

CALENDAR OF EVENTS IN 2022



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January

- 1 The print publication of the *Macao SAR Gazette* is replaced by electronic means and is published on the website of the Government Printing Bureau. Subscriptions and sales of printed copies of the *Macao SAR Gazette* are cancelled.

The Public Wet Market Management System comes into effect. Stalls selling fresh food in wet markets must use a unified price tag format and adopt the metric system.

- 5 The Novel Coronavirus Response and Coordination Centre announces that civilian flights from outside mainland China are banned from carrying passengers to Macao from midnight on 9 January to 23:59 on 23 January.
- 8 The Macao SAR Government issues a press release to firmly oppose a report on Macao affairs issued by Taiwan's Mainland Affairs Council.
- 10 The newly appointed Secretary-General of the Permanent Secretariat to the Forum for Economic and Trade Cooperation between China and Portuguese-speaking Countries (PSCs) (Macao), Dr. Ji Xianzheng, arrives in Macao to assume office.
- 13 A Covid-19 case is confirmed in Tanzhou, Zhongshan. The SAR government immediately launches a contingency plan, including mandatory nucleic acid tests for cross-border teachers and students, and quarantine of close contacts and secondary contacts of the confirmed case in Macao.

With effect from midnight on 14 January 2022, all inbound travellers from mainland China except those traveling by air must hold proof of a negative nucleic acid test result dated within 48 hours after the specimen collection date; with effect from 6am on 16 January, the validity of a negative nucleic acid test result is shortened to 24 hours; with effect from midnight on 29 January, the validity period reverts to 48 hours.

- 14 Seven Covid-19 cases are identified in Nanping Town, in Zhuhai's Xiangzhou District. Inbound travellers who have been to this place in the past 14 days are required to undergo medical observations and up to five nucleic acid tests. Cross-border teachers and students do not return to school on 14 January and 15 January. On 17 January, cross-border teachers and students must show negative results of nucleic acid tests conducted within the past 24 hours. Classes partially resume.

The SAR Government announces the draft by-law on the Amendments to Law No. 16/2001, the Gaming Industry Regulatory Framework. The draft by-law prescribes that the maximum number of gaming concessions is six, sub-concessions are prohibited, the maximum contract terms are ten years, and there is a transition period of three years for casino operations in

properties that are not owned by one of the concessionaires. On 24 January, the amendment bill passes its first reading at the Legislative Assembly. On 13 May, the Legislative Assembly working group makes major revisions to the bill, removing the requirement that satellite casinos must be set up in properties owned by one of the concessionaires. The revised amendment bill passes its second reading in the Legislative Assembly on 21 June, and comes into effect on 23 June.

- 15 During the online working meeting on Zhuhai-Macao Covid-19 joint prevention and control, Chief Executive Ho Iat Seng and Secretary of the Zhuhai Municipal Committee of the Communist Party of China (CPC) Lu Yuyin exchange views on the joint Covid-19 prevention and control measures.
- 20 With effect from midnight, the Macao Health Code adopts a tricolour scheme to indicate the number of vaccine doses. With effect from midnight on 19 March, corresponding health measures of ‘yellow’ health code holders are displayed. With effect from midnight on 13 April, the end date of travel history is added. On 30 April, the antigen test results are displayed and the Covid-19 Test Result Declaration and Query Platform is launched. On 18 August, travel history declaration for risk areas in mainland China is added.

In response to the increasing number of locked down areas in Zhuhai, cross-border teachers and students of tertiary and non-tertiary institutions temporarily halt returning to Macao for classes from 21 January until the end of the Spring Festival holiday.

- 23 The Macau Government Tourist Office continues the “Stay, Dine and See Macao” programme. On 29 January, local tours and hotel staycations are launched.
- 24 To strengthen the pandemic control measures related to cold-chain food, 3,500 cold-chain food supply workers in Macao shall undergo nucleic acid tests every three days. On 15 March, stock clerks of suppliers and supermarkets are included in the regular Covid-19 testing scheme for targeted occupational groups, and are required to undergo a nucleic acid test every seven days. On 16 March, staff tasked with handling parcels in online shopping agencies are included in the scheme.
- 27 Chief Executive Ho Iat Seng meets with the Secretary-General of the Permanent Secretariat to the Forum for Economic and Trade Cooperation between China and Portuguese-speaking Countries (PSCs) (Macao), Dr Ji Xianzheng, to exchange views on leveraging Macao’s functions as a platform between China and Portuguese-speaking countries, and fostering economic and trade cooperation and exchanges between China and Portuguese-speaking countries.
- 30 With effect from midnight on 31 January 2022, the quarantine period for inbound travellers from places deemed at high risk of Covid-19 infections is shortened from 28 days to 21 days. With effect from midnight on 15 June, a “10+7” (ten days of centralised quarantine for medical observation, and seven days of self-health management) pandemic policy is implemented for inbound travellers meeting certain conditions from Hong Kong, Taiwan or international locations. Starting from 6 August, the period of centralised quarantine is shortened to “7+3”. Starting from 12 November, the quarantine period is shortened to “5+3”.

With effect from midnight on 17 December, inbound travellers from Hong Kong, Taiwan or international locations can do home quarantine for medical observation.

With effect from midnight on 21 February, individuals aged 12 or above who are travelling to Macao via either Hong Kong or Taiwan are required to present a certificate proving they have completed the primary vaccination series at least 14 days prior to arrival, with the last dose in the series administered within the preceding seven months. With effect from midnight on 3 April, individuals aged 12 or above who are travelling to Macao from overseas, Hong Kong or Taiwan are required to present a certificate proving they have completed the primary vaccination series at least 14 days prior to arrival. With effect from midnight on 18 August, the vaccination requirements are lifted.

- 31 Chief Executive Ho Iat Seng delivers the Lunar New Year message.

The Study on the Residential Housing Policy of the Macao SAR is released. The study is based on the second five-year plan of Macao and outlines the related policies, objectives and implementation measures of the five-rung housing ladder principle, giving the public a better understanding of the Government's housing policy.

February

- 3 Large-scale Chinese New Year Celebration activities, including the float parade and fireworks display, resume.
- 4 The 24th Winter Olympic Games open in Beijing. Chief Executive Ho Iat Seng attends the opening ceremony, by invitation.
- 14 The Macao Urban Development Master Plan (2020-2040) is promulgated and comes into effect the following day.

The Director of the Administrative Committee of the Guangdong-Macao Intensive Cooperation Zone in Hengqin and Chief Executive Ho Iat Seng visit the Guangdong-Macao Intensive Cooperation Zone in Hengqin, and hold a Spring Festival seminar with officials from the Administrative Committee and Executive Committee of the Guangdong-Macao Intensive Cooperation Zone in Hengqin.

The SAR Government launches the plan for granting financial subsidies for scrapping obsolete motorcycles and their replacement by new electric motorcycles, with a maximum value of financial subsidy and fee waiver amounting to 8,800 patacas.

- 18 Chief Executive Ho Iat Seng meets with the Secretary of the CPC Zhuhai Municipal Committee and the Secretary of the Hengqin Party Working Committee of the CPC Guangdong Provincial Committee, Lu Yuyin, and the Deputy Secretary of the CPC Zhuhai Municipal Committee and the Mayor of Zhuhai, Huang Zhihao, to exchange views on cooperation regarding joint pandemic prevention work, facilitation of boundary crossings,

economic recovery, and furthering progress with construction of the Guangdong-Macao Intensive Cooperation Zone in Hengqin.

- 21 Chief Executive Ho Iat Seng sends a congratulatory message to the Chinese delegation at the 24th Winter Olympic Games for its outstanding achievements.
- 25 The Secretary for Administration and Justice, Cheong Weng Chon, and the Minister of Justice of the People's Republic of China, He Rong, sign the Arrangements Concerning Mutual Assistance in Court-ordered Interim Measures in Aid of Arbitral Proceedings by the Courts of Mainland China and the MSAR. They conduct the signing online, in Beijing and Macao.

The Macao SAR Government amends the By-law on the Macao Polytechnic Institute, to rename the institution to Macao Polytechnic University, while all its high education schools are designated as faculties, with effect from 1 March 2022.

