

# Edmund Ho 'sincerely' supports Sam Hou Fai in CE election

## Praises outgoing CE Ho Iat Seng for 'constructive projects'



Undated file photo of National Committee of the Chinese People's Consultative Conference (CPPCC) Vice President Edmund Ho Hau Wah.  
- Photo: Sam Hou Fai's election campaign office

Yuki Lei

National Committee of the Chinese People's Consultative Conference (CPPCC) Vice President Edmund Ho Hau Wah, Macau's first and second term chief executive in 1999-2008, threw his "sincere support" for Sam Hou Fai's candidacy for the sixth-term chief executive.

Sam Hou Fai's election campaign office released a statement yesterday afternoon with the headline "Edmund Ho supports Sam Hou Fai's candidature for the sixth-term chief executive", noting that Ho "fully agreed" with Sam Hou Fai's philosophy of administration of "forging ahead together by upholding fundamental principles and breaking new ground" and that he believed that Sam would be able to unite all sectors of the Macau community, take on board public opinion, and gather strength to lead Macau to further glory.

The statement quoted Ho as saying that Sam's decision to run in the chief executive election "highly" demonstrates his "commitment to the era" and his "deep affection and sense of

responsibility" towards Macau, adding that "having worked with Sam Hou Fai for quite a number of years, [it is clear that] Sam is a person of integrity and selflessness, who is both principled and practical".

Noting that Sam had been devoted to his duties, impartial and strict and had made significant contributions to the building of the judicial system and the rule of law of the Macau Special Administration Region (MSAR) as the president of the Court of Final Appeal (TUI) since Macau's return to the motherland on December 20, 1999, the statement quoted Ho's as saying, Sam's candidature is in line with the principles of "One Country, Two Systems", "the people of Macao governing Macau" and "a high degree of autonomy", "fully" embodying the "patriots governing Macau" principle.

Meanwhile, Ho also pointed out that as the fifth-term Chief Executive, Ho Iat Seng had led the SAR government with constructive projects to overcome various difficulties and challenges, which has been "highly" appreciated and



"fully" recognised by the central authorities, adding that "I believe we all understand and respect" Ho Iat Seng's decision not to run in the sixth-term chief executive election due to health concerns. ■

## Xi meets US national security advisor

BEIJING – President Xi Jinping met with US National Security Advisor Jake Sullivan at the Great Hall of the People here yesterday.

Xi pointed out that in this changing and turbulent world, countries need solidarity and coordination, not division or confrontation. People want openness and progress, not exclusion or regress. As two major countries, China and the United States should be responsible for history, for the people and for the world, and should be a source of stability for world peace and a propeller for common development.

Xi stressed that when China and the United States, two major countries, engage with each other, the No. 1 issue is to develop a right strategic perception, and they need to first and foremost find a good answer to the overarching question: Are China and the United States rivals or partners?

