

Govt consulting public on 'day hospital' proposal



Health Bureau (SSM) Director Alvis Lo Iek Long speaks during yesterday's press conference about the public consultation on the government's proposed licensing of day hospitals. — Photo: SSM

Tony Wong

The Health Bureau (SSM) is proposing the licensing of a new type of private medical institution known as "day hospital" whose service level ranges between a hospital and a clinic, as a 30-day public consultation was announced yesterday and will start today.

Day hospitals are a new type of medical institution becoming increasingly popular in more countries and regions, providing certain medical services that previously could only be provided by hospitals. As its name suggests, day hospitals do not run inpatient services.

Currently, Macau's medical institutions in the private sector only comprise hospitals and clinics. The government is proposing that the future day hospitals can provide less intensive, outpatient surgical procedures and other specialty medical services, which currently can only be provided by hospitals.

The government's proposed establishment of day hospitals aims to enable the city's private healthcare sector to offer more diversified choices of medical services thereby promoting the development of Macau's big health sector and its projected "healthcare + tourism" model.

The bureau announced the public consultation, which will run until May 16, during a press conference on its premises yesterday, which was hosted by SSM Director Alvis Lo Iek Long and several other SSM officials.

The public consultation is about the bureau's proposal to establish a new legal system for licensing and regulating medical institutions in the private sector.

Proposed legislation drafted by the government must be passed by the legislature to become law.

Addressing yesterday's press conference, Dr Lo noted that his

bureau's licensing of privately run medical institutions in Macau is currently regulated by two decree laws promulgated in the 1990s, respectively regulating hospitals and clinics, when Macau was still under temporary Portuguese administration.

Dr Lo said that with the aim of enabling Macau to better benefit from rapidly advancing medical technology and to better meet the latest developments in its private healthcare market, the government has decided to propose improvements to the city's current legal system for licensing and regulating privately run medical institutions.

Dr Lo underlined that the government's proposed new legal system aims to boost the development of Macau's healthcare sector and promote innovations in the provision of services by privately run medical institutions.

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California sues Trump administration over 'unlawful tariffs'

LOS ANGELES — California Governor Gavin Newsom announced yesterday that the western US state which has the largest economy in the nation is suing the Trump administration over the President's sweeping "unlawful tariffs" on international trading partners.

"President Trump's unlawful tariffs are wreaking chaos on California families, businesses, and our economy — driving up prices and threatening jobs," Newsom said in a statement, adding: "We're standing up for American families who can't afford to let the chaos continue."

"Donald Trump does not have the authority to impose these destructive and chaotic tariffs. America stands to lose too much," said the governor in a post on X platform.

"We're taking him to court," said the governor.

"California is the largest manufacturing state in our union, one of the largest trading

