



90 pct of students face pressure from schoolwork: survey

Yuki Lei

The General Association of Chinese Students of Macau conducted a survey on June 6-16 on the after-school life of secondary school students, the findings of which show that 90 percent of the respondents said they were facing different degrees of pressure from schoolwork, with 19 percent of the respondents “often” or “always” feeling tired after attending tutorial classes or extracurricular activities after school.

The association collected 1,769 valid questionnaires – 698 by male and 1,071 by female respondents. In terms of grade distribution, except for Form 6 students, who accounted for a smaller proportion, the distribution of the other grades was relatively even. Among them, internet activity ranked top in their after-school life with an overwhelming proportion, as about 94.29 percent of secondary school students said that they go online every day after school, apart from watching TV and listening to music, as well as playing video games – their three major “indispensable” activities, according to a statement by the association to the *Post* yesterday.

A total of 1,769 secondary school students from 14 local



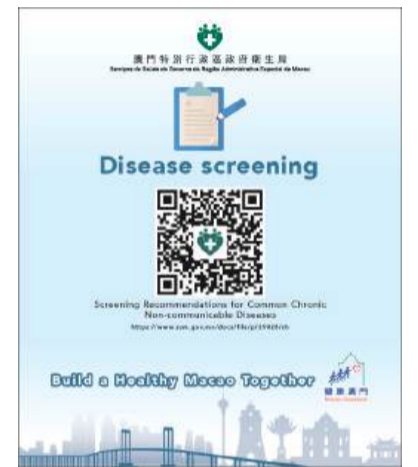
This handout photo provided by the General Association of Chinese Students of Macau yesterday shows its two representatives, Ho Tin Hou (left), vice-president of the 62nd Executive Committee, and Lin Qiqiang, current affairs analyst, posing with copies of the survey findings during Wednesday’s press conference on its premises on Rua Manuel Arriaga (亞利鴉架街).

secondary schools were interviewed in the survey. The findings show that the respondents are facing various kinds of pressure, among which 34 percent of them felt “very much” pressurised by their schools’ homework arrangements, with only about 10 percent saying that they felt “almost no” pressure at all from the homework arrangements.

About 74.87 percent of the respondents participated in after-school tutorials and extracurricular classes for at least one to five hours

a day, with “hobbies” being the students’ top priority when choosing their tutorials or classes, accounting for 28.37 percent of their after-school activities, far exceeding the “demand for further studies”, accounting for just 15.12 percent, indicating that students are more inclined to satisfy their personal preferences than engage in further studies. A total of 460 respondents said they were spending time on rest, study or social activities after school, the findings noted.

The findings point out that more than 40 percent of the respondents limit their after-school activities to less than two hours on weekdays, while nearly 60 percent of the respondents participate in after-school activities for a relatively longer period of time on holidays than on weekdays, indicating that parents and students attach great importance to self-improvement, emphasis on academic achievements, or the development of hobbies and personal interests.



In addition to schoolwork, the findings show that other sources of stress among the respondents are interpersonal relationships, emotions, family finances and part-time jobs, with proportions of 77.49 percent, 63.09 percent, 56.92 percent, and 18.77 percent. The findings point out that in the face of pressure, “sleeping” is the most popular stress reliever among secondary school students, followed by “listening to music” and “playing video games”, while only about 30 percent choose outdoor activities such as going out for a walk, shopping, or exercising to relieve pressure.

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Working group for low-altitude economy set up in Shenzhen

SHENZHEN – A working group for the low-altitude economy has been inaugurated in Shenzhen, as part of efforts to develop the low-altitude economy in the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macau Greater Bay Area (GBA).

This initiative is part of the GBA standard innovation alliance – a non-profit organization formed by diverse stakeholders from social groups, businesses, academia and experts.

The working group brings together various institutions, including the GBA standard innovation alliance, Macau University of Science and Technology (MUST), the University of Hong Kong (HKU), South China University of Technology, Shenzhen

Technology University, and the municipal market supervision administration of Shenzhen.

The group plans to create innovative technical standards tailored for the low-altitude economy, as well as develop experimental scenarios and expand commercial applications within the sector.

