the public.
- 13 The first human case of avian influenza is recorded in Macao. H7 subtype avian influenza virus is detected in a consignment of live poultry samples pending inspection. On 14 December, a wholesaler in Nam Yue Wholesale Market is diagnosed with avian influenza (H7N9). The infected person and close contacts are isolated and placed under medical surveillance, which ends on 23 December, with no virus detected by this date.

- 15 The Amendment Bill to Law No. 17/2009, Prohibition of the Production, Trafficking and Consumption of Illicit Drugs and Psychotropic Substances passes its second reading in the Legislative Assembly. It significantly increases the penalty for drug abuse and drug trafficking. People in possession of over 1.25 grams of heroin or one gram of methamphetamine will be prosecuted for drug trafficking, and are subject to 5 to 15 years of imprisonment. The bill will take effect after 30 days of being promulgated.

The Cultural Affairs Bureau holds the opening ceremony for Revitalisation of No. 80 Rua das Estalagens cum Exhibition in Commemoration of the 150th Anniversary of Dr Sun Yat-sen's Birthday. No. 80 Rua das Estalagens is officially opened to the public.

- 16 The MSAR Government and the Zhuhai Municipal People's Government jointly hold a press conference on Macao motor vehicles entering and exiting Hengqin, announcing the related regulations and provisions. On 20 December, Secretary for Security Wong Sio Chak attends the opening ceremony of Macao Motor Vehicles Entering and Exiting Hengqin, held in Hengqin, Zhuhai.
- 19 Chief Executive Chui Sai On meets the Vice Chairman of the Fujian Provincial Committee of the CPPCC, Mr Chen Xiangxian, to exchange views on and discuss issues related to deepening Fujian-Macao cooperation.

- 20 The Government hosts a cocktail reception to celebrate the 17th anniversary of the establishment of the Macao SAR.

A car collides with two tourist coaches on Avenida Marginal Flor de Lótus, Taipa. In all, 57 people are injured and sent to hospital. Two of the wounded need to be hospitalised.

- 23 President Xi Jinping and Premier Li Keqiang meet with Chief Executive Chui Sai On in Zhongnanhai during Chui's duty visit in Beijing.

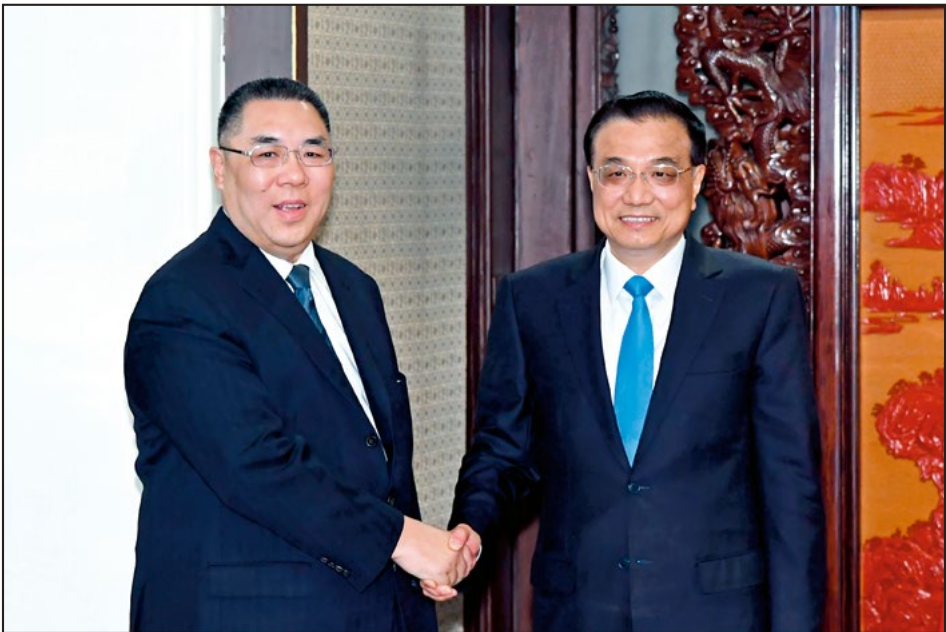
The DSEC releases the preliminary results of the 2016 By-Census. As of August, the population of Macao totalled 650,900.

