



# Donald trumps Kamala

## Trump gains sweeping victory, makes stunning comeback

WASHINGTON – Donald Trump gained a sweeping victory in the US presidential election yesterday, defeating Kamala Harris in a stunning political comeback.

The Republican's win, following one of the most hostile campaigns in modern US history, was all the more remarkable given an unprecedented criminal conviction and a near-miss assassination attempt.

"It's a political victory that our country has never seen before," Trump told a victory party in Florida.

As supporters chanted "USA!", the 78-year-old added that his "magnificent" win would "allow us to make America great again" and usher in a "golden age of America".

### 'God spared my life for a reason'

Trump also said that "God spared my life for a reason" during his victory speech at Trump Headquarters yesterday.

Trump, who has been the target of two assassination attempts since July, shared his appreciation for a second presidency during his 25-minute speech from West Palm Beach, Florida.

"Many people have told me that God spared my life for a reason, and that reason was to save our country and to restore America to

greatness," Trump said. "And now we are going to fulfill that mission together."

He continued: "The task before us will not be easy, but I will bring every ounce of energy, spirit, and fighting that I have in my soul to the job that you've entrusted to me.

"We're going to help our country here. We have a country that needs help, and it needs help very badly. We're going to fix our borders. We're going to fix everything about our country and we've made history for a reason tonight. And the reason is going to be just that. We overcame obstacles that nobody thought possible," he added to cheers from the crowd.

"We will make America safe, strong, prosperous, powerful and free again. And I'm asking every citizen all across our land to join me in this noble and righteous endeavor," Trump said.

### World leaders' congratulations

World leaders swiftly pledged to work with Trump, led by Israel and Ukraine where the course of raging conflicts could depend on the new president and his isolationist "America First" foreign policy.

Vice President Harris, who only entered the race in July after President Joe Biden dropped out,

unsuccessfully ran on a centrist campaign platform.

But Trump's warnings about illegal immigration and championing of isolationism found their mark with voters battered by the post-COVID-19 economy and eager for a change from the Biden years.

The campaign pointed to a nail-bitingly close contest, but the results came surprisingly fast, delivering a crushing victory that included wins in the swing states of Georgia, North Carolina, Pennsylvania and Wisconsin.

Trump needed to win an absolute majority in the 538-member Electoral College – 270 electors. He won 291, while Harris won a mere 223. Trump also won the popular vote with 71.588 million votes, as against Harris's 66.737 million.

Gloom descended on Harris's supporters when the disappointing election results came in, and she cut short a planned post-election watch party and cancelled a speech. She is now due to speak today.

Trump is the first president in more than a century to win a non-consecutive second term.

He is also the only person to be elected as a convicted felon – he will face sentencing in a New York court for fraud on November 26.

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US Republican President-elect Donald Trump speaks during an election night event at the West Palm Beach Convention Center in West Palm Beach, Florida, yesterday. Claiming victory, he pledged to "heal" the country after trumping Democratic presidential candidate Kamala Harris in his stunning White House comeback. – AFP

## China congratulates Trump on being elected as US president

BEIJING – China congratulated Donald Trump on being elected as president of the United States, a foreign ministry spokesperson said yesterday.

The spokesperson made the remarks in response to a query that the US presidential election results are out and Republican candidate Donald Trump has won the election.

"We respect the choice of the American people and congratulate Mr. Trump on being elected as president of the United States," said the spokesperson. – Xinhua

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## Trump's Middle East peace promise wins over Muslim voters

Issam Ahmed

DEARBORN – Incoming US president Donald Trump pulled off a surprising feat late in the 2024 campaign, winning over swathes of Muslim voters with a promise to end bloodshed in the Middle East.

Now, his new supporters are celebrating his victory and confident he will deliver as Israel continues its 13-month siege of Gaza and bombardment of neighbouring Lebanon.

In Dearborn, America's largest Arab-American enclave, preliminary results showed Trump narrowly eking

out first place – a dramatic swing from 2020, when outgoing president Joe Biden won handily.