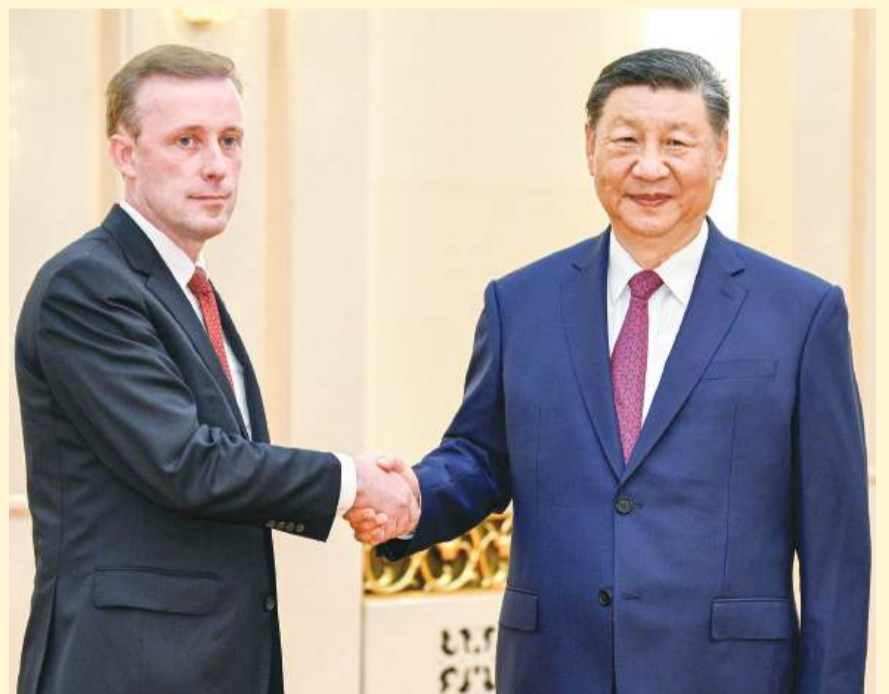
China's foreign policy is open and transparent and its strategic intentions are aboveboard, both of which have been highly consistent and stable, Xi said, adding that China is focused on managing its own affairs well and will continue deepening

reform comprehensively to further improve and develop the system of socialism with Chinese characteristics that suits its national conditions.

China follows a path of peaceful development. While realizing its own development, China is also ready to work with other countries for common development and to jointly build a community with a shared future for mankind, he said.

Xi pointed out that China's US policy is highly consistent. While great changes have taken place in the two countries and in China-US relations, China's commitment to the goal of a stable, healthy and sustainable China-US relationship remains unchanged, its principle in handling the relationship based on mutual respect, peaceful coexistence and win-win cooperation remains unchanged, its position of firmly safeguarding the country's sovereignty, security and development interests remains unchanged, and its efforts to carry forward the traditional friendship between the Chinese and American people remain unchanged, he said.

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President Xi Jinping (right) meets with US National Security Advisor Jake Sullivan at the Great Hall of the People in Beijing. - Xinhua

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### Mainland's energy transition contributes to global green development

Mainland has made remarkable contributions to global green transformation over the past decade, according to a white paper issued yesterday.

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### Spanish actor's son jailed for life for grisly Thai island murder

A Thai court yesterday jailed a famous Spanish actor's son for life for the grisly murder of a Colombian plastic surgeon on a tropical holiday island, in a lurid case that has gripped Spain.

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### Used to fresh air, Brazil's modernist capital chokes on wildfire smoke

Brasilia's iconic futuristic buildings, designed by architect Oscar Niemeyer, have been engulfed in a thick haze of smoke in recent days.

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# UM, Macau Digit Force inaugurate joint laboratory

Rui Pastorin

An on-campus plaque unveiling ceremony was recently held for the University of Macau-Digit Force Joint Laboratory of Intelligent Interaction, which will focus on “assisting various industries in adopting artificial intelligence (AI) to create new productivity models and promote the rapid development of AI technology”.

Macau Digit Force was founded in 2024 and is a subsidiary of Zhuhai Digital Power Technology Co. Ltd., according to the statement.

The statement noted that the joint laboratory aims to set an example for industry-academia collaboration in the Greater Bay Area (GBA), and “foster deeper integration and technological innovation” between Macau and other parts of the GBA.

In his speech at the event, UM Rector Yonghua Song (aka Song Yonghua) said that this strategic partnership and the joint laboratory’s establishment will further enhance the development of intelligent interaction technologies, and facilitate the

effective translation of research results through innovative approaches for the benefit of society, the statement noted.

The statement said that Macau Digit Force CEO Liu Zhenfeng remarked that he hopes that through cooperation, Macau Digit Force and UM will jointly advance the commercialisation of large-scale AI models in health spaces, smart elderly care, and other sub-industries, thus contributing to the high-technology industry in Macau and elsewhere in the GBA. ■



This undated handout photo provided by the University of Macau (UM) yesterday shows UM Rector Yonghua Song (Song Yonghua) giving a speech during the recent on-campus inauguration of the University of Macau-Digit Force Joint Laboratory of Intelligent Interaction.

