

# Potential CE candidate Sam Hou Fai quits all judicial posts

Yuki Lei

Court of Final Appeal (TUI) President Sam Hou Fai told the media last Thursday that he was “considering” running in the upcoming sixth-term chief executive election as encouraged by some of his friends to “continue to contribute to Macau”, and a chief executive order published in the Official Gazette (BO) yesterday noted that the 62-year-old judge has tendered his resignation from all his posts in Macau’s judicial system.

The nomination period for candidates in the Macau Special Administrative Region’s (MSAR) sixth-term chief executive election will start this Thursday and end on September 12, during which a potential chief executive candidate shall submit documents showing his or her endorsement by at least 66 of the 400 electors of the Chief Executive Election Committee, or 16.5 percent of its members, to get their candidacy off the ground. According to the Chief Executive Election Law, candidates who are principal officials or judicial officers of the MSAR must have resigned or retired from their respective positions before the commencement of the nomination period, otherwise they cannot be nominated.

When asked by the media last Thursday whether he intended to run in the sixth term of the Chief Executive election, Sam said he was considering it and would inform the public if he has come up with a decision, underlining that he “has always had a desire to serve Macau”.

Born in Guangdong Province, Sam was admitted to the Peking University’s Law



This handout photo provided by the Court of Final Appeal (TUI) shows its president Sam Hou Fai delivering a speech during the Solemn Opening Session of the 2023/2024 Judicial Year at the Macau Cultural Centre (CCM) on October 20 last year.

School in 1981 and worked as a lawyer in Guangzhou before moving to Macau in 1986, where he became a judicial auditor and one of Macau’s first local trainee judges. He was appointed by Edmund Ho Hau Wah – the MSAR’s first chief executive – president of the Court of Final Appeal on December 20, 1999, when he was aged only 37. For the time being, Sam chairs Macau’s council of judges, has been the president of the Court of Final

Appeal since Macau’s return to the motherland and is also a member of the Independent Commission for the Recommendation of Judges, a member of the Working Committee on Regional Legal Assistance and International Mutual Legal Assistance, as well as Honourable Chairman of the Macao Basic Law Promotional Association.

According to the MSAR Basic Law and the Chief Executive Election Law, candidates in

the chief executive election must be at least 40 years old at the end of the nomination period, be a permanent local resident, hold Chinese nationality, do not have the right of abode in a foreign country, and must have “habitually” lived in Macau for at least 20 years.

Signed by Chief Executive Ho Iat Seng, yesterday’s chief executive order stated that “at the request of Judge Sam Hou Fai, he was relieved of his duties as president of the Court of Final Appeal, as a judge on the Court of Final Appeal and as a member of the Independent Commission for the Recommendation of Judges of the Macau Special Administrative Region, with effect from August 28, 2024 [tomorrow]”.

Chief Executive Ho Iat Seng, 67, announced last Wednesday, the day before Sam spoke to the media about his possible chief executive candidacy on the sidelines of a public event, that he would not run in the upcoming chief executive election, i.e., not seek a second five-year term, due to health concerns, unlike his predecessors – Edmund Ho Hau Wah and Fernando Chui Sai On – who both served their two five-year terms of office in 1999-2009 and 2009-2019 respectively.

According to the MSAR Basic Law, Macau’s chief executives can only serve two consecutive five-year terms.

Macau’s six-term chief executive election will likely take place at the Services Platform Complex for Commercial and Trade Cooperation between China and Portuguese-speaking Countries (aka Forum Macao Complex) on October 13. ■

## WHO says mpox outbreaks ‘can be stopped’

GENEVA – Outbreaks of mpox in Central Africa “can be stopped”, the World Health Organisation (WHO) said yesterday, but US\$135 million of funding may be needed to tackle the disease’s spread.

Earlier in August, the WHO declared an international health emergency after a surge in cases linked to a new mpox strain in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC), which has since spread beyond its borders.

“The mpox outbreaks in the Democratic Republic of the Congo and neighbouring countries can be controlled, and can be stopped,” WHO chief Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus is quoted as saying in the statement.

But “doing so requires a comprehensive and coordinated plan of action,” the director-general added.

Launched yesterday, the WHO’s Strategic Preparedness and Response Plan covers the period from September 2024 to February 2025, predicting a US\$135 million funding need to carry it out.

