

Calendar of Events in 2021

January

- 4 The Novel Coronavirus Response and Coordination Centre announces that the new functionality of adding addresses to the Macao Health Code system is to be launched the following day. On 9 March, the Macao Health Code system displays COVID-19 vaccination records. On 18 November, the Macao Health Code mobile app is available for download, with two additional functions including venue codes and risk checking. On 20 December, the venue code function is expanded to cover all social service facilities.
- 5 The Monetary Authority and financial institutions hold a joint briefing on integrated electronic payment integrated platform. The first phase of the platform – Simple Pay – is launched on 8 February. On 31 March, the second phase is launched and runs smoothly.
- 8 Chief Executive Ho Iat Seng leads an MSAR Government delegation to eight cities in the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area, for four days from 8 January to 11 January, to meet with leading officials of the municipal governments and visit local real estate development projects, to continue promoting the development of the Greater Bay Area. Chief Executive Ho Iat Seng also meets with the Secretary of the CPC Zhongshan Municipal Committee and the Chairman of the Standing Committee of the Municipal People's Congress, Lai Zehua; the Deputy Secretary of the CPC Zhongshan Municipal Committee and the Mayor of Zhongshan, Wei Weihang; the Secretary of the CPC Jiangmen Municipal Committee and the Chairman of the Standing Committee of the Municipal People's Congress, Lin Yingwu; the Deputy Secretary of the CPC Jiangmen Municipal Committee and the Mayor of Jiangmen, Liu Yi; the Secretary of the CPC Zhaoqing Municipal Committee and the Chairman of the Standing Committee of Municipal People's Congress, Fan Zhongjie; the Deputy Secretary of the CPC Zhaoqing Municipal Committee and the Mayor of Zhaoqing, Lu Yuyin; the Deputy Secretary of the CPC Foshan Municipal Committee and Secretary of the CPC Shunde District Committee, Guo Wenhui; the Secretary of the CPC Dongguan Municipal Committee and the Chairman of the Standing Committee of Municipal People's Congress, Liang Weidong; the Deputy Secretary of the CPC Dongguan Municipal Committee and the Mayor of Dongguan, Xiao Yafei; and the Secretary of the CPC Huizhou Municipal Committee, Li Yiwei, to deepen exchanges and collaboration on the development of the Greater Bay Area.
- 10 Chief Executive Ho Iat Seng meets with the Secretary of CPC Guangdong Provincial Committee, Li Xi; and the Governor of Guangdong Province, Ma Xingrui, to exchange views on COVID-19 prevention and control, joint efforts in facilitating the development of the Guangdong-Macao Intensive Cooperation Zone in Hengqin, and Macao's participation in the development of the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area.

- 11 Chief Executive Ho Iat Seng meets with the Deputy Secretary of the CPC Guangdong Provincial Committee and Secretary of the CPC Shenzhen Municipal Committee, Wang Weizhong, to promote cooperation in the fields of innovative technology, education, and cultural and creative industries.
- 18 Chief Executive Ho Iat Seng attends the 2021 Spring Festival reception hosted by the Liaison Office of the Central People's Government in the Macao SAR.
- 19 The Public Administration and Civil Service Bureau begins displaying the register of voters for 10 consecutive days. According to the Bureau's statistics, among the 325,000 voters eligible for the Seventh Legislative Assembly Election, 15,903 were newly registered in 2020.

Mainland China universities announce the admission lists for recommended Macao students; 1,108 Macao students are admitted.
- 21 A total of 109 Macao residents departing from 14 countries in Europe and the United States return to Macao via two chartered connecting flights in Tokyo. At midnight on 22 January, a 43-year-old woman who returns to Macao from Dubai is tested positive by Rapid Antigen Test, making her the 47th confirmed case of COVID-19 in Macao.
- 27 Chief Executive Ho Iat Seng meets with President Xi Jinping and Premier Li Keqiang of the State Council via video conferencing, to report on the work of the Macao SAR Government in the past year and the current situation of the Macao SAR.
- 28 Chief Executive Ho Iat Seng; the Secretary of the CPC Zhuhai Municipal Committee and the Chairman of the Standing Committee of Municipal People's Congress, Guo Yonghang; and the Deputy Secretary of the CPC Zhuhai Municipal Committee and the Mayor of Zhuhai, Yao Yisheng, hold a working meeting on issues including optimising the Zhuhai-Macao joint prevention and control mechanism, and expediting the development of the Guangdong-Macao Intensive Cooperation Zone in Hengqin.

February

- 1 Various government departments are merged or restructured. The changes include merging the Education and Youth Affairs Bureau and the Higher Education Bureau, to form the Education and Youth Development Bureau; merging the Government Head Office Auxiliary Bureau and the Protocol, Public Relations and External Affairs Office, to form the Government Headquarters Affairs Bureau; incorporating the Tourism Crisis Management Office into the Macau Government Tourist Office; transferring tourism-related institutions from the area of social affairs and culture to the area of economy and finance; and merging the Economic Services Bureau, the Science and Technology Development Fund and Macau E-Commerce Ltd - (TEDMEV), to form the Economic and

Technological Development Bureau.

- 6 The first batch of 100,000 doses of Sinopharm COVID-19 vaccine arrives in Macao. Witnessed by the Secretary for Social Affairs and Culture, Ms Ao Ieong U, and the Deputy Director of the Liaison Office of the Central People's Government in the Macao SAR, Ms Yan Zhichan, the Health Bureau conducts inspections and holds a reception ceremony for the vaccines at the Zhuhai-Macao Cross-border Industrial Zone.
- 8 The COVID-19 Vaccination Programme of the Macao SAR commences. The first phase of vaccinations is open to priority groups. On 9 February, Chief Executive Ho Iat Seng leads principal officials of the Government to receive vaccinations. On 22 February, vaccinations are open to all Macao residents.
- 10 The Macau Government Tourist Office announces that there were nearly 5.9 million tourist arrivals in 2020, representing a decrease of 85 percent from the figure in 2019. The average length of stay was 1.4 days, 0.2 days more than in the previous year.
- 13 During Chinese New Year, the Chief Executive visits the underprivileged and the elderly, and care workers stationed on site, and extends his greetings to frontline public servants who are on duty during holidays. He also visits the Islands District to learn about the current situation with local businesses.
- 18 The Financial Services Bureau announces the Government's central accounts. The recurring revenue of the MSAR Government in 2020 is 45.98 billion patacas, representing a substantial 65 percent drop compared with 2019.
- 19 According to the information from the Infrastructure Development Office, the Government commissions Nam Kwong (Group) Company Limited to construct the LRT Hengqin Line through regional collaboration. The total investment in the civil engineering works involves approximately 3.5 billion patacas, which covers design costs, re-routing work, foundation improvements, and construction of an underwater tunnelling shield, an elevated bridge and two stations. On 18 March, simultaneous project commencement ceremonies are held at the Macao Lotus Flower Checkpoint and in Hengqin, Zhuhai, marking the official launch of the LRT Hengqin Line construction.
- 24 The Monetary Authority of Macao announces that the investment return of Macao's fiscal reserve in 2020 amounts to 31.06 billion patacas. The annual return rate is 5.3 percent, reaching a record high.
- 26 Chief Executive Ho Iat Seng meets with the newly appointed Commissioner of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the People's Republic of China in the MSAR, Liu Xianfa, to exchange views on external affairs of the Macao SAR and promote residents' awareness and sense of national identity.
- 27 More than 100,000 doses of BioNTech mRNA COVID-19 vaccine arrive in Macao from Germany. Vaccinations are available for residents from 3 March onwards.

March

- 1 The ferry service between the Taipa Ferry Terminal and the Jiuzhou Port in Zhuhai commences. Ten sailings are operated every day during the initial stage of operation.

The Nucleic Acid Test Station at the Macao Federation of Trade Unions Workers Stadium, which is the first testing service point set up at a border crossing in Macao, becomes operational.

- 2 The Novel Coronavirus Response and Coordination Centre announces that the mandatory requirement for showing negative nucleic acid test results for entering casinos will be lifted from midnight on 3 March.

The Ministry of Culture and Tourism, the Office of the Leading Group for the Development of the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area and the People's Government of Guangdong Province jointly promulgate the Culture and Tourism Development Plan for the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area. The SAR Government considers the plan highly significant, and will promote its implementation.

- 4 Chief Executive Ho Iat Seng sets off for Beijing, to attend the opening ceremony of the Fourth Session of the 13th National People's Congress, to be held the following day.