## Police warn residents to be wary of fraudsters pretending to be school staff



This poster provided by the Judiciary Police (PJ) yesterday warns residents to stay vigilant of fraudsters pretending to be school staff personnel or class teachers in group chats in communication software.

Ginnie Liang

The Judiciary Police (PJ) warned members of the public to stay vigilant to fraudsters pretending to be school staff personnel or class teachers in group chats in communication software, according to a PJ statement released yesterday.

The Judiciary Police have received reports from residents that some fraudsters got into the home-school contact chat groups in mobile phone communication software, with their user icons and account names being the same as those of class teachers or school staff personnel, pretending to be staff members and collecting various fees from parents, the statement said.

The fraudsters even used another account to pretend to be a “parent” to enquire about the payment method, and take the lead in completing the payment before demonstrating and teaching other parents how to make the payment, in order to defraud parents of their money, the statement said.

Schools are advised to adopt contact software with encryption and identity authentication features, and to set up a requirement for approval by the school to enter the group, and parents and students should not invite strangers claiming to be their classmates or parents to join the group before verifying their identity, the statement said. ■

## Currency exchange dealers cheat client with laundered money

Ginnie Liang

The Judiciary Police (PJ) arrested on Tuesday two illegal currency exchange dealers at a casino in Cotai for exchanging laundered money totalling 142,200 yuan with their client, PJ spokesman Lei Chi Hou said during a regular press conference yesterday.

Lei identified the two suspects as mainland men aged 32 and 30, surnamed Pang and Peng respectively.

According to Lei, the mainland victim exchanged HK\$150,000 for 142,000 yuan at a casino in Cotai with the help of the two suspects whom he had just met.

After the victim confirmed that he had received the transfer of the

money from their bank account in the mainland, he handed over the Hong Kong dollars in cash and chips to the duo.

However, the victim was notified by a mainland bank later on Monday that his bank account had been frozen because the money he received was suspected of involving money laundering. The victim then called the police for help.

PJ officers identified and intercepted the duo on Tuesday in a casino in Cotai, but the duo refused to cooperate with the investigation.

The duo have been transferred to the Public Prosecutions Office (MP) for further investigation, facing charges of fraud involving



Judiciary Police (PJ) spokesman Lei Chi Hou looks on during yesterday’s regular press conference. – Photo: Ginnie Liang

a considerably large sum of money and money laundering. ■

## Mainlander nabbed for collecting ‘guess who I am’ scam proceeds: police

Ginnie Liang

A mainland man was arrested for assisting a gang in collecting fraudulently obtained money through “guess who I am” phone scams in Macau, in which the 37-year-old man pretending to be a “lawyer” received a total of 186,000 patacas from two local senior citizens on Wednesday in the northern district, Judiciary Police (PJ) spokesman Lei Chi Hou said during a special press conference yesterday.

According to yesterday’s special press conference about the case, two local residents, a female and male senior citizens, received calls on their landlines from a purported “son-in-law” and “grandson”, claiming that they had injured someone and had to handed over 120,000 patacas and 66,000 patacas in cash to a “lawyer” as “compensation” respectively.

A PJ investigation, according to Lei, identified the “lawyer” as a man surnamed Qiu, and he told the police he is jobless.

After the female victim handed over the money to the “lawyer”, she again received another phone call claiming that the person her “son-in-law” had injured was in critical condition, and needed an additional 300,000 patacas as “compensation”, Lei said.

However, the female victim did not have enough money, so she phoned her daughter only to find out that she had been scammed.

They reported the case to the police.

According to Lei, the female victim then pretended to agree to hand over the money to the “lawyer” again, and when Qiu showed up to collect the money, PJ officers arrested him.