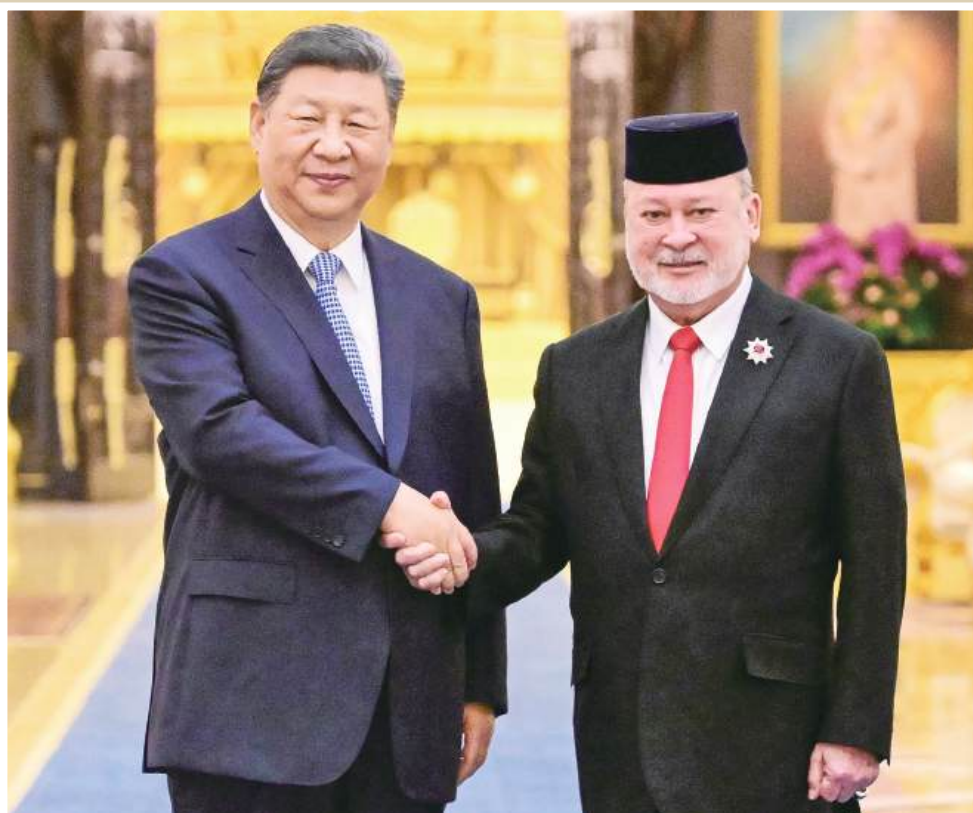
partners around the globe. No state will be impacted more than the state of California as it relates to the unilateral authority that's been asserted by the Trump administration to impose the largest tax increases in modern American history," he noted.

Newsom pointed out that "In America, 40 percent of goods movements in this country come through two ports of entry in California. About 50 percent of that from China itself."

In the lawsuit, expected to be filed in the US District Court for the Northern District of California, California officials will argue that the law, known as the International Emergency Economic Powers Act, which Trump cited to impose the tariffs, does not grant him the ability to unilaterally adopt those tariffs.

California, also the most populated US state, is the first state in the nation to sue Trump administration on tariffs.

— Xinhua



Malaysia's King Sultan Ibrahim (right) shakes hands with visiting President Xi Jinping after the official welcoming ceremony at the National Palace in Kuala Lumpur yesterday. — AFP

Xi says China, Malaysia to join Asian countries in combating camp-based confrontation

President Xi Jinping said yesterday that China and Malaysia will stand with countries in the region to combat the undercurrent of geopolitical and camp-based confrontation. — Story on p. 7

Israel says no humanitarian aid will enter Gaza

Israel said yesterday it would keep blocking humanitarian aid entering Gaza, where a relentless military offensive has turned the Palestinian territory into a "mass grave", a medical charity said. — Story on p. 10

Wine consumption falls heavily into the red

Worldwide consumption of wine fell in 2024 to its lowest level in more than 60 years, the main trade body said on Tuesday, raising concerns about new risks from US tariffs. — Story on p. 12

Police arrest local elderly man for sexually harassing girl

Ada Lei

A local elderly man was arrested on Sunday for allegedly sexually harassing a female primary school student in the street, Public Security Police (PSP) spokesman Wong Wai Chon said during a regular press conference yesterday.

Wong identified the suspect as an 86-year-old man surnamed Wong who is jobless.

Wong did not reveal the girl's age, merely saying that she is a

primary school student.

According to the victim's statement to the police, she was walking along Avenida do General Castelo Branco (白朗古將軍大馬路) with a friend on Thursday at 5 p.m. when the suspect approached her and touched her hip. The victim told her mother about the incident later that evening. They then went to a police station to file a complaint.

The police identified Wong as the suspect through citywide

CCTV surveillance. The footage confirmed that Wong approached the victim and touched her hip. He was apprehended on Sunday near his flat in Fai Chi Kei (筷子基). Under questioning, Wong admitted to walking along the street but denied sexually harassing the victim.

Wong has been transferred to the Public Prosecutions Office (MP), where he is facing a charge of sexually harassing a child. ■



This undated handout photo provided by the Public Security Police (PSP) yesterday shows a PSP officer escorting the sexual harassment suspect into a police station.

