

Pilot Macau-HK ambulance scheme to start with HK-bound patients: Lo

Yuki Lei

Macau, Hong Kong and Guangdong Province have studied the feasibility of implementing a pilot cross-border ambulance transfer service between the three places since the middle of last year, and regarding the possible cross-border service between Hong Kong and Macau, Health Bureau (SSM) Director Alvis Lo Iek Long said late last month that in accordance with a plan being considered by the nation's two special administrative regions (SARs), the door-to-door service would start initially with patients from Hong Kong to be transferred by Macau ambulances back to Hong Kong.

Directly-elected lawmaker-cum-clinical nurse specialist Wong Kit Cheng raised the issue in a written interpellation in late August expressing her concern about the slow progress of the pilot cross-border ambulance scheme between Macau, Hong Kong and Guangdong: "Due to certain differences in the healthcare systems of the three places, some residents still have the habit of using the healthcare services only in their places of residence... Although there are currently green lanes at the border checkpoints in Guangdong and Macau for speedy



This handout photo provided by the Unitary Police Service (SPU) shows a dual-plated Macau ambulance entering Hong Kong via the Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macau Bridge yesterday.

clearance in emergencies, there is still a need to switch ambulances at the border, which may pose risks to the patients in the process".

In reply to Wong's interpellation, Dr Lo pointed out in a statement that in order to enhance the quality and efficiency of cross-border healthcare services, Macau continues to have discussions with the relevant

authorities of Guangdong and Hong Kong respectively on how and when to launch the implementation of the pilot cross-border ambulance transfer service designed to move patients by ambulance from the mainland, Hong Kong and Macau back to their respective place of residence, which, Dr Lo said, "are progressing in an orderly manner".

Citing the Office of Secretary for Security Wong Sio Chak, Dr Lo said that concerning the door-to-door service of Guangdong and Macau ambulances, five ambulances and three fire-fighting vehicles under the Macau Fire Services Bureau (CB) have already been equipped with Guangdong-Macau dual licence plates, while in terms of the

service between Hong Kong and Macau, the Fire Services Bureau already plans to make arrangements for the provision of the cross-border service of the two sides by eight ambulances, which, however, was still in the process of liaising with each other in respect of the eligibility of vehicles for patients' transportation, the qualification of drivers, and equipment declarations.

According to Dr Lo, the Macau-Zhuhai sides are taking forward the door-to-door transfer service between two designated hospitals in Zhuhai and the public Conde de São Januário Hospital Centre in Macau. As for the ambulance service between Hong Kong and Macau, the Unitary Police Service (SPU), together with various other public entities, held a meeting with Hong Kong in the first half of this year, during which both sides agreed to implement the door-to-door service, with the provision of the service by Macau ambulances in the first phase, while the scheme for Hong Kong ambulances to enter Macau would only be implemented after summing up the experience gained and evaluating the situation in light of the actual circumstances.

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China slaps provisional tariffs on EU brandy imports

BEIJING – China said yesterday it would impose provisional tariffs on brandy imported from the European Union, marking the latest salvo in an escalating trade row between Beijing and Brussels.

The two are major economic partners but have butted heads in recent months over Beijing's purported subsidies for its domestic industries.

Brussels argues that the support undermines the principle of free competition and helped drive down the prices of Chinese exports, undercutting European competitors.

Beijing has denied the claims and accuses Brussels of protectionism.

China launched an investigation this

year into EU brandy, months after the bloc undertook a probe into Chinese electric vehicle subsidies.

Beijing said in August it would not impose provisional tariffs on brandy makers, even though it had found evidence of dumping, but did not rule out subsequent measures.

From Friday, operators will have to pay a "corresponding guarantee" to Chinese customs when importing EU brandy into the country, the Ministry of Commerce (MOC) in Beijing said.

It said the amount would be based on calculations involving prices approved by customs, as well as import taxes.

The investigation had "preliminarily

determined that imports of certain brandy originating from the European Union were being dumped, threatening substantial damage to the domestic brandy industry", the ministry said.

It said the probe also established "a causal relationship between the dumping and the threat of substantial damage".

The ministry released a list detailing the rates each company would expect to pay, ranging from 30.6 percent for cognac house Martell to 39 percent for Jas Hennessy and 38.1 percent for Remy Martin.

Shares in French spirits giants Remy Cointreau and Pernod Ricard fell sharply in Paris yesterday following the news.

The European Union said yesterday it would seek to challenge the new measures announced by Beijing.