In the operation, PJ officers recovered the 56,000 patacas in cash from the suspect and seized two mobile phones that are suspected of being related to the case, Lei said.

Qiu told the police that he had handed 130,000 patacas he obtained from the victims to his partners in crime near a hotel in Cotai, and he received a payment of 16,000 patacas, Lei said, adding that PJ officer discovered that Qiu also receive 66,000 patacas from a male senior citizen in the same way

The police are still tracing the whereabouts of the money and the rest of the people involved in the case. Qiu was referred to the Public Prosecutions Office (MP) for investigation, facing a charge of fraud involving a considerably large sum of money.

Lei reminded members of the public to beware of “guess who I am” scams, especially the elderly, if they receive suspected fraudulent calls, they should immediately contact the person concerned or other relatives and friends for confirmation, and those suspecting that they have fallen victim to a scam should call the Judiciary Police’s anti-fraud hotline 8800 7777 or crime report hotline 993 for assistance. ■



Judiciary Police (PJ) officers escort the hooded fraud suspect from the mainland involved in a “guess who I am” phone scam from the PJ headquarters in Zape to a PJ vehicle yesterday. – Photo: Ginnie Liang

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# Residents expect Sam Hou Fai to have direct contact with them: vox pop

Yuki Lei

Macau's former top judge Sam Hou Fai declared on Wednesday his candidacy to run for the sixth-term chief executive (CE) election slated for October 13, and yesterday the Post interviewed members of the public in the city centre about their thoughts about Sam's candidacy, with many of them expecting Sam, who has a legal background, to be able to see things from different perspectives and understand residents' views and challenges through direct contact with them.

Knowing that Sam served as the president of the Court of Final Appeal (TUI) for nearly 25 years and believing that he has enjoyed a certain degree of popularity, a local woman in her thirties surnamed Lo said she believed that his background was qualified enough to run in the chief executive election, adding she hoped that the new government under Sam's leadership could improve the existing legal system and close loopholes in Macau and, at the same time, pay more attention to the city's disadvantaged groups such as single-parent families and working mothers by providing them with financial assistance in terms of housing and accommodation.

A local man in his thirties surnamed Chan said he was aware that Sam had been the president of the Court of Final Appeal for nearly

25 years, adding he expected that Sam, who has a legal background, could improve the law on public servants, such as standardising the calculation of their working hours. Chan also expressed his expectations for the next chief executive on improving people's livelihoods, better managing the city's roadworks, paying more attention to the city's inflation and providing more support for the city's underprivileged groups.

Lei, a local woman in her twenties said she did not know much about Sam and had no idea about the new chief executive election. However, she was quick to add she hoped that the new government could pay special attention to the business situation of small- and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs): "Crowd control during the peak tourism season affects the business on Rua dos Ervanarios so I hope that there are other ways to cope with the situation". Considering that the current government and Macau's six integrated resort operators are regularly launching various kinds of activities, Lei said she hoped that the new government could continue to cooperate with SMEs in order to increase their exposure and improve their business situation.

A 63-year-old local woman surnamed Wong said she hoped that the new-term government

could increase its efforts in the cultural and arts industries, expressing the view that the current government may have restricted the development of arts.

## 15-day CE nomination period starts

Yesterday marked the official start of the 15-day nomination period for candidates in the Macau Special Administrative Region's (MSAR) sixth-term chief executive election, during which permanent residents holding Chinese nationality who have lived "habitually" for at least 20 years in Macau and are at least 40 years of age can collect their nomination forms from the Public Administration Building on Rua do Campo and submit it endorsed by at least 66 members of the 400-member Macau Chief Executive Election Committee, or 16.5 percent of its total number of electors, together with their declaration expressing their sincere support for the Macau Basic Law, as well as allegiance to the People's Republic of China (PRC) and the MSAR, no later than September 12, in order to formally launch their bid to take Macau's top post.

