

CALENDAR OF EVENTS IN 2024



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January

- 1 Law No. 20/2023 on Amendment to the Chief Executive Election Law comes into effect, marking the further implementation, in terms of legal system and enforcement mechanism, of the principle of “patriots governing Macao” in the Macao SAR.
Law No. 19/2023 on Amendment to Law No. 5/2020 on Minimum Wage for Employees comes into effect, raising the minimum wage from the former hourly rate of 32 patacas to 34 patacas, an increase of 6.3 percent.
- 9 The MSAR Government launches the “Business & Associations Platform”, providing businesses and organisations with essential electronic public services for business establishment, operations and development.
- 12 Chief Executive Ho Iat Seng departs for Ningde City, Fujian Province, on invitation for a three-day exchange trip to promote bilateral cooperation.
- 15 On behalf of the MSAR Government, the Secretary for Economy and Finance, Lei Wai Nong, signs a document with Macau Jockey Club regarding termination of the horse-racing concession with effect from 1 April 2024.
The MSAR Government launches the Government Affairs Platform, digitalising the entire human resources management process and continuously enhancing the administrative efficiency of public departments.
- 18 The legal departments of the MSAR Government, Zhuhai Municipality and the Guangdong-Macao Cooperation Zone in Hengqin sign the Memorandum of Close Cooperation on Legal Affairs between the Legal Affairs Bureau of the Government of the Macao Special Administrative Region, the Zhuhai Municipal Bureau of Justice, and the Legal Affairs Bureau of the Guangdong-Macao Intensive Cooperation Zone in Hengqin. This memorandum establishes cooperation in areas such as legislative exchange, legal aid, rule of law promotion, and talent cultivation. It also establishes a joint meeting mechanism to further promote integrated development of regional legal affairs.
- 22 The Statistics and Census Service announces that the total number of visitor arrivals in 2023 was 28,213,003, representing a year-on-year increase of 3.9 times, recovering to 71.6 percent of the figure recorded in 2019.

February

- 1 Chief Executive Ho Iat Seng attends the Spring Festival reception hosted by the Liaison

Office of the Central People's Government in the Macao Special Administrative Region.

- 2 With the support of the General Administration of Customs, freshly slaughtered chickens for same day sales are supplied to Macao for the first time.
- 3 The 2024 Happy Chinese New Year launching ceremony cum "Happy Chinese New Year – Macao Full Spring" concert is held at the Ruins of St Paul's. Happy Chinese New Year activity series is a significant cultural branded programme organised by the Ministry of Culture and Tourism for overseas audiences.
- 9 Chief Executive Ho Iat Seng delivers his Chinese New Year message for the Year of the Loong and visits the Chinese New Year Market at Tap Seac Square and the two designated firecracker set-off areas in the Macao peninsula and Taipa.

The special Chinese New Year programme "Soaring Loong and Leaping Tiger: The Taste of Chinese New Year" produced by China Central Television (CCTV) premieres its Macao edition, showcasing the cultural landscape of how Macao people celebrate Chinese New Year.

- 10 The launching ceremony of 2024 Soaring Loong Chinese New Year Celebration programme organised by the Macao Government Tourism Office is held at the Ruins of St Paul's, extending Spring Festival greetings to all Macao residents and visitors.
- 12 Parade for Celebration of the Year of the Loong 2024 for the Celebrations of the 25th Anniversary of the Establishment of the Macao SAR is held at Sai Van Lake Square.
- 13 Chief Executive Ho Iat Seng and his wife visit the six major historical districts, engaging in friendly exchanges with residents and tourists.
- 14 Chief Executive Ho Iat Seng visits four public housing construction sites in the New Urban Zone Area A and Avenida de Venceslau de Moraes, to learn about the latest progress of each project and offer encouragement to the construction workers stationing on site during the Chinese New Year holiday.
- 17 The 14th Winter Games of the People's Republic of China commences in Hulunbuir, Inner Mongolia Autonomous Region. The Macao sports delegation is scheduled to participate in the figure skating open category events, competing in both the men's and women's singles free skating and short programme from 24 February to 26 February.
- 23 The Exit-Entry Administration of the People's Republic of China announces that the State Council has approved the addition of Xi'an of Shaanxi Province and Qingdao of Shandong Province as cities eligible for the Facilitated Individual Travel (FIT) scheme to Hong Kong and Macao. On 11 May, it further announces the inclusion of eight more provincial capitals under the scheme: Taiyuan of Shanxi Province, Hohhot of Inner Mongolia Autonomous Region, Harbin of Heilongjiang Province, Lhasa of Xizang Autonomous Region, Lanzhou of Gansu Province, Xining of Qinghai province, Yinchuan of Ningxia Hui Autonomous Region, and Urumqi of Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Region. Chief Executive Ho Iat Seng expresses heartfelt gratitude on behalf of the Macao SAR government for the Central Government's supportive measures for Macao.

- 26 Chief Executive Ho Iat Seng leads an MSAR Government delegation to Guangzhou to meet with Secretary of CPC Guangdong Provincial Committee, Huang Kunming, and Governor of Guangdong Province, Wang Weizhong. Both parties engage in in-depth discussion on deepening cooperation between Guangdong and Macao, as well as advancing the development of Guangdong-Macao Intensive Cooperation Zone in Hengqin and the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area.
- 28 Secretary for Administration and Justice, Cheong Weng Chon, and Minister of Justice and Internal Affairs of Mongolia, B. Enkhbayar, sign the Agreement between the Macao Special Administrative Region of the People's Republic of China and Mongolia on Legal and Judicial Assistance in Civil and Commercial Matters.

March

- 1 The Guangdong-Macao Intensive Cooperation Zone in Hengqin officially begins implementing the two-tier closed-loop customs arrangement at midnight.
The Statistics and Census Service announces that the local GDP has recorded a growth of 80.5 percent in real terms in 2023, recovering over 80 percent of the figure in 2019.
- 5 Chief Executive Ho Iat Seng attends the opening ceremony of the Second Session of the 14th National People's Congress at the Great Hall of the People in Beijing, where he listens to and studies the government work report delivered by Premier Li Qiang.
- 7 Macao is chosen to host the UFI Asia-Pacific Conference 2024, hosting the event for the second time after 2008 and marking another recognition of Macao's business environment and the strength of its exhibition infrastructure.
The Statistics and Census Service announces that at the end of 2023, Macao's total population increased by 1.6 percent year-on-year, with the number of elderly people surpassing that of children for the first time, and the aging index rising to 106.1 percent.
- 8 The MGTO's first major roadshow of 2024 is held in Tokyo for three consecutive days. This is Macao's first roadshow event in Japan since the full resumption of border crossing, with the aim to promote Macao's tourism advantages and expand its international visitor sources.
- 13 Chief Executive Ho Iat Seng attends a briefing session on the aspirations set out in the National People's Congress (NPC) and the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference (CPPCC) – events collectively known as the “Two Sessions”, emphasising the need to adhere to the general principle of seeking progress while maintaining stability under the strong leadership of the Central Committee with President Xi Jinping at its core, to learn and implement the spirit of the Two Sessions, and to carry out the Central Government's decisions and plans through actual deeds, to continuously realising the aspirations of the residents for a better life.

- 18 All 30 joint one-stop vehicle lanes for passenger and cargo vehicles at the Hengqin checkpoint fully commence operation, effectively improving vehicle clearance efficiency.
- 19 Chief Executive Ho Iat Seng meets with Governor of Guangdong Province, Wang Weizhong, to discuss and exchange views on deepening Guangdong-Macao cooperation and promoting high-quality development of the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area. The Chief Executive also attends the Spring Banquet of Guangdong Province 2024 (Macao).
- 24 Celebration of the 25th Anniversary of Macao's Return to the Motherland – 2024 Macao International Parade is held, with over 80 groups and approximately 1,800 performers from Macao and around the world showcasing Macao's cultural vibrancy as a "City of Performing Arts."