It will soon launch an appeal to finance the global response, which will be carried out with partners including the African Union’s public health watchdog.

In the meantime, it has released around US\$1.5 million from its emergency reserve fund.

Formerly known as monkeypox, mpox is an infectious disease caused by a virus transmitted to humans by infected animals that can also be passed from human to human through close physical contact.

It causes fever, muscle pains and skin lesions and in an increasing number of cases, death. – AFP



A patient suffering from mpox sits on a bench at Kavumu Hospital, 30 km north of Bukavu in eastern Democratic Republic of the Congo, on Saturday. – AFP

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### Premier Li urges high-quality development of elderly care services

Premier Li Qiang yesterday emphasized the need to actively respond to population aging and promote the high-quality development of elderly care services.

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### Telegram founder’s arrest supercharges online freedom debate

By arresting Russia-born billionaire tech founder Pavel Durov, French police have dived headlong into a fractious debate on free speech online that could have global ramifications.

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### The poet who caught the eye of Mozambique’s freedom fighters

Internationally acclaimed author and poet Mia Couto describes himself as an African, but his roots are in Europe.

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# 'Specialist training places insufficient to meet medical graduates' demand': lawmaker

Yuki Lei

Health Bureau (SSM) Director Alvis Lo Iek Long insisted earlier this year that the supply of Macau's healthcare education market was adequate, with more than 150 local medical graduates studying abroad every year, but indirectly-elected lawmaker-cum-doctor Chan Iek Lap said yesterday that the number of specialist training places was insufficient to meet local medical graduates' demand, urging the government to optimise its training system for doctors with particular emphasis on the training of medical specialists.

Dr Chan did not elaborate on the number of specialist training places provided for medical graduates every year. However, another lawmaker, Leong Sun Iok, said in the Legislative Assembly's hemicycle

earlier this month that in the past two years, only 99 to 115 medical graduates were arranged places for their specialist training, quoting a report by the Audit Commission in 2011 which noted that more than 120 medical specialists were expected to retire between 2020 and 2025, with a wave of doctors set to retire in 2026.

Speaking to the Post by phone yesterday, Dr Chan said that physicians' retirements have been hitting Macau's healthcare sector, adding: "We hope that the Macao Academy of Medicine would expedite the statistics on the problem of the insufficient number of doctors in certain medical specialties and focus on accelerating the training in this area". He expressed concern that medical graduates have to face a long road of study before they

can practise medicine: "When our young people go to medical school in the hope that they can serve the public after graduation, the reality is that there are so many thresholds to climb before they can achieve their dream".

"Training up a specialist takes at least 15 years. Even if many medical students graduate from the standard five-year academic structure every year, they still need to spend at least seven to eight years on learning and training before they can qualify as specialists, or even longer if there is a slight delay in the process," Dr Chan said, adding he had noticed that "there are quite a few medical graduates who have joined the food-delivery market".

According to the government-run Macao Academy of Medicine, which is responsible for determining

the admission procedures for specialist training, admission to specialist training consists of two processes, namely its competency assessment and the residency for tuition classification. Candidates who pass the competency assessment procedure must complete the basic training course for admittance as resident doctors in medical institutions or places recognised by the Macao Academy of Medicine.

With the increasing demand for healthcare in the community, even though there has been an increase in the number of healthcare professionals in Macau in recent years, the problem of a shortage of public medical practitioners still exists. According to a statement by the Health Bureau in mid-June, the Macao Academy of



Undated file photo of lawmaker-cum-physician Chan Iek Lap

Medicine currently has 12 sub-faculties and 41 specialties. As of June 2024, it had issued 840 physicians' licences, including 722 for licensed specialists, accounting for 36 percent of the total number of doctors in Macau. ■

## Bosnia and Herzegovina mother-daughter duo nabbed for theft

William Chan

A mother and daughter duo from Bosnia and Herzegovina have been arrested for their alleged involvement in theft, Public Security Police (PSP) Wong Chi Weng said during a regular press conference yesterday.

The mother, in her forties surnamed Sajma, told the police that she's jobless. Her daughter surnamed Tiffany is under the age of 16.



This undated photo provided by the Public Security Police (PSP) yesterday shows a PSP officer escorting the female theft suspect to the Nam Van Police Station.

