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JANUARY

- 1 The newly amended Law on Smoking Prevention and Control comes into force, which bans smoking in all indoor venues and within ten metres of taxi stands and bus stops and terminals. The fine has been increased to 1,500 patacas. The sale of e-cigarettes is prohibited and display of tobacco products is also restricted.
- 2 The Transport Bureau announces increases in removal charges for illegal parking to 750 patacas for motorcycles and 1,500 patacas for light vehicles, respectively, starting from 1 February.
- 4 The Government announces the Macao Medium-to-long-term Talent Cultivation Scheme – Five-year Action Plan to provide a policy guideline for talent cultivation in Macao.
- 5 According to the Chief Executive’s Office, Chief Executive Chui Sai On has met with Liao Zhengrong, the newly-appointed Commander of the Macao Garrison of the Chinese People’s Liberation Army (PLA), to exchange views on cooperation in maintaining the security of Macao and ensuring stability and prosperity.
- 8 The *Macao SAR Gazette* publishes the Regulations on the Use and Operation of the West Car Park of the Border Checkpoint of the Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macao Bridge. The car park provides 5,143 public parking spaces, with 3,089 for light vehicles and 2,054 for motorcycles.

The MSAR Government and the Guangdong Provincial Government sign the Consensus on Guangdong-Macao Cooperation in the Event of a Guangdong Nuclear Power Plant Emergency, in Zhuhai.
- 10 The Guangdong-Macao Co-operation Joint Conference is held in Guangzhou. The two parties sign a total of eight cooperation agreements and memoranda concerning areas such as youth development, food safety and protection of intellectual property rights.
- 17 The Macao Government Tourist Office announces that there were more than 32.6 million visitors in 2017 – representing an increase of 5.4 percent; with numbers of international visitors and overnight visitors increasing by 6.2 percent and nearly 10 percent, respectively.
- 21 The results of mainland China universities’ first round of admissions for recommended students are released. Out of 1,077 candidates from Macao, 792 students are admitted, while 159 candidates are admitted through a voluntary recruitment examination held on 22 January. A record high of 951 students are admitted throughout the year.

FEBRUARY

- 1 The Gaming Inspection and Coordination Bureau announces that the gross gaming revenue in January was 26.26 billion patacas, representing a year-on-year increase of 36.4 percent. Gross gaming revenues have been increasing for 18 consecutive months, hitting the highest record for single-month gaming revenue since October 2014.
- 2 The Heritage Foundation releases its report on the Index of Economic Freedom for 2018, rating Macao as a “mostly free” economy for the tenth consecutive year, and the 34th freest economy among 180 in the world. In the Asia Pacific region, Macao is ranked ninth out of 43 economies.
- 5 The *Macao SAR Gazette* publishes an executive order issued by the Chief Executive regarding an increase of the social security system birth allowance to 5,000 patacas, which will apply retrospectively from 1 January.
- 6 The Legislative Assembly passes the urgent bill on the Amendment to Regulations on Urban Real Estate Tax. Vacant properties for lease are regarded as non-leased properties and are no longer exempted from the 6-percent residential property tax.

Chief Executive Chui Sai On issues a condolence letter for the late renowned sinologist Jao Tsung-I.

- 7 The Legislative Assembly passes the bill relating to Stamp Duty on Acquisition of Second and Subsequent Residential Properties (“Acquisition Stamp Duty”). Non-first-time homebuyers will be obliged to pay an additional five percent stamp duty on acquisition of a second residential property. For acquisition of a third or subsequent properties, the additional stamp duty payable will be 10 percent.

The Monetary Authority launches the regulations regarding the maximum loan-to-value (LTV) ratio for eligible first-time young homebuyers, relaxing the restrictions for eligible applicants who apply for a mortgage of up to 80 to 90 percent on a property, in order to help young residents aged between 21 and 44 to purchase their homes. The regulation will become effective on the same day that the acquisition stamp duty comes into effect.

Chief Executive Chui Sai On meets with the Director of the Overseas Chinese Affairs Office of the State Council, Qiu Yuanping, to exchange views on Macao’s participation in and contribution to the Belt and Road initiative, the development of the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area, and matters regarding overseas Macao residents.

The new round of application for public housing ends. The Housing Bureau has received 9,621 applications. The provisional list of successful applicants was announced on 5 December 2018. A total of 6,301 applications were accepted.

- 8 The Governor of Hebei Province, Xu Qin, meets with the Secretary for Economy

and Finance, Leong Vai Tac, to exchange views on promoting cooperation in economic investment, tourism and culture, for benefiting people of Macao, Hebei province and the Xiong'an New Area.

- 13 The Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macao Bridge Authority announces that the customs clearance will adopt the “separate locations” mode of clearance arrangement, while customs clearance between Zhuhai and Macao will adopt 24-hour “Joint Inspections for One-stop Border Crossing” once the Bridge commences operations.

The quota allocation of cross-boundary private cars using Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macao Bridge and arrangement for park-and-ride are announced. The regular quota for Macao private cars is set at 600, of which 500 are valid for one year, and the remaining 100 for six months.

- 21 The Macao SAR Gazette publishes the Regulations on Use and Operation of the East Wing Car Park of the Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macao Bridge. The car park has a capacity of 3,000 parking spaces for light vehicles. Each parking session lasts up to 12 hours, with a minimum charge of 180 patacas.
- 27 The Secretary for Economy and Finance, Leong Vai Tac, says the Government is extending Macau Jockey Club’s horse-racing concession to 31 August 2042.

Chief Executive Chui Sai On, the Commission for Reviewing and Monitoring the Improvements of the Response Mechanism to Major Disasters, and the China National Commission for Disaster Reduction’s Expert Group meet to review the General Assessment Report on the Damage Caused by Typhoon Hato, with Proposals for Optimising the Emergency Management System.

MARCH

- 5 Chief Executive Chui Sai On attends the opening of the First Session of the 13th National People’s Congress. Premier Li Keqiang says during his report on the government’s work that the outline plan for the development of the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area will be launched and implemented to facilitate cooperation between mainland China, Hong Kong and Macao.
- 6 Chief Executive Chui Sai On pays courtesy visits to the Director of the National Development and Reform Commission, He Lifeng; the Minister of Commerce, Zhong Shan; and the China Food and Drug Administration, during his visit to Beijing.
- 14 One hundred body-worn video cameras for police officers commence operations.
- 15 The Macao border crossing area of Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macao Bridge is officially handed over for the use of the Macao Special Administration Region from midnight, and will be administered according to the laws of the Macao SAR.

- 20 The 13th National People's Congress is concluded at the Great Hall of the People in Beijing. President Xi Jinping delivers a keynote speech urging the strengthening of national awareness and patriotism among the people of Hong Kong and Macao, to maintain the long-term stability and prosperity of the two special administrative regions.

Chief Executive Chui Sai On meets with the Secretary of the CPC Hebei Provincial Committee, Wang Dongfeng, and the Governor of Hebei province, Xu Qin, hoping Macao could learn from and take part in the development of Hebei province and the Xiong'an New Area.

- 22 Chief Executive Chui Sai On visits Tsinghua University and meets with the Secretary of the CPC and head of the University's Institute for Public Safety Research, Chen Xu, to exchange views on improving the public safety system, disaster prevention and mitigation capabilities.
- 23 The Statistics and Census Service announces Macao received 3,070,900 visitors in February, hitting a record high since August 2014; the figure represents a month-on-month increase of 12 percent, and a year-on-year increase of 23.1 percent.
- 28 Chief Executive Chui Sai On meets with the Governor of Guangdong Province, Ma Xingrui, to exchange views on further deepening Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao cooperation, and the feasibility of establishing a trilateral coordination institution.

A public tender is opened for 100 all-electric taxi licences, which will be valid for eight years. Out of the 968 accepted tender submissions, the highest winning bid is over 980,000 patacas, while the lowest is over 810,000 patacas.

- 29 The Government announces the General Assessment Report on the Damage Caused by Typhoon Hato, with Proposals for Optimisation of the Emergency Management System.

APRIL

- 4 Chief Executive Chui Sai On meets with the Secretary of the CPC Zhuhai Municipal Committee, Guo Yonghang, to exchange views on deepening Zhuhai-Macao cooperation for further integration with national development.
- 9 Chief Executive Chui Sai On meets with the Secretary of Hainan Province, Liu Cigui, and the Governor of Hainan, Shen Xiaoming, while attending the Boao Forum for Asia Annual Conference in Hainan, to explore further cooperation in tourism between the two cities.

Chief Executive Chui Sai On meets with the Deputy Secretary of the CPC Guangzhou Municipal Committee and Secretary of CPC Guangzhou Municipal Government, Ren Xuefeng. Both parties strengthen connections on planning for development of the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area, and exchange views on innovation and young entrepreneurship.

- 10 Chief Executive Chui Sai On attends the opening ceremony of the Boao Forum for Asia Annual Conference 2018.
- 11 The Government commissions MTR Corporation Limited (MTRC) of Hong Kong to provide operation and maintenance services for the Macao Light Rapid Transit (LRT) Taipa line. The 5.88-billion-patacas contract covers a period of 80 months.
- 12 Chief Executive Chui Sai On and the Commission for Reviewing and Monitoring the Improvements to the Response Mechanism to Major Disasters hold a press conference to introduce the phased deployments and measures of disaster prevention and mitigation work in different areas.
- 15 Chief Executive Chui Sai On officiates at the opening ceremony of an educational exhibition on national security, which is jointly hosted by the MSAR Government and the Liaison Office of the Central People's Government in the Macao SAR.
- 16 The Macao SAR Gazette publishes an Executive Order to authorise Secretary for Transport and Public Works Raimundo Arrais do Rosario to sign the Agreement on Mutual Recognition of Driving Licences Between Macao and Mainland China with the Ministry of Public Security, on behalf of the MSAR Government.

Chief Executive Chui Sai On meets with the Minister of Education, Chen Baosheng, to exchange views on enhancing support for education development and youth cultivation in Macao.