- 27 At around midnight, a fire breaks out in the motorcycle parking bay on Avenida Norte do Hipódromo, where 89 motorcycles catch fire. The fire spreads to five shops, a school, the outer wall of a car park and 10 vehicles parked there. Three people are sent to hospital for smoke inhalation. On 28 December, the Judicial Police arrest a man who is involved in causing the fire. He admits having dumped an unextinguished cigarette butt at the scene before the fire.

- 28 The *Macao SAR Gazette* publishes the amendment to the Electoral System for the Legislative Assembly of the Macao SAR, which comes into effect on the following day. Under the amended law, candidates of legislative elections shall sign a declaration proclaiming support for the Basic Law of the Macao Special Administrative Region and allegiance to the People's Republic of China and the MSAR. This new provision is included in the article concerning eligibility of candidates.



On 23 December, President Xi Jinping receives Chief Executive Chui Sai On, who is in Beijing for his annual duty visit.



On 23 December, Premier Li Keqiang receives Chief Executive Chui Sai On, who is in Beijing for his annual duty visit.

The Premier of the State Council, Mr Li Keqiang, delivers a keynote speech at the opening ceremony of the Fifth Ministerial Conference of the Forum for Economic and Trade Cooperation between China and Portuguese-speaking Countries (Macao) on 11 October.



With the theme Moving towards a Stronger China-Portugal Trade and Economic Relationship: Jointly Discussing Cooperation, Constructing a Platform and Sharing Development, the Fifth Ministerial Conference of the Forum for Economic and Trade Co-operation between China and Portuguese-speaking Countries (Macao) opens at the Macao East Asian Games Dome on 11 October.



Premier Li Keqiang poses for a group photo with members of Hong Kong and Macao government delegations and entrepreneurs at the Boao Forum for Asia Annual Conference 2016 on 24 March.



During his visit to Lisbon, Chief Executive Chui Sai On meets with the President of the Portuguese Republic, Mr Marcelo Rebelo de Sousa, on 13 September.

On 25 August, Chief Executive Chui Sai On and leading officials from the PPRD region pose for a photograph before the opening ceremony of the 11th Pan-Pearl River Delta Regional Cooperation and Development Forum and Trade Fair.



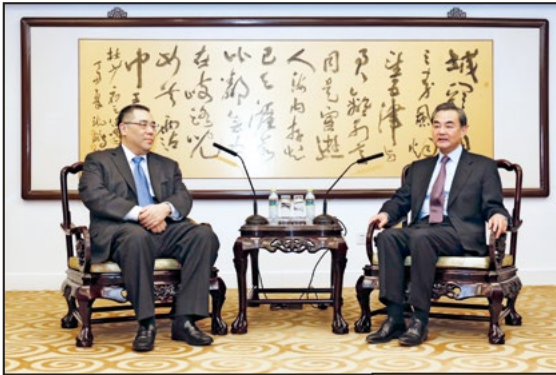


Chief Executive Chui Sai On and five secretaries and relevant officials hold a press conference on 8 September, to release the official document on the Five-Year Development Plan (2016-2020) of the Macao Special Administrative Region.

Chief Executive Chui Sai On meets with officials from ministries and departments of the State and representatives from Guangdong Province, to collect opinions and suggestions on the Five-Year Development Plan (2016-2020) of the Macao SAR.



A seminar themed “Strategic Planning and Macao’s Stability and Development – An In-depth Understanding of the National 13th Five-Year Plan and a Reflection on the Formulation of Macao’s Five-Year Development Plan” is held on 15 March.



Chief Executive Chui Sai On meets with the Minister of Foreign Affairs, Mr Wang Yi (right), in Beijing on 4 March.

On 5 January, Chief Executive Chui Sai On meets with a delegation of ministries of the Central People's Government led by the Deputy Director of the State Council's Hong Kong and Macao Affairs Office, Mr Feng Wei (fifth from left, front row), who is visiting Macao to deal with issues related to Macao's land boundaries and demarcated waters.



