

# CALENDAR OF EVENTS IN 2020



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### January

- 1 Various social security benefits and allowances are raised. The pensions and disability allowances are raised to 3,740 patacas per month, for an estimated 136,000 beneficiaries. The minimum subsistence index for single households is raised to 4,350 patacas.  
  
The Interim Measures for Residents of Hong Kong, Macao and Taiwan to Participate in Social Insurance in Mainland China comes into effect.  
  
Pneumonia cases with unknown causes have been reported in Wuhan. The Health Bureau monitors the body temperature of passengers arriving at Macau International Airport from Wuhan.  
  
Chief Executive Ho Iat Seng meets with the Commissioner of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the People's Republic of China in the Macao SAR, Ms Shen Beili, to discuss external affairs of the Macao SAR.
- 5 In response to the situation with a new coronavirus (later named COVID-19), the Government has elevated the public emergency alert level to Level III (Severe). The Secretary for Social Affairs and Culture, Ao Ieong U, convenes a cross-departmental meeting to strengthen coordination on preventive measures.
- 12 The results of the 2020 Joint Admission Scheme of Recommended Macao Students to Mainland Higher Education Institutions are announced: out of 1,065 students who sat for the exam, 892 are admitted, representing an admission rate of 83 percent.
- 15 The Macao Government Tourist Office announces that there were 39.4 million visitors in 2019, representing a year-on-year increase of 10.1 percent. The numbers of tourist arrivals, visitors from Greater China, same-day visitors and overnight visitors have all increased.
- 21 The *Macao SAR Gazette* publishes an executive order issued by the Chief Executive to establish the Novel Coronavirus Response and Coordination Centre, to formulate anti-epidemic measures in various stages in response to the severity of the situation; and supervise and coordinate with public and private entities in prevention, control and treatment of coronavirus.
- 22 A 52-year-old female tourist from Wuhan is confirmed with infection of the novel coronavirus, making this Macao's first imported case of the disease. The woman is sent to Conde S. Januario Hospital for treatment in isolation. Two women and one man who have been in close contact with the patient are sent to Coloane Public Health Clinical Centre for observation in isolation.

Chief Executive Ho Iat Seng meets with Zhong Nanshan, member of the Chinese Academy of

Engineering and the head of the high-level expert group of the National Health Commission, to listen to his advice regarding epidemic prevention and control, in order to deploy scientific measures in Macao during Chinese New Year.

- 23 The Wanzai border checkpoint resumes customs clearance operations. The ferry service between the Inner Harbour Ferry Terminal and the Wanzai Ferry Terminal, which has been suspended for four years, also resumes operation, with significantly extended service hours at border checkpoints and increased sailings. On 27 March, the ferry service was suspended due to the pandemic. It was resumed on 19 August and only one sailing was offered per hour during the first two weeks of service resumption.

Chief Executive Ho Iat Seng and the Secretary for Social Affairs and Culture, Ao Ieong U, convene a press conference to introduce the latest anti-epidemic measures. Body temperature screening has been implemented at checkpoints between Macao and Zhuhai. Anyone with symptoms of fever should not leave Macao and should undergo medical observation in isolation at local hospitals. All major events organised by Government departments during Chinese New Year have been cancelled, to avoid large crowds gathering.

The guaranteed face mask supply scheme for Macao residents is launched. Residents and non-local employees may purchase 10 face masks for eight patacas from 56 (later increased to 89) government-authorised pharmacies, upon presentation of their identity documents.

- 24 The Education and Youth Affairs Bureau (DSEJ) announces that all non-tertiary institutions will postpone the resumption of classes after the Chinese New Year holiday. The Higher Education Bureau announces that ten higher education institutions and non-local higher education programmes will postpone their classes.
- 26 The total number of imported cases of COVID-19 in Macao has increased to six, all of whom are Wuhan residents. According to the Novel Coronavirus Response and Coordination Centre, with effect from midnight on 27 January, visitors from Hubei province and visitors who have been to Hubei province within 14 days prior to arrival must present a certificate issued by recognised medical authorities proving non-infection, in order to enter Macao. The centre has contacted more than 1,000 tourists from Hubei Province who are still in Macao. They can leave Macao if they have no symptoms. Otherwise, they will have to relocate to a centralised location at 9am on 27 January. People who have been to Hubei Province within 14 days prior to arrival in Macao are denied entry to casinos.
- 27 Zhuhai and Macao have adjusted the operating hours of the Border Gate Checkpoint (including visitor and vehicle clearance) and the Gongbei Checkpoint (including clearance for passengers, vehicles and vehicles with passengers) from the previous 6am to 1am the next day, to the new schedule from 6 am to 10 pm.
- 28 To reduce the risk of the spread of the novel coronavirus, in accordance with an Executive Order issued by the Chief Executive, civil servants will be exempted from work on 30 and 31 January, 3-7 February and 8-16 February 2020. Government departments will only provide emergency and essential public services.

The Secretary for Administration and Justice, Cheong Weng Chon, announces in a press conference of the Novel Coronavirus Response and Coordination Centre that the central government has suspended issuing individual travel permits for visits to Macao from mainland China.

- 30 From this day to March, hotels temporarily designated as venues for medical observations are Pousada Marina Infante Hotel, Golden Crown China Hotel, Regency Art Hotel, Grand Coloane Resort, Metropole Hotel, Treasure Hotel, San Tung Fong Commercial Inn South Wing, Grand Lapa, Grand Harbour Hotel, Royal Dragon Hotel, Jai Alai Hotel, and the special isolation area in Sheraton Grand Macao.
- 31 The Secretary for Economy and Finance, Lei Wai Nong, announces that the Wealth Partaking Scheme will be implemented ahead of schedule, in April, involving 7.1 billion patacas. Starting from 1 February, rent for commercial premises leased by Government departments will be waived for three months. Owners of private enterprises are urged to tide over the difficulties with their tenants.

## February

- 2 The first coronavirus infection of a Macao resident has been confirmed. The patient is a 64-year-old, retired woman. Her husband and two medical workers are considered close contacts, and require observation in isolation. Nearly 300 people need follow-up regarding their health condition.
- 3 Passengers using public transport must wear a mask from this date onwards.
- 4 The *Macao SAR Gazette* publishes Executive Order No. 27/2020 issued by the Chief Executive, stipulating that to contain the spread of the coronavirus, casinos and other entertainment facilities will be closed from midnight on 5 February. Chief Executive Ho Iat Seng announces in a press conference that casinos will close for 15 days.

All gardens and parks, recreation areas, and country parks under the management of the Municipal Affairs Bureau are temporarily closed. Some of these facilities will reopen on 23 February, and operate in accordance with guidelines issued by the Health Bureau.

Maritime passenger transportation services (including airport transfer services) between Macao and Hong Kong are completely suspended. The Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macao Bridge remains as the only transport connection between Macao and Hong Kong.

- 5 Chief Executive Ho Iat Seng issues a public letter to thank all Macao people for their understanding, support and cooperation in the Government's efforts in combating the epidemic. He also expresses gratitude to medical and frontline staff for their selfless dedication.
- 6 The patient with the first confirmed case of coronavirus infection is discharged from hospital.

- 10 The Executive Council concludes its discussion of the draft by-law on Amendments to By-law No. 12/2019 on Establishment of Macao Urban Renewal Limited, adding “development of projects outside the Macao SAR to optimise the living quality and environment of Macao residents” to create legal conditions for the construction of the Macao New Neighbourhood project. The draft by-law will be effective from the following day.
- 13 The Vice Chairman and Secretary-General of the National Committee of the Chinese People’s Political Consultative Conference (CPPCC), Xia Baolong, is appointed as the Director of the Hong Kong and Macao Affairs Office of the State Council, while the Director of the Liaison Office of the Central People’s Government in the Hong Kong SAR, Luo Huining, and the Director of the Liaison Office of the Central People’s Government in the Macao SAR, Fu Ziying, are appointed as the Deputy Directors of the Hong Kong and Macao Affairs Office.

The Government announces a series of financial assistance measures to alleviate the financial pressures facing residents and all sectors of society, including tax and fee waivers and deductions; implementing assistance and interest subsidies for micro, small and medium-sized enterprises; strengthening welfare measures by issuing health care vouchers worth an additional 600 patacas, and providing three months of water tariff subsidies and electricity bill subsidies to all residential units in Macao; implementing “welfare-to-work schemes”; and issuing electronic consumer vouchers worth 3,000 patacas to every resident. The total budget including the Wealth Partaking Scheme totals around 27 billion patacas.

