

Sam engages Inner Harbour residents, vows 'pulse diagnosis' for society

William Chan

Macau's sole candidate for its sixth-term chief executive, ex-judge Sam Hou Fai, has been visiting various neighbourhoods over the past week to listen to people's views, aiming to gauge public sentiment.

After yesterday's walkabout in the southern neighbourhoods of the Inner Harbour area, the 62-year-old former president of the Court of Final Appeal (TUI) said that through his efforts over the past few days and in-depth exchanges with the public, he now has a deeper understanding of civil society's current situation. If elected, Sam said he was confident that he can lead his governing team in "conducting a pulse diagnosis" of civil society and promote the future development of Macau.

"Pulse diagnosis" is a diagnostic technique used in traditional Chinese medicine (TCM) to obtain information about the patient's condition.

The chief executive election will be held this Sunday at the Forum Macao Complex in Nam Van.

Accompanied by Macau General Union of Neighbourhood Associations (UGAMM) Chairwoman Ng Siu Lai and other community leaders, Sam exchanged views with residents and shop owners in the areas of Praça de Ponte e Horta (司打口), Rua do Almirante Sérgio (河邊新街) and Largo da Barra (媽閣廟前地), including shops selling traditional pastries, items for worshipping, as well as a



Macau's chief executive candidate Sam Hou Fai visits the southern part of the Inner Harbour neighbourhood during yesterday's walkabout.

— Photo: William Chan

Portuguese restaurant and a cha chaan teng (Hong Kong and Macau-style café) to learn more about their business conditions.

Sam asked the shop owners about their business. Some of them commented on the ineffectiveness of the National Day holiday in helping boost their turnover, while others also commented on the negative effect of the "Northbound Travel for Macau Vehicles"

scheme on their operations.

The "Northbound Travel for Macau Vehicles" scheme was launched by the local and mainland governments at the beginning of last year, allowing Macau residents to drive their cars in Guangdong Province, i.e., north of Macau.

After his walkabout, Sam told reporters: "I have frequented the Praia do Manduco (下環街) area for over 20 years and am

quite familiar with it." He also described the neighbourhood as safe and orderly, noting that although the area is still affected by drainage-related roadworks, it is slated to be completed next year and was expected to alleviate flooding in the area.

Sam pointed out that besides visiting various local communities and holding a public hearing with residents, he has also been in contact with people from different industries and sectors, actively collecting information to understand Macau's overall political, economic, and social development.

Compared to his previous work at the Court of Final Appeal (TUI), he noted that he has now a deeper understanding of various aspects of society, including the economy, people's livelihoods, transportation, and the city's overall urban planning. "If I am elected, I am confident of leading the new governing team in "conducting a pulse diagnosis" of civil society and working together to strive for Macau's development," he underlined.

Sam said that since announcing his candidacy for the sixth-term Macau Special Administrative Region (MSAR) chief executive (CE) post in August, he has made every effort to communicate with the public in various ways within a limited period of time. He said he hoped that local community organisations can convey his policy ideas to the general public, so that more people can understand his political vision. ■

Trump: immigrants bringing 'bad genes' into US

WASHINGTON — Donald Trump said yesterday that illegal immigrants were bringing "bad genes" into the United States, doubling down on previous rhetoric about migrants poisoning the blood of the country.

Trump was criticising his Democratic presidential rival Vice President Kamala Harris in a radio interview when he brought up government figures showing there were 13,000 immigrants in the United States who were not in federal immigration detention, despite homicide convictions.

"How about allowing people to come to an open border, 13,000 of which were murderers, many of them murdered far more than one person? They are now

happily living in the United States," he told conservative host Hugh Hewitt.

"You know now, a murderer — I believe this — it's in their genes. We've got a lot of bad genes in our country right now. They had 425,000 people come into our country that shouldn't be here that are criminals."

Trump, who is neck-and-neck with Harris in nationwide and swing-state polling ahead of November's election, has spent much of his campaign bashing undocumented immigrants.

