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### January

- 5 The Hong Kong and Macao Affairs Office of the State Council announces the implementation of optimisation measures for the entry of Hong Kong and Macao residents into mainland China, with effect from 8 January, including: removing the requirement of a negative nucleic acid test result for individuals entering mainland China from Macao who have not travelled to any foreign countries or other regions outside mainland China within the past seven days; resuming transit/transfer services for entering mainland China through Macau International Airport; lifting the restrictions on passenger load for flights between mainland China and Macao and gradually increasing the number of flights; resuming land and maritime transportation for passenger travel between mainland China and Macao in an orderly manner; and resuming mainland residents' leisure tours to Macao.

The *Macao SAR Gazette* publishes an executive order to abolish the Special Measures to Prevent the Spread of COVID-19 in Macao and the special entry restrictions in Macao.

The Economic and Technological Development Bureau launches the Pilot Subsidy Scheme to Promote the Development of Traditional Chinese Medicine Industry through the Industrial and Commercial Development Fund, to select and support natural or legal persons holding Macao SAR licenses for Chinese medicine manufacturing or pharmaceutical production licenses to obtain drug registration in mainland China.

- 8 The National Health Commission renames COVID-19 from “Novel Coronavirus Pneumonia” to “Novel Coronavirus Infection” and manages it as a Class B infectious disease. Individuals entering Macao from mainland China, Hong Kong or Taiwan are not required to present proof of any COVID-19 tests. However, those entering from foreign countries must present proof of a negative COVID-19 antigen or nucleic acid test issued within 48 hours.

With effect from midnight, the Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macao Bridge Checkpoint resumes 24-hour boundary-crossing services.

- 9 All non-tertiary institutions in Macao resume classes, and the measures of checking health codes upon entry to school premises are discontinued. Starting from 6 February, rapid testing and class suspensions are cancelled.
- 20 The community outpatient clinics for people infected with COVID-19 cease operations. These services have provided services to over 46,000 individuals since 12 December 2022.
- 21 Chief Executive Ho Iat Seng delivers the Lunar New Year message for the Year of the Rabbit.

Chief Executive Ho Iat Seng and his wife visit the Lunar New Year's Eve Bazaar at Tap

Seac Square and the two designated firecracker areas in Macao and Taipa, to enjoy the festive atmosphere with residents and tourists.

- 22 The Strolling through Almeida Ribeiro – Pedestrian Area Pilot Project is launched, attracting about 140,000 visitors throughout the five-day event.
- 24 Chief Executive Ho Iat Seng and his wife visit the vicinity of Rua de Cinco de Outubro, Rua da Felicidade, Senado Square and Almeida Ribeiro Avenue, to gain an understanding of the neighbourhood's business operations, residents' commuting and tourist footfall.

The Macao Government Tourism Office organises the 2023 Parade for Celebration of the Year of the Rabbit and the Chinese New Year Fireworks Display.

Chief Executive Ho Iat Seng visits six integrated resort operators to understand their non-gaming facilities and operations.

- 26 The Macao SAR Government launches a public application for 2,109 individual quotas of Macao private vehicle permits to enter Hong Kong. The permits are valid for three years at a charge of 1,000 patacas each.
- 28 The gastronomy, culture and tourism programme “Dual Express Lane to Macao Tourism – enriched storytelling on food, culture and attractions” jointly produced by the Macao SAR Government and the China Media Group, premiers on CCTV-2, the financial and economic channel.
- 31 Chief Executive Ho Iat Seng attends the spring banquet held by the Macao Chinese Chamber of Commerce and proposes four aspirations for the Macao business sector.

## February

- 3 Chief Executive Ho Iat Seng leads a MSAR Government delegation to Guangzhou, and meets with the Secretary of CPC Guangdong Provincial Committee, Huang Kunming, and the Governor of Guangdong Province, Wang Weizhong. Both parties agree to continue deepening and expanding cooperation between Guangdong and Macao in various areas, jointly expediting the construction of the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area, and promoting the development of the Guangdong-Macao Intensive Cooperation Zone in Hengqin.
- 6 The Hong Kong and Macao Affairs Office of the State Council issues a notice regarding the complete resumption of passenger travels between the mainland and Hong Kong and Macao. Macao sees the arrival of the first two mainland Chinese tour groups to the city since the outbreak of COVID-19 pandemic.
- 7 The Vice Minister of the General Administration of Customs of China, Sun Yuning, and the Director-General of the Macao Customs, Vong Man Chong, jointly sign the Mutual Recognition Arrangement on the Customs Enterprise Credit Management System in



Mainland China and the Customs Authorised Economic Operator Programme in Macao between the General Administration of Customs and Macao Customs.

- 8 The Regulations on Promoting the Development of the Guangdong-Macao Intensive Cooperation Zone in Hengqin are announced and will come into effect on 1 March 2023. The Macao SAR Government welcomes the promulgation of the regulations.
- 10 The Monetary Authority of Macao announces that Macao's lease finance companies have successfully completed cross-boundary transfer transactions of leasing assets, with the assets transferred from banks in the Guangdong-Macao Intensive Cooperation Zone in Hengqin to lease finance companies Macao, marking a new milestone in financial cooperation between Macao and Hengqin.

Secretary for Social and Cultural Affairs, Ao Ieong U, and President of Peking Union Medical College Hospital, Zhang Shuyang, sign the Cooperation Agreement between the Secretariat for Social Affairs and Culture of the Macao SAR Government and Peking Union Medical College Hospital.

- 14 Chief Executive Ho Iat Seng meets with the delegation led by the Deputy Secretary of the CPC Zhuhai Municipal Committee and the Mayor of Zhuhai, Huang Zhihao, to exchange views on strengthening cooperation and promoting the construction of the Guangdong-Macao Intensive Cooperation Zone in Hengqin.

Chief Executive Ho Iat Seng meets with the Deputy Secretary of the CPC Guangzhou Municipal Committee and the Mayor of Guangzhou, Guo Yonghang, to exchange views on strengthening cooperation to support the development of the Guangdong-Macao Intensive Cooperation Zone in Hengqin and promote the construction of the Greater Bay Area.

- 15 The internationally recognised rating agency, Forbes Travel Guide, announces its latest list of star awards for the year 2023. Twenty two hotel establishments in Macao have received the Forbes Five-Star Hotel title, making Macao the destination with the highest number of Forbes Five-Star Hotels worldwide.
- 18 The Government Tourism Office relaunches the Experience Macao Unlimited roadshows in the Greater Bay Area, with the first stop in Guangzhou in 2023.
- 22 Macao, China is approved as a member of the Western Pacific Regional Forum for the Harmonization of Herbal Medicines (FHH), marking a significant step forward for Macao in international cooperation and exchanges in the field of traditional Chinese medicine regulation by providing a broader international cooperation platform for the development of Macao's traditional Chinese medicine industry.
- 23 Chief Executive Ho Iat Seng meets with a delegation led by the Deputy Secretary of the CPC Shenzhen Municipal Committee and the Mayor of Shenzhen, Qin Weizhong, to exchange views on strengthening cooperation in technology, finance, exhibition, education, culture, and tourism.

The People's Bank of China, in conjunction with the China Banking and Insurance Regulatory Commission, the China Securities Regulatory Commission, the State Administration of

Foreign Exchange and the People's Government of Guangdong Province releases the Opinions on Financial Support for the Construction of the Guangdong-Macao Intensive Cooperation Zone in Hengqin. The SAR Government warmly welcomes the opinions. A presentation of the policy paper on financial support for the construction of the Guangdong-Macao Intensive Cooperation Zone in Hengqin is held on 24 February.

- 25 Chief Executive Ho Iat Seng meets with Chief Executive of the Hong Kong SAR, John Lee. Both parties reach a consensus to continue deepening cooperation and exchanges, leverage the complementary advantages, and jointly promote the development of the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area.

## March

- 2 Chief Executive Ho Iat Seng meets with the Chief Executive of the Hong Kong SAR, John Lee. Both parties reaffirm that the cooperation between Hong Kong and Macao will embrace a brighter future. The two SARs should leverage the advantages of the "One country, two systems" principle, capitalise on their respective strengths, leverage the complementary advantages, jointly contribute to collaborative development, and integrate into the overall development of the country.
- 3 The National Arts Fund (General Projects) announces the list of funded projects for the year 2023, including 11 projects selected from arts organisations and artists from Macao, an increase of two projects compared to 2022.

The Monetary Authority announces that there were 260 million local mobile payment transactions in 2022, reaching a new high in terms of transaction volume, totalling 26 billion patacas. This represents an increase of approximately 40 percent compared to 2021 and a significant growth of over 20 times compared to 2019.