The MASR Government, the State Council's Hong Kong and Macao Affairs Office, and the State Oceanic Administration jointly hold the Management and Development of the Maritime Area of the Macao SAR seminar on 27 June.

On 25 May, Chief Executive Chui Sai On and other officials witness the signing of the Cooperation Arrangement between the General Administration of Customs and the Macao SAR Government on the Prevention and Suppression of Smuggling in Waters Managed by the Macao SAR and within Macao's Land Boundaries and of the Memorandum on Cooperation between the General Administration of Customs and the Macao SAR Government on Origin of Transshipment Cargo in the Macao SAR under Free Trade Agreements.





Chief Executive Chui Sai On meets with the Secretary of the Beijing CPC Municipal Committee, Mr Guo Jinlong (left), in Beijing on 4 March.



On 21 June, Chief Executive Chui Sai On and the Governor of Guangdong Province, Mr Zhu Xiaodan, sign a Letter of Intent between Guangdong Province and the Macao SAR for joint participation in the development of the "Belt and Road" initiative, at the 2016 Guangdong-Macao Cooperation Joint Conference.



The 2016 Guangdong-Macao Cooperation Joint Conference is held in Macao on 21 June.



Chief Executive Chui Sai On meets with the Governor of Fujian Province, Mr Yu Weiguo, on 14 October.

Chief Executive Chui Sai On meets with the Governor of Hainan Province, Mr Liu Cigui, on 11 April.



Member of the Secretariat of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of China and Vice Chairman of the National Committee of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference (CPPCC), Mr Du Qinglin; Chief Executive Chui Sai On; and Vice Chairman of the National Committee of CPPCC, Mr Edmund Ho Hau Wah, pose for a photograph with guests at the opening ceremony of the Fourth Annual Conference of World Cultural Forum in Taihu, on 8 June.

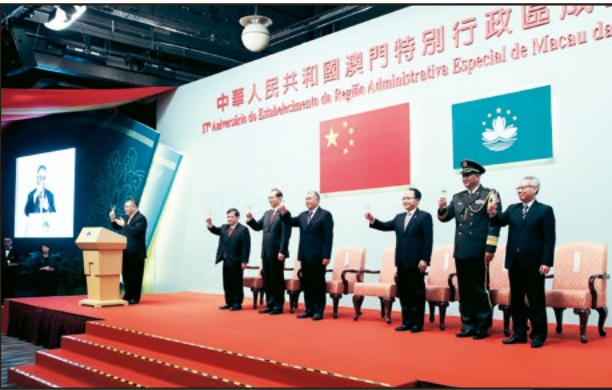
Chief Executive Chui Sai On meets with the Governor of Sichuan Province, Mr Yin Li, on 15 October.



Chief Executive Chui Sai On meets with the Secretary of the CPC Guangdong Provincial Committee, Mr Lu Xinshe, on 13 October, during his trip to attend the 2016 Pan-Pearl River Delta Regional Cooperation Chief Executives Joint Conference.

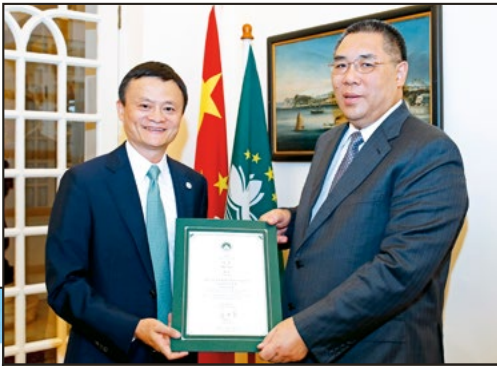
Chief Executive Chui Sai On attends the 2016 Pan-Pearl River Delta Regional Cooperation Chief Executives Joint Conference, which is held in Nanchang, Jiangxi Province on 14 October.





On 20 December, The Chief Executive, Mr Chui Sai On, and guests toast at the reception for the celebration of the 17th anniversary of the establishment of the Macao Special Administrative Region.

On 6 June, Chief Executive Chui Sai On presents Mr Jack Ma with a certificate, to thank him for accepting the Government's invitation to be an advisor for the Economic Development Council and the Science and Technology Committee.