This time around, the left-leaning vote fractured between Vice President Kamala Harris and the Green Party's Jill Stein.

"People got the message that Trump is trying to bring peace to the Middle East and to the whole world," said Bill Bazzi, the Lebanese-American mayor of neighboring Dearborn Heights, speaking to AFP from a late-night hookah bar gathering that transformed into an early-morning party.

Bazzi dismissed what he called the media's distortion of Trump's previous "Muslim ban," insisting it was only a matter of closer vetting of select unstable countries to prevent Islamic State militants from getting into the United States.

A Marine veteran who campaigned for Trump in his closing rallies, he added he had been in contact with high-level members of the incoming administration who assured him that "one of the things [Trump] is pushing is to stop the war – he wants more diplomacy." – AFP

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President Xi Jinping has urged Hubei Province to forge ahead with the high-quality development of the Yangtze River Economic Belt and write its own chapter in Chinese modernization. – Story on p. 7

### Angola to continue promoting COVID-19 jabs: official

An Angolan public health official has announced here that the country needs to continue promoting vaccination against COVID-19 as a critical strategy in controlling the disease and saving lives. – Story on p. 12

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Trump is on course to break another record as the oldest-ever sitting president during his four-year term. He will surpass Biden who is set to step down in January at the age of 82.

## Stocks rally, bitcoin strikes record high

The US dollar surged, stocks rallied and bitcoin struck a record high yesterday as news of his victory emerged.

Trump's victory comes with a promise of radical policy shifts – not just at home but also abroad.

He has repeatedly suggested he would end the conflict in Ukraine by urging Kyiv to cede land to Russia, and his threat of mass deportations of illegal immigrants has stirred deep concern in Latin America.

He also returns to the White House as a climate change skeptic, poised to dismantle his predecessor Biden's green policies.

Even before Trump's victory was fully confirmed, foreign leaders rushed to send congratulations.

These included long-time Trump allies, Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Turkish Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdogan.

Also messaging Trump was Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky, who is



US President-elect Donald Trump gestures next to his wife Melania and their son Barron during an election night event at the West Palm Beach Convention Centre in West Palm Beach, Florida, yesterday. – AFP

predicted to see a rapid reduction in US military aid once Biden leaves office.

Zelensky said he hoped Trump's "impressive victory" would help his country find a "just peace."

The Kremlin said Russian President Vladimir Putin, on whom Trump has often lavished praise, did not plan to congratulate him.

NATO's chief, Mark Rutte, said Trump, who has frequently expressed displeasure with the US-led alliance, would make it "strong."

For all his dark promises of political revenge against foes at home and his criticisms of allies overseas, Trump remains famously unpredictable when it comes to matching words with actions.

## Everyman appeal, showman's instinct

But he won positive coverage with viral online moments that played on his everyman appeal and his showman's instinct – like his appearance at a McDonald's drive-thru and impromptu news conference from a garbage truck.

Star supporters like tech baron Elon Musk helped appeal to young men.

He campaigned on tax cuts, less regulation and the most significant increase in import tariffs in nearly a century to promote domestic growth and boost manufacturing, despite warnings of trade wars and higher prices for US consumers.

Trump often lurched into foul language and violent imagery. But that hard-charging style played well with his unfailingly loyal base, which sees him as a Washington outsider.

When Harris joined the race in July, replacing Biden, she soon closed the yawning gap Trump had in opinion polls.

Her message of unity, focus on abortion rights and warnings of the alleged threat Trump posed to US-style democracy initially appeared to resonate, evidenced by a huge surge in fundraising.

Ultimately, however, she fell short of what would have been a historic win as the first woman elected to the White House.

– AFP, MPD

# About 90 pct of residents can renew their ID cards online: DSI chief

Ginnie Liang

Identification Services Bureau (DSI) Director Chao Wai Ieng said yesterday that there are about 750,000 Macau identity card holders, of whom about 90 percent are able to renew their identity cards electronically, while only a small number of residents, including those who apply for identity cards for the first time or who are under the age of five on the date of this issue, need to apply at the counter in person.

