

New library opens in Ilha Verde to meet growing reading demand: IC chief

Yuki Lei

The public Ilha Verde District Library, located on the first floor of Block 2 of the Bairro da Ilha Verde public housing estate, was officially opened yesterday, replacing the “Ilha Verde Library” in Mei Kui Kuong Cheong residential building, which had been in operation for nearly 30 years.

The opening ceremony of the new public library under the Cultural Affairs Bureau (IC) was held yesterday morning, with Chief Executive Ho Iat Seng, Secretary for Social Affairs and Culture Elsie Ao Ieong U, Secretariat for Social Affairs and Culture Office Chief Ho Ioc San, IC President Deland Leong Wai Man and Education and Youth Development Bureau (DSEDJ) Deputy Director Teng Sio Hong, as well as IC Student Ambassador of Culture Min U Ian officiating at the ceremony.

With the unveiling of the plaque, the “Bairro da Ilha Verde Library”, featuring an interior design that incorporates elements from the local characteristics of the former Ilha Verde island and fishing village culture, has been officially opened. “Bairro” is the Portuguese word for “district”, “quarter” or “ward”.

Delivering opening remarks



Cultural Affairs Bureau (IC) Student Ambassador of Culture Min U Ian (from left to right), IC President Deland Leong Wai Man, Secretary for Social Affairs and Culture Elsie Ao Ieong U, Chief Executive Ho Iat Seng, Secretariat for Social Affairs and Culture Office Chief Ho Ioc San and Education and Youth Development Bureau (DSEDJ) Deputy Director Teng Sio Hong pose during yesterday's opening ceremony of the “Bairro da Ilha Verde Library” on the first floor of Block 2 of the Bairro da Ilha Verde public housing estate. – Photo: Yuki Lei

at the ceremony, Leong said: “The original ‘Ilha Verde Library’ established in 1995, with an area of about 480 square metres, had become inadequate to meet the growing reading demand of the general public, in response to which, with the coordination

and support of the government, the Cultural Affairs Bureau has opened the ‘Bairro da Ilha Verde Library’, replacing the original ‘Ilha Verde Library’..... creating a comprehensive public space for nearby residents and students, integrating shared learning, leisure,

and social functions, while offering a fresh reading experience.”

According to Leong, with a total area of about 1,000 square metres, the new library is more than double the size of the original Ilha Verde Library, featuring a children’s reading area, multimedia

zone, newspaper section, reading area, self-study area, multifunction room, and group discussion room, with a total of 28,000 books and nearly 2,000 audiovisual materials for residents as well as about 200 reading seats.

The “Bairro da Ilha Verde Library” on Rua de Lei Pou Ch’ôn is open from 2 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Mondays and from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Tuesdays to Sundays. However, it is closed after 2 p.m. on Chinese New Year’s Eve and for the whole day on public holidays.

The “Ilha Verde Library” ceased operation yesterday.

In addition, according to Leong’s speech, with the aim of encouraging reading among the public, the bureau will continue to launch “Infant and Toddler Reading Packs”, accelerate the digitalisation of library resources, provide various electronic resources for residents, including e-books and audiobooks for children’s literature, and also create the “Online Reading Platform”, while regularly hosting “Book for Book” activities to establish a stable book exchange platform in different neighbourhoods, thereby increasing the circulation of reading resources in the community and promoting the concept of “enriching life through reading”. ■



Ministry of Foreign Affairs spokesman Lin Jian looks on during yesterday's regular press conference at the ministry in Beijing. – Photo courtesy of fmpcc

Foreign Ministry confirms visa-free mainland China entry for Portuguese nationals

Staff Reporter

Foreign Ministry spokesman Lin Jian confirmed yesterday that ordinary passport holders from Portugal, Greece, Cyprus and Slovenia will be granted visa-free entry to the Chinese mainland between October 15, 2024 and December 31, 2025, according to the central government’s pilot and trial visa exemption policy concerning a number of countries.

The official transcript on the website of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Beijing about Lin’s regular press conference yesterday included the

question by a China News Service (CNS) journalist about the visa-free policy concerning nationals from the four countries and Lin’s answer:

Q: China News Service (CNS): We noted that on the margins of the UN General Assembly, Foreign Minister Wang Yi announced [the extension of the central government’s pilot and trial] visa-free policy to Portugal, Greece, Cyprus and Slovenia. Could you share more details with us?