France's cognac makers pleaded yesterday for an end to an escalating EU-China trade spat, warning that the latest measures threaten the sector.

The European Union gave a definitive green light last week to imposing extra tariffs of up to 35.3 percent on EVs imported from China, alleging that Beijing had unfairly subsidised its domestic industry to the detriment of European automakers.

Brussels is also investigating alleged Chinese subsidies for solar panels and wind turbines. –AFP

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Former top legislator Wu Bangguo passes away at 84

Wu Bangguo, former chairman of the National People's Congress (NPC) Standing Committee, died of illness at the age of 84 in Beijing at 4:36 a.m. yesterday. –Story on p. 7

Duo wins Physics Nobel for 'foundational' AI breakthroughs

Geoffrey Hinton, known as the Godfather of AI, and physicist John Hopfield won the Nobel physics prize yesterday for their pioneering work on the foundations of artificial intelligence (AI). –Story on p. 11

'Maddie' suspect could be free in 2025 after cleared of separate sex crimes

A German man named as the top suspect in the 2007 disappearance of British toddler Madeleine "Maddie" McCann in Portugal was yesterday cleared of all charges in an unrelated sex crimes trial, meaning he is set for release from prison next year. –Story on p. 12

Lawmaker asks govt to enhance protection of old trees

Ginnie Liang

Lawmaker Ho Ion Sang asked the government about the current situation of preserving ancient trees in a written interpellation in August, with the Municipal Affairs Bureau (IAM) replying that efforts are ongoing to enhance conservation measures.

Ho's office sent copies of the bureau's reply to the local media yesterday.

Ho underlined the fact that the bureau has actively promoted conservation efforts, however, while most old trees are managed by the bureau, many privately owned trees also require attention. Therefore, he urged the government to enhance communication with private owners to ensure their conservation duties are met.

Given Macau's susceptibility to typhoons and ongoing urban development, Ho expressed concern over the risks these factors pose to the old trees' environment, and asked about the bureau's plans to effectively promote old tree conservation through educational initiatives, exhibitions, and community engagement.

Ho also enquired about enhancing collaboration with other regions



Lawmaker Ho Ion Sang poses in an undated profile photo provided by his office yesterday.

and applying advanced technology to improve the monitoring and protection of old trees.

The bureau said in its reply that it has commenced cooperation with scientific research institutes in Guangdong Province to enhance its technical capability in the maintenance of old trees, as well as the prevention and control of pests and diseases, through regular exchanges with mainland experts.

The bureau has also set up a tree management system to record the condition of each old tree, formulate an inspection mechanism and maintenance

measures in light of the respective condition of its health, and actively utilise technological means to monitor its state of health.

The bureau underlined that it has been actively providing technical support to other government entities or private old tree owners, and also has sent letters to appeal to the owners to take precautionary measures before the typhoon and rainy seasons.

In addition, the bureau said it had continued to promote the conservation of old trees through various means, including its annual Green Week activities and community exhibitions. ■

Hennessy collaborates with Jean-Michel Othoniel

Rui Pastorin

French cognac brand Hennessy has recently unveiled its collaboration with artist Jean-Michel Othoniel on two X.O decanters.

A dinner event to celebrate the launch of the collaboration was held at The Londoner Macao in Cotai on Monday.

Othoniel, according to a recent Sands Resorts Macao and Hennessy statement, was born in Saint-Étienne, eastern-central France, and is known for his sculptures and hand-blown glass works, which Wikipedia notes is a glassforming technique that involves inflating molten glass into a bubble (or parison) using a blowpipe.

The collaborations are on the X.O Masterpiece and X.O Limited Edition's decanters. The former showcases the artists' fascination

with light and reflection, presenting a Baccarat crystal decanter "decorated with multi-facets" and encased in hand-carved oak wood. Meanwhile, the latter's design presents a decanter like a "ruby red gem encased in a golden metal structure, with intricate angles and facets which catch and reflect light".

Othoniel was quoted by the statement as saying: "Through this collaboration, we've created two distinct limited-edition carafes, each a testament to the power of reimagining familiar objects with new meaning and beauty".

Hennessy CEO Laurent Boillot was quoted as saying that working with the artist elevates the company's X.O collection, "infusing it with his masterful use of light, colour, and crystal." ■



This undated handout photo provided by Sands Resorts Macao and Hennessy X.O. shows French artist Jean-Michel Othoniel posing with the two recently launched Hennessy X.O decanters.