- 6 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 members of the National Committee of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference in Hong Kong and Macao. He cites three expectations, and acknowledges Macao's efforts in pandemic prevention.

- 8 The *Macao SAR Gazette* publishes an Executive Order to set 12 September as the day for the seventh Legislative Assembly Election. The Chief Executive issues an executive order to set the election expenses limit for each candidate list for the Legislative Assembly Election at 3,549,622 patacas. On 12 July, the Chief Executive issues an executive order to appoint the public prosecutor, Kuok Kin Hong, as the Chairman of the General Audit Committee for the Legislative Assembly Election. On 21 July, the Electoral Affairs Commission publishes a summary of the candidate lists. There are a total of 128 candidates from 14 candidate lists for the direct election, and 12 candidates from five candidate lists for the indirect election.

The Cultural Affairs Bureau announces the results of selecting proposed designs for the new Macao Central Library. The proposal submitted by the Dutch architecture firm Mecanoo is selected. The project has an estimated cost of around 500 million patacas, and will be completed by the end of 2024 at the earliest.

- 10 The *Macao SAR Gazette* publishes an Executive Order to grant Lot P of Areia Preta, which is the land originally occupied by Pearl Horizon, to Macau Urban Renewal Limited, to construct replacement housing, temporary housing and public facilities.
- 15 The Government holds a press conference on the "2021 Scheme to Guarantee Employment,

Stabilise the Economy and Care for People's Livelihoods" and announces the measures to be launched in April, including the Wealth Partaking Scheme, a programme to boost local consumption (the Electronic Consumption Benefits Plan, consumption benefits for the elderly and the "Stay, Dine and See Macao" programme), an upgrade to arrangements for occupational skills training, and measures to benefit employees and businesses (tax relief and other measures related to people's welfare).

- 17 The Novel Coronavirus Response and Coordination Centre, the Unitary Police Service and members of civil protection authorities carry out drills at Lok Kuan Building, Seac Pai Van and tabletop exercises at the Civil Protection Action Centre for region-specific and multi-level disease prevention and control, involving around 550 participants from 29 departments.
- 23 Chief Executive Ho Iat Seng attends the reception marking the assumption of office by the new Commissioner of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the People's Republic of China in the MSAR, Liu Xianfa,
- 26 A mega roadshow, "Macao Week in Hangzhou", takes place over four consecutive days, to promote Macao as a healthy, safe and quality destination.
- 29 Macao detects its first COVID-19 case of the British N501Y variant. The carrier is a 24-year-old female student who previously tested positive in the United Kingdom, and returned to Macao after recovery. She tests positive again during medical observations.
- 30 The 27th session of the Standing Committee of the 13th National People's Congress adopts the decision on the Amended Annex I to the Basic Law - Method for the Selection of the Chief Executive of the Hong Kong SAR and the Amended Annex II to the Basic Law – Method for the Formation of the Legislative Council of the Hong Kong SAR and Its Voting Procedures. The Macao SAR Government strongly supports the decision.

April

- 12 The Government announces the Electronic Consumption Benefits Plan, involving a budget of 5.88 billion patacas. Every Macao resident is entitled to a start-up fund of 5,000 patacas and an instant grant of 3,000 patacas. They can choose to either use mobile payment or an electronic consumption card to enjoy the benefits. The registration period is from 7 May to 10 December, and the period for using the funds is from 1 June to 31 December. On 29 April, the draft bill on revising the budget passes its second reading in the Legislative Assembly.
- 14 The Macao Government Tourist Office announces the "Stay, Dine and See Macao" programme. Six local tour itineraries are launched in the first stage. Every resident is entitled to a one-time subsidy for a local tour and a hotel staycation. The maximum subsidy is 580 patacas. On 25 April, the first tour sets off. On 16 June, the second stage of the "Stay, Dine and See Macao" programme offers a total of 19 tour itineraries for residents.
- 15 The National Security Education Exhibition co-organised by the MSAR Government and

the Liaison Office of the Central People's Government in the Macao SAR Region opens. By the end of the exhibition, on 16 May, the exhibition has attracted a total of 42,000 visitors and the related website has recorded over 330,000 page views.

Fitch Ratings revises the Macao SAR's rating outlook to "stable" from "negative" and affirms its credit ratings (long-term foreign and local currency issuer default ratings) at "AA".

- 20 Chief Executive Ho Iat Seng attends the opening ceremony of the Boao Forum for Asia Annual Conference 2021 in Hainan. During the forum, the Chief Executive also meets with the Secretary of the CPC Hainan Provincial Committee, Shen Xiaoming; the Governor of Hainan Province, Feng Fei; and the Chairman and Secretary of the State-owned Assets Supervision and Administration Commission of the State Council, Hao Peng.
- 22 Chief Executive Ho Iat Seng attends a meeting of the Leading Group for the Development of the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area, to listen to instructions from Member of the Standing Committee of the Political Bureau of the CPC Central Committee, Vice Premier of the State Council and Chairman of the Leading Group for the Development of the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area, Han Zheng, regarding the major tasks for the development of the Greater Bay Area.
- 23 On behalf of the Macao SAR, the Secretary for Economy and Finance, Lei Wai Nong, signs the Agreement for Elimination of Double Taxation and Prevention of Tax Evasion and Avoidance between the MSAR Government and the Kingdom of Cambodia with – on behalf of the Kingdom of Cambodia, the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Economy and Finance of the Kingdom of Cambodia, Aun Pornmoniroth, through postal exchange.
- 24 A typhoon drill – "Crystal Fish" – is organised through the civil protection mechanism system, to strengthen command, coordination and contingency management among members, and enhance residents' awareness regarding contingency measures.
- 28 The summary report on the public consultation on the Housing Plan for the Sandwich Class is announced. A total of 28,608 views have been received through 2,307 submissions. The public generally supports the Government's introduction of the sandwich class housing policy.
- 30 The summary report on the consultation regarding the draft version of Macao's Urban Master Plan (2020-2040) is announced.

The report on the public consultation on the LRT East Line is announced. The public generally supports the construction of the LRT East Line, and is mostly concerned about two main issues: station design and route plans.

May

- 1 The Kun Iam Statue Waterfront Leisure Area is opened to the public.

- 4 The *Macao SAR Gazette* publishes an executive order establishing the Working Committee for Integration into National Development, which is supervised and chaired by the Chief Executive.

The Novel Coronavirus Response and Coordination Centre announces that, starting from the following day, foreign residents who have not travelled to any place outside mainland China or Macao within 21 days prior to their entry to Macao may enter Macao in exceptional cases involving family reunions or having a close connection with Macao, provided that they are granted advance approval by the Health Bureau. On 9 September, the restrictions on the entry of non-resident foreigners who have stayed in Hong Kong are relaxed. Five exempted groups of non-resident foreigners who have not travelled to any place outside mainland China, Macao or Hong Kong for at least 21 days prior to their intended arrival in Macao may apply for entry, starting from 15 September.

- 11 The first Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Health Quarantine, Animal and Plant Quarantine and Food Safety Control Video Conference is held. The three parties sign the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Health Quarantine, Animal and Plant Quarantine and Food Safety Control Cooperation Memorandum.
- 14 The four-day Jiangsu Macao Week is held in Nanjing.
- 18 The COVID-19 vaccination station set up at Macao Forum by the Health Bureau is available for vaccination bookings starting from 20 May. A daily quota of 2,000 inactivated vaccine shots is provided in the first phase. On 21 August, the station also begins providing mRNA vaccines, with a daily quota of 1,000.
- 24 An inauguration ceremony for a research and development centre for Chinese medicine and translational medicine under Zhuhai UM Science and Technology Research Institute and a signing ceremony for an agreement to conduct projects at the University of Macau-Huafa Group Joint Laboratory are held at the Traditional Chinese Medicine Science and Technology Industrial Park of Cooperation Between Guangdong and Macao (GMTCM Park).
- 26 The Novel Coronavirus Response and Coordination Centre announces that a Macao resident who has travelled abroad is infected with the coronavirus variant B.1.617; this is the 51st confirmed imported asymptomatic case.

June

- 1 Chief Executive Ho Iat Seng presides over the opening ceremony of the Macao Grand Prix Museum.
- 3 Chief Executive Ho Iat Seng presides over the opening ceremony of the five-day Shanghai Macao Week.

Chief Executive Ho Iat Seng meets with the Secretary of the CPC Shanghai Municipal

Committee, Li Qiang, to exchange views on enhancing cooperation in the economy, trade and tourism.

