

CALENDAR OF EVENTS OF 2017



Calendar of Events in 2017

January

- 1 The Government implements the new Rates and Charges Schedule for Transport Bureau Services. There have been considerable adjustments – ranging from 50 percent to 1,233 percent – to various charges, including licence fees, vehicle inspection, removal and storage charges. The largest of these adjustments are to vehicle removal charges.
- 4 The Cultural Affairs Bureau proposes to fully implement prohibition of burning incense overnight inside all temples, and compulsory shutdown of power inside temples at night, starting from the Lunar New Year.
- 5 The Judicial Police, in collaboration with the Monetary Authority, smash a mainland UnionPay card machine alteration centre, seizing 10 mainland UnionPay card machines and 7.5 million Hong Kong dollars in cash, arresting 23 men and women.
- 12 The Health Bureau announces that an imported case of H7N9 avian influenza infection has been confirmed in Macao. The patient is a 70-year-old local woman, who usually resides in Zhongshan. The healthcare department carries out preventive Tamiflu treatment or medical surveillance on 43 close contacts and 23 typical contacts.

Chief Executive Chui Sai On meets with Mr Jiang Zengwei, Chairman of the China Council for the Promotion of International Trade (CCPIT), to exchange views on fostering development of the convention and exhibition industry in Macao.
- 13 A new policy on admission by recommendation of Macao students to educational institutions in mainland China is implemented. The Office for Hong Kong, Macao and Taiwan Affairs of the Ministry of Education announces that high school graduates of the current year who are not admitted through “one-off recommendation” or have not applied for admission by recommendation may resubmit their applications, providing they have obtained a pass in all subjects.
- 16 The period for Joint Admission of Recommended Macao Students to China Tertiary Educational Institutions ends, with a record high of 723 students being admitted to tertiary educational institutions in China.
- 18 The Macao Government Tourist Office announces that there were about 31 million visitors in 2016, representing a slight year-on-year increase of 0.8 percent. Overnight visitors accounted for 50.7 percent of the total number. This was the first time in over ten years that there were more overnight visitors than same-day visitors.
- 25 The *Macao SAR Gazette* publishes an Executive Order issued by the Chief Executive to announce the members of the Electoral Affairs Commission for the Legislative Assembly.
- 26 The Civic and Municipal Affairs Bureau (IACM) detects H7 subtype avian influenza in a batch of imported live poultry samples. A total of 18,000 birds are culled immediately,

and live poultry trade is suspended for a minimum of three days. On 3 February, the IACM detects H7 subtype avian influenza in another batch of imported live poultry samples. Immediately, 10,038 birds are culled, and live poultry trade is suspended for three days.

February

- 6 The *Macao SAR Gazette* publishes the by-law on the subsidy scheme for phasing out heavy and light two-stroke motorcycles. A subsidy of 3,500 patacas will be granted for phasing out each of these two-stroke motorcycles.
- 8 The *Macao SAR Gazette* publishes a notice issued by the Financial Services Bureau on extension of the franchise contract of Yat Yuen Canidrome Co. Ltd to 20 July 2018.
- 13 The Transportation Infrastructure Office and the Transport Bureau conduct a 60-day public consultation on the bill on the Law of the Light Rail Transport System.
- 15 According to the 2017 Index of Economic Freedom Report published by the Heritage Foundation, Macao's economy is rated as "mostly free" for the ninth consecutive year. With an overall economic freedom score of 70.7, Macao stays notably above global and regional averages, ranking 32nd among 180 economies worldwide, and eighth among 43 economies in the Asia-Pacific region – one rank higher than the previous year.
- 16 Chief Executive Chui Sai On meets with the Secretary of the CPC Zhuhai Committee, Mr Guo Yuanqiang, to exchange views on issues regarding further cooperation between Macao and Zhuhai.
- 17 Chief Executive Chui Sai On meets with the Vice Chairman of the Guangdong Provincial CPPCC Committee, Mr Lin Musheng, to discuss promotion of cooperation and cultural exchanges between Macao and Guangdong through leveraging the influence of the CPPCC.
- 22 Chief Executive Chui Sai On attends a Fujian-Macao high level meeting on the "Belt and Road" initiative, during which he meets with the Secretary of the CPC Fujian Provincial Committee, Mr You Quan, and the Governor of Fujian Province, Mr Yu Weiguo, to explore key areas of cooperation between Macao and Fujian in the development of "Belt and Road".

The *Macao SAR Gazette* publishes an order by the Secretary for Transport and Public Works to announce the revocation of land grants for three plots of industrial land in Coloane, with a total area of nearly 27,000 square metres, due to the expiry of the temporary land lease period.

- 24 Chief Executive Chui Sai On, the Secretary of the CPC Guangdong Provincial Committee, Hu Chunhua, and the Governor of Guangdong Province, Ma Xingrui, lead delegations from the two governments to attend a Guangdong-Macao high level meeting on the "Belt and Road" initiative in Guangzhou. The two parties decide on the approach to cooperation, and explore specific work to be done in relation to the economy, commerce and investment, as well as cultural exchanges.

- 26 The Legal System on Handling Medical Incidents and the three associated by-laws – Mandatory Occupational Insurance against Civil Liability for Medical Service Providers, Medical Incident Assessment Committee and Medical Dispute Arbitration Centre – come into effect.
- 28 The first stage of trials of the Electronic Health Record Sharing System pilot scheme begins. Through establishing a common platform for medical services, certain medical records are being shared between Conde S. Januario Hospital, health centres and Kiang Wu Hospital, under the Health Bureau.

March

- 2 It is announced that the Tourist Police will be established under the Public Security Police on 5 March. Forty tourist police officers will be stationed in the Macao peninsula and the islands area.
- 3 Chief Executive Chui Sai On sets off for Beijing to attend the opening ceremony of the Fifth Session of the 12th National People’s Congress, to be held on 5 March.
- 4 During a joint panel discussion of the National Committee of the Chinese People’s Political Consultative Conference, 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, wishes the 6th Legislative Assembly Election in Macao great success. He hopes that Macao people will vote for those who love the country and Macao, to ensure that they will form the great majority of the Legislative Assembly.

Chief Executive Chui Sai On meets with the Minister of Education, Chen Baosheng, in Beijing.

- 5 The Fifth Session of the 12th National People’s Congress opens. Premier Li Keqiang says during his report of the government’s work that it will be ensured that “One country, two systems” will remain unshaken, intact and undistorted in Hong Kong and Macao.
- 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, puts forward three expectations for the Macao deputies to the National People’s Congress, during a plenary meeting of the deputies.

Chief Executive Chui Sai On visits the General Administration of Sports of China and the Overseas Chinese Affairs Office of the State Council in Beijing.

The *Macao SAR Gazette* publishes an Executive Order issued by the Chief Executive to establish the “Belt and Road” Development Committee with immediate effect. The Committee is chaired by the Chief Executive, and operates under his direct purview.

- 7 The Macao Travel Alert System, covering 77 countries or popular destinations of Macao residents, commences operation. The level of alert is indicated by numbers 1, 2 and 3, with Level 3 indicating the highest risk.

- 8 The Standing Committee of the National People's Congress announces an amendment to the bill on the Procedures for Electing Macao's Deputies to the 13th National People's Congress. The bill includes the provisos that candidates must support the Constitution, the Macao Basic Law and "One country, two systems", and must swear allegiance to the Macao Special Administrative Region of the People's Republic of China.

Several departments of the Government begin demolishing Lai Chi Vun Shipyard in Coloane.

- 10 A report from the Commission against Corruption (CCAC) notes that the Cultural Affairs Bureau has contravened legal provisions for a long time, by employing a large number of full-time workers through procuring labour services. On 24 April, the Cultural Affairs Bureau responds to CCAC's report, stating that 82 people are still being employed through procurement of labour services, and it is expected that the contracts for three quarters of them will be terminated in the third quarter of the year.
- 13 The *Macao SAR Gazette* publishes an Executive Order issued by the Chief Executive, to set 17 September as the date for the sixth Legislative Assembly Election, and capping the amount of election expenses for each list of candidates at approximately 3.5 million patacas.
- 15 The bill on the Procedures for Electing Macao's Deputies to the 13th National People's Congress is passed, with over 99 percent affirmative votes, in the Fifth Session of the 12th National People's Congress.
- 19 The National Tourism Administration and the Secretariat for Social Affairs and Culture hold the first Exchange Seminar on Holistic Tourism and Tourist Police between mainland China, Hong Kong and Macao, in Macao.
- 20 Chief Executive Chui Sai On meets with Mayor of Guangzhou, Wen Guohui, to explore further cooperation between Guangzhou and Macao under the Framework Agreement on Cooperation Between Guangdong and Macao.

The *Macao SAR Gazette* publishes an Executive Order issued by the Chief Executive, to prohibit supply or sale of flueless gas water heaters due to safety reasons, effective from the following day.

- 28 The Cultural Affairs Bureau starts to assess the heritage in Lai Chi Vun Shipyard area.
- 29 The first joint admission examination for four educational institutions is held for four consecutive days.
- 30 The Cinematheque • Passion opens.

April

- 1 The first 50 special taxis of the Macao Taxi Radio Service Corporation Limited are put into service.