Addressing a current affairs phone-in programme, Ou Mun Gwong Cheung, hosted by Ou Mun Tin Toi – the Chinese-language radio channel of public broadcaster TDM, Chao discussed the new generation of ID card (BIR) processing and e-services.

Chao said that as of last month, 128,000 residents had applied for the new generation of Macau identity cards, of which electronic applications accounted for 55 percent, counter applications made up 45

percent, and more than 55 percent of residents chose to use 24-hour self-service centres to renew their ID cards.

The self-service centres have been used by 290,000 people so far, reflecting the popularity of the 24-hour self-service centres among residents and the significant increase in the electronic and self-service applications for identification documents by residents, Chao pointed out.

Chao said that since the second quarter of this year, the bureau has run its outreach on-site ID card processing service, which is mainly targeted at schoolchildren – who are required to apply in person – and elderly residents requiring special care, adding that more than 100 applications have been processed so far this year. Chao said that he expected the number of outreach applicants to increase.

A caller asked during the phone-in programme whether residents living outside Macau can use the government's Macao One Account mobile app for ID renewal.

Chao said that the applicant must be a permanent resident aged 18 or above, and also has had an ID photo taken at a photo studio in Macau that is cooperating with the bureau, before leaving Macau and upload it to the app, adding that the photo is valid for one year.

Chao also said that the government has run an online service for residents who lost their travel documents abroad since 2021, where they will receive an application number and verification code valid within 24 hours after filling in their personal details and completing face recognition at the Macao One Account app.

Chao underlined that the service has been fully covered in more than

160 countries and about 250 Chinese embassies abroad, adding that the bureau received 72 applications regarding the loss of ID documents overseas from January to October this year, of which nearly 80 percent were completed through the Macao One Account app.

In addition, so far this year, the bureau has received more than 80 applications for naturalisation to become a Chinese national from Macau permanent residents.

In addition, Chao said that if the bureau found suspected fake marriage cases during identity checks, they would report them to the police, and most of the suspects volunteer to give up their documents or surrender to the authorities during the investigation, adding that in cases where identity cards have already been obtained, their ID documents will be revoked upon conviction by a court. ■



Identification Services Bureau (DSI) Director Chao Wai Ieng addresses yesterday's current affairs phone-in programme, Ou Mun Gwong Cheung, hosted by Ou Mun Tin Toi – the Chinese-language radio channel of public broadcaster TDM.

– Photo courtesy of TDM

# Local elderly woman loses HK\$1.5 million in 'fake police' scam: police

William Chan

A local elderly woman has fallen victim to a "fake police" phone scam and lost over HK\$1.5 million, Judiciary Police (PJ) spokesman Chong Kam Leong said during a regular press conference yesterday.

According to Chong, the victim received a call on October 14, in which a man claimed that he was a "mainland police officer". The scammer made preposterous allegations, claiming that a significant number of fraudulent messages had been sent from the

victim's mainland phone number.

Chong did not reveal the victim's exact age.

After complying with the scammers' instructions, the victim transferred a sum of HK\$1.55 million to several Hong Kong bank accounts in various remittances, following the scammer's claim that the transfers were needed for an "asset review". It was only during a conversation with her family later about the case that she came to the realise that she had fallen victim to a scam. Subsequently, she reported the case to the police. ■



Judiciary Police (PJ) spokesman Chong Kam Leong looks on during yesterday's regular press conference.

– Photo: William Chan

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## SJM launches Drivers' Collection Exhibition at MGP Museum

Rui Pastorin

"A Racing Legacy – Drivers' Collection Exhibition" was inaugurated at the Macau Grand Prix (MGP) Museum yesterday morning.