Another local nabbed for sexually harassing tourist

Yuki Lei

Another local man has been transferred to the Public Prosecutions Office (MP) for sexually harassing a female tourist from the mainland, Public Security Police (PSP) spokesman Lei Chan Hong announced during a regular press conference yesterday.

Lei quoted the victim as saying



Public Security Police (PSP) spokesman Lei Chan Hong looks on during yesterday's regular press conference at the Judiciary Police (PJ) headquarters in Zape. - Photo: Yuki Lei

that while she was on a public bus with a friend travelling from Rua do Campo (水坑尾街) en route to Taipa on Friday afternoon, a man touched her buttocks with his private parts on the crowded bus, adding that instead of shouting and stopping the man harassing her on the bus, she and her friend, both mainland students in their twenties, tricked him into giving them his phone number and then got off the bus at Praça de Ferreira do Amaral (亞馬喇前地) and called the police.

Thanks to the police forces' citywide CCTV surveillance system and the information provided by the victim, the Public Security Police identified, according to Lei, the suspect in his thirties surnamed Kuok and arrested him in Rua do Campo the same afternoon.

Under questioning, Lei noted, Kuok, who told the police that he's unemployed, admitted to committing the offence. ■

Application for family reunion uncovers sham marriage scam: police

Yuki Lei

The Public Security Police (PSP) have uncovered a sham marriage scam following an application by a mainland man for a family reunion with his parents in Macau, PSP spokesman Lei Chan Hou said during a regular press conference yesterday.

When examining the application for a Macau residence permit, the Public Security Police uncovered that a man in his sixties surnamed Nie had married a local woman surnamed Ha in a fake marriage in order to obtain a Macau ID card, according to Lei, who noted that a follow-up investigation showed that Nie, after divorcing his first wife surnamed Yu in the mainland in 2006, soon married Ha through the introduction of his sister who

is a Macau permanent resident, but they never lived together as husband and wife during the "marriage".

Lei added that Nie, who is now a permanent Macau resident, obtained his ID card in 2011 and divorced Ha in 2019 when he remarried Yu, who is currently a non-permanent Macau resident.

Under questioning, Nie and Ha admitted to committing the crime, while Yu and the sister denied it. Ha told the police that she had received 3,000 patacas from Nie's sister to help her brother from the mainland obtain a Macau ID card through a marriage of convenience.

All four suspects in their sixties have 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 to a police station in Nam Van.

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In addition, Dr Lo noted, in connection with the registration of the ambulances' medical personnel, his bureau has applied to the Hong Kong side for the limited registration of doctors of the Conde de São Januário Hospital Centre and to the mainland for the registration of short-term medical practitioners.

The Hong Kong government reaffirmed in mid-August the implementation of the door-to-door

transfer service between Macau and Hong Kong's hospitals, saying that it expected to launch the one-year pilot scheme within this year.

Meanwhile, a statement by the Health Bureau last night noted that the two governments jointly conducted a "smooth" Hong Kong-Macau cross-border ambulance patient transfer drill yesterday, in which a local ambulance departed from the Conde de São Januário Hospital Centre, entered Hong Kong via the Hong Kong-Zhuhai-

Macau Bridge (HZMB) and then drove to Hong Kong's Princess Margaret Hospital (PMH) before returning to Macau in the same way.

The statement underlined that the cross-border ambulance mechanism between the two SARs will be activated only when the hospitals dispatching and receiving cross-border ambulances have reached an agreement in advance, with the patients' medical needs, safety and interests as the primary considerations. ■

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24°C~30°C

Source: SMG

Sam interacts with Taipa residents, vows to enhance infrastructure for citizens

William Chan

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

Accompanied by Macau Federation of Trade Unions (MFTU

– Gung Luen) President Ho Sut Heng and other community leaders, Sam exchanged views with residents and shop owners in Taipa, and visited Taipa Central Park and Flower City Park.

Wrapping up yesterday morning's walkabout in Taipa, the 62-year-old former president of the Court of Final Appeal (TUI

observed that Taipa, with decades of development, boasts comprehensive urban planning, infrastructure, and facilities, including a skywalk and various parks, which could serve as references for future redevelopment in Macau's older areas.

He underlined that Taipa's average monthly household income

is around 82,000 patacas, surpassing the overall level in the Macau Special Administrative Region (MSAR), which stands at 58,000 patacas, indicating a concentration of middle-class residents in Taipa. Sam noted that with central Taipa's population steadily rising, standing at 90,000 right now, addressing transportation needs becomes increasingly critical, as highlighted by conversations with some elderly residents. He highlighted

that future initiatives should entail conducting comprehensive surveys of local residents' needs to improve transportation accessibility and enhance infrastructure for citizens and their quality of life.