- 5 Chief Executive Ho Iat Seng attends the opening of the first session of the 14th National People's Congress held in Beijing, to listen to and learn from Premier Li Keqiang's report on the government's work.
- 6 Chief Executive Ho Iat Seng attends a ceremony to mark the screening of the China Media Group's premium programmes in Macao and authorisation of media rights of sports events. China Media Group presents a total of nine premium programmes to Teledifusao de Macau (Macao Broadcasting Company, TDM) and grants TDM the rights to broadcast the Hangzhou Asian Games and Paris Olympic Games. During the event, the MSAR Government and China Media Group jointly produce two programmes, namely Walk through World Heritage: Macao and Mini Series on World Heritage (the chapter on Historic Centre of Macao).
- 10 The first session of the 14th National People's Congress elects the new state leaders. Chief Executive Ho Iat Seng, on behalf of the MSAR Government and people of Macao, extends the warmest and most sincere congratulations to President Xi Jinping on his unanimous

election as President of the People's Republic of China and Chairman of the Central Military Commission of the People's Republic of China.

- 13 Chief Executive Ho Iat Seng meets with the Minister of the General Administration of Customs, Yu Jianhua, in Beijing, to exchange views on promoting the development of the Guangdong-Macao Intensive Cooperation Zone in Hengqin and appropriate economic diversification in Macao.

Chief Executive Ho Iat Seng meets with the China International Trade Representative (ministerial ranking) and Vice Minister of Commerce, Wang Shouwen, to exchange views on strengthening cooperation and further promoting Macao's economic development.

- 16 Chief Executive Ho Iat Seng attends a briefing session to share new policies and aspirations set out in the "Two Sessions 2023" and emphasises that Macao 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", fortify the stable and long-lasting social and political foundation of "One country, two systems", expedite appropriate economic diversification, implement the "1+4" appropriate economic diversification strategy, and optimise Macao's industrial structure.

The Communist Party of China (CPC) Central Committee and the State Council have recently released a plan on reforming the Party and state institutions, pursuant to which a Central Hong Kong and Macao Work Office will be formed on the basis of the Hong Kong and Macao Affairs Office of the State Council. The Central Hong Kong and Macao Work Office will be responsible for investigation, research, co-ordination and supervision of upholding the principle of "one country, two systems", exercising the Central People's Government's overall jurisdiction, governing Hong Kong and Macao in accordance with the law, safeguarding national security, protecting people's livelihood and well-being, and supporting the integration of Hong Kong and Macao into the national development. Chief Executive Ho Iat Seng, on behalf of the MSAR Government, expressed resolute support for the decision.

- 18 Chief Executive Ho Iat Seng visits Jiangxi on 18 to 19 March. He meets with Secretary of CPC Jiangxi Provincial Committee and Chairman of the Standing Committee of the Jiangxi Provincial People's Congress, Yin Hong; and Deputy Secretary of the CPC Jiangxi Provincial Committee and Governor of Jiangxi Province, Ye Jianchun, to discuss further promoting cooperation and exchanges regarding commerce and trade, traditional Chinese medicine, technological innovation, and tourism.
- 21 The Macao SAR Government expresses its strong opposition against the 2022 Country Reports on Human Rights Practices issued by the Department of State of the United States.
- 22 Chief Executive Ho Iat Seng attends the Guangdong Province 2023 Spring Festival Reception (Macao) and says that the close cooperation between Guangdong and Macao will bring greater benefits to the residents of both regions, promote prosperity and stability in Guangdong and Macao, and lay a more solid foundation for Macao's integration into the overall development of the country.

- 28 In the reception for the 20th anniversary of the Forum for Economic and Trade Cooperation between China and Portuguese-speaking Countries (Macao), Chief Executive Ho Iat Seng expresses his expectation that the Forum can fully leverage Macao's unique advantages and the opportunities presented by the construction of the Guangdong-Macao Intensive Cooperation Zone in Hengqin to integrate Macao's "1+4" appropriate economic diversification strategy so that Macao's enterprises can play a greater role in promoting economic and trade cooperation between mainland China and Portuguese-speaking countries, as well as facilitating manpower exchanges between Macao and Portuguese-speaking countries.
- 29 A delegation from the National Health Commission visits the Areia Preta Health Centre and highly acknowledges the community medical and health services in Macao.
- 31 The MSAR Government holds a ceremony to commemorate the 30th anniversary of the promulgation of the Basic Law of the Macao Special Administrative Region of the People's Republic of China. Member of the Political Bureau of the CPC Central Committee and Vice Chairman of the Standing Committee of NPC, Li Hongzhong, attends the event and delivers a keynote speech.

## April

- 15 The National Security Education Exhibition, jointly organised by the MSAR Government and the Liaison Office of the Central People's Government in the Macao SAR, commences. By 15 May, when the exhibition closes, the exhibition has attracted a record-breaking number of 60,138 visitors, while the themed website recorded over 1.2 million views.

The "Experience Macao Unlimited – Macao Promotion in Lisbon", organised by the Macao Government Tourism Office, is held in Portugal, marking Macao's first post-pandemic tourism promotion project in Europe.

- 18 Chief Executive Ho Iat Seng leads an MSAR Government delegation and an entrepreneur delegation on a five-day visit to Portugal, and a visit to Luxembourg and Belgium, to strengthen and deepen cooperation and connection in economy and trade, tourism, education and culture, as well as to further promote Macao in Europe.
- 20 With the approval of the State Council, the second phase of the passenger vehicles and goods vehicles inspection area at the Macao boundary crossing area and related extension zones of the Hengqin Checkpoint (excluding the overpass connecting the University of Macau and the Hengqin Checkpoint), is officially handed over for the use of the Macao SAR from midnight, and will be administered according to the laws of the Macao SAR. The handover ceremony between Guangdong and Macao is held at midnight.

Chief Executive Ho Iat Seng attends the Macao-Portugal Investment and Tourism Promotion Conference on 19 April (local time) in Portugal. He hopes that various sectors in Portugal



could have a more comprehensive understanding of the new developments and opportunities in Macao and the Guangdong-Macao Intensive Cooperation Zone in Hengqin, and promote cooperation in trade and tourism between Macao and Portugal. He also witnesses the signing of the Cooperation Memorandum between the Portugal Trade and Investment Agency and the Macao Trade and Investment Promotion Institute, and the Commercial Cooperation Agreement between the Chinese Chamber of Commerce of Portugal and the Macao Chinese Chamber of Commerce.

- 21 Chief Executive Ho Iat Seng meets with China's Ambassador to Portugal, Zhao Bentang, on 19 April, local time, in Portugal.

Chief Executive Ho Iat Seng holds a seminar with a delegation of entrepreneurs during his visit on 20 April, local time, in Portugal.

The Global Tourism Economy Forum and the World Tourism Organization sign a Memorandum of Understanding on their elevated partnership in Lisbon, Portugal. The signing of the Memorandum of Understanding deepens collaboration between both parties, unveiling new chapters of global cooperation in tourism, economy, culture, and other fields.

In a reception hosted by the MSAR Government in Lisbon, Portugal, Chief Executive Ho Iat Seng states that Macao will further leverage its role as the China-PSCs commercial and trade service platform, to seize the development opportunities of the Belt and Road initiative in collaboration with Portugal, strengthen cooperation, continue to provide support and assistance to enterprises from Macao, Portugal, and mainland China for market expansion, and leverage Macao's role as a bridge and a hub in promoting long-term friendly cooperation between China and Portugal.

Secretary for Economy and Finance, Lei Wai Nong, leads a delegation of Macao entrepreneurs, and the representatives from the Guangdong-Macao Intensive Cooperation Zone in Hengqin, on a visit to Porto, Portugal, to promote bilateral economic and trade cooperation.

- 22 Chief Executive Ho Iat Seng meets with the Secretary-General of the World Tourism Organization, Zurab Pololikashvili, in Lisbon on 21 April, local time, to exchange views on deepening collaboration in tourism, promoting sustainable development in the global tourism industry, and fostering Macao's integrated tourism and leisure industry.

Chief Executive Ho Iat Seng visits the headquarters of CGD Group (Caixa Geral de Depósito, SA.) in Lisbon on 21 April, local time, and meets with the Executive Committee Chairman, Paulo Moita de Macedo, to exchange views on strengthening cooperation between Macao and the Portuguese financial industry, as well as supporting Macao's development of a modern financial services industry in the Guangdong-Macao Intensive Cooperation Zone in Hengqin.

Chief Executive Ho Iat Seng meets with over 130 Macao students studying in Portugal on 21 April, local time, and encourages them to serve society and the country, and integrate into the overall development of the country.