- 3 The *Macao SAR Gazette* publishes an Executive Order issued by the Chief Executive, to establish the Public Administration Reform Coordination Committee, with effect from 4 April.
- A 30-day public consultation on the bill on the Law of Animal Health Control and Veterinarians begins.
- 10 Starting from today, Taiwan residents with the Mainland Travel Permit for Taiwan Residents may enter and exit Macao through any border crossing points.
- 11 The third phase of the Continuing Education Programme is launched; each Macao resident aged 15 or above receives a maximum subsidy of 6,000 patacas for continuing education.
- 13 Chief Executive Chui Sai On meets the Director-General of the World Health Organization, Ms Margaret Chan, to exchange views on a wide range of issues, including prevention and control of infectious diseases, as well as development, scientific research and talent cultivation relating to Chinese medicine.
- 14 Dynamic Macao 2017 Promotion Week – Shenzhen, Guangdong, begins.
- 17 The Lands, Public Works and Transport Bureau announces that a joint land resumption operation was carried out by the cross-departmental clearance task force, to resume a plot of land with an area of about 2,900 square metres in downtown Taipa. It will be used for construction of the Taipa and Coloane Islands Police Department Building.
- 18 The fixed Internet service provided by CTM experiences a breakdown at night, leaving nearly 30,000 users in various districts disconnected from the Internet for a few hours.
- According to the Statistics and Census Service (DSEC), the total area of Macao was 30.5 square kilometres in 2016. Its population density increased to 21,400 from 21,100 people per square metre in 2015, and Macao continued to be the most densely populated area in the world.
- 24 Chief Executive Chui Sai On meets with the Vice President of All-China Youth Federation, Ms Wang Yaping, who is also an astronaut. They exchange views on the MSAR's support for the national space programme and the development of popular science in Macao.
- 27 Chief Executive Chui Sai On meets with the Governor of Hunan Province, Mr Xu Dazhe. They agree on further cooperation between Macao and Hunan, and helping Hunan Province explore the markets of Portuguese-speaking countries by leveraging Macao's advantages.
- 28 The IACM announces the poultry separation policy and the termination of live poultry imports starting from 1 May.

May

- 2 The *Macao SAR Gazette* publishes an Executive Order issued by the Chief Executive to

announce the addition of the Provisional Subsidy Scheme for Inspection of Common Area of P-Grade and M-Grade Buildings to the Property Maintenance Fund for a period of three years.

- 4 The Government announces tightening of mortgages for “non-first-time” home buyers, starting from the following day.
- 5 The DSEC releases the results of the 2016 By-Census. The annual population growth rate between 2011 and 2016 was 3.3 percent, representing a record high in the past 20 years.
- 8 Member of the Standing Committee of the Political Bureau of the CPC Central Committee and the Chairman of the National People’s Congress Standing Committee, Mr Zhang Dejiang, pays a three-day visit to Macao, during which he meets Chief Executive Chui Sai On and the Vice Chairman of the National Committee of the CPPCC, Mr Edmund Ho Hau Wah, at Xinzhuoyuan.
- 9 The Chairman of the National People’s Congress Standing Committee, Mr Zhang Dejiang, discusses with people from various sectors in Macao. He then visits the Legislative Assembly, the Court of Final Appeal and the Court of Second Instance, and learns about the construction of the Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macao Bridge.
- 10 The Chairman of the National People’s Congress Standing Committee, Mr Zhang Dejiang, pays a visit to the University of Macau, during which he holds discussions with members from the education sector and student representatives of tertiary institutions. He leaves Macao by a charter flight at 11:00 a.m.
- 12 The Executive Council concludes its discussion on the amendments to the by-law on SME Credit Guarantee Scheme, under which the maximum amount of credit guarantees will be increased to 4.9 million patacas, while the amount of eligible bank loans for credit guarantee will remain at 70 percent, with effect from 23 May.
- 13 Chief Executive Chui Sai On meets with the Deputy Secretary of the CPC Beijing Municipal Committee and Mayor of Beijing Municipality, Mr Caiqi, to explore further cooperation between Beijing and Macao.
- 14 Chief Executive Chui Sai On attends the opening ceremony of the Belt and Road Forum for International Cooperation and the sideline meetings.
- 17 The International Congress and Convention Association (ICCA) recently released its latest Annual Statistics and Rankings. In its 2016 report, Macao has jumped to 72nd from 93rd the previous year in the world ranking, and is up from 21st in 2015 to 17th in the Asia-Pacific ranking.
- 18 Chief Executive Chui Sai On meets with the Secretary of CPC and Director of the Administrative Committee of Hengqin District, Mr Niu Jing, to exchange views on further cooperation between Hengqin and Macao under the Framework Agreement on Cooperation Between Guangdong and Macao.
- 22 The *Macao SAR Gazette* publishes an Executive Order issued by the Chief Executive, to

- adjust the rate of parking meters in phases. The adjustment will be applied to about 11,000 parking meters in Macao, which is divided into seven districts. It is expected that all adjustments will be completed in March the following year.
- 23 The new Civil Protection Operations Centre of the Immigration Department of the Public Security Police opens.
 - 24 The Judicial Police announces that a murder case that happened 11 years ago has been cracked using advanced DNA identification technology. Two male mainland Chinese suspects were arrested in mainland China.
 - 29 Chief Executive Chui Sai On meets with Taiwan entrepreneur, Mr Terry Guo, during his visit to Macao. They exchange views on sustainable development and promotion of adequate economic diversification in Macao.
 - 30 Chief Executive Chui Sai On meets with the Secretary of the CPC of the State-owned Assets Supervision and Administration Commission of the State Council, Mr Hao Peng, to exchange views on the development of mainland China enterprises in Macao, Mr Hao's support for promotion of adequate economic diversification in Macao, and the establishment of a platform for cooperation between China and Portugal.
 - 31 The bill on the Non-mandatory Central Provident Fund System passes its second reading in the Legislative Assembly, and will come into effect from 1 January next year.

June

- 1 A plaque unveiling ceremony is held for the Headquarters of the China-Portugal Cooperation and Development Fund.

The Taipa Ferry Terminal commences operation.
- 2 Chief Executive Chui Sai On meets with the Executive Vice President of China Development Bank, Ms Ding Xiangqun, to exchange views on better use of the China-Portugal Cooperation and Development Fund, as well as providing stronger support for Macao in its development of an economic and trading service platform between China and Portuguese-speaking countries.
- 6 Chief Executive Chui Sai On meets with the CPPCC Chairman of Tianjin, Mr Zang Xianfu, to exchange views on enhancing Tianjin-Macao cooperation and exchanges between young people of the two places.
- 7 Chief Executive Chui Sai On meets with Honorary President of Chinese People's Institute of Foreign Affairs, President of China Public Diplomacy Association, and former Minister of Foreign Affairs, Mr Li Zhaoxing, to exchange views on the successful implementation of "One country, two systems" in Macao, and Macao's active participation in and support for the development of the "Belt and Road" initiative.
- 8 The International Conference on Belt and Road and Macao's Development is held for two consecutive days.

The Judicial Police announces that police forces of mainland China, Hong Kong and Macao jointly cracked a major cross border drug trafficking case, seizing 301 kilogrammes of methamphetamine, with a market value of about 10 million yuan. Three ringleaders and two members of the trafficking syndicate were arrested in Zhuhai and Macao respectively.

- 9 Chief Executive Chui Sai On meets with the President of Parliament of Hungary, Mr Kover Laszlo. Both parties hope to enhance, on the basis of friendly cooperation between China and Hungary, cultural exchanges and trade using Macao as a platform.
- 12 The Children's Rehabilitation Services and Treatment Centre at the Areia Preta Health Centre commences operation, to provide better services to children with development disorders, and their parents.
- 13 The By-law on Specifications of Protective Helmets for Drivers and Passengers of Light and Heavy Motorcycles comes into effect.

The Government announces that views on Macao's participation in the planning for development of the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area are being sought from today until 28 June.

Chief Executive Chui Sai On meets with the Chairman of General Assembly of the Union of Luso-African-American-Asiatic Capital Cities and Governor of the Province of Luanda in Angola, Mr Francisco Higino Carneiro. Both parties hope to enhance exchanges and cooperation between Portuguese-speaking countries, conducted through Macao as a platform.

- 15 The report on the consultation regarding the Performance Evaluation System for Students Enrolled in Formal Education Curricula is announced. Lower primary students will be allowed to repeat their grades, upon approval of their applications to do so.

Tenders are invited for a shuttle bus service at the checkpoint of the Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macao Bridge.

- 16 The bill on sex crime, under the Penal Code, passes its second reading in the Legislative Assembly. It includes "sexual harassment" as an offence, with convicted offenders receiving a maximum penalty of one year of imprisonment or a fine of up to 120 days of penalty. Under the bill, the gender distinction for the offence of rape is removed. Two new offences related to sexual abuse of juveniles are introduced to the Code. The law will come into effect 60 days after its promulgation.
- 21 Chief Executive Chui Sai On sets off for Shanghai to meet with the CPC Shanghai Municipal Committee and leading officials of the municipal government, to review the achievements of the cooperation between Macao and Shanghai, and envisage future co-development.
- 22 Chief Executive Chui Sai On meets with the Secretary of the CPC Beijing Municipal Committee, Mr Han Zheng, and the Mayor of Shanghai Municipality, Mr Ying Yong, in Shanghai. Both parties hope to enhance exchanges and cooperation in finance, tourism, education, technology and sport.