- 16 The electronic health declaration mobile phone app is launched for trial operation.
- 17 Government departments resume essential public services. Members of the public entering public departments are required to submit personal health declarations.

The Government announces that starting from midnight on 20 February non-resident workers who have been to mainland China in the 14 days prior to their arrival will only be permitted to enter Macao once they have completed a 14-day period of medical observation in designated places in Zhuhai, and have obtained a certificate issued by Zhuhai health authorities proving non-infection. Several casinos will also resume operations at midnight on 20 February.

- 20 Starting from midnight, Macao residents travelling to and from Macao and Zhuhai “multiple times” a day, and people visiting from places designated as high-risk for COVID-19, should undergo medical checks.

At midnight, 29 casinos reopen, while the remaining 12 extend their suspension of operations.

The ferry services to Shenzhen’s Shekou port provided at the Outer Harbour Ferry Terminal and the Taipa Ferry Terminal are suspended. It was resumed on 10 September.

- 26 The Monetary Authority announces that the investment returns of fiscal reserves in 2019 amounted to 30.2 billion patacas, representing an annual return rate of 5.6 percent and a record high since the establishment of fiscal reserves in 2012.

## March

- 2 In accordance with the Chief Executive's Order, the special measures imposed by Clause 2 of Article 1 of the Chief Executive's Order No. 27/2020 will be lifted. Related establishments including bars, health clubs, night clubs, karaoke lounges will reopen at midnight on 2 March 2020. Public departments fully resume services. Members of the public entering public departments are required to submit personal health declarations and undergo temperature checks.
- 5 The Government launches water and electricity fee subsidies for commercial properties, to subsidise electricity and water tariffs of micro, small and medium-sized enterprises for a period of three months, subject to monthly caps of 3,000 patacas and 10,000 patacas for water tariffs and electricity tariffs, respectively.
- 6 Ten coronavirus patients have been discharged from hospital. Macao achieves a record of zero severe cases of, zero deaths from and zero hospital transmissions of COVID-19.
- 7 The Government charts a flight to bring 57 Macao residents home from Wuhan. All returning Macao residents should be quarantined for 14 days.
- 8 The guaranteed face mask supply scheme is expanded to include Macao students studying abroad.
- 13 Chief Executive Ho Iat Seng attends a working meeting with the Governor of Guangdong Province, Ma Xingrui, to exchange opinions on promoting development of the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area and enhancing cooperation between Guangdong and Macao, especially expediting the establishment of the Guangdong-Macao Intensive Cooperation Zone in Hengqin.
- 15 Macao reports a newly-confirmed, imported COVID-19 case. The patient is a 26-year-old Korean, non-local employee. This ends the 40-day streak of no new infections reported.  
  
The Government announces that Macao residents returning via Hong Kong International Airport, and arriving in Macao in chartered coaches from 17; 22 March, should be quarantined in Macao for 14 days. The scope of returning residents qualified to register for the chartered coach service is subsequently expanded from Europe and America, to cover all countries, while the service period is extended to 31 March.  
  
The Labour Affairs Bureau launches the first phase of the subsidised training scheme. Seven courses are open for registration. A maximum of 6,656 patacas per person will be disbursed as training allowance, upon course completion.
- 16 The Government decides to require all Macao residents, non-local employees and tourists who have been to other countries or regions apart from mainland China, Hong Kong and Taiwan within 14 days prior to their entry via any Macao checkpoint to undergo a 14-day quarantine at designated locations, in accordance with the assessment and requirements of the Health Bureau, from midnight on 17 March.

The *Macao SAR Gazette* publishes the supplementary provisions of the by-law on the Loan Interest Subsidy Scheme for Small and Medium-Sized Enterprises (SMEs). Each SME can apply for an interest subsidy on bank loans for a maximum interest rate of four percent, up to a maximum amount of two million patacas, for up to three years.

- 17 The *Macao SAR Gazette* publishes an Executive Order that all non-local residents and employees with non-resident ID cards, except residents of mainland China, Hong Kong SAR and Taiwan, will be denied entry to the Macao SAR starting from midnight on 18 March.
- 18 At midnight, the governments of Macao and Zhuhai hold a handover ceremony on the first floor of the passenger-clearance building of Hengqin Port. The Macao border crossing area and adjoining areas at the Hengqin checkpoint are under the jurisdiction of the Macao SAR. The new Hengqin Checkpoint will be operational on 18 August. The customs clearance employs an innovative clearance mechanism of “joint inspections for one-stop border crossing”, to facilitate passenger clearance.
- 19 In response to the pandemic situation in Southeast Asia, the Government adjusts the inbound travel policy such that all employees with non-resident ID cards will be denied entry to Macao, other than non-local employees from mainland China, Hong Kong and Taiwan, with effect from midnight.
- 20 Six higher education institutions in Macao will conditionally resume classes on 1 April. The reopening will be in phases, and the first phase involves 22 programmes and 684 students, accounting for 7.3 percent of all programmes and 1.9 percent of all higher education students in Macao, respectively.
- 24 The Chief Executive announces in a press conference that all foreigners and residents of mainland China, Hong Kong and Taiwan who have travelled to foreign countries within 14 days prior to arriving in Macao will be denied entry. All people who have travelled to Hong Kong and Taiwan within 14 days prior to their entry to Macao must undergo a 14-day quarantine. Macao International Airport suspends all transit services.
- 26 According to the Guangdong provincial command for epidemic control and prevention, starting from 6am on 27 March, all inbound travellers (including travellers from Hong Kong, Macao and Taiwan, and transit passengers) arriving via Guangdong checkpoints are required to take nucleic acid tests and undergo a 14-day quarantine at designated locations.
- 27 The State Council appoints Yan Zhichan as the deputy director of the Liaison Office of the Central People’s Government in the Macao SAR.
- 31 The Macao office of the Macao-Zhuhai Epidemic Prevention and Control Working Group announces that according to a notification from the Zhuhai Command Center for Coronavirus Prevention and Control, all motor vehicles with Guangdong-Macao or Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao licence plates will be denied entry to Zhuhai as of 10am on 2 April; there are exemptions for trucks, emergency government vehicles, funeral vans or coaches, and

vehicles with sanctioned Macao-only plates in Hengqin New Area and the Zhuhai-Macao Cross-Border Industrial Zone.

## April

- 4 Chief Executive Ho Iat Seng leads Government officials to observe a three-minute silence at the Government Headquarters, to mourn the victims of the novel coronavirus. The national flags and flags of the Macao SAR of all government buildings, buildings of legislative and judicial bodies, representative offices abroad, school premises, and public facilities are flown at half-mast. Public recreational activities and any events intended to be of either a celebratory or festive nature are suspended.
- 6 In compliance with COVID-19 prevention measures, the shuttle bus service linking Macao and Hong Kong via the Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macau Bridge suspends operations at midnight until further notice. There is no longer any public transport linking Macao and Hong Kong.
- 8 The Government announces the second round of financial assistance measures, totalling 13.6 billion patacas, including transfers of 15,000 and 10,000 patacas to each eligible local employee and freelancer, respectively; transfers to enterprise ranging from 15,000 to 200,000 patacas, depending on the number of employees; and an additional electronic voucher of 5,000 patacas per resident. The amended budget is passed by the Legislative Assembly on 23 April.
- 9 Representatives of Zhuhai and Macao sign the Land Use Rights Transfer Contract for the Macao New Neighbourhood via an online mode. Macau Urban Renewal Limited, a public agency wholly owned by the Government, is responsible for land-use planning and construction.
- 12 Starting from midnight, Zhuhai exempts centralised quarantine for people who are considered essential to Macao's production and living. These people must take nucleic acid tests and strengthen health management, to ensure closed-loop operations.
- 14 Residents can collect their electronic consumption cards worth 3,000 patacas at 150 collection points in Government departments and banks.
- 15 The Government launches an online exhibition of photographs on the theme of national security.
- 16 Macao's joint university entrance examination of the school year 2020/21 commences, and is held for four consecutive days.
- 17 The Municipal Affairs Bureau will launch more than 60 municipal infrastructure projects in May; total funding will be around 100 million patacas, and the projects are expected to provide more than 700 positions.
- 20 Chief Executive Ho Iat Seng delivers his Policy Address for the Fiscal Year 2020, followed

by a press conference at the Government Headquarters, where he answers questions from the press.

The DSEJ launches the face mask supply scheme for children, benefiting 6,400 children.