A: To further promote cross-border travel, China decided to expand its

visa waiver program and extend the visa-free policy to ordinary passport holders from Portugal, Greece, Cyprus and Slovenia on a trial basis. From October 15, 2024 to December 31, 2025, ordinary passport holders from these four countries can be exempted from [obtaining a] visa to enter [mainland] China and stay for no more than 15 days for business, tourism, family visits and transit purposes. In that spirit, we encourage relevant countries to offer more visa facilitation measures to Chinese nationals. ■

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Xi urges greater national achievements, contributions to humanity’s peace, development

President Xi Jinping yesterday said the Chinese people will score more remarkable achievements and make greater contributions to the noble cause of peace and development of humanity.

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Netanyahu tells Iranians ‘nowhere in the Middle East Israel cannot reach’

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu issued a fresh warning to Iran yesterday, saying there was no place in the Middle East beyond Israel’s reach amid a flurry of strikes against Hezbollah in Lebanon.

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Thousands protest ‘uncontrolled immigration’ to Portugal

Thousands of protesters waving Portuguese flags and roaring the national anthem rallied in Lisbon on Sunday to express their anger at “illegal” and “uncontrolled” immigration.

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59-year-old worker wearing safety harness dies after falling from height

Yuki Lei

A 59-year-old male worker from the mainland wearing a safety harness fell to his death in an accident at a hotel on Rua do Tiro in Cotai yesterday, according to statements by the Fire Services Bureau (CB), Public Security Police (PSP) and Judiciary Police (PJ).

The accident happened at about 9:10 a.m. yesterday, the statements noted, when the non-resident worker (NRW) "fell from a height" during a renovation project on the first floor of a hotel in Cotai, after which he was rushed to the public Conde de São Januário Hospital Centre by ambulance.

The Judiciary Police were notified by the Fire Services Bureau about the incident at 10:05 a.m. and were subsequently informed by the hospital that the victim, with a head laceration and massive bleeding, had been pronounced dead.

According to the CB statement, the firefighters at the scene had failed to detect the victim's heartbeat and any signs of breathing upon their arrival.

The PJ statement noted that in a preliminary examination of the body, no visible criminally induced injuries were found on the body, but the exact cause of death had yet to be determined by forensic examination.

The case has been referred to the PJ investigation section for follow-up as a dead-body-found.

The Labour Affairs Bureau (DSAL) expressed in a statement yesterday its "great concern and sadness" over the death of the victim who died in an accidental fall from a height, while also extending its "deepest condolences" to his bereaved family, underlining that if the incident was confirmed to be a work accident, assistance would be provided to his family members to follow up on their possible claim for compensation.

The statement noted that according to preliminary information available, when the worker was in hotel's plant room he had entered its fenced-off area and then plunged to his death from a height. However, the statement underlined that the cause of the accident had yet to be further investigated, adding that if any irregularities were found, those responsible would face punishment in accordance with the law. ■

Fire breaks out residential flat, 90 evacuated



Several fire engines, ambulances and police vehicles are stationed on Estrada da Vitória during early yesterday's fire-fighting operation. - Photo: William Chan

William Chan

A flat on the ninth floor of a residential building on Estrada da Vitória, opposite the Traffic Police headquarters, caught fire at around 1 a.m. yesterday, the Fire Services Bureau (CB) said in a statement.

Several fire engines, ambulances and police vehicles rushed to the scene. Firefighters found smoke coming from an air conditioner in

the flat and promptly extinguished it. According to the statement, firefighters said they believed that the blaze was likely caused by a malfunction in the A/C unit.

The walls of the flat were blackened by the blaze. The statement said that about 90 people self-evacuated during the incident, underlining that no one was injured or required hospitalisation. ■

14 more locals fall for phishing scams

William Chan

Judiciary Police (PJ) spokeswoman Lei Hon Nei said at a press conference yesterday that the police received separate reports from 14 local residents saying that their credit card information was stolen when clicking onto phishing links last week.

According to Lei, four victims received messages from purported local banks, while the remainder received them from purported telecom companies, claiming that their loyalty points were close to expiration. The messages urged the victims to click on embedded links to claim their "gifts".

The victims provided their credit card information as requested. However, they later discovered that unauthorised deductions had been made from their bank accounts, ranging



Judiciary Police (PJ) spokeswoman Lei Hon Nei looks on during yesterday's press conference. - Photo: William Chan

from 5,400 to 43,000 patacas. The 14 victims lost a total of 440,000 patacas.