- 23 Dynamic Macao 2017 Promotion Week-Quanzhou, Fujeein, begins.
- 26 The *Macao SAR Gazette* publishes an order by the Secretary for Social Affairs and Culture, to announce the implementation of Basic Academic Attainments for lower and higher secondary schools. These will be first implemented in grade one of lower and higher secondary schools starting from the next academic year, and extended one grade up in each subsequent year, until the curriculum reform for each level of education is completed in the 2019/20 academic year.
- 29 The Government signs an agreement on transfer of sentenced persons with the Federal Republic of Nigeria.

July

- 1 The provision on shortening the interval between purchase and mandatory annual inspections of light vehicles and heavy motorcycles from 10 years to eight years as stipulated in the Amendment to Regulations on Road Traffic promulgated on 1 July 2016 comes into effect. For light motorcycles, the interval between purchase and first inspection will be shortened to five years, and mandatory annual inspections will be required from the eighth year after purchase.

Chief Executive Chui Sai On attends the forum on Jointly Promote the Development of World-class City Cluster in the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area in Hong Kong. Witnessed by President Xi Jinping, governments of the three places sign the Framework Agreement on Deepening Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Cooperation in the Development of the Bay Area.

- 2 Chief Executive Chui Sai On meets with the Secretary of the CPC Guangdong Provincial Committee, Mr Hu Chunhua, and the Governor of Guangdong Province, Mr Ma Xingrui, to review the achievements of cooperation between Guangdong and Macao, and exchange views on the implementation of the Framework Agreement on Deepening Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Cooperation in the Development of the Bay Area.
- 7 The construction of the main part of the Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macao Bridge is completed.
- 14 In the Court of Final Appeal, Former Prosecutor General Ho Chio Meng is convicted of 1,092 charges, including forming a crime syndicate, money laundering, and fraud, and sentenced to a single term of imprisonment of 21 years, and a fine of 75 million patacas to be paid to the Public Prosecutions Office. Property from unknown or illegal sources is confiscated, with a value of over 10 million patacas.

The amendment to the Tobacco Control Act passes its second reading in the Legislative Assembly, and will come into effect on 1 January 2018. Smoking rooms should be set up in casinos within one year after the act comes into effect.

- 23 The fares for 1,600 taxis in Macao increase from midnight, with the flagfall charge increased to 19 patacas, and incremental charges adjusted from the current two patacas per 260 metres to two patacas per 240 metres.

- 26 The Zhuhai-Macao Cooperation Conference 2017 is held. The Zhuhai and Macao governments sign two cooperation framework agreements on tourism and sport, and two cooperation agreements on culture and statistics.

August

- 1 Macao Customs starts implementing the programme for upgrading the automated border crossing system for vehicles at various border checkpoints.
- 4 The Government and the Alibaba Group sign the Framework Agreement for Strategic Cooperation on Smart City Development, to facilitate the development of Macao into a smart city.
- 15 The verdict on the nine accomplices involved in the trial of former Prosecutor General Ho Chio Meng is announced in the Court of First Instance.
- 16 According to the Chief Executive Office, Chief Executive Chui Sai On meets with the Political Commissar of the Southern Theater Command of the Chinese People's Liberation Army (PLA), Mr Wei Liang, to exchange views on cooperation in maintaining the security of Macao and upholding "One country, two systems".
- 18 The Chief Executive of the Hong Kong SAR, Mrs Carrie Lam Cheng Yuet-ngor, visits Macao for the first time, and pays a courtesy visit to Chief Executive Chui Sai On. They exchange views on enhancing cooperation between Hong Kong and Macao, and development of cultural and creative industries.

Chief Executive Chui Sai On meets with the Governor of Hubei Province, Mr Wang Xiaodong, to exchange views on further participation by Hubei and Macao in the development of the "Belt and Road" initiative and Changjiang economic belt, and on enhancing commercial, trade and cultural exchanges.

- 21 A ground-breaking ceremony is held for Seac Pai Van Water Treatment Plant.
- 22 Under the influence of the subsiding air currents in Typhoon Hato's outer circulation, Macao's temperature reaches 39, setting a record high in 87 years.
- 23 Macao is hit by Typhoon Hato, the most disastrous typhoon in 53 years, which is accompanied by a severe storm surge. The typhoon claims 10 lives and causes interruptions to electricity, telecommunication and water supplies for more than 250,000 households. Chief Executive Chui Sai On takes command of post-incident relief at the Civil Protection Operations Centre, and inspects the situation in downtown Taipa.
- 24 Chief Executive Chui Sai On announces the approval of an application for resignation by the Director of Macao Meteorological and Geophysical Bureau (SMG), Mr Fong Soi Kun.
- 25 Chief Executive Chui Sai On, in accordance with the Basic Law of the Macao Special Administrative Region and the Garrison Law of the Macao Special Administrative Region, obtains immediate permission from the Central Government to seek the PLA Macao Garrison's assistance with disaster relief. About 1,000 members of the garrison provide disaster relief and construction support in Macao.

The MSAR Regional Flags displayed at various government departments, border checkpoints and overseas offices are flown at half-mast, in mourning for victims of Typhoon Hato.

- 27 Macao is hit by Typhoon Pakhar. SMG hoists Typhoon Signal No. 8 at 6:00 a.m. Chief Executive Chui Sai On holds an inter-departmental meeting at the Civil Protection Operations Centre at 6:30 a.m., to hear reports from representatives of civil protection authorities and heads of relevant departments on the arrangements for the response to Pakhar.
- 28 The *Macao SAR Gazette* publishes an Executive Order issued by the Chief Executive, to establish the Commission for Reviewing and Monitoring the Improvements to the Response Mechanism for Major Disasters. It will review the existing emergency response mechanism and propose overall planning related to crisis management in future, to enhance Macao's capability to cope with emergencies.

The Government holds a press conference, in which the Government Spokesperson, Mr Chan Chi Ping, says that the overall proposal on flood control, discharge and drainage at the coast of the Inner Harbour has been submitted to the State Council, and is pending feedback from the relevant ministries and commissions.

After their disaster relief mission spanning three days and nights, the Garrison in Macao returns to the barracks at 8:00 a.m. The operation covered an area of about 1.076 million square metres, and streets of about 120,500 metres in total length, with about 680 trees felled and transported away, and more than 700 truckloads of rubbish disposed of.

- 29 The Education and Youth Affairs Bureau (DSEJ) announces that six schools need to postpone the start of the school year due to severe damage during Typhoon Hato.

Chief Executive Chui Sai On visits various departments of the Public Security Forces, to show appreciation for staff who participated in the Typhoon Hato rescue and relief work.

September

- 6 The Commission for Reviewing and Monitoring the Improvements to the Response Mechanism for Major Disasters holds its first press conference. Chief Executive Chui Sai On briefs the press on the Government's tasks and plans in response to future major disasters, and orders for establishing the Typhoon Hato Investigation Committee, to investigate whether any government departments or personnel are at fault and should take responsibility regarding the disaster prevention and relief. On 21 November, the Government releases the report on the committee's investigation, which reveals possible misconduct by the former Director of SMG, Mr Fong Soi Kun, and the Deputy Director of SMG, Ms Leong Ka Cheng. In view of the findings, the Chief Executive initiates disciplinary proceedings against the duo.
- 7 Chief Executive Chui Sai On visits the area near Rua de Cinco de Outubro, to gain an understanding from residents and shop owners regarding the situation with post-typhoon relief and recovery.
- 10 The Office of the President of the Court of Final Appeal issues a press release stating the guilty verdict of former Prosecutor General Ho Chio Meng has been validated.

- 11 Chief Executive Chui Sai On leads a delegation of government representatives to Guangzhou, to attend a meeting with the Governor of Guangdong Province, Mr Ma Xingrui, to discuss the proposal for constructing a tide gate in Macao and initiate in-depth deliberations regarding the construction work.

The Policy Research Office has received 1,264 submissions on the mechanism for responding to major disasters in the 15 days between 28 August and 11 September.

- 13 An expert group from China National Commission for Disaster Reduction visits Macao by invitation, and is received and briefed on the situation with the disaster relief by Chief Executive Chui Sai On. On 16 September, Chui Sai On holds a meeting with the Commission for Reviewing and Monitoring the Improvements to the Response Mechanism for Major Disasters, to hear the preliminary presentation on post-typhoon analysis and evaluation, and recommendations from the expert group. On 27 September, the Government releases the Work Report on the Evaluation of Typhoon Hato from the Expert Group of the China National Commission for Disaster Reduction.

The PATA Travel Mart is held for three consecutive days in Macao.

- 17 The Sixth Legislative Assembly Election is held, with participation of 174,872 voters, representing a turnout rate of 57.22 percent, an increase of 2.2 percentage points over the previous election. In the indirect election, 5,587 voters have cast their votes, representing a turnout rate of 91.67 percent.
- 18 Work on constructing the fourth water supply line (Macao section) commences at the construction site in Cotai. The construction will take about 600 working days, with a budget of 145 million patacas.

The Transport Bureau and the Infrastructure Development Office hold a joint press conference on the Border Gate Bus Terminus Alteration and Improvement Plan, to introduce improvement work for the underground bus terminus at the Border Gate, which is expected to commence operation in the fourth quarter of 2019.

- 20 The Secretary for Social Affairs and Culture, Mr Tam Chon Weng, meets with the Minister of Culture of Portugal, Mr. Luís Filipe de Castro Mendes, to explore several joint cultural projects of Macao and Portugal.
- 22 The State Council appoints the former Director of the Liaison Office of the Central People's Government (the Liaison Office) in the MSAR, Mr Wang Zhimin, as the Director of the Liaison Office in the HKSAR; while Mr Zheng Xiaosong is appointed as the new Director of the Liaison Office in the MSAR.