On behalf of the MSAR Government, the Secretary for Economy and Finance, Leong Vai Tac, signs a bilateral agreement with the Finance Deputy Minister of the Government of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam, Do Hoang Anh Tuan, to prevent double taxation and evasion of income tax.

- 18 Chief Executive Chui Sai On meets with the Governor of Jiangsu province, Wu Zhenglong, to explore bilateral cooperation in future, especially regarding planning and positioning of the Jiangsu-Macao Cooperation Park.
- 21 New bus fares come into effect. All bus fares in Macao cost six patacas. Macau Pass holders are charged three patacas for normal routes, and four patacas for express routes. Student card holders are charged half price, while fares for senior citizens and disabled persons are waived.

All principal officials and the Public Prosecutor-General of the MSAR Government attend a 5-day duty training in Beijing and Jiangsu, to gain insights on national development strategies and the country's latest socio-economic developments, for better integration of Macao into national development.

- 24 Member of the Standing Committee of the Political Bureau of the CPC Central Committee and Vice Premier of the State Council, Han Zheng, meets with the principal officials and Public Prosecutor-General of the MSAR Government during their duty training visit to Beijing. Mr Han hopes that the core administration team of the MSAR Government will diligently follow the important guidelines of President

Xi Jinping regarding development of Macao, and puts forward four requests.

- 28 The civil protection mechanism system organises a typhoon drill – “Crystal Fish”. Chief Executive Chui Sai On oversees the drill at the Civil Protection Operations Centre, and is briefed on corresponding reports.

MAY

- 1 The Medical Subsidy Scheme 2018 commences. The Government issues electronic vouchers worth 600 patacas to each beneficiary. The period for using the vouchers is extended to two years.
- 4 The Secretary for Economy and Finance, Leong Vai Tac, and the Deputy Governor of Guangdong province, Chen Liangxian, witness the contract signing for the Guangdong-Macao Cooperation and Development Fund in Guangzhou, marking the fund being set to commence operation in the near future.
- 7 Chief Executive Chui Sai On leads a government delegation to Cambodia and Thailand, with the aim of strengthening cooperation in tourism and trade, and assisting development of the “Belt and Road” initiative.

The *Macao SAR Gazette* publishes an order issued by the Secretary for Social Affairs and Culture, to adjust Conde S. Januario Hospital’s charges for antenatal and delivery services for “doubly non-permanent resident” pregnant women (both the pregnant woman and her spouse are not Macao residents). The charges for 20 antenatal and delivery services are increased by 900 percent. Local residents are not subject to the new charges.

- 8 Chief Executive Chui Sai On meets with the President of the National Assembly of the Kingdom of Cambodia, Heng Samrin; the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of the Interior, Sar Kheng; and the President of the Senate of Cambodia, Say Chhum, on separate occasions, to seek closer cooperation in tourism and tourism training.
- 9 A delegation of the MSAR Government arrives in Bangkok, Thailand. Chief Executive Chui Sai On and the Foreign Minister of Thailand, Don Pramudwinai, witness the signing of the Memorandum of Understanding on Establishment of a Friendship City Relationship between Phuket Province and the Macao SAR. He also meets with the Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the People’s Republic of China to the Kingdom of Thailand, Lyu Jian, to explore and seize development opportunities of the “Belt and Road” initiative.
- 10 Chief Executive Chui Sai On meets with the Deputy Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Thailand, Somkid Jatusripitak, and witnesses the signing of five agreements and memoranda between the two parties.

Organised by the MSAR Government and the State Administration of Traditional Chinese Medicine, the 2018 Traditional Medicine International Development

Forum (Thailand) opens in Bangkok, Thailand. The Guangdong-Macao Traditional Chinese Medicine Technology Industrial Park and the Traditional Chinese Medicine Doctor Association of Thailand sign a memorandum of cooperation to provide a platform for Macao to promote Chinese medicine culture and techniques in acceding countries of the “Belt and Road” Initiative.

On the invitation of Sichuan Provincial Government, the MSAR Government organises a delegation for a 4-day visit to Sichuan for an event in commemoration of the 10th anniversary of the Wenchuan earthquake. The delegates pay visits to understand the progress of redevelopment and people’s livelihoods.

- 12 Secretary of the CPC Sichuan Province, Peng Qinghua, meets with the MSAR delegation led by the Secretary for Administration and Justice, Chan Hoi Fan, for an event in commemoration of the 10th anniversary of the Wenchuan earthquake.
- 16 The *Macao SAR Gazette* publishes an order issued by the Secretary for Transport and Public Works to announce the revocation of land grants for 16 pieces of land with an area totalling 58,000 square metres in Nam Van Lake Zones A, C and D, due to expiry of the temporary land lease period, according to the Land Law.

The Ministry of Culture and Tourism of the People’s Republic of China announces the fifth batch of inheritors of the representative items of national intangible cultural heritage. The four Macao applicants selected are Au Kuan Cheung for Cantonese Naamyam, Chan Kin Chun for A-Ma belief and customs, and Chiang Kun Kuong and Ip Tat for Na Tcha belief and customs.

- 19 Chief Executive Chui Sai On meets with the Director of the State Council Leading Group Office of Poverty Alleviation and Development, Liu Yongfu, to exchange views on the nation’s poverty alleviation projects and the launch of anti-poverty support measures in Congjiang, Guizhou.
- 21 The Judiciary Police and Macao Customs announce at a press conference that the Guangdong and Macao police have solved a case that involved drug-smuggling by parcel delivery; about 16 kilograms of khat (a stimulant) was seized.
- 22 The Central People’s Government approves the suggestion of making Conjiang County in Qindongnan Miao and Dong Autonomous Prefecture, Guizhou Province, the target for Macao’s poverty alleviation efforts. Chief Executive Chui Sai On and the Director of the Liaison Office of the Central People’s Government in the Macao SAR, Zheng Xiaosong, lead a delegation to Guiyang of Guizhou province for a 3-day visit.
- 23 The Court of Final Appeal rules against Polytex Corporation Ltd, the developer of Pearl Horizon. The Government will recover the site of the Pearl Horizon development, to provide interim housing primarily for people affected by urban redevelopment in old districts.

Chief Executive Chui Sai On and the Director of the Liaison Office of the Central People’s Government in the Macao SAR, Zheng Xiaosong, witness the signing of

agreements regarding Macao's poverty alleviation measures, at a ceremony held in Congjiang county, Guizhou. A total of nine agreements are signed by the three parties.

- 24 The second phase delivery of Light Rail Transit (LRT) carriages begins. The first batch of ten carriages will be delivered to the LRT depot starting from this day.
- 25 Delegations from the Civil Aviation Authority of the Macao SAR and the Civil Aviation Administration of China sign a memorandum of understanding on air traffic control, with the aim of speeding up expansion of the Macao International Airport, promoting efficient use of airspace, and enhancing cooperation in aviation safety management.
- 28 The Judiciary Police and Macao Customs announce that the Guangdong and Macao police have cracked a cross-border human smuggling syndicate, and arrested 36 people for allegedly being involved in trafficking Vietnamese migrants to illegally work in Macao.

Chief Executive Chui Sai On witnesses the signing of agreements at the opening ceremony of the Beijing-Macao Cooperation Partnership 2018 in Beijing. Beijing and Macao sign agreements and letters of intent regarding cooperation in sport, vocational training and tourism.

Chief Executive Chui Sai On meets with the Secretary of the CPC Beijing Municipal Committee, Cai Qi, to explore future cooperation between Beijing and Macao.

- 29 Chief Executive Chui Sai On meets with the Minister of the General Administration of Customs, Ni Yuefeng. The two parties agree to promote improvements and innovation in custom clearance operations and expedite construction of new border-crossing channels between Guangdong and Macao.
- 31 The Zhuhai-Macao Cooperation Conference 2018 is held in Zhuhai. The two governments sign the Framework Memorandum of Cooperation on the Internship and Employment Projects for Macao Youth in Zhuhai, the Framework Memorandum for Economic and Trade Cooperation and Investment between Macao and Zhuhai, and the Framework Memorandum on Financial Cooperation between Macao and Zhuhai.

The Executive Council concludes discussions on the draft by-law regarding tuition fee subsidies for Macao students who are studying in schools in Guangdong Province during the school year 2017/18. The tuition fee subsidy scheme is expanded to include Macao students studying in 21 cities in Guangdong province. The maximum allowance is 6,000 patacas for primary and secondary education, and 8,000 patacas for pre-school education.

JUNE

- 1 Secretary for Administration and Justice Chan Hoi Fan and the Minister for

Justice and Attorney-General of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, Abubakar Malami, represent the two governments in the signing of the Agreement on Transfer of Sentenced Persons Between the Macao Special Administrative Region of the People's Republic of China and the Federal Republic of Nigeria, at the Government Headquarters of Macao.

- 4 The Transport Bureau announces that from 1 July, there will be tighter limits for exhaust emissions from in-use vehicles, and improved methods for measuring emissions.
- 6 The plenary meeting of the Legislative Assembly passes its first reading of the Arbitration Law, to unify the two existing arbitration regimes. Arbitration awards will not be subject to appeal.
- 7 Chief Executive Chui Sai On meets with the Prime Minister of the Republic of Equatorial Guinea, Francisco Pascual Obama Asue, to exchange views on supporting the "Belt and Road" initiative, and enhancing Macao's role as a platform for cooperation between China and Portuguese-speaking countries.
- 11 According to the work requirements of the Medium-to-long-term Plan for Usage and Development of the Waters of the Macao Special Administrative Region (2016-2036), the MSAR Government invites experts from central government ministries and Macao to form a research group on planning Macao's future industrial development, and holds research seminars from this day till 15 June.
- 12 The Zhuhai Municipality Government revises the Rules for Macao-licensed Motor Vehicles Entering and Leaving Hengqin. Macao residents who own real estate in Hengqin New Area, or work and make social security contributions there, or employees of Macao-based institutions stationed in Hengqin, are eligible to apply for vehicle permits.
- 13 The *Macao SAR Gazette* publishes the Rules on the Quota for Permits for Macao Private Cars to Enter Hong Kong; the quota is set at 600 permits, of which 300 are for individuals and 300 for companies.
- 14 Chief Executive Chui Sai On meets with a delegation of the Chinese Language Press Institute to exchange views on Macao's participation in development of the Greater Bay Area and other issues of mutual concern.
- 20 The Vice Chairman of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference, Edmund Ho Hau Wah, and the Secretary for Economy and Finance, Leong Vai Tac, meet with the Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Portuguese Republic, Augusto Santos Silva, in Lisbon, Portugal, to exchange views on enhancing Macao-Portugal cooperation in economic and trade affairs, tourism, culture and education.

