

temporary sports, recreational, and parking facilities. Hence, urban renewal continues progressing. In addition to moving forward with projects such as renewal of the seven buildings at Iao Hon Estate, the Government is also refining the system for allowing anyone who owns property within a plot to apply for a draft planning condition.

The MSAR Government continues to optimise its coordination mechanism for engineering works, to increase the proportion of combined construction projects. As of 30 September 2025, the working group for optimising the coordination of road works had reviewed 678 roadwork projects and coordinated 140 combined projects, thereby reducing the frequency of road excavations.

Additionally, the Government will make timely adjustments to various housing supply plans, to better align with the housing needs of residents with different levels of income. In terms of balancing housing supply, the construction of public housing and Home-Ownership Scheme housing is progressing steadily, and the housing allocation mechanism is being continuously refined, including by exploring the feasibility of relaxing rules to allow two-person households to be allocated two-bedroom units and shortening waiting times. Furthermore, a feasibility study on a replacement system for Home-Ownership Scheme housing has been initiated, to effectively address citizens' residential needs. .

Prioritising Livelihoods Through Targeted Support to Secure a Safe Living and Working Environment



The year 2025 was the inaugural year of the sixth-term MSAR Government. Adhering to the

principles of “providing targeted assistance, implementing preference policies, and devoting resources to the needy”, the MSAR Government continuously refines social welfare to support people’s livelihoods, increases social welfare expenditure, and ensures a solid safety net for people’s livelihoods. Meanwhile, efforts are made to optimise both the soft and hard infrastructure related to livelihoods, enhancing service quality and efficiency, and developing Macao into a liveable and tourist-friendly city, effectively enhancing people’s sense of satisfaction, happiness and security.

Optimising Welfare Measures and Perfecting Social Security

The MSAR Government continued implementing livelihood-support measures by refining the Wealth Partaking Scheme and adjusting eligibility criteria for disbursement to eligible residents. In addition, the Government refunded 60 percent of the 2023 personal income tax paid by approximately 165,000 eligible taxpayers, capped at a ceiling of 14,000 patacas, with the aim of alleviating the tax burden on residents.

Employment is the foundation of people’s livelihoods. The MSAR Government has formed an Employment Promotion Coordination Working Group to address employment issues for Macao residents, particularly young people, and requested public works and services contractors to prioritise hiring local employees. As of 30 September, the Government had successfully facilitated 8,530 job placements, 54 percent of which were for young people aged 34 or below. Also, the Government strengthened vocational training to cultivate application-oriented talents needed for industrial development, and collaborated with enterprises to launch the “Specialised Employment + Training Programme”, to assist the staff of satellite casinos that were scheduled for closure by the end of the year.

The MSAR Government continued improving labour-related laws and regulations, dynamically adjusted the numbers of non-resident workers based on market demand, and strictly enforced measures against illegal employment in accordance with the law. In 2025, the Government conducted 683 inspections, resulting in administrative penalties being issued in 668 instances.

Regarding social security and support for vulnerable groups: the MSAR Government increased the amounts of pensions, old age allowances, disability allowances, and various social security benefits, and disbursed an additional month of full financial assistance to approximately 2,600 families who were receiving regular financial assistance. The Government also conducted research on linking the pension base to the Minimum Subsistence Index and completed the report on the review of the current situation and development of the Non-mandatory Central Provident Fund, laying a solid foundation for refining the two-tier social security system.

Creating a Birth-Friendly Environment and Strengthening Services for the Elderly and Families

To address changes in demographic structure, the MSAR Government actively created a birth-friendly environment. In 2025, the “Childcare Subsidy Scheme” was launched, to provide a monthly allowance of 1,500 patacas (18,000 patacas per year) for infants and toddlers under the age of three, who are permanent residents of the Macao SAR. The birth allowance has also been increased, and the Medically Assisted Reproduction Subsidy Scheme has been implemented, to

alleviate the financial burden of childbearing on families. Furthermore, the second Macao Women's Development Goal Plan has been formulated, the 2026-2030 Childcare Services Development Plan has been completed, and a maternal health management platform has been established, to provide families with comprehensive support.