Tap Siac Craft Market in Spring to kick off next week

Rui Pastorin

The Tap Siac Craft Market in Spring will kick off next Thursday, with over 200 handicraft and gastronomy stalls and 47 music performances to be featured in its two-week run.

The fair will first be held from April 24 to 27 and again from May 1 to May 4.

Tap Siac is the bureau's spelling of Tap Seac.

The craft market is scheduled to launch with an opening ceremony at 6 p.m. on April 24, which will feature Lily Chan (陳潔麗), a singer from Hong Kong who, according to yesterday's statement by the Cultural Affairs Bureau (IC), is known as the "Hi-Fi Queen" and "Anime Song Diva", to be a guest performer.

Chan, according to Wikipedia, was born in Guangzhou.

The statement said that Chan is one of the IFPI* top 10 female artistes by album sales. She has released multiple solo albums and held over 20 solo concerts across Hong Kong, Macau and Guangzhou since debuting

in 2007, according to the statement.

Meanwhile, during the craft market, the statement said that fairgoers will be able to explore stalls by cultural creative practitioners from the mainland, Hong Kong, Macau and Taiwan as well as Japan, Malaysia, South Korea and Thailand each week. They can also watch performances by performers from Macau, the mainland, and Hong Kong.

A total of 65 workshops will also be held, with successful applicants reminded to arrive on time.

Members of the public can visit the fair from 5 p.m. to 10 p.m. on Thursdays and Fridays, and from 3 p.m. to 10 p.m. at the weekends. More information can be found on www.craftmarket.gov.mo and www.icm.gov.mo, as well as by visiting www.facebook.com/MacaoCraftMarket ■

* IFPI stands for the International Federation of the Phonographic Industry. It is a nonprofit organisation that represents the global recording industry, advocating for the rights of music producers and performers. – DeepSeek



This undated handout photo provided by the Cultural Affairs Bureau (IC) yesterday shows a previous edition of the Tap Siac Craft Market in Spring.

Police nab mainland woman for fraud

Ada Lei

A woman from the mainland was arrested on Monday for fraud, Judiciary Police (PJ) spokesman Ho Wai Lok said during a regular press conference yesterday.

Ho identified the suspect as a 48-year-old woman surnamed Chen who said that she is a housewife.

According to Ho, the police received a report on Saturday from a middle-aged man from the mainland who said that he had been scammed out of 478,000 yuan (523,075 patacas) by Chen. The victim had gambled with Chen on Thursday in a casino in Cotai, and they met again the following day. Chen offered a favourable exchange rate for converting yuan into Hong Kong dollars. The victim agreed and transferred

478,000 yuan into Chen's bank account. After receiving the transfer, Chen claimed that she needed to go exchange Hong Kong dollars for their deal and told the victim to wait at the casino. However, Chen never returned and then made excuses to avoid giving the victim the money. The victim finally suspected that he had been scammed and decided to report the case to the police.

Ho noted that Chen was intercepted on Monday in her hotel guestroom in Cotai. The police confiscated a mobile phone, along with HK\$10,000 in cash and HK\$24,500 in chips from her. Under questioning, Chen refused to cooperate.

The police are still investigating the whereabouts of the ill-gotten money.



Judiciary Police (PJ) spokesman Ho Wai Lok looks on during yesterday's regular press conference.

– Photo: Ada Lei

Chen was transferred to the Public Prosecutions Office (MP) on Tuesday and is facing a fraud charge. ■

MPU aims to promote sustainability through interactive SDGs fair

Adrian Vallesteros

Macao Polytechnic University (MPU) has recently held a Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) Promotion Fair to raise awareness among students about global sustainability issues and encourage their commitment to the United Nations' SDGs, according to a statement from the public university released yesterday.

Organised by MPU's Student Affairs Office, the on-campus event brought together government entities and social service organisations to advocate for ecological progress and sustainable social development.

The statement noted that the fair featured interactive booths designed around the UN's 17 SDGs. Activities included a health information station promoting well-being, a clothing recycling station encouraging sustainable consumption, and games that integrated sustainability concepts. Students explored these booths while at the same time learning how individual actions can contribute to global goals, the statement noted.