- 4 The First Shanghai-Macao Cooperation Joint Conference is held in Shanghai. Chief Executive Ho Iat Seng and the Mayor of Shanghai, Gong Zheng, lead delegations to the meeting, marking the official establishment and launch of the mechanism for high-level cooperation and platform for dialogue between the two cities.

The Novel Coronavirus Response and Coordination Centre announces that all individuals who have been to Brazil, India, Nepal, Pakistan or the Philippines within the 28 days prior to their entry into Macao must, before boarding a non-stop flight or the first flight of an interline itinerary, present proof of three negative COVID-19 nucleic acid tests conducted within seven days, each at least 24 hours apart, and proof of negative IgM serum antibody test or COVID-19 vaccination, with effect from midnight on 5 June 2021.

- 10 The State Council inscribes Macanese Gastronomy, Macanese Patua drama, and Belief and Customs of Tou Tei in the fifth batch of the “National List of Representative Items of Intangible Cultural Heritage”.

Chief Executive Ho Iat Seng attends the reception celebrating the Day of Portugal Day, Camoes and Portuguese Communities. He expresses his thanks to all Portuguese residents in Macao and Macao residents, including Macanese, for their contributions to pandemic prevention and control.

- 15 Chief Executive Ho Iat Seng and the Governor of Guangdong Province, Ma Xingrui, lead delegations to attend the Guangdong-Macao Cooperation Joint Conference through teleconferencing. The parties agree to jointly implement national strategies and enhance people’s welfare in both places.
- 16 The temporary nucleic acid test station at Hengqin Port commences operation.
- 17 Chief Executive Ho Iat Seng sends a congratulatory message to the Central People’s Government on the successful launch of the Shenzhou-12 spacecraft.

The Chief Executive issues an executive order to lower the minimum age for receiving mRNA vaccine to 12 years old.

- 21 The large community vaccination station in Mong-Ha Sports Centre begins providing inactivated vaccines, with a daily quota of 1,000.
- 23 A photo exhibition to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the founding of the Communist Party of China opens. The exhibition attracts 43,735 visitors, and concludes on 15 July.
- 26 The 700-metre Footbridge at Avenida de Guimaraes on Taipa – connecting parks, schools, sports venues and light rail stations – opens for public use.
- 28 Chief Executive Ho Iat Seng arrives in Beijing to attend a series of events celebrating the 100th anniversary of the founding of the Communist Party of China.

July

- 1 A new aquatic tour linking Barra and Coloane sets sail.
- 2 Various sectors of Macao society hold a seminar in celebration of the 100th anniversary of the founding of the Communist Party of China, which is attended by Chief Executive Ho Iat Seng; the Vice Chairman of the National Committee of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference, Edmund Ho Hau Wah; and the Director of the Liaison Office of the Central People's Government in the Macao SAR, Fu Ziying.
- 14 The Home-Ownership Scheme 2021 opens for applications. This round of applications is for 5,254 flats in the New Urban Zone Area A, which comprise the first batch of Home-Ownership Scheme Housing units after the amended Home-Ownership Scheme Housing Law takes effect.
- 16 The ferry route linking the Macao Outer Harbour Ferry Terminal and Jiuzhou Port, Zhuhai, commences operation, providing the second ferry route between Macao and Jiuzhou Port.
- 18 A ceremony is held to advance strategic cooperation between the China Media Group and the Macao SAR Government. The Asia-Pacific headquarters of the China Media Group and the University of Macau sign a framework agreement on strategic cooperation. The China Media Group headquarters authorises Teledifusao de Macau to broadcast the Tokyo 2020 Olympics and the Beijing 2022 Winter Olympics in Macao. The China Media Group headquarters begins broadcasting a series of its productions on the 100th anniversary of the founding of the Communist Party of China, in Macao.
- 22 Chief Executive Ho Iat Seng sends a letter to the Governor of Henan province, Wang Kai, to express condolences for the casualties caused by the unusually severe rainstorms in Zhengzhou, Henan.
- 27 The Amendment to By-law 5/2019 on Provisions Regarding the Use of National and Regional Flags and Emblems and the Instrumental and Vocal Performance of the National Anthem and the amended Law on Use and Protection of the National Flag, National Emblem and National Anthem come into effect simultaneously.

The Meteorological and Geophysical Bureau issues the first orange hot weather alert of the year, with the temperature reaching over 37°C at noon.
- 31 Chief Executive Ho Iat Seng attends a reception held by the People's Liberation Army Macao Garrison, to commemorate the 94th anniversary of the founding of the People's Liberation Army.

August

- 3 The Zhuhai health department reports that two Macao residents have tested positive for

COVID-19 at a testing centre in Zhuhai on 2 August. The Chief Executive issues an executive order to declare that Macao has entered a state of immediate COVID-19 prevention, with effect from 3:30 p.m. The Novel Coronavirus Response and Coordination Centre commences region-specific and multi-level disease prevention and control, sealing off areas with confirmed cases as red-code zones, while areas in the vicinity are considered as yellow-code zones. The state of immediate prevention ends at 10 p.m. on 10 August. The lockdown of red- and yellow-coded zones is lifted at midnight on 18 August.

- 4 Chief Executive Ho Iat Seng holds a press conference at the Government Headquarters regarding pandemic prevention and control.

A community-wide nucleic acid testing programme launches at 9 a.m. A total of 41 testing stations are set up across Macao, operating 24 hours a day. On the following day, the large community vaccination station in the Mong-Ha Sports Centre is converted into a testing station. Thus, there are a total of 42 testing stations across Macao.

The Chief Executive issues an executive order to close certain entertainment facilities after the midnight on 5 August. The order is lifted at midnight on 18 August.

With effect from 6 a.m., all individuals crossing the Guangdong-Macao border must hold proof of a negative nucleic acid test issued within 12 hours, except for cross-border truck drivers carrying daily essential supplies between Zhuhai and Macao. From 6 a.m. on 10 August, the time limit for the nucleic acid test is extended to 48 hours. From midnight on 25 August, the time limit returns to seven days.

- 5 While the community-wide nucleic acid testing programme is underway, all vaccination stations in Macao suspend operations until 8 August.
- 7 The 16th Population Census and the Sixth Housing Census officially commence.

Zhuhai announces the new entry and exit requirements for Macao residents. Individuals who enter Zhuhai via Macao from 25 July must undergo 14 days of centralised quarantine and four nucleic acid tests if they have been in red-code and yellow-code zones; while individuals from outside the red-code and yellow-code zones are required to undergo two nucleic acid tests within three days and 14 days of quarantine at home after entering Zhuhai. Those who enter and leave Zhuhai on the same day are not affected.

- 8 The Novel Coronavirus Response and Coordination Centre announces that a cumulative total of 614,465 people have been tested under the community-wide nucleic acid testing programme, and a total of 101,786 people have voluntarily taken additional tests since 3 August. All 716,251 specimens collected test negative for COVID-19.

Chief Executive Ho Iat Seng sends a congratulatory message to the 32nd Olympic Games Mainland China Olympians delegation for their outstanding results in various events.

- 20 The Executive Council concludes discussions on the draft by-law on the Registration System for Takeaway Food Establishments. All establishments providing takeaways are required to apply to the Municipal Affairs Bureau for registration before commencing business, and to operate in a physical store, with effect from 15 November.

- 26 The Central People's Government announces on their web portal (www.gov.cn) that the State Council has agreed that Guangdong, Hong Kong and Macao can jointly host the 15th National Games in 2025.
- 30 The Chief Executive issues an executive order to prohibit the import and transshipment of non-degradable disposable plastic straws and beverage stirrers, with effect from 1 January 2022.

The Macao SAR delegation competing in the 14th National Games of the People's Republic of China says goodbye to Chief Executive Ho Iat Seng before departing. On 18 September, Ho Iat Seng sends a congratulatory message to the delegation, as Kwok Kin Hang has won the first medal since Macao began participating in the National Games.

September

- 2 An expert team from the National Health Commission has been visiting Macao from 30 August to 2 September, to inspect and provide guidance regarding the Government's work on epidemic prevention and control. The team affirms Macao's achievements in this regard, and gives the Government advice on optimising the work.
- 5 The Central People's Government announces the Master Plan for the Development of the Guangdong-Macao Intensive Cooperation Zone in Hengqin, marking a new stage of full cooperation, mutual discussions, joint construction, joint administration and shared benefits between Guangdong and Macao for the development of Hengqin.
- 8 The new Guangdong-Macao border crossing checkpoint (Qingmau Checkpoint) is inaugurated. It implements 24-hour services and employs a clearance mechanism based on "joint inspections for one-stop border crossing".
- 9 The Information Office of the State Council holds a press conference in Beijing to introduce the development of Hengqin and Qianhai. The Secretary for Administration and Justice, Cheong Weng Chon, says the MSAR Government and Guangdong province will work together to create favourable conditions for cooperation in reaching mutually beneficial outcomes, fully implement various tasks and optimise the development of the Guangdong-Macao Intensive Cooperation Zone in Hengqin.
- 10 Chief Executive Ho Iat Seng and five Secretaries jointly attend the press conference on the Master Plan for the Development of the Guangdong-Macao Intensive Cooperation Zone in Hengqin, and answer questions from the media.