- 26 Chief Executive Ho Iat Seng chairs an exchange session on reviewing and assessing the Government's work, and proposes requirements for governance covering all levels of Government officials.
- 28 Another Covid-19 case is confirmed in Tanzhou, Zhongshan. Individuals who have visited certain key areas around the Border Gate Square are required to undergo compulsory nucleic acid testing. On 1 March, three groups of individuals are required to undergo nucleic acid testing. On 2 March, 780 people who passed through the Border Gate Checkpoint are each required to complete five nucleic acid tests.

School staff and students of tertiary and non-tertiary education institutions who have resided in Tanzhou in the past 14 days suspend face-to-face classes from 1 March. Their face-to-face classes resume on 7 March.

March

- 1 The Special Support Measures for Enterprises in Guangdong-Macao Intensive Cooperation Zone in Hengqin Issuing Corporate Bonds in Macao (Temporary), formulated by the Executive Committee of the Guangdong-Macao Intensive Cooperation Zone in Hengqin, come into effect.
- 4 Chief Executive Ho Iat Seng attends the opening of the fifth session of the 13th National People's Congress in Beijing.
- 5 The fifth session of the 13th National People's Congress in Beijing commences in Beijing. Premier Li Keqiang includes the principle of "patriots governing Macao" in his work report for the first time, and mentions the need to implement the central government's full authority over the SAR. The central government fully supports the SAR Government in its administration in accordance with the law, supports Hong Kong and Macao in developing their economies, improving people's livelihoods, and better integrating with the development

of the country, so as to maintain the long-term prosperity and stability of Hong Kong and Macao.

The bill on the Procedures for Electing Macao's Deputies to the 14th National People's Congress proposes the number of deputies from the Macao SAR will be 12, the same as in the previous session.

- 6 In a meeting involving Hong Kong and Macao members of the CPPCC during the fifth session of the 13th National People's Congress in Beijing, Member of the Standing Committee of the Political Bureau of the CPC Central Committee and Vice Premier of the State Council, Han Zheng, emphasises the importance of pandemic prevention and cites three expectations of the delegates – supporting the MSAR Government's work on pandemic prevention and control, supporting the Government in its administration in accordance with the law and amendments to the gaming laws and regulations, and expediting the development of the Guangdong-Macao Intensive Cooperation Zone in Hengqin and adequate economic diversification.
- 9 The Department of Finance of Guangdong Province and Guangdong Provincial Tax Service of State Taxation Administration forward the Notice of the Ministry of Finance of China and State Taxation Administration of China on the Preferential Individual Income Tax Policies in the Guangdong-Macao Intensive Cooperation Zone in Hengqin. The individual income tax rate for local and overseas talents is capped at 15 percent. Macao residents working in the Guangdong-Macao Intensive Cooperation Zone in Hengqin are exempted from taxation of the portion of their personal income tax exceeding their tax payable in Macao.
- 12 With effect from midnight on 14 March, holders of Exit-Entry Permits for Travelling to and from Hong Kong and Macao with family visit (T) endorsements who have made three or more entries into Macao via the port of Border Gate or Qingmao Port within a single day must, upon entry, immediately undergo one nucleic acid test and wait for the test result at the port. Starting from midnight on 21 March 2022, the measure is expanded to also include Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macao Bridge and the Inner Harbour Ferry Terminal.
- 14 Chief Executive Ho Iat Seng sends a congratulatory message to the Chinese delegation at the 24th Winter Paralympics for its outstanding achievements

Chief Executive Ho Iat Seng chairs the 2022 Plenary Session of the Economic Development Council.
- 15 Chief Executive Ho Iat Seng attends a sharing session on aspirations of the "Two Sessions" and emphasises that the SAR Government should persistently uphold the spirit of the "Two Sessions" and the important instructions of the Central People's Government leaders, strictly adhere to the principles of "One country, two systems", "Macao people governing Macao" and a high degree of autonomy, achieve new success for the Macao SAR, and facilitate the long-term implementation of "One country, two systems" with Macao characteristics.

Chief Executive Ho Iat Seng officiates at the plaque unveiling ceremony for the Ilha Verde Fire Station.

- 17 A Community Treatment Centre Plan is announced. The Macao East Asian Games Dome and the Athlete Training Development Centre are to be converted into a Community Treatment Centre, to provide one-stop quarantine triage, nucleic acid testing and hospitalisation services for patients with mild symptoms. Some 1,400 beds are expected to be provided during the initial implementation of the plan.
- 18 With effect from midnight, all individuals entering Macao via the Zhuhai-Macao checkpoints must hold proof of a negative result of a Covid-19 nucleic acid test conducted within the previous 24 hours after the day of sampling. With effect from midnight on 20 April, the validity of a negative nucleic acid test result is adjusted to the test being taken within the preceding 48 hours. With effect from midnight on 25 April, the validity period is extended to 72 hours. With effect from midnight on 2 June, individuals entering Macao from Guangdong Province via the Zhuhai-Macao checkpoints or by sea must hold proof of a negative result for a Covid-19 nucleic acid test, with the specimen collected within the preceding 7 days.
- 21 Four Macao students are considered close contacts of confirmed Covid-19 cases in Nanping, Zhuhai, while 29 Macao students are considered secondary contacts. A total of 9,300 teachers and students from seven schools are required to undergo nucleic acid tests.

The State Council appoints the Director of the Liaison Office of the Central People's Government in the MSAR, Fu Ziyang, as the National Security Affairs Adviser of the Committee for Safeguarding National Security. The Deputy Director of the Liaison Office of the Central People's Government in the MSAR, Zheng Xincong, and Yin Shuhua, are appointed as National Security Technical Advisers of the Committee for Safeguarding National Security.

- 27 The Almirante Lacerda Municipal Market (Red Market) is closed for renovation; and the temporary Almirante Lacerda Municipal Market on Rua Marginal do Lam Mau commences operation on 29 March.
- 28 The Vaccination System comes into effect on 1 April, stipulating that personal vaccination records shall be issued either digitally or physically. The Health Bureau launches an electronic platform for vaccination records, to provide the digital versions of personal vaccination records.

April

- 1 The Public Works Bureau and the Land and Urban Construction Bureau commence operations. The functions related to public buildings and infrastructure of the former Lands, Public Works and Transport Bureau are transferred to the Public Works Bureau. The functions related to electrical and mechanical installations are added to the Land and Urban Construction Bureau, while the functions related to urban planning, land management, and

approval and supervision of private construction projects remain.

- 3 The LRT Taipa line resumes passenger services, after the replacement of high voltage electric cables.
- 6 The Novel Coronavirus Response and Coordination Centre formulates the Contingency Plan for a Large-scale Covid-19 Epidemic in Macao (first version), which is uploaded to the website.
- 10 The Extraordinary Ministerial Conference of the Forum for Economic and Trade Co-operation Between China and Portuguese-speaking Countries is held in the China-Portuguese-speaking Countries Commercial and Trade Service Platform Complex. Premier Li Keqiang delivers a congratulatory speech via video. The Plaque Unveiling Ceremony of the China-Portuguese-Speaking Countries Exchange Centre for Epidemic Prevention is held. The ministers of the participating countries sign the Joint Declaration of the Extraordinary Ministerial Conference.
- 12 Chief Executive Ho Iat Seng sits in at a plenary meeting of the Legislative Assembly and responds to inquiries from legislators regarding matters of public concern about the Government's administration, and social and livelihood-related affairs.
- 14 The pilot scheme for exemption from entry restrictions for Filipino domestic helpers opens for application on 25 April. Starting from 23 May, the scheme is expanded to also include Indonesian domestic helpers. Starting from 30 May, all foreign domestic helpers are eligible to apply.

The MSAR Government expresses its strong opposition regarding the content related to Macao in the 2021 Country Reports on Human Rights Practices issued by the Department of State of the United States.

- 15 The 2022 National Security Education Exhibition is held. By 15 May, when the exhibition closes, it attracts a total of 58,000 visitors, with the related website recording over 380,000 views.
- 16 Chief Executive Ho Iat Seng sends a congratulatory message to the Central People's Government on the successful return of the Shenzhou-13 manned spacecraft.
- 20 Chief Executive Ho Iat Seng visits Hainan, to attend the opening ceremony of the Boao Forum for Asia Annual Conference 2022 on the following day.
- 23 A typhoon drill – “Crystal Fish 2022” – is organised through the civil protection mechanism system.
- 29 The Executive Council announces the draft by-law on the third round of the Electronic Consumption Benefits Plan.