According to the statement, MPU has been actively supporting the SDGs through various initiatives, such as beach clean-ups, eco-hikes, wetland tours, and

water resources facility visits. By embedding sustainability into education and campus activities, the statement said, the university aims to foster its cooperation with the government and civil society while nurturing students' sense of social responsibility.

The fair has contributed to ongoing campus discussions on sustainability, part of the university's broader engagement with the UN's development agenda, the statement underlined. Through such efforts, the university hopes to inspire long-term environmental stewardship among students and contribute to global sustainable development. ■



This recent handout photo provided by the Macao Polytechnic University (MPU) yesterday shows MPU students displaying various signs promoting the 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) set by the UN.

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Liaison Office Director Zheng stresses ensuring high-level security through high-quality development

Staff Reporter

Zheng Xincong, director of the Liaison Office of the Central People's Government in the Macau Special Administrative Region (MSAR), said on Tuesday in a speech at the opening ceremony of Macau's 8th National Security Education Exhibition, it was imperative to enhance Macau's capacity to safeguard national security, while ensuring high-level security through high-quality development.

Zheng is the highest official of the Central People's Government posted in Macau.

National Security Education Day is observed annually on April 15 to raise public awareness of national security issues and encourage greater civic involvement in safeguarding the country.

Jointly hosted by the MSAR government and the Liaison Office of the Central People's Government in the MSAR, the one-month exhibition presents over 500 photographs and several videos to showcase the country's latest achievements in national security work and those over the past decade.

Zheng stated in his speech that since the 18th National Congress of the Communist Party of China (CPC), guided by the scientific perspective of overall national security, China has embarked on a national security path with Chinese characteristics. The modernisation level of the national security system and its capabilities has significantly improved, achieving historic accomplishments in national security work.

The country's economic strength, technological power, and comprehensive national power continue to strengthen, marking a new solid step in the construction of Chinese-style modernisation. At the same time, the world is undergoing unprecedented changes, and the tasks of national reform, development, and stability are grown heavier.

The risks and challenges we face and the contradictions we need to resolve are more severe and complex than ever. We must

Zheng Xincong, Deputy Director of the Hong Kong and Macau Affairs Office of the State Council, Director of the Liaison Office of the Central People's Government in the MSAR, and National Security Affairs Adviser of the Committee for Safeguarding National Security of the MSAR, delivers a speech at the opening ceremony of the 2025 National Security Education Exhibition at the Forum Macao complex on Tuesday. – Photo: GCS



maintain a clear mind, firmly establish bottom-line thinking, calmly respond to risks, and continuously advance the modernisation of the national security system and capabilities.

Zheng also pointed out that Tuesday marked the 10th "National Security Education Day." Over the past decade, the Macau Special Administrative Region has adhered to the concept that maintaining national security is solely the responsibility of "One Country," without being separated from "Two Systems." It has continuously made efforts and deepened its initiatives in national security education, achieving notable results characterised by wide coverage, diverse forms, and significant effectiveness.

The awareness among Macau residents to consciously safeguard national security and maintain social stability has been continuously strengthened, and the social and political foundation for maintaining national security has been consistently solidified, allowing Macau to maintain a stable and harmonious situation.

Furthermore, we possess the profound cultural heritage of over 5,000 years of Chinese civilisation. We must be confident of victory, focus on managing our own affairs well, and strive to build an even more unbreakable national security barrier, better achieving a positive interaction between high-level security and high-quality development.

To this end, Zheng proposed: First, to fully implement the spirit of President Xi Jinping's important speeches on Macau's maintenance of national security and firmly establish the overall national security concept; second, to continuously improve Macau's legal system and enforcement mechanisms for maintaining national security, comprehensively advancing the construction of Macau's national security system and capabilities; third, to concentrate efforts on economic development, seeking growth and construction, ensuring high-level security through high-quality development.