Chief Executive Ho Iat Seng concludes that his visit to Portugal has further expanded the exchanges and cooperation between Macao and Portugal in economy and trade, innovation and technology, healthcare, culture, and Portuguese language education, marking a new chapter in strengthening and enhancing close cooperation between the two parties.

- 23 Chief Executive Ho Iat Seng, meets with the Ambassador of China to Luxembourg, Hua Ning, during his visit to Luxembourg.
- 24 Chief Executive Ho Iat Seng meets with the Prime Minister and Minister of State, Minister for Communications and Media, Minister for Religious Affairs, Minister for Digitalisation, and Minister for Administrative Reform, Xavier Bettel, in Luxembourg, to exchange views on strengthening cooperation between Macao and Luxembourg in economy and trade, modern finance, and other areas. They also visit the Luxembourg Stock Exchange.
- 26 Chief Executive Ho Iat Seng attends a welcoming banquet hosted by the overseas Chinese community on 25 April, local time, during his visit to Brussels.

Chief Executive Ho Iat Seng meets with the Head of the Chinese Mission to the European Union, Fu Cong, and the Ambassador of China to Belgium, Cao Zhongming, respectively, on 25 April, local time, in Brussels.

- 27 Chief Executive Ho Iat Seng meets with Deputy Secretary-General for Economic and Global Issues at the European External Action Service of the European Union, Ms Helena König, in Brussels, to exchange views on strengthening trade cooperation between Macao and the European Union, as well as post-pandemic economic recovery.

The delegation led by Chief Executive Ho Iat Seng returns to Macao after a 10-day visit to three European countries. He concludes that the expected objectives of the trip, including strengthening friendly relations, deepening cooperation, and exploring collaborative opportunities, have been achieved.

## May

- 1 The boundary-crossing restrictions at Zhuhai-Macao checkpoints have been lifted. The restrictions were initially implemented on 5 August 2022 morning and were subsequently extended four times until 30 April 2023.
- 8 The Macao SAR Government and the Ministry of Culture and Tourism sign an agreement between mainland China and Macao to form a joint working committee for the establishment of a multi-cultural exchange and cooperation base focusing on Chinese culture. The “One Base” Joint Working Committee is officially established and holds its inaugural meeting.
- 13 The Meteorological and Geophysical Bureau holds the unveiling ceremony for the National Meteorological Science Popularisation Education Base.
- 16 The Macao-mainland China mutual driving licence recognition scheme officially comes into

effect. Individuals holding a mainland Chinese driver's license can drive in Macao without registration for the first 14 days. After 14 days of entry, they are required to register at the Traffic Department of the Public Security Police, with a maximum validity period of one year.

Under the witness of Chief Executive Ho Iat Seng, the Secretary for Social Affairs and Culture, Ao Ieong U, and Secretary of Party Leadership Group of the State Administration of Traditional Chinese Medicine, Yu Yanhong, sign the Cooperation Agreement in the Area of Traditional Chinese Medicine between the Secretariat for Social Affairs and Culture of the Macao SAR Government and the National Administration of Traditional Chinese Medicine.

The Amendment to Law No. 22/2009 – Law on Safeguarding National Security passes its second reading in the Legislative Assembly, and will come into effect on the day following its promulgation.

- 21 The China National Space Administration announces that “Macao Science 1”, the first space science satellite jointly developed by mainland China and Macao, has been launched with a Long March 2C carrier rocket from the Jiuquan Satellite Launch Center. On 24 May, President Xi Jinping sends his congratulations via a reply letter to the faculty and students of the Macau University of Science and Technology who participated in the research and development of the “Macao Science 1” satellite. Chief Executive Ho Iat Seng, on behalf of the MSAR Government and all residents of Macao, extends gratitude to President Xi and the Central People's Government for their care and support in education and technological development of Macao.
- 23 Vice Chairman of the 13th 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, pays a four-day visit to Macao and holds a discussion with Chief Executive Ho Iat Seng and principal officials of Macao's Executive Council, Legislative Assembly and judicial institutions. He also puts forward six requests concerning the development of the Macao SAR.
- 24 The “Archives and Manuscripts of Macau Kong Tac Lam Temple (1645-1980)” is inscribed on the UNESCO's Memory of the World Programme.
- 25 Vice Chairman of the 13th Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference and Director of the Hong Kong and Macao Affairs Office of the State Council, Xia Baolong, accompanied by Chief Executive Ho Iat Seng, joins a tea gathering with the elder generation who love the country and Macao; visits the Grand Prix Museum, elderly service organisations, the Museum of Macao, and the China-PSCs Commercial and Trade Service Platform Complex; and holds discussions with representatives from the business community and chambers of commerce.
- 26 The Standing Committee of the Zhuhai Municipal People's Congress has unanimously passed the Regulations on the Management of Macao SAR Medical Professionals Practising in the Guangdong-Macao Intensive Cooperation Zone in Hengqin and the Regulations on the

Registration Management of Macao SAR Pharmaceutical Professionals Practising in the Guangdong-Macao Intensive Cooperation Zone in Hengqin which will come into effect on 1 August. Fifteen categories of Macao SAR medical professionals will be able to provide medical services within the Guangdong-Macao Intensive Cooperation Zone in Hengqin.

## June

- 4 Chief Executive Ho Iat Seng sends a congratulatory message to the Central People's Government to mark the successful return of the Shenzhou 15 spacecraft.
- 9 The first post-pandemic event, Macao Week in Qingdao, Shandong, opens, attracting 200,000 visitors during the five-day roadshow. The online live broadcast has accumulated over 130 million views.
- 10 Chief Executive Ho Iat Seng attends the receptions for the celebrations of Portugal Day, Portuguese Community Day, and Camoes Day. He emphasises that the Portuguese community in Macao is an integral part of Macao society, and the MSAR Government fully recognises their important role.
- 24 The Lai Chi Vun Shipyards – Plots X11-X15 commence operations, providing a recreational and cultural space with a focus on showcasing Macao's shipbuilding industry.
- 27 Chief Executive Ho Iat Seng and Secretary of the CPC Zhejiang Provincial Committee and Chairman of the Standing Committee of the Zhejiang Provincial People's Congress, Yi Lianhong, attend the Zhejiang-Macao-Portuguese-Speaking-Countries Economic and Trade Co-operation and Exchange Conference, to exchange views on further promoting cooperation between Macao and Zhejiang, leveraging Macao's functions as a platform and expanding Portuguese-speaking markets jointly by Macao and Zhejiang enterprises.

Zhuhai-Hengqin Macao New Neighbourhood Limited, the project company of the Macau Urban Renewal Limited, holds the unveiling ceremony for Macao New Neighbourhood in Hengqin.

- 29 Chief Executive Ho Iat Seng meets with Secretary of the CPC Fujian Provincial Committee and Chairman of the Standing Committee of the Fujian Provincial People's Congress, Zhou Zuyi, to exchange views on strengthening continuous and pragmatic cooperation between Fujian and Macao, jointly participating in the development of the "Belt and Road" initiative, and enhancing the economy, trade, finance, science and technology, tourism, culture and higher education in the two regions.
- 30 The Identification Services Bureau introduces "electronic identity", allowing residents to access public and private services without presenting their physical resident identity card.

The 11th Macao International Travel (Industry) Expo is held for three consecutive days, marking the first travel expo in Macao after the full resumption of normal border-crossing

travel. The number of exhibitors and buyers reaches a record high compared to previous years.

The Committee for Safeguarding National Security of the Macao SAR holds its first plenary meeting of 2023. The Director of the Liaison Office of the Central People's Government in the MSAR, Zheng Xincong, and Deputy Director, Huang Liuquan, attend the meeting as National Security Adviser and National Security Technical Adviser, respectively.

## July

- 1 Chief Executive Ho Iat Seng and Vice Minister of the Publicity Department of the Communist Party of China Central Committee and President and Editor-in-Chief of China Media Group (CMG), Shen Haixiong, witness the launching ceremony of a youth media action campaign themed “Youth and Future”, jointly organised by the MSAR Government and the CMG.

The Law on Legal System for Importing Talented People and its supplementary regulations and by-laws come into effect.

- 6 Chief Executive Ho Iat Seng leads an MSAR Government delegation to Guiyang, Guizhou Province, to attend the 2023 Pan-Pearl River Delta (PPRD) Regional Cooperation Chief Executives Joint Conference. During the visit, he meets with the Secretary of the CPC Guizhou Provincial Committee, Xu Lin; the Governor of Sichuan Province, Huang Qiang; the Governor of Yunnan Province, Wang Yubo; and the Governor of Fujian Province, Zhao Long, to exchange views on regional cooperation and development in the PPRD, deepening cooperation, traditional Chinese medicine, tourism, culture, higher education, economy and trade, and leveraging Macao's functions as a platform between China and Portuguese-speaking countries.

