

# Song calls for setting up Macau-Hengqin collective court

Yuki Lei

The opening ceremony of the new judicial year 2024/2025 was held yesterday at the Macau Cultural Centre in Nape, during which Song Man Lei delivered a speech for the first time in her current capacity as acting president of the Court of Final Appeal (TUI), revealing the local courts' plans for their future work, including the implementation of a pilot scheme for the appointment of non-permanent judges from Macau to the People's Court of the Guangdong-Macau In-depth Cooperation Zone in Hengqin, with the aim of setting up a "collective court" together with mainland judges to rule on civil and commercial cases involving Macau.

"Next, we also plan to launch a pilot scheme to appoint Macau judges as non-permanent judges to the People's Court of the Guangdong-Macau In-depth Cooperation Zone in Hengqin, jointly setting up a collective court with mainland judges to rule on Macau-related civil and commercial cases," Song said in her speech delivered in Chinese and simultaneously translated into Portuguese.

Song added that the number of requests for judicial assistance between Macau and the mainland, as well as the number of cases in which the parties concerned seek



Song Man Lei, acting president of the Court of Final Appeal (TUI), delivers a speech during yesterday's opening ceremony of the new judicial year 2024/2025 at the Macau Cultural Centre in Nape. — Photo: GCS

judgments in the mainland has significantly increased. In the past judicial year, according to Song, the Court of Final Appeal received 345 letters rogatory from mainland courts and 127 letters rogatory transferred from Macau to the mainland, a significant increase of 43 percent as compared with the

previous judicial year.

Song, who has been the acting president of Macau's top court since its then president Sam Hou Fai's resignation in August so that he could run in the chief executive election, also said that the number of cases in which the parties requested mainland judgments increased by

13 cases compared with that of the previous judicial year, a steep surge of 42 percent, mainly involving the fulfilment of pecuniary liabilities and divorce judgments.

Sam was elected Macau's future chief executive with 98.99 percent of the votes cast by the Chief Executive Election Committee on



Sunday. Sam is slated to be sworn in on December 20, when he will become Macau's sixth-term and fourth chief executive.

Speaking for the first time at the opening ceremony of the judicial year, Song summarised the operation of Macau's three-tier court system – "the Court of First Instance, the Court of Second Instance and the Court of Final Appeal" – over the past judicial year with the trend of a continuous increase in the number of cases received by the Court of First Instance and the Court of Second Instance, with a total of 19,239 cases reported to all the three courts, an increase of 1,858 cases compared to the previous year.

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## Israel military confirms killing of Hamas chief Sinwar

JERUSALEM – The Israeli military yesterday announced the killing of Hamas leader Yahya Sinwar by its forces in southern Gaza the previous day.

The Israeli military "confirms that after a year-long pursuit, yesterday [Wednesday], October 16, 2024, IDF [Israel Defence Forces] soldiers from the Southern Command eliminated Yahya Sinwar, the leader of the Hamas terrorist organisation, in an operation in the southern Gaza Strip," it said in a statement.

"The dozens of operations carried

out by the IDF and the ISA [Shin Bet internal security agency] over the last year, and in recent weeks in the area where he was eliminated, restricted Yahya Sinwar's operational movement as he was pursued by the forces and led to his elimination," the IDF added.

"IDF soldiers of the 828<sup>th</sup> Brigade (Bislach) operating in the area identified and eliminated three terrorists. After completing the process of identifying the body, it can be confirmed that Yahya Sinwar was eliminated".

Israel accuses Sinwar, 61, of being the mastermind of the October 7, 2023 attack on Israel that triggered the ongoing war, along with Hamas's military chief Mohammed Deif.

The Israeli military has said Deif was killed in a strike earlier this year though the Palestinian group has not confirmed it.