According to Wong, while a female mainland tourist was taking photos near the Ruins of Saint Paul's on Friday, she suddenly discovered that her suitcase had vanished and called for help. A mainland man noticed Sajma and Tiffany carrying the tourist's suitcase. He followed them to a nearby souvenir shop.

Inside the shop, the man witnessed Sajma stealing 10,000 yuan from another female victim's backpack. When Sajma attempted to hand the stolen cash to her daughter Tiffany, the man immediately intercepted the duo. Sajma fled the scene, leaving Tiffany behind.

Later, the victim whose luggage had disappeared arrived and identified her missing suitcase next to Tiffany.

Later that day, security guards from a Cotai hotel reported to the police that they had intercepted Sajma for another theft case detected on the previous day when she allegedly stole HK\$11,000 and S\$500.

Under questioning, the duo denied the accusations.

The case has been transferred to the Public Prosecutions Office (MP) for further investigation. Sajma faces aggravated theft charges. Tiffany is under the age of criminal responsibility, which in Macau stands at 16. ■

## Man uses Peruvian banknotes to make fake HK notes: police

William Chan

A man from the mainland printed "Hong Kong HSBC Bank One Thousand Dollars" on 14 out-of-circulation Peruvian banknotes and attempted to exchange them into casino chips in a local casino, Judiciary Police (PJ) spokesman Lei Chi Hou said during a regular press conference yesterday.

The 35-year-old suspect surnamed Gao claimed to be a financial analyst.

According to Lei, the police received a report from a casino in the city centre on Saturday saying that a man had attempted to use 14 counterfeit notes to buy casino chips worth HK\$14,000 from a cashier's cage.

Police who arrived at the scene discovered that Gao's notes bore little resemblance to genuine Hong Kong dollar notes in colour, paper quality, or pattern, merely having the words "Hong Kong HSBC Bank One Thousand Dollars" printed in the centre.

Under questioning, Gao claimed the currency notes had



This undated handout photo provided by the Judiciary Police (PJ) yesterday shows the counterfeit HK banknotes.

been given to him by his father and that he mistakenly thought they were genuine Hong Kong dollars, unaware they were counterfeit.

However, the police discovered that the suspect had previously searched online multiple times for information related to what other

currency banknotes look similar to HK\$1,000 banknotes.

Gao has been transferred to the Public Prosecutions Office (MP), facing a charge of circulating counterfeit currency.

"Sol" ("Sun") is the name of Peru's national currency. ■

## Woman nabbed for pawning fake diamond ring twice

William Chan

A woman from the mainland has been arrested for hocking two fake diamond rings in a local pawn shop on two separate occasions, Judiciary Police (PJ) spokesman Lei Chi Hou said during a regular press conference yesterday.

The 51-year-old suspect surnamed Hao told the police she's jobless.

According to Lei, a pawn shop manager reported to the police last Tuesday that Hao had pawned a fake diamond ring for 35,000 patacas. Hao had claimed that the "diamond ring" was approximately three carats, but it was later discovered, with the help of an equipment inspection, that

the material was not a diamond.

After reporting the incident to the police, the shop manager found that Hao had also pawned another fake diamond, valued at HK\$45,000, through another staff member last month.

Hao was apprehended as she attempted to leave Macau through the Barrier Gate checkpoint on Saturday. Under questioning, Hao claimed that she had bought the counterfeit diamond rings 10 years ago from a local man, and that she had gambled away all the ill-gotten money.

Hao has been transferred to the Public Prosecutions Office (MP), facing fraud charges. ■



Judiciary Police (PJ) spokesman Lei Chi Hou looks on during a regular press conference yesterday.

- Photo: William Chan

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Photos taken yesterday by Rui Pastorin

# Navy Yard No. 1 hosts Kazumasa Matsui's first overseas solo exhibition



### Rui Pastorin

The works of Japanese artist Kazumasa Matsui are being showcased in the pet-friendly “Matsui ‘The Dog’ 1<sup>st</sup> Overseas Solo Exhibition in Macau”, which is being held at Navy Yard No.1 in the Barra district until October 31.

Held in collaboration with local fashion retail brand THE BIG APPLE, the exhibition, which marks the artist’s first outside of Japan, is the finale in integrated resort (IR) operator MGM’s Barra District “Summer Hype” Series, according to a recent statement from the company.