Chief Executive Chui Sai On meets with the Chief Executive Officer of Caixa Geral de Depósitos (CGD Group), Mr Paulo Macedo, to exchange views on fostering healthy development of Macao's financial industry, assisting and participating in the development of the "Belt and Road" initiative, developing the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area, and enhancing Macao's function as a platform for cooperation between China and Portugal.

- 24 Chief Executive Chui Sai On leads a government delegation to Changsha, Hunan Province, to attend the 2017 PPRD Regional Cooperation Chief Executives Joint Conference. He discusses issues of mutual concern with the Secretary of the CPC Hunan Provincial Committee, Mr Du Jiahao, the Governor of Fujian Province, Mr Yu Weiguo, and the Governor of Jiangxi Province, Mr Liu Qi.
- 25 Chief Executive Chui Sai On and various chief executives in the PPRD region sign the Memorandum on the 2017 PPRD Regional Cooperation Chief Executives Joint Conference, and witness the signing of the Cooperation Agreement on PPRD Checkpoint Clearance and the Cooperation Agreement on PPRD Tourism Union.
- The Government commences a 45-day public consultation on the amendment to the Labour Relations Law (Law No. 7/2008) and the establishment of a part-time employment system.
- 27 The Gaming Inspection and Coordination Bureau commences a 30-day public consultation on the amendment to the Regulations on Conditions of Entering, Working and Gaming in Casinos.
- The *Macao SAR Gazette* publishes an Executive Order, by which Chief Executive Chui Sai On appoints Mr Ma Chi Seng, Mr Pang Chuan, Mr Wu Chou Kit, Mr Lao Chi Ngai, Mr Fong Ka Chio, Mr Iau Teng Pio and Mr Chan Wa Keong as members of the sixth Legislative Assembly.
- 28 The Macao Government Tourist Office issues the finalised Master Plan for Developing the Tourism Industry of Macao, which establishes the development blueprint and action plan for Macao's tourism industry in the coming 15 years.

October

- 1 The Government organises a series of activities to celebrate the 68th anniversary of the establishment of the People's Republic of China.
- The first incline elevator in Macao – the Taipa Grande incline elevator, which connects the walkway between Taipa Island Lakeside Garden and Taipa Houses – commences operation.
- 6 In response to issues relating to Macao that are mentioned in the 2017 Report of the United States' Congressional-Executive Commission on China, the Government reiterates that Macao has upheld "One country, two systems" and the Basic Law since reunification, with globally recognised achievements in various aspects. The Government criticises the report for being oblivious to the truth and giving undue comments on the affairs of the Macao SAR.
- 10 The Housing Bureau issues the final study report on Macao's public housing demand, which estimates that the public housing supply under the Government's current plan can meet the demand in the coming 10 years.
- 15 Macao is hit by Typhoon Khanun, and Typhoon Signal No. 8 is hoisted. At the

Civil Protection Operations Centre, Chief Executive Chui Sai On hears briefings by representatives of civil protection authorities and heads of the relevant departments on the arrangements in response to the typhoon.

- 16 The sixth Legislative Assembly holds its first plenary meeting. Mr Ho Iat Seng is re-elected as the president, Mr Chui Sai Cheong as the vice-president, Mr Kou Hoi In as the first secretary, and Ms Chan Hong as the second secretary.
- 17 Chief Executive Chui Sai On meets with the Secretary-General of the United Nations' World Tourism Organization, Dr. Taleb Rifai, to exchange views on sustainable tourism development.
- 19 The CCAC issues a report on an investigation into SMG's typhoon forecasting procedures and internal administration, pointing out problems with SMG's decision making, workplace location, internal personnel and equipment management, affecting typhoon forecasting and issuing of typhoon signals. On 23 October, the Secretary for Transport and Public Works decides to initiate a comprehensive investigation into the overall operation of SMG, and to institute disciplinary proceedings against the former Director of SMG, Fong Soi Kun.

The Court of Second Instance rules against the judicial appeal initiated by Polytex Corporation Limited against the Chief Executive's announcement on revoking the land grant for the residential property Pearl Horizon.

- 20 The Beijing-Macao Cooperation Partnership 2017 opens. The Secretary for Economy and Finance, Leong Vai Tac, and the Vice-mayor of Beijing Municipality, Ms Cheng Hong, officiate at the opening ceremony. The two parties sign the Cooperation Framework Agreement on Transport between Beijing Municipal Commission of Transport and the Transport Bureau of Macao SAR, and the Cooperation Framework Agreement between Beijing Administration of Traditional Chinese Medicine and Guangdong-Macao Traditional Chinese Medical Science and Technology Industrial Park Development Company Limited.
- 23 The *Macao SAR Gazette* publishes an Executive Order issued by the Chief Executive, to relax the restrictions on maximum household income and assets for public housing, with the rate adjusted from 14 percent to 19 percent, which will come into effect the next day.
- 25 The Government commences a 30-day public consultation on the establishment of a municipal organisation that is not an organ of political power.
- 26 Chief Executive Chui Sai On meets with the Vice-Chairman of Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region, Mr Zhang Xiaojin, to discuss further cooperation between the Macao and Guangxi.

The Transport Advisory Committee holds a plenary meeting, during which the Transport Bureau introduces the Macao-mainland China mutual driving licence recognition scheme.

The 10th Hong Kong Macao Co-operation High Level Meeting is held in the Central Government Offices of Hong Kong. The Secretary for Economy and Finance, Leong Vai Tac, and the Financial Secretary of Hong Kong, Mr Paul Chan Mo-po, sign the Hong Kong

Special Administrative Region and Macao Special Administrative Region Closer Economic Partnership Arrangement (Hong Kong-Macao CEPA).

- 29 The first batch of Light Rail Transit (LRT) carriages arrives in Macao.
- 30 The *Chapas Sínicas* (Official Records of Macao During the Qing Dynasty(1693-1886), which has been jointly nominated by the Archives of Macao of the Cultural Affairs Bureau and Arquivo Nacional da Torre do Tombo, is included on the world-renowned Memory of the World Regional Register.

November

- 1 Macao is designated as a member city of gastronomy in the Creative Cities Network of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO).

The Gaming Inspection and Coordination Bureau announces that Macao's revenue from the gaming industry in October is 26.6 billion patacas, 22.1 percent higher than the 2016 figure, representing a record high since October 2014.

- 4 The Standing Committee of the 12th National People's Congress (NPCSC) adopts the decision to add the National Anthem Law to Annexes III of the Basic Laws of Hong Kong and Macao.
- 7 The bill on amending the Legal System for Public Housing, under which applications for public housing will become possible on a regular basis, passes its first reading in the plenary meeting of the Legislative Assembly.
- 8 The Housing Bureau starts accepting a new round of applications for public housing, which lasts until 7 February 2018.
- 13 The Government commences a 45-day public consultation on the Minimum Wage bill.
- Chief Executive Chui Sai On meets with the President of All-China Federation of Returned Overseas Chinese, Mr Wan Lijun, to exchange views on enhancing participation of returned overseas Chinese in Macao in the development of the "Belt and Road" initiative and the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area, as well as youth programmes.
- 14 Chief Executive Chui Sai On delivers the Policy Address for the Fiscal Year 2018, which focuses on, "being pragmatic yet enterprising, and sharing the fruits of development".
- 15 The Cultural Affairs Bureau is removing the seven 380-year-old bronze statues at the Ruins of St. Paul's for restoration, with two of them on the right of the facade removed in phase one of the project. These two bronze statues are successfully restored, and are returned to their original position on 5 December.
- 16 The 64th Macau Grand Prix begins. On 18 November, British rider Daniel Hegarty dies in an accident during the Macau Motorcycle Grand Prix.

- 17 The Dynamic Macao Promotion Week is held in Haikou, Hainan Province, for three consecutive days.
- 20 The Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao joint search and rescue exercise 2017 is held in the waterway east of the runway of Macau International Airport and the Outer Harbour Ferry Terminal.

The Budget for the Financial Year 2018 passes its first reading in the Legislative Assembly; under it, both income and expenditure exceed 100 billion patacas.

- 21 Chief Executive Chui Sai On and other officials of the Government attend a seminar regarding the essence of the 19th National People's Congress.
- 23 The Executive Council concludes its discussion on the draft by-law on Establishment of a Criminal Court under the Court of First Instance. According to the provisions, the Fifth Criminal Court will be established under the Court of First Instance, and will commence operation on 1 December.
- 24 The Vice-Chairman and Secretary-General of the NPC Standing Committee, Mr Wang Chen, and Chief Executive Chui Sai On attend the first plenary meeting of the election of Macao deputies to the 13th National People's Congress.

The Health Bureau states that the licence and operation of TaivexMalo Day Hospital have been suspended for 180 days for alleged unlicensed provision of cancer treatment, use of assisted reproduction technology, and sale and smuggling of cancer drugs to mainland China.

- 30 The Deputy Director of the National Commission for Disaster Reduction and Head of the Emergency Management Expert Panel of the State Council, Mr Shan Chunchang, leads a delegation of professors to again visit Macao for an investigation, and to attend a seminar on improvements to the public safety system, disaster prevention and mitigation capabilities. On 1 December, Chief Executive Chui Sai On meets with the expert group of China National Commission for Disaster Reduction, which has come to Macao for an in-depth investigation, and hears the views and recommendations of the expert group on improving and optimising Macao's emergency response system.