Sinwar in August replaced Hamas's former chief Ismail Haniyeh, who was killed in Iran on July 31. Israel has not commented on Haniyeh's death. (More on p. 10)

— AFP



Head of the political wing of the Palestinian Hamas movement in the Gaza Strip Yahya Sinwar attends a rally in support of Jerusalem's al-Aqsa Mosque, in Gaza City on October 1, 2022. — AFP

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### Scholz opposes tariff conflicts with China

German Chancellor Olaf Scholz yesterday expressed his opposition to tariff conflicts while delivering a statement to the press in Brussels.

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### Russian MPs back ban on 'propaganda' of childless lifestyles

Russian MPs yesterday approved the first reading of draft legislation banning the "propaganda" of childless lifestyles, the latest measure targeting what Moscow depicts as Western liberal ideas.

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### Trial about Brazilian mining disaster to open in London

A long-awaited trial about whether Australian miner BHP is liable for one of Brazil's worst environmental disasters will open in London next Monday, potentially triggering compensation totalling billions of US dollars.

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# Couple caught red-handed reselling Mark Six tickets: police



This undated handout photo provided by the Public Security Police (PSP) yesterday shows evidence seized from the two local Mark Six resale suspects.

Yuki Lei

A local couple was caught red-handed reselling Mark Six lottery tickets in the northern district, Public Security Police spokeswoman Cheong Im Sim said during a regular press conference yesterday.

During a search of the duo's grocery shop on Avenida da Longevidade (長壽大馬路) on Sunday, the Public Security Police seized 58 Mark Six lottery tickets and 1,960 patacas believed to be proceeds from reselling the tickets.

Cheong identified the two suspects as local residents, both surnamed Cheang, aged 57 and 59 respectively. Both started their "business" of reselling lottery tickets in February this year.

Under questioning, the female victim admitted to the crime, saying that she had been buying Mark Six

lottery tickets from an unknown mainland man since February and reselling the tickets with a surcharge ranging between five and nine patacas each, according to Cheong, who added that the suspect told the police that she could not remember the actual number of tickets she had purchased and how much she had made from the resale. The male suspect was arrested for having been aware of the Mark Six ticket "business" by his wife.

The duo has been transferred by the Public Prosecutions Office (MP) for further investigation.

Macau's new gambling control act was voted on and passed in the Legislative Assembly on Wednesday, in which suspects of illegally operating or reselling Hong Kong's Mark Six Lottery tickets in Macau face a jail term of up to two years. ■

# Police bust 3 street deception cases, suspect nabbed after 7 years on run

Yuki Lei

The Judiciary Police (PJ) have uncovered three street deception cases involving the use of so-called high-tech electronic components to defraud passers-by, resulting in the arrest of three mainland men, including a fugitive who cheated a female senior citizen out of HK\$55,000 in 2017.

PJ spokesman Cheong Kim Fong announced yesterday the arrest of the three suspects – a 60-year-old surnamed Zeng; a 58-year-old surnamed Wei; and a 58-year-old surnamed Zu. According to Cheong, Zeng had persuaded a local senior citizen to watch some goods for him in Avenida da Praia Grande (南灣大馬路) in 2017 by offering her a few hundred patacas as "commission", during which his accomplices played the role of passers-by who were willing to acquire the so-called high-tech electronic components at a high price, tricking the victim into buying the items for HK\$55,000 from Zeng. Cheong added that another mainland man was then arrested in connection with the case, while Zeng vanished that time.

It was not until Tuesday that Zeng re-entered Macau and, together with Wei and Zhu,



The three hooded mainland men suspected of organised crime and fraud are escorted by Judiciary Police (PJ) officers from the PJ headquarters to a police vehicle in Zape yesterday. – Photo: MPDG

attempted to cheat, separately, two more female senior citizens out of HK\$160,000 in the Fai Chi Kei neighbourhood using the same modus operandi, according to Cheong, who noted that the two victims did not suffer any financial loss as one of them did not have enough money with her when she was persuaded by the suspects to acquire 800 high-tech electronic components, while the other grew suspicious of their approach.