- 7 During the 2023 PPRD Regional Cooperation Chief Executives Joint Conference, Chief Executive Ho Iat Seng delivers a speech on promoting industrial gradient transfer, collaboratively optimising industrial chains and improving supply chains. Participating parties in the PPRD region sign the meeting summary of the 2023 PPRD Regional Cooperation Chief Executives Joint Conference.

Chief Executive Ho Iat Seng meets with the Chairman of the Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region, Lan Tianli; and the Governor of Hainan Province, Liu Xiaoming, in Guiyang, Guizhou Province, to exchange views on enhancing cooperation in traditional Chinese medicine and tourism, exploring international and regional markets, deepening cooperation between Hainan and Macao, and the construction of the Guangdong-Macao Intensive Cooperation Zone in Hengqin and the Hainan Free Trade Zone.

- 9 The Ministry of Ecology and Environment and the Marine and Water Bureau sign the Cooperation Agreement on the Macao's Disposal of Dredged Materials in the Pearl River Estuary to establish a mechanism for cross-regional disposal of Macao's dredged materials.



The large-scale gastronomy, culture and tourism reality show “Dual Express Lane to Macao Tourism – enriched storytelling on food, culture and attractions”, jointly produced by the MSAR Government and China Media Group, is awarded the Innovative and Excellent Television Programme by the National Radio and Television Administration.

- 11 The collection of *Abstracts of Si Ku Quan Shu* by Weng Fanggang housed in the Chinese Ancient Books Chamber of the Sir Robert Ho Tung Library is included in the Catalog of Precious Ancient Books in the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area by the Guangdong Ancient Books Preservation and Conservation Centre of the Sun Yat-sen Library of Guangdong Province, after its previous selection for the National Catalog of Precious Ancient Books in 2010.
- 15 The ferry service between the Taipa Ferry Terminal and Guishan Island in Zhuhai commences operations.
- 18 The MSAR Government holds a cross-departmental press conference announcing plans for using idle land adjacent to Hac Sa Beach and the surrounding green and leisure facilities, including Happy Farm, for the development of the Hac Sa Youth Activity Experimental Camp in stages. The former Macau (Yat Yuen) Canidrome and the lot of Lin Fong Sports Centre will be redeveloped into sports parks for public use, incorporating sports, games, parent-child activities, community events, leisure and cultural facilities, with a total gross area of approximately 74,000 square metres.
- 28 The Art Macao: 2023 International Art Biennial of Macao, an international arts and culture mega event, commences.
- 30 Macao athlete Wong Sam In wins a gold medal in the women’s Nanquan of the Wushu event at the 31st World University Games, with a score of 9.643 points.

## August

- 1 Chief Executive Ho Iat Seng attends a reception to commemorate the 96th anniversary of the founding of the People’s Liberation Army.
- 2 The service centre set up by the Pharmaceutical Administration Bureau in the Traditional Chinese Medicine Science and Technology Industrial Park commences operations.
- 8 The Municipal Affairs Bureau and Gongbei Customs sign a cooperation agreement for the inspection and quarantine arrangement of frozen and chilled seafood products exported to Macao, further ensuring the food safety and stable supplies of frozen and chilled seafood products for Macao, and reducing the customs clearance time for live food products between Zhuhai and Macao.
- 11 Chief Executive Ho Iat Seng sits in at a plenary meeting of the Legislative Assembly and responds to inquiries from legislators regarding public concerns about the Government’s

administration, and social and livelihood-related affairs.

- 16 Macao is selected the Best Convention City (Asia) by the prestigious MICE magazine, *M&C Asia*.
- 19 The Government expresses strong opposition to the Macao Special Administrative Region: Annual Report for 2022 issued by the European Union. The report blatantly defamed the work Macao has done regarding revising the Law on Safeguarding National Security, and made smears regarding the condition of human rights and the rule of law in Macao. It also contained baseless claims concerning Macao's successful implementation of the "One country, two systems" principle.
- 23 The *Macao SAR Gazette* publishes an Executive Order banning the import of live and fresh food products, food products of animal origin, sea salt and seaweed from 10 prefectures in Japan from 24 August, strongly deploring Japan's discharge of nuclear-contaminated water into the ocean.

## September

- 1 In response to typhoon Saola, typhoon signal No. 10 and Orange Storm Surge Warning are hoisted in Macao. The Civil Protection Action Centre implements the Evacuation Plan for Storm Surges in Low-lying Areas during Typhoons and shuts down all casinos in Macao. Chief Executive Ho Iat Seng gives instructions to implement measures for wind and flood prevention, and safety evacuation procedures in full effort, in order to ensure safety of residents and their property.
- 4 The Chief Executive issues an executive order prohibiting the import of non-degradable disposable plastic plates and cups, as well as disposable polystyrene-foam trays for food items, with effect from 1 January 2024.
- 6 The Vice Minister of General Administration of Customs (GACC), Wang Lingjun, and Macao Customs sign the Cooperative Arrangement on Deepening Risk Management Cooperation between the GACC and Macao Customs.
- 11 The 31st Macao International Fireworks Display Contest is held from this day till 7 October after a three-year hiatus.
- 12 Chief Executive Ho Iat Seng presides over the opening ceremony of the Portuguese-speaking countries screening week themed "Audiovisual China – the Story of Macao". The launching ceremony of Teledifusão de Macau (TDM)'s landing rights in the Pearl River Delta region is also held during the event.

The Secretary for Social Affairs and Culture, Ao Ieong U, leads several departments of the MSAR Government to announce a revitalisation plan of the buildings in Barra district near Doca D. Carlos I.

- 14 Jointly organised by the China Council for the Promotion of International Trade, the People's Government of Guangdong Province, the Hong Kong SAR Government and the Macao SAR Government, the first Business Conference on Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area Development is held for two consecutive days. Chief Executive Ho Iat Seng says in his speech that Macao is actively developing its positioning of "One Centre, One Platform, One Base," optimising the industrial structure and supporting the new development of the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area.

Macao Customs and Hong Kong Customs sign the Bilateral Authorised Economic Operator (AEO) Mutual Recognition Arrangement Action Plan, to advance the collaboration between the two parties on the AEO mutual recognition.

- 18 The Chief Executive issues an executive order revoking the Novel Coronavirus Response and Coordination Centre, which was established on 21 January 2020.
- 19 Chief Executive Ho Iat Seng and the Governor of Guangdong Province, Wang Weizhong, lead their government delegations to attend the Guangdong-Macao Cooperation Joint Conference 2023, and sign a cooperation agreement between Guangdong and Macao on the development of smart city cluster; a memorandum regarding the establishment of Single Window for Guangdong-Macao Social Security (Nansha); and Guangdong-Macao Intellectual Property Cooperation Agreement (2023-2025).
- 20 The Ministry of Finance issues in Macao a sovereign bond with a face value of five billion yuan. This marks the third time since 2019 and 2022 that the Ministry of Finance has issued treasury bonds in Macao.
- 21 The 10th Global Tourism Economy Forum - Macao 2023 opens.
- 22 The 2023 Global Guangdong Entrepreneurs Convention is held in Guangzhou. Chief Executive Ho Iat Seng delivers a speech through video conferencing, extending a sincere invitation to outstanding Guangdong entrepreneurs, encouraging them to actively participate in the development of Macao and the Guangdong-Macao Intensive Cooperation Zone in Hengqin, and share the fruits of development of the Guangdong-Macao Intensive Cooperation Zone in Hengqin and Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area through high-quality development.

Chief Executive Ho Iat Seng leads an MSAR Government delegation to visit Hangzhou, Zhejiang, for the opening ceremony of the 19th Asian Games on 24 September and related events.

- 24 Chief Executive Ho Iat Seng meets with the Secretary of the CPC Zhejiang Provincial Committee, Yi Lianhong, and visits local universities to enhance cooperation between the two parties in talent cultivation, higher education and healthcare, so as to support Macao's appropriate economic diversification.
- 25 Chief Executive Ho Iat Seng sends a congratulatory message to martial arts athlete Li Yi for winning Macao's first gold medal in the Women's Changquan contest at the 19th Asian Games.

