



LRT Seac Pai Van Line to open Friday

Yuki Lei

Macao Light Rapid Transit Corporation Limited (MLM) announced yesterday that its Seac Pai Van Line will officially come into operation on Friday, with the new line between Union Hospital and Seac Pai Van to open its doors to commuters at 1:11 p.m. that day.

According to the LRT operator, the 1.6-kilometre extension will start to welcome its first passengers at Seac Pai Van Station on Friday afternoon, connecting to Union Hospital Station and passing through Estrada do Istmo (路氹連貫公路), Rotunda de Seac Pai Van (石排灣圓形地) and Estrada de Seac Pai Van (石排灣馬路) as well as Rotunda Flor de Lótus (蓮花圓形地).

The announcement was made in a statement yesterday, which underlined that “if passengers start or end their journey at Seac Pai Van Station or Union Hospital Station, Union Hospital Station will be counted as a stop when calculating the fare”.

The statement noted that with the opening of the Seac Pai Van Line, the Macao Light Rail Transit (LRT) will enable line transfer for the first time, further facilitating public access to the public Union Hospital, while also providing residents and tourists with more options when travelling between Taipa, Coloane’s Seac Pai Van community, and the peninsula’s Barra (Ma Kok) area.

Most of the LRT stations are in Cotai, the city’s entertainment area between Coloane and Taipa.

The LRT has been in operation for about five years, with the addition of the Barra Station on the Taipa Line which opened in December last year, totalling 12.5 kilometres and 12 stations. On September 1, the LRT operator opened Union Hospital Station, connecting the Taipa Line to the Seac Pai Van Line, in order to make it easier for the public to get to the hospital.

After Friday’s opening of Seac Pai Van Station, the LRT network will consist of 14 stations, two of them on the Seac Pai Van Line.

The LRT fare is calculated according to the number of stations. Except for journeys between the Barra and Ocean stations, a general single ticket for a ride of 10 to 12 stops amounts to 12 patacas.



This file photo taken in May by the Public Works Bureau (DSOP) shows the LRT Seac Pai Van Station in Coloane.

According to the Public Works Bureau (DSOP), Seac Pai Van Station is located on Estrada de Seac Pai Van, with entrances on the south and north sides and a footbridge connecting to the public housing area there, while Union Hospital Station is located on Estrada do Istmo, with entrances on the east and west sides and a footbridge connecting to the entrance of the hospital’s Macao Medical Centre.

The Seac Pai Van Line construction project got off the ground in September 2021, with its completion date having been delayed to March this year due to the COVID-19 pandemic and the construction of additional fire hydrants in the surrounding area.

According to previous local and Hengqin government announcements, the 2.2-kilometre Hengqin Line covering 2.2 kilometres is targeted to open by the end of this year. The spur line will comprise two stations: HE1 Station, located near the Taipa Line’s Lotus Bridge Station, and HE2 Station under the joint Macau-Hengqin checkpoint. Some 900 metres of the Hengqin Line will be underground. With the opening of Hengqin Line, the LRT network will comprise 16 stations.

The 7.7-kilometre, six-station LRT East Line between the Macau-Gongbei Barrier Gate land border checkpoint and Pac On in Taipa via the Zone A and Zone E land reclamation area is under construction, slated for completion in 2028. ■

China deplores US rule on investment restrictions against China: FM spokesperson

BEIJING – China deplores and rejects the latest US rule on investment restrictions aimed at China, foreign ministry spokesperson Lin Jian said yesterday.

Lin made the remarks at a daily press briefing in Beijing when asked to respond to reports that the Biden administration has finalized restrictions on investments by US individuals and companies into advanced tech in China, including the semiconductor, quantum computing and AI sectors.

Lin said China deplores and rejects the United States’ Final Rule to curb investment in China. “China has protested to the United States and will take all measures necessary to firmly defend its lawful rights and interests.” (Commentary on p.7) – Xinhua



This photo shows Chinese astronauts Cai Xuzhe (center), Song Lingdong (right) and Wang Haoze who will carry out the Shenzhou-19 spaceflight mission slated to start today. Cai will be the commander, the China Manned Space Agency announced at a press conference yesterday. (More on p.6)

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Xi stresses advancing reform at study session for senior officials

President Xi Jinping yesterday called for pooling strength to advance reform in a steady and sustained manner, as he addressed senior officials attending a central Party school study session. – Story on p. 7