The Judiciary Police arrested,

according to Cheong, the trio separately at a hotel guestroom in the city centre and at the Barrier Gate checkpoint on Wednesday morning. Under questioning, Zu and Wei admitted to committing the offences, while Zeng refused to cooperate with the police.

The three suspects were transferred to the Public Prosecutions Office (MP) yesterday, facing charges of organised crime and fraud involving a large sum of money. ■

# Health Bureau logs 14<sup>th</sup> imported dengue fever case

Ginnie Liang

The Health Bureau (SSM) announced yesterday that one more dengue fever case has been reported, involving a 31-year-old female non-resident worker (NRW) from the Philippines, making her the 14<sup>th</sup> imported dengue cases in Macau this year.

The statement said that the patient lives in Seng Kon Building (勝光大廈) on Rua de Tomé Pires (道咩卑利士街) and works near Estrada do Visconde de S. Januario (若憲馬路).

According to an SSM statement, the female patient, who stayed in the Philippines from September 28 to October 5, came back to Macau last Thursday and developed a fever, headache and muscle pain the same day and went to a medical institution for treatment later that day.

The statement did not elaborate on the medical facility she visited.

On Monday, the patient developed a red rash on her forearms and legs, and on Wednesday, she sought treatment at the public Conde de São Januário Hospital Centre where she was diagnosed with dengue virus type 1.

The statement noted that the patient, who was in stable condition yesterday, had not visited any local parks, adding that after the onset of the disease, she mainly stayed indoors.

None of the household members and colleagues living and working with her, the bureau



Poster courtesy of World Health Organisation (WHO)

noted yesterday, had become ill.

The bureau said that SSM officials would carry out preventive anti-mosquito measures in the vicinity of the patient's residence, workplace, and her main areas of activity in Macau.

Macau reported seven imported cases of dengue fever last year.

To prevent dengue fever, members of the public should cooperate and implement mosquito control measures together, such as using screens, mosquito nets, or air conditioning at home to reduce

the chances of mosquito bites, the statement said.

Maintain environmental hygiene by removing standing water around work and home areas to eliminate potential breeding sites for mosquitoes, the statement said.

When travelling to areas where dengue fever is prevalent, it is advisable to wear light-coloured long sleeves and trousers, stay in accommodation with air conditioning or mosquito protection, and use repellents when outdoors to prevent bites. ■

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## MPU scholar among 'World's Top 2% Scientists' for 4<sup>th</sup> year



This undated handout photo provided by the Macao Polytechnic University (MPU) shows Faculty of Languages and Translation (FLT) Associate Professor Mark Teng Feng posing.

Rui Pastorin

Macao Polytechnic University (MPU) Faculty of Languages and Translation (FLT) Associate Professor Mark Teng Feng was again listed in the "World's Top 2% Scientists" annual impact rankings, marking his fourth consecutive year on the list for his field, according to a statement yesterday from the public university.

The list, the rankings website noted, is compiled by Stanford University and Elsevier, showing which scientists have had the "biggest impacts on their field", while adding their works are "really important and helpful to other scientists"

The MPU statement added that the rankings use six composite indicators such as total paper citations and individual h-index\* and covers 22 fields and 174 subfields.

Teng ranks fourth among 35 scholars from Chinese higher education institutions including Hong Kong, Macau, and Taiwan in the "Language and Linguistics Field", according to the statement. Being the only scholar from Macau to be listed in this field, the statement said that Teng sits at 79<sup>th</sup> among 21,383 scholars worldwide, the statement said. ■

\*The h-index is calculated by counting the number of publications for which an author has been cited by other authors at least that same number of times. — Source: libanswers

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Song said that an additional Civil Court would be set up to further speed up the hearing of such cases with the aim of reducing the workload of the existing courts and shortening the time for the cases to go to trial so as to ensure timely protection of public interest. With regard to improving the quality of adjudication, realising the efficient operation of litigation proceedings and relieving the pressure on judicial adjudication, Song said: "We will study the mechanism of assistants to the judges of the Court of Final Appeal and the Court of Second Instance," while also further enhancing the training and management of judges and law clerks through a review and revision of the judicial promotion and training system as well as the additional remuneration system.