The SAR Government introduces the 2022 water and electricity fee subsidies for residential and commercial properties, benefitting about 230,000 residential users and 30,000 non-residential users at a cost of about 1.326 billion patacas.

May

- 8 Chief Executive Ho Iat Seng sends a congratulatory message to John Lee Ka-chiu on his victory in the 2022 Chief Executive Election of the Hong Kong SAR.
- 15 In accordance with the By-law on the Registration System for Establishments of Takeaway Foods, with effect from 15 November, all establishments providing takeaway food in Macao are required to complete registration and obtain licences.
- 18 A consensus has been reached under the Zhuhai-Macao joint prevention and control mechanism, according to which, with effect from midnight on 21 May 2022, the checkpoint at the Zhuhai-Macao Cross-border Industrial Zone will cease 24-hour services, with the opening hours adjusted to 7am to midnight. The checkpoint is open exclusively for those working in the Cross-border Industrial Zone.
- 19 With effect from midnight on 21 May, all individuals entering Macao from overseas must, before boarding a direct flight or the first flight of an itinerary with one or more stopovers, present proof of negative result of a Covid-19 nucleic acid test conducted within the preceding 48 hours.

A total of 9,600 doses of the mRNA Covid-19 vaccine for children arrive in Macao. Eligible children aged 5 years to 11 years can receive the vaccine, starting from 24 May. Starting from 20 June, children aged 12 years to 17 years can receive the third dose of mRNA vaccine, at least six months (no less than 24 weeks) after completing the primary vaccination series.

- 20 On 26 May, entry restrictions for non-resident spouses and children (who are minors) of Macao residents are further relaxed, subject to centralised quarantine for medical observation after entry. With effect from 27 May, Portuguese nationals who have not travelled to places other than mainland China, Macao, Hong Kong or Portugal (except places where they stayed while in transit) within 21 days before their entry may, provided they fulfil entry requirements, enter Macao without prior authorisation from the health authorities. With effect from midnight on 13 June, entry restrictions for non-resident workers and their family members arriving from mainland China are relaxed. With effect from midnight on 15 June, entry restrictions for foreign nationals who have been granted Residence Authorisation or Special Authorisation to Stay and arrive from mainland China are relaxed. With effect from 22 August, non-Macao residents without resident status in mainland China, Hong Kong or Taiwan may enter Macao from mainland China without prior authorisation from the health authorities, provided that they have not visited any places outside mainland China within 10 days prior to their entry, and fulfil one of the conditions for returning to mainland China without further visa application; while all other border entry requirements also apply.
- 30 The State Council appoints Zheng Xincong as the Director of the Liaison Office of the Central People's Government in the MSAR and the National Security Affairs Adviser of the MSAR Committee for Safeguarding National Security. The Chief Executive welcomes Zheng Xincong to assume office on behalf of the Macao SAR, and thanks the Macao Liaison Office for its long-term care for and support to the Macao SAR.

Chief Executive Ho Iat Seng holds a working meeting with the Deputy Secretary of the CPC Zhuhai Municipal Committee and the Mayor of Zhuhai, Huang Zhihao, to exchange views on joint Covid-19 prevention and control measures, economic recovery, construction of the Guangdong-Macao Intensive Cooperation Zone in Hengqin, talent training and the intercity railway network.

31. Chief Executive Ho Iat Seng attends a special meeting of the Administrative Committee of the Guangdong-Macao Intensive Cooperation Zone in Hengqin.

June

- 1 Chief Executive Ho Iat Seng meets with the newly-appointed Director of the Liaison Office of the Central People's Government in the MSAR, Zheng Xincong.
- 6 The Seac Pai Van Health Centre is inaugurated. The centre has a total area of 5,600 square metres, and will serve a population of about 30,000 to 40,000 in the area.
- 10 Chief Executive Ho Iat Seng meets with the former Director of the Liaison Office of the Central People's Government in the MSAR, Fu Ziying, and expresses his sincere tribute and gratitude to Fu Ziying for his contribution to Macao, and his guidance regarding the MSAR Government's work.

Chief Executive Ho Iat Seng leads a government delegation to Guangzhou, and meets with the Secretary of CPC Guangdong Provincial Committee, Li Xi, and the Governor of Guangdong Province, Wang Weizhong. Both parties agree to continue consolidating joint efforts and achievements regarding pandemic prevention and control, facilitating economic recovery and normalising exchanges, and expediting the establishment of the Guangdong-Macao Intensive Cooperation Zone in Hengqin, based on the foundation of cooperation between the two places.

- 18 A Covid-19 case is identified in the community. The Chief Executive issues an executive order announcing that the Macao SAR will enter the state of immediate prevention, starting from 1am on 19 June 2022.
- 19 Chief Executive Ho Iat Seng visits the Civil Protection Action Centre, to receive a briefing on pandemic prevention and control, understand the latest progress with related work, and give instructions. The Novel Coronavirus Response and Coordination Centre commences zone-specific and multi-level disease prevention and control, seals off areas as red-code and yellow-code zones, and conducts epidemiological investigations. Thirteen rounds of mass nucleic acid testing for all residents, as well as several rounds of nucleic acid testing for focus areas and targeted groups, are conducted from this day till 23 July.

The Zhuhai authorities responsible for Macao-Zhuhai Covid-19 joint prevention and control report that, with effect from 6am, all individuals entering Zhuhai (including Hengqin) from Macao must hold proof of a negative result of a Covid-19 nucleic acid test that has

been issued within 24 hours. With effect from 9am, all individuals entering Macao from Zhuhai must hold proof of a negative result of a Covid-19 nucleic acid test that has been issued within the preceding 48 hours. Non-resident Macao workers who are under home isolation in Zhuhai may return to Macao for work if they hold proof of a negative result of a nucleic acid test that has been issued within the preceding 24 hours, and after signing an undertaking. Starting from 6am on 20 June, all non-resident workers living in Zhuhai who arrive from Macao must prepare personal health declarations 12 hours in advance, and may only return to Zhuhai after the local communities have confirmed that the home isolation requirements have been complied with; otherwise they must undergo seven-day centralised quarantine. Starting from 22 June, arrivals to Zhuhai from Macao are subject to a seven-day centralised isolation plus seven-day home-bound health observation. Cross-boundary truck drivers, funeral parlour transport staff, medical staff for critical care and civil servants responsible for emergency responses are managed on a point-to-point closed-loop basis after arrival. Starting from 29 June, the management measures for arrivals from Macao to Zhuhai are adjusted to seven days of centralised isolation + three days of health self-monitoring at home. Starting from 6pm on 3 August, all individuals entering Zhuhai from Macao must hold proof of a negative result of a Covid-19 nucleic acid test that has been issued within the preceding 24 hours, and undergo “two tests in three days”, with no quarantine requirements.

In response to the latest developments with the pandemic, public departments suspend non-emergency services from 20 June to 1 July, and provide only limited public services from 4 July to 8 July. The SAR adopts the “relatively static” management measures from 11 July to 22 July, and public departments are closed. Starting from 23 July, the Macao SAR enters the “consolidation” period of pandemic control. Public departments provide limited public services and resume normal operations from 2 August.

Tertiary and non-tertiary education institutions suspend all teaching activities and campus openings. Private supplementary education support centres and institutions participating in the Continuing Education Development Plan suspend operations. On 22 June, non-tertiary education institutions in Macao call an end to their 2021/2022 academic year, which is earlier than scheduled.

The MSAR Government launches a new round of financial assistance measures, with an estimated budget of 10 billion patacas. These include refunds of real estate stamp duty for industrial or commercial venues; exemption of tourism tax; refunds of vehicle licence tax for business vehicles; exemptions or refunds of administrative licence fees and related fees; a taxi fuel subsidy; introduction of the Employee, Freelancer and Business Subsidy Scheme; and bank loan interest subsidies for enterprises. On 15 July, the Government submits the amendments to the budget for 2022 to the Legislative Assembly; these indicate an extra allocation of 35.157 billion patacas from the fiscal reserves, including an extra 10 billion patacas for financial relief measures.

- 20 With effect from midnight, all bus, taxi and light rail passengers are required to present the green health code and wear face masks.