It also aims to nurture a skilled workforce knowledgeable in technology, patents and relevant standards, carry out standardization research in the sector, promote the integration with international standards, and provide strong support for the high-quality development of the local industry. – *Xinhua*



A passer-by (right) helps a motorist with a scooter amid heavy rain due to Super Typhoon Kong-rey in Keelung yesterday. China’s Taiwan region shut down yesterday as Super Typhoon Kong-rey neared, forcing thousands to flee from one of the most powerful storms to threaten the island in years. (Story on p.6) – *Xinhua*

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Saudi Arabia keen to deepen cooperation with China on green industry: finance minister

Saudi Arabia is keen to learn from and strengthen cooperation with China in the green industry, Saudi Arabia’s Finance Minister Mohammed Al-Jadaan said in Riyadh yesterday.

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Israel denounces UN expert who accused it of ‘genocide’

Israel’s UN ambassador yesterday called for the resignation of UN independent expert Francesca Albanese, who has denounced the “eradication of Palestinians” from their land through “genocide.”

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Spain urges flood-stricken residents to stay home during rescue – 158 dead

Spanish authorities yesterday urged residents in flood-stricken regions to stay at home as rescuers raced to find survivors in the rare disaster that has left at least 158 dead.

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British man commits theft, vandalism in retaliation: police

Yuki Lei

A British man stole a torch and a hairdryer from a hotel in the city centre and broke a rubbish bin in the hotel's corridor, causing the hotel to incur a loss of about 9,800 patacas after the two parties failed to reach an agreement over the suspect's mistake of overpaying for his room.

Public Security Police (PSP) spokeswoman Lai In Hong said during a regular press conference yesterday that the suspect, surnamed Lyall, who is in his thirties, checked into the hotel on October 6 and renewed his stay through an online platform on October 20 for another week until Sunday. Lai quoted the suspect as saying that, as a result of an operational error, he had paid for the hotel room twice, and that he had negotiated with the hotel to renew his stay for one more week to cover the money that he had overpaid.

According to Lai, the suspect, who had entered Macau as a tourist on October 6, admitted to committing theft and vandalism in retaliation for the hotel's refusal of his request.

The Public Security Police received the report about the



This undated handout photo provided by the Public Security Police (PSP) yesterday shows two police officers escorting the theft and vandalism suspect to a PSP station in Nam Van.

incident from the hotel manager on Sunday and intercepted the British national on Tuesday at another hotel in Zape district, based on check-in records, Lai noted. The suspect has been transferred to the Public Prosecutions Office (MP) for further investigation. ■

CPTTM holds session on smart upgrading for catering sector

Ginnie Liang

The Macau Productivity and Technology Transfer Centre (CPTTM) held a one-day session and opened a month-long exhibition on smart upgrading solutions for the catering industry at the Forum Macao Complex in Nam Van, showcasing nearly 90 pieces of smart catering equipment, including automatic noodle cooking machines and food delivery robots.

Forum Macao is the shortened name of the Macau-based Forum for Economic and Trade Cooperation between China and Portuguese-speaking Countries.

The session yesterday was attended by about 60 representatives of catering enterprises, introducing flexible financing models of the catering industry and how enterprises can create profits with the digital economy and digital transformation to promote innovation and upgrading of the catering industry, meanwhile helping the industry understand the advantages of using smart devices.

CPTTM representative Lam Tou, said that the government has been holding monthly sessions at the Forum Macao Complex since June, adding that more than 300 business representatives



Representatives of catering enterprises look at a dishwasher displayed at the Forum Macao Complex yesterday. - Photo: CPTTM

participated in the past four sessions.

Lam also said that the kitchens in the catering industry in Macau are relatively small, and there are also limitations on electricity consumption, and the industry prefers small equipment when purchasing it.

One of the speakers yesterday, Tai Chi Hong, a manager of an engineering company, said that much of the catering equipment

purchased by small- and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) from the mainland was not suitable for use in kitchens in Macau, which involved problems of excessive size and high-power consumption. Tai said that his company would contact mainland manufacturers to adapt the equipment to better suit the local environment.

The exhibition can be seen at the Forum Macao Complex until November 30. ■

Pharma bureau urges residents not to drink instant coffee containing sildenafil

Ginnie Liang

The Pharmaceutical Supervision and Administration Bureau (ISAF) said in a statement yesterday that the Hong Kong Health Department has announced recently that a Malaysia-made instant coffee product under

the product name "TONGKAT ALI PREMIX COFFEE" contains sildenafil, because of which the bureau is urging residents not to buy the beverage.

According to the statement, sildenafil is commonly used to treat erectile dysfunction, adding that side effects include low blood pressure, headache, vomiting, dizziness, and temporary blurred vision.