Zheng emphasised that there are no "outsiders" in maintaining national security; everyone should consciously participate. Every Macau resident should be a positive force in maintaining harmony and stability and in building Macau. He said he hopes that the broad masses of Macau residents will continue to work together to build a beautiful home in Macau, promoting the successful practice of the "One Country, Two Systems" principle with Macau characteristics to achieve stability and durability, contributing their share to the construction of a strong nation and national rejuvenation.

Chief Executive Sam Hou Fai also addressed the opening ceremony, which was held at the Forum Macao complex in Nam Van. The exhibition runs through May 15. ■

N.B. While the abridged Chinese text of the speech was supplied by the Macau Government Information Bureau (GCS) on Tuesday, The Macau Post Daily arranged its English translation yesterday.

World No 1's Lin, Sun advance to knockout stage at ITTF World Cup

MACAU – World No. 1's Lin Shidong, Sun Yingsha, and 14 other table tennis players advanced to the round of 16 at the ITTF Men's and Women's World Cup Macao 2025 yesterday.

On the men's side, Lin upset Poland's Milosz Redzinski 3-1. Olympic gold medalist Wang Chuqin made a strong statement with a 4-0 victory against Tomislav Pucar of Croatia.

"It was quite agonizing before the match started, but once I focused on it, I entered a kind of selfless state - more focused, more engaged, with a better mindset," Wang said in the mixed zone afterward.

Olympic silver medalist Truls Moregard of Sweden defeated Brazil's Vitor Ishiy 3-1, and World No. 3 Tomokazu Harimoto of Japan beat China's Huang Youzheng 3-1, both securing positions in the next stage.

For women's matches, defending champion Sun defeated Chien Tung-Chuan of Chinese Taipei 3-1. World No. 2 Wang Manyu won against Germany's Shan Xiaona 4-0.

"I'm getting more in tune with the court," Sun said after the match. "Challenges may increase starting tomorrow [today], and I'll take it one match at a time and stay prepared," she added.

Team China's Liang Jingkun, Chen Xingtong, and Kuai Man also qualified

for the round of 16. Wang Yidi, ranking third worldwide, did not manage to move forward due to Tuesday's loss to Yuan Jia Nan of France, despite sweeping Shao Jieni of Portugal 4-0 yesterday.

According to ITTF, the tournament was divided into two stages, with players split into 16 groups of three in the first stage, and the winner of each group qualified for the knockout stage.

This year's World Cup features 48 male and 48 female players and runs from Monday to Sunday. – Xinhua



Lin Shidong hits a return during the men's singles group match against Milosz Redzinski of Poland at the ITTF Men's and Women's World Cup 2025 in Macau, yesterday. – Xinhua

Mixologist Philip Bischoff to be at Four Seasons for Int'l Jazz Day

Rui Pastorin

Four Seasons Hotel Macao said in a recent statement that it will welcome acclaimed German mixologist and Beverage Ambassador for the Four Seasons Asia Pacific Philip Bischoff to craft "jazz-inspired cocktails" in celebration of the UNESCO-recognised International Jazz Day on April 30 at its poolside restaurant Splash.

Bischoff, the statement said, is a mixologist from the BKK Social Club of Four Seasons Hotel in Bangkok at Chao Phraya River, which is ranked number 12 in The World's 50 Best Bars List 2024.

The upcoming event will see the hotel operator partner with the Jazz Club de Macau to "shine a spotlight on the universal language of jazz" at Splash, with Bischoff behind the bar.

Meanwhile, the statement also highlighted this Saturday's Sustainable Chocolate Workshop at the hotel's restaurant Belcancão for children, held in conjunction with chocolatier Valrhona. Priced at 250 patacas per child, the workshop "highlights the importance of ethical sourcing and sustainability", with the young participants to be guided by experts to craft their own chocolate creations, and they will receive a Kids Academy certificate upon completion.

The statement added that Splash Restaurant will also feature a refreshed menu that highlights spring's "vibrant flavours", while Ohte Ramen

will present its Sakura special menu.

Moreover, the Belcancão French Buffet will be launched, along with the "Easter Egg'stravaganza Brunch Buffet", which will be available from Friday through Monday. An Easter Egg Hunt in the Garden will also be held during the period.