- 21 Chief Executive Ho Iat Seng attends the plenary meeting of the Legislative Assembly, to answer questions from legislators concerning the Policy Address for the Fiscal Year 2020.
- 22 The Centre for Innovation and Entrepreneurship of the University of Macau is approved as a national-level mass innovation space.
- 25 The DSEJ announces that nucleic acid tests will be freely provided for teaching staff, non-teaching staff and cross-border students in phases starting from 27 April; it is anticipated the testing will involve around 5,000 people.

## May

- 1 Both Zhuhai and Macao announce that starting from 6am on 3 May, the centralised quarantine restrictions will be lifted for cross-border students and school staff arriving via Zhuhai-Macao checkpoint. Students under the age of 18 can be accompanied by a parent. All those entering the territory must present valid travel documents and nucleic acid test certificates within seven days.

- 3 The Macao Health Code is launched at 9 am.

The Border Gate checkpoint and the Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macao Bridge checkpoint resume normal service hours.

- 4 Senior secondary and junior secondary students will resume classes on 4 May and 11 May, respectively. Primary 4 to Primary 6 and Primary 1 to Primary 3 will resume classes on 25 May and 1 June, respectively. On 7 May, Macao implements the Regular COVID-19 Nucleic Acid Testing Scheme, to arrange testing for Macao residents who cross the border for work or school. The test results will be valid for seven days.

In a joint operation, the Judiciary Police and mainland China public security authorities have solved their first case involving an online romance scam, which was led by Macao residents and involved about 2.9 million patacas. Two local men have been arrested.

- 13 With support from the National Health Commission, five members of the China International Emergency Medical Team (Macao) join the China Anti-Pandemic Medical Experts Group that otherwise comprises Chongqing medical experts, and head to Algeria and Sudan, to provide global medical emergency assistance in coping with the pandemic.
- 15 Sixteen libraries under the Cultural Affairs Bureau fully resume operation.
- 19 All 35 COVID-19 cases of the second wave infection have been discharged.
- 20 Chief Executive Ho Iat Seng proceeds to Beijing, to attend the opening of the third plenum

of the 13th National People's Congress to be held on 22 May.

- 21 During the opening ceremony of the third session of the 13th National Committee of the CPPCC, chairman Wang Yang delivers the committee's work report. He stresses his support for Hong Kong CPPCC members giving their voices, avoiding violence and restoring order. He also promotes Macao's success in implementing the principle of "One country, two systems".
  - 24 Member of the Standing Committee of the Political Bureau of the CPC Central Committee and Vice Premier of the State Council, Han Zheng, has attended meetings of Macao and Hong Kong deputies to the National People's Congress, to exchange views and demonstrate his strong recognition of Macao's efforts in pandemic prevention and control, as well as safeguarding national security.
  - 25 The International Congress and Convention Association (ICCA) has recently released its latest Annual Statistics and Rankings. In its 2019 report, Macao has jumped to 48th and 12th in the world and Asia-Pacific rankings, respectively, reflecting Macao's advantages and attractiveness in the international convention market.
  - 26 The Amendment to Law No.7/2008 Labour Relations Law comes into effect, to increase the number of maternity leave days to 70, and introduce five days of paid paternity leave.
- Stanley Ho Hung Sun dies at the age of 98, in Hong Kong. Chief Executive Ho Iat Seng, Vice Chairman of the National Committee of the CPPCC Edmund Ho Hau Wah, and the Liaison Office of the Central People's Government in the Macao SAR, issue letters and telegrams of condolences to his family.

## June

- 2 Chief Executive Ho Iat Seng visits Guangzhou and meets with the Secretary of the CPC Guangdong Provincial Committee, Li Xi, and the Governor of Guangdong Province, Ma Xingrui, to exchange views on promoting development of the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area, further enhancing cooperation between Guangdong and Macao, expediting the establishment of the Guangdong-Macao Intensive Cooperation Zone in Hengqin, and promoting bilateral cooperation in pandemic prevention.
  - 6 The Government launches the "Macao Ready Go!" e-platform, to promote special deals of local businesses and stimulate consumption.
- Nine swimming pools under the Sports Bureau are reopened, with adjusted opening hours and limited capacity.
- 11 The online system for Macao residents to apply for exemption of centralised quarantine when entering Zhuhai is launched.
  - 13 Chief Executive Ho Iat Seng plants a sapling of local-variety *Machilus chinensis* at Taipa

Pequena 2000 Circuit, and officiates at an unveiling ceremony.

The Municipal Affairs Bureau cooperates with the Cultural Affairs Bureau, to list old and valuable trees in private areas in the Register of Old and Valuable Trees under Protection. The first four old and valuable trees that are listed are in Kun Iam Ancient Temple.

- 17 With coordination by Macao Government Tourist Office and sponsorship from the Macao Foundation, the “Macao Ready Go! Local Tours” project is launched. Each participant will receive a subsidy of 280 patacas per tour participation, and is entitled to a maximum subsidy of 560 patacas.

The special ferry service between Macao and Hong Kong International Airport starts operating twice a day, for one month, so that Macao residents abroad and foreigners stranded in Macao can return to their original places of origin. By 16 July, 1,767 residents returned to Macao.

- 19 Chief Executive Ho Iat Seng meets with the Secretary for Security of Hong Kong, John Lee Ka Chiu, to exchange views on the legal system and executive mechanisms for safeguarding national security, and share experiences in coping with the pandemic.

The *Macao SAR Gazette* publishes an executive order issued by the Chief Executive, according to which, from 6am on 22 June, non-resident workers whose habitual residence is in Zhuhai are exempted from the 14-day quarantine by presenting valid proof of a negative COVID-19 nucleic acid test result within seven days of it being issued by the health authorities or other recognised institutions, as well as a green health code to enter Macao directly.

- 22 The *Macao SAR Gazette* publishes an executive order issued by the Chief Executive, stipulating that various departments’ budget expenditures in 2021 should not exceed 10 percent of the original budget for 2020, after deducting current expenditures.
- 23 The MSAR Government, the Liaison Office of the Central People’s Government in the MSAR, and the Guizhou Provincial Government convene a working meeting on cooperation in poverty alleviation and an online signing ceremony, to sign a total of nine agreements on poverty alleviation in Congjiang county.
- 27 Members of civil protection authorities organise a typhoon drill – “Crystal Fish 2020”, with participation by 2,383 individuals.
- 30 The Cultural Affairs Bureau has added 55 items to the list of intangible cultural heritage. Together with the first batch of items included in the list in 2017, a total of 70 items have been included in the list of intangible cultural heritage.

## July

- 1 Chief Executive Ho Iat Seng meets with member of the Chinese Academy of Engineering,

Director of National Clinical Research Center for Respiratory Disease and the head of the high-level expert group of the National Health Commission, Zhong Nanshan, to exchange views on promoting the development of the scientific research and innovation industry and the Chinese medicine industry.

- 6 Starting from 8am, the 14-day-quarantine-exemption for Macao residents entering and leaving Zhuhai is expanded, to cover all the nine cities of the Greater Bay Area.
- 13 All people taking a shuttle bus service from Hong Kong to Macao via the Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macau Bridge and arriving from noon onwards, and those who otherwise enter Macao via the Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macau Bridge from 6pm, must present valid proof of a negative nucleic acid test result and undergo a 14-day quarantine.
- 14 Starting from 6 am, all ferry and air passengers departing from Macao must present valid proof of a negative nucleic acid test result.
- 15 Guangdong and Macao governments decide to exempt visitors to Guangdong arriving via Guangdong-Macao checkpoints from 14-day quarantine. Their visiting areas are limited to the nine cities of the Greater Bay Area, and are expanded to encompass all Guangdong Province on 29 July.

Starting from midnight, members of the public entering casinos must undergo temperature checks, present a valid health code and a valid proof of a negative nucleic acid test result.

- 19 Starting from 6am, non-resident workers can be exempted from quarantine when entering Macao, by presenting valid proof of a negative nucleic acid test result and a green health code.
- 20 The Macao Government Tourist Office adds 10 itineraries for the “Macao Ready Go! Local Tours” scheme: seven community-based tours and three leisure tours.
- 22 The Novel Coronavirus Response and Coordination Centre announces that 700 daily quotas will be provided for cars with Guangdong-Macao licence plates to cross the border (valid for seven days) starting from 6am on 24 July. Applications are subject to approval from the SAR Government and confirmation from Zhuhai. Cars can only circulate within the nine cities of Guangzhou, Shenzhen, Zhuhai, Foshan, Huizhou, Dongguan, Zhongshan, Jiangmen and Zhaoqing. On 4 August, the quota for vehicles with Guangdong-Macao licence plates to cross the border is raised to 1,400, and the area they can travel in is expanded to encompass the entire Guangdong Province. Subsequently, on 26 August, Zhuhai-Macao land borders including Macao border crossing area of Hengqin checkpoint, Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macao Bridge checkpoint and Border Gate checkpoint are opened for cars with Guangdong-Macao licence plates arriving from Guangdong and Macao.
- 23 The Executive Council concludes its discussion on the draft by-law on the Performance Evaluation System for Students Enrolled in Formal Education Curricula, which stipulates the modes of assessment and promotion / retention policy in schools. Primary one to four students should not be retained. The overall retention rate of primary five to six students and junior secondary levels in a school should not exceed four percent and eight percent,

respectively.