Chief Executive Chui Sai On meets with the Minister of Culture, Mr Luo Shugang, to exchange views on cultural inheritance and heritage protection. They also witness the signing of the Agreement on Closer Cultural Partnership Arrangements between Mainland China and Macao SAR and the Agreement on Closer Partnership between the State Administration of Cultural Heritage and Macao's Secretariat for Social Affairs and Culture for Exchanges and Cooperation Regarding Cultural Heritage.

December

- 4 The Health Bureau conducts a 40-day public consultation on medically assisted reproduction technology.

Chief Executive Chui Sai On meets with Member of the Standing Committee of Shanghai

People's Congress and Head of the United Front Work Department of Shanghai Municipal Committee, Ms Shi Xiaolin, to exchange views on maintaining communications and enhancing cooperation between Macao and Shanghai.

The Fujian-Macao Cooperation Conference is held in Fuzhou, Fujian. During it, Secretary for Economy and Finance Leong Vai Tac and the Vice Governor of Fujian Province, Mr Li Dejin, sign the Agreement on Deepening Fujian-Macao Economic and Trade Cooperation and the Agreement on Exchanges and Cooperation in Education.

At a plenary meeting of the Legislative Assembly, 28 legislators vote for and four vote against the suspension of directly-elected legislator Sou Ka Hou, who is involved in a trial for aggravated disobedience.

- 5 Chief Executive Chui Sai On meets with the Chief Secretary for Administration of Hong Kong SAR, Mr Cheung Kin Chung, to exchange views on enhancing Hong Kong-Macao cooperation, participation in the development of the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area and cultivation of young people.

Secretary for Administration and Justice Chan Hoi Fan meets with the Chief Secretary for Administration of Hong Kong SAR, Mr Cheung Kin-chung. They sign on behalf of their governments the Arrangement for Mutual Service of Judicial Documents in Civil and Commercial Cases between the Macao Special Administrative Region and the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region.

The Chief Executive Office states that Chief Executive Chui Sai On meets with the Deputy Minister of Public Security and Chairman of the Police Association of China, Mr Fu Zhenghua, to exchange views on cooperation in maintaining national and Macao security, as well as deepening police cooperation.

The Chief Executive Office states that the Government considers the EU's listing of Macao as a non-cooperative tax jurisdiction a unilateral and partial decision, without due consideration of Macao's actual situation.

- 7 Chief Executive Chui Sai On meets with Member of the Standing Committee of CPC Guangdong Provincial Committee and Director of the Publicity Department, Mr Shen Haixiong, to exchange views on enhancing cooperation between Guangdong and Macao in the cultural field.

The Office of the Secretary for Social Affairs and Culture announces the result of the disciplinary proceedings regarding the illegal recruitment practices of the Cultural Affairs Bureau, with the board members at the time of the illegal recruitment – Ung Vai Meng, Leung Hio Ming and Chan Peng Fai, suspended from duty.

- 11 The Government commences a 45-day public consultation on the formulation of a cyber-security law.
- 12 Chief Executive Chui Sai On meets with the Chairman of Committee for Ethnic and Religious Affairs of the National Committee of the CPPCC and former Executive Deputy Head of the United Front Work Department, Mr Zhu Weiqun, to exchange views on

maintaining a harmonious and stable society.

- 13 Chief Executive Chui Sai On begins his duty visit in Beijing.

On Nanjing Massacre National Memorial Day, people from various sectors of Macao take part in a ceremony to commemorate the victims of the Nanjing Massacre.

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

- 17 The second plenary meeting for the election of Macao deputies to the 13th National People's Congress is held, to elect 12 new Macao deputies.

- 18 The Hong Kong and Macao Affairs Office of the State Council announces three measures to facilitate studying, working and living in mainland China for Hong Kong and Macao citizens.

The Vice Minister of Commerce, Ms Gao Yan, and Secretary for Economy and Finance Leong Vai Tac sign the CEPA Investment Agreement and CEPA Agreement on Economic and Technical Cooperation.

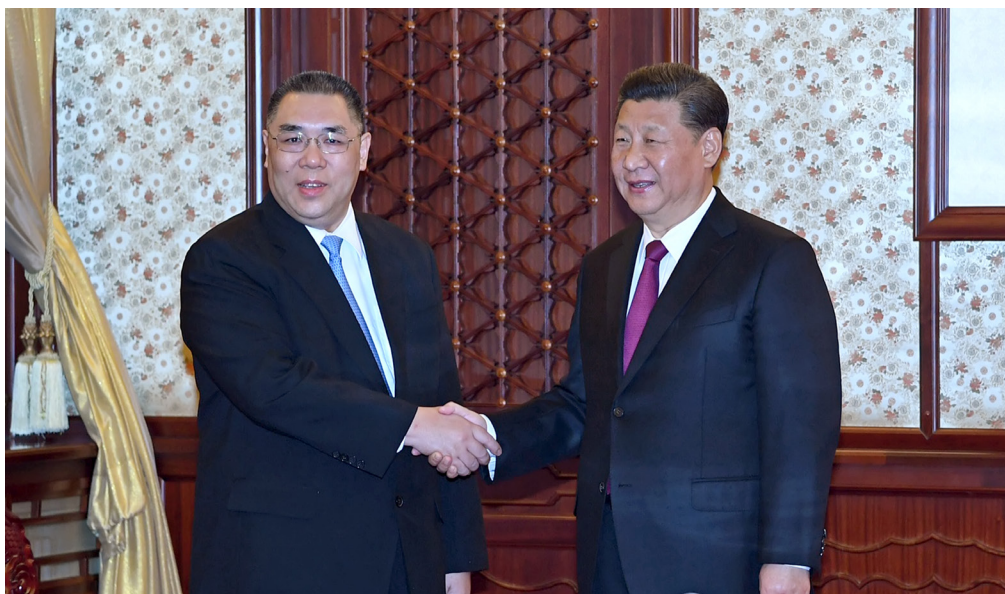
Chief Executive Chui Sai On meets with the Vice Minister of Commerce, Ms Gao Yan, to exchange views on implementation of the CEPA Investment Agreement and the CEPA Agreement on Economic and Technical Cooperation, as well as various policies introduced by mainland China to drive the development of Macao.

Chief Executive Chui Sai On officiates at the lighting ceremony held in Zhuhai for the Macao border crossing area of the Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macao Bridge, during a celebration to mark the 18th anniversary of the handover of Macao.

- 20 The Government organises a series of activities to celebrate the 18th anniversary of the establishment of the Macao Special Administrative Region.

The requirements for applications related to phase 2 of the measure "Macao motor vehicles entering and exiting Hengqin" come into effect. Eligible owners of Macao motor vehicles may apply to the relevant departments of Zhuhai and Macao for the necessary permits and drivers' documents.

- 29 The Environmental Protection Bureau issues the Macao Solid Waste Resources Management Programme (2017-2026), which sets out Macao's policies, specific waste reduction targets and action plans regarding solid waste in the coming 10 years.



On 15 December, President Xi Jinping meets with Chief Executive Chui Sai On during Chui's duty visit to Beijing.



On 15 December, Premier Li Keqiang meets with Chief Executive Chui Sai On during Chui's duty visit to Beijing.

The Chairman of the Standing Committee of the NPC, Zhang Dejiang, visits Macao from 8 to 10 May. The picture shows Zhang Dejiang receiving flowers presented by primary school students upon his arrival.



On 8 May, the Chairman of the Standing Committee of the NPC, Zhang Dejiang, visits the Government Headquarters and hears briefings from principal officials.

On 8 May, the Chairman of the Standing Committee of the NPC, Zhang Dejiang, meets with the Vice Chairman of CPPCC National Committee, Edmund Ho Hau Wah, in Macao.





On 9 May, the Chairman of the Standing Committee of the NPC, Zhang Dejiang, visits judicial institutions and meets with the judges and public prosecutors.



On 9 May, the Chairman of the Standing Committee of the NPC, Zhang Dejiang, meets with Macanese people in Macao.



On 9 May, the Chairman of the Standing Committee of the NPC, Zhang Dejiang, visits the Legislative Assembly to learn more about its work and poses for a photo with all legislators.



On 10 May, the Chairman of the Standing Committee of the NPC, Zhang Dejiang, attends a sharing session and meets with representatives of the University of Macau, the education sector and tertiary students.



On the afternoon of 23 August, Chief Executive Chui Sai On visits the Civil Protection Operations Centre to receive a briefing about Typhoon Hato and give instructions regarding rescue and relief work.



On 24 August, Chief Executive Chui Sai On holds a press conference with relevant Government officials to introduce the follow-up actions and relief work after the impact of Typhoon Hato and, before the press conference, leads the officials to observe a one-minute silence in honour of the victims.



On 25 August, regional flags of the Macao Special Administrative Region at all agencies of the Government, border-crossing checkpoints, ferry terminals and the airport, as well as representative offices outside Macao are flown at half-mast, to mourn the victims of Typhoon Hato.



On 25 August, responding to a request from the MSAR Government and, with the approval of the NPC, about 1,000 officers of the People's Liberation Army Macao Garrison join the clean-up efforts in order to return residents' lives to normal.



Volunteers team up to clear debris from streets on 26 August.