During a rally last month, the 78-year-old former reality TV star said Harris should be prosecuted over President Joe Biden's border policies and called illegal immigrants "animals," out to "rape, pillage, thief, plunder and kill." — AFP



People gather to mark the first anniversary of the October 7, 2023 attacks, in the Israeli coastal city of Tel Aviv yesterday. Israel marked the first anniversary of the deadliest attack in its history, with Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu saying the Gaza and Lebanon wars would ensure the violence it endured last October 7 could never be repeated. — AFP (More on p. 10)

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Beijing breaks tourism records during 'Golden Week' holiday

During the "Golden Week" National Day holiday from Oct. 1 to 7, Beijing set new records for both tourist arrivals and total tourism revenue.

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Philippine ex-president Duterte to run for city mayor

Former Philippine president Rodrigo Duterte registered his candidacy yesterday to run for mayor of the southern city of Davao in midterm polls due next year.

— Story on p. 8

US duo win Nobel for gene regulation breakthrough

US scientists Victor Ambros and Gary Ruvkun won the Nobel Prize in Medicine yesterday for their discovery of microRNA and its role in how genes are regulated, solving a decades-old mystery, the Nobel Assembly in Stockholm said. — Story on p. 11

Scammers send SMS with link to pay fines for 'traffic offences': PJ

Ginnie Laing

The Judiciary Police (PJ) warned the public in a statement yesterday about a phishing SMS sent out by scammers with a link to a fake Macau government portal website where would-be victims will be asked for credit card details to "pay their fines for 'traffic offences'".

The statement noted that the Judiciary Police recently discovered that there have been people sending out a phishing SMS that claim to be from the government. The fraudulent short message service claims that recipients need to "pay their fines for 'traffic offences'" by clicking an enclosed link that requires credit card details.

The link redirects recipients to a phishing website that closely resembles the actual Macau government portal website and prompts users to enter the registration number of their vehicle, according to the statement. They are then required to provide credit card details including their card number, expiration date, cardholder's name, and security code, for purported "identity verification".

The statement underlined that to avoid data theft, the Judiciary Police Anti-Fraud and Coordination Centre is warning



This poster provided by the Judiciary Police (PJ) yesterday warns members of the public of the fake "pay fines for 'traffic offences'" phishing SMS.

members of the public to be wary when receiving such messages and not to click any links or enter their account or credit card information.

The statement also noted that the government will only notify vehicle owners that they need to pay a traffic fine and will not include any link in the SMS.

The statement pointed out that if there are doubts about the authenticity of an SMS, one can call the actual institutions to verify it, while those suspecting they have been scammed should immediately call the Judiciary Police's Anti-Fraud hotline on 8800 7777 or the crime report hotline on 993. ■

Man accused of sexually harassing tourist during photo shoot: police

Yuki Lei

A local man has been accused of sexually harassing a female tourist while guiding her in a pose for a photo shoot, Public Security Police (PSP) spokesman Lei Chan Hong said during a regular press conference yesterday.

"The victim was walking along Estrada do Istmo (路氹連貫公路) in Cotai when she met the suspect, who saw her taking a selfie and asked to take her photo. The victim initially refused, but the suspect kept pestering her so that she eventually agreed to sit behind a nearby stone wall for a photo shoot when the suspect stroked her hands and feet on the pretext that he wanted to teach the victim

how to pose for a photo. After that the victim ran away in a panic and called the police," Lei quoted the victim as noting.

Lei identified the suspect as a local resident in his thirties, who told the police that he works as a bus driver, while the victim in her twenties is a mainlander.

According to Lei, the incident happened at 8:30 a.m. on Friday, while the Public Security Police, thanks to a hotel's CCTV footage, arrested the suspect at 1 p.m. that day at his workplace nearby.