- 30 Chief Executive Ho Iat Seng attends a working meeting with the Secretary of the CPC Zhuhai Municipal Committee, Guo Yonghang, and the Deputy Secretary of the CPC Zhuhai Municipal Committee and Mayor of Zhuhai, Yao Yisheng, to exchange views on facilitating the establishment of the Guangdong-Macao Intensive Cooperation Zone in Hengqin, deepening Zhuhai-Macao cooperation, and strengthening bilateral cooperation in pandemic prevention.
- 31 There is a new phase of the guaranteed face mask supply scheme for the Macao public, with a period adjusted to 30 days. Eligible persons may purchase 30 face masks for 24 patacas.

## August

- 1 The second round of the Consumption Subsidy Scheme (electronic consumption cards) is launched. Each eligible resident is entitled to receive 5,000 patacas. The subsidy is valid until 31 December 2020.
- 4 Starting from 6am, all people entering Macao from Hong Kong must present valid proof of a negative nucleic acid test result within 72 hours prior to arrival (the validity of negative test results is shortened to 24 hours on 7 August) and maintain a 14-day quarantine. Closed-loop management is implemented for crew members of cargo vessels commuting between Hong Kong and Macao, upon landing.
- 6 A total of 800 cameras of the fourth phase of the urban electronic surveillance system commences operation.
- 7 Organised by the Macao SAR Government and the Organisation of World Heritage Cities (OWHC), the Ceremony of the Affiliation of Macao SAR in the OWHC is held via video-conferencing in Macao. The OWHC presents the certificate of membership to the Macao SAR. Following Suzhou and Dujiangyan City, Macao becomes the third city in China to join the OWHC.
- 11 The 21st session of the Standing Committee of the 13th National People's Congress adopts the decision to authorise the State Council regarding the implementation of pilot measures for Hong Kong and Macao legal practitioners to obtain mainland China practice qualifications, and to practice as lawyers in the nine municipalities in the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area. The measures will be implemented on a three-year trial basis.
- 12 Chief Executive Ho Iat Seng meets with the Minister of Commerce, Zhong Shan, in Beijing, to further explore and exchange opinions on supporting Macao's economic development and facilitating the establishment of the Guangdong-Macao Intensive Cooperation Zone in Hengqin.

As the coronavirus situation remains stable in mainland China and Macao, the Exit-Entry Administration Department of the Zhuhai Public Security Bureau resumes accepting Zhuhai

residents' travel permit applications for visiting Macao. In related developments, from 26 August, the Exit-Entry Administration Department of the Guangdong Provincial Public Security Department resumes accepting Zhuhai residents' travel permit applications for visiting Macao; and from 23 September, all Exit-Entry Administration Departments of mainland China resume accepting travel permit applications for visiting Macao.

- 13 Chief Executive Ho Iat Seng meets with the Minister of Water Resources, E Jingping, to exchange views on safety and development of water supplies in Macao.

Chief Executive Ho Iat Seng meets with the Governor of the People's Bank of China, Yi Gang, and the Deputy Governor of the People's Bank of China and Director of State Administration of Foreign Exchange, Pan Gongsheng, to exchange views on strengthening financial cooperation between Macao and mainland China.

- 14 Chief Executive Ho Iat Seng meets with the Vice Minister of Public Security and Head of the National Immigration Administration, Xu Ganlu, to exchange views on Macao's adequate economic diversification, facilitating clearance, and combating cross-regional crimes.

Chief Executive Ho Iat Seng meets with the Minister of the General Administration of Customs, Ni Yuefeng, to exchange views on pandemic prevention and control, and facilitating intensive cooperation with Hengqin.

Chief Executive Ho Iat Seng meets with the Commissioner of the State Taxation Administration, Wang Jun, to exchange views on facilitating the establishment of the Guangdong-Macao Intensive Cooperation Zone in Hengqin, and policies on tax incentives.

- 16 Chief Executive Ho Iat Seng meets with the Chairman of the National Development and Reform Commission, He Lifeng, to exchange views on Macao's adequate economic diversification and intensive cooperation between Guangdong and Macao in Hengqin.

Chief Executive Ho Iat Seng meets with the Chairman and Secretary of the CPC of the State-owned Assets Supervision and Administration Commission of the State Council, Hao Peng, to exchange views on the development of state-owned enterprises and mainland China enterprises in Macao, and facilitating the establishment of the Guangdong-Macao Intensive Cooperation Zone in Hengqin.

- 17 Chief Executive Ho Iat Seng meets with the Minister of Finance, Liu Kun, to exchange views on further enhancing Macao's adequate economic diversification and the establishment of the Guangdong-Macao Intensive Cooperation Zone in Hengqin.

Chief Executive Ho Iat Seng meets with the Minister of the National Health Commission, Ma Xiaowei, to exchange views on the prevention and control of COVID-19, and cooperation in future.

- 19 The Meteorological and Geophysical Bureau issues Typhoon Signal No. 10 and Red Storm Surge Warning during Typhoon Higos. The Civil Protection Operations Centre evacuates 2,700 people. More than 200 accidents are reported and 15 people are slightly injured. No significant damage is caused.

The ferry service between the Inner Harbour Ferry Terminal and the Wanzai Ferry Terminal resumes operations, and runs every hour during the first two weeks of operations.

- 26 The ceremony for commencing construction and pile foundations of the fourth Macao-Taipa cross-harbour bridge is held, marking the official commencement of construction of the bridge.
- 28 A plaque unveiling ceremony is held in the Traditional Chinese Medicine Science and Technology Industrial Park of Cooperation Between Guangdong and Macao (GMTCM Park) for the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Chinese Medicine Policy and Technology Research Centre, jointly developed by the Guangdong Provincial Medical Products Administration, National Medical Products Administration Southern Medicine Economic Research Institute and the GMTCM Park.

## September

- 1 The Continuing Education Programme for 2020-2023 is open for applications. Every resident is eligible for a maximum subsidy of 6,000 patacas. The application requirements for the new phase of the Continuing Education Programme are tightened, with strict vetting procedures.

In cooperation with Tencent, Alibaba and Air Macau, the Government launches a promotional campaign to provide visitors with promotional offers covering flight tickets, hotel accommodation and spending, in order to attract visitors, boost the economy and safeguard employment.

- 3 An exhibition commemorating the 75th anniversary of the victory of the Chinese People's War of Resistance Against Japanese Aggression and the World Anti-Fascist War opens.

The Xian Xinghai Memorial Museum in Macao is inducted into the third batch of state-level anti-Japanese war memorials and historical sites.

- 4 The public consultation on the draft Macao Urban Development Master Plan (2020-2040) and the LRT East line commences.

- 10 The ferry services between the Outer Harbour Ferry Terminal and Taipa Ferry Terminal and Shekou, Shenzhen, resume operations.

The new Macao Central Library will be located on the site of the former Estoril Hotel, and will be the largest library in Macao, with an area of more than 10,000 square metres.

- 14 The Public Administration Training Centre of the University of Macau commences operations, and starts the first Leadership Training Course for Civil Servants. Thirty trainees will participate in off-the-job training for three months.

- 16 Chief Executive Ho Iat Seng leads a delegation to Sanya, Hainan, for the 2020 Pan-Pearl River Delta (PPRD) Regional Cooperation Chief Executive Joint Conference.

Member of the Standing Committee of the Political Bureau of the CPC Central Committee, Vice Premier of the State Council and head of the Central Leading Group on Hong Kong and Macao Affairs, Han Zheng, meets with a high-level delegation of the disciplinary forces led by the Secretary for Security, Wong Sio Chak.

- 17 Chief Executive Ho Iat Seng meets with the Secretary of Hainan Province and Chairman of the Standing Committee of Provincial People's Congress, Liu Cigui, to exchange views on enhancing cooperation on economy and trade, tourism and culture, and exchange views on building and maximising the functions of a free trade port, as well as developing the traditional Chinese medicine industry.