Trump advisor Bannon released from prison ahead of US vote

Steve Bannon, a prominent right-wing figure and former senior advisor to Donald Trump, was released from prison yesterday after spending nearly four months behind bars and just a week ahead of the US election. – Story on p. 11

Spain seeks ground-breaking law for great apes

For decades Achille, 50, eked out a miserable existence living alone in wretched conditions in a cramped circus cage. But better days could lie ahead for the chimpanzee. – Story on p. 12

Overall tap water use rises by 8 pct as tourism booms: Macao Water



Macao Water Executive Director Nacky Kuan Sio Peng speaks to reporters yesterday at Lisboeta Macau in Cotai. - Photo courtesy of TDM

Yuki Lei

The tourism sector has increased Macau's overall tap water consumption by 8 percent so far this month compared to the same period last year, with a double-digit rise in commercial water consumption, due to rising demand from Macau's hotel sector, including the six local integrated resort operators, Macao Water Executive Director Nacky Kuan Sio Peng said yesterday.

Speaking to reporters on the sidelines of a press conference at the Lisboeta Macau integrated resort in Cotai for a 40-episode TV drama by a mainland Chinese broadcaster featuring the water supply from Zhuhai to Macau, Kuan said she estimated that the total water use

between January and October increased by 6 percent year on year, while domestic water consumption remained unchanged from last year, i.e., 151.2 litres per person daily, according to the Macao Water website.

In terms of the public utility's Subsidy Programme for Repairing Service Connections of Low-rise Buildings, according to Kuan, since the launch of the programme in 2021, Macao Water has accepted applications from 600 buildings, of which 80 percent have meanwhile been completed. "It is roughly estimated that 800 buildings in Macau are in need of repairs," she said.

The scheme has been extended to March 31 next year, Kuan noted. ■

2 women nabbed for currency exchange fraud

William Chan

Two women from the mainland have separately been arrested for their involvement in two currency exchange-related fraud cases, Judiciary Police (PJ) spokesman Ho Chan Nam said during a regular press conference yesterday.

In the first case, the 38-year-old suspect surnamed Gong told the police that she's jobless.

According to Ho, on Sunday the victim wished to acquire some Hong Kong dollars for gambling and contacted an illegal currency exchange dealer, who asked Gong to go to the victim's hotel guestroom to exchange the currency there.

Gong showed a QR code to the victim and instructed him to scan it. After the victim transferred the yuan to the account indicated by Gong, however, she told the victim that she had no Hong Kong dollars with her and that she had lost contact with the person who instructed her to meet the victim. The victim then reported the case to the police.

Under questioning, Gong told the police that she was promised 100 yuan by the gang to carry out the bogus deal, but she had not received the money yet.

In the second case, the 42-year-old suspect surnamed Wang told the police that she's jobless. Wang and the male victim are friends.

According to Ho, on Saturday the victim had won Hong Kong dollars gambling in a casino and wanted to exchange his winnings into yuan. Upon learning of



Judiciary Police (PJ) spokesman Ho Chan Nam looks on during yesterday's press conference.

- Photo: William Chan

this, Wang reached out to the victim, offering her assistance in converting the victim's winnings into yuan through an illegal currency exchange deal.

Trusting his friend, the victim met Wang in his hotel guestroom and gave her HK\$170,000 in cash. Wang then claimed that she first needed to acquire yuan and left the room. Subsequently, the victim lost contact with her and promptly reported the case to the authorities.

Wang was arrested on Sunday when she attempted to leave Macau through the airport checkpoint. Under questioning, she told the police that she had gambled away HK\$100,000 but refused to disclose the whereabouts of the remaining loot.

The two suspects have been transferred to the Public Prosecutions Office (MP), facing fraud charges, Ho said. ■

Police nab mainland couple for theft-by-finding

William Chan

A couple from the mainland have been arrested for stealing a purse that they found on the street, Public Security Police (PSP) spokeswoman Lai In Hong said at a regular press conference yesterday.

The female suspect is surnamed Chen and the male suspect is surnamed Zhao. Both are in their forties and they came to Macau as visitors with their children.

According to Lai, the police received a report from a local woman on Saturday saying that she had lost her purse containing 2,000 patacas and her identity documents in a bakery on Avenida de D. João IV (約翰四世大馬路).

After scrutinising their citywide CCTV camera system, the police identified Zhao as the suspect who had picked up the purse and intercepted the family later that day near Avenida de Almeida Ribeiro (新馬路).

The purse was recovered with all its contents intact, except for 700 patacas that the couple had spent on food.