Furthermore, six victims reported to the police that their credit card details had been recently compromised, leading to unauthorised charges and a total loss of 30,800 patacas. ■

SSM receives report of vibrio vulnificus infection

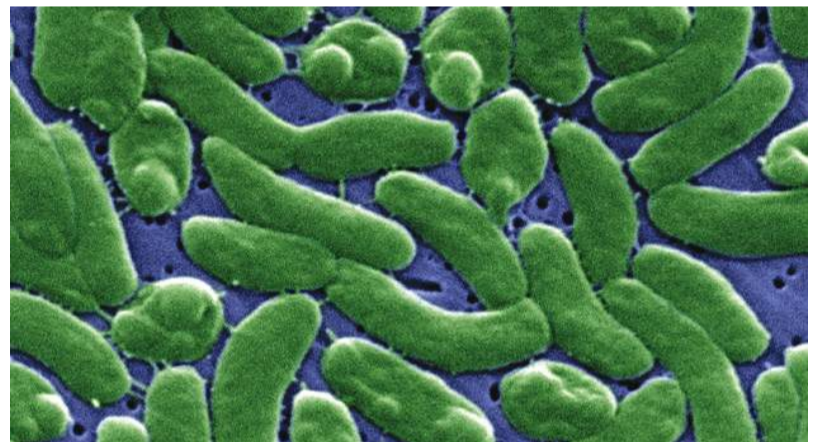
Rui Pastorin

The Health Bureau (SSM) received a report of a vibrio vulnificus infection yesterday concerning a 62-year-old local man with a history of chronic illness, according to a statement from the bureau yesterday.

According to the US-based National Library of Medicine's website, vibrio vulnificus is a bacterium that "causes septicaemia [sepsis], severe wound infections, and gastroenteritis. Failure to recognise and treat this infection promptly leads to high morbidity and mortality".

The SSM statement added that the bacterium naturally exists in warm seawater, adding that infections can be caused if one's wound comes into contact with seawater containing it or by consuming contaminated food.

The statement noted that last Monday evening, the man experienced pain in his right lower limb and a fever. He went to Kiang Wu Hospital the following morning to seek treatment, but as symptoms persisted, he also visited the public Conde de São Januário Hospital Centre in the



This image downloaded from Wikipedia last night shows a false-colour SEM image of Vibrio vulnificus.

afternoon, according to the statement.

A physical examination showed obvious redness and swelling of the man's right calf and the instep of his right foot, the statement said. The man was diagnosed with right calf cellulitis and was admitted for debridement and treatment, and was in stable condition last night, the statement said.

Debridement is the removal of dead, damaged, or infected tissue to improve the healing potential of the remaining healthy tissue, according to Wiktionary.

The man had previously gone to a wet market to buy fresh fish where a scratched and damaged area of his exposed right foot came in contact with water splashed from seafood stalls. He had not been stabbed by a fish, nor was he an angler and hadn't been to the beach.

The bureau urged members of the public to take precautions such as avoiding contact with seawater when one has cuts or broken skin, using gloves when handling raw seafood, and to seek treatment if symptoms of infections occur. ■



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National Day holiday

Due to it being the National Day public holiday today and tomorrow, *The Macau Post Daily's* editing team and office staff will be taking the two days off and return to work on Thursday so the print edition of your favourite newspaper will be on the newsstands again on Friday morning. However, our digital edition on our website <https://www.macaupostdaily.com/> will be updated as needed. Our local news and editorials as well as commentary by national media organisations are also available on various LinkedIn, Twitter and Facebook accounts.

We wish all our readers, advertisers, distributors and contributors a restful holiday.

All government offices will be closed today and tomorrow. They will reopen on Thursday. Banks will be closed today and reopen tomorrow.