On display until February 3, the exhibition showcases racing memorabilia such as autographed helmets, gloves and racing suits, along with the history of SJM and

Theodore Racing's collaboration.

The exhibition was inaugurated by SJM Managing Director Daisy Ho Chiu Fung, Macau Government Tourism Office (MGTO) Director Maria Helena de Senna Fernandes and local racer and two-time MGP Formula 4 winner Charles Leong Hon Chio, who also has a section dedicated to him at the exhibition.

Leong, 23, won the MGP F4 races in 2020 and 2021. A statement provided by the integrated resort operator yesterday noted that Leong is representing the SJM Iron Lynx Theodore Racing Team in the Lamborghini Super Trofeo Asia series, with the team having claimed multiple podium finishes in recent rounds across Australia, Malaysia and South Korea.

In her speech, Ho said: "Through this special exhibition, we hope to strengthen the community's connection to Macau's racing heritage and inspire the next generation to carry the torch forward".

The opening ceremony was attended by over 50 high-school students, who proceeded to participate in a talk entitled "A Racing Legacy – Where Local Drivers' Dreams Take Flight". There, Leong spoke about his career, how he got into racing, and advice regarding the sport, among others. The students were also able to ask Leong questions after the session.

Both the talk and exhibition were part of SJM's "A Racing Legacy" outreach activities for the upcoming 71<sup>st</sup> Macau Grand Prix, which will take place from November 14 to 17.

Moreover, yesterday's SJM statement noted that "A Racing Legacy – Lamborghini Supercar Display" is set to take place at Grand Lisboa Palace (GLP) in Cotai from November 11 to December 1, during which the super cars Revuelto and Huracan will be showcased at the integrated resort's East entrance. Street dances and magic performances will also be held on weekends. ■



Local racer Charles Leong Hon Chio signs autographs for high-school students after yesterday's "A Racing Legacy – Where Local Drivers' Dreams Take Flight" sharing session. – Photos: Rui Pastorin



This photo shows some of the exhibits at the "A Racing Legacy – Drivers' Collection Exhibition".

## In-N-Out Burger's pop-up attracts crowds

Rui Pastorin

Crowds of people queued outside Ocean Mall\* yesterday for a promotional pop-up event held by US regional chain of fast-food restaurants In-N-Out Burger.

In-N-Out Burger, which is headquartered in Irvine, was founded in 1948 and has outlets primarily in California, according to Wikipedia. They currently have over 400 outlets throughout California, Nevada, Arizona, Utah, Texas, Oregon, Colorado and Idaho,

the In-N-Out website notes.

The one-day pop-up was set up at the mall's M2 Kitchen on the third floor and was open from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., during which diners were able to order the fast-food restaurant's famous "Double-Double burgers", "Animal Style burgers" and "Protein Style burgers". It marked the US fast-food restaurant's first pop-up event in Macau, In-N-Out Burger's Manager of Special Foreign Events Luis Hernandez told the *Post*

yesterday, noting that they were excited to be here and were grateful to see so many people queuing for the event.

There is no immediate timeframe to open up an In-N-Out Burger in Macau, Hernandez said, adding that the pop-up was part of the fast-food restaurant's global marketing tours. "We just go to different countries, promote our burger and put some smiles on everybody's faces. And everybody seems to love it". ■

\*The mall is located on Avenida do Conselheiro Ferreira de Almeida (澳門肥利喇亞美打大馬路)



A staff member takes orders from a customer at a busy counter during yesterday's In-N-Out pop-up at M2 Kitchen.



People queue outside Ocean Mall on Avenida do Conselheiro Ferreira de Almeida (澳門肥利喇亞美打大馬路). – Photos: Rui Pastorin

## Filipino band Lola Amour to perform at hush! music festival



This undated photo provided by Lola Amour shows the band members posing.

William Chan

Filipino band Lola Amour\* is set to perform at the upcoming "hush! Beach Concerts x Urban Yo-ga Wellfest 2024" this weekend at Hac Sa Beach in Coloane.