In addition to pledging to adhere to the principles of impartiality, efficiency and transparency, Song also said that "we will continue to promote the development and innovation of the courts", revealing the judiciary's plan to roll out electronic communications between the courts and other public entities in the first quarter of next year, as well as electronic notification and certification services for the courts.

Song also vowed to continue the "persistent" promotion of using the Chinese language in the courts and for their judgements. She said the aim was to "demystify" the work of the judiciary vis-à-vis Macau's "common citizens" who are predominantly Chinese.

### Chief prosecutor puts forward 3 tasks

Meanwhile, Prosecutor-General Ip Son Sang said in his speech during yesterday's ceremony that "the Macau Special Administrative Region (MSAR) is about to enter a new process of historical development," putting forward three tasks to be carried out in accordance with the Public Prosecutions Office's plans, namely the establishment of a professional team of prosecutors who are patriotic and love Macau; the modernisation of the local legal system; and increasing the implementation of modern technology in the field of justice and the promotion of further progress in the electronic litigation process.

Ip said: "We must accelerate our efforts to adapt to the positioning and requirements of Macau in the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macau Greater Bay Area (GBA) and Hengqin's in-depth cooperation zone," adding that the Public Prosecutions Office (MP) will strengthen liaison with the executive and legislative organs to take forward the legal progress of the arrangement for judicial assistance in criminal matters between Macau and the mainland while, at the same time, taking as reference the scrippless litigation mode of operation of the mainland prosecution departments to activate, in a timely manner, the relevant studies and legislative amendments, so as to make corresponding adjustments to the existing judicial litigation system for the promotion of judicial electronic applications in Macau.

### Ho says judicial capacity 'must' be enhanced

Also addressing the opening ceremony, Chief Executive Ho Iat Seng said that it was a "must" for Macau to enhance its judicial capacity, improve its multi-tiered dispute resolution mechanism and optimise the business environment under the rule of law, providing "stronger" judicial protection for the development of the economy and society.

He also said: "During the current term of the government, we have continued to deepen judicial reform, improve the legal system, enhance the credibility of the law, and listen to the aspirations and voices of every member of the public for fairness and justice," adding that the government also made great efforts to move forward the judicial work by promoting judicial innovation and information technology and applying new technologies and means to enhance the effectiveness of the judiciary.

### Vong: 444 lawyers, 170 trainees

Meanwhile, according to Vong Hin Fai, president of the Macau Lawyers Association (AAM), the number of lawyers registered in the association stands at 444, while the total number of trainee lawyers amounts to 170, of which 84 lawyers are currently working as private notaries and 16 lawyers working as notaries certified by the mainland authorities.

Vong said during the ceremony that the number of local lawyers who have formally registered as GBA lawyers has reached 82 and are practising in the nine mainland cities of the Greater Bay Area. ■

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## Whisky Live Macau 2024 ends

Rui Pastorin

Whisky Live Macau 2024 was held from October 11 to 13 at Grand Lisboa Palace (GLP) in Cotai, with the three-day event having attracted over 1,000 local and international attendees to sample offerings from over 40 exhibitors, SJM Resorts said in a statement yesterday.

The event marked its Macau debut and was organised by the integrated resort operator in conjunction with *Whisky Magazine*.

The statement quoted *Whisky Magazine* HK & Macau Edition Executive Director Eddie Chui as saying in his speech at the event's welcome dinner that the event "showcased whiskies from different countries and regions, allowing visitors to appreciate their unique qualities. Attendees also had the opportunity to participate in a variety of activities, including masterclasses, pairing dinners, special cocktails, and live musical performances. The success of this event marks a significant milestone for Macau in the global whisky industry".