The statement also stressed that it may interact with some drugs, such as nitro-glycerine, to lower blood pressure to dangerous levels, posing a serious risk to health.

Yesterday's statement said that in order to protect public health, the bureau will continue to closely monitor the sale of the problematic coffee product in Macau.

The bureau asked residents who have bought the product to stop drinking the coffee and send it to the bureau at 3/F China Plaza, 51 Avenida de Sidónio Pais. For any enquiries, one can contact the bureau by calling 8598 3441 during office hours. ■



This undated handout photo provided by the Pharmaceutical Supervision and Administration Bureau (ISAF) yesterday shows the Malaysia-made "TONGKAT ALI PREMIX COFFEE" problematic coffee containing sildenafil.

Another currency exchange dealer caught red-handed: police

Yuki Lei

Another currency exchange dealer who claimed to be unemployed was arrested for "illegal exchange activities for the purpose of gambling", the third arrestee within three days after a new law that has criminalised such activities came into effect on Tuesday.

According to a special press conference by Judiciary Police (PJ) spokesman Ho Chan Nam yesterday, the suspect is a 40-year-old mainland man surnamed Huang, who was caught red-handed by PJ officers on patrol in a casino in Cotai on Wednesday when exchanging 19,845 yuan for a mainland gambler's casino chips worth HK\$21,000.

In the operation, Ho noted, PJ officers seized a mobile phone, HK\$500 in cash and HK\$25,900 in chips from the suspect, who told the police that he could earn HK\$80 for every HK\$10,000 exchanged.

The Judiciary Police once again warned the public that both locals and non-locals who offer illegal currency exchange deals for the purpose of gambling are now facing a maximum prison term of five years, with all money and valuables used in the illegal business to be confiscated by the authorities, strongly urging residents and tourists alike to exchange money only at legitimate financial entities. ■



The hooded illegal currency exchange dealer from the mainland is escorted by Judiciary Police (PJ) officers from the PJ headquarters in Zape to a vehicle yesterday. - Photo: Yuki Lei

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According to the findings, the respondents' interpersonal relationships with friends and family members are relatively good, while teachers account for the largest proportion of respondents with "bad" or "very bad" relationships, standing at about 15.55 percent.

The findings also point out the

importance of friendships with relatives and peers, showing that "parents or other family members", "friends at school" and "classmates" are the main companions of secondary school students after school.

Meanwhile, the findings also show that there is a very small number of students choosing to "de-stress in an undesirable

way", and the association, in its interpretation of the findings, urged parents and schools to work together to teach their students to manage stress and learn how to face stress and frustration in a healthy manner. It also suggested that the government should pay more attention to and continue to invest resources in promoting students' healthy development. ■

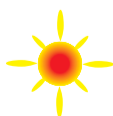
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Ho vows commitment to serving GBA, addressing service trade fair in Zhuhai via video link



This handout photo released by the Macau Government Information Bureau (GCS) yesterday shows Chief Executive Ho Iat Seng addressing yesterday's opening ceremony of the 3rd Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area Fair for Trade in Services in Zhuhai via video link.

Tony Wong

Chief Executive Ho Iat Seng made a speech via video link for yesterday's opening ceremony of the 3rd Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area Fair for Trade in Services, which is being held in Zhuhai, pledging Macau's continuous commitment to serving the ongoing development of the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area (GBA), according to a statement by the Macau Government Information Bureau (GCS).

The two-day fair, which ends today, is being held at Zhuhai International Convention and Exhibition Centre.

The GBA fair for trade in services (BAFTIS) was first held in Zhuhai in December 2022, while the second fair was held in Zhuhai in December last year.

Last year was the first time that the fair was held as a multi-venue event, in Zhuhai, Hong Kong and Macau, with Zhuhai as the main exhibition venue, while Hong Kong

and Macau set up their respective supplementary exhibition venues.

Just like last year, the fair is a multi-venue event, with Zhuhai International Convention and Exhibition Centre as the fair's main exhibition venue, which opened yesterday and ends today, while this year's fair in Macau as a supplementary exhibition venue was held on October 17 at the Venetian Macao's Cotai Expo, as part of the four-day 29th Macao International Trade and Investment Fair (MIF).

This year's BAFTIS in Hong Kong as a supplementary exhibition venue was held on October 16 at Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Centre (HKCEC), as part of the four-day Hong Kong Electronics Fair.