Chief Executive Chui Sai On cordially shakes hands with the Mayor of Shenzhen, Mr Xu Qin, at the Shenzhen-Macao Cooperation Conference 2016 on 30 November.

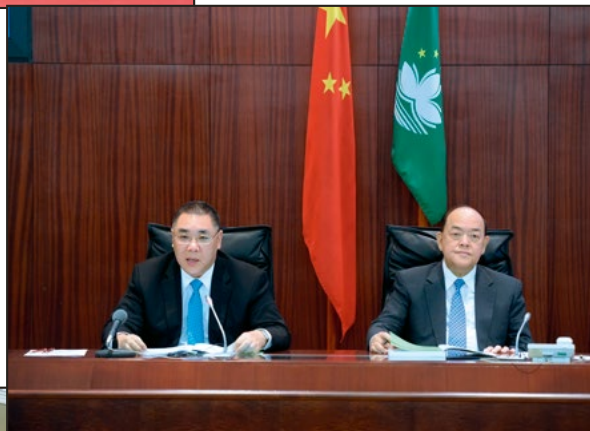


Chief Executive Chui Sai On meets with the Secretary of Zhuhai CPC Committee, Mr Guo Yuanqiang (third from left, front row), on 27 June.



The Chief Executive, principal officials of the Macao SAR Government, senior representatives of the Liaison Office of the Central People's Government in the MSAR, the Macao Garrison Troops of the PLA and community leaders attend the flag-raising ceremony on National Day on 1 October.

Chief Executive Chui Sai On delivers the Policy Address for the Fiscal Year 2017, at the plenary session of the Legislative Assembly on 15 November.



The Beijing-Macao Cooperation Partnership 2016 is launched on 20 October.



Chief Executive Chui Sai On hosts a luncheon for representatives of local Chinese media on 23 February.



Chief Executive Chui Sai On hosts a luncheon for representatives of local Portuguese and English media on 24 February.



On 29 May, the Vice Chairman of the CPPCC National Committee and former chief executive of the Macao SAR, Mr Edmund Ho Hau Wah, and the Secretary for Social Affairs and Culture, Mr Tam Chon Weng, lead a delegation to Cambodia, and pose for a photograph with representatives of the Macao ASEAN International Chamber of Commerce and Macao entrepreneurs who are on a business visit to Cambodia.



On 27 November, Chief Executive Chui Sai On attends the opening ceremony of a gathering of the Macanese community in Macao.



Chief Executive Chui Sai On poses for a photograph with a group of students on 27 October, during his visit to the photo exhibition to commemorate the 150th anniversary of the birth of Dr Sun Yat Sen.

Chief Executive Chui Sai On attends an event marking the 110th anniversary of Jinan University on 19 November.



Chief Executive Chui Sai On visits a patient at Kiang Wu Hospital on 8 August, following that afternoon's accident in which a tourist bus crashed into a building, causing injuries to 32 victims.

During the Government Headquarters open day, Chief Executive Chui Sai On poses for a photograph with a family in the garden.



To support the TAFISA World Challenge Day on 25 May 2016, Chief Executive Chui Sai On arrives at the Lin Fong Sports Centre and plays table tennis with local residents.



The Government Headquarters is open to the public for two days from 15 October.



The launch ceremony of the facilitated scheme for cross-boundary pleasure boats sailing between Macao and Zhongshan is held at Shenwan Town, Guangdong Province, on 23 November.



On 16 December, the Macao SAR Government and the Zhuhai Municipal People's Government jointly hold a press conference on measures regarding Macao-registered vehicles entering Hengqin.



At the invitation of the Government, some of China's leading nuclear power experts visit Macao and speak at the seminar "An Introduction to the National Nuclear Power Policy and Nuclear Power Development in Guangdong Province" on 17 June, to brief attendees on China's macro nuclear energy policy and nuclear safety.

On 17 June, the Office of the Secretary for Security and the Government Information Bureau hold a seminar for the media, to introduce the corporate development of the China General Nuclear Power Group and an update on progress with the nuclear power plant in Taishan Prefecture.





