



Firearms must be handed to police in runup to MSAR 25th Anniversary: CE order

Yuki Lei

In the runup to the 25th Anniversary of Macau's return to the motherland, the local government announced yesterday special arms control measures in the city next month, ordering all those who own firearms for self-defence purposes to surrender them by December 2, while private security companies are required to hand in their firearms to the police on December 17.

It is the first time that the local government has announced such a measure for an anniversary of the resumption of the exercise of sovereignty over Macau by the People's Republic of China (PRC), which took place on December 20, 1999 when Portugal's temporary rule of Macau came to an end.

According to a chief executive order published in the Official Gazette (BO) yesterday, the special curbs, which took effect yesterday, are being implemented in view of the solemnity and social significance of the upcoming celebrations of the establishment of the Macau Special Administrative Region (MSAR), with the objective of ensuring public order and public safety.

The order noted that all owners of firearms and related ammunition for self-defence purposes shall hand in the weapons in person during the office hours of the Intelligence



This undated file photo taken from the Public Security Police (PSP) website last night shows their headquarters in Taipa's Pac On district.

Department of the Public Security Police Force (PSP) on working days from now until December 2, while private security companies engaged in the transportation of money and valuables shall assign licensed staff to do so during office hours on December 17, except

for cases where the PSP have been duly notified in advance by the company concerned. The department's office hours are from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 2:30 p.m. to 5:45 p.m. Mondays to Thursdays, and from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 2:30 a.m. to 5:30 a.m. on Fridays.

Dated and signed by Chief Executive Ho Iat Seng on Friday, the order cautioned all firearms owners, including serving officers of the Macau Public Security Forces and criminal police, as well as retired Judiciary Police (PJ) officers, that failure to comply with the deadline will result in fines and criminal legal consequences, in addition to which holders will also be liable for the corresponding storage costs and other legal consequences if they fail to reclaim their compulsorily surrendered firearms and associated ammunition within 10 working days from the specified date, i.e., December 26 for self-defence users and December 21 for private security companies.

In line with the official regulations on weapons and related items, the order also orders the suspension of all shooting exercises and sports competitions at the Macau International Shooting Centre in Cotai from December 1 through December 22, as well as the business operations of shops selling arms and ammunition, as well as replica firearms on December 17-20.

A state leader is expected to pay an inspection visit to Macau around the time of the MSAR's 25th anniversary on December 20, when Chief Executive-designate Sam Hou Fai is scheduled to be installed. ■



President Xi Jinping (third from left), also general secretary of the Communist Party of China (CPC) Central Committee and chairman of the Central Military Commission, shakes hands with a farmer while visiting a vegetable farm in Panjiawan Town of Jiayu County in Xianning City, Hubei Province, earlier this week. Xi inspected the cities of Xiaogan and Xianning from Monday afternoon to yesterday morning. (More about President Xi on p.7) - Xinhua

Trump says would concede defeat 'if it's a fair election'

WEST PALM BEACH - US Republican presidential contender Donald Trump said he would be prepared to concede defeat after yesterday's vote "if it's a fair election", while again raising concerns about the use of electronic voting machines.

"If I lose an election, if it's a fair election, I would be the first one to acknowledge it... So far I think it's been fair," Trump, repeating a caveat that he has used many times on the campaign trail, told reporters after voting in Florida.

Wearing a red "Make America Great Again" cap, he reiterated his previous criticism of electronic voting machines, suggesting they were less secure than paper ballots and would delay the outcome being known.

"They spend all this money on machines... If they would use paper ballots, voter ID, proof of citizenship, and one-day voting, it would all be over by 10 o'clock in the evening. It's crazy," he told reporters in West Palm Beach.

He added: "Do you know that paper is more sophisticated now than computers? If it's watermarked paper you cannot... It's unbelievable what happens with it. There's nothing you can do to cheat."

Asked about fears of unrest after the election and whether he would call on supporters to avoid violence, he criticised the question.

"I don't have to tell them that, that there'll be no violence. Of course, there'll be no violence. My supporters are not violent people," Trump said. -AFP

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Premier Li pledges further opening up at import expo

Premier Li Qiang yesterday pledged to further expand opening-up and turn China's vast market into great opportunities for the world.

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Spain unveils aid plan a week after catastrophic floods

Spain yesterday announced an aid package worth US\$11.5 billion to rebuild regions devastated by its worst floods in a generation that have killed at least 219 people.

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Guinean Bissau president delays Nov 24 vote

Guinea Bissau's president on Monday officially postponed legislative elections scheduled for November 24, indefinitely prolonging the small West African country's political limbo.