SJM Managing Director Daisy Ho Chiu Fung was quoted as saying: "With this new collaboration with *Whisky Magazine*, we hope to open up a new world of refined tastes into the realm of whisky. We aim to continue attracting a wider audience to Macau through



This undated handout photo provided by SJM Resorts yesterday shows guests having a gander at some of the drinks showcased during the recently held Whisky Live Macau 2024.

gastronomy and contribute to our city's reputation as a 'World Centre of Tourism and Leisure.'"

The statement said that the event featured over 300 curated whiskies for guests to explore, a Cocktail Garden set at Jardim Secreto ("Secret Garden"), and 14 fully booked masterclasses led by whisky experts from around the world, among other highlights.

The statement added that a whisky dinner experience is available until November 17 at Palace Garden and Mesa by José Avillez, and one can call 8881 1800 for more information.

## GEG holds 3<sup>rd</sup> module of 'Behind the Scenes of Star Cuisine' Workshop

Rui Pastorin

Galaxy Entertainment Group (GEG) said in a statement that it has recently held its third and final module of its "Behind the Scenes of Star Cuisine" Workshop Series, which was on the topic of food safety in the supply chain.

Focused on supply chain management, the third module was hosted at the Galaxy International Convention Centre (GICC) in Cotai. Food ingredient procurement and quality maintenance were among the topics discussed, according to the statement.

The integrated resort (IR) operator noted that the event was attended by Macau Government Tourism Office (MGTO) Training and Quality Management Department Chief Doris Leong (梁美彩) and her team, along with the Municipal Affairs Bureau's (IAM) Department of Food Safety team.

The statement pointed out that GEG Vice President of Procurement William Lau introduced GEG's criteria for quality monitoring and supplier assessment for food procurement, while GEG Vice President of Warehousing Ernest The discussed the stringent logistics management and monitoring processes implemented during food delivery and storage, as well as how these measures were designed to ensure that all ingredients used within GEG's properties comply with international health and safety standards, protect the well-being of guests and staff, and emphasise the company's commitment to upholding food safety from the source.

Nam Kwong Kok Fong Distribution and Transportation Limited Deputy General Manager Xiong Qian also presented the company's food safety framework and business model, as well as its partnership with GEG and other IRs.

Moreover, held after the positive feedback in the second module, a guided tour of the Central Production Kitchen, a leading facility among Asia's integrated resorts, for around 30 representatives from Guangdong Province's F&B industry was also held. The delegation was arranged by the Municipal Affairs Bureau and Guangdong Administration for Market Regulation.

During the visit, the delegation also participated in discussions on food safety management and operational efficiency, the statement added.

The entire workshop series had over 600 representatives from the local tourism and F&B sectors, small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs), and members from GEG's suppliers and various relevant departments, receiving positive feedback from the local related industries, the statement said.



This undated handout photo recently provided by Galaxy Entertainment Group (GEG) shows its Vice President of Procurement William Lau introducing the company's criteria for quality monitoring and supplier assessment for food procurement.

## Sands Resort Macao wins 'Best Integrated Resort (Asia Pacific)' award

Rui Pastorin

Sands Resort Macao was recently named "Best Integrated Resort (Asia Pacific)" during the Travel Weekly Asia Readers' Choice Awards 2024 in



This undated handout photo provided by Sands Resorts Macao earlier this week shows Sands China Vice President of Sales Stephanie Tanpure accepting the award on behalf of the integrated resort (IR) operator.

Singapore, according to a statement from the company on Wednesday.

The awards, the statement noted, recognise international travel operators that have showcased "commitment to service, innovation and excellence", with winners voted by travel professionals and *Travel Weekly Asia's* readers.

The statement quoted Sands China Ltd. Vice President of Sales Stephanie Tanpure as saying: "We are honoured to be recognised once again by *Travel Weekly Asia*. This award highlights not only the dedication and professionalism of our team members, but also our commitment to offering guests unmatched luxury, entertainment and relaxation. We look forward to continuing to exceed guests' expectations and create lasting memories, while also raising Macau's profile as a World Centre of Tourism and Leisure."