He also noted that there are still many underutilised land resources within the urban areas like Taipa. If elected, he intends to seek residents' opinions and explore ways to effectively utilise these plots of land to meet their needs. ■



Sam Hou Fai (centre) poses with kindergarteners in Taipa Central Park during yesterday's walkabout on the island.

– Photo: William Chan

8 manga artists showcase works at Portuguese Bookshop

Rui Pastorin

The second Asian Manga Artists Exhibition is being held in the basement of the Portuguese Bookshop on Rua de São Domingos (板樟堂街), with the free-admission exhibition showcasing the recent works of eight artists from different parts of Asia through Friday.

The opening ceremony for the exhibition was held at the bookshop yesterday.

Marking its return since it was last held five years ago, this year's exhibition gathers the works of manga* artists from Hong Kong, Japan, Macau, Malaysia, Singapore, the Chinese mainland and Vietnam. It is organised by the Association of Promoting

Macau Comics and Animation Cultural Exchange, which promotes various types of comics in the city.

The association's chairman and curator Howard Chan (陳兆銘) said in a speech yesterday that his association was "really excited that we can do this and establish a platform to let different Asian manga artists come here [Macau]" to engage in cultural exchanges.

Moreover, Chan told reporters that what he wants to try and do is establish a cultural exchange platform and a point of exchange where local comic lovers and tourists can see works by different artists from Asia. He added: "I think they have fewer opportunities to see

comic works of other countries such as Vietnam or Singapore because we are mostly influenced by Hong Kong culture, so we may only see more Hong Kong comics".

He said that events like this exhibition are "seldomly held", noting: "This is the first opportunity, in recent years, that we can have a chance to see different [manga] artists' [from different countries] works in Macau".

Chan also remarked that he hopes the government will provide more support for this kind of cultural exchange platform or programme. Next year, Chan said, he hopes to attract artists from places outside of Asia such as Canada, Germany and the US, aiming to gather international manga artists.

One can visit the exhibition daily throughout its run from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.

More photos of the exhibition will be published on tomorrow's page four. ■

*The term manga is used in Japan to refer to both comics and cartooning. Outside of Japan, the word is typically used to refer to comics originally published in that country. – Source: Wikipedia



This photo taken yesterday shows some of the works displayed in the basement of the Portuguese Bookshop on Rua de São Domingos (板樟堂街) for the second Asia Manga Artists Exhibition.



Howard Chan (陳兆銘, third from left) poses with guests and artists during yesterday's ribbon-cutting ceremony at the Portuguese Bookshop.

– Photos: Rui Pastorin

SJM's Macao Open Golf Tournament kicks off today

Ginnie Liang

SJM Resorts announced yesterday that this year's Macao Open golf tournament will be held at the Macau Golf and Country Club from today to Sunday, featuring world no. 46 Min Woo Lee and several top international players.

A press conference was held yesterday at the Macau Golf and Country Club, with the attendance of Sports Bureau (ID) President Luis Gomes, SJM Managing Director Daisy Ho Chiu Fung and representatives from the golf sector as well as this week's key players.

Defending champion Min Woo Lee expressed his excitement: "I'm very happy to return to a course where I play well. I'm excited for the week." He acknowledged the tough competition ahead: "I've got some good players next to me. Hopefully, it will be a good week."

Local golfer Ngai Si, familiar with the Macau course, shared his goals: "I'll do my best to qualify. The windy weather will be a challenge." He noted that his experience helps with pressure: "I've played many tournaments, so I don't feel pressured anymore."

While John Catlin, the current leader of the Asian Tour Order of Merit, who had already secured a win at the Macau Golf & Country Club in March, expressed his eagerness: "It's nice to return to a course where I've had success. I'm looking forward to the challenge, especially with the changes since Min Woo Lee last played. There are many great players, so I hope we all have a chance on Sunday."

World no. 23 and 2023 Open Champion Brian Harman, making



Local golfer Ngai Si poses on the sidelines of yesterday's press conference at the Macau Golf and Country Club.

his Asian debut, expressed his enthusiasm about competing in Macau: "I'm super excited to be here. It's nice to showcase my talents globally."

Two-time Macao Open winner Scott Hend aims for a historic third title but acknowledged his current challenges: "It's great to return, but my game and health aren't at 100 percent. I'll do my best and see if I get lucky."