April

- 1 The State Council has approved the reserved space for the extension of the Macao Light Rail to Hengqin checkpoint, which is officially handed over to the Macao SAR for use starting from midnight, and to be administered under the laws of the Macao SAR. A launching ceremony is held jointly by Guangdong and Macao at midnight.
- 9 The MSAR Government and Kazakhstan sign the Agreement on Exemption of Visa Requirements between the Macao Special Administrative Region of the People's Republic of China and Kazakhstan.
- 11 Chief Executive Ho Iat Seng leads a delegation of the Macao Organising Committee for the 15th National Games to Guangzhou to attend the inaugural meeting of the Organising Committee for the 15th National Games of the People's Republic of China, the 12th National Games for Persons with Disabilities, and the Ninth National Special Olympic Games.
- 15 The MSAR Government and the Liaison Office of the Central People's Government in the MSAR jointly organise the National Security Education Exhibition for the seventh consecutive year. The exhibition runs until 15 May, attracting some 61,000 visitors in total, while its themed website has accumulated over 211,500 views.
- 16 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.
- 19 The Legislative Assembly deliberates and passes Law No. 5/2024 on Abolition of Tax Measures Related to the Management of Real Estate Demand. Starting the following day, three stamp duties related to real estate will be fully abolished. The Monetary Authority issues new guidelines to eliminate the counter-cyclical mortgage loan-to-value ratio measures and suspends the implementation of the two-percent mortgage loan interest rate increase of the stress testing requirement.
- 22 The opening ceremony of the Sixth Ministerial Conference of the Forum for Economic

and Trade Cooperation between China and Portuguese-speaking Countries is held at the China-PSCs Commercial and Trade Service Platform Complex. After the conference, all participating parties jointly sign the Strategic Plan for Economic and Trade Cooperation (2024-2027) of the Sixth Ministerial Conference of the Forum for Economic and Trade Cooperation.

- 23 The MSAR Government expresses its strong opposition to the so-called 2023 Human Rights Reports, recently issued by the U.S. Department of State, which distorts facts and tarnishes the human rights situation in Macao.
- 26 The European Travel Agents and Tour Operators' Association (ECTAA) announces that Macao is elected the host city of "ECTAA 2025 Macao Summit" and a "Preferred Destination 2025."
- 28 The National Immigration Administration has issued the Announcement of the National Immigration Administration on the Implementation of Various Policies and Measures for Entry and Exit Management to Facilitate Individuals and Businesses. Six policy measures has taken effect on 6 May, including: six categories of talented people in Beijing and Shanghai can apply for permits for talented people to Hong Kong and Macao; the duration of stay for holders of business permits to Hong Kong and Macao has been extended from seven days to 14 days; the issuance of one-year multiple-entry "other" category permits to Macao; and participants of the Hengqin-Macao tourism groups are allowed for multiple-entry between Hengqin and Macao.

May

- 1 The healthcare subsidy scheme for the year 2024 is launched, extending its coverage to the Guangdong-Macao Intensive Cooperation Zone in Hengqin. Macao healthcare professionals are allowed to participate in the scheme at clinics set up in the Cooperation Zone, to provide healthcare services to Macao residents within the zone.
- 6 The first Macao-Hengqin tourism group sets off, allowing visitors to tour Macao and Hengqin in groups for multiple times within seven days via the Hengqin checkpoint.
The WorldSkills Macao Comprehensive Training Base is established in the Guangdong-Macao Intensive Cooperation Zone in Hengqin, providing a new platform to foster talented people from Guangdong and Macao.
- 12 The MSAR Government strongly opposes the so-called 2023 Annual Report released by the U.S. Congressional-Executive Commission on China (CECC), which makes false accusations regarding Macao's review by the United Nations Human Rights Committee and the revision of the Law on Safeguarding National Security.
- 13 Director of the Hong Kong and Macao Work Office of the Communist Party of China (CPC) Central Committee and Director of the State Council's Hong Kong and Macao Affairs Office,

Xia Baolong, arrives in Macao for a seven-day inspection and research visit. Mr Xia meets with Chief Executive Ho Iat Seng, and exchanges views with the persons-in-charge of the executive, legislative and judiciary institutions of the Macao SAR.

- 14 Director of the Hong Kong and Macao Work Office of the CPC Central Committee and Director of the State Council's Hong Kong and Macao Affairs Office, Xia Baolong, meets and exchanges views with the community service consultative council members from the Macao Central District and the North District; participates in a seminar with the Chief Executive and high-ranking members of the MSAR Government; visits the National Security Education Exhibition; and talks to representatives of chambers of commerce and entrepreneurs.
- 15 Director of the Hong Kong and Macao Work Office of the CPC Central Committee and Director of the State Council's Hong Kong and Macao Affairs Office, Xia Baolong, inspects the Macao Federation of Trade Unions, the Escola dos Moradores de Macau (Neighbourhood School of Macao) under the Macao General Neighbourhood Associations Union, the Chinese Educators' Association of Macau, the Women's General Association of Macao and the Association of Returned Overseas Chinese Macau respectively.
- 16 Director of the Hong Kong and Macao Work Office of the Communist Party of China Central Committee and Director of the State Council's Hong Kong and Macao Affairs Office, Xia Baolong, visits Hengqin to learn about the development of the Guangdong-Macao Intensive Cooperation Zone. He visits the one-stop joint services lane for passenger and commercial vehicles at Hengqin Checkpoint and the immigration clearance hall, the Cooperation Zone's public services centre, the Macao New Neighbourhood and the Hengqin School Affiliated to Hou Kong Middle School. He also visits two Macao enterprises operating in the Cooperation Zone.

The Pacific Asia Travel Association (PATA) Annual Summit 2024 kicks off with the attendance of over 400 representatives of the tourism industry from about 30 countries and regions.

- 17 Director of the Hong Kong and Macao Work Office of the Communist Party of China Central Committee and Director of the State Council's Hong Kong and Macao Affairs Office, Xia Baolong, meets and exchanges views with members of Islands District Community Service Consultative Council, and then visits the Macau University of Science and Technology, the University of Macau, the Nam Yue Science Park, and the Peking Union College Hospital Macao Medical Centre, the urban area of Coloane, the Lai Chi Vun Shipyard area, and Hac Sa Beach, respectively.
- 18 Director of the Hong Kong and Macao Work Office of the Communist Party of China Central Committee and Director of the State Council's Hong Kong and Macao Affairs Office, Xia Baolong, meets and exchanges views with Macao deputies to the National People's Congress, members of the National Committee of Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference (CPPCC) and representatives from CPPCC (Provincial) Members Association. He also visits the Young Entrepreneur Incubation Centre, a young entrepreneurship cyber

technology company, the Macao Daily News, and the Macao Youth Development Service Centre, to know more about issues related to youth affairs and young entrepreneurship.

- 19 Director of the Hong Kong and Macao Work Office of the Communist Party of China Central Committee and Director of the State Council's Hong Kong and Macao Affairs Office, Xia Baolong, concludes his trip to Macao after visiting the Macao East Asian Games Dome and Athletes Training Centre. Chief Executive Ho Iat Seng thanks Mr Xia for showing full recognition of the MSAR Government's work. The Chief Executive states that the MSAR Government will leverage the six advantages of Macao, and make concerted effort to polish Macao's profile ("golden calling card") as an international metropolis.
- 20 The Guangdong-Macao Traditional Chinese Medicine Technology Industrial Park holds a kick-off ceremony for 14 key projects, taking the Industrial Park's operation and development to a new level.
- 24 The State Council approves that with effect from 00:00 on 31 May 2024, the Macao SAR shall exercise jurisdiction over the relevant land and maritime areas adjacent to the southeast side of Gongbei Checkpoint in Zhuhai Municipality in accordance with the laws of the Macao SAR. On 31 May, Zhuhai holds a ceremony for the handover of the leased land and maritime areas adjacent to the southeast side of Gongbei.

Chief Executive Ho Iat Seng attends the signing ceremony of the 2024 Macao Promotion Conference and Cooperation Agreement for Developing Guangxi as an Important Strategic Hinterland of the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area. The Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region and Macao sign letters of intent regarding strategic cooperation in culture, tourism, environmental protection, economic and trade, and traditional Chinese medicine, as well as cooperation with tertiary education institutions.