Starting from around 9:30 a.m. yesterday, prospective candidates have been collecting their nomination forms from the Public



Potential chief executive candidate Sam Hou Fai's election campaign trustee Lei Wun Kong (left) – president of the Macau Legal Promotion Association – pose after collecting a nomination form on Sam's behalf, at the Public Administration Building on Rua do Campo yesterday morning. – Photo: Yuki Lei

Administration Building. Among them were Sam's election campaign trustee Lei Wun Kong – president of the Macau Legal Promotion Association, as well as local resident Lei Kuong Un, who has collected a nomination form in the past five chief executive elections, and well-known labour rights activist and Macau Bar Benders Association President Wong Wai Man.

When asked by reporters how many electors were expected to nominate Sam in the upcoming election and when he expected Sam's nomination form to be submitted for processing, Lei said: "Today [yesterday], I was here only to collect the nomination form on behalf of Sam Hou Fai," adding that Sam's election campaign office will proceed with the nomination as soon as possible and in an orderly manner: "We will interact

with the Chief Executive Election Committee members as soon as possible in accordance with the provisions of the Macau Chief Executive Election Law to listen to their views and seek nominations".

Since Sam formally announced on Wednesday that he would run in the chief executive election, according to public broadcaster TDM, many community leaders have voiced their support for Sam's candidacy, including local National People's Congress (NPC) deputies Lao Ngai Leong, Kou Hoi In and Ho Sut Heng, as well as members of the 14<sup>th</sup> National Committee of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference (CPPCC) Chui Sai Cheong and Chan Hong.

The chief executive election will be held on Sunday, October 13. Observers expect Sam to run unopposed in the election. ■

## 36<sup>th</sup> MIMF to feature 'prominent programmes'

Rui Pastorin

The month-long 36<sup>th</sup> Macao International Music Festival (MIMF) will run from October 4 to November 4, with multiple "prominent programmes" being "specially recommended", the Cultural Affairs Bureau (IC) said in a statement yesterday.

The four recommended prominent programmes in this year's festival, themed "And the Stars Shine", are "Leonidas Kavakos and the Apollon Ensemble", "Mariinsky Orchestra", "Chamber Music Society of Lincoln Center", and the "Mariza and the Macao Chinese Orchestra" closing performance,

according to the statement.

The statement said that "Leonidas Kavakos and the Apollon Ensemble" will take place at the Macau Cultural Centre's (CCM) Grand Auditorium on October 11 and will feature the Greek violinist performing with five string players and a harpsichordist from the ensemble.

The Mariinsky Orchestra from Russia, which was met with an "enthusiastic response" during their first performance in Macau in 2016, is set to return to CCM's Grand Auditorium on October 26 and 27 to present classics by great Russian composers such as Prokofiev,

Shostakovich and Rachmaninoff, according to the statement.

The statement added the Chamber Music Society of Lincoln Center, an ensemble from the US with musicians from different parts of the world, will perform at CCM's Small Auditorium on October 27 and 28, presenting pieces by composers such as Beethoven, Mendelssohn, Mahler, and Schubert. Moreover, the Chamber Music Society of Lincoln Center's co-artistic directors Wu Han and David Finckel, will respectively host a piano and a cello masterclass on October 27.

The three programmes each feature a pre-show talk an hour before they start, the statement said. Registration for the respective talks, as well as the masterclass on October 27, can be done through one's Macau One Account, the statement said.

Moreover, Mariza and the Macao Chinese Orchestra, the festival's closing performance, will be presented at The Londoner Theatre in Cotai on November 4 by Portuguese fado diva Mariza and the Macao Chinese Orchestra under the baton of Tsung Yeh.

More information can be found on [www.icm.gov.mo/fimm](http://www.icm.gov.mo/fimm) and the "Macao International Music Festival" Facebook page. ■



This undated handout photo provided by the Cultural Affairs Bureau (IC) yesterday shows a performance by the Mariinsky Orchestra.