- 22 The England Marina Club Hotel is used to isolate patients with positive results in nucleic acid tests. The first batch of patients is admitted by the evening.
- 23 During a press conference, Chief Executive Ho Iat Seng says the SAR Government has always prioritised the lives, safety and health of residents, in order to promptly control the pandemic, maintain people's livelihood needs and ensure social stability.

The Chief Executive issues an executive order regarding closure of certain facilities and suspension of dine-in services at food and beverage establishments, with effect from 5pm on 23 June. The order is lifted at midnight on 2 August.

The MSAR Government signs amended concession contracts with the six gaming operators, to extend their gaming operations contracts to 31 December 2022.
- 24 The quarantine station of the Community Treatment Centre in Hall C of the Macau East Asian Games Dome becomes operational, while the services in Pac On Temporary Quarantine Station are suspended.

Twenty-four elderly homes begin implementing preventive closed-loop management measures. On 28 June, 11 care homes for persons with disabilities and one detoxification and rehabilitation home in Macao likewise begin implementing these measures.
- 27 The Covid-19 Map is uploaded to the web, enabling the public to check the distribution of buildings with confirmed cases.
- 29 Chief Executive Ho Iat Seng departs for Hong Kong for a three-day visit to attend celebrations for the 25th anniversary of the establishment of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region.
- 30 President Xi Jinping receives Chief Executive Ho Iat Seng in Hong Kong, and affirms that the Central Government fully recognises the work of Chief Executive Ho Iat Seng and the MSAR Government. President Xi calls on the MSAR Government to stand firm on the principle of pursuing progress while maintaining stability; apply unremitting efforts in pandemic prevention and control work; persist with effective measures to ease people's difficulties; strive for economic recovery; resolutely press ahead with adequate economic diversification; and maximise efforts to maintain social stability.

July

- 1 President Xi Jinping delivers an important speech during the 25th Anniversary Celebration of Hong Kong's Return to the Motherland cum Inauguration Ceremony of the Sixth Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region, emphasising the brilliance of "One country two systems", saying its fundamental purpose is to safeguard national sovereignty, security, and development interests, and to maintain the long-term prosperity and stability of Hong Kong and Macao.

- 2 During the passage of Tropical Storm Chaba, Typhoon Signal No. 8 is hoisted in Macao for 23 hours, and a yellow storm warning is issued.
- 3 Macao has recorded the first deaths of people infected with Covid-19 since the pandemic began. Two elderly people, who were aged over 90 years old and suffering from chronic diseases, have passed away. Also, 650 medical staff from mainland China arrive in Macao to help contain the pandemic.
- 9 The Chief Executive orders that from midnight on 10 July to midnight on 17 July, the operations of all companies and establishments engaging in industrial and commercial activities will be suspended. However, companies or establishments that are needed for maintaining essential social operations and residents' everyday lives will not be affected. The related "relatively static" control measures are later extended to midnight on 22 July. On 20 July, the Chief Executive issues another instruction, according to which from midnight on 22 July to midnight on 29 July, Macao will enter a "consolidation period". Companies or establishments engaging in industrial and commercial activities can operate on a limited basis, given the prerequisite of complying with the health authorities' pandemic prevention guidelines. However, nurseries, shops in shopping centres that do not have direct access to public roads, and interior renovation works in buildings must continue suspending operations. The "consolidation period" is later extended for three days, from 30 July to 1 August, while certain pandemic prevention measures are adjusted.
- 19 Chief Executive Ho Iat Seng holds a video conference to exchange views with the Secretary of the CPC Zhuhai Municipal Committee, Lu Yuyin, on the joint prevention and control of the pandemic in Macao and Zhuhai, the current situation and measures, as well as material supplies and personnel exchanges.

Chief Executive Ho Iat Seng visits the Civil Protection Action Centre to listen to reports from the Novel Coronavirus Response and Coordination Centre and representatives of civil protection authorities on anti-pandemic measures. He instructs all departments to identify deficiencies and achieve zero Covid-19 cases as soon as possible.

- 29 The Executive Council has completed discussions on three draft administrative regulations for mitigating the impact of the pandemic on the economy:
 - Bank Credit Interest Subsidy to Alleviate the Negative Impact of the Pandemic on Companies in 2022;
 - Preferential Measures to Mitigate the Negative Impact of the Pandemic on Various Industries in 2022; and
 - Subsidies to Mitigate Negative Impacts on Employees, Freelancers and Business Owners Due to the 2022 Pandemic.

The MSAR Government commences a new public tender for gaming concessions. The public tender concludes on 14 September, with seven tender submissions received. On 16 September, the committee for gaming concessions assesses the submissions, and accepts the seven tenders. On 26 November, the provisional results of open bidding for casino

concessions are announced, with winning bids from: MGM Grand Paradise, Galaxy Casino, S.A., The Venetian Macau, Melco PBL Gaming (Macau), Wynn Macau, and SJM Resorts.

August

- 1 The results of the 14th round of community-wide nucleic acid testing (from 8am on 30 July to 7pm on 31 July) are all negative. There has been a total of 1,821 positive cases since 18 June. From 2 August, Macao society enters a “stable period” of pandemic prevention and control.
- 3 The MSAR Government issues a statement strongly opposing the United States House of Representatives Speaker Nancy Pelosi’s visit to Taiwan.
- 5 In conjunction with renovations to enhance fire protection at Gongbei checkpoint, each person can only enter and exit once a day via the Border Gate and Qingmao checkpoint, while there are no restrictions at other ports.
- 7 Zhuhai reports that a nucleic-acid-positive individual has travelled between Macao and Zhuhai. Nucleic acid testing in key areas is immediately launched, and people from all over Macao receive a rapid antigen test for two consecutive days. From the next day to 9 August, nucleic acid testing in targeted areas is carried out at the Border Gate and Edifício Polytec Garden.

The Zhuhai-Macao Covid-19 joint prevention and control work group is notified by Zhuhai authorities that all customs clearance places at the Zhuhai-Macao border crossing area will implement measures to limit crossings. From midnight on 8 August, 2022, Zhuhai-Macao customs clearance personnel are limited to one round trip per day at all Zhuhai-Macao checkpoints. Guangdong-Macao cross-border truck drivers, cross-border school children and their accompanying parents (limited to 1 per child), public servants responsible for emergency responses, healthcare workers treating critically ill patients, and funeral home transport staff are subject to name-list management, with no limit on the number of entries and exits, and unlimited ports of entry.

- 9 Chief Executive Ho Iat Seng attends the plenary meeting of the Legislative Assembly, and answers questions from members of the Legislative Assembly on issues of public concern such as administrative policies and social and people’s livelihood issues.

There is one new imported case of Covid-19 in Macao. The patient is a 73-year-old crew member of a Hong Kong – Macao cargo ship. Nucleic acid testing is carried out in targeted areas, from the Inner Macau Port to the vicinity of Praca Ponte Horta.

- 10 Chief Executive Ho Iat Seng and the President of the Agua Grande District of the Democratic Republic of Sao Tome and Principe, Mr Jose Maria Fonseca, sign a memorandum on town twinning between the Macao SAR of the People’s Republic of China and the Agua Grande District via an online ceremony. The memorandum is aimed at consolidating and fostering

the friendly relationship between the two places.

- 12 Chief Executive Ho Iat Seng visits Hengqin, to attend the third meeting of the Administrative Committee of the Guangdong-Macao Intensive Cooperation Zone in Hengqin.
- 16 The Chief Executive issues executive order No. 16/2020, regarding the expansion of the medical insurance subsidy scheme for Macao citizens living in mainland China to nine cities in the Greater Bay Area.
- 19 The Administrative Committee of the Guangdong-Macao Intensive Cooperation Zone in Hengqin comes into agreement through negotiation with the MSAR Government. Starting from 22 August, Macao fully scraps the Cooperation Zone quotas for inbound and outbound small non-commercial passenger vehicles (with nine seats or less), thus cancelling the previous limit of 10,000 vehicles, and continuing to issue 500 quotas per month on a first-come first-served basis.
- 22 The MSAR government launches a 45-day public consultation on amendments to the Law on Safeguarding National Security. On 7 November, the summary report on the consultation is released. This shows widespread public, with 93.37 percent of the responses agreeing with the amendments. On 2 December, the Executive Council concludes discussions on the draft amendments, and submits them to the Legislative Assembly for consideration.
- 26 The Macao SAR Gazette publishes an Executive Order stipulating that the total number of gaming tables that all gaming contractors can operate is capped at 6,000, and the total number of gaming machines is capped at 12,000; the minimum annual gross income of each gaming table is 7 million patacas, and the annual gross income floor of each gaming machine is 300,000 patacas. The order will take effect on 1 January, 2023.
- 30 The Electronic Health Record Platform (eHR) developed by the Health Bureau is officially launched, enabling Macao residents to share health information with various medical service providers.