- 26 Some of the passenger vehicle and goods vehicle lanes of the phase-2 construction of the Hengqin one-stop checkpoint commence trial operations, including six lanes for vehicles travelling from Hengqin to Macao and nine lanes from Macao to Hengqin. The Lotus Flower Bridge fully resumes operations, and the bridge for vehicles connecting the University of Macau and the Hengqin Checkpoint also commences operations.
- 29 The pilot revitalisation plan for the Rua da Felicidade pedestrian zone commences, covering the area between Rua da Felicidade, Travessa do Mastro, Travessa do Aterro Novo, Rua do Matapau and Travessa de Hó Lo Quai.

## October

- 1 To celebrate the 74th anniversary of the establishment of the People's Republic of China, the MSAR Government holds a flag-raising ceremony, a cocktail reception, as well as a series of events including a fun run, a variety show, and a firework display contest.
- 8 As typhoon Koinu approaches, the Meteorological and Geophysical Bureau issues the No. 8 Northeast Gale Signal. Chief Executive Ho Iat Seng visits the Civil Protection Action Centre to receive a briefing and give instructions.  
  
Chief Executive Ho Iat Seng sends a congratulatory letter to the Macao delegation participating in the 19th Asian Games in Hangzhou, for winning one gold, three silver, and two bronze medals. This marks the best results ever achieved by Macao in the history of the Asian Games.
- 11 Three ancient block books printed in the Ming dynasty from the collection of the University of Macau Library are selected by the Centre for Preservation and Conservation of Ancient Books of Sun Yat-sen Library of Guangdong Province to be included in the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area National Rare Ancient Book Directory, including *Xinbian Zuanzhu Zizhi Tongjian Waiji Zengyi*, *Chongjiao Zhengtang Wencui* and *Zongzhong Jiangong Wenji*.
- 16 Secretary for Social Affairs and Culture, Ao Ieong U, and President of Peking Union Medical College Hospital, Zhang Shuyang, sign the Cooperation Agreement for the Operations of the Islands District Medical Complex – Macao Medical Centre of Peking Union Medical College Hospital.
- 18 Chief Executive Ho Iat Seng attends the opening ceremony of the 3rd Belt and Road Forum for International Cooperation in Beijing and listens to the keynote speech delivered by President Xi Jinping. He also participates in the High-Level Forum on Digital Economy and delivers a speech.
- 20 The high-level forum and the opening ceremony of a retrospective exhibition marking the 20th anniversary of the Forum for Economic and Trade Co-operation between China and Portuguese-speaking Countries (Macao) is held.

The East Line project of the Light Rail Transit commences construction. It has a total length of 7.7 kilometres, and six underground stations, connecting the Border Gate, New Urban Zone Area A, New Urban Zone Area E, and the existing Taipa Ferry Terminal Station of the Taipa Line.

- 21 The Government Headquarters opens to the public for two consecutive days, marking the resumption of the Open Day since 2020.
- 24 Chief Executive Ho Iat Seng meets with Secretary of the CPC Fujian Provincial Committee, Zhou Zuyi, and Governor of Fujian, Zhao Long. Both parties reach a consensus on strengthening cooperation and leveraging the unique advantages of both places to jointly support the “Belt and Road” initiative.
- 25 The 4th Fujian-Macao Cooperation Conference is held in Fuzhou, Fujian Province. During the meeting, representatives from both parties sign the Memorandum of Cooperation for the 4th Fujian-Macao Cooperation Conference.
- 26 Chief Executive Ho Iat Seng visits the high-tech and modern financial projects in Xiamen and attends the opening ceremony of the Macao Week in Fujian, Xiamen.

## November

- 1 The MSAR Government officially announces the Development Plan for Appropriate Economic Diversification of the Macao Special Administrative Region (2024-2028). This is the first comprehensive and systematic industrial development plan of the Macao SAR, serving as a major document for the MSAR Government to implement appropriate economic diversification as requested by the Central People’s Government.
- 2 Former premier of the State Council Li Keqiang passed away on 27 October in Shanghai. Flags at the Macao SAR Government Headquarters, the Government House, border and boundary checkpoints, the Legislative Assembly Building, and the Liaison Office of the Central People’s Government in the Macao SAR, are flown at half-mast as a token of mourning.
- 4 Macao swimming athlete Chen Pui Lam wins the first gold medal for Macao in the women’s 50-metre breaststroke at the 1st National Student (Youth) Games, breaking the Macao record with a time of 31.62 seconds.
- 5 Chief Executive Ho Iat Seng attends the opening ceremony of the 6th China International Import Expo and Hongqiao International Economic Forum in Shanghai. He also receives Premier Li Qiang and other guests at the Macao exhibition area of the China Pavilion, and briefs them about Macao’s development.

The Macao sports delegation wins two gold medals, one silver medal, and one bronze medal at the 1st National Student (Youth) Games.

- 6 Applications for senior citizen housing commence. For the first phase of 759 units, during



the effective period of the initial contract signing, the usage fee is calculated at 80 percent of the original price.

- 10 Chief Executive Ho Iat Seng meets with Secretary of the CPC Zhuhai Municipal Committee and Secretary of the Hengqin Party Working Committee of the CPC Guangdong Provincial Committee, Chen Yong, to exchange views on further strengthening bilateral cooperation and promoting the construction of the Guangdong-Macao Intensive Cooperation Zone in Hengqin.

Hong Kong Customs and Macao Customs sign the Cooperative and Mutual Assistance Arrangement and the Authorised Economic Operator (AEO) Mutual Recognition Arrangement, to enhance trade security and facilitate customs clearance in the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area.

- 11 The 70th Macau Grand Prix kicks off with the first day of racing.
- 14 Chief Executive Ho Iat Seng delivers the Policy Address for the Fiscal Year 2024, and holds a press conference to answer questions from the media.
- 15 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 2024.

Chief Executive Ho Iat Seng delivers a speech at the launching ceremony of the “Macao, China: Where the World Meets – Overseas Chinese Supporting High-Quality Development of the Belt and Road Initiative”, to mark the 10th Anniversary of the Belt and Road initiative and expresses that the vast overseas Chinese community serves as a bridge connecting Macao with the rest of the world.

- 28 The Macao New Neighbourhood in Hengqin receives over 500 applications on the first day of subscription.

The MSAR Government and China National Space Administration jointly organise a series of activities showcasing the latest innovations in the science and technology sector.

## December

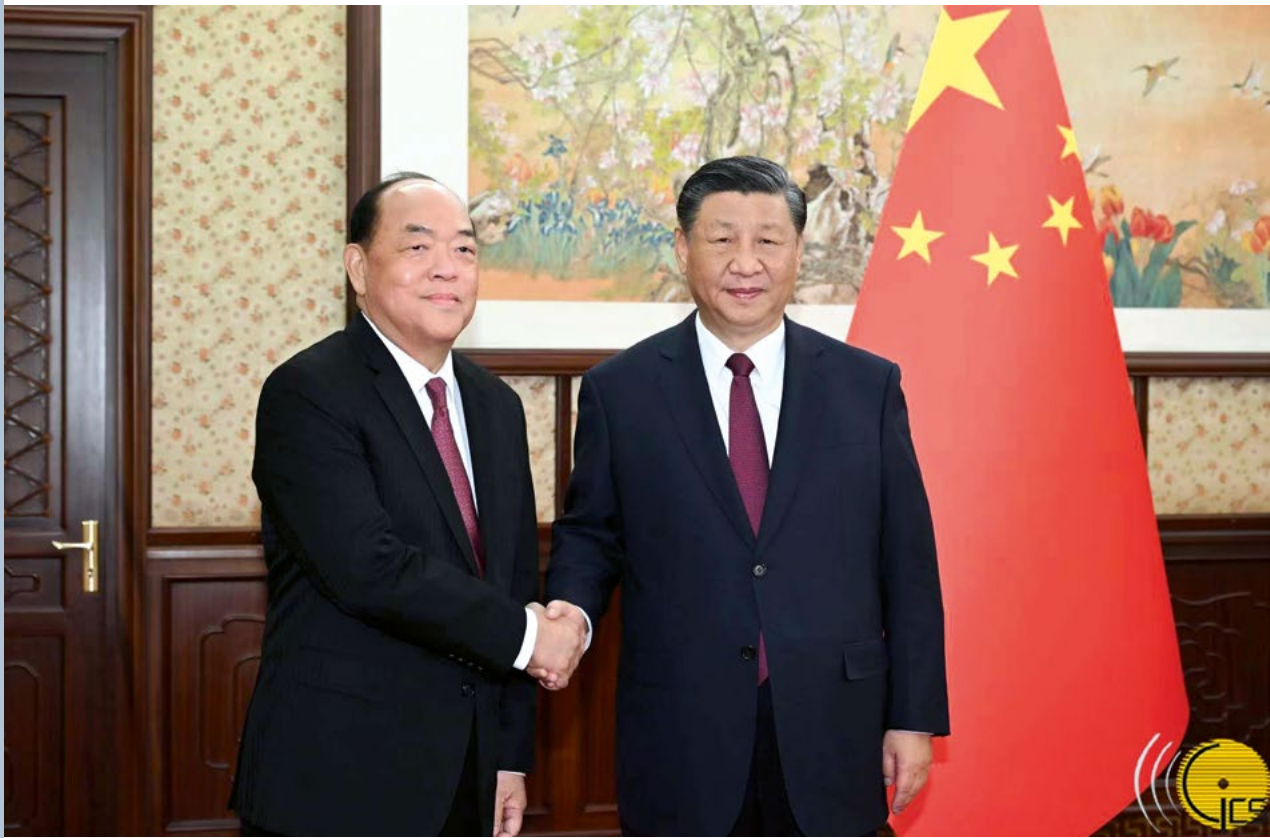
- 1 The China Manned Space delegation visits Macao for three consecutive days, to hold a lecture on the nation’s manned space program organised by the MSAR Government to introduce the development of China’s manned space projects and interact with the local scientific and technological community, students and teachers in Macao.