The suspect, surnamed Lei, who admitted to committing the offence, has been transferred to the Public Prosecutions Office (MP) for further investigation. ■



This undated handout photo provided by the Public Security Police (PSP) yesterday shows the local sexual harassment suspect being escorted by two police officers to a police station in Taipa.

Casino dealer steals chips worth HK\$600,000

Yuki Lei

A local woman, who had worked as a casino dealer since 2019, started in February to repeatedly hide casino chips in her clothing while she was on duty, each time stealing one or two HK\$10,000 chips, totalling HK\$600,000 in total, Judiciary Police (PJ) spokesman Chan Wun Man said during a regular press conference yesterday.

Chan said the 49-year-old suspect is surnamed Chong.

The Judiciary Police received a theft report from a casino in Cotai in the early hours of Friday, saying that a dealer had stolen two casino chips each worth HK\$10,000 at 8:49 p.m. and 11:31 p.m. on Thursday, hiding them between her thighs on two separate occasions,

before taking the opportunity to transfer the chips to the waistband of her skirt, according to Chan, who added that her thieving was finally discovered by her supervisor when she was stealing more casino chips several hours later.

A PJ investigation, according to Chan, showed that the suspect took the stolen chips home after work. PJ officers searching her home in the northern district recovered 17 casino chips worth HK\$10,000 each.

Under questioning, Chong admitted to committing the thefts, but insisting that she had gambled away most of the chips stolen from the casino.

Chong has been transferred to the Public Prosecutions Office (MP), facing an aggravated theft charge. ■

Dropped cigarette end burns cardboard, damages plastic mat

Suspect says tried to use cigarette smoke to get rid of flies in a can

Yuki Lei

A local man in his seventies was arrested on Sunday on charges of arson after dropping a cigarette end, causing a cardboard fire in the northern district and melting a plastic mat used by the Municipal Affairs Bureau (IAM) to cover the trunk of a nearby tree, Judiciary Police (PJ) spokesman Chan Wun Man said yesterday.

On Sunday night, the Judiciary Police received a call from the Fire Services Bureau (CB) informing them that a suspected arson case had occurred at a residential building on Avenida da Longevidade (長壽大馬路), where a trolley had been chained to the railings in front of the building where the suspect lives, with a small amount of rubbish and miscellaneous items on it that showed signs of having been damaged by the fire and, at the same time, the blaze had also damaged a plastic mat used to cover the trunk of a tree next to the trolley.

According to yesterday's press conference, a PJ investigation identified the suspect as a 75-year-old local man, surnamed Sio, who had smoked outside the building at

about 10 a.m. on Sunday as usual, since his family members do not allow him to smoke at home.

"Prior to the incident, the suspect smoked as usual at the location where the fire occurred and during that time he saw a can on the trolley which was full of flies and he thought that it was unhygienic so he used cigarette smoke to get rid of the flies but it didn't work, and then he tried to extinguish the cigarette by stubbing it out on a piece of cardboard, but he didn't notice

if it was still alight, dropped it and then went home," Chan said, adding that no one was injured in the small blaze.

Regarding any losses caused by the fire, Chan said that the Municipal Affairs Bureau were unable to provide the value of the loss at the time of the press conference, nor have the trolley and cardboard been claimed.

The Judiciary Police (PJ) transferred Sio to the Public Prosecutions Office (MP) yesterday for further investigation. ■



Judiciary Police (PJ) spokesman Chan Wun Man looks on during yesterday's press conference at the PJ headquarters in Zape. - Photo: Yuki Lei

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2024 GBA Bookstore Reading Parade debuts in Macau

Ginnie Liang

The Greater Bay Area Bookstore Reading Parade kicked off as the event's first stop at the Plaza Cultural Macau Bookstore on Avenida do Conselheiro Ferreira de Almeida (荷蘭園大馬路) on Saturday, with the aim of promoting cultural integration among the 11 cities of the Greater Bay Area (GBA), and publicising the "excellent characteristics of the GBA culture", the bookshops' General Manager Chan U Ion announced at the event's opening ceremony.