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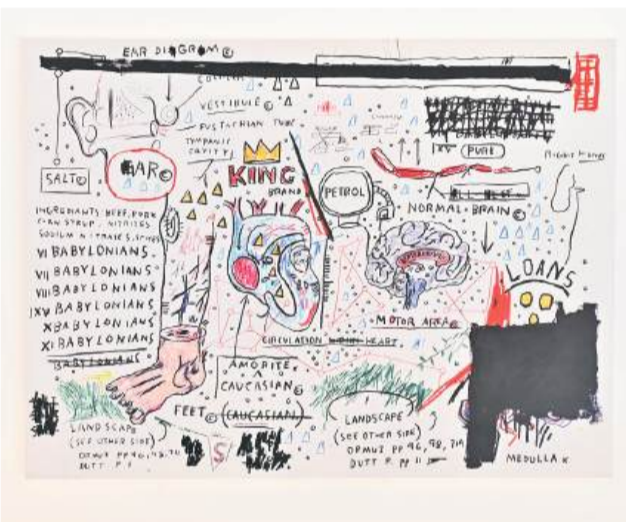
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Photos: Rui Pastorin



Crowning Journey of Jean-Michel Basquiat on at COD

Rui Pastorin

The “Crowning Journey of Jean-Michel Basquiat” opened its doors to members of the public on Thursday, with large-scale installations inspired by the artist’s works along with various media showing moments of his life, as well as his thoughts and ideas, being showcased across four areas in the City of Dreams (COD) in Cotai.

The New York-born artist gained success during the 1980s as part of the Neo-expressionism movement, according to Wikipedia.

His work tackled dichotomies, while he also appropriated poetry drawing and painting, and married text and image, abstraction, figuration, and historical information mixed with contemporary critique, according to Wikipedia.

Though the artist passed away in 1988 at the age of 27, his legacy continues to live on. A statement provided during last week’s unveiling event added that Basquiat’s 1982 painting “Untitled” sold for a record US\$110.5 million in 2017, and his work continues to set new records in the art market today.

The recently unveiled “Crowning Journey of Jean-Michel Basquiat” features a

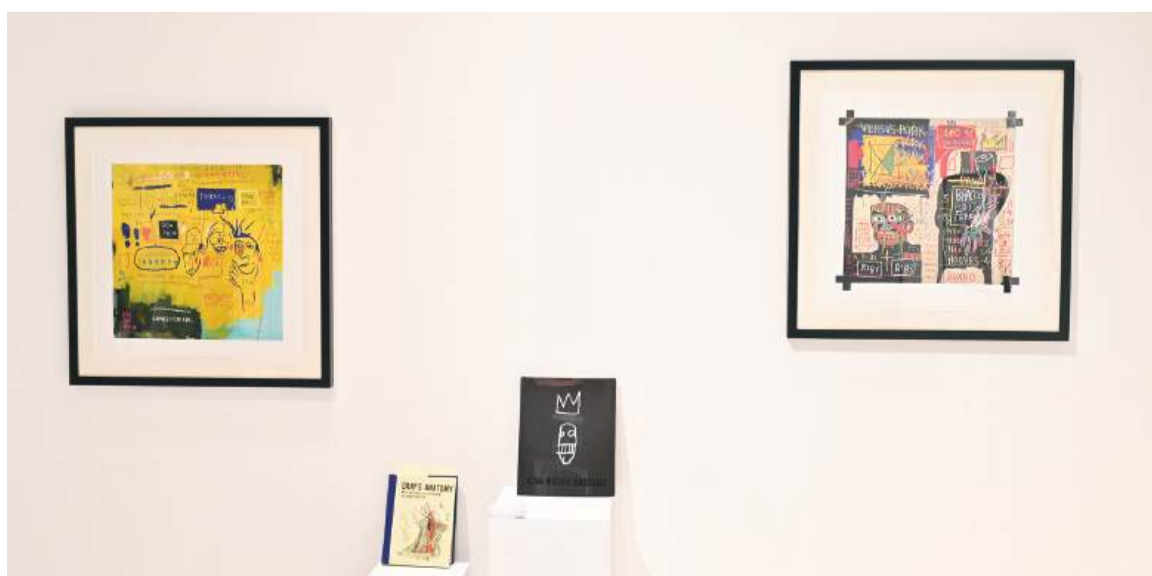
cluster of installations at the property’s Main Portal, and among them are a seven-metre-tall dinosaur installation inspired by Basquiat’s 1984 art work “Pez Dispenser” (aka “Dinosaur with Crown”).

Moreover, at the Southwest Entrance’s outdoor area is an installation of Basquiat’s 1984 piece “Brown Spots (Portraits of Andy Warhol as a Banana)”, which stands at 10 metres tall. The original work was featured in Basquiat’s first exhibition at the Mary Boone Gallery in New York, according to information on the installation.