Thai star Phachara Khongwatmai, who finished third last year, shared his fondness for Macau: "Macau is my favourite place. I'm always happy here and hope to be at the top of the leaderboard this year."

Top Greater Bay Area talent Ye Wocheng, who trains in Shenzhen, feels at home: "The grass in Macau is similar to Shenzhen's, making it smooth for me to play."

Members of the public can watch the tournament live for free, with registration for up to 10 tickets available at www.sjmmacaooopen.com. ■



This photo taken yesterday shows two players in the tournament practising.

– Photos by Maria Cheang Ut Meng



Yamanaka Tetsuya (right) and his business partner Tony Ho pose in front of Tiffany Lifestyle in Zape recently. – Photos provided by Yamanaka



This undated photo shows Yamanaka Tetsuya pose next to Gachapon machines.

'GACHAPON & SUPER CONVENIENCE STORE' OPENS IN ZAPE

Interview by William Chan

Tiffany Lifestyle, a Japanese themed “gachapon and super convenience store”* in Zape, officially opened on September 28, its operation manager Yamanaka Tetsuya told the *Post* recently in an exclusive interview in the store.

Tiffany Lifestyle is located opposite the campus of Macao Polytechnic University (MPU).

Yamanaka, an ethnic Japanese who grew up in Macau, works for China Star Entertainment Group which opened Tiffany Lifestyle. He described himself as a Japanese anime enthusiast, with the goal of introducing anime and gachapon attractions to Macau for the public’s enjoyment.

Describing the store as an entertainment hub, Yamanaka mentioned that it offers various amusement facilities such as claw machines for toys, capsule toy dispensers, a beverage kiosk, a beer booth, and a convenience store selling Japanese food and items to cater to customers of all ages. Additionally, the venue provides sticker photo booths and costume services, as well as a resting space aiming to make customers stay longer.

Yamanaka and his team have incorporated a variety of elements into Tiffany Lifestyle with the aim of attracting families and teenage groups to spend their time there. They observed that such large, multi-purpose stores are scarce in Macau. “Here, we provide numerous facilities to encourage visitors to linger and engage actively rather than just to passively window shop. We believe that offering interactive experiences is crucial for a successful business model in today’s market,” remarked Yamanaka.

Yamanaka underlined that Zape boasts several tourist attractions like the Grand Prix Museum and Golden Lotus Square, in addition to being situated across from a university. However, the area has long lacked an entertainment venue. “Adjacent to Tiffany Lifestyle, our company also operates a dim sum restaurant and a café offering fusion cuisine to cater to varying preferences of visitors, including families, enabling people of different ages to spend their time diversely,” he said.

On the second floor, the store features live streaming e-commerce where Macau souvenirs are sold. “Streaming e-commerce is a novel concept in Macau, although it’s already quite popular in

the mainland. Upon placing an order, we ensure immediate delivery, even for items as simple as a box of dried pork. This way, those interested can purchase and try our products without physically visiting Macau. We extend the same service for selected Japanese goods as well,” he noted.

Yamanaka emphasised the importance of a physical store offering a distinctive experience that online stores cannot replicate, aiming to establish a comfortable shopping environment akin to an attraction site. “Certainly, pricing is also crucial. We frequently source cost-effective products from Japan and incorporate popular items identified through market research to enhance our competitiveness and strive for affordability,” Yamanaka said.

**Gachapon is a type of vending machine that dispenses capsule toys, popular in Japan and other parts of Asia. The term combines “gacha,” which is the sound of the machine’s mechanism, and “pon,” which indicates the sound of the capsule dropping.*

A “super convenience store” refers to a retail establishment that combines elements of a convenience store with a wider range of products and services than normal for such a business.

–Source: Poe



Macau logs almost 1 million visitors during 7-day National Day holiday: MGTO

Tony Wong

The Macau Government Tourism Office (MGTO) announced in a statement yesterday evening that Macau recorded nearly one million visitor arrivals during the seven-day National Day Golden Week holiday from Tuesday last week through Monday, representing a daily average of about 141,000, hitting the previous average daily record

in the National Day Golden Week holiday in pre-pandemic 2019.

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

Yesterday's statement said that according to MGTO provisional data, Macau recorded a total of 993,117 visitor arrivals during this year's seven-day National Day Golden Week holiday, comprising

826,181 from the mainland, 117,009 from Hong Kong, 10,987 from China's Taiwan region, and 38,940 foreign visitors.

Therefore, foreign visitors only accounted for 3.9 percent of the total visitor arrivals during the period.