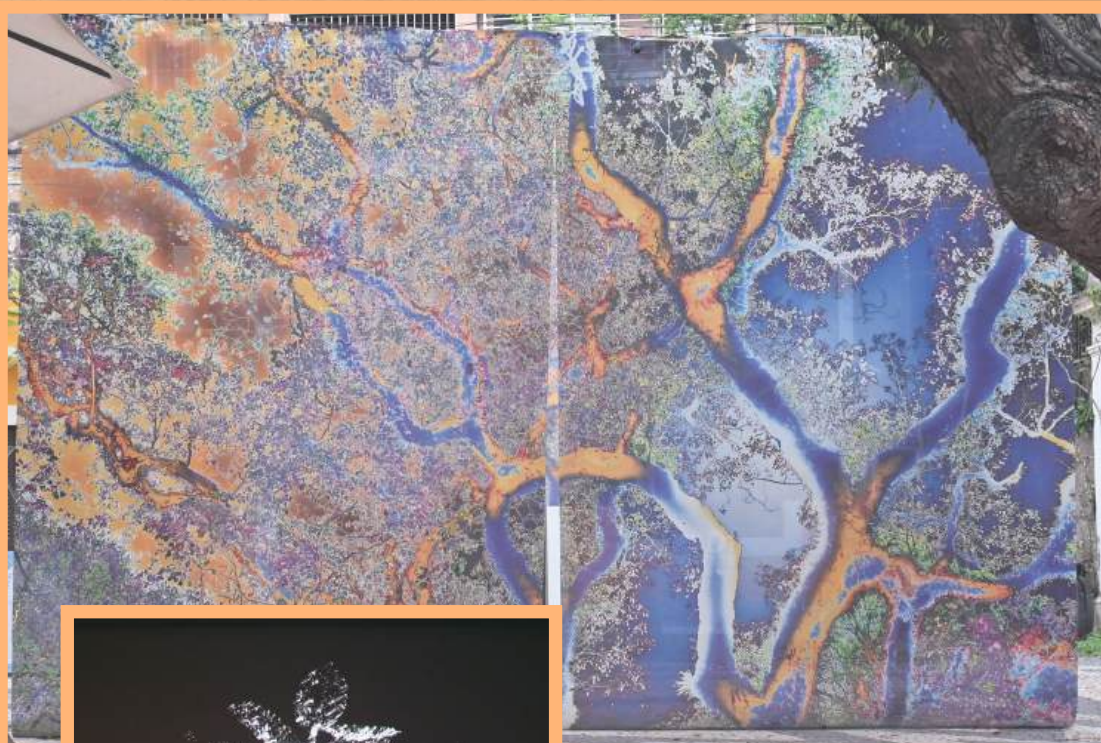
For details and reservations, one can call 2881 8888. ■



This undated handout photo provided by Four Seasons Hotel Macao recently shows German mixologist from the BKK Social Club of Four Seasons Hotel in Bangkok at Chao Phraya River and Beverage Ambassador for Four Seasons Asia Pacific Philip Bischoff.



Artists and officiating guests prepare to cut the ribbon at yesterday's opening ceremony for the "Verses of Rain in Late Spring" new media art exhibition. – Photos: Rui Pastorin



'Verses of Rain in Late Spring' presents new media works by 5 artists

Rui Pastorin

New media is used with the creativity of five artists for a new group exhibition entitled "Verses of Rain in Late Spring", which kicked off yesterday at Albergue SCM* in Calçada da Igreja de S. Lázaro (瘋堂斜巷).

Showcased across the venue's A2 Gallery and Hall D1, over 10 multimedia works are on display at the exhibition, which is presented by CAC – Círculo dos Amigos da Cultura de Macau ("Circle of the Friends of Macau's Culture").

Exhibitiongoers will be able to see works employing new media, among which are digital images created through screenshots of the 11 Greater Bay Area (GBA) cities, an interactive installation where exhibitiongoers can become co-creators by using a microphone, and a robot-assisted drawing that uses invisible ink, with another layer unveiled using a UV light, just to name a few.