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# Artists showcase their interpretation of 21<sup>st</sup> century in collective exhibition

**Rui Pastorin**

A total of 29 artists are showcasing their works of different media at the Creative Macau gallery in Nape for a collective exhibition entitled “21<sup>st</sup> Century”, with each artist presenting their take on the theme.

The exhibition, which kicked off on Tuesday and is on until September 28, also celebrates CREATIVE MACAU – Centre for Creative Industries’ 21<sup>st</sup> anniversary.

The exhibition demonstrates the role Creative Macau has been playing since its inception in the creative and cultural industries, according to a statement provided at Tuesday’s opening ceremony. Its theme “implies that for the past 21 years, the exhibitions and activities held at the centre have been a medium for our members to freely express themselves to all sorts of audiences”, the statement said.

Speaking with reporters after the opening event, Creative Macau’s Co-ordinator Margarida Cheung Vieira said that all the artists come from different backgrounds, making for “very diversified” mediums such as painting, sketching and installations.

Each of these artists are trying to mimic what the 21<sup>st</sup> century means to them, Cheung said, giving their own expression, definition and passion in conveying what the 21<sup>st</sup> century is all about.

Cheung also noted to the Post that based on what the artists contributed, she thinks that they really looked at this subject with great enthusiasm, resulting in the “brilliant work” that they are happy about.

Meanwhile, in a separate interview with the *Post* at the event, Marketing and Communication Manager Menn Chow (周萬生) spoke on the significance of the exhibition as it also marked Creative Macau’s 21<sup>st</sup> anniversary.

This edition is like a gathering, Chow said, noting that it brings together both new and old artists. He added that Creative Macau has, over time, also seen artists have their first exhibition, whether solo or in a group. It provides a “really good window” for people to pick up on what artists can do and their potential to go further, while at the same showcasing the propensity of the artistic work in Macau.

Echoing what Creative Macau President Paulo Canelas de Castro said in his speech, Chow noted “This is really a connection between the public and the artists and the art scene in Macau too”.

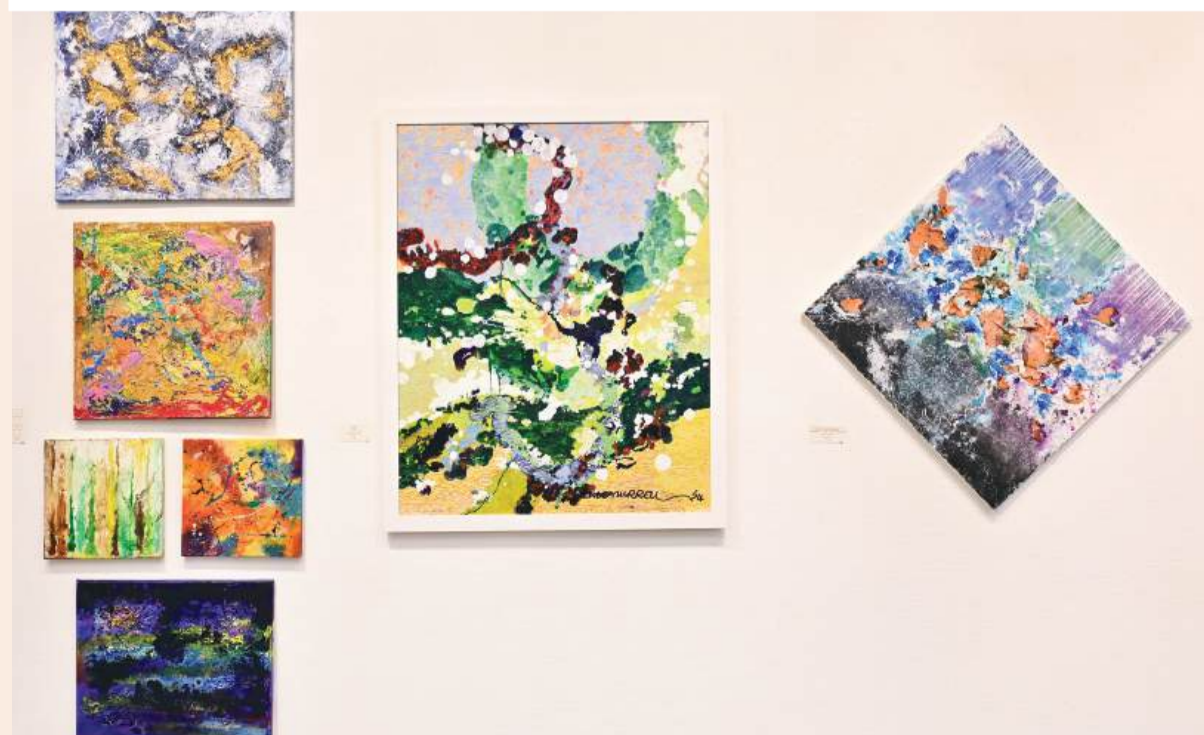
Moreover, Chow said that he hopes that after joining the exhibition, some new artists “can think more about having their own solo exhibition”, hoping that they will have a chance to exhibit more of their works in Macau and elsewhere.