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MNN to host racing carnival on Nov 16

Rui Pastorin

A free-admission racing carnival is slated to take place at the Macau New Neighbourhood (MNN) in Hengqin, with the event set to feature a raft of activities, according to a statement yesterday from the local government-owned company Macau Urban Renewal Limited (MUR).

Titled “Celebration of the 75th Anniversary of the Founding of the People’s Republic of China and the 25th Anniversary of the Establishment of the Macao Special Administrative Region – MNN Racing Carnival”, the one-day event is set to be held on November 16, according to the statement.

The carnival features three main activities for its participants: a radio control (RC) racing challenge, a workshop on making landscape art for one’s racing car, and a racing robot STEAM (science, technology, engineering, art and maths) classroom, the statement noted.

The statement added that the racing challenge is divided into four age groups: Mini (aged 3 to 6), Junior (aged 7 to 11), Teens (12 to 15) and Public (aged 16 or above)

Moreover, the statement said that racing-themed decorations will be added to the MNN Lotus Square and the residents’ clubhouse. The opportunity to experience a virtual reality (VR) game with limited

edition souvenirs is also available, with the statement adding that one only needs to snap photos of the event and post them to “check-in” on designated social media platforms and attain a certain number of likes.

The activities will be held from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on the day, and one can sign up for them through the event’s online registration system (which, according to the Chinese-language statement, is either <https://reurl.cc/rvmVOE> for the RC challenge and <https://reurl.cc/Gp9YqD> for the other two activities) until 5 p.m. next Tuesday, with a lucky draw to be held if registrants exceed the limit. Those successful will be notified via SMS. ■



This undated handout photo provided by Macau Urban Renewal (MUR) Limited yesterday shows a man playing a VR (virtual reality) racing game.

Taiwanese tries to rob local gambler: police



Judiciary Police (PJ) officers escort the hooded robbery suspect from Taiwan to a PJ vehicle outside the PJ headquarters in Zape yesterday. – Photo: William Chan

William Chan

A man from China’s Taiwan region has been arrested for attempting to rob a local female gambler near a Light Rapid Transit (LRT) station in Taipa, Judiciary Police (PJ) spokesman Chong Kam Leong said during a special press conference yesterday.

The 64-year-old suspect surnamed Chen told the police that he works as a driver.

According to Chong, Chen gambled away all his money in a Cotai casino on Sunday, after which he started observing the victim who had won money gambling. Chen followed her after she left the casino, and attempted to snatch her handbag from behind at the LRT station.

The woman resisted and shouted, thwarting Chen’s plan.

After the failed attempt, he made his getaway by taxi to a casino in Cotai, then got onto a shuttle bus to the Barrier Gate checkpoint, followed by another shuttle bus to a different casino on the peninsula to evade capture.

The woman promptly reported the case to the police. In her handbag, she had HK\$635,200 in casino chips, HK\$141,000 in cash, various pieces of jewellery, and two mobile phones, totalling HK\$1 million in value. None of her belongings were taken during the attempted robbery.

Chen was arrested at the casino on the peninsula later that day. Under questioning, he refused to cooperate.

Chen was transferred to the Public Prosecutions Office (MP) yesterday, facing a robbery charge. ■

Police bust 2 illegal currency exchange cases

William Chan

Two men from mainland China have been separately apprehended for engaging in an illegal currency exchange transaction, Judiciary Police (PJ) spokesman Chong Kam Leong said during a special press conference yesterday.

According to Chong’s report about the first case, PJ officers saw the suspect, a 31-year-old surnamed Jiang involved in an illegal currency exchange deal with a mainland male gambler in a Cotai casino lobby on Sunday. After the gambler transferred 28,500 yuan by scanning the QR code provided by Jiang, he handed the gambler HK\$30,000 in gambling chips.

The duo were intercepted on the spot. The police seized HK\$ 215,000 in cash and HK\$10,000 worth of chips from Jiang.

In the second case, the 35-year-old suspect is surnamed Chen.

According to Chong, a security



The Judiciary Police (PJ) display evidence they seized from one of the illegal currency exchange dealers during yesterday’s special press conference at the PJ headquarters in Zape. – Photo: William Chan

guard of a Cotai casino discovered Chen engaging in an illegal currency exchange deal with another man in a toilet, and reported the case to the police.

Subsequently, the PJ officers seized HK\$37,000 in casino chips from the

victim, which had been exchanged with Chen during the transaction.

The two suspects have been transferred to the Public Prosecutions Office (MP), facing illegal currency exchange charges, Chong said. ■

2 nabbed for loan-sharking, falsely imprisoning gambler: police

William Chan

The Judiciary Police (PJ) busted a casino loan-sharking case on Sunday, arresting two mainlanders, PJ spokesman Chong Kam Leong said at a special press conference yesterday.