June

- 1 By-law No. 4/2024 on the Protection and Management Plan of the Historic Centre of Macao comes into effect, which aims at formulating appropriate measures and methods to protect and manage the Historic Centre of Macao more comprehensively and systematically.
- 3 The Macao Special Administrative Region is elected Culture City of East Asia 2025. On 12 September, Secretary for Social Affairs and Culture, Ao Ieong U, as the representative of the MSAR, receives the plaque on behalf of Macao at the award presentation ceremony held in Japan.
- 5 Jointly organised by the General Administration of Customs and the Secretariat for Administration and Justice of the Macao SAR, a photo exhibition documenting 25 years of the supply of agricultural food products from the Chinese mainland to Macao – "Uniting for Progress on a New Journey" opens. Some 100 photographs are featured in this exhibition, allowing visitors to understand the historical evolution and far-reaching significance of food

supply from the mainland to the Macao SAR.

- 10 Chief Executive Ho Iat Seng attends a reception in celebration of the Day of Portugal, Camões Day and the Portuguese Communities Day, and says that Macao will further leverage its function as an economic and trading service platform between China and Portuguese-speaking countries, and will continue to support and assist all sectors in Macao, Portugal and the Chinese mainland in realising mutual development and progress.
- 11 According to the China Manned Space Agency (CMSA), the list of the fourth batch of astronaut candidates has been released, and for the first time, a Macao resident has been successfully selected as a payload specialist to join China’s astronaut team. The MSAR Government expresses its gratitude to the Central Government for its strong support for Macao’s participation in the national aerospace industry and warmly congratulates on the successful selection of the fourth batch of astronaut candidates for China Manned Space Programme.
- 13 The Macao SAR Government expresses its strong disapproval and resolute objection to the so-called “Macao Special Administrative Region Annual Report for 2023” recently published by the European Union, which contains some false reviews on Macao’s political and social development, as well as accusations against Macao’s revisions of several laws, including the Law on Safeguarding National Security.
- 14 The People’s Government of Guangdong Province, the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region Government and the Macao Special Administrative Region Government sign the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Emergency Management Cooperation and Greater Bay Area Emergency Response Operation Cooperation Framework Agreement in Hong Kong to strengthen cooperation in responding to contingencies in the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area, share emergency information, study and develop emergency response theories and technology, train and exchange emergency response specialists, and enhance platform interoperability.
- 15 The first International Cities of Gastronomy Fest, Macao organised by the MGTO has attracted the participation of 29 delegations from six continents and UNESCO’s Creative City of Gastronomy, to promote the concerted development between “tourism + gastronomy”, and to leverage the advantages of Macao as a platform of Creative City of Gastronomy.
- 24 The MSAR Government announces the Executive Order No. 106/2024, promulgating the Functional Maritime Zoning of the Macao SAR.
- 28 The Ministry of Finance, the General Administration of Customs, and the State Taxation Administration issue the “Notice on Increasing the Duty-free Allowance for Luggage Articles for Personal Consumption Carried by Resident Visitors Entering the Mainland from Hong Kong and Macao”, which stipulates that, with effect from 1 July 2024, the duty-free allowance for residents aged 18 or older returning from visits to Macao will be increased from 5,000 yuan to 12,000 yuan for luggage items deemed for reasonable personal use and which are acquired outside the Chinese mainland. At the same time, resident travellers will not be taxed for items purchased from duty-free shops at entry checkpoints, provided

that the purchase amount and the total value of personal luggage acquired outside the mainland for reasonable personal use do not exceed 15,000 yuan. The measure is initially implemented at six boundary-crossing checkpoints, and will be extended to all boundary-crossing checkpoints from 1 August onwards (except the “first-tier” ports in Hengqin).

The Macao SAR Government expresses its strong disapproval and condemnation to the Taiwan authorities’ so-called Travel Alert on 27 June, which has wantonly smeared Macao’s legal system for safeguarding national security and distorted Macao’s political and social development.

July

- 1 The Exit and Entry Administration announces that with effect from 10 July 2024, non-Chinese Macao permanent residents will be issued with Mainland Travel Permit valid for five years. From 1 September, non-Chinese Macao residents holding Home Return Permit can apply for the “Northbound Travel for Macao Vehicles” permit.
- 18 The Third Plenary Session of the 20th Central Committee of the Communist Party of China closes in Beijing. On behalf of the Macao SAR Government, Chief Executive Ho Iat Seng extends his warm congratulations on the successful conclusion of the meeting and stresses that the MSAR Government will lead all sectors of Macao society to learn the spirit of the Third Plenary Session of the CPC Central Committee, diligently implement the resolutions approved at the meeting, and contribute Macao’s strength in facilitating Chinese modernisation.

The Macao SAR Government and the Hong Kong SAR Government jointly hold a press conference on the Mutual Use of QR Code between HKSAR and MSAR Clearance Service, to launch a joint facilitation measure for customs clearance in Hong Kong and Macao, that allows eligible residents of the two regions to use their own Hong Kong-Macao boundary-crossing QR code for customs clearance without presenting their physical identity card.

- 25 The Macao Foundation’s “Macau Memory” cultural and historical website received the “Star of Discovery Award” in the 2024 Global Awards for World Heritage Education Innovative Cases (AWHEIC), presented by the World Heritage Institute of Training and Research for the Asia and the Pacific Region under UNESCO’s auspices.

August

- 1 Chief Executive Ho Iat Seng attends the reception held in Macao by the People’s Liberation Army Macao Garrison to mark the 97th anniversary of the founding of the Chinese People’s Liberation Army. Mr Ho says that the Macao Garrison is an important cornerstone for the successful implementation of the “One country, two systems” principle in Macao, and is also a strong pillar of Macao’s long-term prosperity and stability.

- 2 The Macao SAR Government expresses its strong opposition to the Taiwan authorities' distortion of facts and malicious speculation about the staff rotation of the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Macao.
- 11 The election of the members of the 2024 Chief Executive Election Committee is held. A total of 5,521 representatives of eligible legal-person voters cast their ballot, with an overall voter turnout rate of 88.12 percent, which is a record high for both the total number of voters and the overall voter turnout rate.
- 14 The *Macao SAR Gazette* publishes an executive order issued by the Chief Executive to set up the Organising Committee for the Macao Events of the 15th National Games, the 12th National Games for Persons with Disabilities and the Ninth National Special Olympic Games, to replace the existing Macao Organising Committee for the 15th National Games.
- 16 Chief Executive Ho Iat Seng holds a briefing session for the Macao SAR Government to study the spirit of the third plenary session of the 20th CPC Central Committee, which is attended by all principal officials, chief of offices, and leading officials of about 70 departments and bureaux.
- 21 The Guangdong Provincial Government issues offshore provincial government bonds of 2.5 billion yuan in Macao, marking the fourth consecutive year of bond issuance in Macao since 2021, and the first specialised bond issued in Macao focusing on the Guangdong-Macao Intensive Cooperation Zone in Hengqin.
- 27 The Conde S. Januario Hospital has once again been accredited by the Australian Council for International Healthcare Standards (ACIHS) and receives the "Excellent" rating, making it the first public hospital in the Asia-Pacific region to receive such rating.
- 28 The MSAR Government organises two seminars on the spirit of the third plenary session of the 20th CPC Central Committee. Members of the publicity delegation, including Vice-chairperson of the Constitution and Law Committee of the National People's Congress and Chairman of the Legislative Affairs Commission of the Standing Committee of the National People's Congress, Shen Chunyao, and Secretary of the CPC Leadership Group of the Ministry of Commerce and the Minister of Commerce, Wang Wentao, are invited to deliver speeches for about 1,000 attendees.
- 31 The National Olympic Athletes Delegation for the Paris 2024 Olympic Games arrives in Macao for a three-day visit.

September

- 3 M&C Asia Connections, a premier Asian convention and exhibition matchmaking event, is held in Macao for the first time. Macao retains its "Best Convention City (Asia)" award.
- 5 The Meteorological and Geophysical Bureau issues typhoon signal No. 8 at 10 p.m. due to

the impact of typhoon Yagi. Chief Executive Ho Iat Seng arrives at and chairs a working meeting at the Civil Protection Action Centre.