Chief Executive Ho Iat Seng meets with the Governor of Jiangxi province, Yi Lianhong. Both parties hope to expand the scope of bilateral cooperation in the fields of Chinese medicine, tourism, technology and education, based on the existing solid foundation of cooperation.

Chief Executive Ho Iat Seng meets with the Governor of Fujian Province, Wang Ning, to exchange views on jointly promoting the industrialisation of Chinese medicine science and technology between Fujian and Macao, supporting the realisation of the "Belt and Road" initiative, as well as issues on economy, trade and cultural tourism.

The Third UNESCO Creative Cities Beijing Summit commences. Macao attends the Summit as a UNESCO Creative City of Gastronomy for the first time. During the main forum, the Secretary for Social Affairs and Culture, Ao Ieong U, delivers a speech via video conferencing.

Member of the Political Bureau of the CPC Central Committee and Secretary of the Central Political and Legal Affairs Commission of the Communist Party, Guo Shengkun, and State Councillor and Minister of Public Security, Zhao Kezhi, meet with a high-level delegation of the disciplinary forces led by the Secretary for Security, Wong Sio Chak.

- 18 Chief Executive Ho Iat Seng attends the 2020 PPRD Regional Co-operation Chief Executive Joint Conference, and shares his insights in a speech with the theme "Sharing the opportunities of Hainan free-trade port and promoting joint development of the Pearl River Pan-Delta Region".

Chief Executive Ho Iat Seng meets with the Chairman of Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region, Chen Wu, to exchange views on fostering the convention and exhibition and Chinese medicine industries in Macao and Guangxi.

Chief Executive Ho Iat Seng meets with the Governor of Guizhou Province, Shen Yiqin, in Sanya, Hainan, to review the water supplies from Guizhou to Macao during salt tides, and exchange views on poverty alleviation and economic cooperation.

- 22 Chief Executive Ho Iat Seng attends a working meeting with the Secretary of the CPC Zhuhai Municipal Committee, Guo Yonghang, and the Mayor of Zhuhai, Yao Yisheng, for an in-depth discussion on facilitating the establishment of the Guangdong-Macao Intensive Cooperation Zone in Hengqin.

26 The Macao Light Festival 2020 – Light Carnival commences.

A series of promotional activities with the theme “Beijing Macao Week” commence in Beijing, to convey the message that mainland China residents are welcome to visit Macao.

28 The customs authorities of Macao and Guangdong officially commence the Single E-lock Scheme, to facilitate logistics flows through streamlined clearance services.

The National Immigration Administration announces that from 10 October 2020, Hong Kong and Macao residents can apply for renewal and reissuance of Home Return Permits in mainland China.

## October

1 To celebrate the 71st Anniversary of the establishment of the People’s Republic of China, the Government holds a flag-raising ceremony and a reception, and jointly organises the “Full Moon National Day Fireworks Celebration by Macao and Hengqin” with the Administration Committee of Hengqin New Area.

12 The amendment to Law No. 5/2006 on the Judiciary Police comes into effect, to clearly define the investigation of crimes against national security as the exclusive remit of the Judiciary Police. The Judiciary Police establishes a department dedicated to national security and counter-terrorism.

Chief Executive Ho Iat Seng attends a ceremony celebrating the 40th anniversary of the establishment of the Shenzhen Special Economic Zone, in Shenzhen.

13 As Tropical Storm Nangka approaches in tandem with a northeast monsoon, Typhoon Signal No.8 is issued in Macao.

14 President Xi Jinping delivers a keynote speech in the ceremony celebrating the 40th anniversary of the establishment of the Shenzhen Special Economic Zone, urging facilitation of the construction of the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area as a national strategic development, and fully utilising the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao cooperation platform to attract more Hong Kong and Macao youths to study, work and live in mainland China, and strengthen their sense of belonging to the motherland.

The Government extends the concession with Air Macau for three years.

The Government carries out the second phase of the inter-departmental joint clearing operations on the remaining national land of the former Yilong Fireworks Factory in Taipa, to vacate and resume a plot of land with an area of about 6,598 square metres. A total area of 24,571 square metres of land has been resumed.

15 The Monetary Authority of Macao and the China Securities Regulatory Commission sign a memorandum to strengthen cross-border financial cooperation.

- 22 The Plan for Construction of the Chinese Medicine Highlands in the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area (2020-2025) is announced in Guangzhou, to establish an action plan for facilitating the construction of the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area and creating an advanced development zone for Chinese traditional medicine in the Greater Bay Area.
- 27 The *Macao SAR Gazette* publishes the Amendments to the By-law No. 14/2009 on the organisation and operation of the Environmental Protection Bureau, to abolish the Office for the Development of the Energy Sector, which will be merged with the Environmental Protection Bureau on 1 January 2021.
- 29 The Housing Bureau conducts a computer ballot for Home-Ownership housing units, to formulate a priority list. The preliminary priority list of 3,011 families is drawn from more than 30,000 applications.

The Executive Council concludes its discussion on the draft by-laws on Organisation and Operation of Education and Youth Development Bureau, and Amendments to the By-law No. 18/2011 on Organisation and Operation of the Government Tourist Office. The Higher Education Bureau and the Education and Youth Affairs Bureau will be merged to become the Education and Youth Development Bureau, while the Tourism Crisis Management Office will be merged with the Government Tourist Office in February 2021.

## November

- 1 The Law on Minimum Wage comes into effect. All job types, except for domestic helpers and workers with disabilities, are subject to a minimum wage of 6,656 patacas per month, 256 patacas per day, or 32 patacas per hour.
- 3 Chief Executive Ho Iat Seng officiates at the unveiling ceremony of the Praia do Manduco Health Centre.
- 9 The Social Welfare Bureau launches the Carers Allowance Pilot Scheme, which covers care for individuals who suffer from severe to extremely severe intellectual disability, or who are bed-ridden and cannot stand or sit by themselves. The allowance amounts to 2,175 patacas per month.

The Novel Coronavirus Response and Coordination Centre announces that, starting from 1 December, non-local residents (foreigners) without residence permits of mainland China, Hong Kong SAR or Taiwan are allowed to enter Macao, if they have been in mainland China within 14 days prior to their entry and have obtained prior permission from the Health Bureau for exceptional reasons, including family reunions or other close relations with Macao.

Chief Executive Ho Iat Seng meets with a delegation led by the Vice Chairman of the Boao Forum for Asia Annual Conference, Zhou Xiaochuan, hoping to stimulate innovation in Macao through organising the International Science, Technology and Innovation Forum

of Boao Forum for Asia.

- 10 The First Conference of the International Science, Technology and Innovation Forum of Boao Forum for Asia opens in Macao. President Xi Jinping sends a congratulatory letter to the event. The Vice Premier of the State Council, Han Zheng, delivers a video address and proposes four initiatives. Chief Executive Ho Iat Seng says the Macao SAR will further enhance the top-down design of scientific innovation and development.

Chief Executive Ho Iat Seng meets with a delegation led by the President of Bank of China, Wang Jiang, to exchange views on promoting the diversification of Macao's industries and leveraging Macao's advantageous position as a platform between China and Portuguese-speaking countries.

- 11 Chief Executive Ho Iat Seng meets with a delegation led by member of the Standing Committee of CPC Hainan Provincial Committee and Executive Vice Governor, Mao Chaofeng, to exchange views on promoting tourism and modern service industries in Macao and Hainan.
- 16 Chief Executive Ho Iat Seng delivers the policy address for the fiscal year 2021, titled "Strengthening the Foundation for Consideration, Tackling Challenges Head On", and answers questions from the press at the Government Headquarters.
- 17 During a plenary meeting of the Legislative Assembly, Chief Executive Ho Iat Seng responds to inquiries from legislators on the policy address for the fiscal year 2021.
- 18 The contract for design and construction of housing for senior citizens is directly awarded to China State Construction Engineering (Macau) Limited, with a project cost of over 2,098 million patacas and an anticipated duration of 860 days.
- 20 The 67th Macau Grand Prix begins, and is held for three consecutive days.
- 26 The foundation work of the first-phase expansion of the Public Health Specialist Building (i.e. Infectious Diseases Building) of the Conde S. Januario Hospital Public Hygiene Specialist Building is completed, and ready for inspection.
- 30 The *Macao SAR Gazette* publishes an executive order issued by the Chief Executive to prohibit the import and trade of disposable utensils made of Styrofoam, starting from 1 January 2021.

Chief Executive Ho Iat Seng meets with a delegation led by the President of Peking University, Hao Ping, to exchange views on talent cultivation and civil servant training.