The couple have been transferred to the Public Prosecutions Office (MP), facing theft-by-finding charges, Lai said. ■



This undated handout photo provided by the Public Security Police (PSP) yesterday shows a police officer escorting the mainland theft-by-finding suspects to the Nam Van Police Station for questioning.

Fest Prelude starts on Saturday: IC

Rui Pastorin

The Fest Prelude, which is part of the main event "hush! Beach Concerts x Yo~ga Wellfest 2024", will be held from this Saturday through November 8, the Cultural Affairs Bureau (IC) has said in a recent statement.

The "hush! Beach Concerts x Yo~ga Wellfest 2024", which is jointly organised by IC and integrated resort operator MGM, will take place from November 9 to 10 at Hac Sa Beach in Coloane.

With a raft of activities to be presented at the site of the erstwhile abattoir in Barra district throughout its run, the upcoming Fest Prelude will feature a music party hosted by Japanese music producer DJ KRUSH, a guitar masterclass hosted by Tomo Fujita and an acoustic rock workshop hosted by Canadian guitar player Jay Leonard J, as well as courses on the yoga hybrids of "pet yoga" and "beer yoga".

The statement added that "Macau Cruise Concerts" are set to be held at Barra Pier, while activities like sunrise yoga by the sea, tribal musical instrument experiences for families and a music festival are set



This undated handout photo recently provided by the Cultural Affairs Bureau (IC) shows one of the previous activities - "Rhythm Music Tribe - Music Fiesta Under the Starry Sky". An event of the same name is set to take place on Saturday at the Entrance to Hac Sa Beach Park.

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Meanwhile, over 30 famous fitness and yoga instructors from Asia and nearly 60 bands from home and abroad are featured at the upcoming main event on Hac Sa Beach from November 9 to 10, the statement said. There, according to the statement, aside from a raft of activities for eventgoers, families and kids, the

hush! Market will also have over 20 food stalls and local cultural and creative brands, alongside art installations.

The full event programme can be found on www.icm.gov.mo/hush and www.mgm.mo, or on the event's social media pages. Admission to the "hush! Beach Concerts" is free, while tickets for the "Yo~ga Wellfest 2024" are priced at 60, 240 and 360 patacas. ■

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Customs HQ moves from Barra to Pac On

Tony Wong

The Macau Customs Service moved its headquarters from the peninsula's Barra to the Zone E1 land reclamation area in Taipa's Pac On district last week.

Before its relocation on Monday last week, the Customs Service was headquartered in Barra at the south-western tip of the Macau peninsula.

Those submitting documents to the customs or handling other formalities must now go to the new headquarters, located on the corner of Avenida do Cais de Pac On (北安碼頭大馬路) and Travessa Três do Cais de Pac On (北安碼頭三巷) in Zone E1.

The relocation of the Macau Customs Service's headquarters came after the Public Security Police (PSP) moved their headquarters to Zone E1 last month.

The new Customs Service headquarters and the new Public Security Police headquarters are located next to each other, both right next to the Taipa side's entrance and exit of Macau Bridge, the city's fourth sea crossing connecting the Macau peninsula and Taipa island, which opened on National Day, October 1.

Construction of the 650-million-pataca new Customs Service headquarters, which got off the ground in January 2021, was completed in September last year.

The new PSP complex in Zone E1 houses the new PSP headquarters and also the new headquarters of its tactical unit.

Construction of the 1.075-billion-pataca new PSP complex, which also got off the ground in January 2021, was completed in January this year.

The Public Security Police were previously headquartered in Zape district in the peninsula, while the former headquarters of its tactical unit, officially known as Special Police Unit, was located next to the Barrier Gate land border checkpoint at the peninsula's northern tip.

The new PSP complex in Zone E1 was officially inaugurated by Chief Executive Ho Iat Seng a fortnight ago. ■



This handout photo released by the Macau Customs Service earlier this month shows its new headquarters at Pac On in Taipa.

'Macau's legal culture faces challenges in new era': Vong



Macau Lawyers Association (AAM) President Vong Hin Fai (fourth from left), Rui Cunha Foundation President Rui Cunha (second from right), Legal Affairs Bureau (DSAJ) Director Leong Weng In (centre) and Dean of UM Faculty of Law Tong Io Cheng (fourth from right), as well as other representatives from the tertiary education institution and integrated resort operators SJM Resorts and Sands China, address yesterday's opening ceremony for a three-day international seminar on Macau's Civil Code, Commercial Code and the Civil Procedure Code.