- 16 The Islands Healthcare Complex – Macao Medical Centre of Peking Union Medical College Hospital officially commences operations. Chief Executive Ho Iat Seng officiates at the unveiling ceremony.
- 17 The Guangdong-Macao Intensive Cooperation Zone in Hengqin marks its third anniversary.
- 19 The pilot programme for dual-currency payment collection is launched in the Macao New Neighbourhood. Macao residents can now use the “Simple Pay” platform to make payments in patacas at merchants participating in the pilot programme.
- 24 Guangdong, Hong Kong, Macao, and Shenzhen sign a memorandum of understanding on tax cooperation within the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area, with the aim to strengthen collaborative tax services, enhance tax collection cooperation and information and experience sharing, and facilitate talent cultivation.
- 26 Macao receives the “Best BT-MICE City” at the TTG Travel Awards 2024, marking the second consecutive year to receive this international award.

The Government housing for senior citizens holds an unveiling ceremony and commences service on 15 October.

Chief Executive Ho Iat Seng and Minister of State Administration of Timor-Leste Tomás Cabral sign a memorandum of understanding to establish sister-city relationship between Macao and Dili, Timor-Leste, with a view of leveraging the opportunities presented by the Belt and Road initiative and deepening mutually beneficial cooperation.

- 28 A question-and-answer session on the candidate’s political platform for the Chief Executive election is held, where candidate Sam Hou Fai presents his platform and exchanges views with members of the Election Committee.

October

- 1 The inauguration ceremony of the fourth Macao-Taipa cross-harbour bridge, Macao Bridge, is held. Construction of Macao Bridge began in March 2020 with an investment exceeding 5.2 billion patacas. About 3.1 kilometres in length, the bridge includes a cross-sea section of approximately 2.9 kilometres long, which is Macao’s first eight-lane dual carriageway cross-harbour bridge.

The MSAR Government holds a flag-raising ceremony at the Lotus Square at 8:00 a.m. and a reception to celebrate the 75th anniversary of the founding of the People’s Republic of China.

- 9 Chairman of the 10th and 11th National People’s Congress Standing Committee, Wu Bangguo, passes away in Beijing on 8 October 2024. On behalf of the Macao SAR, Chief

Executive Ho Iat Seng expresses deep condolences on Mr Wu's passing and extends sincere sympathy to his family. Following the unified arrangement of the Central Government, flags fly at half-mast on 14 October at the MSAR Government Headquarters, Government House, and all boundary-crossing checkpoints and sea and air ports.

- 10 Chief Executive Ho Iat Seng meets with Deputy International Trade Negotiation Representative of the Ministry of Commerce, Li Yongjie, and her delegation to exchange views on further implementation of the Mainland and Macao Closer Economic Partnership Arrangement (CEPA) and its supplementary agreements, and cooperation in promoting appropriate economic diversification. Secretary for Economy and Finance, Lei Wai Nong, and Ms Li sign the Second Agreement Concerning Amendment to the Agreement on Trade in Services under CEPA (Amended Agreement II), with effect from the date of signature and enters into force on 1 March 2025.
- 13 The sixth-term Chief Executive Election takes place. Mr Sam Hou Fai is elected as the sixth-term Chief Executive-designate by receiving 394 valid votes, representing 98.99 percent of the total votes cast. On 21 October, the *Macao SAR Gazette* publishes an announcement confirming the final audited results of the election and declaring Sam Hou Fai as the chief executive-elect.
- 14 Chief Executive Ho Iat Seng meets with the Chief Executive-elect of the sixth MSAR Government Sam Hou Fai. They express their intention to maintain good communication and cooperation, to ensure smooth transition of administration.
- 15 The new Public Security Police Force Headquarters and the Special Police Unit Building officially open.
- 24 The round-the-clock government self-service centre jointly set up by the MSAR Government and the Executive Committee of the Guangdong-Macao Intensive Cooperation Zone in Hengqin commences operation in the Macao New Neighbourhood in Hengqin.
- 28 Hengqin Port expands its trial operation of the joint inspection self-service channels to serve three additional categories of foreign passport holders. After completing the registration process for Macao and mainland self-service clearance, these passport holders can use the joint inspection self-service channels for boundary crossing.
- 31 Chief Executive Ho Iat Seng delivers a video address at the opening ceremony of the third Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area Fair for Trade in Services, where he highlights Macao's commitment to seizing the opportunities arising from the Greater Bay Area and the Guangdong-Macao Intensive Cooperation Zone in Hengqin, and actively integrating with and supporting the development of the Greater Bay Area, to better serve the country's high-level opening up and high-quality development.

November

- 1 At the Great Hall of the People in Beijing, President Xi Jinping meets with Mr Sam Hou

Fai, who is to be appointed the sixth-term Chief Executive of the Macao SAR following the decision made at the sixth plenary meeting of the State Council. Witnessed by President Xi Jinping, Mr Sam Hou Fai receives from Premier Li Qiang the State Council Order No. 794 for the appointment of the sixth-term Chief Executive of the Macao SAR.

The inauguration of the Macao LRT Seac Pai Van line marks the first network interchange along the Taipa line, extending the LRT services to the Seac Pai Van neighbourhood.

- 2 Hosted by the China Advertising Association and organised by the Cultural and Tourism Branding Committee, “The Great Wall Award - Culture and Tourism Branding Award” case collection competition holds an award presentation ceremony, where “Unforgettable Melodies at the Ruins of St Paul’s” is selected as an “Excellent City Landmark Case of the Year”, while “Strolling through Almeida Ribeiro Avenue – Pedestrian Area Pilot Project” and “Rua da Felicidade Pedestrian Zone” are selected as “Excellent Scenic Spot and Museum Branding Case of the Year”.
- 8 Chief Executive Ho Iat Seng delivers a video address at the 2024 Global Investment Promotion Conference for the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area, to welcome participating guests to visit Macao and the Guangdong-Macao Intensive Cooperation Zone in Hengqin more often for exchanges and cooperation and investment, to achieve mutual benefit and common development.
- 9 The Organising Committee for the Macao Events of the 15th National Games, the 12th National Games for Persons with Disabilities, and the Ninth National Special Olympic Games holds a series of events to mark the one-year countdown. Chief Executive Ho Iat Seng delivers a video address at the kick-off ceremony, expressing his hope for active participation of all sectors in Macao, to ensure smooth and successful in hosting the games.

The Macao New Neighbourhood Health Station in the Guangdong-Macao Intensive Cooperation Zone in Hengqin holds its unveiling ceremony. This is the first medical service facility established on the Chinese mainland by the MSAR Government, which is directly operated and managed by the Health Bureau, extending Macao’s community healthcare services into the Cooperation Zone. The 1,000-square-metre health station officially opens on 11 November.
- 14 The “Celebrating the 75th Anniversary of the Founding of the People’s Republic of China and the 25th Anniversary of the Establishment of the Macao Special Administrative Region – 71st Macau Grand Prix” takes place over four days. This is the first time for Macao to host the FIA Formula Regional World Cup event.
- 17 Chief Executive Ho Iat Seng delivers a video address at the opening ceremony of the Greater Bay Area Science Forum 2024, expressing his hope for strengthening exchanges and cooperation between Macao and the global scientific community, to jointly promote quality development of the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area.
- 19 Chief Executive Ho Iat Seng attends a plenary session of the Legislative Assembly to summarise the Government’s work for the 2024 fiscal year, and introduce the financial

budget for the fiscal year 2025, and holds a press conference to answer questions from the media.