Chief Executive Ho Iat Seng and Deputy Secretary of the Beijing Municipal Committee of the Communist Party of China and Mayor of Beijing, Yin Yong, leads their respective government delegations to attend the Beijing-Macao Cooperation Conference and sign cooperation agreements in several areas, such as culture and tourism, technology, education, and vocational training.

- 5 The MSAR Government sets up seven 24-hour self-service centres covering Macao, Taipa and Coloane, providing services such as application for identity cards and travel documents on a self-service basis.
- 8 The LRT Taipa Line is officially extended to Barra Station, connecting Taipa and Macao for the first time.
- 14 The Amendment to the Chief Executive Election Law passes its second reading in the Legislative Assembly, which comes into effect on 1 January 2024.
- 15 The Identification Services Bureau issues the new generation of Macao SAR Resident Identity Cards organically, to enhance security and align with the development of e-government services.
- 18 President Xi Jinping meets with Chief Executive Ho Iat Seng during Ho's duty visit to Beijing in Yingtai, Zhongnanhai, and listens to a report on Macao's current situation and the work of the MSAR Government.
- 20 The MSAR Government holds a flag-raising ceremony and a reception celebrating the 24th anniversary of the establishment of the Macao Special Administrative Region.  
  
The ceremony for the trial operation commencement of the Islands District Medical Complex - Macao Medical Centre of Peking Union College Hospital is held, marking a new chapter in the development of healthcare in Macao.
- 21 Chief Executive Ho Iat Seng sends a letter to the Secretary of the CPC Gansu Provincial Committee, Hu Changsheng, and the Governor of Gansu Province, Ren Zhenhe, to express condolences for the heavy casualties and property losses caused by the 6.2-magnitude earthquake in Jishishan County, Linxia Hui Autonomous Prefecture, Gansu Province.  
  
A pain relief balm, an externally applied traditional Chinese medicine manufactured by a Macao Chinese medicine pharmaceutical factory, is first introduced to mainland China hospitals for clinical application.
- 22 Chief Executive Ho Iat Seng welcomes the Central People's Government's promulgation of the Overall Plan for Development of the Guangdong-Macao Intensive Cooperation Zone in Hengqin and the Overall Development Plan for the Qianhai Shenzhen-Hong Kong Modern Service Industry Cooperation Zone, and expresses gratitude to the Central People's Government for its strong support and care for the development of the Macao SAR.
- 23 The Macao SAR donates 30 million patacas to support the earthquake-affected areas in Gansu Province and Qinghai Province.
- 28 The Secretary for Administration and Justice, Cheong Weng Chon, attends the press conference regarding the development of the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area at the Information Office of the State Council in Beijing.
- 29 The National People's Congress Standing Committee approves the decision to authorise the Macao SAR to exercise jurisdiction over relevant land and sea areas south-eastern of the Gongbei Checkpoint in Zhuhai, Guangdong Province. Chief Executive Ho Iat Seng

sincerely expresses gratitude to the Central People's Government for its strong support for the development of the MSAR.





1. On 18 December, President Xi Jinping meets with Chief Executive Ho Iat Seng during Ho's duty visit to Beijing. (photo by Xinhua News Agency)





1. Starting from 8 January, a number of anti-pandemic immigration and boundary crossing measures are relaxed. Hong Kong-Macao maritime passenger transportation resumes the route between Taipa and Hong Kong. The first ferry arrives in Macao, and customs clearance procedures are conducted in an orderly manner.
2. On 6 February, Macao sees the first batch of mainland tour groups arriving in the city since the pandemic. The Macao Government Tourism Office holds a ceremony to welcome the first batch of tour groups arriving in Macao by land and by air.
3. On 30 April, Macao ushers in the first mainland China Labour Day holiday after the pandemic. Tourists visiting Macao increases as the market booms.



4. From 23-26 May, Vice Chairman of the 13th National Committee of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference and Director of the State Council's Hong Kong and Macao Affairs Office, Xia Baolong, visits Macao. On 23 May, Director Xia Baolong, exchanges views with the Chief Executive and the key officials in charge of administration, legislation and judicial affairs.
5. On 24 May, Director Xia Baolong holds a discussion with senior officials of the MSAR Government.
6. On 24 May, Director Xia Baolong poses for a group photo with all members of the Legislative Assembly of the Macao SAR.
7. On 25 May, Director Xia Baolong meets with representatives from the business community and chambers of commerce.





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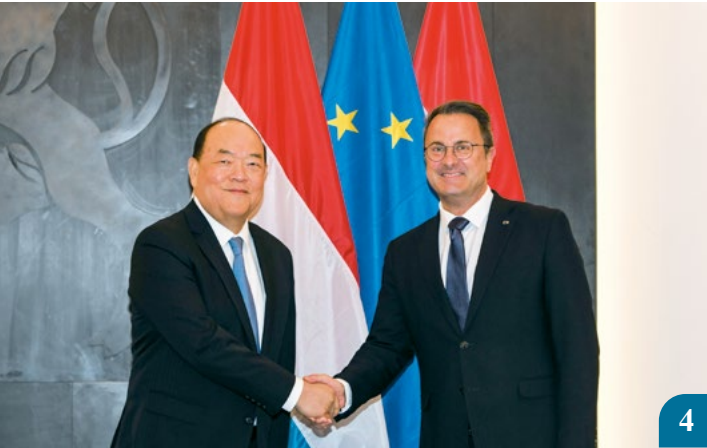


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1. On 21 April, Chief Executive Ho Iat Seng meets with President of Portugal, Marcelo Rebelo de Sousa in Lisbon during his visit to Portugal.
2. On 21 April, Chief Executive Ho Iat Seng cordially shakes hands with Prime Minister of Portugal, António Costa.
3. On 22 April, Chief Executive Ho Iat Seng, and major guests including Minister of Foreign Affairs of Portugal, João Gomes Cravinho; Minister of Education in Portugal, João Costa; Chinese Ambassador to Portugal, Zhao Bentang; and Foreign Affairs Advisor to the President of the Portuguese Republic, Maria Amélia Maio de Paiva, attend a reception hosted by the Macao SAR Government in Lisbon.



4. On 24 April, Chief Executive Ho Iat Seng meets with the Prime Minister and Minister of State, Minister for Communications and Media, Minister for Religious Affairs, Minister of Digitalisation, and Minister for Administrative Reform of Luxembourg, Xavier Bettel, during his visit to Luxembourg.
5. On 27 April, Chief Executive Ho Iat Seng meets with the Deputy Director General of the European Commission for External Relations, Economic and Global Affairs, Helena König.
6. On 22 April, Chief Executive Ho Iat Seng sums up his visit to Portugal to the media in Lisbon, Portugal.





1. On 18 October, Chief Executive Ho Iat Seng attends the opening ceremony of the 3rd Belt and Road Forum for International Cooperation at the Great Hall of the People in Beijing, and listens to the keynote speech delivered by President Xi Jinping.
2. On 18 October, Chief Executive Ho Iat Seng speaks at the High-level Forum on Digital Economy of the 3rd Belt and Road Forum for International Cooperation.
3. On 5 November, Chief Executive Ho Iat Seng attends the opening ceremony of the 6th China International Import Expo cum Hongqiao International Economic Forum in Shanghai.



4. On 28 March, Chief Executive Ho Iat Seng and guests officiate at the opening ceremony of the 20th anniversary of the establishment of the Forum for Economic and Trade Cooperation between China and Portuguese-speaking Countries (Macao).
5. A high-level seminar cum retrospective exhibition in celebration of the 20th anniversary of the establishment of the Forum for Economic and Trade Cooperation between China and Portuguese-speaking Countries (Macao) opens on 20 October.