— Photo: Yuki Lei

Yuki Lei

With the aim of building a consolidated and sustainable legal system for Macau that can better respond to the social needs of the future, the Centre for Legal Studies of the Faculty of Law at the University of Macau (UM) launched yesterday its three-day international seminar on Macau's Civil Code, Commercial Code and the Civil Procedure Code, during which Macau Lawyers Association (AAM) President Vong Hin Fai underlined that as a bridge between the Chinese and Portuguese legal systems, Macau's legal culture is unique in its fusion of East and West.

The English title of the seminar is "The 14th International Conference 'Studies on Civil Code, Commercial Code and Civil Procedure Code, Celebrating the 25th Anniversary of Macao SAR'".

"The Macau Special Administrative Region (MSAR) has not only inherited its historical traditions, but also faces the challenge of how to promote in-depth exchanges and cooperation between the Chinese and Portuguese legal professions in this new era," Vong added.

The symposium is divided into 10 sessions, in which a number of

experts and scholars from Macau, the mainland and Portuguese-speaking countries will deliver speeches on the future of Macau's legal system, covering the latest developments in Macau's Commercial Code as well as the challenges that the Civil Procedure Code is facing, according to yesterday's opening ceremony.

By deepening the participants' understanding of the legal system, the seminar aims to promote the development of Macau's legal system and bring greater benefits to civil society.

At yesterday's opening ceremony, Vong, UM Faculty of Law Dean Tong Io Cheng and Rui Cunha Foundation President Rui Cunha delivered their respective opening remarks. All underlined that the seminar is an important platform for Macau's legal development.

Vong said: "We look forward to establishing closer ties and deepening exchanges with the legal professions of mainland China and Portuguese-speaking countries".

Cunha said: "The symposium provides a unique opportunity for academics and legal professionals to share knowledge, explore ideas

and suggest improvements...The importance of these three statutes as living tools cannot be underestimated, and they must continue to evolve to better respond to social, economic and technological changes".

Tong said: "The 25 years since the establishment of the MSAR have been a period of progress in the development of the rule of law, and the legal system has gradually matured...The legal ties between Macau and the rest of the world have never been interrupted, and they have always been very close. Our legal system must keep abreast of the times to meet the challenges brought about by globalisation".

Yesterday's opening ceremony was also attended by Legal Affairs Bureau (DSAJ) Director Leong Weng In, as well as representatives from integrated resort (IR) operators SJM Resorts and Sands China.

China comprises four legal systems – the ones in the mainland, Taiwan, Hong Kong and Macau. While Hong Kong's system follows Britain's common law system, the nation's three other systems are based on continental Europe's codified law system, aka civil law system. ■

IAM urges hikers to play safe, prepare suitably, respect nature

Rui Pastorin

The Municipal Affairs Bureau (IAM) has reminded members of the public in a recent statement to make proper preparations prior to setting off for hiking trips or outdoor activities in the autumn, pay close attention to their safety, and to "respect and cherish" the ecological environment while enjoying nature.

The statement noted that the autumn weather makes it suitable for hiking and engaging in outdoor activities, pointing out that the bureau manages over 10 trails and nature educational facilities across various districts to "promote the concepts of ecological harmony and conservation to the public".

However, prior to leaving home, people are reminded to carefully plan their outings, check the weather and take with them their phones, essential items, bottled water and first-aid kits, among others, the statement emphasised.

One should also avoid touching plants, lighting fires or cooking in areas not designated for barbecues or camping, and not release animals in the local hills and woodlands, according to the statement, while one

should also pick up one's rubbish when leaving these areas.

Moreover, when encountering snakes, the bureau urged members of the public to remain calm and quiet. Snakes will generally strike a defensive pose to bluff when threatened, but rarely initiate attacks, the statement said, noting that one should not deliberately drive them away or attempt to kill or injure them and, instead, just leave quietly.

Snake bites can be prevented by using protective outdoor gear or clothing such as wearing high-top shoes, long sleeved shirts and trousers. But in case it happens, those bitten ought to remain calm and maintain their distance to avoid being bitten again. They should also record the time of the bite, the snake's appearance, avoid high intensity activities, and shout for help or call 999 immediately.

Moreover, IAM has installed information boards about popular science and ecology on various trails to enable hikers to learn about flora and fauna in Macau, the restoration of its hilly woodlands and information on their conservation. ■



This undated handout photo recently provided by the Municipal Affairs Bureau (IAM) shows members of the public taking part in a guided outdoor activity.