The two male suspects, surnamed Peng and Li, are in their forties and told the police that they’re jobless.

According to Chong, the male victim borrowed HK\$100,000 from Peng and another accomplice for casino gambling on Saturday. He was required to pay 50 percent of his winnings under certain conditions as “interest.” They also signed a loan contract, with the victim giving his watch as collateral to Peng.

The victim then gambled with Peng while Li and the other accomplice acted as lookouts. Eventually, he lost all the money and was confined by the trio against his will in a flat on Rua do Almirante Sérgio (河邊新街). While in captivity, he managed to alert the authorities about his situation,



Judiciary Police (PJ) officers escort the two hooded usury suspects to a PJ vehicle outside the PJ headquarters in Zape yesterday. – Photo: William Chan

while also asking the suspects for an additional HK\$100,000 loan for gambling, a request which the gang accepted.

Peng and Li escorted the victim back to the casino, where he lost all the money once again. Following this, they returned with him to the flat. Police officers intervened on Sunday, rescuing the victim and

apprehending Peng and Li at the location. In total, the victim was confined for approximately 25 hours.

Peng and Li were transferred to the Public Prosecutions Office (MP) yesterday, each facing charges of false imprisonment and usury. Cheong noted that the police were still investigating the whereabouts of the duo’s other accomplice. ■

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Sports Bureau to enhance subsidies for local athletes

Yuki Lei

The government-appointed Sports Committee held a closed-door plenary meeting yesterday at the Tap Seac Multisport Pavilion, after which Sports Bureau (ID) President Luis Gomes told the media that the bureau will enhance several of its financial support programmes next year, with one of them aiming to explicitly protect athletes – for both elite and team athletes – with different training needs through clearly defined standards and systems.

This year's second plenary meeting was chaired by Secretary for Social Affairs and Culture Elsie Ao leong U.

Speaking to reporters during a post-meeting press briefing, Gomes, citing the changes in the international sports arena in the past decade, stressed that the bureau would make corresponding amendments to the government's financial support measures for local

athletes in the light of the direction of the development of different sports at regional and international levels, such as redefining the scale and level of some of the competitions, as well as institutionalising the competitions for the general public and the disabled.

At the press conference, Gomes repeatedly said that the bureau would adopt a "fine-tuned" and "refined" approach to enhancing its financial support schemes, adding that in addition to re-aligning recognised competitions, the bureau would also expand the scope and level of subsidies under the original scheme, in which the financial assistance for athletes at the top level will be increased by 17 percent.

"Taking into account the fact that athletes who have maintained a high level of performance over a long period of time, for example, if they have come in the top three places in the Asian Games for

two consecutive years, they may receive additional subsidies on top of the original subsidies, so that the financial support measures for them will not be affected by the fluctuations in their performance from time to time," Gomes said.

According to Gomes, the bureau also plans to extend the existing subsidy measure for athletes under the age of 14, and to introduce a new category of "aspiring elite athletes", giving play to the strengths of athletes who aspire to commit themselves to professional training in the long run.

He emphasised the need to stay within the budget and to focus resources on athletes first, on the basis of a balanced budget in 2024:

"Our original intention was to protect athletes and coaches with reasonable sports resources, and we have done this in a systematic way".

MGP tickets selling like hot cakes

Meanwhile, the 71st Macau Grand Prix (MGP) will kick off next Thursday. When asked about ticket sales, Gomes said that over 90 percent of the tickets for the main races have been sold, among which the main increase in the ticket mix comes from travel packages, accounting for 76 percent.

Gomes also said he believed that the FIA FR World Cup, which is one of the highlights of this year's event, will bring new momentum

and highlights to the world of motorsports, quoting the Paris-based motor-sports federation as saying that in the past Formula Regional (FR) races have been regionally based, and that the upcoming Macau Grand Prix will be the first time that a group of the world's top FR drivers will compete on the Guia Circuit, hoping that it will enable more members of the general public and fans around the globe to learn more about the latest developments in the world of motorsports.

Yesterday's meeting also discussed the enhancement of public sports facilities and next year's launch of the government's five-year report about local residents' physical fitness. ■



Members of the government-appointed Sports Committee, including Secretary for Social Affairs and Culture Elsie Ao leong U (centre) and Sports Bureau (ID) President Luis Gomes (left), pose before yesterday's closed-door plenary meeting at the Tap Seac Multisport Pavilion. – Photo: Yuki Lei

'Everyone can be each other's gatekeeper in life': IAS chief

Yuki Lei

The Social Welfare Bureau (IAS) and Macau Federation of Social Workers jointly held a seminar yesterday at Macau Fisherman's Wharf, during which IAS President Wilson Hon Wai reminded members of the public that "everyone can be each other's gatekeeper in life".