The People's Bank of China, the People's Government of Guangdong Province, the Hong Kong SAR Government and the Macao SAR Government jointly hold an online opening ceremony for Cross-boundary Wealth Management Connect in the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area. Residents of the Greater Bay Area, including Macao, can make cross-boundary purchases of investment products through the banking system.

12 The Seventh Legislative Assembly Election of the Macao SAR is held. A total of 37 polling stations and three mobile polling stations for voters under medical observation are set up across Macao from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Voters cast their ballots to elect 14 directly elected members of the Legislative Assembly on a one-person, one-vote basis. The preliminary vote count for the election is completed at 2:05 a.m. on 13 September. There are 137,279 ballots cast for the direct election, representing a voter turnout rate of 42.38 percent. On 14 September, the General Audit Committee for the Legislative Assembly Election announces the names of the 14 directly elected members and the numbers of votes they received.

13 Chief Executive Ho Iat Seng issues a letter of condolence for the passing of the former President of Portugal, Jorge Sampaio.

The Health Bureau issues guidelines in accordance with the Law on Prevention, Control and Treatment of Infectious Diseases, according to which two groups of individuals – staff who must be in contact with service users during work and those who share a confined workplace with others – should undergo nucleic acid testing at least once every seven days if they have not been vaccinated.

15 The Government announces the Final Report on Execution of the Five-year Development Plan of the Macao Special Administration Region (2016-2020).

17 Chief Executive Ho Iat Seng leads a delegation to attend the Plaque Unveiling Ceremony of the Administrative Body of the Guangdong-Macao Intensive Cooperation Zone in Hengqin. 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 Ho Iat Seng and shows full recognition of the MSAR Government's work. He also offers congratulations for the smooth organisation of the Seventh Legislative Assembly Election of the Macao SAR in accordance with the law.

18 Chief Executive Ho Iat Seng chairs a session to study the policies outlined in the Master Plan for the Development of the Guangdong-Macao Intensive Cooperation Zone in Hengqin.

23 Chief Executive Ho Iat Seng appoints seven members to the Seventh Legislative Assembly of the Macao SAR: Ma Chi Seng, Iau Teng Pio, Pang Chuan, Wu Chou Kit, Kou Kam Fai, Chan Hou Seng and Cheung Kin Chung.

Chief Executive Ho Iat Seng meets with the Chairman of the Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region, Lan Tianli; the Governor of Hunan Province, Mao Weiming; and the Governor of Jiangxi Province, Yi Lianhong, in Chengdu, Sichuan Province, to exchange views on the traditional Chinese medicine industry, economic and trade cooperation, and cultural tourism.

24 Chief Executive Ho Iat Seng attends the 2021 Pan-Pearl River Delta Regional Cooperation Chief Executive Joint Conference in Chengdu, Sichuan Province, and officiates at the opening ceremony of Macao Week in Sichuan, Chengdu.

Chief Executive Ho Iat Seng meets with the Governor of Hainan Province, Feng Fei; and the Governor of Guizhou Province, Li Bingjun, to exchange views on the economy and

trade, cultural tourism, deepening cooperation in poverty alleviation between Macao and Guizhou, and talent cultivation.

The Novel Coronavirus Response and Coordination Centre announces that a Macao resident who departed from Turkey and arrived in Macao via Singapore on 18 September has tested positive in a nucleic acid test, making the 64th confirmed imported case of COVID-19 in Macao. On the same day, another import-related case – a Nepalese security guard of Golden Crown China Hotel, is confirmed. According to an executive order issued by acting Chief Executive, the Macao SAR enters a state of immediate COVID-19 prevention, with effect from midnight on 25 September 2021. The Novel Coronavirus Response and Coordination Centre activates region-specific and multi-level disease prevention and control plans, and seals off red code and yellow code zones. The state of immediate prevention terminates at 12 noon on 15 October.

- 25 Chief Executive Ho Iat Seng meets with the Secretary of the CPC Shaanxi Provincial Committee and Chairman of the Standing Committee of the Shaanxi Provincial People's Congress, Liu Guozhong; and the Deputy Secretary of the CPC Shaanxi Provincial Committee and Governor of Shaanxi Province, Zhao Yide, to exchange views on promoting collaboration in commerce, trade and investment, cultural exchanges and youth exchanges between Macao and Shaanxi.

With effect from midnight on 25 September, all individuals crossing the Guangdong-Macao border must hold proof of a negative COVID-19 nucleic acid test issued within 48 hours. With effect from midnight on 26 September, the time limit for the nucleic acid test is tightened to 24 hours. Individuals must undergo 14 days of centralised medical observations in isolation after entering Zhuhai (excluding Zhuhai-Macao cross-border truck drivers, funeral home staff and healthcare workers treating critically ill patients).

All tertiary and non-tertiary institutions in Macao suspend classes, cancel or postpone outdoor excursions and close the campuses. On 25 October, all non-tertiary institutions resume classes, while tertiary institutions resume face-to-face classes.

The second round of the citywide nucleic acid testing programme is launched at 3 p.m. A total of 52 testing stations are set up across Macao and are open 24 hours a day, with a total of 367 sampling booths. As at 28 September, 689,766 people have been tested. All of the test results are negative.

- 27 The 14th National Games closes. Chief Executive Ho Iat Seng, the Governor of Guangdong Province, Ma Xingrui; and the Chief Executive of the Hong Kong SAR, Carrie Lam, attend the flag handover ceremony of the 15th National Games.
- 28 Chief Executive Ho Iat Seng holds an online work meeting with the Secretary of the CPC Zhuhai Municipal Committee, Guo Yonghang; the Mayor of Zhuhai, Huang Zhihao; and the Vice Mayor of Zhuhai, Zhang Yisheng. The parties discuss issues including customs clearance arrangements, the latest pandemic prevention measures, and the implementation of the Zhuhai-Macao joint prevention and control mechanism.

October

- 1 The Macao SAR Government hosts a flag-raising ceremony and a reception to celebrate the 72nd Anniversary of the founding of the People's Republic of China.
- 3 The Zhuhai authorities responsible for Macao-Zhuhai COVID-19 prevention and control announce that all individuals entering Zhuhai from Macao must hold proof of a negative COVID-19 nucleic acid test issued within 48 hours, and must have received COVID-19 vaccination (individuals who are not suitable for vaccination must hold a COVID-19 Vaccination - Medical Assessment Certificate; the measure excludes children under 12 years old, who are not required to get vaccinated), with effect from noon on 4 October. Individuals from red and yellow code zones, employees in high-risk roles in quarantine hotels and staff of hospitals designated for COVID-19 patients are temporarily prohibited from entry.
- 4 The Novel Coronavirus Response and Coordination Centre announces that a pooled sample involving 10 individual samples from Kiang Wu Hospital has produced a positive result. The Education and Youth Affairs Bureau announces that arrangements for class resumption are suspended. The cross-border arrangements for the Zhuhai and Macao ports that were to be effective from 12 noon are cancelled.

In response to the 72nd COVID-19 case recorded in Macao, the Novel Coronavirus Response and Coordination Centre refers to the region-specific and multi-level disease prevention and control plan, and prescribes new red and yellow code zones. The third citywide nucleic acid testing programme is held from 9 p.m. to 9 a.m. on 7 October. All 681,579 people sampled test negative.

- 5 The Chief Executive issues two executive orders to close certain entertainment facilities in Macao after midnight on 6 October. Individuals are required to present proof of a negative nucleic acid test issued by organisations recognised by the Health Bureau within 24 hours, in order to leave Macao via the checkpoint. These restrictions are lifted on 19 October.

Civil servants are exempted from work from 5 October to 7 October.

- 9 As Tropical Storm Lionrock approaches, the Meteorological and Geophysical Bureau issues the first Typhoon Signal No. 8 of the year at 6 a.m. Chief Executive Ho Iat Seng visits the Civil Protection Action Centre, to receive a briefing and give instructions regarding rescue and relief work.