On display at Navy Yard No. 1 are various acrylics in Matsui’s “The Dog” series, which uses black contour lines and bright primary colours to depict the “lively personality and humour of dogs”, a statement displayed at the exhibition notes.

The Aichi-prefecture born young artist started creating “The Dog” series in 2019 after he graduated from the Nagoya University of Arts and Sciences Department of Visual Media, the statement said. Since his first solo exhibition in 2022, his works have centred around this theme.

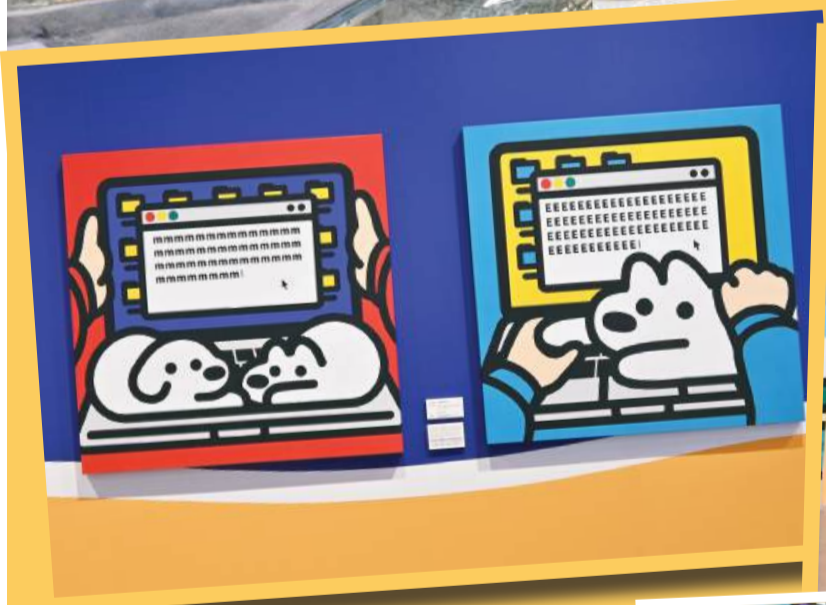
Matsui, the statement added, has loved dogs since he was a child and considers them his best friends. The gallery statement underlined that the works express his endless love for dogs, with each painting “telling a small story filled with humour and warmth”, hoping that viewers can “feel the pure and sincere emotions within”.

The statement said that Matsui’s works have been displayed in various galleries in Japan, while he has collaborated with brands such as Japan fashion group BEAMS and CASETiFY, the latter of which creates phone cases and accessories for electronics.

There are workshops held alongside the exhibition, while limited-edition products co-developed by THE BIG APPLE creative team and the artist are being sold at a pop-up store, according to the exhibition statement. There are also themed offerings by small- and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) at Navy Yard No.

2 throughout the exhibition, along with an outdoor dog park.

The exhibition is open daily from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m., with more information available on <https://www.mgm.mo/en/cotai/entertainment/Matsui-The-Dog>.



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# Australia's Min Woo Lee to defend SJM Macao Open 2024

Ginnie Liang

SJM Resorts said in a statement yesterday that World No. 46 Min Woo Lee of Australia will compete in this year's Macao Open golf tournament, which will be held at the Macau Golf and Country Club, from October 10 to 13.

Lee, 26, recorded an exceptional two-shot wire-to-wire victory in the US\$1 million SJM Macao Open golf tournament last year, marking his first title in two years, according to the statement.

Lee, who is of Korean descent, expressed his excitement about returning: "I'm thrilled to be coming back to the SJM Macao Open. Last year was an incredible experience, and winning with a record score was a highlight of my season. I have great memories of the course and the fantastic support from the fans. I'm looking forward to another amazing week in Macau and hope to defend my title," according to the statement.

Lee's score last year smashed the event's previous lowest winning



Photo shows Min Woo Lee at 2024 PGA Championship - Round Two on May 17, 2024 in Louisville, Kentucky.

total of 20 under, set by fellow Australian Scott Hend in 2015 and was just two short of the Asian Tour record, which Thailand's Chapchai Nirat set at the SAIL Open in 2009 in India, according to the Post's report last year.