The gallery is located on the ground floor of the Macau Cultural Centre (CCM). Those interested can visit the gallery from Mondays to Saturdays from 2 p.m. to 7 p.m.



Creative Macau Co-ordinator Margarida Cheung Vieira (third from left), Creative Macau President Paulo Canelas de Castro (centre) and Marketing and Communication Manager Menn Chow (fifth from left) cut a cake in celebration of the CREATIVE MACAU – Centre for Creative Industries’ 21<sup>st</sup> anniversary on the opening ceremony of the “21<sup>st</sup> Century” exhibition on Tuesday.

– Photos: Rui Pastorin



# Govt proposes to raise statutory compensation for dismissed employees

Staff Reporter

The government announced yesterday that it is proposing raise the maximum amount of compensation that an employee in the private sector will be entitled to receive after he or she has been dismissed without justified reasons from the current 252,000 patacas to 258,000 patacas.

Labour Affairs Bureau (DSAL) Director Wong Chi Hong made the remarks while speaking to reporters after a regular closed-door meeting of the Standing Council on Social Concerted Action at the World Trade Centre Macau (WTCM) in Zape.

The Standing Council on Social Concerted Action is a government-appointed consultative body tasked with advising the government on its labour policies.

Yesterday's meeting was chaired by Secretary for Economy and Finance Lei Wai Nong.

The Labour Relations Law lays out calculation rules for the amounts of compensation an employer is required to pay his or her employee who has been dismissed without justified reasons, such as laying off workers.

According to the law, the compensation amount depends on the length of time the employee has been working for the employer before his or her employment is terminated.

For example, according to the law, an employer is required to pay a dismissed employee who had worked for over five years and up to seven years a compensation equivalent to the number of years of employment multiplied by his or her 15-day salary, while an employer is required to pay those who had worked for



Labour Affairs Bureau (DSAL) Director Wong Chi Hong talks to reporters at the World Trade Centre Macau in Zape yesterday. — Photo courtesy of TDM

over 10 years a compensation equivalent to the number of years of employment multiplied by his or her 20-day salary.

According to the law, a dismissed employee who had worked for up to one year is entitled to a compensation equivalent to his or her seven-day salary provided that he or she completed his or her probation period.

However, according to the law, the amount of a dismissed employee's monthly salary used to calculate his or her compensation is capped at 21,000 patacas, regardless of the amount of his or her monthly salary before his or her termination of employment.

According to the law, a dismissed employee is only entitled to a compensation of up to 252,000 patacas regardless of the length of years he or she had worked for the employer.

Yesterday's meeting of the

council discussed the government's proposal to raise the maximum amount of compensation that an employee is entitled to receive after he or she has been dismissed without justified reasons.