## December

- 1 Chief Executive Ho Iat Seng meets with a delegation led by the President of the Chinese Academy of Sciences and President of the Alliance of International Science Organizations, Bai Chunli, to exchange views on promoting the development of traditional Chinese medicine in Macao and strengthening bilateral cooperation on science and technology.

- 3 Intelligent terminal systems must be installed in taxis for them to operate legally. Taxis operated illegally may be seized, with their taxi licences immediately suspended.

Chief Executive Ho Iat Seng meets with a delegation led by the Secretary of the CPC Zhongshan Municipal Committee and the Chairman of the Standing Committee of Municipal People's Congress, Lai Zehua, to exchange views on fostering the economy, tourism, the Chinese medicine industry, and scientific research and development of Macao and Zhongshan.

- 13 The Government holds a ceremony to commemorate the National Memorial Day for Nanjing Massacre Victims. Nearly 300 participants, including the Chief Executive, principal officials, officials of the Central People's Government in Macao and people from various sectors, attend the ceremony.
- 16 The youth patriotic education base is inaugurated. Chief Executive Ho Iat Seng officiates at the opening ceremony.
- 17 Chief Executive Ho Iat Seng meets with member of the Standing Committee of CPC Shandong Provincial Committee and Secretary of the CPC Jinan Municipal Committee, Sun Licheng, to exchange views on bilateral cooperation on the Chinese medicine industry.
- 18 Chief Executive Ho Iat Seng officiates at the inauguration ceremony of the Public Prosecutions Office.
- 19 The Government announces Decorations, Medals and Certificates of Merit awarded for 2020. The former Chief Executive, Fernando Chui Sai On, and Zhong Nanshan, senior expert at the National Health Commission, are awarded Decorations of Honour – Grand Lotus, while the latter becomes the first non-local resident to receive the honour.
- 21 The Novel Coronavirus Response and Coordination Centre announces at a press conference that starting from 10pm, the quarantine period for all arrivals from countries and regions outside mainland China or Taiwan is extended from 14 days to 21 days.
- 22 The *Macao SAR Gazette* publishes an executive order issued by the Chief Executive, stipulating that, with effect from midnight on 23 December, residents of mainland China, Hong Kong or Taiwan who have been to a foreign country or region within 21 days prior to their arrival in Macao will be denied entry to Macao.
- 26 Chief Executive Ho Iat Seng attends a signing ceremony for a framework agreement on deepening strategic cooperation between China Media Group and the Government of the Macao SAR, and a ceremony to mark the beginning of filming a television documentary series titled "Aerial China: Macao".
- 28 The *Macao SAR Gazette* publishes an executive order issued by the Chief Executive stipulating that the amendments of the National Flag and National Emblem Law by the Standing Committee of the National People's Congress will come into effect on 1 January 2021.

The *Macao SAR Gazette* publishes an executive order issued by the Chief Executive to establish the Seventh Electoral Affairs Commission for the Legislative Assembly Election, with Tong Hio Fong as chairman, and members Lai U Hou, José Maria da Fonseca Tavares, Kou Peng

Kuan, Iong Kong Leong and Chan Lou. The inauguration ceremony will be on 29 December, and presided over by Chief Executive Ho Iat Seng.

The Higher Education Bureau announces the outline plan for medium-to-long-term development of tertiary education (2021-2030), to provide references for the development of higher education in the next 10 years.

- 29 The Judiciary Police and mainland China public security authorities have jointly smashed a cross-border illegal card-swiping gang and arrested 69 people. The ringleaders include eight Macao residents. The gang has operated for five years, and the case involves transactions totalling 11.6 billion yuan and profits totalling 70 million yuan.

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1. On 28 January 2021, Chief Executive Ho Iat Seng presents his work report to President Xi Jinping via a video conference call. (Photo by Xinhua News Agency)
2. On 28 January 2021, Chief Executive Ho Iat Seng presents a work report to Premier Li Keqiang through online video conferencing. (Photo by Xinhua News Agency)



1. On 23 January, Chief Executive Ho Iat Seng hosts a press conference, stating that the Government will spare no effort in its anti-epidemic work.
2. On 22 January, Chief Executive Ho Iat Seng meets with Professor Zhong Nanshan, an academican of the Chinese Academy of Engineering and the head of the high-level expert group of the National Health Commission.
3. On 23 January, Chief Executive Ho Iat Seng, accompanied by Secretary for Security Wong Sio Chak and other officials, visits the Border Gate checkpoint to gain a better understanding of crowd control, body temperature detection, and other epidemic prevention measures.



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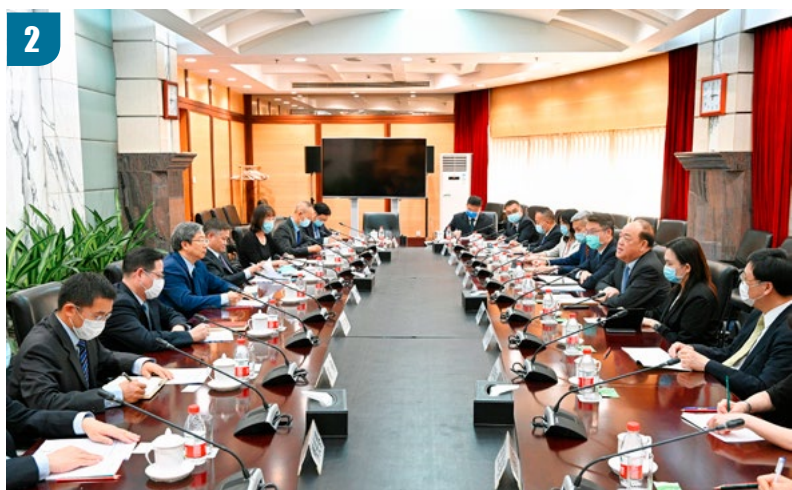
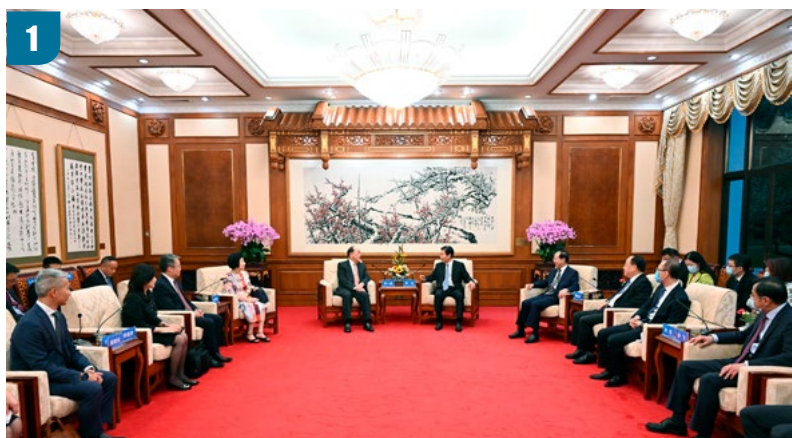
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4. On 25 January, Chief Executive Ho Iat Seng visits the Conde S. Januario Hospital to gain a better understanding of the implementation of epidemic prevention measures.
5. On 24 March, Chief Executive Ho Iat Seng hosts a press conference about the COVID-19 epidemic and the latest response measures, saying that the Government will implement epidemic prevention and control at all costs.
6. On 15 December, Chief Executive Ho Iat Seng chairs a meeting at the Novel Coronavirus Response and Coordination Centre, to review its work in the past and map out its future plans.

1. From 12 August to 17 August, Chief Executive Ho Iat Seng leads a Government delegation to attend meetings and exchanges with related ministries of the Central People's Government in Beijing, on the development of the Guangdong-Macao Intensive Cooperation Zone in Hengqin and pandemic prevention and control. This photo shows the meeting held on 12 August: Chief Executive Ho Iat Seng meets with the Minister of Commerce, Zhong Shan.



2. On 13 August Chief Executive Ho Iat Seng meets with the Governor of the People's Bank of China, Yi Gang; and the Deputy Governor of the People's Bank of China and director of the State Administration of Foreign Exchange, Pan Gongsheng.