September

- 1 With immediate effect, the Office of the Commissioner of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the People's Republic of China in the Macao SAR (FMCOPRC Macao) will introduce measures to facilitate visa applications for eligible foreigners in Macao to visit the Hengqin Guangdong-Macao Intensive Cooperation Zone.
- 5 Vice Chairman of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference and Director of the Hong Kong and Macao Affairs Office of the State Council of the People's Republic of China, Xia Baolong, meets with Chief Executive Ho Iat Seng in Zhuhai, and listens to a report on Macao's current situation and the work of the MSAR government.

The Chief Executive issues an order prohibiting the import of non-degradable disposable plastic knives, forks, and spoons. This will take effect on 1 January, 2023.

- 7 The inauguration ceremony is held for the Central People's Government's issuance of 2022 sovereign bonds in Macao. The issuance is worth three billion yuan, and targets professional investors. This is the second time since 2019 that the Ministry of Finance has issued treasury bonds in Macao.
- 9 Chief Executive Ho Iat Seng mourns the passing of Queen Elizabeth II.
- 15 The Guangdong-Macao Cooperation Joint Conference 2022 is held in Hengqin. Chief Executive Ho Iat Seng and the Governor of Guangdong Province, Wang Weizhong, lead delegations from the two governments to attend. Both sides expect to further promote cooperation in various fields between Guangdong and Macao, and promote the construction of the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area and the Guangdong-Macao Intensive Cooperation Zone in Hengqin.

Chief Executive Ho Iat Seng visits Hengqin to attend the ceremony for completion of the Customs Supervision Building serving the "second-tier" tariff area of the Guangdong-Macao Intensive Cooperation Zone in Hengqin.

Chief Executive Ho Iat Seng attends the fourth meeting of the Administrative Committee of the Guangdong-Macao Intensive Cooperation Zone in Hengqin to review the work of the past year.
- 23 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 Macau Affairs, Han Zheng, holds a video conference in Beijing, and listens to the report of Macao Chief Executive Ho Iat Seng on Macao's current economic situation and progress with related work, and looks into the efforts supporting Macao in speeding up infrastructure construction and promoting adequate economic diversification.
- 24 Chief Executive Ho Iat Seng holds a press conference, announcing a series of measures to benefit Macao, such as the Central People's Government's support for Macao's post-pandemic economic recovery, accelerated infrastructure construction, and the promotion of adequate economic diversification. Beneficial measures include: supporting the resumption of e-Visas to Macao, and gradual restoration of group tours from mainland China to Macao.
- 26 The MSAR Government announces the administrative regulations of the subsidy scheme to mitigate the negative impact of the 2022 pandemic on MSAR residents. The subsidy payments will be issued from as early as 28 October.

October

- 1 The MSAR Government holds a flag-raising ceremony and cocktail reception to celebrate the 73rd anniversary of the establishment of the People's Republic of China. Chief Executive Ho Iat Seng says in his speech: The motherland is the solid support for maintaining the stability and peace of Macao.

The Pedestrian System Surrounding Guia Hill opens; it passes Guia Hill and connects the area around Avenida de Horta e Costa and the surrounding areas of the new port area. The engineering design and construction cost was more than 230 million patacas, and the construction took 470 days.

- 3 The MSAR Government has received the support of the Central People's Government for its participation in national space programmes. Payload specialists in Macao are selected to operate equipment for science experiments and conduct other scientific research work in space.
- 13 From 15 October, people entering Macao must conduct self-health management for four consecutive days from the day their medical observation is lifted, and go to the community nucleic acid station to undergo nucleic acid testing every day. From midnight on 8 December, the nucleic acid testing on arrival, nucleic acid testing and rapid antigen testing measures after entry will be cancelled. For those entering from high-risk areas after the medical surveillance is lifted, the original three-day red code is changed to a three-day yellow code, and a nucleic acid test will be performed on the last day. The code will change to green when the result becomes negative. From midnight on 22 December, red code and nucleic acid testing requirements for people arriving from Hong Kong, Taiwan and foreign countries are to be cancelled. From 27 December, the nucleic acid testing requirements for key groups, people with suspected symptoms and high-risk groups will be cancelled.
- 16 The 20th National Congress of the Communist Party of China opens in Beijing. On behalf of the 19th Central Committee, the General Secretary of the Chinese Communist Party (CCP), President of the People's Republic of China (PRC) and Chairman of the Central Military Commission (CMC), Xi Jinping, delivers a report to the conference. The Chief Executive requires all walks of life in Macao to study the spirit of the 20th National Congress of the Communist Party of China, and most importantly implement the contents of the report concerning Macao.
- 18 The preliminary design of the East Line project of the Light Rail Transit has been completed. It has a total length of 7.7 kilometres, and six underground stations, and is expected to be completed in 2028.
- 23 The first plenary meeting of the 20th Central Committee of the Communist Party of China is held, and Xi Jinping is elected as the General Secretary of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of China. The Chief Executive states that the MSAR Government and all sectors of society will uphold the core position of President Xi Jinping in centralised leadership and authority, fully implement Xi Jinping's thought on socialism with Chinese characteristics for a new era, and continue to compose the fabulous chapters of One Country, Two Systems with Macao characteristics.
- 26 A 66-year-old Macao resident tests positive for Covid-19. Nucleic acid testing is carried out in areas where he lives and frequently visits.
- 29 Recently, the State Council officially replied to the MSAR Government with its approval for the expansion and reclamation project of Macau International Airport. Chief Executive Ho

Iat Seng, on behalf of the MSAR Government, expresses his heartfelt thanks to the Central People's Government for its great support to the Macao Special Administrative Region.

- 30 A Macao resident who works as a croupier has been determined to be a close contact of a positive Covid-19 case in Zhuhai, and tests positive for Covid-19 in the early morning. On the same day, the two sons of the positive case, who live with him, also test positive for Covid-19. Classes at the middle school they attend are suspended for seven days, and about 1,000 teachers and students are required to undergo five nucleic acid tests in seven days. Plus, all people in Macao are to undergo a rapid antigen test every day until 1 November.
- 31 A resident who lives in Zhuhai and works in Macao tests positive for Covid-19. The epidemiological investigations find no correlation with known Covid-19 cases. On 1 November, a community-wide nucleic acid test is carried out. From 4 November to 5 November, a second round of community-wide inspections is carried out. The results of the two rounds of testing are all negative, and Macao resumes normalization of pandemic prevention.

November

- 1 Chief Executive Ho Iat Seng presents letters of appointment to Academician Zhong Nanshan, Chairman of the Commission of Experts and Advisors for the Appraisal of Traditional Chinese Medicines, and other committee members.
Mainland China begins reissuing electronic visas for travel to Macao.
- 2 Typhoon Nalgae is approaching Macao, and the Meteorological and Geophysical Bureau issues Typhoon Signal No. 8.
- 4 The National Development and Reform Commission, related departments and the MSAR Government hold the fourth joint video conference meeting to support Macao's full participation in and contribution to the "Belt and Road" developments.
- 6 The Macao as Platform – Connecting China and Portuguese-speaking Countries Forum and Business Matching Session, organised by the Ministry of Commerce and the Macao SAR Government, is held in Shanghai.
- 7 According to the order of the Chief Executive, in accordance with the provisions of Article 5, Paragraph 5 of the law on the operation of public terrestrial mobile telecommunications network and provision of public terrestrial mobile telecommunications services, two telecommunications companies – Companhia de Telecomunicações de Macau and China Telecom (Macao) – have been approved to operate 5G licences, which are valid for eight years.
- 10 The Secretary for Economy and Finance, Lei Wai Nong, attends the plenary meeting of the Legislative Assembly, to introduce, discuss and vote on the 2023 fiscal year budget. The series of measures to benefit the people and tax reduction and exemption measures in 2023

are projected to involve expenditure of more than 23.7 billion patacas.