The tournament is sponsored by integrated resort operator SJM,

which owns 13 of Macau's 30 casinos.

The event offers free admission. For more information and updates on the SJM Macao Open 2024, members of the public can visit its official page at [www.sjmmacaooopen.com](http://www.sjmmacaooopen.com) and register for the tickets. ■

# Govt to build website for local & overseas film crews to exchange information: IC

Ginnie Liang

The Cultural Affairs Bureau (IC) said in reply to a written interpellation from lawmaker Leong Sun Iok released on Sunday that it is planning to establish a website for local and overseas production companies and filming teams to exchange information and cooperation.

Leong, a vice-president of the Macau Federation of Trade Unions, commonly known as Gung Luen, submitted his written interpellation last month, asking about the government's plan to promote film production in Macau. The interpellation and the reply from the bureau were released to the media on Saturday.

According to the reply, the bureau received 388 e-applications for shooting permits in about two and a half years through an online platform established by the bureau and 10 other government entities, with the processing time being shortened from 4.3 days to about 3.6 days.

The bureau underlined that the functions of the application platform would be continuously assessed and enhanced to facilitate the shooting work of overseas teams filming in Macau and provide related supporting services, according to the reply.

The bureau noted that a total of 16 projects under the Cultural



This undated handout photo provided by lawmaker Leong Sun Iok on Saturday shows him addressing the hemicycle of the Legislative Assembly (AL).

Development Fund's two new schemes in 2023 to support the launch of film and TV productions "with Macau elements" had been granted the subsidies as of May, with film and TV crews from mainland China, Hong Kong and Japan slated to shoot at various World Heritage sites and the city's old quarters, so as to provide more opportunities for local film and TV enterprises to participate in the production of overseas film and TV productions.

The government will continue to promote Macau's image of through film and television productions, strengthen Macau's cultural communication capabilities, and promote the in-depth integration of "culture + tourism", the bureau said. ■

# MGTO launches campaign targeting foreign visitors

Rui Pastorin

The Macau Government Tourism Office (MGTO) yesterday launched its Experience Macao Limited Edition International Promotional Campaign aimed at foreign visitors that features an online interactive game for a chance to win prizes.

Held in collaboration with Macau's six integrated resort (IR) operators, the campaign is limited to foreign passport holders, i.e., excluding locals, mainland Chinese and Taiwanese, with details announced during a press conference at the Macau Grand Prix Museum yesterday.

Upon registering on the campaign website, the foreign participants can take part in the online game where they can answer three daily trivia questions about Macau. Correct answers give participants the chance to enter a lucky draw to win one of the 100 prize packages curated by the six IR operators, the event website notes.

A statement provided at the press conference added that each prize includes a local hotel stay and round-trip air tickets to Macau, with winners able to enjoy their prizes this year. Visits to Macau's heritage sites and intangible cultural heritage activities are also among the offerings.

Speaking on the concept behind the new limited-edition campaign,



Macau Government Tourism Office (MGTO) Director Maria Helena de Senna Fernandes introduces the Experience Macao Limited Edition International Promotional Campaign during a press conference yesterday at the Macau Grand Prix Museum in Nape. - Photo: Rui Pastorin

MGTO Director Maria Helena de Senna Fernandes told the Post after the press conference that MGTO's focus from the beginning of this year has been on attracting foreign visitors, hoping that there would be at least two million of them visiting Macau by the end of this year. And that by the end of 2025, she added, MGTO hopes to reach roughly around 3 million foreign visitors, which is close to the 2019 pre-pandemic level, with the bureau having hosted a raft of in-person activities from the beginning of the year through early July.

The veteran tourism chief pointed out: "At this point in time, we feel that we want to do something a little bit different. We want to try out some other kinds of campaigns", with the current one hoping to get more visitors to understand Macau more and "not only stick with the old stereotypes of casinos and that's all", as well as to give them reasons to "come to Macau very, very quickly".

Even if foreign visitors don't come to Macau immediately because of the prizes offered by the campaign, Senna Fernandes remarked that, at least, they will get to know more about Macau and have a different impression of the city. "And then eventually we can attract them to come to Macau by other means".