- 28 Jointly established by the MSAR Government and the Ministry of Culture and Tourism, the Centre of Preservation and Transmission for Cultural Heritage of the Palace Museum is officially inaugurated, with the aim to strengthen cultural heritage restoration, conservation, education and promotion in Macao, contributing to the development of a multicultural exchange and cooperation base with Chinese culture as the mainstream.
- 29 The Exit and Entry Administration announces the policy to facilitate tourism to Macao for mainland residents. From 1 January 2025, the “one trip per week” policy is implemented in Zhuhai for travelling to Macao, while the “multiple-entry endorsement” policy is implemented in the Guangdong-Macao Intensive Cooperation Zone in Hengqin for travelling to Macao.
- 30 In accordance with the Basic Law of the Macao Special Administrative Region and upon the nomination by the sixth-term Chief Executive-designate, Sam Hou Fai, the State Council appoints the principal officials and the Prosecutor General of the sixth-term MSAR Government.

December

- 1 The sixth-term Chief Executive-designate, Sam Hou Fai, holds a press conference with the principal officials-designate and the Prosecutor General-designate of the sixth-term MSAR Government.
- 2 The 2.2-kilometre LRT Hengqin Line officially commences operation, which runs between Lotus Station and Hengqin Station.
- 3 Chief Executive Ho Iat Seng attends a celebration marking the 25th anniversary of the establishment of the Macao Garrison of the Chinese People’s Liberation Army. He states that the People’s Liberation Army Garrison is a defender and constructor of the principle of “One country, two systems”, a vital embodiment of national sovereignty, and a cornerstone of Macao’s prosperity and stability.
- 5 The new Macao SAR Electronic Identity Card receives the 2024 Best New ID card award at the High Security Printing Conference Asia, the second time winning similar award following the Regional ID Document of the Year award in 2015.
- 7 “Light up Macao 2024” in celebration of the 75th anniversary of the founding of the People’s Republic of China and the 25th anniversary of the establishment of the Macao Special Administrative Region runs until 28 February 2025, with light installations displayed across 23 locations in six districts of Macao.

The Macao Outdoor Performance Area commences trial operation. With a total area of 94,000 square metres and a stage spanning 100 metres, the venue can accommodate over

50,000 spectators. The first warm-up concert successfully takes place on 28 December, attracting approximately 11,000 residents and tourists.

- 9 The Land Handover and Groundbreaking Ceremony for the University of Macau's Campus in the Guangdong-Macao Intensive Cooperation Zone in Hengqin is held, marking the full commencement of construction.
- 11 Chief Executive Ho Iat Seng delivers a video address at the Second Business Conference on Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area Development, stating that Macao will strive to enhance its role and functions in national economic development and opening up, contributing to the construction of a world-class prosperous bay area, and the sharing of quality development opportunities.
- 12 The plaque unveiling ceremony of the Government Historical Archives Building is held, marking a new level in the development of Macao's archives.
- 13 Chief Executive Ho Iat Seng visits and inspects the neighbourhoods around Rua das Estalagens and Almeida Ribeiro Avenue to understand the progress of the revitalisation projects and business operations in the area. He also engages in friendly exchanges with residents and tourists.
- 18 President Xi Jinping arrives in Macao by his official plane in the afternoon to attend the celebration marking the 25th anniversary of Macao's return to the motherland and the inauguration ceremony of the sixth-term MSAR Government on 20 December, followed by an inspection tour of Macao.
- 19 During his visit to Macao, President Xi Jinping inspects the Macau University of Science and Technology and the Guangdong-Macao Intensive Cooperation Zone in Hengqin, and meets with the Vice Chairman of the CPPCC National Committee Edmund Ho Hau Wah, former Chief Executive of the Macao SAR Chui Sai On, heads of Central Government offices in Macao, major mainland Chinese-funded institutions, and persons-in-charge of the MSAR Government's executive, legislative and judicial bodies. President Xi also attends a dinner reception hosted by the MSAR Government to deliver an important speech, and watches a grand variety show celebrating the 25th anniversary of Macao's return to the motherland.
- 20 President Xi Jinping attends the 25th anniversary celebration of Macao's return to the motherland and the inauguration ceremony of the sixth-term MSAR Government held at the Macao East Asian Games Dome, and delivers an important speech. He then meets with the new persons-in-charge of the MSAR Government's executive, legislative, and judicial bodies and raises four aspirations.

The MSAR Government hosts a reception to celebrate the 25th anniversary of the establishment of the Macao Special Administrative Region. Chief Executive Sam Hou Fai states that the new-term MSAR Government will unite all sectors of society to build a better Macao in all aspects.

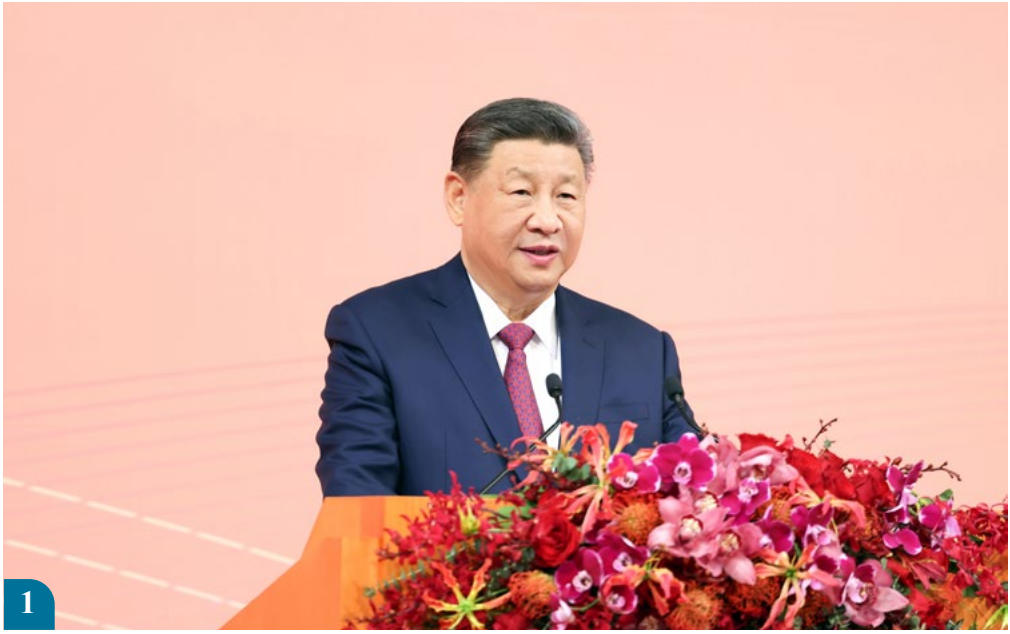
- 24 Chief Executive Sam Hou Fai leads a Government delegation to Guangzhou and meets with Secretary of CPC Guangdong Provincial Committee Huang Kunming and Deputy Secretary

of the CPC Guangdong Provincial Committee and Governor of Guangdong Province Wang Weizhong. Both parties agree on the need to thoroughly implement the spirit of President Xi's instructions during his visit to Macao, to continue strengthening Guangdong-Macao cooperation, and to inject impetus into Macao's efforts to expedite appropriate economic diversification.

- 28 State Councillor and President of the All-China Women's Federation Shen Yiqin meets with Chief Executive Sam Hou Fai, to exchange views on Macao's socio-economic development, people's livelihoods, and the advancement of women's affairs.
- 30 The *Macao SAR Gazette* publishes Law No. 24/2024 on approving the Tax Code, marking a significant reform of the existing tax regulations by the MSAR Government, including clarifying the principle of territorial taxation, setting a maximum period of 15 years for tax claims, and introducing several new provisions. The relevant regulations will come into full effect on 1 January 2026.



1. On the morning of 20 December, President Xi Jinping attends a ceremony in celebration of the 25th anniversary of Macao's return to the motherland and delivers an important speech at the inauguration ceremony of the sixth-term Macao SAR Government at the Macao East Asian Games Dome (Xinhua photo).
2. On the morning of 20 December, a ceremony celebrating the 25th anniversary of Macao's return to the motherland and the inauguration ceremony of the sixth-term Macao SAR Government takes place at the Macao East Asian Games Dome. Attending the ceremony, President Xi Jinping delivers an important speech, and administers the oath of office to Sam Hou Fai as the sixth-term Chief Executive of the Macao SAR (Xinhua photo).