The MSAR Government, the HKSAR Government and the People's Government of Guangdong Province jointly organise a seminar in Paris on joint promotion

of the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area, to encourage French businesses to seize the opportunities arising in the three places and invest in the Greater Bay Area.

- 21 Chief Executive Chui Sai On leads a government delegation to nine cities in the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area, and meets with the Secretary of the CPC Zhuhai Municipal Committee, Guo Yonghang, and the Deputy Secretary of the CPC Guangzhou Municipal Committee and Secretary of CPC Guangzhou Municipal Government, Ren Xuefeng.

The Secretary for Economy and Finance, Leong Vai Tac, and Portugal's Secretary of State of Tax Affairs, Antonio Mendonca Mendes, sign the Protocol on the Avoidance of Double Taxation and Prevention of Fiscal Evasion with Respect to Taxes on Income on behalf of their respective administrations, in Lisbon.

- 22 Chief Executive Chui Sai On leads a government delegation to Shenzhen and meets with the Deputy Secretary of the CPC Shenzhen Municipal Committee and Mayor of Shenzhen, Chen Rugui, with the aim of enhancing cooperation between the two cities in tourism, culture, trade, finance and service industries.

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- 25 Chief Executive Chui Sai On leads a government delegation to Zhongshan and Jiangmen, and meets with the Mayor of Zhongshan, Jiao Lansheng, and the Secretary of the CPC Jiangmen Municipal Committee, Lin Yingwu.

- 26 The Vice Chairman of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference, Edmund Ho Hau Wah, and the Secretary for Economy and Finance, Leong Vai Tac, together with the chairman of the board of directors of the Monetary Authority, Chan Sau San, visit the Bank of Portugal and Euronext, to engage in an in-depth discussion on further promoting the role of Macao as a financial services platform between China and Portuguese-speaking countries.

The Judiciary Police solves its largest ever case involving a loan-shark syndicate and arrests 113 people from Hong Kong, Macao and mainland China, including the ringleader in Hong Kong – who was operating a loan-shark syndicate in the guise of a company.

- 28 Member of the Standing Committee of the Political Bureau of the CPC Central Committee and Vice Premier of the State Council, Han Zheng, meets with Chief Executive Chui Sai On to listen to opinions and recommendations regarding the Outline Development Plan for the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area.

- 29 The *Macao SAR Gazette* publishes an order issued by the Secretary for Security, approving the 601 cameras of phases 2 and 3 of the Urban Closed Circuit

Television (“CCTV”) Cameras System for Macao to commence operation from midnight on 30 June, marking the expansion of coverage of surveillance in various districts of Macao.

JULY

- 6 Chief Executive Chui Sai On meets with the Minister of Culture and Tourism, Luo Shugang, and the Minister of Culture of the Portuguese Republic, Luis Filipe de Castro Mendes, to exchange views on deepening cultural cooperation between mainland China, Portugal and Macao.
- 9 Chief Executive Chui Sai On leads a government delegation to visit cities in the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area, including Zhaoqing, Foshan, Huizhou and Dongguan, and meets with the Secretary of the CPC Zhaoqing Municipal Committee and the Chairman of the Standing Committee of Municipal People’s Congress, Lai Zehua, and the Secretary of the CPC Foshan Municipal Committee, Lu Yi.
- 10 TCM and New Era hold a joint press conference to announce that the two bus companies will merge on 1 August. In a related development, the Internet of Vehicles (IoV) will cover all Macao buses within three years.

Chief Executive Chui Sai On leads a government delegation to Huizhou, a Greater Bay Area city, and meets with the Deputy Secretary of the CPC Huizhou Municipal Committee and Mayor of Huizhou, Liu Ji, to jointly explore and enhance cooperation in projects covered by the Outline Development Plan for the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area.

- 11 Chief Executive Chui Sai On visits Dongguan to meet with the Secretary of the CPC Dongguan Municipal Committee, Liang Weidong. Both parties discuss issues related to industry, economy and trade, transportation, and cooperation in youth development.
- 12 The draft bill on the Maritime Area Management Framework Law passes its second reading in the Legislative Assembly. The law establishes the general principles and framework for the management of Macao’s maritime areas. The Government will establish a mechanism on concession and use of the waters according to the Law on Use of Maritime Areas.

The draft bill on the Tax Incentives for Hiring People with Disabilities passes its second reading in the Legislative Assembly. Employers can enjoy a tax reduction of 5,000 patacas per year for each disabled Macao resident they employ, which can be applied retroactively to 2016.

- 16 Responding to flooding at the Inner Harbour caused by astronomical tides, Chief Executive Chui Sai On holds a cross-departmental meeting to hear department heads’ reports on the progress with and difficulties involved in implementing flood control and prevention.

- 17 Chief Executive Chui Sai On meets the Chairman of Beijing CPC Municipal Committee, Ji Lin, to exchange views on deepening relations between Beijing and Macao, particularly on enhancing cooperation in youth development work.
- 20 The concession of the Macau (Yat Yuen) Canidrome Club expires, and the Government takes over its premises.

The Executive Council announces the draft by-law on the Tertiary Education Council and the Tertiary Education Fund, in turn launching the 300 million patacas Tertiary Education Fund, which will be used for supporting activities in tertiary education institutions, funding academic research projects, and constructing and acquiring campuses and facilities.

- 24 The Court of Final Appeal revokes the tender for construction of the LRT depot superstructure, due to a flawed evaluation. The Government must re-evaluate the seven public tenders. On 8 August, the Transportation Infrastructure Office issues a press release stating that over 90 percent of the depot construction has been completed. According to “Legitimate cause of non-performance” of the Code of Administrative Litigation, it will not execute the judgement of the Court of Final Appeal.
- 25 A ceremony is held to unveil a plaque for the Liaison Office of the Guangdong Food and Drug Administration in the Guangdong-Macao Traditional Chinese Medicine Technology Industrial Park and the Traditional Chinese Medicine Technology and Policy Research Centre.
- 26 To enhance disaster prevention and control capability within the ambit of security, the Macao Customs, Fire Services Bureau and Public Security Police have made substantial purchases of emergency rescue equipment. The three departments introduce and demonstrate the use of more than 70 types of equipment.

The Social Security Fund publishes its Annual Report 2017. During 2017, benefits including pensions totalled over four billion patacas, benefiting 102,012 pension recipients.

- 27 Macau (Yat Yuen) Canidrome Club and Anima Macau announce that they have reached a consensus on cooperation regarding the wellbeing of 533 greyhounds. The Canidrome Club will rent a standalone building in Largo de Pac On, Taipa with an adjacent outdoor area for establishing a non-profit international centre for rehoming all greyhounds in Macao. On 31 July, the Canidrome Club submits a plan for domestic greyhound fostering to the Government. A piece of land in Coloane is later designated for the rehoming of greyhounds.

The Macao Trade and Investment Promotion Institute (IPIM) and the Department of Commerce of Guangdong Province jointly organise the Guangdong and Macao Branded Products Fair 2018, marking the tenth anniversary of the event. At the opening ceremony, five cooperation memoranda and agreements are signed regarding joint efforts for development of the Greater Bay Area.

- 30 The draft bill on Establishment of Municipal Affairs Bureau passes its second reading in the Legislative Assembly. The Civil and Municipal Affairs Bureau (IACM) will be replaced by the Municipal Affairs Bureau, with effect from 1 January 2019.
- 31 Bairro da Ilha Verde Health Centre, the eighth and largest health centre in Macao, becomes operational.

The public concession contracts of the three bus companies expire. The Transport Bureau renews the contracts on a short-term basis for 15 months based on the existing public concession contracts, with effect from 1 August.

AUGUST

- 1 The Science and Technology Development Fund issues a press release, announcing it has been granted approval by the Ministry of Science and Technology to establish two more state key laboratories – the State Key Laboratory on the Internet of Things for Smart Cities of the University of Macau, and the State Key Laboratory of Lunar and Planetary Sciences of the Macau University of Science and Technology.
- 2 The Civil Protection Centre introduces the High Ground Emergency Alarm System on three high ground areas of Macao, and a broadcasting and alarm system which includes 90 surveillance camera poles in low-lying areas, to strengthen the public emergency alert system. The two systems will come into operation later in the month.
- 3 The State Council announces the abolition of 11 administrative licences, including the permits for Hong Kong, Macao and Taiwan residents to work in mainland China.
- 7 Kiang Wu Hospital Charitable Association decides to donate 13 buildings at the Pátio da Eterna Felicidade in the vicinity of the Ruins of St Paul's to the Government, for cultural conservation.
- 13 The *Macao SAR Gazette* publishes an Executive Order to delimit the coastline in accordance with the *Maritime Area Management Framework Law*, and approve the coastline boundary plan, which also includes the coastline of the Macao port management area of the Zhuhai-Macao artificial islands.

The Amendment to the Law on the Use and Protection of the National Flag, National Emblem and National Anthem passes its first reading in the plenary meeting of the Legislative Assembly. The bill proposes that when the national anthem is performed and sung, those present shall stand up respectfully. Any disrespectful behaviour regarding the national anthem is prohibited. Offenders are subject to a fine from 2,000 patacas to 10,000 patacas.

The *Macao SAR Gazette* publishes an Executive Order to conduct public bidding for not more than 200 special taxi licences, which are valid for eight years.