1. On 14 September, Chief Executive Ho Iat Seng attends the opening ceremony of the first Business Conference on Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area Development.
2. On 23 March, Chief Executive Ho Iat Seng attends the Spring Banquet of Guangdong Province 2023 (Macao).





3. On 3 February, Chief Executive Ho Iat Seng meets with the Secretary of the CPC Guangdong Provincial Committee, Huang Kunming, and Governor of Guangdong Province, Wang Weizhong in Guangzhou.
4. On 25 February, Chief Executive Ho Iat Seng meets with the Chief Executive of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region, John Lee, in Hong Kong.

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1. On 24 February, Chief Executive Ho Iat Seng attends the press conference for announcing the policy documents on financial support for the construction of cooperation zones in Hengqin and Qianhai.
2. On 23 March, the fifth meeting of the Administrative Committee of the Guangdong-Macao Intensive Cooperation Zone in Hengqin is held in Macao. The two directors of the Administrative Committee, Chief Executive Ho Iat Seng and the Governor of Guangdong Province Wang Weizhong, pose for a group photo with the members of the Administrative Committee and the Executive Committee.





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3. On 1 December, Chief Executive Ho Iat Seng and Mayor of Beijing, Yin Yong, co-chair the first Beijing-Macao Cooperation Conference.
4. On 27 June, the 2023 Zhejiang-Macao-Portuguese-Speaking Countries Economic and Trade Co-operation and Exchange Conference is held in Macao. Chief Executive Ho Iat Seng visits an exhibition on products of Zhejiang's time-honoured brands (Macao).
5. On 25 September, Chief Executive Ho Iat Seng visits Zhejiang University School of Medicine.

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## 闽澳合作会议第四次会议

THE 4<sup>TH</sup> FUJIAN-MACAO COOPERATION CONFERENCE

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1. On 25 October, Chief Executive Ho Iat Seng, Director of the Liaison Office of the Central People's Government in the Macao SAR, Zheng Xincong, Secretary of the CPC Fujian Provincial Committee, Zhou Zuyi, Governor of Fujian, Zhao Long, and members of the two delegations pose for a group photo prior to the fourth meeting of the Fujian-Macao Cooperation Conference.
2. On 26 October, Chief Executive Ho Iat Seng attended the opening ceremony of Macao Week in Xiamen, Fujian.





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3. On 7 July, Chief Executive Ho Iat Seng attends the 2023 PPRD Regional Cooperation Chief Executives Joint Conference held in Guiyang, Guizhou.
4. On 19 March, Chief Executive Ho Iat Seng, and the Director of the Liaison Office of the Central People's Government in the Macao SAR, Zheng Xincong, meet with the Secretary of the CPC Jiangxi Provincial Committee and Chairman of the Standing Committee of the Jiangxi Provincial People's Congress, Yin Hong, and the Deputy Secretary of the CPC Jiangxi Provincial Committee and Governor of Jiangxi Province, Ye Jianchun, in Nanchang of Jiangxi Province.
5. On 6 July, Chief Executive Ho Iat Seng meets with the Secretary of the CPC Guizhou Provincial Committee, Xu Lin.



1. On 20 December, the Government holds a flag-raising ceremony to celebrate the 24th anniversary of the establishment of the Macao Special Administrative Region.
2. On 20 December, Chief Executive Ho Iat Seng delivers a speech at the reception hosted by the Macao SAR Government to celebrate the 24th anniversary of the establishment of the Macao Special Administrative Region.





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, heads of the MSAR's Legislative Assembly and judiciary, principal officials of the Government, and people from various sectors attend the flag-raising ceremony in celebration of the 74th anniversary of the establishment of the People's Republic of China.
4. On 1 October 2023, a fun run event is held for Macao people to celebrate the National Day as well as the World Walking Day.





1. On 12 September, Chief Executive Ho Iat Seng confers the flag of the Macao SAR to the sports delegation of Macao, China heading for the 19th Asian Games.
2. On 23 September, the grand opening of the 19th Asian Games is held in Hangzhou. Macao sends a sports delegation of 273 people to participate in 21 competition categories. The picture shows Macao delegation members receiving a warm welcome as they line up for entering the opening ceremony venue.



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3. The 19th Asian Games opens on 23 September. President Xi Jinping attends and announces the opening of the event. Chief Executive Ho Iat Seng is invited to attend the opening ceremony to witness the kick-off of the Hangzhou Asian Games and the joyful moment when the sports delegations of China and Macao, China enter the venue.



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4. Macao athletes achieve great results at the Hangzhou Asian Games. On 25 September, Chief Executive Ho Iat Seng congratulates Li Yi, winner of the women's Changquan gold medal, and Song Chi Kuan, winner of the men's Changquan bronze medal.

5. On 25 September, Chief Executive Ho Iat Seng talks to the Macao athletes who are actively preparing for the Asian Games, and encourages them to continue achieving greater success for Macao.



1. On 16 March, a sharing session on the spirit of the 2023 annual plenary sessions of the National People's Congress and of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference 2023 (Two Sessions) is held at the multi-function hall of the Liaison Office of the Central People's Government in the Macao SAR.
2. On 12 January, Chief Executive Ho Iat Seng attends the 2023 Spring Festival reception held by the Liaison Office of the Central People's Government in the Macao Special Administrative Region.
3. On 10 June, Chief Executive Ho Iat Seng attends a reception to celebrate Portugal Day, Camoes Day and Portuguese Communities Day.





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4. On 13 January, the Ceremony for Awarding Medals and Honorary Titles of the Macao Special Administrative Region of the People's Republic of China for 2022 is held.
5. On 22 October, the Government Headquarters Open Day, Chief Executive Ho Iat Seng poses for a photo with visiting families and shares the joyful atmosphere.



1. On 14 April, Chief Executive Ho Iat Seng attends a plenary meeting of the Legislative Assembly, to respond to the members' questions on government administration and social issues.
2. On 14 November, Chief Executive Ho Iat Seng delivers the Policy Address for the Fiscal Year 2024 at the Legislative Assembly.
3. On 20 October, the opening ceremony of the 2023/2024 Judicial Year of the Macao Special Administrative Region is held.





4. On 31 March, member of the Political Bureau of the CPC Central Committee and Vice Chairman of the Standing Committee of the NPC, Li Hongzhong, Chief Executive Ho Iat Seng, and other officiating guests attend a conference to commemorate the 30th anniversary of the promulgation of the Basic Law of the Macao Special Administrative Region of the People's Republic of China.
5. On 15 April, the opening ceremony of the 2023 National Security Education Exhibition is held.
6. On 1 August, Chief Executive Ho Iat Seng attends a reception hosted by the People's Liberation Army Garrison in Macao to commemorate the 96th anniversary of the founding of the People's Liberation Army.



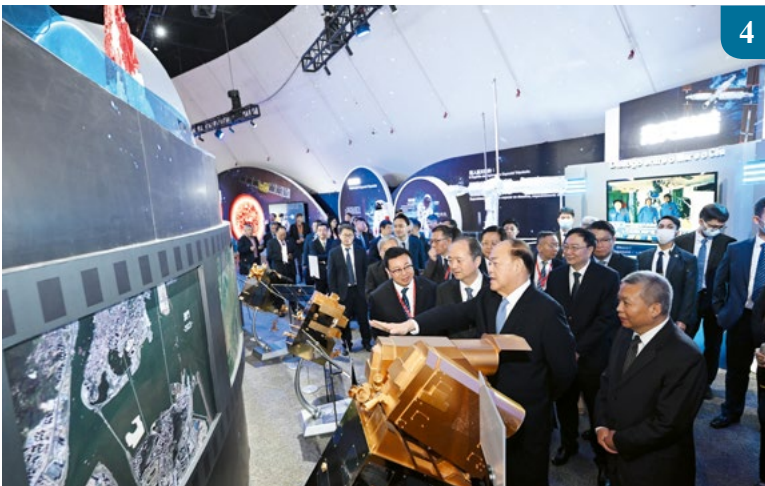
1. The 28th Macao International Trade and Investment Fair opens on 19 October.

2. The opening ceremony of the 11th Macao International Travel (Industry) Expo is held on 30 June.





3. On 6 March, Chief Executive Ho Iat Seng and Vice Minister of the Publicity Department of CPC Central Committee and President and Editor-in-Chief of China Media Group, Shen Haixiong, co-officiate at the kick-off ceremony for the documentaries *Walk through World Heritage: Macao* and *Mini Series on China's World Heritage* (the chapter on Historic Centre of Macao).