Delivering a speech during yesterday's opening ceremony of the one-day seminar, Hon noted that this year, as of end of September, the bureau, in conjunction with more than 40 local social service organisations, had organised more than 450 educational and awareness-raising activities on nurturing "life gatekeepers" and building up the resilience of the general public, with the participation of more than 21,000 attendees.

Themed "People and their Environment - Discovering the Beauty of Life", the seminar, which was attended by about 150 participants, aimed, according to a speech by the association's president Cheong Un Si, to unite

the strengths of social workers in Macau and elsewhere in the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macau Greater Bay Area (GBA) to better understand the close relationship between self-care and mental health, while further promoting the professional development of social services in Macau.

In addition, with the growing mental pressure arising from the challenges brought about by life, Hon said he expected social workers, through yesterday's exchange platform, to discover the "good things" in their environment and life, relieve their own pressure and build up a healthy and sound mindset, and to help members of the public with their social work practice and spirituality.

Hon also pointed out the significance of social work, which, he said, aimed to help people achieve self-esteem, satisfaction and happiness in their life, underlining the "greater" need for the local community to pool the efforts of the social services sector to help the public pay attention to and deal with mental health issues. ■



Social Welfare Bureau (IAS) President Wilson Hon Wai addresses yesterday's opening ceremony of a one-day seminar themed "People and their Environment - Discovering the Beauty of Life", at Macau Fisherman's Wharf. – Photo: Yuki Lei

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Macau Anglican College (MAC) students talk to the Post after their performance on Saturday. – Photo: Ng Sa

Ng Sa conducts the University of Macau Symphonic Band at the Amphitheatre of Taipa Houses during the Lusofonia festival on Sunday night. – Photo: Leung Kin Hang



Henry Huang plays the guitar with his fusion band Window Cleaning Service last year. – Photo provided by Huang

Macau Anglican College's Big Mac Band shines at Lusofonia

MAC music education nurtures talent, ambition, camaraderie

Interview by William Chan

The Big Mac Band of Macau Anglican College (MAC) performed two outdoor gigs on October 26 and last Saturday during Macau's GEG Lusofonia Festival in the Taipa House area. The band showcased a wide range of different tunes, including The Girl from Ipanema, Autumn Leaves, and From the Start.

After their performance on Saturday, the band's conductor Ng Sa, who has been the band director for nearly two years, along with the band members, spoke about music education at their school in an exclusive interview with the Post.

"This year, we revived the big band programme in the school, as we faced numerous setbacks during the COVID-19 pandemic," said Ng. "Not only were performances limited, but we also experienced frequent changes in teaching staff, which led to a challenging experience for the students."

Ng noted, "We are fortunate that at Macau Anglican College, there is well-rounded training in music, which is exceptional among local schools, as it is incorporated into the regular curriculum and not just an extracurricular activity." Students can choose music as a subject and receive group lessons in musical instruments, allowing them to develop a solid foundation in music, Ng underlined.

Henry Huang Seong Fong, captain of the Big Mac Band and a guitar player, noted that he has always been enthusiastic about music, thanks to the supportive school environment. "The other thing about our school is that

there is huge encouragement for us to form our own small bands. We formed a band called Window Cleaning Service comprising myself and five of my schoolmates. So we are always eager to be part of different kinds of music groups to gain more experience."

Given the musical atmosphere, Huang said, "I think what conductor Ng brings to the table is the ability to bring a large group of often unfamiliar students together to play as an ensemble. Besides the positive traits of a teacher, a band leader needs strong leadership skills, great charisma with students, and the musical craftsmanship to make it happen. Since conductor Ng took over the music concert band ensemble, he has made numerous changes, both in and outside the music realm. He made a promise to us that if we showed dedication to the ensemble, he would strive to organise a tour for us. He is also very proactive in bringing other music groups to our school for exchanges, as well as providing opportunities for us to perform outside, like at the Lusofonia festival, trying his best to provide the students with the best possible experience."

Huang noted that currently the ensemble has grown from less than 10 musicians to now becoming much more active, and that its members are willing to come together, participating with a stronger sense of identity and connection to the ensemble. "The big band, which was formed less than two months ago, managed to step onto the international stage at the Lusofonia festival after rigorous practice, diligence, and care for each other," Huang noted, adding that the students even created their

own band merchandise, and the total number of students across the concert band ensemble and the jazz big band now exceed 100.