- 14 Macao is hit by Severe Tropical Storm Bebinca. The Meteorological and Geophysical Bureau issues the first Typhoon Signal No. 8 in 2018. Typhoon Signal is in force for 138 hours during the passage of Bebinca, the longest on record. The previous record was 107.5 hours during Typhoon Viola in 1976.
- 15 Chief Executive Chui Sai On attends the first plenary meeting of the leading group for development of the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area in Beijing, and says Macao will fully support the national development strategy, and adjust Macao's Five-year Development Plan by adding new measures to align with the development of the Greater Bay Area.

The Zhuhai checkpoint of Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macao Bridge passes an inspection by the Guangdong Provincial Checkpoint Office.

- 19 The General Office of the State Council issues measures for Applications for and Issuance of Residence Permits for Hong Kong, Macao and Taiwan Residents. As of 1 September, Hong Kong, Macao or Taiwan residents who have lived in mainland China for six months or longer – providing they have a stable job, stable accommodation or are studying in mainland China – are eligible to apply for a residence permit.
- 21 The MSAR Government and the Shanghai Municipal Government hold a ceremony for signing cooperation agreements, including four memoranda regarding tourism, convention and exhibition, finance, and exchanges between young people.
- 28 Flight JD5759, operated by Capital Airlines, which is en route from Beijing to Macao, encounters wind shear during its landing at the Macau International Airport, causing damage to the landing gear. It is then forced to divert to and land in Shenzhen Airport instead. The aircraft carries 157 passengers and nine cabin crew. Five people are slightly injured.

The Central People's Government appoints Ms Shen Beili to replace Ye Dabo as Commissioner of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the People's Republic of China in the Macao SAR.

- 29 The Lands, Public Works and Transport Bureau holds a briefing on a preliminary proposal for the future use of the Canidrome land plot. About 40,000 square metres of land will be reserved for leisure, cultural and sports facilities, but not for commercial or residential use. Apart from 8,000 square metres of education facilities, some 65.5 percent of the land will be used to build sports facilities. Also, an underground stormwater storage tank will be situated here, to help with disaster prevention.

SEPTEMBER

- 1 Mainland China's Applications for and Issuance of Residence Permits for Hong Kong, Macao and Taiwan Residents scheme commences. Local public security

authorities set up more than 6,000 registration offices to handle applications.

- 2 The Asian Games closes in Jakarta, Indonesia. The Macao delegation wins a total of five medals: one gold, two silvers and two bronzes. Huang Junhua wins the gold medal for men's overall southern fist and southern cudgel event.
- 3 The *Macao SAR Gazette* publishes By-law No. 22/2018 to establish the Commission for the Defence of National Security of the Macao Special Administrative Region, chaired by the Chief Executive, with the Secretary for Security as vice chairman. The by-law will come into effect 30 days after the publication date.
- 4 Secretary for Economy and Finance Leong Vai Tac leads a government delegation to Guangzhou, to attend the 12th Pan-Pearl River Delta Regional Cooperation and Development Forum and Trade Fair (PPRD Forum), where they meet with senior officials including the Deputy Secretary of the CPC Jiangxi Provincial Committee and Acting Governor of Jiangxi province, Yi Lianhong, and the Governor of Sichuan province, Yin Li.
- 5 The 12th Pan-Pearl River Delta Regional Cooperation and Development Forum and Trade Fair is held in Guangzhou.
- 6 Secretary for Economy and Finance Leong Vai Tac meets with member of the Standing Committee of CPC Guangdong Provincial Committee and Secretary of the CPC Guangzhou Municipal Committee, Zhang Shuofu. Both parties hope to enhance communications, leverage strengths for complementary advantages, and explore innovations in mechanisms and systems, to achieve mutual benefits.
- 15 Macao is hit by Typhoon Mangkhut. The Government introduces new measures that include offering free parking in public department buildings and gaming venues, implementing an evacuation plan for residents of low-lying areas, and shutting down all casinos. All casinos suspend gambling activities at 11 p.m., and reopen at 8 a.m. on 17 September. It is the first time for Macao to shut down all casinos since the opening-up of the gaming market in 2002.
- 16 Hit by Typhoon Mangkhut, Macao is impacted by heavy rain, squalls and a severe storm surge. The Meteorological and Geophysical Bureau (SMG) issues Typhoon Signal No. 8, No. 9 and No. 10 in succession, and the Black Storm Surge Warning. The storm brings severe floods to Inner Harbour and low-lying areas. Typhoon Signal No. 10 is issued for nine hours, the longest duration on record since 1968.

Affected by Typhoon Mangkhut, the three land border checkpoints – the Border Gate Checkpoint, the Zhuhai-Macao Crossborder Industrial Zone Border Checkpoint, and the Lotus Flower Checkpoint – are closed from 1 a.m. The Border Gate Checkpoint and the Zhuhai-Macao Crossborder Industrial Zone Border Checkpoint resume operations at 8 a.m. on 17 September, while the Lotus Flower Checkpoint resumes operations at 12 noon.

17 During the passage of Typhoon Mangkhut, Chief Executive Chui Sai On chairs an interdepartmental meeting at the Civil Protection Action Centre to hear briefings by representatives of civil protection authorities and heads of relevant departments on the arrangements made in response to the typhoon. He also visits low-lying areas to understand the situation, and gives instruction on clearing debris and restoring community life.

18 Chief Executive Chui Sai On meets with the Secretary of CPC Hangzhou Municipal Committee, Zhou Jianguo, to exchange views on maritime economy and smart city development.

Chief Executive Chui Sai On meets with the newly-appointed Commissioner of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the People's Republic of China in the Macao SAR, Shen Beili, to discuss external affairs of the MSAR and promoting Macao residents' awareness and sense of national identity.

21 The Executive Council concludes its discussion on the draft by-law on the Amendment to the Organisation and Operation of the Health Bureau and draft by-law on Abolishment of Decree-Law No. 58/99/M of 18 October. The Amendment to the Organisation and Operation of the Health Bureau proposes the establishment of Macao Academy of Medical Specialists, to provide training for medical specialists in Macao, while the Abolishment of Decree-Law No. 58/99/M of 18 October proposes abolishing tax exemption for all offshore companies in Macao. These companies will not be permitted to operate offshore businesses from 2021 onwards.

28 The governments of Hong Kong, Zhuhai and Macao commence 3-day trial operations of the Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macao Bridge, for testing the operations of their respective border checkpoints.

OCTOBER

1 The Government holds a series of activities to celebrate the 69th anniversary of the establishment of the People's Republic of China, including a flag-raising ceremony, a large-scale reception, a Fun Run, a variety show, and a fireworks display contest.

3 The *Macao SAR Gazette* publishes an Executive Order to establish a cross-departmental committee responsible for compiling the draft of Macao's urban development master plan, confirming 11 objectives as the core strategies for developing Macao as a world tourism and leisure centre and a beautiful home.

The Executive Council concludes discussions on the draft by-law on the Organisational Structure and Operations of the Municipal Affairs Bureau. The Municipal Affairs Bureau will be established on 1 January 2019. The Municipal Administration Committee will lead 12 departments and 36 divisions.

5 A Government inter-departmental clearing taskforce has recently conducted joint

operations to resume two pieces of land: one in Travessa do Cais on the Macao peninsula, the other adjacent to Lago Building in Taipa.

- 6 According to the Civic and Municipal Affairs Bureau (IACM), Canidrome Club (Yat Yuen) is ineligible to take back more than 500 greyhounds from the site, and will be fined under the Animal Protection Law.
- 8 A plaque unveiling ceremony was held for the first national-level innovative space in Hong Kong and Macao at the Young Entrepreneur Incubation Centre. Chief Executive Chui Sai On and the Vice Minister of the Ministry of Science and Technology, Mr Zhang Jianguo, officiate at the ceremony.

The MSAR Government, the Liaison Office of the Central People's Government in the MSAR, and the Guizhou Provincial Government hold a working meeting on cooperation in poverty alleviation and follow up regarding implementation of the Cooperative Framework Agreement on Poverty Alleviation and the promotional work related to the poverty alleviation agreements. Chief Executive Chui Sai On, the Director of the Liaison Office of the Central People's Government in the MSAR, Zheng Xiaosong, and the Governor of Guizhou province, Shen Yiqin, lead the representatives of their delegations to the meeting.

- 10 The Vice Premier of the State Council, Han Zheng, meets with the delegation of the Legislative Assembly of Macao at the Great Hall of the People in Beijing, stating that the Central People's Government recognises the performance of the Legislative Assembly of Macao and putting forward three aspirations.

Chief Executive Chui Sai On meets with the Secretary of the CPC Fujian Provincial Committee, Yu Weiguo, and delegation. Both parties agree to broaden the scope for mutual cooperation in the new era for the "Belt and Road" initiative.

- 11 The Office of the Government Spokesperson issues a press release in response to the 2018 annual report published by the Congressional-Executive Commission on China of the United States, declaring that the affairs of the Macao SAR are internal affairs of China, and foreign countries shall have no rights to intervene. The Government strongly opposes the United States' report, which is totally oblivious to the truth, meddlesome and judgmental.
- 12 Chief Executive Chui Sai On meets with the leading officials from the cities of the Greater Bay Area, who come for a youth forum with the theme of joining forces for development of the Greater Bay Area. The Chief Executive says the MSAR Government will cooperate with the sister cities of the Greater Bay Area to achieve mutual complementarities and benefits, to jointly build a world-class metropolis.
- 13 The youth forum with the theme of joining forces for development of the Greater Bay Area opens. Chief Executive Chui Sai On and other guests officiate at the opening ceremony.
- 19 Chief Executive Chui Sai On meets the delegation led by the Chairwoman of Inner Mongolia Autonomous Regional People's Government, Bu Xiaolin, to exchange

views on enhancing cooperation between the two regions, and contributions to the development of the country's "Belt and Road" initiative.

- 20 Chief Executive Chui Sai On meets with the Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Portuguese Republic, Professor Doutor Augusto Santos Silva, at the Government Headquarters. Both parties review their cooperation in the past, and exchange views on deepening cooperation between Macao and Portugal.