During the opening ceremony, Chan said the fact that the Hong Kong organisers chose Macau as the first stop of the bookfair marked a new level of cultural exchange and integration, as well as the promotion of the publishing and printing industries in Hong Kong and Macau and the other nine GBA cities in Guangdong Province.

"Not only should we pursue economic growth in the GBA, but we should also promote and explore, and even create, a distinctive culture, in order to develop the true strength of the GBA in the new era," Chan noted.

According to a statement by the co-organisers, the ongoing 18-day event is organised by Hong Kong Publishing Federation and the Hong Kong Printers Association, showcasing a selection comprising thousands of Hong Kong's latest book titles. The exhibits cover literature, history and philosophy, while the leisure categories include foodstuff and beverages, comics, children's books, travel, new science fiction, as well as

cultural and creative works by Hong Kong artists.

"Soaring Creativity – Hong Kong Pavilion 2024" Organising Committee Chairwoman Terri Chan Kim Man said in a speech during the ceremony that the event aims to explore business opportunities in other cities in the GBA, "as the first stop of the event is being held in Macau, where Hong Kong bestsellers are displayed and sold at the same venue, we hope to promote Hong Kong's publishing and printing industries."

Talking to the *Post* on Saturday, Chan pointed out the difficulties in promoting the reading of physical books to young people, "but we believe that young people attach great importance to their own growth, so we will organise activities at the event to enable readers to communicate with authors, and we hope to bring readers the latest books from Hong Kong and Macau through the bookfair every year."

Chan added that "unlike reading on a mobile phone, reading a book takes time and needs focus, so we will continue to promote physical books, but at the same time, we will also promote them on various online channels, so that readers can read both online and offline."

"The Greater Bay Area Bookstore Reading Parade" series of activities will be held from this month to January at bookstores in Zhongshan, Foshan and Dongguan after its Macau debut, focusing on the display and sale of a wide range of Hong Kong's best-selling books.



▲ This photo taken on Saturday at the Plaza Cultural Macau Bookstore on Avenida do Conselheiro Ferreira de Almeida (荷蘭園大馬路) shows the ongoing "The Greater Bay Area Bookstore Reading Parade - Macao Stop" bookfair.

▶ Books that are not for sale are displayed at the bookfair as well.
– Photos: Maria Cheang Ut Meng

Until October 22, a 20 percent discount will be offered on all Hong Kong edition books at the Plaza Cultural Macau Bookstore. ■



Community healthcare services exceed 60 pct: Lo

Ginnie Liang

Macau Health Bureau (SSM) Director Alvis Lo Iek Long has recently pointed out that community healthcare services in Macau account for more than 60 percent of the total healthcare services.

Dr Lo made the remarks during the bureau's recent Community Medical Summit at the Areia Preta Health Centre about enhancing residents' overall health and achieving the vision of a healthier Macau, according to an SSM statement yesterday.

The summit was attended by 240 healthcare professionals, including key figures from various local healthcare organisations as well as those from Hong Kong and the mainland.

Dr Lo pointed out that the bureau is continuously strengthening its work in three areas to further promote the development of a healthy Macau, including optimising the mechanisms

of "healthcare-prevention integration", and strengthening collaboration between community healthcare, public healthcare and hospital healthcare, as well as establishing an "indicator system for the quality of chronic disease management" in order to raise the control rate of chronic disease treatment, the statement said.

Dr Lo also noted that the bureau will strengthen its team building and human resources training system for family doctors to integrate mental health services into the community healthcare system, according to the statement.

With nearly 40 years of community medical development, Macau currently operates nine community health centres and two health stations, providing free medical services to residents, the statement noted.

In addition, the bureau's healthcare station in the Guangdong-Macau In-depth Cooperation Zone in Hengqin is scheduled to open later this year, which will further facilitate the integration of Macau's healthcare system into the overall development of the country, and allow residents to enjoy a life similar to that of Macau in Hengqin, the statement underlined.