Jointly steered by the Guangdong Provincial People's Government, the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR) Government, and the Macau Special Administrative Region (MSAR) Government, the BAFTIS is jointly organised by Guangdong's Department of



Representatives from Macau including Commerce and Investment Promotion Institute (IPIM) President Vincent U U Sang (centre, front) pose for photos in front of the Macau Pavilion at the 3rd Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area Fair for Trade in Services in Zhuhai yesterday. — Photo: IPIM

Commerce, the Zhuhai Municipal People's Government, Hong Kong's Commerce and Economic Development Bureau (CEDB), and Macau's Commerce and Investment Promotion Institute (IPIM).

In his video speech yesterday morning, according to the GCS statement, Ho underlined that by marking this year's 75th Anniversary of the founding of the People's Republic of China (PRC) on October 1 and 25th Anniversary of the establishment of the MSAR on December 20, Macau will further grasp the opportunities created by the ongoing development of the GBA and the Guangdong-Macau In-depth Cooperation Zone in Hengqin.

Adhering to its three positions as "One Centre, One Platform, One Base", Ho pledged that Macau will continue to actively integrate its development into the nation's overall development, to develop new quality productive forces in collaboration with various segments of Macau's civil society, and to actively serve the ongoing

GBA development, with the aim of continuously enhancing Macau's status and function in contributing to the nation's economic development and opening up and of better serving the nation's high-level opening up and high-quality development.

The Macau government's "One Centre, One Platform, One Base" concept refers to Macau developing itself into a World Centre of Tourism and Leisure, a commercial and trade cooperation service platform between China and Portuguese-speaking countries, and an exchange and cooperation base with Chinese culture as its mainstream and co-existence of different cultures.

According to the GCS statement, Ho noted that this year's BAFTIS is placing special emphasis on digital trade in services, with the aim of establishing a platform for digital communication, exhibitions, and connection of different resources, thereby promoting the convergence of regulations in the GBA for its high-level opening up, innovations in trade in services, and the GBA's

strengthened connection with high-standard international trade regulations.

Ho also noted that this year's BAFTIS continues to be a multi-venue event with its supplementary exhibition venue in Macau held a fortnight ago together with the 29th Macao International Trade and Investment Fair (MIF), adding that this arrangement can further deepen the Guangdong-Macau cooperation by leveraging the synergy effect created by the two regions' respective branded exhibitions.

Ho also underlined that over the past five years after the GBA Outline Development Plan was published in 2019, the GBA has made significant achievements in its development.

Meanwhile, an IPIM statement said that the Macau government's Commerce and Investment Promotion Institute has set up a 90-square-metre Macau Pavilion at the BAFTIS's main exhibition venue in Zhuhai, promoting Macau's business environment and investment opportunities. ■

GBA Heritage Forum explores cultural heritage conservation

Ginnie Liang

The Cultural Affairs Bureau's (IC) two-day "Greater Bay Area Cultural Heritage Forum" kicked off yesterday, with representatives from the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area (GBA), experts and scholars in the field of cultural heritage from home and abroad sharing their practical experience in cultural heritage conservation and community revitalisation.

Co-organised by Guangdong's Department of Culture and Tourism and Hong Kong's Development Bureau, the theme of the two-day forum is "the integration and sharing of cultural heritage in the GBA", the opening ceremony of which was held yesterday at Macau Cultural Centre (CCM).

The forum will continue today. During the opening ceremony,

Macau Cultural Affairs Bureau (IC) President Deland Leong Wai Man said that the forum will discuss important topics regarding the connections, values and adaptive reuse of cultural heritage in the GBA, and the use of technology, which is of enormous practical significance for the invigoration and sharing of the GBA's cultural heritage resources, advancing cultural heritage preservation to a new level.

Hong Kong's Secretary for Development Bernadette Linn Hon-ho said in her speech that cooperation between Guangdong, Hong Kong and Macau had reached an important milestone when the "Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area Heritage Walk" jointly organised by the three regions was launched, highlighting the close connection between the three

regions in history and development through their historical buildings related to education, aiming to set up a sustainable relationship for all parties.

During the forum, the launch ceremony of the "Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area Heritage Walk" thematic website was also held, which shows historical buildings related to education, including 99 historical buildings related to education in Guangdong, Hong Kong and Macau.