The Director of the Liaison Office of the Central People's Government in the MSAR, Zheng Xiaosong, dies in a fall. Chief Executive Chui Sai On sends a telegram of condolence to express his great sorrow in the following day.

- 23 The opening ceremony of Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macao Bridge is held at the bridge's Zhuhai Checkpoint Building. President Xi Jinping officiates at the ceremony, to announce the official opening of the bridge. The bridge commences normal operations the following day.

Chief Executive Chui Sai On meets with the Secretary-General of the World Tourism Organization of the United Nations (UNWTO), Zurab Pololikashvili, to exchange views on tourism development.

- 26 The Commission against Corruption (CCAC) announces that three persons including the President of Macao Trade and Investment Promotion Institute (IPIM), who are suspected of having committed work-related crimes when approving important investment immigration cases, are subject to mandatory suspension of duty and restrained from leaving Macao by the judiciary.

NOVEMBER

- 5 Chief Executive Chui Sai On is invited to attend the opening ceremony of the 1st China International Import Expo at the Shanghai National Exhibition and Convention Center. The MSAR Government sets up a "Macao Hub" in the Hong Kong and Macao exhibition area of the China Pavilion. At "Macao Hub", the Chief Executive receives President Xi Jinping and other guests who are touring the exhibition right after the opening ceremony, and briefs them about Macao's development.
- 8 The Unitary Police Service cooperates with the People's Liberation Army Macao Garrison for the first time, and coordinates with various departments and institutions to organise a joint counter-terrorism drill, code-named "Bright Dog".
- 9 Chief Executive Chui Sai On meets with the Secretary of the CPC Sichuan Provincial Committee, Peng Qinghua, at the Government Headquarters, to exchange views on further cooperation between Sichuan and Macao.

The first Sichuan-Macao Cooperation Conference commences in Macao. The Secretary for Economy and Finance, Leong Vai Tac, and the Vice Governor of Sichuan Province, Li Zeyun, sign the Agreement on Establishment of the

Mechanism Originating via the Framework of the Sichuan-Macao Cooperation Conference and the Memorandum of the First Sichuan-Macao Cooperation Conference.

The Labour Affairs Bureau announces an increase in permits for domestic helpers from seven provinces: Guangxi, Hunan, Hubei, Jiangxi, Anhui, Sichuan and Guizhou.

- 10 Chief Executive Chui Sai On leads a delegation to Beijing for an event held on 11 and 12 November 2018, to celebrate the 40th anniversary of the reform and opening up of China.
- 12 President Xi Jinping receives Chief Executive Chui Sai On, HKSAR Chief Executive Mrs Carrie Lam, and members of the Hong Kong and Macao delegations to celebrate the 40th anniversary of the reform and opening up of China. President Xi affirms Hong Kong's and Macao's contributions and role in supporting national reform and opening up throughout the past four decades, and raises four aspirations regarding Hong Kong's and Macao's integration with the nation's development in the new era.

The Macao SAR Gazette publishes an Executive Order regarding the establishment of the Working Committee for the Development of the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area, which is chaired by the Chief Executive.

The Statistics and Census Service (DSEC) estimates that Typhoon Mangkhut has caused losses totalling 1.55 billion patacas, with 520 million patacas of direct losses, and 1.03 billion patacas of indirect losses.

- 13 The Director General of Guangdong Sub-Administration of the General Administration of Customs of the People's Republic of China (GACC), Li Shuyu; the Commissioner of Hong Kong Customs and Excise, Tang Yi-hoi; and the Director General of Macao Customs Service, Vong Iao Lek, sign a memorandum on arrangements for cooperation and mutual-assistance between GACC and Hong Kong and Macao Customs at the Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macao Bridge ports, to strengthen the tripartite partnership in customs affairs and further enhance cooperation in customs clearance.

The Judicial Police smashes two international drug trafficking cases, seizing 2.2 kilograms of heroin and 3.1 kilograms of methamphetamine, with an estimated total market value of about 10.9 million patacas, at Macao International Airport. Four Malaysians and one Hong Kong teenager are arrested.

- 15 The four-day, 65th Macau Grand Prix commences. On 18 November, a rare accident occurs at the Lisboa Bend during a Formula-Three Race. German driver Sophia Floersch's car catapults over the crash barriers into a photographer's tribune. Five people are injured and taken to hospital.

Chief Executive Chui Sai On delivers the Policy Address for the Fiscal Year 2019, titled "Seize Opportunities for Balanced Development".

- 21 Chief Executive Chui Sai On meets with the Secretary of the CPC Guangdong Provincial Committee, Li Xi, at a meeting for senior officials. Both parties agree to jointly promote development of the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area and enhance cooperation between Guangdong and Macao, providing support for Macao's adequate industrial diversification.
- 24 Various border checkpoints in Macao receive a new single-day record of over 622,000 passengers in total. At one time, crowd control measures are implemented at the Border Gate.
- 26 At a seminar with principal officials, Chief Executive Chui Sai On conveys the essence of the keynote speech of President Xi Jinping, which he gave in Beijing when receiving the Hong Kong and Macao delegations to celebrate the 40th anniversary of the reform and opening up of China.
- 28 The Government recovers a piece of occupied land in Hac-Sa Village, with a total area of 70,740 square metres.

The Mandarin's House receives the title of "World Heritage Youth Education Base" from the World Heritage Institute of Training and Research for the Asia and the Pacific Region under the Auspices of UNESCO (Suzhou).

- 29 The Department of Public Security of Guangdong Province Traffic Management Bureau announces that from 1 December, Macao private cars and Guangdong and Macao government vehicles that are permitted to cross into other ports may also access Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macao Bridge without permits being extended. Permissions will be given in phases.

The fifth Macao-Taipa cross-harbour passage project – "Governador Nobre de Carvalho Bridge Cross-Harbour Passage: Preliminary Design, Inspection Works and Consultancy Studies" – is awarded to the Macao branch of CCCC Highway Consultants Company Limited, with a projected cost of 99.27 million patacas and an anticipated duration of 800 days.

- 30 Chief Executive Chui Sai On meets with the Governor of Liaoning Province, Tang Yijun. Both parties agree to serve the country together in realising the "Belt and Road" initiative and development of the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area, enhancing regional cooperation, and leveraging Macao's advantages as a platform for exploring development opportunities between China and Portuguese-speaking countries.

DECEMBER

- 2 2018 Macao Light Festival — Time Travel in Macao opens.
- 4 Chief Executive Chui Sai On meets with the Secretary of the CPC Shanxi Provincial Committee, Luo Huining, and a delegation he is leading. Both parties agree to deepen cooperation in cultural tourism, Chinese medicine, small- and medium-

sized enterprises, and leveraging the advantages of Macao as a platform for China and Portuguese-speaking countries.

- 5 The Executive Council concludes its discussion on the draft by-law on Listing the Shipyard at Lai Chi Vun as a Site for Cultural Relics and Setting its Buffer Zones. The shipyard is listed as a “site” in the cultural relics category.

The *Macao SAR Gazette* publishes a notice issued by the Infrastructure Development Office to announce the commencement of the process to invite tenders for the design and construction of the fourth Macao-Taipa cross-harbour bridge.

- 6 Chief Executive Chui Sai On and the Chairman of the National Development and Reform Commission, He Lifeng, sign the Arrangements Between the National Development and Reform Commission and the Government of the Macao Special Administrative Region (SAR) for Advancing Macao’s Full Participation in and Contribution to the Belt and Road Initiative on behalf of the two parties.

- 7 The Director of the Land, Public Works and Transport Bureau, Li Canfeng, discloses that the project to construct tidal sluices at the Inner Harbour has been approved by the Central People’s Government, and work has commenced on the engineering design. Construction is expected to commence in the second half of 2019.

- 8 The 3rd International Film Festival & Awards • Macao opens, with “A New Avenue to the World of Films” as the theme.

- 11 The bill of the Legal System for Provision of Interim Housing and Replacement Housing passes its first reading and the bill of Amendment to Law No. 3/2004 Chief Executive Election Law passes its second reading in the Legislative Assembly. The number of Representatives of Members of the National Committee of the Chinese People’s Political Consultative Conference in Macao on the Chief Executive Election Committee is reduced from 16 to 14, while two representatives of the municipal organisation are added.

- 12 Chief Executive Chui Sai On leads a delegation of Macao government officials for a visit to Nanjing, Jiangsu Province, and meets with the Governor of Jiangsu Province, Wu Zhenglong.

The Commission on Economic and Trade Cooperation between Mainland and Macao holds its first conference in Macao. Afterwards, the representative and vice minister of International Trade of Ministry of Commerce of the People’s Republic of China signs the CEPA Agreement on Trade in Goods with the Secretary of Economy and Finance, Leong Vai Tac.

- 13 The Government holds a remembrance ceremony for the National Memorial Day for Nanjing Massacre Victims.

Chief Executive Chui Sai On, the Secretary of the CPC Changzhou Municipal

Committee, Wang Quan, and the Mayor of Changzhou, Ding Chun, participate in a seminar regarding construction and overall planning of the Jiangsu-Macao Cooperation Park, and visit the site of the industrial park.

The Macao SAR Government and Zhuhai Municipal People's Government announce the imposition of the third-phase of the policy on quotas for Macao Motor Vehicles Entering and Exiting Hengqin. The quota for Macao motor vehicles entering and exiting Hengqin will gradually increase to 1,700, and then to a maximum of 2,500. Applications will be accepted from 20 December 2018.