Jean-Michel Basquiat’s “Grillo” (1984), meanwhile, covers the façade of The Showroom at City of Dreams, which the statement said measures at 10 metres wide, topped with a 6-metre-tall crown.

Aside from the installations, Artelli - The Pioneering Multi-dimensional Art Space, showcases Basquiat’s “transformative moments” through an exhibition that features reproductions of his works, a documentary screening, books that the artist had read, as well as settings from different points of his life.

The free-admission “Crowning Journey of Jean-Michel Basquiat” is on until November 24. The installations can be viewed all day, while the art space is open from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m.



Travessa do Aterro Novo, Travessa do Mastro may reopen to cars this month: IC chief

Yuki Lei

Culture Affairs Bureau (IC) President Leong Wai Man told reporters yesterday that after listening to the views of business operators in the “Rua da Felicidade” pedestrian precinct and balancing the different voices of the two sides, the bureau will endeavour to remove the vehicular traffic restrictions at Travessa do Aterro Novo and Travessa do Mastro “no later than this month”, while lawmaker Ron Lam U Tou told the *Post* that “residents and business operators’ views on various aspects of the whole pedestrian precinct have not been adequately responded to throughout the year”.

The pedestrianisation project has been implemented on a trial basis since September 29 last year, with a number of streets, including Rua da Felicidade (“福隆新街”), also known as the “Street of Bliss” in English, Travessa do Mastro, Travessa do Aterro Novo and Travessa de Ho Lo Quai closed to vehicular traffic daily from 11 a.m. to 1 a.m. The pedestrianisation, jointly launched by the government and integrated resort operator Wynn Resorts, has been in place for one year, during which quite a number of business operators have complained that the pedestrian precinct has mainly caused inconvenience to the vehicular traffic there and their business has become sluggish as a result, with the hope that the government will abolish the pedestrianisation of Rua da Felicidade and fully reopen the area to cars.

On September 19, directly-elected lawmaker-cum-current affairs commentator Lam, together with some businesspeople in the pedestrian precinct, held a press briefing to express their views on the pedestrianisation project, during which Lam told the media, including the *Post*, that many of the precinct’s business operators believed that the vehicular traffic curbs has greatly affected the foot traffic there and hence their business, demanding that the government cancel the pedestrianisation project and restore vehicular traffic as soon as possible. Lam, on that day, also sent separate petitions to Chief Executive Ho Iat Seng and the sixth-term chief executive candidate Sam Hou Fai, complete with 41 signatures.

Talking to the *Post* yesterday at his office on Rua do Matapau, Lam made it clear that before meeting the media, the business operators in the pedestrian precinct had met with IC President Leong to express their aspirations for the reopening of vehicular traffic there before



This photo taken yesterday shows one of the A3 sheets with the words “Demanding the government honour its promise immediately” in big letters and a one-page news report about the request by business operators in the pedestrian precinct to reopen the area to vehicular traffic on the front wall of a shop in the “Rua da Felicidade” pedestrian precinct.

the National Day Golden Week, in the hope of attracting more business. Lam also said that both sides – the bureau and business operators – had reached a consensus at that time to reopen Travessa do Aterro Novo and Travessa do Mastro to vehicles as soon as possible, when the bureau also told them that they would consider shortening the duration of the vehicular traffic curbs in Rua da Felicidade: “A timetable was still needed even though the government said it needed time to study the viability of the business operators’ idea, so I took the initiative to ask the government to reply within one week and at that time the government did not have any objections. However, after eight days passed, on the morning of September 27 [last Friday], the government said that due to the fact that the National Day was approaching, some cultural and artistic activities would be held in the area in the hope of boosting the flow of pedestrian traffic and, therefore, the vehicular traffic adjustments to the pedestrian precincts would only be announced as soon as possible after the National Day”.

Sheets of paper with the Chinese words “Demanding the government honour its promise immediately” in big letters and a one-page news report about the request by business operators in the pedestrian precinct to reopen the area to vehicular traffic have been pasted on most of the doors and front walls of the restaurants and shops there, and Lam said that



Cultural Affairs Bureau (IC) President Leong Wai Man speaks to reporters after yesterday’s opening ceremony of the “Bairro da Ilha Verde Library”.