4. On 28 November, popular science exhibition "Chasing Dreams in the Sky and Exploring the Deep Sea - China Aerospace and Navigation Technology Gathering in Macao" and the Second Macao Space Development Forum open in Macao. It is also the first time for lunar soil to be displayed in Macao. Picture shows Chief Executive Ho Iat Seng visiting the exhibition.



5. On 2 December, the Conference on China's Manned Space Mission is held, with some 400 attendants from Macao's scientific and technological circles, school teachers and students. Lin Xiqiang, head of the China Manned Space Programme delegation, and four astronauts participate in the Q&A session of the meeting.



1. On 24 January, Chief Executive Ho Iat Seng, Commissioner of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the People's Republic of China in the Macao Special Administrative Region, Liu Xianfa, Secretary for Economy and Finance, Lei Wai Nong, and the Chief-of-Office of the Office of the Secretary for Economy and Finance, Ku Mei Leng, officiate at the opening ceremony of the 2023 float parade for celebration of the Year of the Rabbit.
2. On 22 January, the Macao Government Tourism Office holds a Lunar New Year golden dragon and lion dance parade, which starts from the Ruins of St Paul's, sending new year greetings to residents and tourists.
3. On 21 January, Chief Executive Ho Iat Seng visits the New Year's Eve Bazaar at Tap Seac Square.





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4. On 21 January, Chief Executive Ho Iat Seng chats with firecracker booth owners to learn about their stocking situation.
5. On 22 January, the first day of the Lunar New Year, the “Strolling through Almeida Ribeiro – Pedestrian Area Pilot Project” is held for residents and tourists. A series of exciting activities takes place in celebration of the Chinese New Year and the festive season.
6. On 24 January, Chief Executive Ho Iat Seng and his wife tour along Avenida de Almeida Ribeiro to learn about the “Strolling through Almeida Ribeiro – Pedestrian Area Pilot Project”.
7. On 24 January, Chief Executive Ho Iat Seng and his wife pay a site visit to understand the situation of the community.



1. On 13 December, the Government holds a ceremony for the National Memorial Day for the Victims of the Nanjing Massacre.
2. To protect Macao's food safety and residents' health, the MSAR Government bans the import of fresh and live food, animal-derived food, sea salt and seaweed from ten Japanese prefectures from 24 August 2023. The Municipal Affairs Bureau immediately strengthens radiation testing on Japanese food at the import level.
3. On 12 September, Guangdong, Hong Kong and Macao jointly hold a maritime search and rescue drill simulating an accident of a collision between a passenger boat and an engineering vessel in the waters near the entrance buoy of the Outer Harbour watercourse, and the three parties jointly conduct an emergency rescue.





4. On 17 July, Severe Tropical Storm Talim hits Macao. Chief Executive Ho Iat Seng presides over a working meeting at the Civil Protection Action Centre, to listen to reports and give instructions.
5. On 1 September, Chief Executive Ho Iat Seng visits the Civil Protection Action Centre to listen to the report from the heads of relevant departments within the interdepartmental civil protection authority on the work in response to Typhoon Saola and storm surges.
6. On 8 October, Chief Executive Ho Iat Seng presides over a working meeting in response to Typhoon Koinu at the Civil Protection Action Centre to listen to reports and give instructions.



1. On 16 October in Beijing, Chief Executive Ho Iat Seng, Deputy Director of the National Health Commission, Cao Xuetao, Deputy Director of the Liaison Office of the Central People's Government in the Macao Special Administrative Region, Huang Liuquan, and Honorary President of Peking Union Medical College Hospital, Zhao Yupei, witness the signing of the Operation and Cooperation Agreement of the Islands District Medical Complex - Macao Medical Centre of Peking Union Medical College Hospital by Secretary for Social Affairs and Culture, Ao Ieong U, and President of Peking Union Medical College Hospital, Zhang Shuyang, on behalf of the two parties.
2. On 27 October, the Public Health Specialist Building is unveiled.

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3. On 20 December, Chief Executive Ho Iat Seng and other guests officiate at the ribbon-cutting ceremony for the trial operation of the Macao Union Hospital.
4. On 20 December, Chief Executive Ho Iat Seng and guests visit the Macao Union Hospital to learn about its advanced medical facilities.





1. On 31 March, Secretary for Administration and Justice, Cheong Weng Chon, attends a seminar commemorating the 30th anniversary of the promulgation of the Basic Law of the Macao Special Administrative Region of the People's Republic of China.
2. The MSAR Government conducts a public consultation on the amendment to the Chief Executive Election Law and the Legislative Assembly Electoral Law. The first consultation session is held on 19 June.
3. On 2 April, an exhibition commemorating the 30th anniversary of the promulgation of the Basic Law of the Macao Special Administrative Region of the People's Republic of China is held at the Macao Science Centre.



4. On 17 October, the Secretary for Economy and Finance, Lei Wai Nong, and a delegation of Macao industrial and commercial enterprises attend the Meeting of Entrepreneurs at the Third “Belt and Road” Forum for International Cooperation.



5. The Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macao Bridge Macao Cross-Border Cargo Transfer Terminal opens on 8 August, commencing a land transportation channel for goods between Hong Kong and Macao, and bringing new opportunities to Macao’s logistics industry.



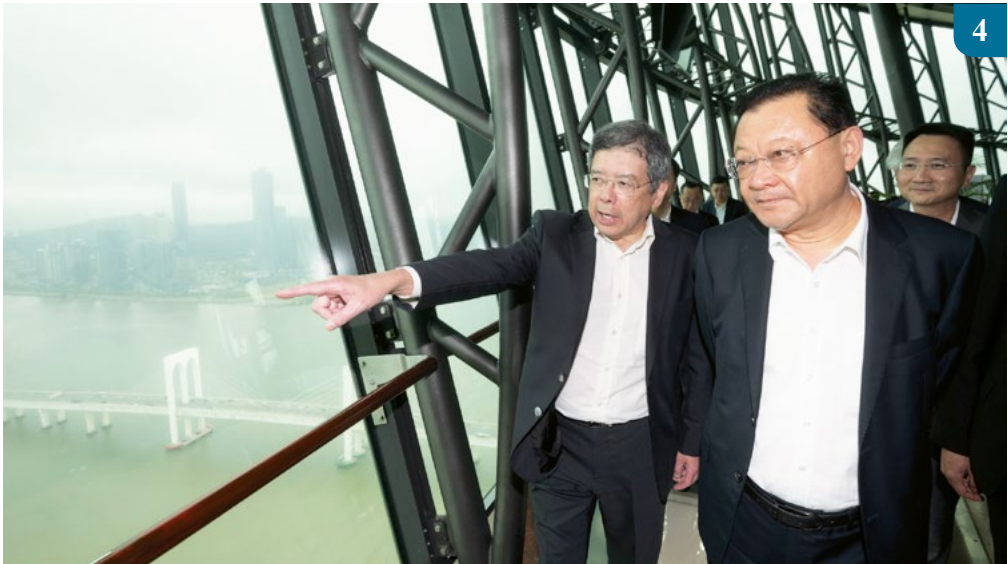
6. “Light Up Macao 2023” opens on 2 December.





1. Secretary for Security and Coordinator of Joint Operations, Wong Sio Chak, gives a summary report on the “Crystal Fish 2023” typhoon drill held on 22 April.
2. On 22 April, during the “Crystal Fish 2023” typhoon drill, the Fire Services Bureau simulates a traffic accident rescue operation during typhoon.
3. On 26 September, several joint one-stop boundary-crossing lanes for passenger and light goods vehicles at the Hengqin Port commence trial operation. The operation of outbound lanes is in good order.





4. On 22 March, Secretary for Transport and Public Works, Raimundo Arrais do Rosário, introduces Macao's overall urban planning and development to the Governor of Guangdong Province, Wang Weizhong, and his delegation.
5. On 8 December, the Macao LRT Taipa line is officially extended to A-Ma Station, which opens at 6:00am on that day.



1. On 24 June, Secretary for Social Affairs and Culture, Ao Ieong U, attends the opening ceremony of Areas X11-X15 of the Lai Chi Vun Shipyard area.
2. On 6 November, the acceptance of applications for senior citizen housing commences. Citizens can submit their applications at 15 designated venues, including the Social Welfare Bureau Headquarters, Social Services Centres, and the showroom for housing for senior citizens.





3. The 31st Macao International Fireworks Display Contest blooms brightly upon the horizon opposite the Macau Tower on 11 September.
4. The 70th Macau Grand Prix kicks off on 11 November, attracting a large number of spectators to enjoy the exciting atmosphere of the event.