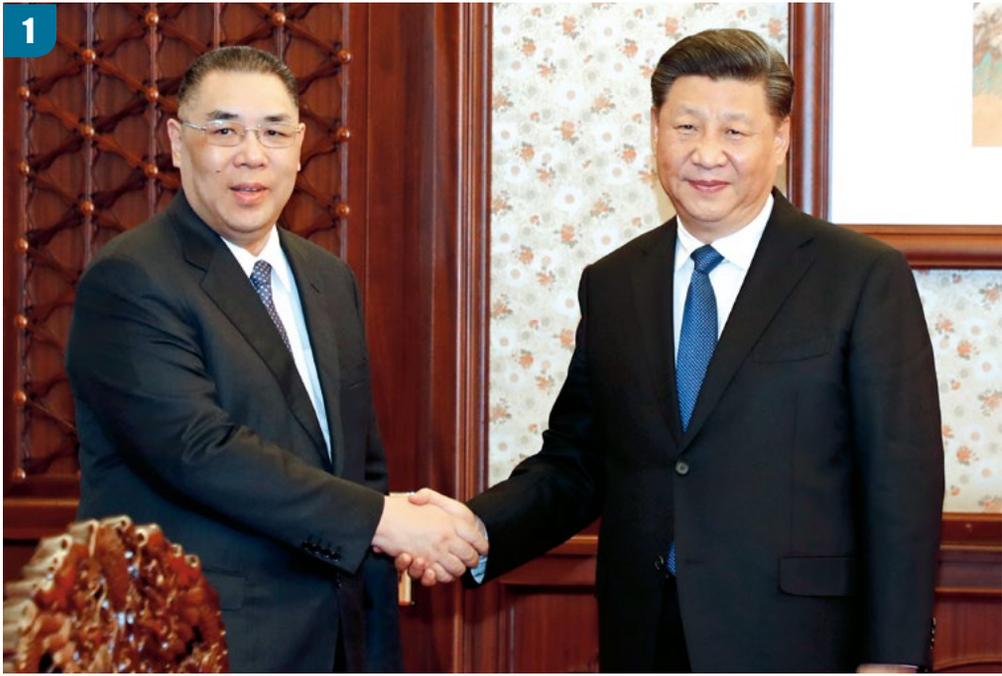
The Secretary of the CPC Hengqin New Area Committee, Niu Jing, says the State Council has approved the relocation of the Lotus Flower checkpoint to Hengqin checkpoint, together with implementing joint inspections for one-stop border crossing. It is planned that inspection venues with an area of at least 100,000 square metres will be administered by Macao.

- 15 The bus terminal at the Border Gate Square reopens, and operates smoothly in general. In the first phase of the reopening, 13 bus routes resume.
- 16 "2018 Macao International Parade" is held in celebration of the 19th anniversary of Macao's return to the motherland.
- 17 President Xi Jinping and Premier Li Keqiang receive Chief Executive Chui Sai On, during the Chief Executive's duty visit to Beijing.
- 18 The bill of Amendment to Law No. 10/2012 - Regulations on Conditions for Entering, Working and Gaming in Casinos passes its second reading in the Legislative Assembly. Casino workers are forbidden to enter casinos during off-duty periods.
- 19 The Macao SAR Gazette publishes an order issued by the Secretary for Transport and Public Works regarding the annulment of the land concession for the former site of "Ocean World" in Taipa.
- 20 The Government holds a series of activities to celebrate the 19th anniversary of the establishment of the MSAR.

The Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macao Bridge border checkpoint receives over 58,000 passengers, setting a record high for the checkpoint.

In response to an outbreak of swine fever at a slaughterhouse in Xiangzhou District, Zhuhai, the Civil and Municipal Affairs Bureau meets with the representative of the Department of Animal and Plant Quarantine of the General Administration of Customs, to ensure stable and safe supplies of live pigs to Macao.

- 28 The State Council has recently decided to appoint Fu Ziyang as Director of the Liaison Office of the Central People's Government in the Macao Special Administrative Region.



1. On 17 December, President Xi Jinping meets with Chief Executive Chui Sai On during Chui's duty visit to Beijing.
2. Also on 17 December, Premier Li Keqiang meets with Chief Executive Chui Sai On during Chui's duty visit to Beijing.



1. On 12 November, President Xi Jinping meets with Chief Executive Chui Sai On, the Chief Executive of the Hong Kong SAR, Carrie Lam, and members of the Hong Kong and Macao delegations in celebration of the 40th anniversary of the country's reform and opening up.



2. On 11 November, Chief Executive Chui Sai On attends a seminar on participation by Hong Kong and Macao in the reform and opening up of the country during the past 40 years, at the Diaoyutai State Guesthouse, Beijing.



3. On 23 October, the opening ceremony of the Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macao Bridge is held at the Zhuhai border checkpoint building of the bridge.

4. On 23 October, President Xi Jinping (second from right), Chief Executive Chui Sai On (third from right), and other officiating guests take a walk on the Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macao Bridge, right after the opening ceremony.

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5. On 10 April, President Xi Jinping poses for a photo with the Hong Kong and Macao government delegations and business leaders attending the BOAO Forum for Asia Annual Conference 2018.
6. On 15 August, Chief Executive Chui Sai On, in his role as a member of the leading group for development of the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area, attends the group's first plenary meeting at the Great Hall of the People in Beijing.



1. From 7 May to 11 May, Chief Executive Chui Sai On leads a government delegation to visit two countries along the “Belt and Road” - Cambodia and Thailand, to enhance cooperation in tourism, commerce and trade.

The photo was taken on 8 May, when Chief Executive Chui Sai On cordially shook hands with the Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Cambodia, Hun Sen.



2. On 10 May, Chief Executive Chui Sai On meets with the Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Thailand, Prayuth Chan-ocha.



3. On 27 March, Chief Executive Chui Sai On and the Governor of the Siem Reap Province, Khim Bunsong, represent their respective governments at the signing of the Memorandum of Understanding between Siem Reap Province of the Kingdom of Cambodia and the Macao Special Administrative Region of the People’s Republic of China on the Establishment of Friendship Relation.



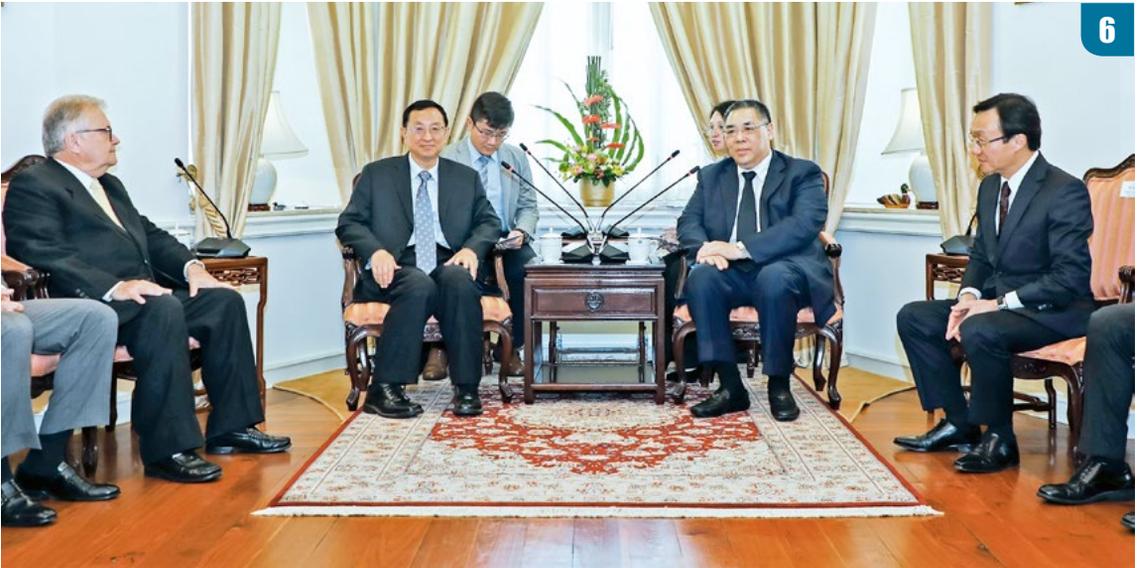
4. On 20 April, Chief Executive Chui Sai On meets with a delegation visiting for the Fourth “Mayors’ Visiting Programme”.

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- On 7 June, Chief Executive Chui Sai On meets with the Prime Minister of the Republic of Equatorial Guinea, Francisco Pascual Obama Asue.

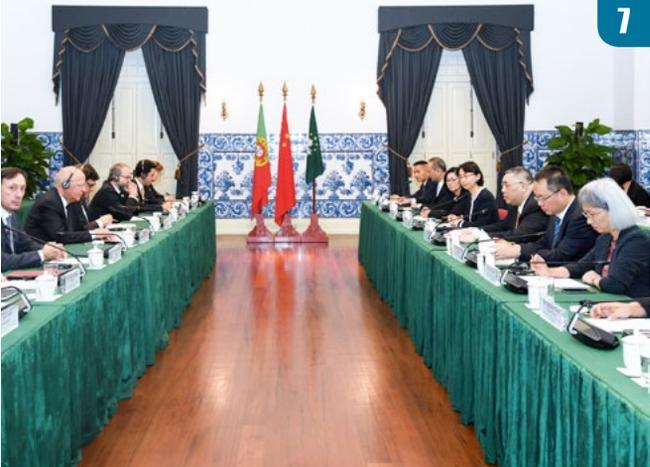


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- On 6 July, Chief Executive Chui Sai On meets with the Minister of Culture of the People's Republic of China, Luo Shugang, and the Minister of Culture of the Portuguese Republic, Luís Filipe de Castro Mendes.

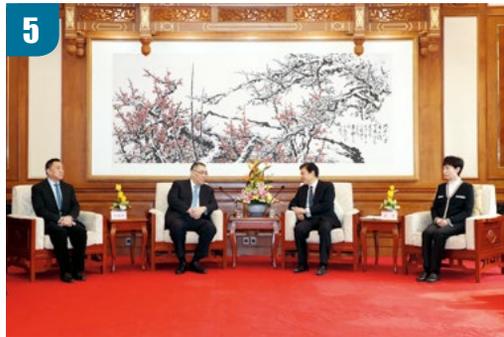
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- On 20 October, Chief Executive Chui Sai On and the Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Portuguese Republic, Augusto Santos Silva, co-chair the fifth meeting of the Macao-Portugal Joint Committee.