Conductor, music educator

Ng is also the conductor of the University of Macau Symphonic Band, which performed twice during this Lusofonia festival. He noted that for both bands, their success is owed to the unwavering support and resources provided by the respective schools.

"Like most musicians who studied professionally, we all aim to be performers to share and showcase our musicality, which I still do quite often. However, as I've aged, I've found gratitude and satisfaction in other areas of music, especially education," Ng said. He mentioned a case where one of his students, initially very shy and timid due to family issues, had few opinions, connections with his schoolmates, or direction in life.

"I have been teaching him for several years. Besides developing his musical abilities, we gave him the opportunity to interact within a band and find his purpose. His mother later told me, to her surprise, that he expressed a desire to study music, which was something he had never mentioned before. Now, this student has become great friends with Huang and other peers. That is what matters to me more than anything else – to witness a student's growth, to inspire them, and eventually see them surpass me. Knowing that I played a small part in shaping a segment of their life is truly meaningful," Ng said.



Big Mac Band of Macau Anglican College (MAC) performs last Saturday during Macau's GEG Lusofonia Festival in the Taipa House area. – Photos: William Chan

2nd phase of subsidy scheme for SMEs' digital transformation to open for applications next Monday

Ginnie Liang

The first phase of the government's financial support programme offering subsidies to small- and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) to digitalise their operations is still going on, but the application period for the programme's second phase will start next Monday, offering 300 quotas, Macau Productivity and Technology Transfer Centre (CPTTM) official Lam Tou told reporters yesterday.

Lam made the remarks on the sidelines of the Seminar on Green Seafood and Green Tableware Sourcing, held yesterday by CPTTM at the Forum Macao Complex, which was attended by representatives from various public entities and the city's integrated resort (IR) companies.

The subsidy programme has been launched by the Economic and Technological Development Bureau

(DSEDT), which has commissioned the CPTTM to implement the programme.

Each beneficiary in the first phase will receive a subsidy of up to 18,000 patacas next month for a service to be provided by one of the programme's listed IT companies which will digitalise their operations, Lam pointed out, adding that a total of 600 SMEs participating in the first phase of the government's programme have completed a training course on digitised operation and are installing smart payment systems.

The programme aims to encourage local SMEs to launch a digital transformation in their marketing campaigns, payments, and other daily operations, and it is divided into two phases this year, with the first phase's application period, which ran from May 6 to 26,

having received 1,279 applications.

Lam acknowledged that the demand from local SMEs could not be met with just 300 places in the second phase, adding that the centre will conduct surveys and collect feedback from SMEs and continue to provide different training programmes next year depending on the situation.

This year's programme will cover businesses in sectors comprising retail, wholesale, restaurants and manufacturing, as well as other businesses that provide customers with various other daily-life services.

Locally established companies that employ no more than 100 employees will be eligible for the programme. Businesses only operating online will not be covered by the programme. In addition, companies will be required to be "financially sound" to be eligible for the programme.

Yesterday's seminar focusing on the food industry explored the importance and future trends of eco-friendly seafood certification and green tableware, helping the industry understand how to effectively implement sustainable sourcing strategies, which not only enhance the quality of products, but also increase the competitiveness of enterprises in the market and consumer confidence.

During yesterday's seminar, one of the speakers, Wong Sun-leung, technical service manager of the third-party certification agency SGS Hong Kong Limited, said that with the increase in available raw materials and suppliers, the price of environmentally friendly tableware has come down, and SMEs are advised to learn more about eco-friendly materials and find alternatives to plastics that comply with international standards. ■



Macau Productivity and Technology Transfer Centre (CPTTM) official Lam Tou talks to reporters on the sidelines of yesterday's one-day Seminar on Green Seafood and Green Tableware Sourcing held by CPTTM at the Forum Macao Complex. — Photo: Ginnie Liang

Transport platform revamp outside Hengqin checkpoint completed

Tony Wong

The government's overhaul of the public transport platform outside the pedestrian immigration building in the Macau-side checkpoint zone of the Hengqin joint checkpoint has been completed, the Public Works Bureau (DSOP) announced in a statement yesterday.

The statement said that after the completion of the ongoing final survey inspection and formal acceptance, the revamped public transport platform can start operating later this month.

A revamped part of the platform opened in September last year, after which another part of the platform was closed for its overhaul, which, however, only started in July this year and, according to yesterday's

statement, has now been completed.

Consequently, the whole public transport platform has now been reconditioned.