Lola Amour, a group of seven musicians who came together in high school, have turned their hobby into a professional endeavour. Their music, which blends elements of pop/rock with a touch of funk, defies a specific genre. Over the past seven years, the band has garnered popularity with their relatable lyrics and charismatic personalities. Their tracks "Fallen" and "Raining in Manila" have seen significant success, with the latter reaching #1 on digital streaming platforms in the Philippines and making waves internationally.

In an online interview with the *Post* earlier this week, the band members shared their excitement about the upcoming performance in Macau on Sunday. Drummer Raffy Perez expressed their intention to showcase their original Filipino music roots infused with modern influences, promising an unforgettable experience for the audience in terms of both music and production.

Saxophonist Jeff Abueg highlighted the unique use of horns in their music, a standout feature that distinguishes them from other Filipino artists. Their success, he noted, has been a gradual climb over 7-8 years, with certain tracks like "Pwede Ba" ("Can I") and "Fallen" playing

pivotal roles in their journey to wider recognition.

Trumpet player Angelo Mesina emphasised the band's effort to blend each member's influences and personalities into their sound, creating a unique and cohesive musical identity. Keyboardist David Yuhico added that despite differing ideas, the band finds a way to merge them into a distinct "Lola Amour" sound that resonates with their audience.

In crafting their setlist, the band aims to create a dynamic and engaging experience for their audience, starting with upbeat songs, transitioning to more mellow tunes, and building up the energy towards the end of the performance, Yuhico said.

Yuhico credited their success to their creative and supportive fan base, as well as their dedication to enhancing their live performances. Guitarist Zoe Gonzales mentioned their social media posts inviting fans to the event and expressed their enthusiasm for performing at the international music festival. They have prepared a special setlist combining new sounds with their classic hits, including "Fallen" and "Raining In Manila", which they believe the live renditions would surpass their studio version. ■

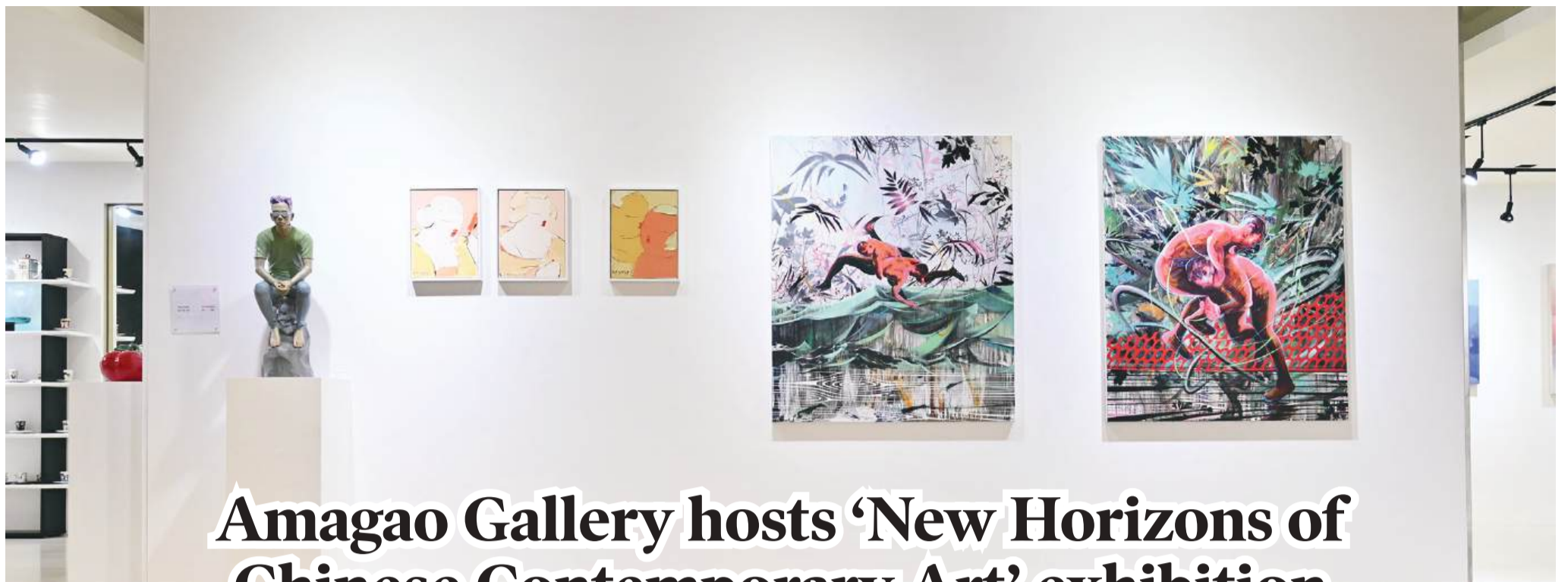
\*The name "Lola Amour" in Filipino translates to "Grandma Love" in English. "Lola" means grandmother, while "Amour" is the French word for love. The name evokes a sense of warmth, affection, and nostalgia, which aligns with the band's musical themes and style. – Source: Poe