According to the latest official statistics, foreign visitors made up 6.4 percent of Macau's total visitor arrivals during the first eight months of this year.

Consequently, Macau recorded a daily average of 141,874 visitor arrivals during the 2024 National Day Golden Week holiday, an increase of 22.9 percent from last year's one, the statement said.



This handout photo released by the Macau Government Tourism Office (MGTO) yesterday shows tourists crowding in Travessa da Sé, an alley leading up to the city's Catholic Cathedral, during the National Day Golden Week holiday.

Both average & single-day visitor numbers hit record

Macau has now recorded the highest average daily number of visitor arrivals for the National Day Golden Week holiday because the 141,874 was 1.9 percent higher than the previous record in 2019.

Moreover, the statement said, Macau recorded around 166,000 and 174,000 visitor arrivals on Wednesday and Thursday last week,

i.e., the second and third days of the National Day Golden Week holiday, both surpassing the previous single-day record of 162,000 on October 5, 2019, meaning that Macau has now also recorded the highest single-day number of visitor arrivals for the

National Day Golden Week holiday. 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. ■

Macau logs 2 imported dengue cases in one day, 7 cases so far this year

Tony Wong

Macau recorded two imported cases of dengue fever yesterday, raising the number of this year's cases so far to seven, the Health Bureau (SSM) announced in a statement last night.

Macau reported seven imported cases of dengue fever last year.

According to the statement, this year's sixth dengue fever patient is a mainlander who works in Macau and lives in Zhuhai.

The workplace of the 36-year-old male non-resident worker is located near Rua de Coelho do Amaral (連勝街), the main street running from Luís de Camões Garden to the private Kiang Wu Hospital.

The statement said that the man returned to Shunde District of Foshan City to visit his family between September 22 and 29. He came down with a fever and diarrhoea on Sunday, after which he sought treatment in Zhuhai on Monday, before seeking treatment at Kiang Wu Hospital yesterday when he was diagnosed with Grade II dengue fever by the Health Bureau's Public Health Laboratory.

Last night's statement said that both were in a stable condition. However, the statement failed to mention whether they have been hospitalised.

The statement underlined that the Macau Health Bureau has classified the two men's cases as imported cases of dengue fever after considering their travel history and the time of the onset of their symptoms, as well as its laboratory test results. ■



Poster in Chinese released by the Health Bureau (SSM) in August about mosquito life cycle.

According to the statement, the man visited Malaysia with his family members between September 22 and 29. He came down with a fever and diarrhoea on Sunday, after which he sought treatment in Zhuhai on Monday, before seeking treatment at Kiang Wu Hospital yesterday when he was diagnosed with Grade II dengue fever by the Health Bureau's Public Health Laboratory.

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October 7 Memorial ceremony held in Hong Kong Statement by Consulate General of Israel in Hong Kong



On Monday evening, the Consulate General of Israel in Hong Kong marked the one year since the October 7 attack by Hamas terrorists to commemorate the 1,200 Israeli men, women, and children brutally murdered.

This symbolic and important memorial ceremony in Hong Kong was attended by over 300 guests including diplomats, members of the Israeli and Jewish community, and friends from the Christian and business communities in Hong Kong.

During the ceremony, Consul General of Israel Amir Lati said there are still 101 captives in the brutal Gaza tunnels of Hamas under the most inhumane conditions. A war was instigated upon Israel and Israel is fighting against a ruthless foe that continually declared that they would repeat the October 7 attack again and again and wipe the State of Israel off the map. The only viable

solution in the Middle East is peace and co-existence between moderate parties.

Live zoom testimonies from Israel were shared by a representative of hostage families to raise the awareness of the hostages in Gaza and about her personal story of a family member being captive in Gaza and released during the hostage deal last November.

A short clip from a documentary film was shown to pay tribute to a 22-year-old Israeli woman, a news reporter who was fleeing the NOVA music festival and in the end murdered. While hiding in the roadside bomb shelter, she recorded with her cell phone minute by minute the moments of horror that took place in the shadow of death for three hours until her battery ran out, until she took her last breath.

May the memory of the victims be a blessing.

STOCK MARKETS

Hang Seng Index closes 9.41 pct lower

HONG KONG – Hong Kong's stock market cratered yesterday with the benchmark Hang Seng Index down 9.41 percent to close at 20,926.79 points. The Hang Seng China

Enterprises Index slid 10.17 percent to end at 7,483.67 points, while the Hang Seng Tech Index plunged 12.82 percent to 4,695.81 points.

– Xinhua