3. On 13 August, Chief Executive Ho Iat Seng meets with the Minister of Water Resources, E Jingping.



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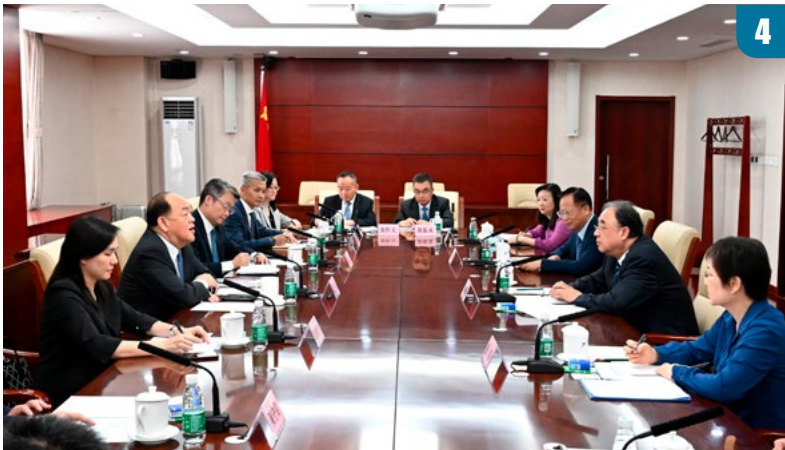
4. On 14 August, Chief Executive Ho Iat Seng meets with the Vice Minister of Public Security and Director of Exit and Entry Administration Bureau, Xu Ganlu

5. On 14 August, Chief Executive Ho Iat Seng meets with the Minister of the General Administration of Customs, Ni Yuefeng.

6. On 15 August, Chief Executive Ho Iat Seng meets with the Commissioner of the State Administration of Taxation, Wang Jun.



1. On 16 August, Chief Executive Ho Iat Seng meets with the Chairman and Secretary of the CPC of the State-owned Assets Supervision and Administration Commission of the State Council, Hao Peng.
2. On 16 August, Chief Executive Ho Iat Seng meets with the Chairman of the National Development and Reform Commission, He Lifeng.
3. On 17 August, Chief Executive Ho Iat Seng meets with the Minister of Finance, Liu Kun.



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4. On 17 August, Chief Executive Ho Iat Seng meets with the Director of the National Health Commission, Ma Xiaowei.
5. On 18 September, Chief Executive Ho Iat Seng attends the 2020 Pan-Pearl River Delta Regional Cooperation Chief Executives' Joint Conference in Sanya, Hainan.
6. On 22 September, Chief Executive Ho Iat Seng meets with the Secretary of the CPC Zhuhai Municipal Committee, Guo Yonghang, to review the progress with and results of the establishment of the Guangdong-Macao Intensive Cooperation Zone in Hengqin, and discuss the plan for future work.

1. On 21 January, Secretary for Social Affairs and Culture Ao Ieong U hosts a press conference regarding the Government's establishment of the Novel Coronavirus Response and Coordination Centre.
2. On 26 January, the Novel Coronavirus Response and Coordination Centre holds a press conference to announce the latest epidemic situation and various anti-epidemic measures implemented in Macao. During the epidemic, the centre holds regular press conferences to announce the latest situation and the most up-to-date guidelines.
3. On 20 February, the Health Bureau sets up stands at the Macao Federation of Trade Unions Workers Stadium, to provide medical checks for visitors arriving from high-risk regions for COVID-19 from midnight.





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4. On 20 February, 29 casinos resume operations. Officials from the Gaming Inspection and Coordination Bureau, the Labour Affairs Bureau, and the Health Bureau pay visits to inspect the implementation of epidemic prevention measures at the casinos.



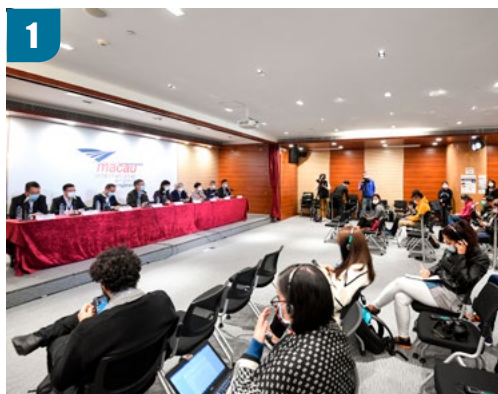
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5. On 7 March, the Government sends a charter flight to Hubei, to bring back Macao residents who have been stranded there due to the pandemic. Before the flight departs, Secretary for Administration and Justice Cheong Weng Chon; Secretary for Social Affairs and Culture Ao Ieong U; Commissioner-General of the Unitary Police Service Leong Man Cheong; Chief-of-Office of the Chief Executive's Office Hoi Lai Fong; Chairman of the board of directors of Macau International Airport Company Limited; and Chairman of the executive board of directors and General Manager of Air Macau are photographed with medical staff, representatives of the MGTO and the crew members.



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6. On 7 March, staff on board the charter flight make further preparations for receiving the stranded Macao residents.



1. On 7 March, the charter flight sent by the Government successfully brings back the Macao residents who have been stranded in Hubei. A press conference is held at the Novel Coronavirus Response and Coordination Centre.
2. On 4 April, all flags of the MSAR Government agencies are flown at half-mast, to mourn those who sacrificed their lives for COVID-19 and those who died of the disease.
3. On 16 March, the Economic Services Bureau, the Monetary Authority of Macao, and the Social Welfare Bureau hold a joint press conference to announce the details of the Consumption Subsidy Scheme. Under the scheme, the Government will issue 3,000 patacas to every eligible Macao resident through electronic consumption cards, to stimulate domestic demand and boost the economy.



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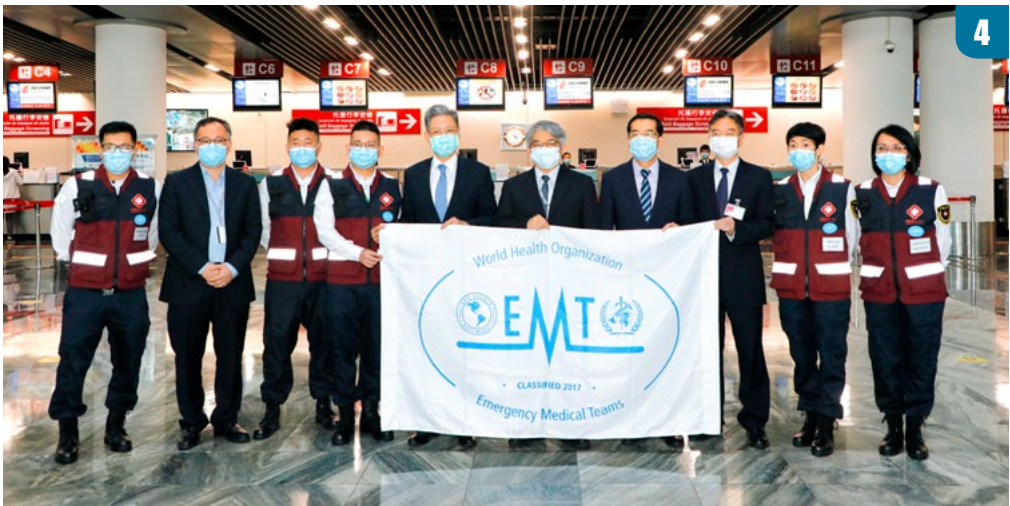
4. At a press conference on 8 April, Secretary for Economy and Finance Lei Wai Nong announces the plan for implementing a 10-billion-pataca community support fund, for overcoming the difficulties arising from the pandemic.
5. As the COVID-19 pandemic continues to stabilise, senior and junior secondary school students resume classes on 4 May and 11 May, respectively. All schools are well prepared for resuming classes by strictly implementing pandemic prevention measures, so that teachers and students can restore their normal campus activities.



1. From 25 May, primary schools in Macao resume classes in two phases. Primary 4 to primary 6 classes resume from 25 May, while primary 1 to primary 3 classes resume from 1 June. All schools implement their cleaning and class scheduling measures according to guidelines from the Education and Youth Affairs Bureau and the Health Bureau.
2. Macao and Zhuhai have mutually recognised their COVID-19 nucleic acid test results and health codes. From 6:00 a.m. on 11 May 2020, all passengers arriving in Macao from mainland China must produce a certificate of negative result of nucleic acid test for COVID-19, issued within seven days before arrival. The Health Bureau sets up nucleic acid test stands at the Taipa Ferry Terminal. Nucleic acid tests are conducted, to replace the six-to-eight-hour medical checks provided at the Macao Forum.