In addition, it was also announced yesterday that an exhibition entitled "Shared Roots and Interconnected Branches: The Importance of National Culture and Sentiment within the Heart of Macau's Historical Buildings", will be held, at the Macau Cultural Centre until January 1. Admission is free and all are welcome to visit. ■



Secretary for Development of the Government of the Hong Kong SAR, Bernadette Linn Hon-ho (centre), Macau Cultural Affairs Bureau (IC) President Leong Wai Man (right), and Deputy Head of the Department of Culture and Tourism of Guangdong Province Long Jiayou pose during yesterday's launching ceremony for the "Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area Heritage Walk" thematic website at the Macau Cultural Centre (CCM). — Photo: Ginnie Liang

‘MICAFA Fun Day – Arts Carnival’ attracts 63,000 visits

Rui Pastorin

The Macao International Children’s Arts Festival (MICAFA) Fun Day – Arts Carnival, which was held on two consecutive weekends from August 23 to 25 and August 30 to September 1, attracted a total of 63,000 visits throughout its run, integrated resort (IR) operator Sands China said in a statement earlier this week.

The arts carnival marked the finale of the first Macao International Children’s Arts Festival, which took place from July to August. The festival, for which Sands China was one of the co-organisers, was part of the company’s ongoing community revitalisation efforts.

Among the carnival’s raft of activities were large art decorations, cultural and creative bazaars, an art park, and various stage and street performances.

Sands China Executive Vice Chairman Wilfred Wong Ying-wai was quoted by the statement as saying: “In cooperation with the Cultural Affairs Bureau, the MICAFA Fun Day – Art Carnival delivered a limited-time summer hotspot for parents and children, giving them an opportunity to spend quality parent-child time together with a variety of fun and artistic activities. We hope that by supporting the various arts and cultural activities in Macau’s

revitalisation areas, we can further enrich the leisure and tourism experience at Macao Cultural Centre Plaza and nearby areas, in support of the integrated development of culture and tourism in Macau.”

The statement said that the company also sponsored two wind orchestra performances by the Macao Band Directors Association’s Macao Youth Symphonic Band on August 24 and 31, which performed Disney and Studio Ghibli animated films’ soundtracks including those from “Frozen” and “Spirited Away.” Some of the young musicians performed solos after the main performances.

The statement added that on July 26, around 30 Sands Cares Ambassadors and parent-child members from Sheng Kung Hui Macau Social Services Coordination Office watched the award-winning multimedia puppet show “Tic Tac: The Hero of Time” and explored MICAFA’s large outdoor art installations at Macao Cultural Centre Plaza.

Moreover, on August 24, the company gathered around 30 Sands Cares Ambassadors and members of Macao Catholic Family Advisory Council at the carnival for activities including watching the Macao Youth Symphonic Band performance, a Macao Cultural Centre backstage tour, and parent-child art workshops.



This undated handout photo provided earlier this week shows families and children taking part in the Macao International Arts Festival (MICAFA) Fun Day – Arts Carnival at the Macao Cultural Centre Plaza.

SJM enables local kids to experience ‘thrill of racing’



This handout photo provided by SJM Resorts and taken on Saturday at Grand Lisboa Palace (GLP) in Cotai shows children playing games during the recent “Little Driver, Grand Racing” event at the integrated resort in Cotai.

Rui Pastorin

SJM Resorts said in a statement earlier this week that it has recently organised the “Little Driver, Grand Racing” at Grand Lisboa Palace (GLP) in Cotai, which offered participants a “thrilling preview” of the iconic Macau Grand Prix (MGP).

The 71st MGP will take place from November 14 to 17.

According to the statement, 24 children and parents from the Good Shepherd Sisters Women’s Mutual Help Centre participated in the event, where the integrated resort operator’s “GLP Arte” was transformed into a “vibrant racing carnival”.

The statement said that professional instructors guided participants in a workshop that explored race car mechanics and control techniques. The statement added that the children were also able to paint their own race car models, while a remote-controlled car competition was also held that enabled participants to “experience the thrill of racing firsthand”.

The children also visited the “Sportopia” game zone that was themed around the Macau Grand Prix and featured a virtual reality (VR) “Speed Racer Game”, which aimed to provide participants with the “unparalleled excitement and fun that racing brings”.

“Through these engaging and informative car racing themed activities, SJM hopes to spark a deeper understanding and interest in racing among children, contributing to the legacy of Macau’s racing culture and competitive spirit”, the SJM statement noted.