– Photos: Yuki Lei

all these were put up by business operators on their own initiative to express their views: “I believe that public opinion is very clear, if the government doesn’t do anything, then don’t tell us that it trusts public opinion and listens to public opinion, but it has now adopted a ‘perverse attitude’ and the residents have already given it enough patience”.

Speaking to the media after the opening of the “Bairro da Ilha Verde Library” yesterday, Leong said that in the year of the pedestrianisation project being implemented, the bureau had certainly listened to different voices, including those of the business operators who, she insisted, had said that the project

“was really helpful” and also those who had underlined the adverse impacts brought about by the project, adding that after communicating with a number of the business operators there, an agreement was reached, according to which some wished to retain the pedestrian precinct unchanged, while, at the same time, others said they hoped that the vehicular traffic restriction in the area could be appropriately adjusted to cope with the demand for dropping off and picking up passengers, as well as loading and unloading goods.

She went on to say that after collecting views from various parties, the bureau considered that it was now the right time to conduct a further review and enhancement of the pedestrian precinct, reaffirming that the government’s revitalisation programme on the city’s old quarters aims to assist businesses and residents alike in improving their businesses and living environment and, therefore, the bureau has always attached importance to the views of the residents in order to ensure good communication between the two sides.

According to Leong, in view of the large number of activities to be held in the pedestrianised area during the National Day holiday from today, the bureau will endeavour to implement the new traffic arrangements in the area after the National Day during this month.

Meanwhile, Leong also said she expected the number of visitors to Macau’s cultural facilities, such as the Macau Museum of Art (MAM) in Nape and six old quarters under the government’s revitalisation programme to increase by two to three times, compared to normal days. ■

35th Macao Arts Festival calls for proposals

Rui Pastorin

Registered local art and cultural associations, as well as individuals, can now submit proposals for programmes in the 35th Macao Arts Festival, with the registration deadline being on October 31, the Cultural Affairs Bureau (IC) said in a statement on Friday.

According to the statement, the MAF is slated to be held in April and May next year, adding that local registered associations and Macau ID card holders aged at least 18 can send in submissions.

The statement added that submissions of all performing genres are welcome for the “Individual Programmes” category, with priority given to new works that have not been reproduced or never publicly performed in Macau. Programmes chosen will be granted a subsidy for production to be premiered in the 35th MAF, the statement said.

The “Performing Arts Gala” will also be accepting proposals for outdoor family programmes, with all performing styles welcome, and priority will be given to “works

featuring interactive activities and ethnic characteristics”, according to the statement.

The statement said that one can download the regulations and application forms on www.icm.gov.mo/EN/CallForFAM35, adding that submissions should be made via email to fam@icm.gov.mo before 5 p.m. on October 31.

Following the first assessment phase, those shortlisted need to attend an interview with the jury panel in late November to present the concept of their creations.

Enquiries can be made by contacting IC on 8399 6625 or 8399 6621, or by emailing fam@icm.gov.mo. ■



This poster recently provided by the Cultural Affairs Bureau (IC) promotes the 35th Macao Arts Festival’s call for proposals for local programmes.

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LRT Cotai-Hengqin section fully completed

Tony Wong

Construction of the Light Rail Transit (LRT) Cotai-Hengqin section was fully completed yesterday, when the line was transferred to the LRT operator, which will now carry out the section's internal trial operations before it is scheduled to open by the end of this year, the Macau government has announced.

The 2.2-kilometre-long section, including a 906-metre-long underwater tunnel, connects Macau's Cotai leisure precinct and the Hengqin checkpoint.

The LRT Cotai-Hengqin section project got off the ground in March 2021. Its construction was "basically" completed earlier this year, after which train operation tests on the line started.

The Cotai-side station of the two-station Cotai-Hengqin section is located next to Lotus Station on the current Taipa-Cotai section, with each connected through an indoor corridor.

The Cotai-Hengqin section gradually descends from the elevated segment in Cotai and crosses the Cotai-Hengqin waterway via an underwater tunnel before arriving at the underground station at the Hengqin checkpoint building.

The Hengqin checkpoint is a Macau-mainland joint checkpoint, where the Macau Special Administrative Region (MSAR) exercises jurisdiction over a part of the checkpoint on Zhuhai's Hengqin island, i.e., the Macau-side checkpoint zone of the Hengqin joint checkpoint.