- 15 Chief Executive Ho Iat Seng delivers the Policy Address for the Fiscal Year 2023, titled “Making progress while ensuring stability”, and holds a press conference to answer questions from the media.
- 16 The Zhuhai-Macao joint prevention and control mechanism unanimously agree that from 3pm to midnight on 23 November, all personnel entering or exiting through the Zhuhai-Macao port must hold a negative nucleic acid test certificate issued within 24 hours, and the measures will continue thereafter. From midnight on 19 December to midnight on 31 December, the validity period of the negative nucleic acid test certificate is adjusted to 72 hours.
- 17 The launch ceremony is held for China Media Group’s large-scale food, cultural and tourism reality show, Macao Two-way Line.

The 69th Macau Grand Prix is held over four consecutive days.

- 18 The 22nd Macao Food Festival is held at Praca Do Lago Sai Van.
- 19 A 60-year-old tourist from mainland China tests positive for Covid-19. Over a period of five days, four nucleic acid tests are conducted for people in the areas he has visited. On 23 November, it is reported that all test results are negative.

The first plenary meeting for the election of Macao deputies to the 14th National People’s Congress is held. Through an 11-member presidium, Chief Executive and member of the Presidium of the Election Council Ho Iat Seng is elected as the executive chairman of the presidium. On 12 December, the second meeting elects 12 deputies to the 14th National People’s Congress.

- 25 The extension of the undersea Hengqin Line of the Macau Light Rail Transit is completed, marking the successful completion of the milestone project of the Macau Light Rail Extension Hengqin Line.
- 28 There are four new Covid-19 cases in Macao, all of whom are mutual relatives. The first patient is a 74-year-old taxi driver. Personnel in the area are required to undergo three nucleic acid tests within five days.
- 30 Due to the occurrence of multiple positive Covid-19 cases, related to infected people arriving in Macao, personnel in key areas are required to undergo three nucleic acid tests within five days, until 4 December.

Former President Jiang Zemin passes away in Shanghai. On behalf of the MSAR Government and in his own name, Chief Executive Ho Iat Seng expresses deep condolences for Jiang Zemin’s passing, and sincere condolences to his family. On 1 December, the Liaison Office of the Central People’s Government in the Macao SAR sets up a mourning hall in the Liaison Office Building, to receive condolences from all walks of life in Macao. On 6 December, Jiang Zemin’s memorial service is held in the Great Hall of the People in Beijing. Chief

Executive Ho Iat Seng leads key officials and members of the Executive Council to watch the live broadcast and observe a moment of silence.

December

- 5 The MSAR Government launches a program to guarantee the supply of rapid antigen self-testing kits to Macao residents. Each person can purchase five test kits at a time, for a total of 20 patacas.

- 8 The MSAR Government announces the report on the consultation and plan for the Macao Road Traffic and Transport Planning Study (2021-2030).

The Social Welfare Bureau distributes anti-pandemic kits to social service facilities. From 14 December to 18 December, the second phase of anti-pandemic pack distribution is carried out across Macao.

- 11 From today, public servants and citizens do not need to scan venue codes to enter public departments, but must show their Macao Health Code.

- 12 The community outpatient clinic for people infected with Covid-19 commences trial operations. Also on this day, bus services are established for picking up infected patients and taking them to the community treatment centre.

- 14 Macao implements home isolation measures for infected persons:
People who are antigen-positive or nucleic acid-positive can be evaluated through the Self-Assessment and Community Outpatient Appointment Platform for Covid-19 Infected Persons, and are divided into four categories. The co-residents of those who are treated in home isolation are converted to a yellow code for five days, and are subject to five-day self health management. The Novel Coronavirus Response and Coordination Centre will no longer publish data on asymptomatic infected persons, and will only publish the data on confirmed patients, and the hotline for infected persons is put into operation.

- 20 The MSAR Government holds a reception for the 23rd Anniversary of the Establishment of the MSAR. Chief Executive Ho Iat Seng says all walks of life in Macao must diligently uphold the spirit of the 20th National Congress, by making it an important task to put its spirit into practice – now and in the future era; and executing the strategy of persistently implementing and refining the principles of “One country, two systems”, in order to promote the steady development of Macao SAR in the new era.

Applications for Northbound Travel by Macao Vehicles start being accepted. The vehicles will enter Guangdong province via the Zhuhai Port of the Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macao Bridge, from midnight on 31 December 2022 onwards.

- 22 Chief Executive Ho Iat Seng visits Beijing to report on his duties; and reports to Premier Li Keqiang on the work of the MSAR over the past year and the current situation in Macao.

The Health Bureau adds a night-time clinic in Hall C of the Macao East Asian Games

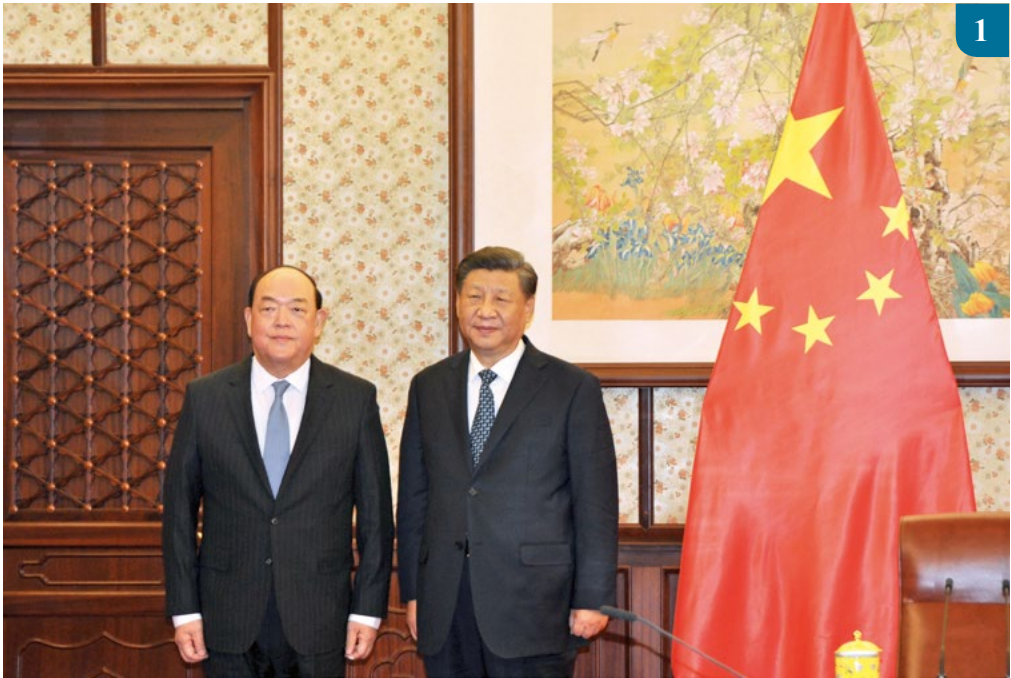
Dome and expands the special emergency department of the Hospital Centre S. Januario, to serve people infected with Covid-19. The night-time clinic suspends operations from 28 December.

Non-tertiary schools in Macao will now extend the resumption of classes after the holiday to 9 January, 2023, to reduce the risk of large-scale outbreaks in schools at the same time.

- 23 President Xi Jinping meets with Chief Executive Ho Iat Seng, receives the Chief Executive's report on the current situation of Macao and the work of the MSAR in 2022, and fully affirms the work of the Chief Executive and the MSAR Government.
- 30 The Executive Council concludes discussions on the draft Regulations for Gaming Operations in Casinos. These mainly regulate the document and procedural requirements for applications for gaming promoter licences, partnership permits, and various applications by management companies, as well as the procedures for using and returning guarantees.

The Greater Bay Area Cross-Boundary Disputes Mediation Model Rules, which have been deliberated on by the Guangdong Provincial Department of Justice, Hong Kong Department of Justice, and Macao Office for Administration and Justice, are released.

Ferries between Taipa Ferry Terminal and Hong Kong Airport resume operations.



1. On 23 December, President Xi Jinping meets with Chief Executive Ho Iat Seng during the Chief Executive's duty visit to Beijing.
2. On 23 December, Premier Li Keqiang meets with Chief Executive Ho Iat Seng, during the Chief Executive's duty visit to Beijing.