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# Amagao Gallery hosts 'New Horizons of Chinese Contemporary Art' exhibition

**Rui Pastorin**

An exhibition entitled “New Horizons of Chinese Contemporary Art” is on at the Amagao Gallery in Artyzen Grand Lapa Macau hotel in Nape, showcasing the works of 17 artists from the mainland.

The free-admission exhibition, which kicked off on October 26, is presented by the hotel operator in conjunction with SOEMO Fine Arts, which marks its first exhibition in Macau, according to a recent Artyzen Grand Lapa Macau statement.

SOEMO Fine Arts, which has held various exhibitions across Hong Kong, the US, and Europe, was established by Dutchman Jareth Soemodihardjo in 2006. The statement added that it was one of the first foreigner-owned art galleries

in the Song Zhuang Painters’ Village, which is “home to Beijing’s largest and most famous art community”.

Themed “Continuity and Innovation”, a statement provided at the gallery noted that the exhibition presents “how contemporary Chinese art honours traditional culture while expressing unique perspectives”, adding that contemporary techniques were used to re-imagine older classical themes while new media is also used to explore ancient motifs, the statement said.

The statement quoted Rutger Verschuren, Area Vice President, Macau and Hengqin Operations for Artyzen Hospitality Group and General Manager of Artyzen Grand Lapa Macau, as saying: “This event shines a spotlight on emerging artistic talents from mainland China, helping to

introduce these gifted artists to a global audience.”

Meanwhile, SOEMO Fine Arts Curator Lucy Han was also quoted as saying: “I find the philosophy of both the hotel and the Macau gallery matching so well with mine – connecting the two sides of the world and encouraging exploration. I sincerely believe that people in Macau will like this exhibition.”

One can visit the gallery from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. It is closed on Mondays.

The statement did not mention when the exhibition will end.

More details are available on <https://www.artzyzen.com/en/hotels/artzyzen-grand-lapa-macau/experiences/amagao-gallery/>

Photos: Rui Pastorin



## Councillors greenlight villas on Small Taipa Hill



Members of the Urban Planning Council (CPU) attend yesterday's regular meeting at the Transport Bureau Building on Estrada de D. Maria II. — Photo: CPU

### Tony Wong

The land concessionaire for a development project next to the Lisboa Gardens residential estate on Small Taipa Hill, with the concession initially comprising six plots, has relinquished the development of four of the six plots, while the remaining two plots are now earmarked for the construction of villas, according to a revised agreement on the concession published in the Official Gazette (BO) yesterday.

According to the revised agreement, the two plots cover 3,019 square metres in total, comprising the 2,198-square-metre Plot M2A and the 821-square-metre Plot M2B, earmarked for the construction of 16 four-storey villas and six five-storey villas respectively.