The artists presenting their works are contemporary ink and digital artist Cindy Ng Sio Ieng; multimedia artist Kit Lei Ka Ieng, who mainly focuses on digital imagery, sound installations and new media; photographer Wang Tou Kun; theatre lighting designer Chon Iap Lam; and research-based artist Xiaoqiao Li.

CAC President Carlos Marreiros was quoted in a recent CAC statement as saying that through their works, "each artist reinterprets the ecological wisdom of the 24 solar terms through their unique technological approaches, creating immersive experiences that celebrate beauty and nature".

Marreiros, an architect by profession and artist by passion, also noted in the statement that each artist's "distinct viewpoints" are showcased and emphasise "innovative artistic mediums".

Meanwhile, a statement provided at yesterday's opening ceremony pointed out that the exhibition also explores issues of technology and sustainable development, aiming to provide visitors with a cyclical philosophical experience of "Rain Nourishes All Grains" and encouraging "contemplation of the relationship between technology and nature while appreciating art".

Exhibitiongoers may visit the gallery until May 28 from Tuesday to Sunday from 12 noon to 7 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. on Mondays.

*SCM stands for Santa Casa da Misericórdia ("Holy House of Mercy"), Macau's oldest charitable organisation.



Govt mulls May Day pedestrianisation of Taipa Village

Tony Wong

The government is studying the feasibility of temporarily pedestrianising Taipa Village during the upcoming mainland's Labour Day holiday period, according to a statement jointly released by several public entities yesterday via the Government Information Bureau (GCS).

The temporary pedestrianisation of Taipa Village was first implemented during last year's

mainland Chinese New Year Golden Week holiday period, after which it was implemented again during last year's mainland National Day Golden Week holiday period.

It was implemented again during this year's Chinese New Year Golden Week holiday period.

It would be the first time for pedestrianisation to be implemented during the mainland's May Day holiday. ■



This file photo jointly released by several government entities shows a boy posing for a photo with Macau's tourism mascot Mak Mak among crowds of visitors in the temporarily pedestrianised Taipa Village during this year's Chinese New Year holiday.

Police catch unlicensed driver for speeding, drunk driving

Ada Lei

The Public Security Police (PSP) apprehended a local man yesterday for driving without a licence, speeding and drunk driving, with his blood alcohol concentration standing at 1.27 grams per litre, PSP spokesman Wong Wai Chon said during a regular press conference yesterday.

Wong identified the suspect as a man surnamed Fok, who is in his thirties and works as a chef.

According to Wong, the Public Security Police (PSP) set up a roadblock at 4 a.m. yesterday on Avenida Norte do Hipódromo (馬場北大馬路). During the operation, a car driven by Fok was stopped for speeding, as it was travelling at over 70 kilometres per hour. The police noticed that Fok was reeking of alcohol, and a breathalyser test confirmed his blood alcohol concentration at 1.27 grams per litre, confirming a drunk-driving offence.

The speed limit on public roads is 60 kph.

Additionally, the police discovered that Fok had no driving



This undated handout photo provided by the Public Security Police (PSP) yesterday shows a PSP officer escorting the dangerous driving suspect into a police station.

licence. Under questioning, Fok admitted to drinking alcoholic beverages while with friends in Fai Chi Kei (筷子基) district the night before and then driving home.

Fok has been transferred to the Public Prosecutions Office (MP) and is facing charges of drunk driving, speeding, and driving without a licence. ■

Decorative column of arcaded building next to roadworks collapses: IAM

Tony Wong

The Municipal Affairs Bureau (IAM) confirmed in a statement yesterday that a decorative, non-structural column of an arcaded building on Rua do Almirante Sérgio in the Inner Harbour district collapsed on Tuesday, just next to an ongoing roadwork project.

The statement said that no one was injured in the incident.

The statement said that the authorities are still identifying the exact cause of the collapse.

The bureau is currently carrying out roadworks to resurface the uneven road surface on Rua do Almirante Sérgio in phases and sections.

The statement underlined that the bureau has ordered the roadwork project's contractor to review its safety measures implemented for the construction area, to reinforce the other decorative column of the building, and to reinstall the collapsed decorative column.