According to yesterday's statement, the platform's newly revamped part will be used for taxi ranks as well as pick-up and drop-off areas for casino shuttle buses and tourist coaches — both local and cross-border routes.

The platform's currently in-use part will continue to be used for public bus stops.

According to the statement, the newly revamped part covers 32,000 square metres.

The project was carried out by China Construction Engineering (Macau) Company Limited for a price tag of 194 million patacas. ■



This handout photo released by the Public Works Bureau (DSOP) yesterday shows a taxi rank in the newly revamped public transport platform outside the Hengqin joint checkpoint.

Tropical Storm Yinxing approaches, mercury to drop to 19°C by weekend

Ginnie Liang

Tropical Storm Yinxing is gradually moving towards the Luzon Strait and may enter the South China Sea later this week, the Meteorological and Geophysical Bureau (SMG) forecast on its website yesterday, adding that the mercury is predicted to drop to around 19 degrees Celsius by the end of the week.

The observatory forecast that "Yinxing" will strengthen over the next few days as it approaches the Luzon Strait, but its forward speed is expected to decrease, with the possibility that the storm will cross the central and northern parts of the South China Sea in a west to southwest direction, potentially reaching typhoon strength.

Meanwhile, the northeast monsoon has taken control of the weather systems in the South China Sea and the northwestern Pacific, the local observatory said. Given that "Yinxing" has a relatively small circulation, it is forecast that once it enters the South China Sea, it will be affected by the dry and cool northeast monsoon, leading to a gradual weakening of the storm, the bureau said.

As a result, the likelihood of "Yinxing" directly impacting Macau is considered low, according to Macau's meteorologists. However, should "Yinxing" change its course and approach the Pearl River Estuary within 300 kilometres, or if its weakening slows down,



This infographic provided by the Meteorological and Geophysical Bureau (SMG) yesterday at 8 p.m. shows the expected track of Tropical Storm Yinxing.

the chances of a direct effect on Macau could increase, the observatory predicted.

In the coming days, Macau can expect cool weather during the mornings and evenings, with mostly clear and dry conditions. The public is urged to stay updated with the latest weather forecast and to carry a jacket when heading out to avoid getting chilly. ■

'Making of Macau's Fusion Cuisine' now available in Chinese

Rui Pastorin

A Chinese edition of writer and researcher Annabel Jackson's 2020 book "The Making of Macau's Fusion Cuisine: From Family Table to World Stage" has recently been published.

The Chinese edition, according to a statement by the Cultural Affairs Bureau (IC), was translated by Stephanie Li (黎莊琳), Swallow Xu (徐彩燕) and Fraser Lee (李輝盛), adding that its publication in Chinese aims to enable more readers to become aware of Macanese cuisine and its influence, history and spread throughout Asia.

Macanese* cookery is a fusion cuisine dating back centuries featuring Portuguese, Chinese, Malay, African, Indian and other Asian ingredients and recipes. It

was inscribed on Macau's List of Intangible Cultural Heritage in 2012, the statement noted.

For her book, the statement pointed out, Jackson conducted in-depth research into Macanese cuisine's history and development through surveys and interviews, detailing how the cuisine "has been moving from being an everyday production of food in a domestic setting to an international cuisine".

Jackson, who holds a PhD in Sociology of Gastronomy from Goldsmiths, University of London, has lived in Hong Kong for over two decades, the statement pointed out. She frequently visits Macau, having written extensively about its food culture. Among her titles are "Taste of Macau: Portuguese

Cuisine on the China Coast", which was originally published in 2003.

According to the Script Road Macau Literary Festival Website, Jackson has authored 13 books, including six cookbooks on Asian cuisine.

Priced at 180 patacas, the Chinese edition of the book is available on the bureau's Online Bookshop on www.icm.gov.mo/bookshop, as well as the bureau's "consignment outlets" of their publications. More details are also available on www.icm.gov.mo/academics/cn/sellingBook/. ■