The Novel Coronavirus Response and Coordination Centre announces the launch of multiple rounds of nucleic acid testing for renovation workers, laundry workers, security guards, and Nepalese and Vietnamese non-resident workers who are required to be tested four times, with each test conducted one day apart.

- 10 A total of 780 residents of San Mei On Building (Phase 1) are moved to Treasure Hotel for medical observation. The moving exercise takes 17 hours. Residents return home as the quarantine order ends on 19 October.

The Education and Youth Affairs Bureau is notified by Zhuhai that over 500 cross-border

students and parents can return to Zhuhai for home quarantine by transportation that is exclusively for them, after completing a nucleic acid test with negative results on 11 October and 12 October.

- 11 The Government launches eight supportive measures to commence with immediate effect, including financial assistance to businesses, rent waivers for government-owned properties, concessionary tax benefits, and support to business owners and employees.
- 12 As Tropical Storm Kompasu approaches, the Meteorological and Geophysical Bureau issues Typhoon Signal No. 8 at 10:30 p.m. Chief Executive Ho Iat Seng at visits the Civil Protection Action Centre, to give instructions regarding rescue and relief work.
- 14 Chief Executive Ho Iat Seng attends the opening ceremony of the 130th China Import and Export Fair and the Pearl River International Trade Forum, and meets with Guangzhou municipal and leading officials to exchange views on anti-pandemic work in the two places and promote cooperation between Guangdong and Macao.
- 16 The Nucleic Acid Test Station at Qingmau Checkpoint commences operation.
- 17 The Government launches the Nucleic Acid Testing Programme for Key Areas, with 12 general public sampling stations and one priority sampling station for which prior booking is not required. A total of 56,130 samples are collected in key areas, and 24,322 samples are collected from targeted groups including those in the High Frequency Nucleic Acid Testing Programme and red and yellow code zones. All 80,452 samples test negative.
- 18 The Chief Executive issues an executive order to lower the minimum age for receiving inactivated vaccines to 12 years old. On 22 November, the minimum age for inactivated vaccines is further lowered to three years old.

The Zhuhai authorities responsible for Macao-Zhuhai COVID-19 prevention and control announce that all individuals entering Zhuhai from Macao must hold proof of a negative COVID-19 nucleic acid test issued within 48 hours, with effect from noon on 19 October. Workers in high-risk roles are temporarily prohibited from entering Zhuhai while in these roles, and for 14 days afterwards. Starting from 1 a.m. on 23 November, the time limit for the nucleic acid test reverts to seven days.

The Monetary Authority announces the list of banks in Macao which have been approved for the Cross-boundary Wealth Management Connect Scheme. These banks can start providing related services on the following day.

- 19 The MSAR Government and Fudan University in Shanghai sign an agreement for a strategic cooperation framework focusing on scientific innovation, microelectronics, artificial intelligence, financial bonds, economics, public health and cultural studies, to strengthen institutional support for cooperative development between the two parties.
- 20 Chief Executive Ho Iat Seng attends the opening ceremony of the 2021/2022 Judicial Year.
- 22 The first meeting of the Administrative Committee of the Guangdong-Macao Intensive Cooperation Zone in Hengqin is held in Guangzhou. The parties discuss the preparatory

work for the cooperation zone, approve the Working Rules of the Administrative Committee of the Guangdong-Macao Intensive Cooperation Zone in Hengqin (trial version) and hold an appointment ceremony.

- 27 The working group for the Islands District Medical Complex holds a press conference to introduce the partners for the medical facility. The Islands District Medical Complex plans to collaborate with the Peking Union Medical College Hospital, which will assist in the operation, management and provision of services of the Islands District Medical Complex, and nurture healthcare professionals, to support the development of the medical industry in Macao.
- 30 Chief Executive Ho Iat Seng sends a congratulatory message to the Macao sports delegation for the excellent results obtained in the 11th National Games for Persons with Disabilities and the Eighth National Special Olympics Games.

November

- 3 The National Academy of Economic Strategy of the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences announces the China Urban Competitiveness Report No. 19. Macao is ranked 15th, the same as in 2020.
- 4 Chief Executive Ho Iat Seng is invited by the Minister of Commerce to attend the opening ceremony of the Fourth China International Import Expo in Shanghai, followed by a four-day visit to Shanghai and Hangzhou. He meets with leading officials of Zhejiang Province, to exchange views on deepening bilateral cooperation.

The Novel Coronavirus Response and Coordination Centre announces the COVID-19 booster vaccine programme. Individuals who completed a COVID-19 vaccination course at least six months previously are eligible. The programme is conducted in two phases, with the first phase commencing on 9 November. On 15 November, the programme is extended to include individuals aged 18 or above who have completed two doses of inactivated vaccine at least six months previously, and who do not have contraindications.

- 11 The Macao Government Tourist Office announces that the Treasure Hotel will serve as a designated medical observation hotel for people arriving from medium- and high-risk countries. The hotel will introduce machines to provide contactless services, such as temperature scans, disinfection and distribution of supplies. It will begin operating in this role on 1 December.
- 13 The Guangdong-Macao Intensive Cooperation Zone in Hengqin launches a nucleic acid detection station (Hengqin Port) to provide testing services for cross-border students.
- 15 The launch ceremony is held for a six-month online exhibition regarding Macao's support for poverty alleviation projects in Congjiang county, Guizhou province.
- 16 Chief Executive Ho Iat Seng delivers the Policy Address for the Fiscal Year 2022, and holds

a press conference to answer questions from the media.

- 17 At a plenary meeting of the Legislative Assembly, Chief Executive Ho Iat Seng responds to inquiries from legislators regarding the Policy Address for the Fiscal Year 2022.
- 18 To align with the anti-pandemic measures, the Bus Passenger Name Registration Scheme stipulates that name registration must be completed for all Macao Pass cards used for taking public buses, and bus fare discounts can only be enjoyed after name registration.
- 19 The 68th Macao Grand Prix is held for three consecutive days.
- 20 All individuals heading for Macao who are required to stay at a medical observation hotel must present a booking confirmation issued by the medical observation hotel, in order to board their flights or the Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macao Bridge Shuttle Bus (Golden Bus).
- 23 The 11th Forum on Higher Education Management in Portuguese-speaking Countries and Regions commences at the Polytechnic Institute of Setúbal in Portugal and the Macao Polytechnic Institute on 22 November. Chief Executive Ho Iat Seng delivers a speech during the online opening ceremony, saying he hopes to enhance China-Portugal relations.
- 24 The Unitary Police Service and 13 organisations establish the mechanism for communications regarding civil protection in the community.
- 25 Chief Executive Ho Iat Seng attends the opening ceremony of the Forum on China's Internet Media 2021 in Guangzhou, and delivers a speech.
- 27 The Novel Coronavirus Response and Coordination Centre announces that, in order to reduce the risks to Macao's public health arising from the new coronavirus variant – Omicron B.1.1.529, civil aircraft are prohibited from carrying any persons who have been to South Africa, Botswana, Zimbabwe, Namibia, Lesotho, Swaziland, Mozambique or Malawi to Macao, with effect from midnight on 28 November.

December

- 2 The Macao Week in Chongqing roadshow is held for five consecutive days, with the aim of facilitating the recovery of tourism and the economy in Macao.
The Novel Coronavirus Response and Coordination Centre announces that asymptomatic infections will be counted and announced separately from confirmed cases with symptoms. Related epidemic measures and follow-up actions remain unchanged.
- 4 The Macao Government Tourist Office organises the first Light-up Macao Drone Gala.
- 6 Chief Executive Ho Iat Seng attends the second meeting of the Administrative Committee of the Guangdong-Macao Intensive Cooperation Zone in Hengqin, participates in the ground-breaking ceremony for the Customs Supervision Building serving the “second-tier” tariff area of the Guangdong-Macao Intensive Cooperation Zone in Hengqin, and witnesses the

signing of agreements to undertake 12 key investment projects and a plaque unveiling for four livelihood projects in the Guangdong-Macao Intensive Cooperation Zone.

The Monetary Authority announces the Faster Payment System jointly established by 31 banks in Macao is commencing trial operation, providing customers with fast local interbank transfer services for small funds through the Easy Transfer system.

- 10 The 500-metre-long Coloane Ka-Ho Tunnel opens for two-way traffic, with four vehicular lanes, to improve the road network in the Cotai area and provide a direct connection between the east of Coloane and Taipa.