1. On 19 November, the Secretary of the Standing Committee of the National People's Congress, Yang Zhenwu, Chief Executive Ho Iat Seng, and the Director of the Liaison Office of the Central People's Government in the Macao Special Administrative Region, Zheng Xincong, attend the first plenary meeting for the election of Macao deputies to the 14th National People's Congress.
2. On 1 December, principal officials of the Government, members of the Executive Council and the Legislative Assembly, officials of the judiciary, Macao deputies to the National People's Congress and the National Committee of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference in Macao are among attendees of the first seminar on the spirit of the 20th National Congress of the Communist Party of China.
3. On 16 February, the Liaison Office of the Central People's Government in the Macao Special Administrative Region hosts the 2021 Spring Festival reception.





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4. On 1 October morning, a flag-raising ceremony to celebrate the 73rd Anniversary of the founding of the People's Republic of China is held in Lotus Square.
5. On 20 December, Chief Executive Ho Iat Seng and other guests make a toast at the reception celebrating the 23rd anniversary of the establishment of the Macao Special Administrative Region.



1. On 26 August, Chief Executive Ho Iat Seng hosts the first consultation meeting on the amendments to the Law on Safeguarding National Security. Pictured here are Macao deputies to the National People's Congress, Macao members of the National Committee of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference, and representatives of the political and legal sector.
2. On 3 September, the MSAR Government holds a public consultation meeting on the amendments to the Law on Safeguarding National Security. (Public Consultation Session 1).
3. On 22 August, the Secretary for Security, Wong Sio Chak, attends the press conference on the amendments to the Law on Safeguarding National Security.



4. The opening ceremony of the National Security Education Exhibition 2022 is held on 15 April. The exhibition is jointly organised by the MSAR Government and the Liaison Office of the Central People's Government in the Macao Special Administrative Region.
5. On 7 April, Chief Executive Ho Iat Seng chairs the National Security Committee meeting.



1. On 15 January, the governments of Macao and Zhuhai hold a video conference on joint pandemic prevention and control measures. Officials from both places attend, give briefings on the latest situation in response to the new round of pandemic prevention and control measures, and exchange views on countermeasures and measures for joint prevention and control of the pandemic.
2. On 18 March, to align with the anti-pandemic measures, all relevant departments adopt safeguards and strictly follow the health and pandemic prevention guidelines, by thoroughly disinfecting goods and cold-chain food packaging that arrive in Macao from high-risk areas, and establishing a pandemic prevention channel for imported goods and food.
3. On 11 April, in response to the risk of large-scale community transmission of Covid-19, the MSAR Government establishes a Community Rehabilitation Centre for Covid-19 patients in the Macao East Asian Games Dome, and the Athlete Training and Development Centre.
4. On 29 April, the MSAR Government announces the details of the third round of the Electronic Consumption Benefits Plan. Each person holding a valid or renewable Macao permanent or non-permanent identity card during the registration period will receive 8,000 patacas (start-up fund of 5,000 patacas and instant grant of 3,000 patacas).



5. On 19 June, after a community outbreak of Covid-19 in Macao, Chief Executive Ho Iat Seng visits the Civil Protection Action Centre, to listen to reports on the pandemic response work and issue further instructions.
6. On 19 June, Chief Executive Ho Iat Seng visits multiple nucleic acid testing stations to learn about the preparations for community-wide nucleic acid testing.

1. To further control the pandemic, the MSAR Government launches a new round of nucleic acid testing for all citizens from 27 June to 28 June.
2. On 28 June, the mobile nucleic acid sampling vehicle is put into use for the first time, to facilitate collection of samples from citizens and reduce cross-regional movement.
3. On 3 July, the Secretary for Economy and Finance, Lei Wai Nong, and the Secretary for Social Affairs and Culture, Ao Ieong U, attend a press conference to explain the latest pandemic prevention and control work and economic assistance measures in Macao.
4. From 4 July to 9 July, the MSAR Government implements three rounds of community-wide nucleic acid testing over six consecutive days. There are 64 inspection stations, 362 sample collection stations, including seven special care sampling stations in Macao.





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6. On 19 July, Chief Executive Ho Iat Seng leads representatives from various departments of the MSAR Government to hold a video conference with the Zhuhai Covid-19 Pandemic Prevention and Control Headquarters.
7. On 14 December, the MSAR Government launches the second phase of distribution of “Anti-pandemic Kits”, with 35 distribution points across Macao.



1. On 13 December, the MSAR Government holds an event for the National Memorial Day for Nanjing Massacre Victims.
2. On 24 August, in response to Severe Tropical Storm Ma'on, the Civil Protection Action Centre holds a press conference on the Evacuation Plan for Storm Surges in Low-lying Areas during Typhoons.



3. At 10am on 6 December, a memorial service for former president Jiang Zemin, who passed away on 30 November, is held in the Great Hall of the People in Beijing. Chief Executive Ho Iat Seng leads Macao's principal officials, members of the Executive Council, leaders of various departments and other officials to watch the live broadcast of the memorial ceremony in the Trade and Economic Cooperation Services Platform Between China and Portuguese-speaking Countries, and expresses deep condolences regarding former president Jiang Zemin.
4. On 1 December, in memory of former president Jiang Zemin, the MSAR Government Headquarters hoists the flag at half-mast.



1. On 26 February, the Chief Executive, Ho Iat Seng, chairs a meeting to exchange views on a review of and the outlook for governance work.
2. On 16 December, Chief Executive Ho Iat Seng meets with representatives of six companies that have been awarded the Concession Agreement on Operating Games of Luck in Casinos in the Macao Special Administrative Region.
3. On 28 July, members of the Committee for the Gaming Concessions Public Tender hold a press conference to announce a new round of open bidding for casino concessions.
4. On 14 March, Chief Executive Ho Iat Seng chairs the 2022 plenary meeting of the Economic Development Council.



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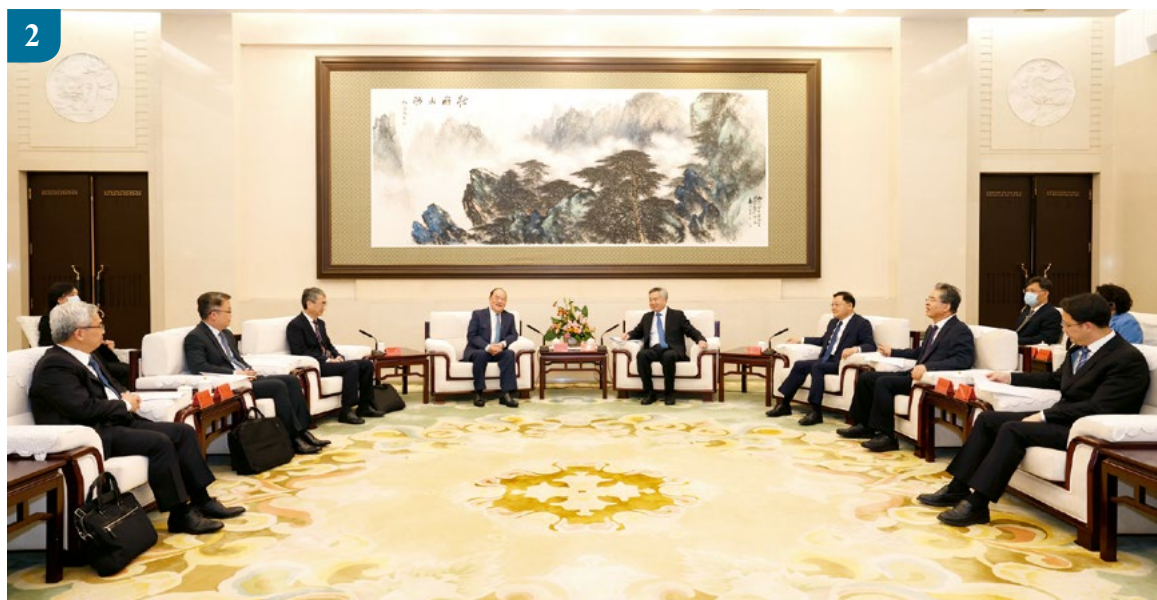


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5. On 10 April, Macao hosts the Ministerial Conference of the Forum for Economic and Trade Cooperation between China and Portuguese-speaking Countries in a combined online and offline mode. The main venue is in Macao, and a branch venue is set up in Beijing. During the opening ceremony, Premier Li Keqiang delivers a congratulatory speech via video.
6. Chief Executive Ho Iat Seng holds a press conference on 24 September, to introduce to the media the central government's support for Macao's economic recovery, Macao's infrastructure projects and the construction of the Guangdong-Macao Intensive Cooperation Zone in Hengqin and other beneficial measures for Macao.
7. On 29 October, Chief Executive Ho Iat Seng receives a document giving the State Council's approval for the expansion of Macau International Airport, and related reclamation work; the document is handed over by the Deputy Director of the State Council's Hong Kong and Macao Affairs Office, Huang Liuquan.