The statement said that when workers of the roadwork project were just preparing for concrete



This photo taken yesterday shows the collapsed decorative column on the roadwork site outside the building on Rua do Almirante Sérgio. – Photo courtesy of TDM

pouring and had still not commenced excavation work, the decorative column "suddenly" collapsed.

The statement said that IAM inspectors had informed the Lands and Urban Construction Bureau (DSSCU) of the incident after the collapse, after which DSSCU engineers concluded

that the collapsed column was a decorative, non-structural one, because of which the collapse had not caused any immediate danger to the building's structure.

The statement underlined that the exact cause of the column's collapse is yet to be determined by DSSCU engineers. ■

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Dr Lo noted that with medical technology advancing, the "day-hospital" operation model has been rapidly developing worldwide, adding that the local government's proposed licensing of day hospitals aims to expand development opportunities for Macau's private healthcare sector by creating favourable conditions for private medical institutions to provide more diversified choices of medical services.

Dr Lo said that the future day hospitals will enable residents and visitors alike to gain access to more "high-quality" medical services, encouraging more visitors seeking alternative medical services elsewhere to choose to visit Macau thereby promoting the development of Macau's big health sector and its projected

"healthcare + tourism" model.

Dr Lo also said that the government aims for the future day hospitals to boost investments in launching new services in Macau's private healthcare sector as well as new customer sources, thereby creating new job opportunities for local health professionals.

The health chief underlined that his bureau has drafted the proposed amendments to the city's current legal system for licensing privately run medical institutions after referencing the respective systems in the mainland and a number of other countries and regions while also considering Macau's current situation.

According to yesterday's press conference, the bureau is proposing that the future day hospitals can provide outpatient surgical procedures and other

specialty medical services only requiring a relatively short time of diagnosis and treatment, which currently can only be provided by hospitals.

Dr Lo also said that the future day hospitals can provide non-hospitalised surgical procedures and other specialty medical services with the length of diagnosis and treatment lasting up to 12 hours.

Dr Lo noted that the proposed new system will enable certain less intensive, non-hospitalised surgeries which currently must be provided by hospitals to be carried out by day hospitals in the future, thereby relieving pressures on the operations of conventional hospitals. He also said that the future operations of day hospitals would not cause extra competition to private clinics. ■

HK holds shipping seminar to pool wisdom, join efforts toward net zero

HONG KONG – "We cannot stop the ongoing geopolitical headwinds, but we can steer our sails and navigate toward net zero through greater synergy," shipping industry professionals told a seminar held in Hong Kong yesterday.

Hosted by the Hong Kong Shipowners Association (HKSOA), the seminar gathered more than 200 shipowners, shipping industry experts, and practitioners from home and abroad to discuss strategies for decarbonizing the shipping industry and promoting sustainable development.

Participants also aimed to leverage Hong Kong's unique

advantages and platform to align with the mandates under a landmark agreement, approved by the United Nations (UN) International Maritime Organization's (IMO) Marine Environment Protection Committee (MEPC83) in London last week.

In his keynote address, Liu Chun San, under-secretary for Transport and Logistics of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR) government, highlighted the significance of IMO's historic framework for the global shipping industry.

Hong Kong has pioneered in supporting the IMO's green shipping policies related to

carbon intensity indicators and is advancing toward becoming a green marine fuel bunkering and trading center, with hopes of strengthening collaboration with industry partners, he noted.

On April 11, the IMO announced the approval of the draft amendment to Annex VI of the International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships, mandating the implementation of the IMO's net-zero emissions framework.

The framework is the first to combine mandatory emissions limits and greenhouse gas pricing across an entire industry sector. – Xinhua

STOCK MARKETS

Hang Seng Index closes 1.91 pct lower

HONG KONG – Hong Kong stock market ended lower yesterday with the benchmark Hang Seng Index down 1.91 percent to close at 21,056.98 points. The Hang

Seng China Enterprises Index fell 2.55 percent to end at 7,779.01 points, while the Hang Seng Tech Index fell 3.72 percent to end at 4,796.28 points. – Xinhua