During the summit, experts delivered presentations on topics such as chronic disease management and the role of artificial intelligence (AI) in community healthcare, such as the possible impact and challenges of AI technology on the healthcare system, and how the development of AI technology will be an opportunity for family medicine.

The summit also included discussions on how to effectively implement the objectives outlined in the "Healthy Macau Blueprint", as well as the achievements of Macau's community healthcare in the high-quality management of diabetes mellitus, and how this successful experience will be extended to the management of common chronic diseases such as hypertension (high blood pressure) and dyslipidaemia (an imbalance of lipids, especially cholesterol, in the blood; lipids are organic compounds characterised by being insoluble in water, and account for most of the fat present in the human body. Source: Wiktionary). ■



This undated handout photo provided by the Macau Health Bureau (SSM) shows SSM Director Alvis Lo Iek Long addressing the bureau's recent Community Medical Summit at the Areia Preta Health Centre.

Applications open for 'Macao Fashion Pop-up Store'

Rui Pastorin

The Cultural Affairs Bureau (IC) said in a statement yesterday that local original fashion brands can now send in their applications to showcase products at next month's "Macao Fashion Pop-up Store", with the registration period open until Monday.

The statement noted that the applications are free of charge.

The pop-up store, according to the statement, will be set up at Galaxy Macau in Cotai from November 9 to 18, to be held in collaboration with integrated resort (IR) operator Galaxy Entertainment Group (GEG). During the period, clothing and accessories from a raft of local original fashion brands will be showcased.

Chosen applicants, the statement noted, can present five to 10 types of products, with a minimum of three pieces from each type for sale and one piece for display, and sell them on consignment, with profits to go to the brand owners, the statement said.

The statement added that those interested may submit their applications either in person to the Cultural Affairs Bureau headquarters in Praça do Tap Seac or by emailing DPICCC@icm.gov.mo, all by 5:45 p.m. on the due date, Monday next week.

Registration guidelines and application forms, according to the statement, can be found on www.icm.gov.mo and the Macau Cultural and Creative Industries website on www.macaucici.gov.mo. One can also call 8399 6205. ■



‘Telling China’s Story’ exhibition shows Chinese calligraphy

Rui Pastorin

Members of the public can still catch the ongoing “Telling China’s Story” calligraphy exhibition at the Rui Cunha Foundation gallery, which is showcasing over 30 works by master calligrapher Ung Choi Kun through Saturday.

The exhibition kicked off in late September.

According to a recent statement by the gallery, Ung, aside from being a master calligrapher, is also the president of the “Macau Association Encouraging Wise Policies for Humanity” (澳門智慧人文勵政會) and a member of the Macau Legislative Assembly.

The statement noted that the free-admission exhibition’s theme was inspired by the mainland’s participation in the Paris

2024 Olympic Games, which was held from July 26 to August 11, during which the nation took home 91 medals, the second most at the Games, after the United States.

Framed inspirational quotes from the nation’s outstanding athletes who competed in the Games are featured on the walls of the gallery, while one can also see the original torch from the 2008 Beijing Olympic Games that Ung carried during the Macau-leg of the torch relay on display.

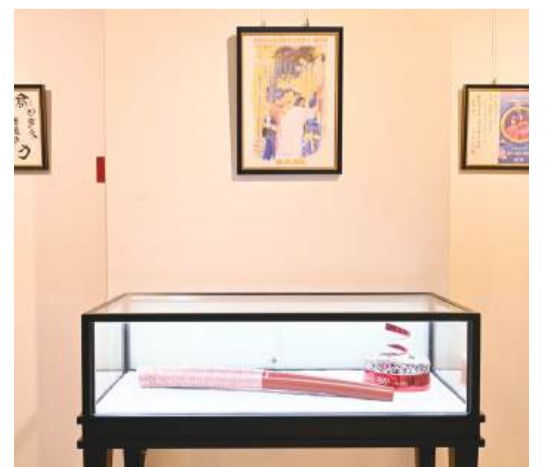
The statement quoted Ung as saying: “Over the past 75 years, through trials and tribulations, China has risen with astonishing speed in the East, crafting an epic journey. In this context, we have planned this calligraphy exhibition of motivational expressions from our Olympic athletes with the aim of showcasing the

outstanding demeanour of Chinese sporting heroes, through the perfect blend of art and sports, promoting patriotism and inspiring all people to strive for the great rejuvenation of the Chinese nation”.