1. On 11 June, while leading a delegation from Macao to Guangzhou, Chief Executive Ho Iat Seng holds a discussion with the Governor of Guangdong Province, Wang Weizhong, and other leaders.
2. On 11 June, Chief Executive Ho Iat Seng meets with the Secretary of the CPC Guangdong Provincial Committee, Li Xi, in Guangzhou.

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3. On 15 September, Chief Executive Ho Iat Seng and the Governor of Guangdong Province, Wang Weizhong, cordially shake hands during the 2022 Guangdong-Macao Cooperation Joint Conference in Macao.

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4. On 15 September, Chief Executive Ho Iat Seng visits Hengqin to attend the ceremony for the completion of the Customs Supervision Building serving the “second-tier” tariff area of the Guangdong-Macao Intensive Cooperation Zone in Hengqin. The picture shows the Chief Executive visiting the outdoor vehicle access and inspection area for vehicles leaving the island.

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5. On 14 February, Chief Executive Ho Iat Seng attends the Spring Festival gathering hosted by the Administrative Committee and the Executive Committee of the Guangdong-Macao Intensive Cooperation Zone in Hengqin.



1. On 9 August, Chief Executive Ho Iat Seng attends a plenary meeting of the Legislative Assembly, and responds to legislators' questions on administrative policies and social issues.
2. The opening ceremony of the 2022/2023 Judicial Year of the Macao SAR is held on 19 October.
3. On 15 March, the opening ceremony of the Fire Services Bureau's Ilha Verde Station is held.



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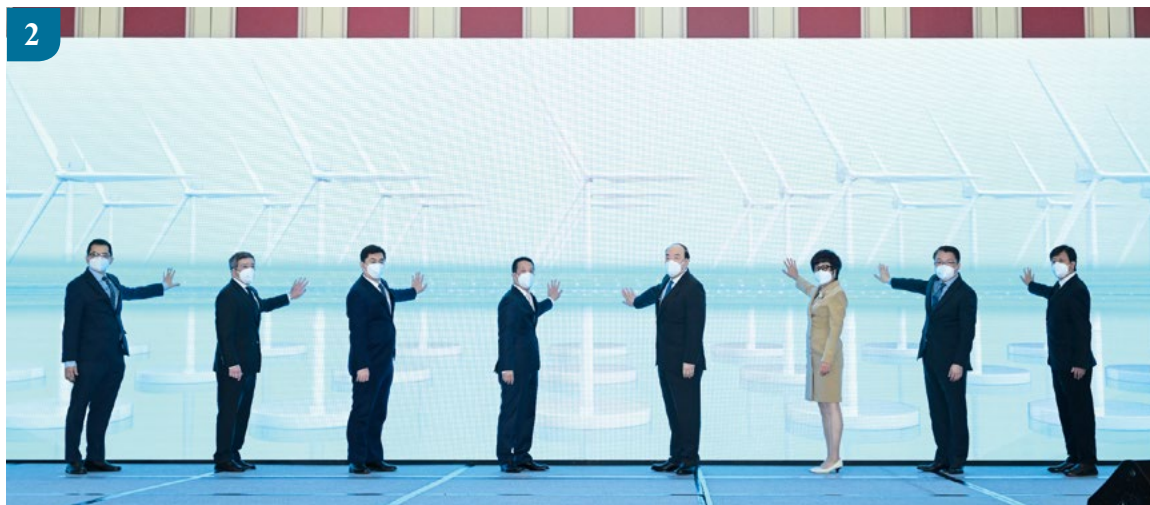
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4. On 15 November, Chief Executive Ho Iat Seng delivers the Policy Address for the Fiscal Year 2023 in the Legislative Assembly, with major officials of the MSAR Government attending the meeting.
5. On 18 February, the Ceremony for Awarding Medals and Honorary Titles of the Macao Special Administrative Region of the People's Republic of China for 2021 is held.
6. The opening ceremony of Seac Pai Van Health Centre is held on 6 June.

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1. The 10th Macao International Travel (Industry) Expo opens on 23 September.
2. The Macao International Environmental Co-operation Forum & Exhibition 2022 (MIECF) begins on 9 December.

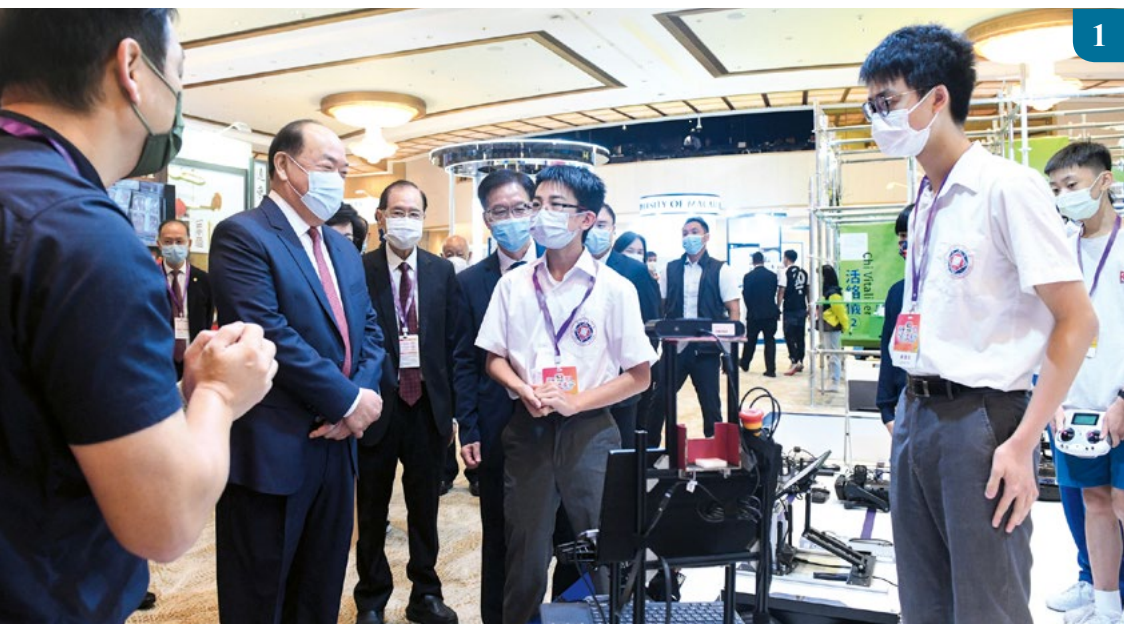


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3. The 27th Macao International Trade and Investment Fair, 2022 Macao Franchise Expo, and 2022 Product and Service Exhibition of Portuguese-speaking Countries (Macao) open on 20 October.
4. The opening ceremony of the 13th International Infrastructure Investment and Construction Forum (IICF) is held on 28 September.



1. Chief Executive Ho Iat Seng visits the 8th Macau Industrial Products Show on 1 October, and interacts with students at the booth of Pui Ching Middle School.
2. A press conference is held on 3 October, to introduce the basic conditions for the selection of the Payload Specialist Selection Programme in Macao. The programme is organised by the China Manned Space Agency, implemented by the China Astronaut Research and Training Center, coordinated by the Hong Kong and Macao Affairs Office of the State Council, and co-organised by the Civil Aviation Authority of the Macao SAR, the Education and Youth Development Bureau, and the Health Bureau.
3. On 4 February, the 2022 Float Parade for Celebration of the Year of the Tiger is held, with unique, vibrant, eye-catching floats.



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4. On 18 November, the 69th edition of the annual international sports event – the Macau Grand Prix – is held on the Guia Circuit. Drivers compete in seven exciting races.
5. On 3 February, the Lunar New Year fireworks show is held; spectacular fireworks light up the skyline opposite the Macau Tower.