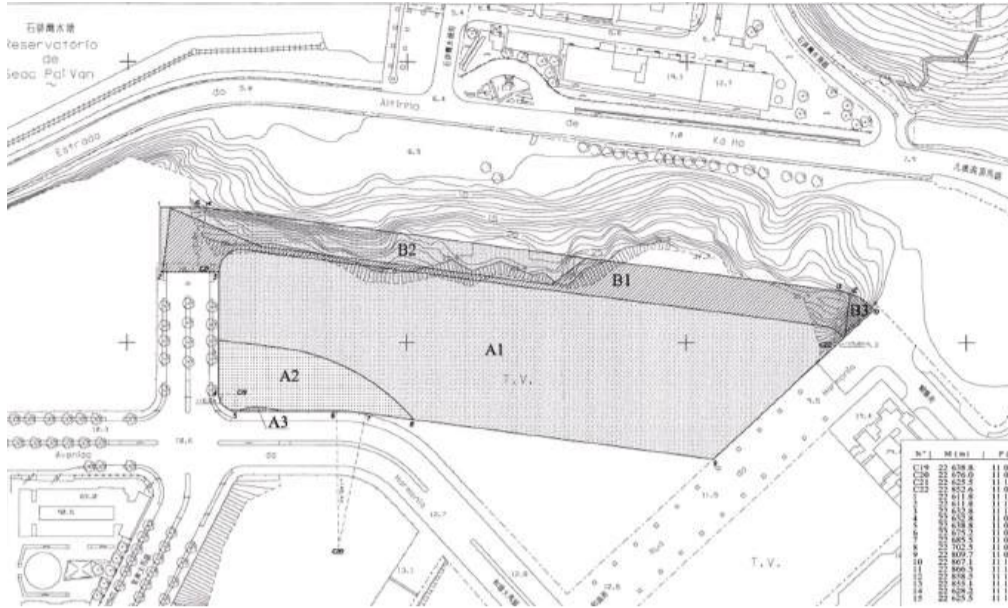
*Customarily, the term "Macanese" denotes Macau's community of mixed Portuguese and Asian descent, including their Patuá Creole, culture and cuisine, as well as their diaspora.

STOCK MARKETS

Hang Seng Index closes 2.14 pct higher

HONG KONG — Hong Kong's stock market ended higher yesterday with the benchmark Hang Seng Index up 2.14 percent to close at 21,006.97 points. The Hang Seng China Enterprises Index rose 2.56 percent to end at 7,556.62 points, while the Hang Seng Tech Index grew 3.57 percent to 4,693.85 points. — Xinhua

CityU to get new campus in Seac Pai Van: govt



This map downloaded from the Lands and Urban Construction Bureau's (DSSCU) website yesterday shows the plot in Coloane's Seac Pai Van earmarked for the private City University of Macau's (CityU) new campus.

Tony Wong

The government will grant a land concession of the undeveloped plot near Coloane's sprawling Seac Pai Van public housing neighbourhood to the private City University of Macau (CityU) for the construction of a new campus after which it will relocate from its current campus, which is situated on a part of the public University of Macau's (UM) former campus in Taipa, according to announcements by the Lands and Urban Construction Bureau (DSSCU) yesterday.

According to the announcements, the City University of Macau will pay for the construction of its new campus. After its relocation to the future campus, the private university will revert all facilities on its current Taipa campus to the government free of charge.

After the UM was fully relocated to its current one-square-kilometre Hengqin campus in 2014, the buildings and facilities on its former campus located on a hill area of Taipa island have been shared by three higher education institutions, namely the public the Macao University of Tourism (UTM), the public Macao Polytechnic University (MPU), and the private City University of Macau (CityU).

The MPU and the UTM were previously known as Macao Polytechnic Institute (IPM) and Macao Institute for Tourism Studies (IFTM) before they were upgraded to universities in March 2022 and April this year respectively.

While the UTM and the MPU each currently have their main campus on the Macau peninsula, the Taipa site is the main campus of the CityU, which, however, still has classrooms operating in a number of commercial buildings on the Macau peninsula.

The UM's current campus is situated in an area of Zhuhai's Hengqin island. The Macau Special Administrative Region (MSAR) is exercising jurisdiction over the area, which has been leased from Zhuhai.

Yesterday's DSSCU announcements about the plot's land concession in Seac Pai Van to be granted to the CityU came after the Education and Youth Development Bureau (DSEDJ) and the Foundation of City University of Macau, the entity that owns and runs CityU, signed an agreement in February this year according to which the bureau agrees to the university applying for the granting of a land concession earmarked for its new campus.

DSEDJ's February announcements did not identify the plot.

Macau currently has 10 higher education



This photo taken yesterday shows the undeveloped plot currently covered by bushes located near the Seac Pai Van public housing neighbourhood's Ip Heng Building.

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institutions, comprising four public and six private ones.

In addition to the UM, UTM and MPU, the other public higher education institution is the Macau Public Security Forces Academy (ESFSM) next to Coloane Village.

DSEDJ's February announcements said that after the CityU's relocation to its future campus, its current facilities on the Taipa campus will be transferred to public higher education institutions for their respective expansion and development projects, particularly UTM.