1. On 22 June, the Vice Chairman of the CPPCC National Committee and former Chief Executive of the Macao SAR, Edmund Ho Hau Wah, and the Secretary for Economy and Finance, Leong Vai Tac, meet with the Prime Minister of the Portuguese Republic, Antonio Costa, in Portugal.
2. On 22 June, the Vice Chairman of the CPPCC National Committee and former Chief Executive of Macao SAR, Edmund Ho Hau Wah, and Secretary for Economy and Finance, Leong Vai Tac, attend a cocktail reception celebrating the 15th anniversary of the establishment of the Forum for Economic and Trade Cooperation Between China and Portuguese-speaking Countries in Portugal.



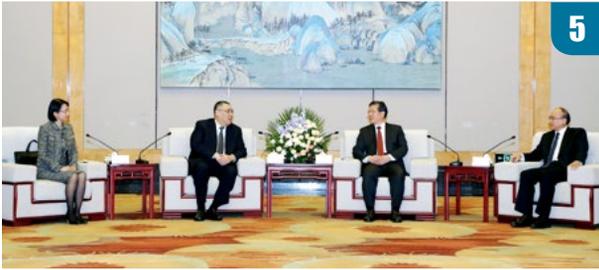
3. On 28 June, the Vice Premier of the State Council, Han Zheng, meets with Chief Executive Chui Sai On to listen to opinions and recommendations regarding the Outline Plan for the Development of the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area.
4. Chief Executive Chui Sai On attends the opening of the first plenum of the 13th National People's Congress. During his stay in Beijing, he visits the National Development and Reform Commission, the Ministry of Commerce and the China Food and Drug Administration.

The photo was taken when Chief Executive Chui Sai On met with the Director of the National Development and Reform Commission, He Lifeng, on 6 March.

5. On 6 March, Chief Executive Chui Sai On meets with the Minister of Commerce, Zhong Shan.

1. On 16 April, Chief Executive Chui Sai On meets with the Minister of Education, Chen Baosheng (seventh from left), to officiate at the unveiling ceremony for The Wall of Great Wisdom in the University of Macau.
2. On 29 May, Chief Executive Chui Sai On meets with the Minister of the General Administration of Customs of China, Ni Yuefeng. The two parties agree to promote improvements in innovative customs clearance models and expedite construction of the new Guangdong-Macao border crossing.
3. On 28 May, Chief Executive Chui Sai On meets with the Secretary of the CPC Beijing Municipal Committee, Cai Qi, to explore future cooperation between Beijing and Macao.
4. On 28 May, Chief Executive Chui Sai On and the Chairman of the Beijing Municipal Committee of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference, Ji Lin, witness the signing of Vocational Training Cooperation Agreement Between the Beijing Municipality and the Macao SAR; Letter of Intent of the Macao Government Tourist Office for Joining the China World Tourism Heritage Promotion Alliance; and Winter Sports Cooperation Agreement Between Beijing Municipal Bureau of Sports and the Macao SAR at the launch ceremony of the Beijing-Macao Cooperation Partnership 2018.





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5. On 20 March, Chief Executive Chui Sai On (second from left) meets with the Secretary of the CPC Hebei Provincial Committee, Wang Dongfeng (third from left), and the Governor of Hebei Province, Xu Qin (fourth from left).
6. On 9 April, Chief Executive Chui Sai On meets with the Secretary of Hainan Province, Liu Cigui, while visiting Hainan to attend the Boao Forum for Asia Annual Conference 2018.
7. On 21 August, Chief Executive Chui Sai On meets with the Mayor of Shanghai, Ying Yong, and other senior officials.
8. On 18 September, Chief Executive Chui Sai On meets with the Standing Committee Member of CPC Zhejiang Provincial Committee and the Secretary of CPC Hangzhou Municipal Committee, Zhou Jiangyong.

1. On 10 October, Chief Executive Chui Sai On meets with the Governor of Fujian Province, Yu Weiguo. Both parties agree that given the new era and the “Belt and Road” initiative, Fujian and Macao can boost their cooperation to a new level by broadening the scope for collaboration.
2. On 19 October, Chief Executive Chui Sai On meets with the Chairwoman of the Inner Mongolia Autonomous Region People’s Government, Bu Xiaolin.



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3. On 9 November, Chief Executive Chui Sai On and the Secretary of the CPC Sichuan Province, Peng Qinghua, lead government delegations attending the first Sichuan-Macao Cooperation Conference.
4. On 21 November, a meeting is held for Guangdong and Macao senior officials. Chief Executive Chui Sai On; the Secretary of the CPC Guangdong Provincial Committee, Li Xi; the Governor of Guangdong Province, Ma Xingrui; and delegations from the two governments pose for a group photo.



1. On 30 November, Chief Executive Chui Sai On meets with the Governor of Liaoning Province, Tang Yijun.
2. On 4 December, Chief Executive Chui Sai On meets with the Secretary of CPC Shanxi Provincial Committee, Luo Huining.
3. On 12 December, Chief Executive Chui Sai On meets with the Governor of Jiangsu Province, Wu Zhenglong.
4. On 13 December, Chief Executive Chui Sai On meets with the Secretary of the CPC Changzhou Municipal Committee, Wang Quan, and the Mayor of Changzhou, Ding Chun, to exchange views on construction and overall planning of the Jiangsu-Macao Cooperation Park.





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5. In late June, Chief Executive Chui Sai On begins a series of visits to cities of the Greater Bay Area. On 21 June, he visits Canton East Tower in Guangzhou, and is briefed by the Secretary of CPC Guangzhou Municipal Government, Ren Xuefeng, on the city's economic and industrial development.
6. On 21 June, Chief Executive Chui Sai On meets with young entrepreneurs at a seminar held in the Macao-Hengqin Youth Entrepreneurship Valley in Hengqin, Zhuhai.
7. On 21 June, Chief Executive Chui Sai On visits the Traditional Chinese Medicine Science and Technology Industrial Park of Cooperation between Guangdong and Macao in Hengqin, Zhuhai.
8. On 21 June, Chief Executive Chui Sai On cordially shakes hands with the Secretary of the CPC Zhuhai Municipal Committee, Guo Yonghang.



1. On 22 June, Chief Executive Chui Sai On meets with the Mayor of Shenzhen, Chen Rugui.



2. On 25 June, Chief Executive Chui Sai On meets with the Mayor of Zhongshan, Jiao Lansheng.



3. On 25 June, Chief Executive Chui Sai On, the Secretary of the CPC Jiangmen Municipal Committee, Lin Yingwu, and other representatives of the "Thousand Talents Union" pose in front of the environmentally friendly electroplating plant of the New Fortune Environmental Company Limited, in Yamen.



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4. On 9 July, Chief Executive Chui Sai On attends a seminar with the Secretary of the CPC Zhaoqing Municipal Committee, Lai Zehua.
5. On 9 July, Chief Executive Chui Sai On meets with the Secretary of the CPC Zhaoqing Municipal Committee, Lai Zehua.
6. On 10 July, Chief Executive Chui Sai On, meets with the Mayor of Huizhou, Liu Ji.
7. On 11 July, Chief Executive Chui Sai On meets with the Secretary of the CPC Dongguan Municipal Committee, Liang Weidong.



1. On 22 May, Chief Executive Chui Sai On, the Director of the Liaison Office of the Central People's Government in the Macao SAR, Zheng Xiaosong, and the Secretary of the CPC Guizhou Provincial Committee, Sun Zhigang, witness the signing of a framework agreement on cooperation between the People's Government of Guizhou Province, the Government of the Macao Special Administrative Region (SAR) and the Liaison Office of the Central People's Government in the Macao SAR regarding poverty alleviation.
2. On 24 May, Chief Executive Chui Sai On visits the demonstration centre of the Guizhou big data pilot zone in Guizhou, accompanied by the Secretary of the CPC Guizhou Provincial Committee, Sun Zhigang.



3. On 5 November, Chief Executive Chui Sai On visits the Macao pavilion “Trade in Goods – Foods and Agricultural Products Zone” set up by the Macao Trade and Investment Promotion Institute (IPIM) at the first China International Import Expo.
4. On 5 November, the MSAR Government sets up a Macao exhibition zone titled “Macao Hub” at the first China International Import Expo, in Shanghai.

1. At midnight on 15 March, the Macao Customs Service and the Guangdong Provincial Public Security Department hold the handover ceremony for the Macao border-crossing area of the Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macao Bridge.
2. From 15 March, the MSAR Government officially administers the Macao border-crossing area of the Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macao Bridge. The law enforcement team becomes responsible for border control and security.
3. On 15 March, the Macao border-crossing area of the Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macao Bridge comes under the jurisdiction of the Macao SAR Government. Chief Executive Chui Sai On visits the border-crossing area and poses for a photo with the Secretary for Security, Wong Sio Chak; the Secretary for Transport and Public Works, Raimundo do Rosário; the Commissioner-General of the Unitary Police Service, Ma Io Kun; and the Director-General of the Macao Customs Service, Yung Iao Lek.
4. On 3 May, Chief Executive Chui Sai On inspects the facilities of the Macao border-crossing area of the Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macao Bridge.



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5. On 6 December, the National Development and Reform Commission and the MSAR Government hold a joint conference on the Arrangements Between the National Development and Reform Commission and the Government of the Macao Special Administrative Region (SAR) for Advancing Macao's Full Participation in and Contribution to the Belt and Road Initiative.

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6. On 1 October, the Government organises a reception at the Macau Tower Convention and Entertainment Centre, to celebrate the 69th anniversary of the establishment of the People's Republic of China.
7. On 20 December, a flag-raising ceremony in celebration of the 19th anniversary of the establishment of the Macao SAR is held at the Golden Lotus Square.



1. On 18 September, Chief Executive Chui Sai On meets with the newly-appointed Commissioner of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the People's Republic of China in the Macao SAR, Ms Shen Beili.
2. On 6 June, the 2018 International Conference on Belt and Road and Macao's Development commences.