1. On the evening of 19 December, President Xi Jinping attends a welcome banquet hosted by the Macao SAR Government and delivers an important speech (Xinhua photo).
2. On 20 December, President Xi Jinping meets with the principal officials of the new administrative, legislative, and judicial institutions of the Macao Special Administrative Region (Xinhua photo).



3. On the morning of 20 December, President Xi Jinping meets with the newly sworn-in Chief Executive Sam Hou Fai (Xinhua photo).
4. On 18 December, President Xi Jinping and his wife Peng Liyuan, arrive in Macao for attending the ceremony celebrating the 25th anniversary of Macao's return to the motherland and the inauguration ceremony of the sixth-term Macao SAR Government, scheduled for 20 December. President Xi Jinping receives a warm welcome at Macau International Airport (Xinhua photo).



1. On the afternoon of 19 December, President Xi Jinping meets with the officials-in-charge of the administrative, legislative, and judicial institutions of the Macao Special Administrative Region (Xinhua photo).
2. On the afternoon of 19 December, President Xi Jinping meets with representatives from various sectors of Macao society (Xinhua photo).
3. On 18 December, President Xi Jinping shakes hands with Chief Executive Ho Iat Seng (Xinhua photo).
4. On the afternoon of 19 December, President Xi Jinping meets with Vice Chairman of the National Committee of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference Ho Hau Wah and former Chief Executive of the Macao Special Administrative Region Chui Sai On (Xinhua photo).





1. On the morning of 19 December, President Xi Jinping, accompanied by Chief Executive Ho Iat Seng, visits Macau University of Science and Technology to interact with students and researchers. He exchanges views with researchers and students at the Data Center for Science and Application of Macau Satellites (Xinhua photo).
2. On the morning of 19 December, President Xi's wife, Peng Liyuan, accompanied by Chief Executive Ho Iat Seng's wife, Zheng Su Zhen, visits the Museum of Macau. She engages in friendly exchanges with local intangible cultural heritage inheritors of ceramic tile painting (Xinhua photo).



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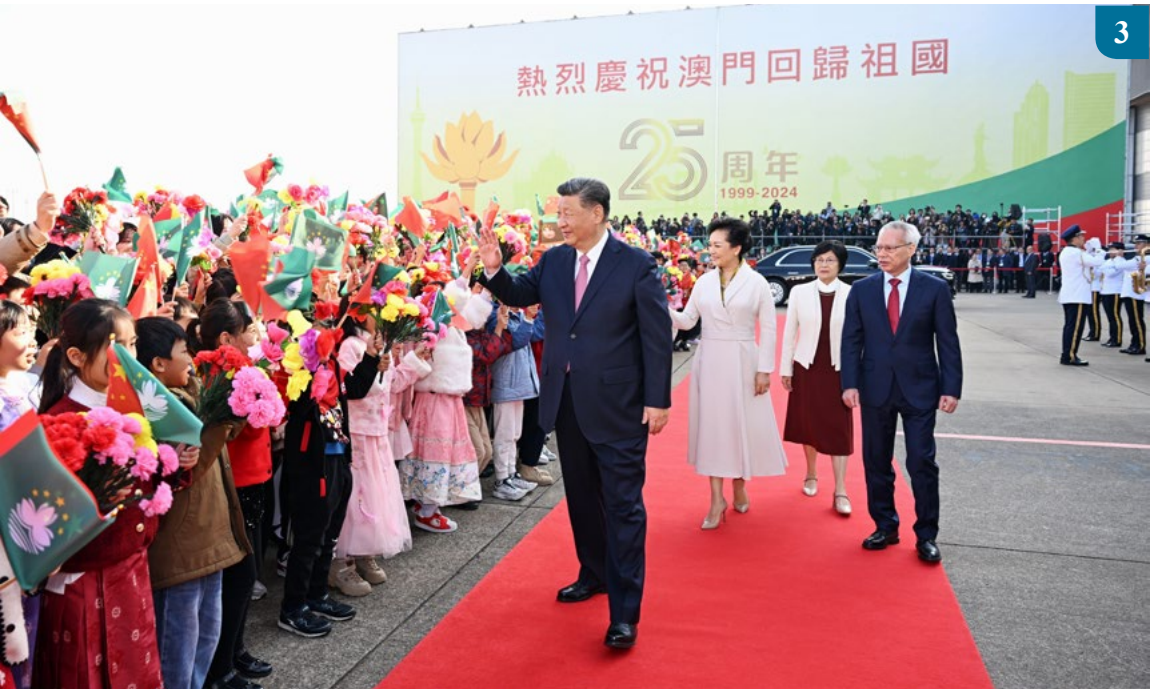


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3. On the evening of 19 December, a cultural performance celebrating the 25th anniversary of Macao's return to the motherland is held at the Macao East Asian Games Dome. President Xi Jinping watches the performance and joins the audience in singing Ode to the Motherland at the end of the show (Xinhua photo).
4. On the morning of 19 December, General Secretary of the CPC Central Committee, President of the People's Republic of China, and Chairman of the Central Military Commission, Xi Jinping, accompanied by Chief Executive Ho Iat Seng, visits Guangdong-Macao Intensive Cooperation Zone in Hengqin. He engages in friendly exchanges with representatives involved in planning, construction, management, and services for Guangdong-Macao Intensive Cooperation Zone in Hengqin (Xinhua photo).



1. On 20 December, the Chief Executive and principal officials of the Macao SAR Government, officials of the Central People's Government in Macao, military officers of the People's Liberation Army Macao Garrison, and people from various sectors attend a flag-raising ceremony in celebration of the 25th anniversary of the establishment of the Macao Special Administrative Region.
2. On 20 December, a reception celebrating the 25th anniversary of the establishment of the Macao Special Administrative Region is held at the China-Portuguese-speaking Countries Commercial and Trade Service Platform.



3. On the afternoon of 20 December, General Secretary of the CPC Central Committee, President of the People's Republic of China, and Chairman of the Central Military Commission, Xi Jinping, concludes his activities in Macao. He and his wife, Peng Liyuan, wave to the crowd bidding farewell before departing by his special plane. (Xinhua photo).
4. On 21 December, Chief Executive Sam Hou Fai chairs a seminar for various sectors of Macao society to study and promote the spirit of President Xi Jinping's important speeches during his visit to Macao.



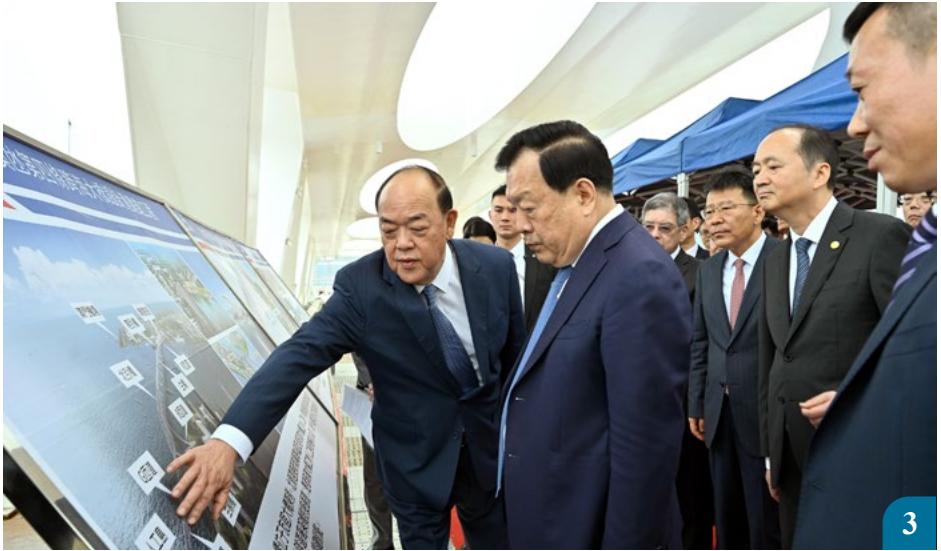
1. On 13 October, the sixth-term Chief Executive-designate Sam Hou Fai delivers a thank you speech to and accepts congratulations from the election committee members.
2. The election platform presentation and question-and-answer session for the 2024 Chief Executive election candidate Sam Hou Fai take place on 28 September.
3. On 13 October, the sixth-term Chief Executive-designate Sam Hou Fai meets with the media after the election.