The 26th Macao International Trade and Investment Fair, Macao Franchise Expo 2021 (2021MFE) and the 2021 Product and Service Exhibition of Portuguese-speaking Countries (Macao) (2021PLPEX) are held concurrently in the same venue, over three consecutive days. Agreements regarding more than 80 projects are signed, and about 700 online and offline business pairings are lined up. The live broadcast attracts nearly 3.6 million views.

- 13 The Roadshow and Session of Exchange of Contacts of Industry-University-Research Cooperation between Mainland China and Macao is held in Macao for the first time, during and in the same venue as the 2021 Science and Technology Week and Exhibition of Achievements in Science and Technology Innovation, to leverage synergy and promote developments arising from scientific research achievements in Macao.

The Government holds a memorial ceremony to commemorate the victims of the Nanjing Massacre.

The *Macao SAR Gazette* published the Amendment to By-law 22/2018 on the Committee for Safeguarding National Security of the Macao Special Administrative Region. The Central People's Government establishes the post of National Security Adviser and three National Security Technical Adviser posts. The by-law comes into effect the following day.

- 15 The Macao Central Securities Depository is officially launched.
- 16 The Government officially announces the Second Five-Year Plan for Economic and Social Development of the Macao Special Administrative Region (2021–2025).

On behalf of the MSAR Government and the Ministry of Ecology and Environment, respectively, the Secretary for Transport and Public Works, Raimundo Arrais do Rosario; and the Minister of Ecology and Environment, Huang Runqiu, sign the Cooperation Agreement in Environmental Protection between Mainland China and the Macao SAR.

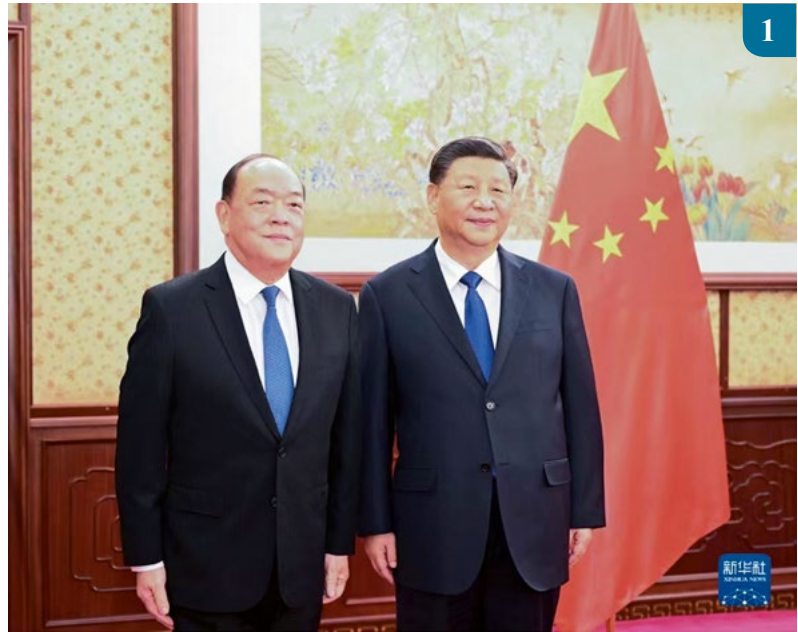
- 17 Chief Executive Ho Iat Seng and the President of the Supreme People's Court of China, Zhou Qiang, witness the signing of the record of a meeting concerning further strengthening judicial and legal exchanges and cooperation.
- 19 The delegation of Elite National Olympic Athletes (elite athletes from the Chinese team that competed in the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games) arrives in Macao for a three-day visit.
- 20 A flag-raising ceremony and a reception celebrating the 22nd anniversary of the establishment

of the Macao Special Administrative Region are held.

A 4K-definition documentary, *Crunch and Munch in Macao*, co-produced by China Media Group and the Macao SAR, is debuted in celebration of the 22nd anniversary of the establishment of the Macao Special Administrative Region.

Tropical Storm Rai breaks the record for the latest issuance of a tropical cyclone signal in a year.

- 22 During his duty visit to Beijing, Chief Executive Ho Iat Seng reports to President Xi Jinping and Premier Li Keqiang regarding the Government's work and Macao's situation during the year.
- 24 Chief Executive Ho Iat Seng returns to Macao and meets the media. He says the state leaders recognise Macao's anti-pandemic efforts and support adequate economic diversification in Macao.
- 27 Macao reports its first case of the Omicron variant of COVID-19. The case is a 23-year-old male resident who has returned to Macao from the United States.
- 31 The Chief Executive issues an executive order that the medical insurance scheme for Macao residents living in mainland China is expanded from Zhuhai to also cover Zhongshan and Jiangmen, to enable more Macao residents to gain access to basic medical insurance in mainland China.



1. On 22 December, President Xi Jinping meets with Chief Executive Ho Iat Seng during Ho's duty visit to Beijing. (Photo by Xinhua News Agency)
2. On 22 December, Premier Li Keqiang meets with Chief Executive Ho Iat Seng during Ho's duty visit to Beijing.

1. On 17 September, Member of the Standing Committee of the Political Bureau of the CPC Central Committee and Vice Premier of the State Council, Han Zheng, and the Secretary of the CPC Guangdong Provincial Committee, Li Xi, unveil the plaque of the administrative body of the Guangdong-Macao Intensive Cooperation Zone in Hengqin. The Vice Chairman of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference, Edmund Ho Hau Wah; the Director of the State Council's Hong Kong and Macao Affairs Office, Xia Baolong; the Chief Executive of the Macao SAR, Ho Iat Seng; and the Deputy Secretary of the CPC Guangzhou Municipal Committee and Governor Ma Xingrui, witness the ceremony on stage.
2. On 17 September, the unveiling ceremony of the plaque for the administrative body of the Guangdong-Macao Intensive Cooperation Zone in Hengqin is held. This photo shows Member of the Standing Committee of the Political Bureau of the CPC Central Committee and Vice Premier of the State Council, Han Zheng, with key members of the administrative body of the intensive cooperation zone.
3. On 9 September, the Information Office of the State Council holds a press conference in Beijing to introduce the development and construction of Hengqin and Qianhai. The Secretary for Administration and Justice, Cheong Weng Chon, is invited to attend, through video conferencing, on behalf of the Macao Special Administrative Region Government. (Photo by Xinhua News Agency)





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4. On 10 September, the MSAR Government holds a press conference on the “Master Plan for the Development of the Guangdong-Macao Intensive Cooperation Zone in Hengqin”.

5. On 18 September, Chief Executive Ho Iat Seng holds a meeting on the study on implementing the “Master Plan for the Development of the Guangdong-Macao Intensive Cooperation Zone in Hengqin”.

6. On 22 October, the Administrative Committee of the Guangdong-Macao Intensive Cooperation Zone in Hengqin holds its first meeting, which is co-hosted by the Governor of Guangdong Province, Ma Xingrui, and Chief Executive Ho Iat Seng.

1. On 6 December, the Key Projects Signing cum Community Projects Unveiling Ceremony is held at the Guangdong-Macao Intensive Cooperation Zone in Hengqin.

Chief Executive Ho Iat Seng, and the Governor of Guangdong province, Ma Xingrui, witness the event. Ho and Ma are also directors of the Administrative Committee of the Guangdong-Macao Intensive Cooperation Zone in Hengqin.

2. On 8 September, Chief Executive Ho Iat Seng, the Governor of Guangdong Province, Ma Xingrui, and other officiating guests attend the opening ceremony of the New Guangdong-Macao Border Crossing (Qingmau Checkpoint).





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3. On 19 April and 20 April, Chief Executive Ho Iat Seng leads an MSAR Government delegation to Hainan province, to attend the opening ceremony of the Boao Forum for Asia Annual Conference 2021, and hear the keynote speech delivered by President Xi Jinping via video conferencing. This photo shows a meeting between Chief Executive Ho Iat Seng and the Secretary of CPC Hainan Provincial Committee, Shen Xiaoming, on 19 April.
4. On 24 September, the 2021 Pan Pearl River Delta Regional Cooperation Chief Executives Joint Conference is held in Chengdu, Sichuan province.