Regarding services for the elderly: the old-age allowance has been increased from 9,000 patacas to 10,000 patacas per year, reflecting the MSAR Government's care and respect for senior citizens. The Government has expanded services within community facilities, including by establishing a station promoting safe community medication for the elderly. Furthermore, to precisely understand the needs of the elderly, the Government has conducted a census and registration initiative for elderly people living alone or in elderly-only households. Meanwhile, rehabilitation support has also been strengthened, the Ten-year Action Plan for the Provision of Rehabilitation Services (2026-2035) is being drafted, and there is progress with drafting legislation regarding barrier-free environments. Plans are also in place to add a new day care centre for the elderly and a comprehensive rehabilitation service centre in Eastern District-2, to further strengthen the community support network.

Perfecting the Healthcare System and Enhancing Health Management

Health is the top priority for residents' well-being. In 2025, The MSAR Government comprehensively implemented the "Healthy Macao Blueprint". Through the Healthy Community Partnership initiative, for extensively collaborating with community organisations, the Government is dedicated to improving Macao residents' health literacy and promoting health self-management capabilities. Guided by the principle of "putting prevention first", various cancer screening services continued, to achieve the goals of "early detection, early diagnosis and early treatment". Furthermore, the Government also closely monitored the changes in cyclical infectious diseases, effectively controlled the spread of the chikungunya virus, and continuously refined monitoring, early warning, and emergency response mechanisms.

To optimise the healthcare system, the MSAR Government leveraged the functions of new facilities after specialist outpatient, day surgery and inpatient services at the Macao Medical Centre of the Peking Union Medical College Hospital became fully operational. Through a shared public medical services development plan between the Health Bureau and the hospital, the average waiting time for first-time specialist outpatient appointments has been reduced from 3.3 weeks in 2024 to approximately 2.8 weeks between January and September 2025. Meanwhile, the capacity for diagnosing and treating complex and critical illnesses, along with specialist outpatient services, were significantly enhanced through the completion of Macao's largest oncology radiotherapy centre.

Regarding primary healthcare services: the MSAR Government is committed to better utilising community medical resources by encouraging residents to make use of healthcare vouchers for the chronic disease screening programme. The quota for subsidised community outpatient services at non-profit medical institutions was increased to approximately 180,000. The health station in the Eastern District-2 became operational during the year; it offers adult healthcare, child healthcare, and walk-in services, thus optimising the local medical network. Cross-boundary medical cooperation has also been expanded through the launch of ambulance transfer services between Zhuhai-Macao and Hengqin-Macao, facilitating cross-boundary medical treatment for Macao residents.

Developing Quality Education and Fostering Talent in Science and Technology

To continue promoting quality development of education, the MSAR Government has completed the interim review for Medium-to-long-term Development of Tertiary Education (2021-2030) and the Medium-to-long-term Plan for Non-tertiary Education (2021-2030), thus providing a scientific basis for policy adjustments. During the 2025/2026 school year, the Government increased the basic and supplementary amounts of the free education subsidies. It also raised the Subsidy for Optimising Class-to-Teacher or Student-to-Teacher Ratios for non-free education schools, along with recurrent education subsidies and tuition subsidies, to enhance the capacity for providing quality education.

In accordance with the guiding principles of integrated development of education, science and technology, and talent, the Government actively promoted the development of “Smart Education” and implemented Artificial Intelligence (AI) education across all academic stages. Meanwhile, systematic AI outreach and education programmes are being tailor-made for various age groups and demographics. These efforts aim to nurture high-quality technological talent.