The award-winning Sands Resorts Macao is an integrated resort city and international hub that provides an "industry-leading array of experiences for business and leisure travellers", the statement said, and comprises three interconnected resorts The Venetian Macao, The Parisian Macao and The Londoner Macao, all of which are in Cotai.

## Grand Coloane Resort unveils 'The Taste of Tradition'

Rui Pastorin

Grand Coloane Resort's Café Panorama is set to host for one night "The Taste of Tradition" Indian Flavours Buffet tomorrow, the hotel operator said in a statement earlier this week.

The buffet will feature Indian delicacies and entertainment "rich in Indian Culture", according to the statement, with food to be prepared by the resort's Chef Nathi Singh, a master of authentic Indian cuisine with years of experience perfecting Indian dishes.

A raft of Indian and Western appetisers will be on offer from spicy chicken salad to samosa and prawn koliwada, along with other hot appetisers and soups, the statement said. A panipuri station, meanwhile, enables one to make their own "snack masterpiece with creative fillings".

The statement added that the buffet showcases the best from North and South India, with butter chicken,

lamb rogan josh, and paneer butter masala from Northern India, and Tamarind fish curry, Goan style chicken xacuti, and squid curry from southern India, the statement noted.

Delicacies like the herb-marinated mini sirloin steak, Portuguese-style pork belly, turmeric and chilli grouper fillet, and garlic-infused oysters and scallops will also be on offer at the outdoor grill, according to the statement. Singh will also prepare desserts such as saffron rice kheer, fried gulab jamun, and the carrot and ghee cake, alongside some favourite Western desserts.

Moreover, kingfisher beer, mango lassi and Masala Chai will be on offer, while the night will see energetic Indian music and mesmerising Indian dances.

The buffet is priced at 388 patacas per adult and 188 patacas per child. Bookings can be made on 8899 1021.



This undated handout photo provided by Grand Coloane Resort earlier this week shows some of the dishes to be showcased at "The Taste of Tradition" tomorrow.

# China-PSCs Cultural Week to kicks off yesterday

Ginnie Liang

The four-day 16<sup>th</sup> edition of the Cultural Week of China and Portuguese-speaking Countries (PSCs) kicked off yesterday at the Macau Fisherman's Wharf, retaining some of the most popular attractions of the previous editions, Forum Macao's Permanent Secretariat Secretary General Ji Xianzheng said yesterday.

The Forum for Economic and Trade Cooperation between China and Portuguese-speaking Countries (Macau) is also known as Forum Macao.

Ji made the remarks during the opening ceremony held at the Macau Fisherman's Wharf yesterday, adding that the overall scale of the events will not change much.

Forum Macao, in collaboration with Beijing-based National Radio and Television Administration (NRTA), and with the participation of Guangdong Radio and Television (GRT) and Macau's public broadcaster TDM, will organise offline screenings of China-



An artist draws at a booth at the 16<sup>th</sup> edition of the Cultural Week of China and Portuguese-speaking Countries (PSCs) at the Macau Fisherman's Wharf yesterday.

Portuguese-language speaking countries' audiovisual productions today in the Macau University of Science and Technology (MUST), where the pieces will be translated and broadcast by the two sides, with the aim of strengthening exchanges and cooperation in the field of

audiovisual production, according to a statement released during yesterday's opening ceremony.

The event comprises music and dance performances, culinary workshops, handicraft shops, booth games, and an art exhibition, focusing on the promotion of the



More than 150 people attend yesterday's opening ceremony at the Macau Fisherman's Wharf.

- Photos: Ginnie Liang

PSCs' different cultures.

The event will present a series of activities bringing together cultural and artistic teams from China and nine Portuguese-speaking countries, namely, Angola, Brazil, Cabo Verde (Cape Verde), Guinea-Bissau, Equatorial Guinea, Mozambique,

Portugal, São Tomé and Príncipe, and Timor-Leste (East Timor), in Macau.