This handout photo taken on Sunday shows participants in the “Embracing World Mental Health Day through Yoga and Movement” posing on the second floor of Banyan Tree Macau at Galaxy Macau in Cotai.

Banyan Tree Spa Macau, lululemon host wellness event

Rui Pastorin

Integrated resort (IR) operator Galaxy Macau said in a Wednesday statement that Banyan Tree Spa Macau hosted a wellness event entitled “Embracing World Mental Health Day through Yoga and Movement” with yoga and exercise apparel company lululemon on Sunday, aiming to promote mental and physical health.

The award-winning spa is located on the 2nd and 31st floors of Banyan Tree Macau in the sprawling Galaxy Macau integrated

resort complex in Cotai.

According to the statement, the event, held on the second floor, celebrated World Mental Health Day and also aimed to support the local government’s call to prioritise physical and mental well-being.

The statement said that a series of activities were held to welcome guests.

The first session was a 60-minute Morning Yoga and Movement class led by a professional yoga instructor and CrossFit practitioner, adding that participants

listened to “soft music intertwined with the sounds of nature” and explored the profound connection between psychological wellbeing and overall physical health, as well as being encouraged to embrace nature and the joys of life.

A 30-minute Relaxation and Refreshment Time followed, the statement added, where participants had specially blended health drinks. They also shared stories and discussed how to cultivate “a sense of awe and respect for nature amidst the business of

life”, according to the statement. Moreover, in the 60-minute Singing Bowl Sound Bath and Meditation session, the participants were then guided by professional instructors in immersing themselves in the “harmonious tones of the singing bowls”.

Lastly, a lunch with nutritious dishes was prepared. The Aromatherapy Candle DIY Workshop also provided attendees with the opportunity to craft their unique candles, while exclusive spa offers on the day of the event were also available.

POLY MGM MUSEUM opens tomorrow

Rui Pastorin

Integrated resort operator (IR) MGM is set to open its “POLY MGM MUSEUM” tomorrow, kicking off with its inaugural exhibition “The Maritime Silk Road – Discover the Mystical Seas and Encounter the Treasures of the Ancient Trade Route”.

The museum is a collaboration between MGM and Poly Culture Group Corporation Limited (Poly Culture) and is located on the second floor of MGM MACAU. The exhibition space is dynamic, while it also utilises state-of-the-art technology in presenting its exhibits such as the use of OLED screens to make for interactive displays.

The inaugural exhibition, which is on display until September next year, is themed after the Maritime Silk Road* and guided by marine technology. It showcases 228 artefacts and artworks in 184 sets from nearly 20 museums and international cultural institutions, according to an MGM statement provided earlier this week, and has been curated by a team of experts



This photo taken during the media preview of the POLY MGM MUSEUM at MGM MACAU shows the display and area where the Old Summer Palace Bronze Heads of Zodiac Animals, courtesy of Poly Art Museum in Beijing, are showcased. – Photo: Rui Pastorin

from the mainland, France, and Italy.

The exhibits are presented across four themed zones: “Monsoon”, “Cultural Origin”, “Integration” and “Connections”, respectively showing the origin, development,

impact and future prospects of the Maritime Silk Road.

Among the raft of exhibits to be seen by exhibitiongoers, which include underwater discoveries and rare treasures, are four of the

12 “Old Summer Palace Bronze Heads of Zodiac Animals” at its “Integration” zone.

The bronze fountainheads were part of a water clock fountain in front of the Haiyantang, according

to Wikipedia, which were among the treasures looted during the destruction of the Old Summer Palace by European expeditionary forces in 1860 during the Second Opium War.

Contemporary works and art installations are also presented at the exhibition.

After opening, one can visit it from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. from Mondays to Thursdays, 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. on Fridays and 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. on weekends and public holidays.

Guided tours are available in Cantonese and Mandarin. Tours in other languages are also provided but require a reservation in advance of at least two days.

For more details, one can visit <https://www.mgm.mo/en> or call 8802 8888. ■

* The Maritime Silk Road or Maritime Silk Route is the maritime section of the historic Silk Road that connected Southeast Asia, East Asia, the Indian subcontinent, the Arabian Peninsula, eastern Africa, and Europe. – Source: Wikipedia

Zone A-peninsula flyover near wastewater plant completed

Tony Wong

Construction of a flyover connecting the Zone A land reclamation area and the peninsula near the Macau Peninsula Wastewater Treatment Plant has been completed, the Public Works Bureau (DSOP) announced on its website on Wednesday.