On 26 August, the Government borrows 20 water trucks from the Guangdong Province Government, to supply water to the public and hence safeguard water supplies.



Volunteers team up to distribute supplies to citizens in need on 26 August, after the impact of Typhoon Hato.



On 26 August, teams of volunteers distribute food and supplies to households in need, after the impact of Typhoon Hato.



On 27 August, the Chief Executive visits the area around Kong Kung Temple and receives briefings about progress with work following Typhoon Hato, by Secretary for Security Wong Sio Chak, and Commissioner-General of the Unitary Police Service and director of the joint operations Ma Io Kun.



On 27 August, Typhoon Paka passes Macao. Typhoon Signal No. 8 is issued by the Meteorological and Geophysical Bureau at 6a.m. Chief Executive Chui Sai On holds an inter-departmental meeting at the Civil Protection Operations Centre at 6:30 a.m. to receive briefings about the arrangements by the representatives of the civil protection forces and relevant department leaders.

Chief Executive Chui Sai On visits various government departments to learn about the staff equipment and facilities, hear from frontline police officers and show appreciation of their efforts in rescue operations. The photo shows the Chief Executive visiting the Civil Protection Operations Centre on 29 August.





On 28 August, the Office of the Government Spokesperson and various departments hold a press conference on updates regarding typhoon rescue and relief work.



On 30 August, the Macao Economic Services Bureau sets up 12 collection points with various chambers of commerce, so shop owners can conveniently submit applications for two post-typhoon financial aid schemes for micro, small and medium enterprises.



On 7 September, Chief Executive Chui Sai On learns about the post-typhoon situation from a shoe shop owner, and tells him about the Government's financial aid for micro, small and medium enterprises.



On 11 September, Chief Executive Chui Sai On leads a government delegation to Guangzhou, for a meeting with officials including the Governor of Guangdong province, Ma Xingrui, to discuss planning for construction of sluices in Macao.



On the invitation of the Government, experts from the Hong Kong and Macao Affairs Office of the State Council, and the National Commission for Disaster Reduction, arrive in Macao on 13 September, to conduct site visits and work meetings, assist Macao with assessing the damage caused by Typhoon Hato, and review and optimise disaster contingency plans. The photo shows Chief Executive Chui Sai On meeting with the experts from the National Commission for Disaster Reduction.

Chief Executive Chui Sai On and the Commission for the Review of the Mechanism for Response to Major Disasters and its Follow-up and Improvement hold a meeting on 16 September, to receive a briefing on the analysis and assessment of Typhoon Hato by the experts from the National Commission for Disaster Reduction.



The Meteorological and Geophysical Bureau issues Typhoon Signal No. 8 at 10 a.m. on 15 October as Typhoon Khanun approaches Macao. Chief Executive Chui Sai On arrives at the Civil Protection Operations Centre before 10 a.m. to receive a briefing about the arrangements by the representatives of the civil protection forces and relevant department leaders.



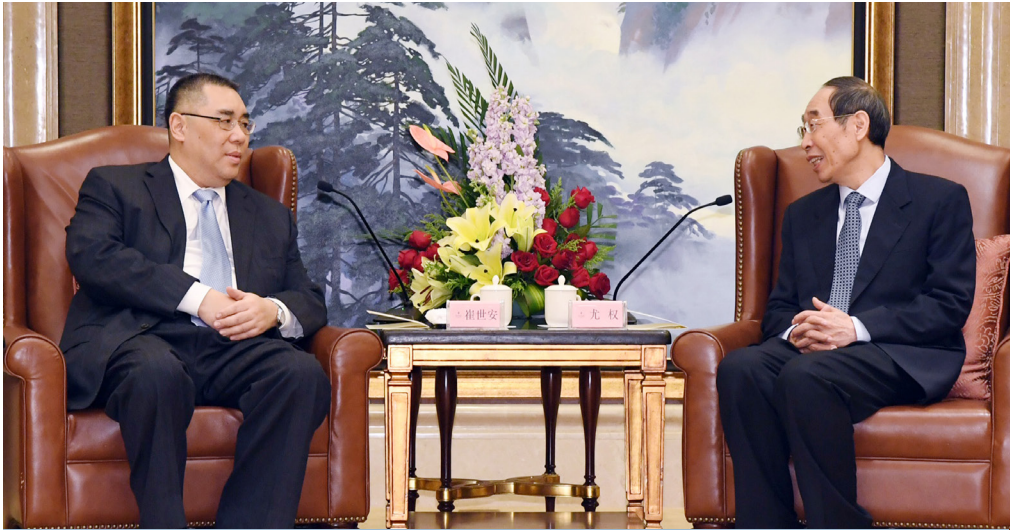
An expert delegation led by the Deputy Director of the National Commission for Disaster Reduction and Head of Emergency Management expert panel of the State Council, Shan Chunchang, visits Macao on 30 November, to assist the Government with reviewing and optimising the emergency plan for disasters, and attends a seminar on the improving the public safety system, disaster prevention and Macao's mitigation capabilities.



On 1 July, witnessed by President Xi Jinping, Chief Executive Chui Sai On; the Chief Executive of the Hong Kong SAR, Carrie Lam; the Director of the National Development and Reform Commission, He Lifeng; and the Governor of Guangdong province, Ma Xingrui (from right to left) sign the Framework Agreement on Deepening Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Cooperation in the Development of the Greater Bay Area.



The “Jointly Promote the Development of a World-class City Cluster in the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area” forum, organised by the National Development and Reform Commission and co-organised by the governments of Guangdong province, the Hong Kong SAR and the Macao SAR, is held in Hong Kong on 1 July.

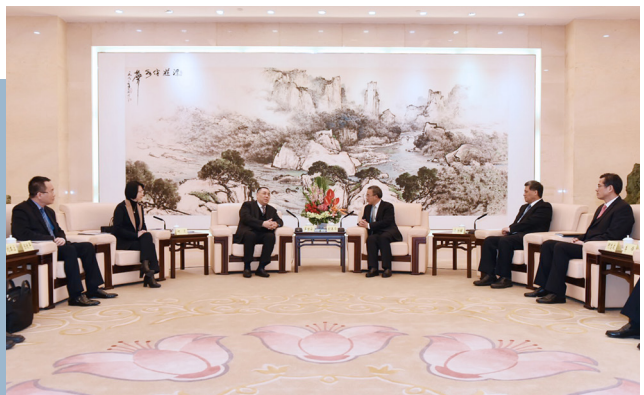


On 22 February, Chief Executive Chui Sai On meets with the Secretary of the CPC Fujian Provincial Committee, You Quan, in Fujian.



On 22 February, Chief Executive Chui Sai On and the Fujian Governor, Yu Weiguo, lead their government delegations to the Fujian-Macao high level meeting on the development of the “Belt and Road” initiative.

On 24 February, Chief Executive Chui Sai On; the Secretary of CPC Provincial Committee, Hu Chunhua; and the Governor of Guangdong province, Ma Xingrui, lead their government delegations to the Guangdong-Macao high level meeting on the development of the “Belt and Road” initiative, held in Guangzhou.

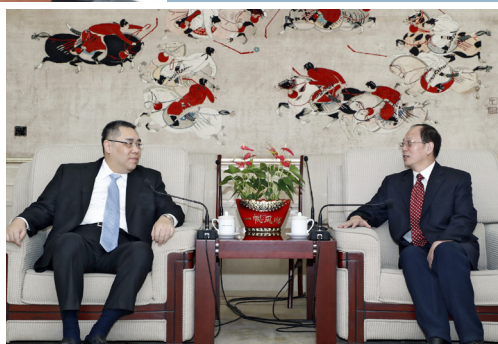




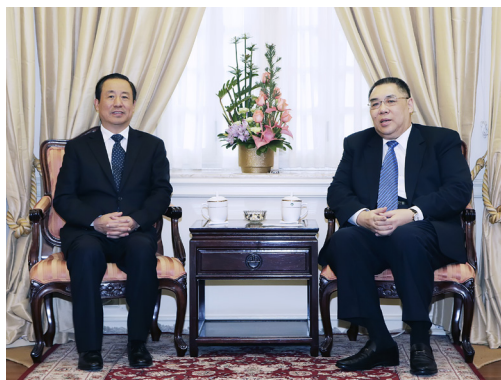
On 4 March, Chief Executive Chui Sai On attends the opening ceremony of the Fifth Session of the 12th National People's Congress (NPC), during which, he meets officials from several ministries to explore deeper cooperation, including the Minister for Education, Chen Baosheng.



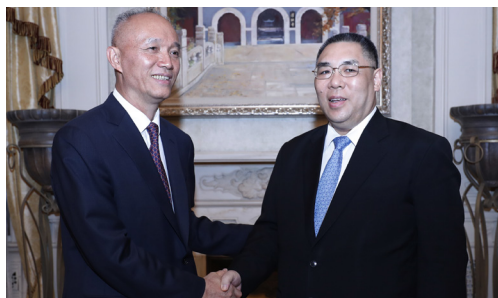
On 6 March, Chief Executive Chui Sai On meets with the Director of the Overseas Chinese Affairs Office (OCAO) of the State Council, Ms Qiu Yuanping.