Moreover, a statement displayed at the gallery notes that “the combination of traditional calligraphy with modern sports elements not only praises the brilliant achievements of Chinese sporting heroes but also vividly demonstrates the cultural confidence of the Chinese nation”.

Those interested can visit the gallery from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. from today through Friday, and between 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. on Saturday, the last day.

Photos taken yesterday by Rui Pastorin



Macau's daily bus passenger number hits record

Tony Wong

The Transport Bureau (DSAT) said in a statement yesterday that Macau has recorded the highest single-day number of public bus passengers, during this year's National Day Golden Week holiday.

The mainland's 2024 National Day Golden Week holiday lasted seven days, from October 1 to 7.

Yesterday was the last day of this year's seven-day National Day Golden Week holiday in the mainland.

Yesterday's DSAT statement said that Macau recorded over 800,000 public bus passengers a day on both Thursday and Friday last week, i.e., the third and fourth days of the National Day Golden Week holiday, exceeding the

800,000-benchmark for the first time.

According to DSAT data on its website, Macau recorded about 801,000 and 803,000 public bus passengers on Thursday and Friday last week.

According to the DSAT data, the third, fourth and fifth highest single-day number of public bus passengers were around 769,000 on September 16 this year, 762,000 on October 4, 2019 and 759,000 on October 3, 2019.

Yesterday's statement also said that the city recorded a total of 3.616 million public bus passengers during a five-day period from October 2 to 6, or a daily average of 723,000, a 15-percent increase from the same period of last year. ■



Passengers catch a No.33 bus on Avenida de Almeida Ribeiro, the city's main thoroughfare, on Sunday. — Photo: Tony Wong

HZMB logs over 20 million passengers so far this year

GUANGZHOU — More than 20 million inbound and outbound passengers have traveled through the Zhuhai checkpoint of the Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macau Bridge (HZMB) so far this year, an increase of 86 percent year on year, and exceeding the total volume of the whole of last year, official data released on Friday shows.

This also marks the first time since the official opening of the bridge that the annual passenger flow has exceeded the milestone of 20 million people.

This increasing number of Hong Kong and Macau passengers

heading north is becoming the main force driving the rapid growth of passenger traffic at the port. Since the beginning of this year, more than 12 million Hong Kong and Macau travelers have entered or left the Chinese mainland via this port, up 83.3 percent year on year, and accounting for over 60 percent of total port passenger traffic during the period, local border inspection authorities said.

The 55-km bridge links the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR), Zhuhai City in the southern Guangdong Province, and the Macau SAR. — Xinhua

Macau logs 1.1 million visitor arrivals in 8 days before & during National Day holiday: police

Tony Wong

Macau recorded a total of 1.1 million visitor arrivals during an eight-day period from September 29 to October 6, according to immigration statistics released by the Public Security Police (PSP) yesterday.

Both September 29 and October 6 were Sundays.

The mainland's 2024 National Day Golden Week holiday officially lasted seven days, from October 1 to 7.

Yesterday was the last day of this year's seven-day National Day Golden Week holiday in the mainland.

Over 900,000 visitor arrivals in 6 days during National Day holiday

According to calculations based on PSP daily immigration statistics released previously, Macau recorded a total of 915,696 visitor arrivals from October 1 to 6, six days in total, or a daily average of 152,616.