In addition, a short video competition will also be held for tertiary and secondary school students in Macau to encourage them to showcase and record the best of Chinese and PSCs' arts and culture. ■

## GBA Cultural Heritage Forum guided tours, family workshop applications open now

Rui Pastorin

The Cultural Affairs Bureau (IC) said in a statement yesterday that applications for its guided tours to revitalised historic buildings and family workshops, both of which are among the activities of the "Greater Bay Area Cultural Heritage Forum", opens to members of the public today.

The around two-hour guided tours include sailing and walking tours, and are presented in Cantonese, Putonghua, Portuguese and English by professional

docents, according to the statement.

A statement on the event website noted that the two tours aim to enhance members of the public's understanding of the revitalisation of Macau's historic buildings.

Meanwhile, the family workshops, themed "revitalised historic buildings in Macau", aim to encourage children to learn and become more interested in Macau's historic buildings through doing jigsaw puzzles

with their parents, the statement added.

Both activities, the statement said, are slated for next month, and registration can be made via [www.culturalheritage.mo/gbahforum/2024](http://www.culturalheritage.mo/gbahforum/2024) or [activity.mo.gov.mo/activity-h5](http://activity.mo.gov.mo/activity-h5). A lucky draw will be held for workshop participants, while the guided tours are open for reservations for groups of 10 or more people.

The statement added that the forum, which focuses on "the integration and sharing of cultural heritage in the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area", will be held from October 31 to November 1 at the Macau Cultural Centre's (CCM) Small Auditorium. It is set to have representatives from the Greater Bay Area (GBA), as well as cultural heritage experts from Macau and abroad.

"Connections and value of cultural heritage in the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area" and "Preservation and utilisation of revolutionary cultural relics resources" are among the forum's six topics, according to the event website.

More information and registration for the forum can be found on [www.culturalheritage.mo/gbahforum/2024](http://www.culturalheritage.mo/gbahforum/2024) or on one's Macao One Account. ■



This undated handout photo provided by the Cultural Affairs Bureau (IC) yesterday shows a group of members of the public joining a guided tour.

## Police seize cocaine worth 15,000 patacas from Tanzanian trio

Ginnie Liang

The Judiciary Police (PJ) have arrested three Tanzanians for drug trafficking and have seized 4.52 grams of cocaine from them, with an estimated street value of 15,000 patacas, a PJ spokesperson said at a regular press conference yesterday.

According to the spokesperson, the three suspects are a 34-year-old man surnamed Sanga, a 42-year-old man surnamed Kituta and a 27-year-old woman surnamed Kabongo, who arrived in Macau in August. The trio tested negative for drugs when they were arrested on Tuesday. The trio told the police that they are jobless.

The spokesperson said that PJ officers identified the trio and intercepted them in a street in the city centre, after which they searched their rented flat there.

Upon searching the trio's flat, police officers seized a total of 4.52 grams of cocaine.

The trio claimed that they had followed instructions by "someone" to sell drugs across various locations in Macau, including nightclubs, and hid the cocaine in discreet spots for buyers to collect later.

The trio refused to reveal the source of the drugs, any details of their drug-trafficking activities and how much they earned, the spokesperson said.

The Judiciary Police are continuing their investigation in an attempt to trace the origin of the drugs and identify other possible suspects.

The threesome was transferred to the Public Prosecutions Office (MP) yesterday, facing a drug-trafficking charge, according to the spokesperson. ■



Cocaine, cash, smartphones and other pieces of evidence seized by the police are displayed in a pressroom of the PJ headquarters yesterday.

- Photo: PJ

## STOCK MARKETS

### Hang Seng Index closes 1.02 pct lower

HONG KONG - Hong Kong's stock market ended lower yesterday with the benchmark Hang Seng Index down 1.02 percent to close at 20,079.10 points. The Hang Seng China Enterprises Index fell 1.22 percent to end at 7,179.44 points, and the Hang Seng Tech Index dropped 1.19 percent to end at 4,349.77 points. - Xinhua