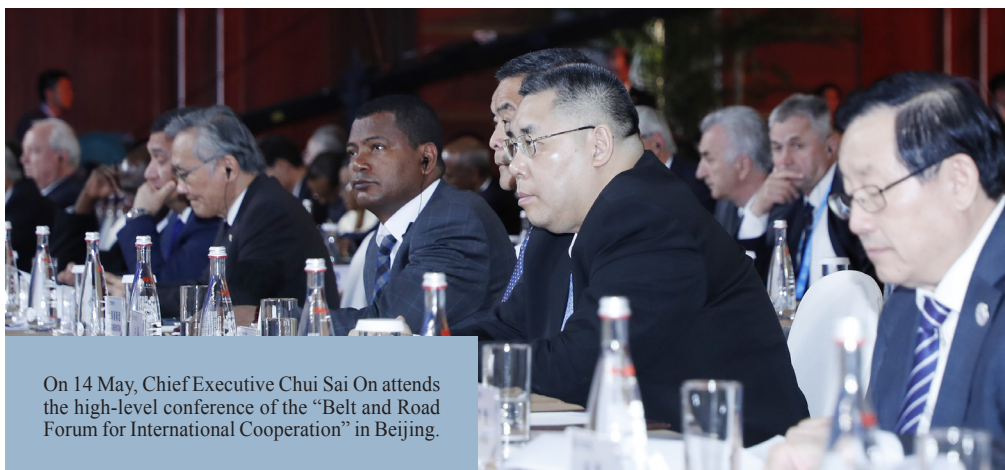
On 6 March, Chief Executive Chui Sai On meets with the President of the General Administration of Sports of China, Gou Zhongwen.



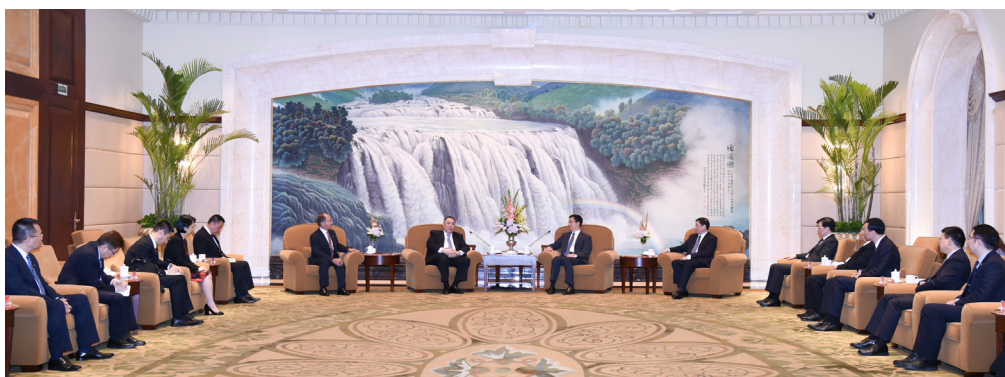
On 27 April, Chief Executive Chui Sai On meets with the Governor of Hunan Province, Xu Dazhe.



On 13 May, Chief Executive Chui Sai On meets with the Deputy Secretary of the Communist Party of China Beijing Municipal Committee and Mayor of Beijing, Cai Qi, to discuss further cooperation between Beijing and Macao.



On 14 May, Chief Executive Chui Sai On attends the high-level conference of the “Belt and Road Forum for International Cooperation” in Beijing.



On 22 June, Chief Executive Chui Sai On visits Shanghai and meets with the Secretary of Shanghai CPC Committee, Han Zheng, and the Mayor of Shanghai, Ying Yong.



On 9 August, Chief Executive Chui Sai On meets with the Vice Chairman of the Chinese People’s Political Consultative Conference, Leung Chun Ying.



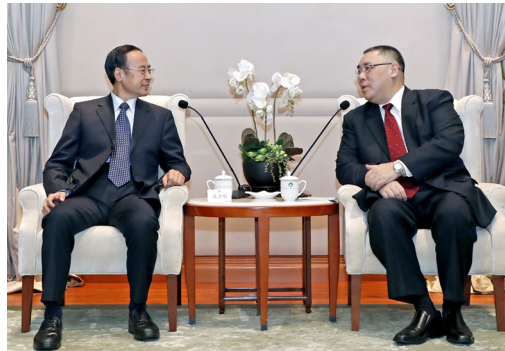
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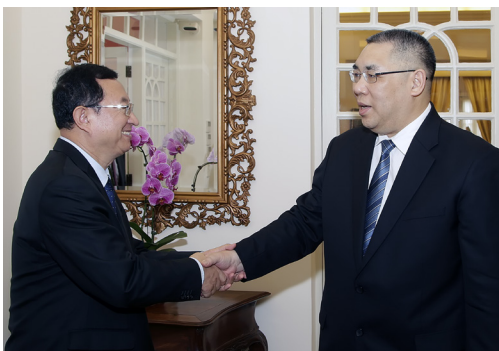
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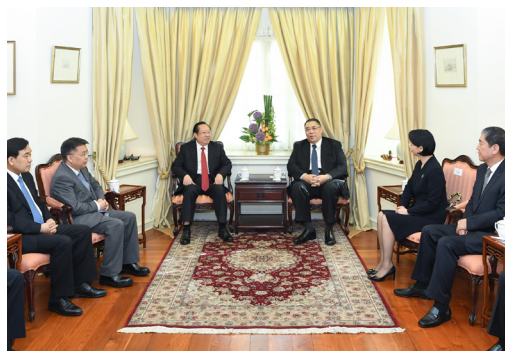
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On 13 November, Chief Executive Chui Sai On meets with the chairperson of the All-China Federation of Returned Overseas Chinese, Wan Lijun.



On 30 November, Chief Executive Chui Sai On meets with the Minister of Culture, Luo Shugang.



On 18 August, Chief Executive Chui Sai On meets with the Governor of Hubei province, Wang Xiaodong.



On 25 September, Chief Executive Chui Sai On and the chief executives of the PPRD provinces and regions sign the Summary of Minutes of the 2017 Pan-Pearl River Delta Regional Cooperation Chief Executive Joint Conference.



On 16 August, Chief Executive Chui Sai On meets with the Political Commissar of the Southern Theater Command of the People's Liberation Army, Wei Liang (third from left, front row), and other officials.



On 18 August, Chief Executive Chui Sai On meets with the Chief Executive of the Hong Kong SAR, Carrie Lam.



On 20 March, Chief Executive Chui Sai On meets with the Mayor of Guangzhou, Wen Guohui.



On 16 February, Chief Executive Chui Sai On meets with the Secretary of Zhuhai CPC Committee, Guo Yuanqiang (fifth from left).



On 18 December, Chief Executive Chui Sai On and other guests preside over the lighting ceremony held in Zhuhai for the Macao border crossing area of the Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macao Bridge, during a celebration to mark the 18th anniversary of the establishment of the MSAR.



The opening ceremony of the International Conference on the “Belt and Road” initiative and Macao’s Development is held on 8 June.



On 8 June, Chief Executive Chui Sai On and other guests visit the photo exhibition on Macao’s participation in and contributions to the construction of the “Belt and Road” initiative.



The touring photo exhibition on Macao’s participation in and contributions to the construction of the “Belt and Road” initiative, organised by the MSAR Government, is launched at Tap Seac Square on 24 June.



On 2 May, Chief Executive Chui Sai On presides over the first plenary meeting of the Working Committee for the Development of the “Belt and Road” initiative.

澳門特別行政區政府熱烈慶祝中華人民共和國成立六十八周年
Governo da Região Administrativa Especial de Macau celebra com entusiasmo o 68º Aniversário da Implantação da República Popular da China



The Government holds a National Day reception on 1 October to celebrate the 68th anniversary of the establishment of the People's Republic of China.



On 17 December, Chief Executive Chui Sai On votes in the election of the MSAR representatives to the 13th National People's Congress.

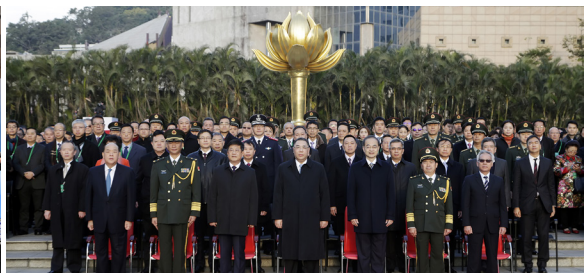


On 21 November, Chief Executive Chui Sai On attends a seminar on the 19th CPC National Congress.

On 24 November, the Vice Chairman and Secretary-general of the Standing Committee of NPC, Wang Chen, and Chief Executive Chui Sai On attend the first plenary meeting of the Election of the MSAR representatives to the 13th National People's Congress.



The opening ceremony of the Boao Forum for Asia Development Summit (Macau) 2017 held on 6 November.



On 20 December, Chief Executive Chui Sai On, principal officials of the Government, officials of the Central People's Government in Macao, military officers of the People's Liberation Army Macao Garrison, and people from various sectors participate in the flag-raising ceremony in celebration of the 18th anniversary of the establishment of the MSAR.



The 8th International Infrastructure Investment and Construction Forum opens on 1 June.



On 1 June, Chief Executive Chui Sai On officiates at the plaque unveiling ceremony of the headquarters of the China-Portuguese-speaking Countries Cooperation and Development Fund, during the opening ceremony of the 8th International Infrastructure Investment and Construction Forum.



On 1 June, representatives of the China-Portuguese-speaking Countries Cooperation and Development Fund and entrepreneurs sign cooperation agreements, at the opening ceremony of the 8th International Infrastructure Investment and Construction Forum.



On 4 August, the Office of the Government Spokesperson holds a press conference on developing Macao as a smart city.