Regarding hardware infrastructure: the MSAR Government optimised the layout of school facilities and continued construction of school campuses and educational centres in Eastern District-2. The Government also actively addressed the impact of demographic shifts on the education system, and launched a study titled “The Impact of School-age Population Changes on Macao’s Education System and Corresponding Strategies”, to ensure rational allocation of educational resources.

Optimising Public Housing Supply and Rationally Regulating Transportation Services

Housing is fundamental for people’s well-being. In 2025, the MSAR Government systematically commenced public housing projects in four plots in New Urban Zone Area A, with 3,848 families already allocated housing units. To ease the financial burden on residents, the period of the rent waiver for social housing was extended, benefiting about 95 percent of public housing tenants. The Government also continued refining the housing allocation mechanism.

Regarding Home-Ownership Scheme housing units: the construction of projects in five plots in New Urban Zone Area A is underway, and is expected to supply 5,254 housing units. For the 2019 Home-Ownership Scheme housing applications, arrangements have been made regarding unit selections for 2,054 households, and the list for the 2023 applications has been published. To address changing family structures, the Government has commenced a feasibility study on a Home-Ownership Scheme housing unit exchange system, with a focus on the housing needs of young families. Additionally, housing for senior citizens is now open for regular applications and move-ins, addressing senior citizens’ desire for a liveable environment.

Regarding transportation: to effectively increase taxi services, 10 companies that were awarded taxi operation licences in 2024 have added a total of 500 standard taxis. In response to special circumstances, two companies were exceptionally granted a total of 100 taxis without bidding,

bringing the total number of operating taxis in Macao to about 1,460. Over 40 percent of the LRT East Line project has been completed, and there is steady progress with the road network construction in New Urban Zone Area A.

Regarding environmental protection: significant progress has been achieved in phasing out highly polluting vehicles and promoting electric motorcycles; and research on environmental protection planning has commenced. The Government established an inter-secretariat working group to follow up on and improve Macao's gas safety and regulatory framework, further optimising monitoring work. By 2025, the number of households using natural gas in Macao exceeded 18,000.

Building a Liveable and Tourism-Friendly City to Secure a Safe Living and Working Environment

The MSAR Government is making systematic progress with the detailed district planning for Northern District-1, Outer Harbour District-1, Outer Harbour District-2 and Taipa Central District-2. By scientifically allocating land resources and strengthening sea area management, the Government aims to build public facilities that better serve the public and create a more comfortable, convenient, and safe living environment. In alignment with the "Third Five-Year Plan", land has been reserved for four key major projects, and the adjustment of land premium values has been completed. For recovered land, a dual-track model of "planned utilisation + temporary use" has been adopted, aiming to revitalise land resources. This includes current efforts to transform five plots (with a total area of about 30,000 square metres) into temporary recreational spaces and parking lots.

Optimising Cross-boundary Transport Services to Facilitate Cross-district Living and Development

The MSAR Government is proactively participating in the high-quality development of the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area. Further progress has been achieved in facilitating cross-boundary transport. The "Northbound Travel for Macao Vehicles" policy continues being optimised, and cross-boundary transport cooperation between Hong Kong and Macao is deepening, to improve transport facilities for international tourists. Furthermore, the Government is making progress with planning Macao-Hengqin cross-boundary intermodal routes, and has begun developing the Macao Smart Go WeChat mini-programme to interconnect transport information. Research is also being conducted on a new channel directly linking Macao and Hengqin, aiming to create a regional cooperation hub in the Shizimen area and further integrate Macao into the regional transport network.

Breakthroughs have also been achieved in cross-boundary medical cooperation, with the launch of ambulance transfer services between Zhuhai-Macao and Hengqin-Macao to facilitate cross-boundary medical treatment for residents. Also, the Guangdong-Macao Social Insurance One-stop Service has been implemented to enable simultaneous processing of 76 Guangdong social security services and 28 Macao services. This initiative supports Macao residents in their employment, entrepreneurship and daily lives within the Cooperation Zone.