Senna Fernandes told reporters that the budget for the campaign stands at 26.9 million patacas, with 2.9 million patacas contributed by the government while 24 million comes from the six IR operators. MGTO is also working with a number of social media key opinion leaders (KOLs) on the campaign, which lasts through October 17 across three stages, to spread the word about Macau, she said.

Further details can be found on the @visitmacao Instagram page and Facebook page, as well as on [ExperienceMacaoLimitedEdition.com](http://ExperienceMacaoLimitedEdition.com). ■

# Macau in high dengue risk as Zhuhai & HK log local cases: Health Bureau

Tony Wong

The Macau Health Bureau (SSM) is urging residents to stay vigilant against dengue fever considering that locally transmitted cases of dengue fever have recently been recorded in Zhuhai and Hong Kong.

An SSM statement on Friday noted that dengue fever cases have been recorded in various cities in Guangdong Province this year, adding that Zhuhai reported this year's first locally transmitted case of dengue fever on August 1.

The statement also noted that as of last week, Hong Kong had recorded 51 dengue fever cases this year, four of which were locally transmitted cases.

In addition, the SSM statement also reaffirmed that a number of Southeast Asian countries are being hard hit by the spread of dengue fever this year.

As of last week, according to the SSM statement, 10,913 cases of dengue fever had been recorded in Singapore this year, a year-on-year increase of 96.13 percent compared to the same period of last year, while 90,533 cases had been reported in Malaysia, a year-



Poster in Chinese released by the Health Bureau (SSM) on Friday about Aedes albopictus mosquitoes.

on-year increase of 22.87 percent. Vietnam had recorded 57,858 cases, a year-on-year increase of 44 percent, the statement said.

Moreover, the statement also said that Macau's monthly ovitrap index stood at 59.8 percent last month, adding that since April, Macau's monthly ovitrap index has been higher than the ones recorded in the same months last year, indicating an extensive distribution of Aedes albopictus mosquitoes (aka Asian tiger mosquitoes) across the city, the statement said. ■

## STOCK MARKETS

### Hang Seng Index closes 1.06 pct higher

HONG KONG - Hong Kong's stock market ended higher yesterday with the benchmark Hang Seng Index up 1.06 percent to close at 17,798.73 points. The Hang Seng China Enterprises Index climbed 0.95 percent to end at 6,278.63 points, while the Hang Seng Tech Index jumped 0.98 percent to close at 3,502.96 points. -Xinhua

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## Incinerator's 3<sup>rd</sup>-phase extension completed, raising waste burning daily capacity by 1,300 tonnes



This undated handout photo released by the Environmental Protection Bureau (DSPA) shows the solid waste incineration complex at Pac On in Taipa including the first-phase and second-phase incineration plants (centre), the newly completed third-phase plant (right), and the newly completed administrative building (left, bottom).

**Tony Wong**

The Environmental Protection Bureau (DSPA) said in a statement yesterday that the third-phase extension project of the city's solid waste incineration centre, located at Pac On in Taipa, has been completed.

The statement said that operational tests have now been completed so that it can come into service soon. The third-phase operational start will raise the facility's capacity to burn solid waste per day by 1,300 tonnes.

According to the DSPA website, the centre's first-phase incineration plant, which opened in 1992, comprises three incinerators, each of which has a capacity to treat 288 tonnes of solid waste per day.

The centre's second-phase incineration plant, which opened in 2008, also comprises three incinerators, each of which also has a capacity to treat 288 tonnes of solid waste per day, according to the website.

Consequently, both the first-phase and second-phase

incineration plants are each able to burn 864 tonnes of solid waste per day, thereby 1,728 tonnes in total.

Currently, a special and hazardous waste treatment plant is operating on a site next to the solid waste incineration centre at Pac On. The special and hazardous waste treatment plant processes waste such as used tires, animal carcasses, slaughterhouse waste, and medical waste.

Yesterday's DSPA statement noted that the centre's third-phase extension includes a new solid waste incineration plant and a new special and hazardous waste treatment plant, as well as an administrative building and a substation.

The third-phase incineration plant comprises two incinerators, each of which has a capacity to treat 650 tonnes of solid waste per day. Consequently, the statement noted, the third-phase operational start will raise the city's daily capacity to burn solid waste by 1,300 tonnes.

The DSPA website notes that the eight incinerators in the three

plants together will be able to burn up to about 3,000 tonnes of solid waste per day.