Lusofonia Festival to continue this weekend

Review by William Chan

Macau's GEG Lusofonia Festival commenced on Friday in the Taipa House area with the aim of promoting the various cultures of the Portuguese-speaking world through cuisine, arts & crafts. The festival ran from last Friday through Sunday and will continue from this Friday throughout the weekend.

Throughout the six-day event over two weekends, both local artistes and those from Portuguese-speaking countries have performed and will be performing at the Amphitheatre of the Taipa Houses and Largo do Carmo, presenting music and dance. Stalls at the Taipa Houses complex are showcasing arts & crafts, traditional attire, literature, and culinary delights from various countries and regions.

This past Sunday, local music group Fado Oriente

performed, accompanied by a segment featuring the University of Macau Symphonic Band, in which I also participated. The ambiance was fantastic for both the audience and performers, exuding a casual and lively atmosphere. Organisers mentioned that this marked the first time that the annual festival featured a music performance akin to an orchestral band, indicating a step up in the event's offerings.

The performances were free of charge, extending late into the night, allowing attendees to take breaks for food and drinks and return at their leisure. The laid-back atmosphere was inviting, with artistes on stage frequently interacting and engaging with the audience. During breaks between performances, children took to the stage to play, contributing to the festive and casual ambiance. Pop-up events added to the vibrancy of the area.

The first week appeared less crowded than last year, possibly due to this year's festival spanning two weekends and adverse weather over this past weekend. The stalls were not overly crowded, and personally I did not find the items on sale particularly captivating, though they did contribute to the overall festive atmosphere.

The University of Macau's band, which includes myself, is eagerly anticipating another performance scheduled for the upcoming Sunday. This show will feature festive-themed Samba and Fado music and present a rare opportunity for local non-Portuguese-speaking artistes to perform on the Lusofonia stage.

The Portuguese term "Lusofonia" denotes the Portuguese-speaking world. When Portugal was still a province of the Roman Empire, it was known as Lusitania.



Fado Oriente and the University of Macau Symphonic Band pose after their performance at the Amphitheatre of Taipa Houses on Sunday night. – Photos provided by the band

Tour guides must wear official ID badges: lawmakers

Ginnie Liang

Lawmaker-cum-restaurateur Andrew Chan Chak Mo, who chairs the Legislative Assembly's 2nd Standing Committee, said yesterday that the government-initiated tour guides bill proposes that tour guides must always wear their tourist guide ID badges while at work, otherwise they would face a fine of 10,000 to 20,000 patacas.

Addressing a press briefing after yesterday's closed-door meeting reviewing the government's bill regulating the licensing and operations of the city's travel agencies and tour guides, Chan said that the tour guides' official badges should be worn where they can be easily seen.

The bill proposes to update official regulations on the city's travel agencies and tour guides

to replace a decree law enacted back in 1998 when Macau was still under temporary Portuguese administration. The decree law was last amended in 2004.

The bill proposes to bar receiving agencies from serving tour groups visiting Macau at a rate that generates a revenue lower than the cost required to organise the respective group's tour here, with the aim of making it more effective for the government to combat the notorious "zero-fare" group tours.

Chan quoted fellow committee members as saying that the proposed increase in the fine was too high when compared to the existing fine of just 1,000 to 5,000 patacas. Chan explained that as tour guides were frontline workers, poor service would have a great impact



Lawmaker-cum-restaurateur Andrew Chan Chak Mo (right), who chairs the legislature's 2nd Standing Committee, talks to reporters after the committee's closed-door meeting reviewing the government's tour guide bill yesterday, while the committee's secretary, Lam Lon Wai, looks on. — Photo courtesy of TDM

on the image of Macau as a tourist destination.

Chan also quoted other committee members as suggesting

using electronic badges to replace physical tour guide ID badges and expressed concern about the time it would take for the replacement of

lost badges, so as to avoid affecting the work of tour guides.

The bill proposes to abolish the badge for transfer co-ordinators (known in Portuguese as "transferistas"), i.e., those hired by a travel agency to welcome and escort tourists between border checkpoints and hotels.

Chan pointed out that tourist transfer co-ordinators can enrol in a programme of the Macao University of Tourism (UTM) within one year to become a tour guide, and they will be issued with a tour guide ID badge upon graduation.

Some committee members believe, according to Chan, that the articles of the bill were not clear enough, adding that government officials will attend the next meeting to answer the committee members follow-up questions. ■

Govt launches tender for flyover linking Big Taipa Hill Tunnel with Macau Bridge

Tony Wong

The government has launched a public tender for building a flyover linking the future Big Taipa Hill Tunnel's north side with Macau Bridge.