On 4 August, the Government signs the “Framework Agreement of Strategic Cooperation in Smart City Development” with Alibaba in Macao.

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On 18 December, the Ministry of Commerce and the MSAR Government sign the CEPA Investment Agreement and the CEPA Agreement on Economic and Technical Cooperation. The two agreements are important components of the Mainland and Macao Closer Economic Partnership Arrangement (CEPA), marking a new stage in economic and trading exchanges and cooperation between mainland China and Macao.



On 20 January, the Chief Executive Chui Sai On attends the Spring Reception of the Liaison Office of the Central People's Government in the MSAR.



On 26 September, Chief Executive Chui Sai On meets with the new Director of the Liaison Office of the Central People's Government in the Macao Special Administrative Region.



On 31 July, Chief Executive Chui Sai On and the Vice Chairman of CPPCC National Committee, Edmund Ho Hau Wah, attend the premiere of *Founding of an Army*, a film to celebrate the 90th Anniversary of the People's Liberation Army.



On 18 January, Chief Executive Chui Sai On; the Vice Chairman of the CPPCC National Committee, Edmund Ho Hau Wah; the Director of the Liaison Office of the Central People's Government in the MSAR, Wang Zhimin; the Commissioner of the Commissioner's Office of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the People's Republic of China in the MSAR, Ye Dabo; and the Commander of the Chinese People's Liberation Army Macao Garrison, Major General Wang Wen, attend the People's Liberation Army Macao Garrison Chinese New Year Gathering 2017 cum the premiere of the documentary feature film, *The Story of China*.



On 6 January, the Medals Award and Honorary Titles Ceremony 2016 of the Macao Special Administrative Region of the People's Republic of China is held in the Macao Cultural Centre.



The Government holds a memorial ceremony on Nanjing Massacre National Memorial Day on 13 December.



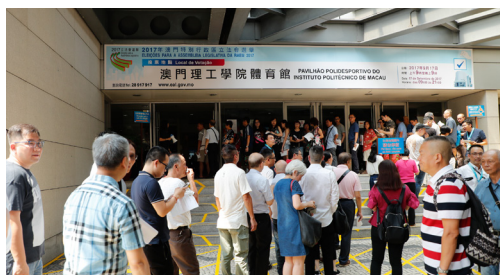
Chief Executive Chui Sai On and the chairperson and members of the Electoral Affairs Commission for the Legislative Assembly Election during the inauguration ceremony, on 26 January.



The Electoral Affairs Commission for the Legislative Assembly Election designs a Braille template for the blind and visually impaired; and on 5 July, the Chairman of the Commission, Tong Hio Fong, shows the template to the media.



On 15 September, Chief Executive Chui Sai On visits the polling station of the Legislative Assembly Election in the Macau Stadium.



Voters actively participate in the 6th Legislative Assembly Election of the MSAR on 17 September.



On 16 October, all members of the 6th Legislative Assembly are sworn in. The oath is administered by Chief Executive Chui Sai On.



A seminar on the 24th anniversary of the promulgation of the Macao Basic Law is held on 29 March.



On 1 April, the 2017 Macao International Environmental Co-operation Forum & Exhibition (MIECF) celebrates Green Public Day, to enhance public awareness of environmental protection and understanding of green, low carbon living.



On 19 June, officials taking part in the third edition of the “Mayors’ Visiting Program” exchange views with the departments related to tourism, culture, trade, investment and other areas in Macao, and visit the Ruins of St Paul’s.



On 17 October, Chief Executive Chui Sai On and other guests attend the closing ceremony of the Global Tourism Economy Forum organised by the Secretariat for Social Affairs and Culture.



A seminar on “Planning the Development of a City Cluster in the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area” is held in the Macao East Asian Games Dome on 16 June.



The 2017 Macao International Environmental Co-operation Forum & Exhibition (MIECF) opens on 30 March.



The 22nd Macao International Trade and Investment Fair opens on 19 October. Chief Executive Chui Sai On and guests pose for a photograph in front of the Macao Pavilion.



On 18 May, Chief Executive Chui Sai On presides over the opening ceremony for the new Taipa Ferry Terminal.



On 15 August, Chief Executive Chui Sai On presides over the send-off ceremony for the Macao delegation competing in the 13th National Games of the People's Republic of China.



On 5 January, Chief Executive Chui Sai On hosts a luncheon for representatives of local Portuguese and English media.



On 4 January, Chief Executive Chui Sai On hosts a luncheon for representatives of local Chinese media.



Chief Executive Chui Sai On delivers the Policy Address for the Fiscal Year 2018 to the Legislative Assembly on 14 November, to an audience including principal government officials.



On 27 January, Chief Executive Chui Sai On attends the opening ceremony of the Chinese New Year event “Celebration for the Year of the Rooster”.



The dragon dance to celebrate the Year of the Rooster, on the first day of the Lunar New Year (28 January).



Secretary for Security Wong Sio Chak; the Commissioner-General of the Unitary Police Service, Ma Io Kun; the Director General of the Macao Customs Service, Vong Iao Lek; and leading officials of the Public Security Forces and departments singing together in the Peaceful Macao – Police-Public Chinese New Year Gala 2017, held on 8 February.



On 12 April, the Commissioner-General of the Unitary Police Service, Ma Io Kun; and the Director General of the Macao Customs Service, Vong Iao Lek, accompany a delegation to the 20th Guangdong-Macao Police Working Meeting, to view on site the cooperation between the Macao Police and related Guangdong Province departments in cracking down on people smuggling and effectively coping with emergencies in Macao waters.

On 21 February, the Office of the Government Spokesperson and the Government Information Bureau hold a tea gathering with the media.



The 2017 promotional event on prevention of dengue fever and Zika virus infection is held in Lao Hon Market Garden on 20 May.



The Festival for World Environment Day of Two Regions and Five Cities 2017 is held in Friendship Plaza on 3 June.



The Marine and Water Bureau Day is held at the Government Dockyard on 16 July.



On 17 July, the Public Security Police conducts an immigration system emergency drill, to test the responsiveness and cooperation capacity of the Government departments in the event of emergency.



On 18 July, the Judiciary Police holds the graduation ceremony of the “Junior Anti-Crime Pioneers” and a launch event, to nurture more teenagers as anti-crime pioneers to build a stronger team for preventing and combating crime.



The opening ceremony of the Wushu Masters Challenge 2017 is held in Tap Seac Multisport Pavilion on 10 August.



The opening ceremony of the 31st Macao International Music Festival held at the Macao Cultural Centre on 29 September.



The opening ceremony of the 2017/2018 Judicial Year held at the Macao Cultural Centre on 18 October.



The first Senior Citizen Day of the MSAR held at the Macao Forum on 28 October.



The first batch of products is sold to the mainland China market through cross-border e-commerce channels with promotion by and support from the Government. The products arrive at Nansha, Guangzhou through the Lotus Flower Bridge Checkpoint between Cotai and Hengqin on 17 August.



On 15 November, drivers in the four major competitions of the 64th Macau Grand Prix interact with local students at the Olympic Complex.



The 64th Macau Grand Prix opens on 18 November.



On 19 November, the Government holds the first public consultation on legislation covering the minimum wage for all sectors.



The Macao International Parade 2017 is held on 17 December, to celebrate the 18th anniversary of Macao's Handover.



On 24 March, acting Chief Executive Chan Hoi Fan attends a Spring Festival reception in Macao hosted by the Guangdong Government.



The Secretary for Economy and Finance, Leong Vai Tac, delivers a speech during the opening ceremony of the Boao Forum for Asia Development Summit (Macao) 2017 on 6 November.



On 6 July, Secretary for Security Wong Sio Chak presides over the launch ceremony of the Coloane Commissariat.



On 12 June, Secretary for Social Affairs and Culture Tam Chon Weng attends the launch ceremony of the Centre for Rehabilitation of Children and the website of the Comprehensive Evaluation of Children Centre.



On 9 November, Secretary for Transport and Public Works Raimundo Arrais do Rosário officiates at the opening ceremony of the Taipa Terminal Post Office.



On 15 December, the Secretary for Administration and Justice Chan Hoi Fan and the Consul General of Mongolia to the Hong Kong and Macao SARs, Samdan Erdene, sign the Agreement between the Macao Special Administrative Region of the People's Republic of China and Mongolia on the Transfer of Sentenced Persons, on behalf of the respective governments.



At the signing ceremony of the 13th China Expo Forum for International Cooperation (CEFCO 2017) – China and Foreign Convention and Exhibition Industry Cooperation on 12 January, the Secretary for Economy and Finance, Leong Vai Tac, and the chairperson of the China Council for the Promotion of International Trade, Jiang Zengwei, sign an agreement on the establishment of a joint working committee to promote the MICE industry of the Macao SAR.



On 24 July, on behalf of the Government, the Secretary for Security, Wong Sio Chak, attends the graduation ceremony of the first Macao tertiary student military training camp cum the 13th Military Summer Camp for Macao Young Students.



On 21 September, the Secretary for Transport and Public Works, Raimundo Arrais do Rosário, officiates at the opening ceremony of the exhibition “A Contribution to the History of Macau”, and the ceremony to release the photo album on the Centenary of Macao Postal Savings.



On 20 November, the Secretary for Social Affairs and Culture, Tam Chon Weng, officiates at the send-off and flag presentation ceremony for the contingent of Macao athletes heading to the Pacific School Games 2017.