According to the DSPA website, the third-phase extension project, which got off the ground in May 2020, was carried out for a price tag of 2.567 billion patacas.

The website also notes that the facility at Pac On is able to convert the heat generated by burning solid waste into energy used to generate electricity.

Yesterday's DSPA statement also said that the newly completed administrative building features various eco-friendly equipment and facilities such as a photovoltaic system and a rainwater harvesting system on its rooftop.

The newly completed third-phase incineration plant also includes an exhibition hall on environmental education, which will be open to members of the public aiming to enable them to gain a better understanding of Macau's solid waste treatment and waste recycling. ■

## Macau logs over 100,000 visitors per day on average during summer holiday: tourism chief

**Staff Reporter**

Macau Government Tourism Office (MGTO) Director Maria Helena de Senna Fernandes told reporters yesterday that as of Sunday, Macau had recorded a daily average of over 100,000 visitor arrivals during this year's summer holiday (July and August), higher than her office initial expectation.

The tourism chief also said that she was confident that Macau's number of visitor arrivals could reach 33 million this year, or nearly 84 percent of the 39.4 million recorded in pre-pandemic 2019, meeting MGTO's target announced early this year.

Senna Fernandes made the remarks on the sidelines of yesterday's press conference about the government's Experience Macao Limited Edition International Promotional Campaign.

### Macau records highest summer-holiday single-day number of visitors

Meanwhile, the Macau

Government Tourism Office (MGTO) said in a statement on Sunday that Macau has recorded its so far highest single-day number of visitor arrivals for the summer holiday (July and August), at 166,562 on Saturday last week, 7.5 percent higher than the 154,957 recorded on July 27, 2019.

In annual terms, Macau recorded its highest single-day number of visitor arrivals, 226,326, on February 7, 2019, i.e., the third day of Chinese New Year (CNY) of pre-pandemic 2019.

Sunday's statement also said that according to its provisional data, Macau recorded 5.90 million visitor arrivals between July 1 and Saturday last week, or a daily average of 107,313, returning to 91.9 percent of the level recorded in the same period of pre-pandemic 2019, while 302,229 foreign visitors were recorded during the period, reaching 74.9 percent of the level recorded in the same period of 2019. ■



Tourists walk in the city's main square, Largo do Senado, on Sunday.

— Photo: Rui Pastorin

## Govt launches info website for MSAR's 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration

**Ginnie Liang**

The government has launched a dedicated website to place information related to the upcoming celebration of the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the establishment of the Macau Special Administrative Region (MSAR), available from today at [www.macao25.gov.mo](http://www.macao25.gov.mo), according to a Cultural Affairs Bureau (IC) statement yesterday.

The website will be available in three languages, namely Chinese, Portuguese and English, sharing the joy of this celebration with residents and visitors in the form of latest news, pictures, videos and live broadcasts, the statement said.

According to the statement,



This screenshot captured last night shows the home page of the government's info website for MSAR's 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration.

the government will hold a raft of events soon enabling residents and visitors alike to celebrate the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the establishment

of MSAR, and members of the public can check the website for the commemorative activities in due course. ■

## HK holds Bauhinia forum to review development practice, explore sci-tech future

HONG KONG — The Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR) yesterday held a Bauhinia Culture Forum to mark the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the founding of the People's Republic of China (PRC) and the launching ceremony of the Bauhinia Academician Lecture.

The event brought together experts, academicians, and leaders from various sectors, including representatives from the United States, Britain, Serbia, Indonesia, as well as the Chinese mainland, Hong Kong and Macau.

Together, they reviewed the glorious history since the founding of New China over the past 75 years and the successful practice of "one country, two systems" in Hong Kong and Macau, and shared the

entrepreneurial stories of scientists.

Addressing the Bauhinia Academician Lecture, Chen Qingquan, academician of the Chinese Academy of Engineering, said that the importance attached to and urgent requirements by China for science and technology are unprecedented, China's care and expectations for scientists are unprecedented, and the opportunities for scientists to realize their ideal talents are unprecedented.

Hong Kong should give full play to its unique advantages and contribute to the development of China's new quality productive forces, Chen said.

The bauhinia is featured in Hong Kong's official emblem.

— Xinhua, MPD



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