The government is yet to announce the flyover’s opening date.

The 500-metre-long two-way flyover runs between Zone A’s northern part and the peninsula’s Avenida 1º de Maio near the Macau Peninsula Wastewater Treatment Plant in Areia Preta district.

The flyover is officially known as A2.

Construction of the flyover, which got off the ground in November 2022, was carried out by Cheong Kong Construction Company Limited for a price tag

of 213.7 million patacas.

The A2 flyover has two lanes – one in each direction.

The A2 flyover is also equipped with a 300-metre-long footbridge on one side, connecting the peninsula’s north-eastern coast and Zone A. The footbridge links a current footbridge there that runs from the coastal walking area to the nearby reservoir’s walking area.

As the A2 flyover has still not come into use, currently there is only one link between the peninsula and Zone A, i.e., the one at the busy Oriental Pearl roundabout (Rotunda da Amizade/友誼圓形地) on the peninsula’s north-eastern coast.

Two more links between Zone A and the peninsula are currently being constructed.

A flyover connecting Zone A and the peninsula near the Outer

Harbour Ferry Terminal in Zape, officially known as A3, got off the ground in April this year and is scheduled to be completed in March 2027, with a price tag of 608.8 million patacas.

A flyover connecting Zone A and the peninsula near the Macau Science Centre (MSC) in Nape, officially known as AB Link, got off the ground early last month and is scheduled to be completed in October 2027, with a price tag of 2.18 billion patacas.

Meanwhile, construction of a subsidised home-ownership scheme (HOS) estate in Zone A, on plot B4, was completed in late September.

This came after construction of Zone A’s first two HOS estates were completed earlier this year, the one on plot B10 completed in May and the one on plot B9 completed in June. ■



This handout photo released by the Public Works Bureau (DSOP) earlier this week shows the newly completed A2 flyover between the peninsula (left) and Zone A.

‘Wynn Presents – 2024 Macau Snooker Masters’ in Dec



Professional snooker players Si Jiahui (right, standing) and Jack Lisowski (left, standing) watch Ronnie O’Sullivan as he attempts a trick shot after yesterday’s press conference at Wynn Macau. – Photo: Rui Pastorin

Rui Pastorin

Wynn Resorts is gathering nine snooker players for its upcoming “Wynn Presents – 2024 Macau Snooker Masters”, which will be held at Wynn Palace from December 25 to 28 with a new playing format.

A press conference was held at Wynn Macau yesterday, where the media was briefed on the event’s details. Returning to Macau is seven-time World Snooker Championship winner, England’s Ronnie O’Sullivan, who was yesterday welcomed as the “Wynn Brand Ambassador”.

The new format will see O’Sullivan playing challenge matches against players in a best-of-seven frames format. Among the competitors are last year’s runner up Jack Lisowski from England, and 2024 World Snooker Championship Jak Jones from Wales; legendary snooker player Marco Fu Ka-chun from Hong Kong and “future snooker star”, according to the press conference, mainland Chinese professional snooker player Si Jiahui, all of whom attended the press conference.

Wynn Macau, Limited President

and Vice Chairman Linda Chen Chih-ling said in a speech during the press conference that the upcoming event “not only advances Macau’s ‘Tourism+Sports’ strategy but also offers a diversified travel experience for locals and visitors, contributing to the development of Macau as a ‘City of Sports’”.

Meanwhile, in response to a question by the media during the press conference’s Q&A session on promoting snooker to the younger generation, O’Sullivan noted: “I think it’s important for all of us to show snooker in a good light. There are some fantastic snooker players here that play snooker in a very attack and aggressive way, which makes people watching it say ‘that’s what I want to do’... As professionals, we have a duty to play the game in a right spirit, the right way”.

He added: “I know there’s a lot of good facilities in Hong Kong, China and now Saudi Arabia. I think the more you invest in the younger generation, the better. So yeah, we just have to do our bit, and hopefully youngsters can do theirs”. ■

STOCK MARKETS

Hang Seng Index closes 1.55 pct lower

HONG KONG – Hong Kong’s stock market ended lower yesterday with the benchmark Hang Seng Index down 1.55 percent to close at 20,380.64 points. The Hang Seng China Enterprises Index fell 1.77 percent to end at 7,286.5 points, while the Hang Seng Tech Index fell 2.38 percent to end at 4,513.68 points. – Xinhua