The MSAR also exercises jurisdiction over the Macau-side checkpoint zone's adjoining areas such as the Lotus Flower Bridge across the Cotai-Hengqin waterway as well as the newly completed LRT Cotai-Hengqin section.



These two handout photos released by the Public Works Bureau (DSOP) yesterday shows an LRT train at the Hengqin underground station and its platform yesterday.



A statement by the Macau Public Works Bureau (DSOP) yesterday announced that the LRT Cotai-Hengqin section's final survey inspection and formal acceptance was completed yesterday, meaning that its construction has now been fully completed.

According to the statement, the bureau then transferred the LRT Cotai-Hengqin section to Macau Light Rapid Transit Corporation Limited (MLM), the government-owned LRT operator.

The statement said that the LRT operator will now carry out the Cotai-Hengqin section's internal trial operations, creating the necessary conditions for the line to be able to come into service before the end of this year.

The DSOP statement also underlined that the LRT Cotai-Hengqin section's operation will strengthen the interconnection of infrastructures between Macau and the mainland, making it more convenient for residents and visitors alike to travel between Macau and the mainland. The new LRT

section will help Macau better integrate itself into the nation's overall development, the statement said.

The LRT Cotai-Hengqin section project has now been fully completed ahead of schedule as it was initially slated to be fully completed in November 2024.

LRT signalling malfunctioning

Meanwhile, speaking to reporters after attending a National Day celebratory event yesterday, Secretary for Transport and

Public Works Raimundo do Rosário said that Sunday's breakdown on the LRT was possibly caused by the malfunctioning of its signalling system.

He said that an investigation was being carried out to determine the exact cause of the incident.

The LRT currently only operates on its Taipa-Cotai section, with the line's service extended to the peninsula's Barra through the lower enclosed deck of the Macau-Taipa Sai Van Bridge in December last year.

The LRT operator is providing free LRT rides for three days between Sunday and today, National Day, in celebration of the 75th anniversary of the founding of the People's Republic of China (PRC) and the 25th anniversary of the establishment of the MSAR.

The LRT breakdown on Sunday afternoon lasted about two hours.

The policy secretary underlined yesterday that the LRT breakdown on Sunday was not due to the significant increase in the number of passengers thanks to the free rides.

According to Rosário, the LRT recorded 27,000 passengers on Sunday, while the system normally has a daily average of 12,000 to 13,000 passengers. ■

Temperature to drop to 20° Celsius later this week

Tony Wong

The observatory said in a statement yesterday that it expects Macau's temperature to drop to 20 degrees Celsius, or even lower, on Thursday and Friday.

The statement said that due to the combined influence of a northeastern monsoon and a super typhoon that is expected to move towards China's Taiwan region, the coast of Guangdong is likely to be affected by a stronger level of northern wind from today. Consequently, the statement said, Macau's temperatures are expected to drop over the next few days.

The statement also said that the temperature in northern Guangdong is forecast to drop to 16 degrees or even below over the next few days. ■



This graphic in Chinese released by Macau's observatory yesterday shows daily highest and lowest temperatures forecast for the next few days.

Banned driver makes illegal U-turn

William Chan

A local man banned from driving was arrested for disobedience after making an illegal U-turn, Public Security Police (PSP) spokesman Wong Wai Chon said at a regular press conference yesterday.

The suspect surnamed Chong is in his thirties. He told the police that he's jobless

According to Wong, on Sunday night a police officer on patrol in Fai Chi Kei district saw Chong making an illegal U-turn. The officer promptly intercepted him and upon checking the records, he found that Chong had been banned from driving for nine months due to an evasion of responsibility charge in July.

Under questioning, Chong confessed to driving despite being aware of his driving ban.



Public Security Police (PSP) spokesman Wong Wai Chon looks on during yesterday's regular press conference yesterday. - Photo: William Chan

Chong has been transferred to the Public Prosecutions Office (MP), facing a disobedience charge, Wong said. ■

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STOCK MARKETS

Hang Seng Tech Index soars over 7 pct

HONG KONG – Shares in Hong Kong extended their winning streak yesterday, with the Hang Seng Tech Index, tracking 30 largest technology companies listed in Hong Kong, surging 7.12 percent to 4,770.25 points by midday yesterday.

The benchmark Hang Seng Index soared 3.34 percent to 21,321.97 points by midday, while the Hang Seng China Enterprises Index jumped 3.56 percent to 7,560.08 points. – Xinhua