4. On 1 November, President Xi Jinping meets with newly elected and appointed MSAR Chief Executive Sam Hou Fai at the Great Hall of the People in Beijing. Under President Xi's witness, Premier Li Qiang presents the State Council's Order No. 794, appointing Sam Hou Fai as the sixth-term Chief Executive of the Macao Special Administrative Region (Xinhua photo).
5. On 14 October, Chief Executive Ho Iat Seng meets with the sixth-term Chief Executive-designate Sam Hou Fai.



1. On 14 May, Director Xia Baolong holds a discussion with Chief Executive Ho Iat Seng and senior officials of the Macao SAR Government.
2. On 14 May, Director Xia Baolong visits the National Security Education Exhibition.



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3. On 13 May, the Director of Hong Kong and Macao Work Office of CPC Central Committee and Director of the Hong Kong and Macao Affairs Office of the State Council, Xia Baolong, arrives in Macao for an inspection visit to the Macao Bridge construction site.
4. On 13 May, Director Xia Baolong exchanges views with the Chief Executive and the principal officials of the administrative, legislative, and judicial authorities of the Macao SAR.



1. On 10 August, the Electoral Affairs Commission of the Chief Executive Election inspects the preparation work of the polling stations for the election of the members of the Chief Executive Election Committee on 11 August.
2. The election of the members of the Chief Executive Election Committee takes place on 11 August. All polling stations operate from 9:00 am to 6:00 pm.
3. On 12 August, Chairman of the General Audit Committee, Kuok Kin Hong, announces the general audit results of the election of members of the Chief Executive Election Committee.



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4. On 8 April, Chief Executive Ho Iat Seng presides over the swearing-in ceremony of the Chairman and members of the Electoral Affairs Commission for the Chief Executive Election.
5. On 12 October, Chief Executive Ho Iat Seng inspects the venue for the sixth Chief Executive election of the Macao Special Administrative Region.
6. The sixth Chief Executive election of the Macao Special Administrative Region takes place on 13 October, where members of the Chief Executive Election Committee cast their votes.



1. On 21 December, Chief Executive Sam Hou Fai convenes the first policy meeting of the sixth-term Macao SAR Government.
2. On 21 December, Chief Executive Sam Hou Fai meets with President of the Legislative Assembly Kou Hoi In and his delegation.
3. On 21 December, Chief Executive Sam Hou Fai meets with President of the Court of Final Appeal Song Man Lei, President of the Court of Appeal Tang Hio Fong, and President of the Court of First Instance Yao Ying Shan.



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4. On 1 December, the sixth-term Chief Executive of the Macao Special Administrative Region, Sam Hou Fai, holds a press conference alongside the designated principal officials and the Prosecutor General of the sixth-term Macao SAR Government.
5. On the morning of 20 December, the sixth-term Executive Council of the Macao Special Administrative Region convenes its first meeting at Government Headquarters.
6. On 24 December, Chief Executive Sam Hou Fai leads a Macao SAR Government delegation to Guangzhou, where he meets with Guangdong Provincial Party Committee Secretary Huang Kunming and Provincial Governor Wang Weizhong.



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1. On 24 May, Chief Executive Ho Iat Seng and Mr Liu Ning, Secretary of the CPC Committee and Chairman of the Standing Committee of the People's Congress of Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region, jointly witness the signing ceremony of the Letter of Intent for Comprehensive Cooperation between the Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region Government and the Macao Special Administrative Region Government in the New Era.
2. On 10 October, Chief Executive Ho Iat Seng witnesses the signing ceremony for an agreement on revising the Second Agreement Concerning Amendment to the Agreement on Trade in Services under CEPA.



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3. On 26 February, Chief Executive Ho Iat Seng leads a Macao SAR Government delegation to Guangzhou, where they meet with Secretary of the CPC Guangdong Provincial Committee Mr Huang Kunming, and Deputy Secretary of the CPC Guangdong Provincial Committee and Governor of Guangdong Province Mr Wang Weizhong.
4. On 30 January, the seventh meeting of the Administrative Committee of the Guangdong-Macao Intensive Cooperation Zone in Hengqin is held.



1. On 16 April, Chief Executive Ho Iat Seng attends a plenary session of the Legislative Assembly to respond to members' questions on government policies and social issues.
2. On 19 November, Chief Executive Ho Iat Seng attends a session at the Legislative Assembly to summarise the Government's work for the fiscal year 2024 and introduce budget arrangements for fiscal year 2025.
3. On 6 December, President of the Court of Final Appeal Song Man Lei takes her oath of office, administered by Chief Executive Ho Iat Seng.
4. On 30 December, Chief Executive Sam Hou Fai presides over the swearing-in ceremony for the chairperson and members of the Electoral Affairs Commission for the Legislative Assembly Election.



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5. On 5 March, Chief Executive Ho Iat Seng attends the opening ceremony of the Second Session of the 14th National People's Congress in Beijing.
6. On 13 March, a briefing session to share the aspirations of the "Two Sessions" of 2024 is held at the multi-purpose hall of the Liaison Office of the Central People's Government in the Macao SAR.
7. A briefing session to share the aspirations set out at the Third Plenary Session of the 20th CPC Central Committee is held at the Government Headquarters on 16 August.



1. On 1 February, the Liaison Office of the Central People's Government in the Macao SAR hosts the 2024 Spring Festival reception.
2. On 19 March, Chief Executive Ho Iat Seng and other guests attend the Spring Banquet of Guangdong Province 2024 (Macao).
3. On 10 June, Chief Executive Ho Iat Seng attends a reception celebrating Portugal Day, Camoes Day and Portuguese Community Day.

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4. On 1 October, Chief Executive Ho Iat Seng and other officiating guests toast at a reception hosted by the Macao SAR Government to celebrate the 75th anniversary of the founding of the People's Republic of China.
5. On 27 October, Chief Executive Ho Iat Seng poses for a photo with visitors on the Government Headquarters Open Day to celebrate the double anniversaries.
6. On 3 December, Chief Executive Ho Iat Seng attends a ceremony celebrating the 25th anniversary of the People's Liberation Army being stationed in Macao.



1. On 31 August, the Elite National Olympic Athletes Delegation arrives in Macao for a three-day visit.
2. On 11 April, Chief Executive Ho Iat Seng attends the inaugural meeting of the Organising Committee for the 15th National Games, the 12th National Games for Persons with Disabilities and the Ninth National Special Olympic Games in Guangzhou.
3. On 9 November, the one-year countdown timer for the 15th National Games and the 12th National Games for Persons with Disabilities is launched, along with a fun walk, at the Senado Square.



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4. Elite national Olympic athletes interact with residents and tourists in the Rua da Felicidade pedestrian zone.
5. Elite national Olympic athletes visit the Barra district.
6. Elite national Olympic athletes visit Mount Fortress.



1. On 19 January, the 2023 Decorations, Medals and Certificates of Merit Awards Ceremony of the MSAR takes place.



2. On 15 January, the Macao SAR Government holds a press conference regarding the termination of the horse-racing concession with Macau Jockey Club and related work.