Announced at a press conference held by the Government on 20 February, the State Council appoints Mr Vong Iao Lek as Director-General of Macao Customs, in accordance with a nomination by Chief Executive Chui Sai On.



The Macao Global Media Industry Development Conference 2016 opens on 28 November.



The Government Spokesperson's Office and the Government Information Bureau hold a gathering with media representatives on 22 March.



On 18 March, the Secretary for Administration and Justice, Ms Chan Hoi Fan, and the Ambassador of the Republic of Belarus to the People's Republic of China, Mr Burya Viktor, sign an agreement on mutual exemption of visa requirements between the Macao Special Administrative Region and the Republic of Belarus.

On 10 October, Premier Li Keqiang receives a briefing on Macao's urban development policy and strategies to diversify the city's economy, from the Secretary for Economy and Finance, Mr Leong Vai Tac.



On 20 December, the Secretary for Security, Mr Wong Sio Chak, attends the launch ceremony of measures enabling Macao-registered motor vehicles to enter Hengqin.

On 11 October, the Secretary for Social Affairs and Culture, Mr Tam Chon Weng, and the Minister of Economy of Portugal, Mr Manuel Cabral, sign a cooperation agreement on tourism, on behalf of the Macao SAR Government and the Government of the Portuguese Republic, respectively.



The Secretary for Transport and Public Works, Mr Raimundo Arrais do Rosario, chairs the first meeting of the Urban Renewal Committee on 11 March.

Members of the Joint Task Group for Nuclear Safety visit a nuclear power plant in Taishan, Guangdong Province, on 24 November, to gain a better understanding of the facilities at the plant.





The Secretary for Administration and Justice, Ms Chan Hoi Fan, represents the Chief Executive at the Europe Day reception on 12 May.

On 26 February, the Secretary for Economy and Finance, Mr Leong Vai Tac, delivers a speech at the commencement ceremony for a major project in Guangdong-Macao Traditional Chinese Medicine Technology Industrial Park in Hengqin.



On 22 August, the Secretary for Security, Mr Wong Sio Chak, hosts a briefing on crime and law enforcement statistics for the first half of 2016.

The Secretary for Social Affairs and Culture, Mr Tam Chon Weng, attends the First International Film Festival and Awards • Macao on 13 December.



The Secretary for Transport and Public Works, Mr Raimundo Arrais do Rosario, officiates at the opening of Carmo Post Office on 28 September.

The 2016 Macao International Environmental Cooperation Forum and Exhibition (2016 MIECF) opens on 31 March.





On 26 July, the Civic and Municipal Affairs Bureau holds activities to celebrate the first month of life of the twin panda cubs.



Representatives of the Security Force Office, the Public Security Police Force and the Fire Services Bureau distribute publicity materials in the neighbourhood of the Inner Harbour to promote civil protection.

On 10 November, the Macao Post announces a new stamp collection, The 150th Anniversary of the Birth of Dr Sun Yat Sen.



On 4 November, guests and award winners pose for a photograph at the award presentation ceremony of the Precious Moments in Macao 2016 Photography Competition, organised by the Government Information Bureau.





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A dragon dance performance on 8 February, to celebrate the Year of the Monkey.



On 29 January, a group of students, teachers and administrative staff of a school next to the Conde S. Januario Hospital visit the Health Bureau's facilities for communicable disease prevention and control.



On 3 June, officiating guests of the opening of Anim'Arte NAM VAN visit the shops, café, graffiti artworks and the craft market at the site.



The Marine and Water Bureau joins hands with several government departments to conduct a maritime emergency drill on 2 September, to strengthen departmental ability to respond to maritime incidents.



Participants enjoy the fun of sport at the Second Sport for All Games, a two-day event held at the Olympic Sports Centre on 14 and 15 May.

The Wushu Parade of the Wushu Masters Challenge is held on 14 August, featuring a wushu performance, lion and dragon dances and Chinese mythological creatures. Wushu elites and organisations from mainland China, Hong Kong, Macao, Southeast Asia and Europe participate.



During their visit to Macao, National Olympians play sport games with local young people on 31 August.