3. On 8 October, Chief Executive Chui Sai On attends the 2018 Awards Ceremony of the Science and Technology Awards of the Macao Special Administrative Region and the new state key laboratory plaque-unveiling ceremony.
4. On 5 October, Chief Executive Chui Sai On chairs the first plenary meeting of the Commission for the Defence of State Security of the Macao Special Administrative Region.
5. On 13 October, Chief Executive Chui Sai On, the Vice Chairman of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference Edmund Ho Hau Wah and the Director of the State Council's Hong Kong and Macao Affairs Office, Zhang Xiaoming, attend the launch ceremony of the Roundtable Conference of Young Leaders under the "Youth Forum on Jointly Building the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area".





1. On 8 February, Chief Executive Chui Sai On attends a Spring Festival reception hosted by the Liaison Office of the Central People's Government in the Macao Special Administrative Region.
2. On 1 August, Chief Executive Chui Sai On attends a reception to commemorate the 91st anniversary of the founding of the People's Liberation Army.
3. On 12 April, Chief Executive Chui Sai On and members of the Commission for Reviewing and Monitoring the Improvements of the Response Mechanism to Major Disasters hold a press conference to introduce the comprehensive plans and measures for disaster prevention and mitigation.
4. On 15 April, an educational exhibition on national security – jointly hosted by the MSAR Government and the Liaison Office of the Central People's Government in the Macao SAR – commences.

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5. On 7 August, Chief Executive Chui Sai On presents a Macao SAR flag to representatives of the Macao delegation participating in the 18th Asian Games.
6. On 15 November, Chief Executive Chui Sai On delivers the policy address for the fiscal year 2019.
7. On 13 December, the Government holds a ceremony to commemorate the Nanjing Massacre National Memorial Day.

1. On 13 September, Chief Executive Chui Sai On holds a meeting at the Civil Protection Action Centre, to hear briefings by members of civil protection authorities on work arrangements and give instructions in response to Typhoon Mangkhut.
2. On 15 September, the Government holds a press conference regarding the arrangements in response to Typhoon Mangkhut. The Secretary for Security, Wong Sio Chak; the Commissioner-General of the Unitary Police Service cum Director of the Joint Action, Ma Io Kun, the Director-General of the Macao Customs Service, Yong Iao Lek and representatives from relevant departments are also present.
3. On 19 January, the 2017 Decorations, Medals and Certificates of Merit Awards Ceremony of the MSAR is held at the Cultural Centre.



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4. On 12 April, the 2018 Macao International Environmental Cooperation Forum (MIECF) opens.
5. On 4 May, the signing ceremony of the Guangdong-Macao Cooperation and Development Fund is held in Guangzhou. The establishment of the fund is the first achievement of innovative financial cooperation between the two regions under the Framework Agreement on Cooperation Between Guangdong and Macao.
6. On 23 January, Chief Executive Chui Sai On hosts a banquet for persons-in-charge of local Chinese language media.
7. On 24 January, Chief Executive Chui Sai On hosts a banquet for persons-in-charge of local Portuguese and English language media.



1. On 14 June, Chief Executive Chui Sai On meets with a delegation of the Chinese Language Press Institute that is visiting the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area.
2. On 21 May, Chief Executive Chui Sai On attends the opening ceremony of the Macao Global Media Industry Development Conference 2018.
3. On 24 March, Chief Executive Chui Sai On attends the 2018 general meeting of the “Thousand Talents Union” and a dialogue session with the Chief Executive.
4. On 4 July, Chief Executive Chui Sai On inspects the site of an LPG explosion incident at Pak Lei Building, Areis Preta, and listens to reports on follow-up work from officials-in-charge of the public security authorities.

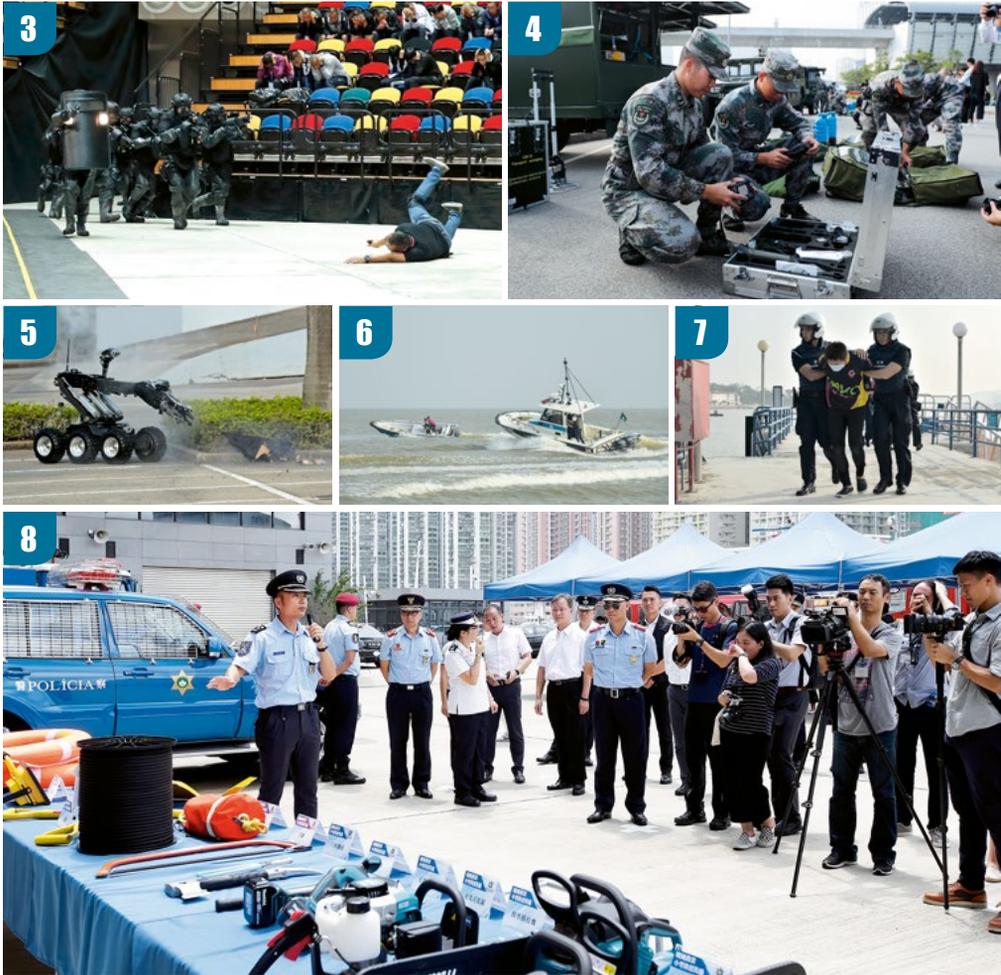




1. On 5 February, Chief Executive Chui Sai On visits Seac Pai Van to interact with residents and gain more understanding of their living environment.
2. On 29 March, the Office of the Government Spokesperson and the Government Information Bureau hold a tea gathering with the media.
3. On 14 June, the Office of the Government Spokesperson holds a seminar on dissemination of government news, and invites the Director-General of the Department of Information of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Lu Kang, to share his experience as a spokesperson.



1. On 19 October, the Office of the Government Spokesperson, the Public Security Police, the Transport Bureau and the Infrastructure Development Office hold a joint press conference regarding the opening of the Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macao Bridge.
2. On 7 July, the Cultural Forum between China and Portuguese-speaking Countries commences.



3-7. On 8 November, the People's Liberation Army (PLA) Macao Garrison coordinates with the Macao Customs, the Unitary Police Service, the Judicial Police, the Fire Service, the Health Bureau, the Government Information Bureau and the Sports Bureau to hold a counter-terrorism drill code-named "Bright Dog" at the Macao East Asian Games Dome. The drill aims to strengthen cross-departmental collaboration mechanisms and enhance capabilities to respond to public emergencies.

8. The Government strives to promote and implement policies and measures regarding disaster prevention and mitigation.

On 26 July, representatives of the Public Security Police brief the media on emergency equipment.

1. On 7 November (6 November, Geneva time), a meeting of the Universal Periodic Review mechanism of the United Nations Human Rights Council is held in Geneva, Switzerland. The meeting examines China's third report under the mechanism, which incorporates a part concerning the HKSAR and MSAR. The Secretary for Administration and Justice of the Macao SAR, Chan Hoi Fan (first from left), as the China delegation deputy leader, leads a government delegation to attend the meeting.
2. On 12 December, the Secretary for Economy and Finance, Leong Vai Tac, and the Vice Minister of Commerce, Fu Ziying, co-chair the first meeting of the Mainland and Macao Economic and Trade Cooperation Committee.
3. On 18 February, the Secretary for Security, Wong Sio Chak, inspects the Border Gate checkpoint during the Chinese New Year holidays.
4. On 17 January, the Secretary for Social Affairs and Culture, Tam Chon Weng, officiates at the launching ceremony of the Macao Year of Gastronomy 2018.





5. On 2 August, the Secretary for Transport and Public Works, Raimundo Arrais do Rosario, officiates at the unveiling ceremony of the post office at Fai Chi Kei.



6. On 1 June, the Secretary for Administration and Justice, Chan Hoi Fan, and the Minister for Justice and Attorney-General of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, Abubakar Malami, represent their governments to sign the Agreement on Transfer of Sentenced Persons Between the Macao Special Administrative Region of the People's Republic of China and the Federal Republic of Nigeria.

7. The Secretary for Economy and Finance, Leong Vai Tac, visits Brazil, and at a seminar on 25 June (local time), meets with the Deputy Secretary of Ministry of Planning, Development and Management of Brazil, Gleisson Rubin; the Ministry's Undersecretary, Jorge Arbache; the Vice Minister of Industry, Foreign Trade and Services of Brazil, Douglas Finardi Ferreira, and other department representatives.





1. On 28 June, the Secretary for Security, Wong Sio Chak, attends a press conference on the Civil Protection Framework Law.
2. On 24 September, the Secretary for Social Affairs and Culture, Tam Chon Weng, is vaccinated while attending a promotional event for the 2018-2019 Seasonal Influenza Vaccine Programme, organised by the Health Bureau.
3. On 19 September, the Secretary for Transport and Public Works, Raimundo Arrais do Rosario, chairs the third meeting in 2018 of the Urban Renewal Committee.