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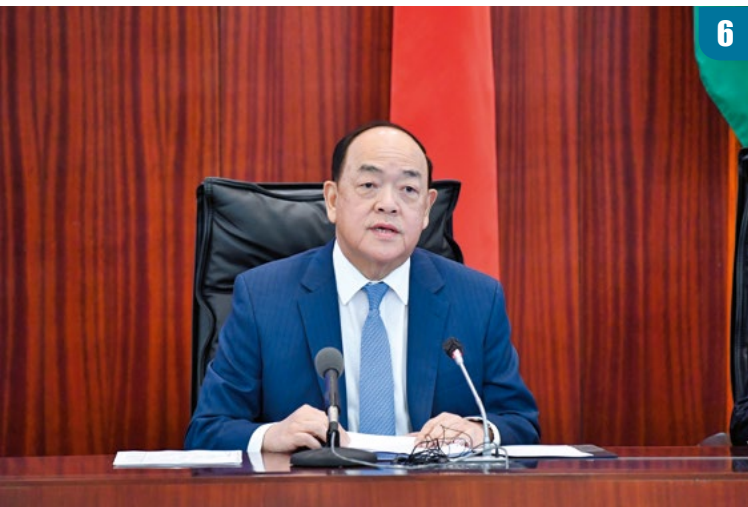


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3. On 29 June, Professor Zhong Nanshan (left), academician of the Chinese Academy of Engineering, director of the National Clinical Research Center for Respiratory Disease and the head of the high-level expert group of the National Health Commission, attends an experience sharing session at the Government Headquarters, with medical staff and departmental staff engaged in anti-pandemic work.
4. On 13 May, five members of the China International Emergency Medical Team (Macao) depart for an anti-pandemic mission of Chinese medical experts in Algeria.



1. On 17 January, Chief Executive Ho Iat Seng attends the 2020 Spring Festival reception hosted by the Liaison Office of the Central People's Government in the Macao Special Administrative Region.
2. On 20 December, the Government holds a reception to celebrate the 21st anniversary of Macao's return to the motherland.
3. On the morning of 1 October, to celebrate the 71st anniversary of the establishment of the People's Republic of China, a flag-raising ceremony is held at the Golden Lotus Square.



4. On 23 January, Chief Executive Ho Iat Seng officiates at the ceremony for the resumption of operations of Wanzai checkpoint in Zhuhai. The resumption of operations of Wanzai checkpoint and the Macao Inner Harbour Ferry Terminal provide people of both Macao and Zhuhai with a more direct, convenient, and accessible option for cross-border transportation.
5. On 20 April, Chief Executive Ho Iat Seng meets the media and answer questions from the press, after delivering the policy address for the fiscal year 2020.
6. On 16 November, Chief Executive Ho Iat Seng delivers the Policy Address for the Fiscal Year 2021, which is titled, "Strengthen our Foundation for Consolidation to Tackle Challenges Head On".



1. On 29 December, Chief Executive Ho Iat Seng officiates at the inauguration ceremony of the chairperson and members of the Electoral Affairs Commission for the seventh Legislative Assembly Election.
2. The Government holds a memorial event on 13 December, the National Memorial Day for Nanjing Massacre Victims.



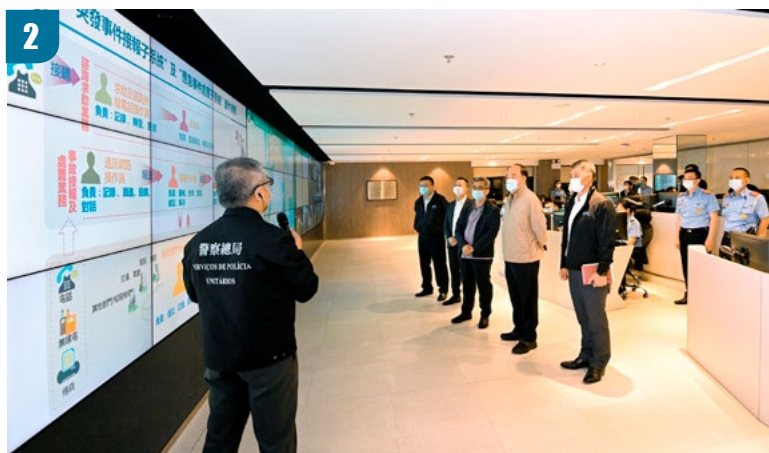
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3. On 9 May, Chief Executive Ho Iat Seng hosts an exchange session with the leading officials of all public departments, on implementing the policy agenda for the fiscal year 2020. During this, the Chief Executive urges all departments to effectively implement and fulfil their administrative duties.
4. On 24 September, Chief Executive Ho Iat Seng chairs the plenary meeting of the Commission for the Defence of State Security of the Macao Special Administrative Region.

1. On 26 December, Chief Executive Ho Iat Seng attends the signing ceremony for a framework agreement on deepening strategic cooperation between China Media Group and the MSAR Government.
2. As Typhoon Higos is approaching, the Civil Protection Action Centre commences operation at 8:30 p.m. on 18 August. Chief Executive Ho Iat Seng arrives at the centre to listen to the briefing and give his instructions.
3. On 14 September, Chief Executive Ho Iat Seng officiates at the inauguration ceremony of the Public Administration Training Centre of the University of Macau, and the launch ceremony of the first civil servant leadership skills training programme.





4. During the Government Headquarters Open Days on 17 and 18 October, Chief Executive Ho Iat Seng poses for photos and exchanges views with members of the public.
5. On 13 June, Chief Executive Ho Iat Seng plants a *Machilus chinensis* sapling, to advocate the significance of nature conservation.
6. On 3 November, Chief Executive Ho Iat Seng officiates at the unveiling ceremony for the Praia do Manduco Health Centre.



1. At 0:00 a.m. on 18 March, the governments of the MSAR and Zhuhai jointly hold a ceremony for the handover of the Hengqin Port Macao border crossing area on the first floor of the new Hengqin Checkpoint.
2. The new Hengqin Checkpoint commences operation from 3:00 p.m. on 18 August. It employs an innovative clearance mechanism of “joint inspections for one-stop border crossing”, to facilitate residents and visitors entering and exiting Macao through the Macao border crossing area.



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3. On 14 October, the opening ceremony of the 2020/2021 Judicial Year of the Macao SAR is held at the Macao Cultural Centre.
4. The inauguration of the Macao SAR Public Prosecutions Office Building is held on 18 December. The building houses the Criminal Proceedings Office, the Office of the Prosecutor General, and the office for the Examining Magistracy under the Base Court.



1. On 10 November, the opening ceremony of the first International Science, Technology and Innovation Forum of the Boao Forum for Asia Annual Conference is held in Macao.
2. The 11th International Infrastructure Investment and Construction Forum opens on 2 December.



3. The Eighth Macao International Travel (Industry) Expo opens on 6 November.
4. The Global Tourism Economy Forum (Macao) opens on 9 December, attracting online and offline visitors through its theme, “Solidarity and Innovation: Reshaping Tourism in the New Global Economy”.



1. On 27 June, the Government holds the “Crystal Fish 2020” typhoon drill. Through testing the Evacuation Plan for Storm Surges in Low-lying Areas during Typhoons, and the effectiveness of implementation of departmental contingency plans, the civil protection authorities’ command capabilities and ability to coordinate during and handle emergencies can be enhanced. This photo shows a drill for a bus rollover accident, which involves a joint rescue operation by the Fire Services Bureau and the Macau Construction Machinery Engineering Association.
2. By 29 September, in response to the resumption of visits to Macao under the Facilitated Individual Travel (FIT) scheme and the National Day Golden Week holiday, all related government departments are well prepared to receive visitors from various mainland China cities, in terms of border-crossing control and pandemic prevention.
3. The 67th Macau Grand Prix commences on 20 November. To ensure safety, the event organiser strictly implements various pandemic prevention measures.



4. On 5 December, the Secretary for Administration and Justice, Cheong Weng Chon, attends a ceremony concluding the series of activities to commemorate the 27th anniversary of the promulgation of the Basic Law of the Macao Special Administrative Region, and an awards presentation ceremony.
5. On 10 November, the Secretary for Economy and Finance, Lei Wai Nong, and the executive director of the Secretariat of the BOAO Forum for Asia, Cheng Qi, sign a memorandum of strategic cooperation on behalf of the MSAR Government and the Secretariat of the BOAO Forum for Asia, respectively.



1. On 23 July, the Secretary for Social Affairs and Culture, Ao Ieong U, attends a work briefing and sharing session of the Chinese anti-pandemic medical expert team in Algeria and Sudan.
2. On 19 August, the Secretary for Security, Wong Sio Chak, visits the Civil Protection Action Centre and listens to a report summarising efforts to minimise damage from Typhoon Higos by staff of civil protection authorities.
3. On 4 December, the Secretary for Transport and Public Works, Raimundo Arrais do Rosario, attends a plenary meeting of the Legislative Assembly, to introduce the policy highlights related to transport and public works for the fiscal year 2021, and respond to legislators' questions.