Macau Bridge is the city's fourth sea crossing connecting the Macau peninsula and Taipa island, which opened early this month.

According to an announcement in the Official Gazette (BO) last week, potential bidders are required to submit their quotations by December 11. The Public Works Bureau (DSOP) will unseal the submitted bids the next day.

The public tender launched last week came after the bureau launched a limited tender on May 29 for the Big Taipa Hill Tunnel project when it requested construction companies to submit their intentions to bid for

the project by July 29, with the top five qualified companies, decided by score calculations, to be eligible to submit quotations.

The Big Taipa Hill Tunnel project will be carried out in two phases. The first phase will build the tunnel, spurs leading to Avenida Wai Long and Avenida do Aeroporto on the tunnel's south side, and the spur on the tunnel's north side at Pac On.

The limited tender launched in late May is for the Big Taipa Hill Tunnel project's first phase.

The public tender launched last week is for the Big Taipa Hill Tunnel project's second phase, namely the flyover linking the tunnel's north side with Macau Bridge.

A total of eight construction companies had submitted their intentions to bid for the project's

first phase, which were assessed by DSOP officials based on four criteria, namely their respective general ability to carry out construction projects (accounting for 40 percent of the scores), construction techniques and experience (accounting for 30 percent), human resources (accounting for 20 percent), and interview results with officials (accounting for 10 percent).

The bureau also announced the five companies with the highest scores for the project's first phase in the Official Gazette (BO) last week, according to which they are now required to submit their quotations by January 6.

The Big Taipa Hill Tunnel will enable drivers to travel more directly between Cotai and Pac On, where Macau Bridge lands. ■



The artist's rendition released by the Public Works Bureau (DSOP) last week show the future flyover linking the future Big Taipa Hill Tunnel's north side with Macau Bridge.

DSAL to hold internship programme for cultural tourism & exhibition industry in Hengqin

Ginnie Liang

The Labour Affairs Bureau (DSAL) and the Livelihood Affairs Bureau of the Guangdong-Macau In-Depth Cooperation Zone in Hengqin have joined hands and launched an internship programme entitled "2024 Macau Youth Cultural Tourism and Exhibition Industry Internship Programme", according to a DSAL statement yesterday.

To align with the government's "1+4" strategy to promote the appropriate diversification of Macau's economy and to cultivate talents in the cultural, tourism, and exhibition sectors, the programme will provide 20 positions including guides and jobs in the areas of public relations, graphic design, and operational management.

According to the statement, the Livelihood Affairs Bureau in Hengqin plans to host a special exhibition of precious cultural relics at the Hengqin Cultural Arts Centre from late this year to early next year, which will be held in both Macau and Hengqin, aiming to provide high-quality public cultural services to the Greater Bay Area (GBA) residents.

The internship programme will last for eight weeks, and during

the internship, accommodation and basic living expenses will be subsidised, with each intern receiving a living allowance of 5,000 patacas every four weeks from DSAL, along with a one-time 500-pataca subsidy for round-trip transportation and travel insurance, the statement said.

Additionally, the Hengqin bureau will provide a living allowance of 4,000 yuan every four weeks, arrange free accommodation, and purchase accident insurance for each intern, while other expenses will be the responsibility of the interns, the statement said.

Applicants must hold a valid Macau ID card (BIR) and a Hong Kong-Macau travel permit (commonly known as the "Homecoming Permit"), be under 35 years old as of the application deadline, and possess a bachelor's degree or higher from a university in Macau or elsewhere, and meeting the skill requirements for the internship positions.

The application period will close at noon next Tuesday. Interested individuals can check out the programme's official website at https://www.dsal.gov.mo/zh_tw/standard/employment_recruitment_intern.html for more information. ■



This banner provided by the Labour Affairs Bureau (DSAL) yesterday promotes the "2024 Macau Youth Cultural Tourism and Exhibition Industry Internship Programme" to be held together with the Livelihood Affairs Bureau of the Guangdong-Macau In-Depth Cooperation Zone in Hengqin.

STOCK MARKETS

Hang Seng Index closes 0.49 pct higher

HONG KONG — Hong Kong's stock market ended higher yesterday with the benchmark Hang Seng Index up 0.49 percent to close at 20,701.14 points. The Hang Seng China Enterprises Index rose 0.36 percent to end at 7,417.53 points, while the Hang Seng Tech Index climbed 1.09 percent to close at 4,623.84 points. — Xinhua