Speaking to reporters after the meeting, Wong said that the government is proposing to raise the maximum amount of a dismissed employee's monthly salary used to calculate his or her compensation by 500 patacas, from the current 21,000 patacas to 21,500 patacas.

According to Wong, the government is proposing to raise the maximum amount of compensation from the current 252,000 patacas to 258,000 patacas.

Wong said that the government has come up with the proposals after considering the city's current economic conditions.

Wong noted that the proposed raised amounts will require amendments to the Labour Relations Law, pledging that the government will submit an amendment bill to the Legislative Assembly (AL) as soon as possible.

Fong Ka Fai, a member of the council representing the labour sector, told reporters after the meeting that he agrees with the proposed increased amounts proposed by the government.

Vong Kok Seng, a member of the council representing the business sector, told reporters that the business sector does not agree with the government's proposal to raise the compensation amounts, saying that the amounts should be kept unchanged considering the current business environment that local small- and medium-sized enterprises are facing. ■

# UM English Debating Team wins national contest

Rui Pastorin

The University of Macau's (UM) English Debating Team recently won the "Star of Outlook National College English Debating Competition" championship, according to a statement from the public university on Wednesday.

The contest followed the British Parliamentary debate format, which according to Wikipedia comprises four teams, containing two speakers each, which are divided into two sides that speak for and against the motion.

The statement noted that UM's Faculty of Science and Technology, Honours College, and Chao Kuang Piu College student Ali Omar Kassana Jimenez and Wang Hanyu, a student in the Faculty of Arts and Humanities, Honours College, and Cheng Yu Tung College, competed against

top debaters from mainland universities during the preliminary rounds.

The statement said that Jimenez and Wang demonstrated "exceptional speaking skills and strategic thinking" across the five rounds, advancing to the semi-finals with the second-highest score and ranking among the top ten best speakers. They earned a place in the grand final.

Faculty of Business Administration and Cheng Yu Tung College student Zhu Shuirong and Wang Hanyu also represented the UM team in the grand final in Beijing against three other finalist teams, with the duo impressing judges with their debating skills, the statement said. The event filmed by the China Central Television (CCTV) and will be broadcast nationwide. ■



This undated handout photo recently provided by the University of Macau (UM) shows UM English Debating Team members Zhu Shuirong (From left to right), Ali Omar Kassana Jimenez and Wang Hanyu posing with their trophy at the University of Macau (UM).

# Fireman suspended after drunk driving & hit and run

Staff Reporter

A fireman has been suspended for a period of time after he knocked over 18 motorcycles in a roadside parking space in August last year when he was driving his car while drunk, the Secretariat for Security (GSS) announced on its website yesterday.

According to news reports in August last year, the fireman faced charges of drunk driving and hit-and-run. The accident occurred when he was off duty.

After the accident occurred in August last year, the Fire Services

Bureau (CB) suspended the fireman on a temporary basis, awaiting his court trial.

The bureau launched a disciplinary procedure against the fireman at that time.

According to the GSS website, in April this year, the Court of First Instance (TJB) sentenced the fireman to three months in prison, but with a 21-month suspended sentence. The fireman was also banned from driving for 21 months.

The GSS website announced yesterday the Fire Services Bureau

has completed its disciplinary procedure against the fireman in compliance with the results of the court ruling on his case.

According to the results of the disciplinary procedure, the website said, the bureau has decided to impose a suspension on the fireman. However, the website did not say how long the suspension will last.

The most serious punishment imposed on Public Security Forces officers by disciplinary procedures is dismissal. Other punishments include fines and suspension. ■

## STOCK MARKETS

### HK Hang Seng Index closes 0.53 pct higher

HONG KONG — Hong Kong stock market ended higher yesterday with the benchmark Hang Seng Index up 0.53 percent to close at 17,786.32 points. The Hang Seng China Enterprises Index rose 0.34 percent to end at 6,247.13 points, and the Hang Seng Tech Index rose 0.46 percent to end at 3,461.22 points. —Xinhua

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