A DSSCU statement yesterday said that the Lands and Urban Construction Bureau is currently assessing the Foundation of City University of Macau's application for the granting of a land concession of a government plot earmarked for the construction of its new campus, adding that the concession will be granted free of charge, also without a public tender to be held. According to the Land Law, a land concession can be granted without a public tender if the plot's designated use will be in the public interest, including non-profit education purposes.

Yesterday's statement reaffirmed that the construction costs of the new campus will be fully borne by the Foundation of City University of Macau.

The statement also underlined that after the completion of its new campus project, the university will be required to return all facilities on its current Taipa campus to the government.

The statement said that in the future, the building and facilities on the CityU's current Taipa campus "will be used to improve teaching facilities of public higher education institutions such as UTM".

The statement underlined that after DSSCU officials complete their administrative formalities for the granting of the land concession, its agreement will be published in the Official Gazette (BO).

According to information uploaded onto the DSSCU website yesterday, the plot earmarked for the CityU's new campus is located between the Seac Pai Van reservoir and Ip Heng Building.

Ip Heng Building is a subsidised home-ownership scheme (HOS) estate comprising 10 blocks in the Seac Pai Van public housing neighbourhood, which comprises three HOS estates and one social rental housing estate.

According to the DSSCU website, the plot covers 10,696 square metres, earmarked for the construction of the CityU's new campus, with a gross construction area of about 53,490 square metres. ■

Time to decouple from decoupling policy

China Daily Editorial

US House of Representatives Speaker Mike Johnson recently echoed former president Donald Trump's call to repeal the CHIPS Act if he wins the presidential election, only to retract his statement a day later. This flip-flop underscores the political volatility surrounding China-US relations and the strategic decisions that will shape the future of both nations. As the election result is coming, it is crucial for the next administration to reassess the past four years of decoupling policies and high-tech barriers that have defined US-China economic and trade relations.

The CHIPS Act, designed to bolster domestic semiconductor manufacturing, has been a cornerstone of the US strategy to reduce dependency on overseas chips, including those from China. However, the act has also symbolized the broader policy of technological decoupling — a strategy shortsighted and detrimental to the US' own global competitiveness. Such decoupling policies could lead to significant losses for American businesses and industries by severing ties with the world's largest comprehensive industrial market.

The decoupling policy seems like a protective measure in the short term, its long-term implications could be far more damaging to the US economy and its technological leadership.

Decoupling from China means American companies losing access to a vast market that drives revenue and innovation. China is not only a major consumer of American tech products but also a significant player in the global supply chains. By cutting ties, US companies might find themselves at a competitive disadvantage, unable to leverage the scale and efficiency that collaboration with China offers. This could lead to increased costs, reduced market share, and a slower pace of technological advancement.

Furthermore, while decoupling might pose short-term challenges for China, it is actually accelerating China's efforts to achieve technological self-sufficiency and industrial upgrading. China has already begun to invest heavily in its own research and development capabilities, aiming to reduce its reliance on foreign technology. However, the implications of China-US relations extend beyond technology. The all-of-government approach to what the US

defines as strategic competition with China has left little room for cooperation, let alone its mobilization of US global alliances and partnerships to cut China off from key international supply chains.

Different people have from different perspectives come to the conclusion that the 2024 presidential election will be significant no matter who wins. If the present epidemic of anti-China mindset sustains, it might as well kiss goodbye to hopes for a healthy, stable bilateral relationship. Beijing's wish is for China-US relationship to settle and for there to be "no conflict, no confrontation". But that calls for both sides to make practical efforts to manage differences and keep them at manageable levels.

The present political atmosphere in the US doesn't permit that. Being labeled as "soft" on China means being perceived as numbingly "weak". And Beijing has been a handy scapegoat in the US' political dramas, and both the Democrats and Republicans will be loath to lose public attention given their inertia in coming up with solutions to the US' domestic problems.

Beijing has time and again appealed for Washington to display reason in handling

bilateral ties, which is no doubt in the fundamental, long-term US national interest. But too often immediate partisan interests take precedence in the real world. Johnson's latest flip-flop on the CHIPS Act was only a new footnote to that, and a reminder of the fact that by hook or by crook only votes matter.

In the current complex and turbulent international situation, the exploration of a correct way for China and the US to coexist not only serves the interests of both countries but also injects more certainty and positive energy into global peace and development.

The US presidential election presents a pivotal opportunity for a strategic reassessment of the policies that have governed the US' China policies over the past four years. Moving away from the myopic view of decoupling and toward a more balanced approach could enhance global competitiveness and innovation. Only by recognizing the potential benefits of engagement and the risks of isolation, the next administration can work toward a future where bilateral relations are marked by constructive dialogue and shared progress, rather than division and distrust.

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