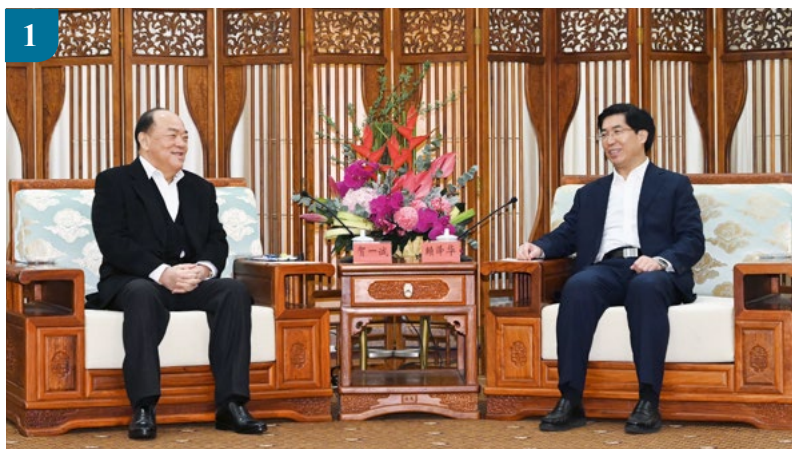


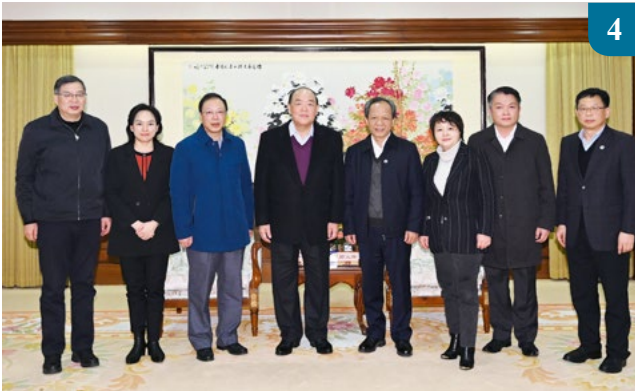
1. On 3 June, Chief Executive Ho Iat Seng visits Shanghai and meets with the Secretary of the CPC Shanghai Municipal Committee, Li Qiang.
2. Chief Executive Ho Iat Seng, the Secretary for Economy and Finance, Lei Wai Nong, and the Secretary for Social Affairs and Culture, Ao Ieong U, attend the opening ceremony of “Macao Week in Shanghai” on 3 June.
3. On 4 June, the first Shanghai-Macao Cooperation Conference is held in Shanghai, marking the official establishment and commencement of a high-level cooperation mechanism and a platform for dialogue between the two cities, and an important new starting point for cooperation between Shanghai and Macao. This photo shows the members of both delegations after the conference.



4. On 24 September, Chief Executive Ho Iat Seng attends the opening ceremony of "Macao Week in Chengdu, Sichuan".
5. On 24 September, Chief Executive Ho Iat Seng and the Secretary of the CPC Sichuan Provincial Committee, Peng Qinghua, and other officials witness the signing ceremony of the memoranda of cooperation on "Sichuan Perception Tour for Macao Students" and "Strengthening Cooperation in Tourism Between Sichuan and Macao" at the second meeting of the Sichuan-Macao Cooperation Conference.
6. Chief Executive Ho Iat Seng visits Shanghai and Hangzhou from 4 November to 7 November, to attend the opening ceremony of the Fourth China International Imports Expo in Shanghai. This photo shows Chief Executive Ho Iat Seng meeting with the Secretary of the CPC Zhejiang Provincial Committee and the Director of the Standing Committee of the Provincial People's Congress, Yuan Jiajun, on 7 November.

1. From 8 January to 11 January, Chief Executive Ho Iat Seng leads an MSAR Government delegation to visit cities in the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area, meet with leading officials of several municipal governments, and pay site visits to local industrial projects, to deepen participation in the development of the Greater Bay Area. This photo shows Chief Executive Ho Iat Seng meeting with the Secretary of the CPC Zhongshan Municipal Committee and the Chairman of the Standing Committee of the Municipal People's Congress, Lai Zehua, on 8 January.
2. On 8 January, Chief Executive Ho Iat Seng meets with the Secretary of the CPC Jiangmen Municipal Committee and the Chairman of the Standing Committee of the Municipal People's Congress, Lin Yingwu.
3. On 8 January, Chief Executive Ho Iat Seng meets with the Secretary of the CPC Zhaoqing Municipal Committee and the Chairman of the Standing Committee of the Municipal People's Congress, Fan Zhongjie.





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4. On 9 January, Chief Executive Ho Iat Seng meets with the Deputy Secretary of the CPC Foshan Municipal Committee and Secretary of the CPC Shunde District Committee, Guo Wenhai.



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5. On 9 January, the Deputy Governor of Guangdong province, Zhang Xin, and the Mayor of Guangzhou, Wen Guohui, accompany Chief Executive Ho Iat Seng to visit a traditional Chinese medicine company in Guangzhou.
6. On 10 January, Chief Executive Ho Iat Seng meets with the Secretary of the CPC Guangdong Provincial Committee, Li Xi.



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1. On 10 January, Chief Executive Ho Iat Seng meets with the Secretary of the CPC Dongguan Municipal Committee and the Chairman of the Standing Committee of the Municipal People's Congress, Liang Weidong.
2. On 10 January, Chief Executive Ho Iat Seng meets with the Secretary of the CPC Huizhou Municipal Committee and the Chairman of the Standing Committee of the Municipal People's Congress, Li Yiwei.
3. On 11 January, Chief Executive Ho Iat Seng meets with the Deputy Secretary of the CPC Guangzhou Municipal Committee and the Secretary of the CPC Shenzhen Municipal Committee, Wang Weizhong.





4. On 15 June, Chief Executive Ho Iat Seng leads an MSAR Government delegation to attend the 2021 Guangdong-Macao Cooperation Joint Conference, which is conducted through video conferencing.
5. On 28 January, Chief Executive Ho Iat Seng holds a working meeting with the Secretary of the CPC Zhuhai Municipal Committee, Guo Yonghang, and the Mayor of Zhuhai, Yao Yisheng. The two sides conduct in-depth discussions on improving the Macao-Zhuhai joint pandemic prevention and control mechanism, and progress with the development of the Guangdong-Macao Intensive Cooperation Zone in Hengqin.



1. On 16 October, all members of the seventh Legislative Assembly are sworn in under the administration of Chief Executive Ho Iat Seng.
2. On 12 September, the day of the 2021 Legislative Assembly Election, all polling stations for the direct election and the indirect election are open from 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.
3. On 13 September, the Electoral Affairs Commission for the Legislative Assembly Election announces the preliminary results of the 2021 Legislative Assembly Election.



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4. On 10 February, the Electoral Affairs Commission for the Legislative Assembly Election holds a meeting. The commission has preliminarily compiled and calculated the overall budget for the seventh Legislative Council election.
5. On 2 August, the Electoral Affairs Commission for the Legislative Assembly Election posts a notice announcing the complete list of candidates who have been confirmed to be accepted for the election.
6. The Electoral Affairs Commission for the Legislative Assembly Election holds a ballot draw on 3 August, to determine the order of the candidate lists on the ballot papers.
7. On 6 September, the Electoral Affairs Commission for the Legislative Assembly Election inspects the first-day operation of the mock polling station at Tap Siac Multisport Pavilion.



1. On 3 August, the Novel Coronavirus Response and Coordination Centre holds a press conference. In response to four confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Macao, the Government has immediately implemented various prevention and control measures. In the evening, the centre announces that a community-wide nucleic acid testing scheme will be launched at 9 am on 4 August. This will operate round-the-clock, and is expected to complete testing for all Macao residents within three days.
2. Also on 3 August, to prevent the spread of COVID-19 in Macao and safeguard residents' lives and property, the Chief Executive declares that Macao has begun implementing urgent preventive measures, and the Civil Protection Action Centre commences operation.
3. On 4 August, Chief Executive Ho Iat Seng holds a press conference on Macao's pandemic prevention and control.
4. The community-wide nucleic acid testing operation commences at 9:00 a.m. on 4 August. This photo shows staff assisting elderly persons with taking nucleic acid tests.

5. On 25 September, in response to two consecutive confirmed cases of imported COVID-19, the second community-wide nucleic acid testing scheme is launched at 3:00 p.m. A total of 52 specimen collection stations throughout Macao operate round-the-clock until 3:00 p.m. on 28 September.
6. On 30 September, the MSAR Government holds a video conference with the Guangdong Provincial Government and the Zhuhai Municipal Government to discuss issues related to pandemic prevention and control, and customs clearance at border checkpoints.
7. On 4 October, due to new confirmed COVID-19 cases, the third round of community-wide nucleic acid testing scheme is launched at 9:00 p.m. The operation runs smoothly.
8. To prevent and control the pandemic and eliminate potential risks in San Mei On Building, at 8:00 a.m. on 10 October, the Public Security Police, Municipal Affairs Bureau, Health Bureau, Social Welfare Bureau, Fire Service Bureau, and Macao Government Tourist Office launch an operation to move the building's residents to a designated hotel for medical observation.