During the eight-day period from September 29 to October 6, according to the PSP daily immigration statistics, the daily number of visitor arrivals stood at 96,717, 93,456, 138,254, 165,963, 174,234, 163,425, 150,532, and 123,288 respectively.

The Macau Government



This handout photo released by the Macau Government Tourism Office (MGTO) last week shows tourists strolling through the city's main square, Largo do Senado, during the National Day Golden Week holiday.

Tourism Office (MGTO) said in a statement on Thursday last week that on October 2, Macau recorded 166,100 visitor arrivals, adjusted by MGTO from PSP immigration statistics.

The MGTO statement said that the 166,100 visitor arrivals recorded on Wednesday last week was the then highest single-day number of visitor arrivals for the National Day Golden Week holiday on record, surpassing the previous single-day record of

162,100 on October 5, 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.

MGTO is yet to announce Macau's total number of visitor arrivals recorded during this year's seven-day National Day Golden Week holiday as yesterday was the last day of the holiday period. ■

HK Chamber of Shipping launched to boost SAR's status as int'l shipping hub

HONG KONG — The Hong Kong Chamber of Shipping was officially established yesterday with the aim of shoring up the special administrative region's status as an international shipping hub.

Addressing a launch reception, Leung Chun-ying, vice chairman of the National Committee of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference (CPPCC), who is also a founder member of and adviser to

the newly established industry body, said that the institutional advantage of the "One Country, Two Systems" principle underpins and constitutes the unique edge of Hong Kong's shipping sector.

Leung called for harnessing the strengths of Hong Kong, looking at the bigger picture and walking the walk to coordinate among the shipping, trade, financial, professional and educational sectors

toward the same goal.

Leung said he hoped that Hong Kong can harness and combine the strengths of the Chinese mainland for an integrated national maritime ecosystem, while inching towards the high value-added end of the value chain.

The sky is the limit for Hong Kong's maritime sector if such potential could be fully tapped, Leung said. — Xinhua, MPD

Kowloon Walled City film good way to promote tourism'

HONG KONG — A local movie featuring the now-demolished Kowloon Walled City has put Hong Kong cinema under the international spotlight and sparked public interest in the special administrative region (SAR) history, Chief Executive John Lee Ka-chiu said yesterday.

Oscar-nominated "Twilight of the Warriors: Walled In" broke box office records when it became the most-watched Hong Kong film in local cinemas.

Speaking at the airport where replicas of the film set are being exhibited, Lee said the government will continue to promote local film culture and tell good stories of Hong Kong.

"This exhibition not only gives residents and tourists the opportunity to experience the former ambience of the Kowloon Walled City both on- and off-screen, but also allows everyone to better understand the ingenious craftsmanship behind Hong Kong film productions, awakening people's love for Hong Kong cinema," he said.

"We also hope to use the film's influence to promote the integration of film culture and tourism, and develop the movie tourism industry."

Meanwhile, Tourism Board Chairman Pang Yiu-kai said a successful film is the best way to promote Hong Kong tourism.

"Recreating the iconic scenes from 'Twilight of the Warriors: Walled In' allows tourists and residents to experience the Kowloon Walled City first-hand, following the film to explore Hong Kong's history and culture, and enjoy wonderful Hong Kong moments beyond the big screen," he said.

The exhibition, organised by the Tourism Board, will also be held at the AIRSIDE shopping mall in Kai Tak in December.

It recreates iconic scenes from the film, including a traditional cha chaan teng (Hong Kong and Macau style diner), a nostalgic barbershop and back alleys tangled with electrical wires. — RTHK, MPD

STOCK MARKETS

Hang Seng Index closes 1.60 pct higher

HONG KONG — Hong Kong's stock market ended higher yesterday with the benchmark Hang Seng Index up 1.60 percent to close at 23,099.78 points.

The Hang Seng China Enterprises Index climbed 2.14 percent to end at 8,330.85, while the Hang Seng Tech Index jumped 3.05 percent to close at 5,386.48 points. — Xinhua