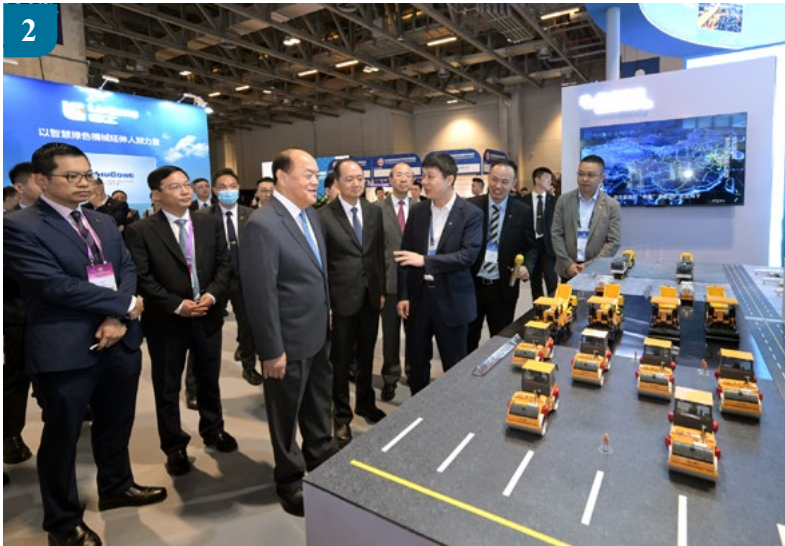


3. The launch ceremony for *Macao Gazetteer Series: Book of Geography* takes place on 21 October.



4. Starting from 19 July, eligible residents of Hong Kong and Macao may use their respective “Mutual QR Code between Hong Kong and Macao Clearance Service” to travel between the two SARs without presenting physical identity cards, for the convenience of cross-boundary residents.

5. The 2024 Decorations, Medals and Certificates of Merit Awards Ceremony takes place on 29 November.



1. On 28 March, the opening ceremony of the 2024 Macao International Environmental Co-operation Forum (MIECF) takes place.
2. On 20 June, Chief Executive Ho Iat Seng visits the exhibition of the 15th International Infrastructure Investment and Construction Forum.

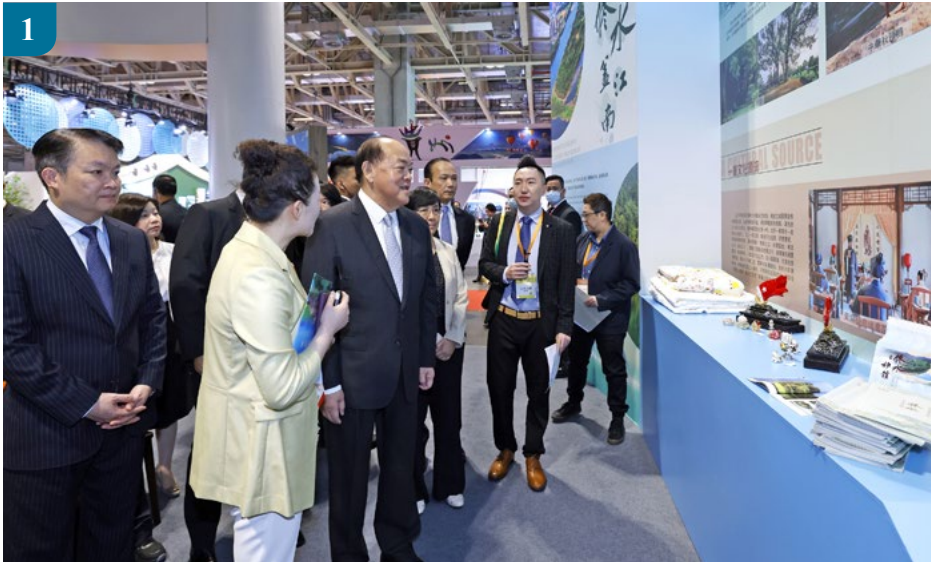
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3. On 22 April, the opening ceremony of the Sixth Ministerial Conference of the Forum for Economic and Trade Cooperation between China and Portuguese-speaking Countries takes place.
4. On 22 April, Minister of Commerce Wang Wentao signs the Strategic Plan for Economic and Trade Cooperation (2024-2027) with other ministers or representatives participating in the Forum for Economic and Trade Cooperation between China and Portuguese-speaking Countries.



1. On 26 April, Chief Executive Ho Iat Seng visits the exhibition area of the 12th Macao International Travel (Industry) Expo.
2. On 16 October, the 29th Macao International Trade and Investment Fair (MIF) and Macao Franchise Expo 2024 open. The photo shows Chief Executive Ho Iat Seng visiting the exhibition area.



3. On 6 May, tourists from the first mainland tour group granted with multiple entries to and from Macao and Hengqin arrive via Hengqin Port.
4. On 15 November, Chief Executive Ho Iat Seng visits the exhibition booths at the 24th Macao Food Festival, engaging in friendly conversation with the exhibitors.

1. On 13 December, the Macao SAR Government holds a National Memorial Day to commemorate the victims of the Nanjing Massacre.
2. On 14 October, as a mark of respect for former chairman of the 10th and 11th Standing Committees of the National People's Congress, Mr Wu Bangguo, flags are flown at half-mast at the Government Headquarters of the Macao SAR.
3. On 5 September, Chief Executive Ho Iat Seng visits the Civil Protection Action Centre to chair a meeting on tackling super typhoon Yagi, where he listens to reports and gives instructions.
4. On 27 April, the "Crystal Fish 2024" typhoon drill is conducted. The photo shows customs officers rescuing residents trapped in a car submerged in rising water during a simulated storm surge.





5. On 15 April, the 2024 National Security Education Exhibition, jointly organised by the Macao SAR Government and the Liaison Office of the Central People's Government in the Macao SAR, opens.
6. On 15 October, Chief Executive Ho Iat Seng presides over an unveiling ceremony for the building of the Public Security Police Force Headquarters and the Police Tactical Unit.



1. On 26 September, Chief Executive Ho Iat Seng and other officiating guests preside over the unveiling ceremony of Government Housing for Senior Citizens, as an event to celebrate the 75th anniversary of the founding of the People's Republic of China and the 25th anniversary of the establishment of the Macao Special Administrative Region.
2. On 16 September, the Islands District Medical Complex at the Peking Union Medical College Hospital Macao Medical Centre (Macao Peking Union Hospital) commences operation.
3. From 8 July, the Social Welfare Bureau facilitates eligible applicants of Government housing for senior citizens to select their accommodation units in batches.



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4. On 7 December, Chief Executive Ho Iat Seng and guests attend the trial operation launch ceremony for the Macao Outdoor Performance Venue.
5. On 26 December, Chief Executive Sam Hou Fai inspects the Macao Outdoor Performance Venue to understand crowd control measures for a warm-up concert and reviews related rehearsal arrangements.



1. On 28 November, Chief Executive Ho Iat Seng attends the unveiling and inauguration ceremony of the Macao Centre for the Protection and Inheritance of Palace Museum Cultural Heritage.
2. On 12 December, Chief Executive Ho Iat Seng presides over an unveiling ceremony for the Government Archives Building.



3. On 9 November, Chief Executive Ho Iat Seng presides over the unveiling ceremony of the health station in the Macao New Neighbourhood of the Guangdong-Macao Intensive Cooperation Zone in Hengqin.
4. On 9 December, Chief Executive Ho Iat Seng presides over a groundbreaking ceremony for the University of Macau campus in Guangdong-Macao Intensive Cooperation Zone in Hengqin.



1. On 1 November, Chief Executive Ho Iat Seng presides over the unveiling ceremony for the inauguration of the Seac Pai Van Line of the Macao Light Rail Transit.
2. The Hengqin Line of the Macao Light Rail Transit commences operation on 2 December, with Chief Executive Ho Iat Seng and guests taking a trial ride on the LRT train.

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3. Macao Bridge officially opens to traffic at 2:00 pm on 1 October.
4. On 1 October, the inauguration ceremony of Macao Bridge is held.
5. On 29 September, Chief Executive Ho Iat Seng attends the starting ceremony of the March to Commemorate the Inauguration of Macao Bridge.



1. On 3 February, the kick-off ceremony for the “2024 Happy Chinese New Year” programme and the “Spring Festival in Macao” concert is held at the Ruins of St Paul’s.
2. On 12 February, the opening ceremony for the Celebrations of the 25th Anniversary of the Establishment of the Macao SAR - Parade for Celebration of the Year of the Loong 2024 is held at Sai Van Lake Plaza, featuring lively and festive performances.



3. On 9 February, Chief Executive Ho Iat Seng and his wife visit the Tap Seac Square Chinese New Year Eve Market.
4. On 24 March, the 2024 Macao International Parade celebrating the 25th anniversary of Macao's return to the motherland commences at the square in front of the Ruins of St Paul's.