1. The opening ceremony of the photo exhibition celebrating the 100th anniversary of the establishment of the Communist Party of the People's Republic of China is held on 23 June.
2. On 2 July, all sectors in Macao hold a symposium to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the establishment of the Communist Party of the People's Republic of China.



3. On 1 October, Chief Executive Ho Iat Seng, officials of the Central People's Government in Macao, military officers of the People's Liberation Army Macao Garrison, persons-in-charge of the legislative and judicial bodies and principal officials of the Macao SAR, and representatives from all sectors, attend a flag-raising ceremony to celebrate the 72nd anniversary of the establishment of the People's Republic of China.
4. On 20 December, Chief Executive Ho Iat Seng, officials of the Central People's Government in Macao, military officers of the People's Liberation Army Macao Garrison, persons-in-charge of the legislative and judicial bodies and principal officials of the Macao SAR, and representatives from all sectors, attend the flag-raising ceremony to celebrate the 22nd Anniversary of the establishment of the Macao Special Administrative Region.



1. On 25 November, Chief Executive Ho Iat Seng attends and delivers a speech at the opening ceremony and main forum of the 2021 China Internet Media Forum in Guangzhou.
2. On 27 September, Chief Executive Ho Iat Seng, the Governor of Guangdong Province, Ma Xingrui, and the Chief Executive of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region, Carrie Lam, attend the flag handover ceremony of the 15th National Games. The 15th National Games will be held in Guangdong, Hong Kong and Macao in 2025.



3. On 18 January, the Liaison Office of the Central People's Government in the Macao Special Administrative Region hosts the 2021 Spring Festival reception.
4. On 23 March, the Office of the Commissioner of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the People's Republic of China in the Macao Special Administrative Region holds an inauguration reception for the new Commissioner, Liu Xianfa.



1. On 13 April, Chief Executive Ho Iat Seng attends the plenary meeting of the Legislative Assembly and responds to members' questions on administration and social issues.
2. On 16 November, Chief Executive Ho Iat Seng delivers the "Policy Address for the Fiscal Year 2022" at the Legislative Assembly.
3. During Chinese New Year, the Chief Executive visits the underprivileged and the elderly, and care workers stationed on site, and extends his greetings to frontline public servants who are on duty during public holidays. He also visits the Islands District to learn about the current business situation. This photo shows Chief Executive Ho Iat Seng talking with an elderly person and extending his festive greetings on 13 February.



4. On 9 February, Chief Executive Ho Iat Seng leads key officials to be vaccinated against COVID-19.
5. The community vaccination centre for COVID-19 vaccination established by the Health Bureau at the Macao Forum commences operation on 20 May, and will initially administer 2,000 inactivated vaccines produced by Sinopharm Group per day.



1. On 6 February, the first batch of inactivated COVID-19 vaccine produced by Sinopharm Group arrives at the Zhuhai-Macao Cross-border Industrial Zone Checkpoint.
2. From 22 February onwards, the phase-2 COVID-19 vaccinations are available to all Macao residents.
3. On 27 February, the German BioNTech mRNA COVID-19 vaccine arrives in Macao.
4. On 3 March, the mRNA COVID-19 vaccine becomes available to all Macao residents.



5. On 15 March, the Secretary for Economy and Finance, Lei Wai Nong, participates in a press conference to launch the “2021 Scheme to Guarantee Employment, Stabilise the Economy and Care for People’s Livelihoods”, which will commence in April.
6. On 5 May, the Economic and Technological Development Bureau, the Monetary Authority of Macao and the Social Welfare Bureau hold a joint press conference to announce details of registration, benefit claiming and usage of the “Electronic Consumption Benefits Plan”.
7. On 3 August, the Statistics and Census Service (DSEC) holds a press conference on the 2021 Census. The census will collect data from more than 270,000 residential and industrial and commercial units across Macao. In response to the pandemic, the DSEC calls on residents to reduce the risk of exposure by completing online forms.



1. On 9 October, Chief Executive Ho Iat Seng holds a meeting at the Civil Protection Action Centre, to receive a briefing about Typhoon Lionrock, and learn about progress with pandemic prevention and control.
2. On 12 October, Chief Executive Ho Iat Seng chairs a meeting at the Civil Protection Action Centre, to receive reports and give instructions on tackling the impact of Typhoon Kompasu.



3. The opening ceremony of the "Educational Exhibition on National Security" is held on 15 April.

4. On 13 December, the MSAR Government holds an activity marking the National Memorial Day for Victims of the Nanjing Massacre. On 13 December, the MSAR Government holds an activity marking the National Memorial Day for Victims of the Nanjing Massacre.

5. On 31 July, a reception is held to commemorate the 94th anniversary of the founding of the People's Liberation Army.



1. On 10 June, Chief Executive Ho Iat Seng attends a reception to celebrate Portugal Day, Camoes Day and Portuguese Community Day.
2. The 26th Macao International Trade and Investment Fair, 2021 Macao Franchise Expo, and 2021 Product and Service Exhibition of Portuguese-speaking Countries (Macao) open on 10 December.
3. On 2 December, Chief Executive Ho Iat Seng and guests visit the BEYOND Expo.





4. On 22 January, the Ceremony for Awarding Medals and Honorary Titles of the Macao Special Administrative Region of the People's Republic of China for 2020 is held in the Macao Cultural Centre.
5. On 18 July, an event is held for deepening strategic cooperation between China Media Group and the MSAR Government.



1. On 9 December, the three astronauts of Shenzhou 13 conduct a class from the Chinese space station, for teenagers including students in Macao.
2. On 19 December, a delegation of national Olympic elite athletes arrives in Macao for a three-day visit.



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3. Macao-Jiangsu Week cum the 11th Jiangsu, Macao and Portuguese-Speaking Countries Business Summit is held on 9 December.

4. On 22 July, the opening ceremony of the 12th International Infrastructure Investment and Construction Forum (IIICF) is held.

5. The China Technology Summit 2021 opens on 3 December.



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1. On 19 November, the 68th Macao Grand Prix commences.
2. On 15 December, the Macao Central Securities Depository System is officially launched.
3. The 2021 Macao International Dragon Boat Races is held on 14 June. Despite there being no spectator seating because of the pandemic, the participating athletes strive for great results.



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4. The delegation of Macao athletes participating in the 14th National Games of the People's Republic of China bid farewell to Chief Executive Ho Iat Seng on 30 August.
5. In the lead-up to the Beijing Winter Olympics, the countdown timer for the "100-Day Countdown to the Winter Olympics" starts on 26 October.

1. On 27 October, the preparatory working group of the Islands District Medical Complex holds a press conference to introduce the centre's partner. At the recommendation of the National Health Commission, the centre will cooperate with Peking Union Medical College Hospital to improve the diagnosis and treatment of complicated and critical illnesses, and upgrade related specialists in Macao.
2. On 1 March, the ferry service between Taipa and Jiuzhou Port is inaugurated. During initial operations, 20 round-trip sailings are scheduled per day, with each trip taking about 25 minutes.





3. On 24 April, during the “Crystal Fish 2021” typhoon drill, the Fire Services Bureau undertakes practice rescue operations during simulations of a traffic accident and hazardous chemical handling incident during a typhoon.
4. The opening ceremony of the 2021/2022 Judicial Year of the Macao SAR is held on 20 October.



1. On 28 October, the Secretary for Administration and Justice, Cheong Weng Chon, delivers a speech at a seminar “Commemorating the 50th Anniversary of the People’s Republic of China’s Restoration of its Lawful Seat in the United Nations: New Opportunities and New Actions for Macao”.
2. On 14 September, the Secretary for Economy and Finance, Lei Wai Nong, attends a press conference on the public consultation on the revision of Law No. 16/2001 – Regulatory Framework for the Gaming Industry.



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3. On 24 April, the Secretary for Security and commander of the joint operation of the Crystal Fish 2021 Typhoon Drill, Wong Sio Chak, summarises the results of the drill.
4. On 15 December, the Secretary for Social Affairs and Culture, Ao Ieong U, and the Director of the National Health Commission, Ma Xiaowei, sign the Memorandum of Cooperation on the Islands District Medical Complex.
5. On 15 October, the Secretary for Transport and Public Works, Raimundo Arrais do Rosario, attends a press conference on the arrangements for the replacement of high-voltage cables along the Taipa Line of the Light Rail.