The land concessionaire, Ka Fai Property Investment Company, applied to change certain terms of the concession in 2011 for its then plan to build six residential towers in the area with a height ranging between 139 metres and 154 metres above sea level, as the Lisboa Gardens new residential development, which would have blocked the visibility of the 110-metre Small Taipa Hill. The developer later withdrew the plan after strong opposition by civil society.

In 2019, the government issued its first urban condition draft plan for the

six plots with a total area of 15,431 square metres, with Plots M2A, M2B and C earmarked for villas, M3 for a hotel, A4 for clubhouses, and D for residential buildings.

The government did not approve the land concessionaire's construction plan for its hotel project on Plot M3 after a meeting of the government-appointed Urban Planning Council (CPU) last year.

Last month, the Lands and Urban Construction Bureau (DSSCU) issued a revised version of the land concession's condition draft plan, according to which the concessionaire is required to revert Plots A4, C, D, and M3 to the government, covering 12,412 square metres in total. Consequently, the concessionaire will only be allowed to build villas on Plots M2A and M2B.

The land concession's revised agreement published in the Official Gazette yesterday confirms that the concessionaire has conceded the development of Plots A4, C, D, and M3.

The revised version of the land concession's condition draft plan was discussed during yesterday's regular meeting of the Urban Planning Council, which was chaired by DSSCU Director Lai Weng Leong, who approved the draft plan after no councillors voiced opposition. ■



This file photo taken in 2021 shows some of the previously abandoned buildings constructed on Small Taipa Hill, by the concessionaire for its Lisboa Gardens new residential development. — Photo: Tony Wong

## No. of gamblers seeking help rises 50 pct in Jan-Sept: IAS

### Ginnie Liang

The Social Welfare Bureau's (IAS) received 166 requests for help from gamblers in the first three quarters of the year, an increase of nearly 50 percent compared with the same period last year, IAS Drug Addiction and Rehabilitation Department Chief Richard Cheang To Tat told reporters yesterday.

Cheang made the remarks on the sidelines of the closing ceremony of the "Responsible Gaming Promotion 2024" held at the JW Marriott Hotel at Galaxy Macau yesterday.

Co-organised by IAS, the Gaming Inspection and Coordination Bureau (DICJ) and the Institute for the Study of Commercial Gaming (ISCG) at the University of Macau (UM), the ceremony was attended by over 200 people, among them various gaming operators, a number of gambling disorder prevention and

treatment organisations from Hong Kong and Macau, representatives of social service organisations as well as experts and academics.

Cheang noted that the overall trend of requests for help by gamblers in recent years had dropped from 25 percent of the total number in 2011 to six percent in the first three quarters of this year, while tourists were becoming more aware of responsible gambling and the issue of gambling disorders.

Cheang added that the bureau is providing ongoing training for casino staff to understand or recognise gamblers with potential gambling disorders, in order to support them and to encourage them to seek help.

During yesterday's ceremony, the DICJ said that the prevalence of gambling disorders in Macau had decreased from six percent in 2007 to 0.45 percent in 2022, while the awareness rate of responsible

gambling among local residents increased from 16.2 percent in 2009 to 64.9 percent last year.

According to the bureau, the programme has received support from various gaming operators and gambling disorder prevention and treatment organisations since its launch in June this year, and has already launched more than 140 diversified promotional activities with about 460,000 participants.

The bureau said that it will continue to step up its promotional efforts to reach out to different groups, with a focus on promoting gambling prevention and proactive help-seeking among young people in the future, recognising the signs of gambling addiction at an early stage, understanding the potential risks associated with gambling, and cultivating a positive attitude towards life in order to reduce various types of addictive behaviours. ■



This photo provided by the Social Welfare Bureau (IAS) shows the closing ceremony of the "Responsible Gaming Promotion 2024" campaign yesterday at the JW Marriott Hotel at Galaxy Macau yesterday.

## Macau confirms 3 more local dengue cases & 1 another imported case: SSM

### Ginnie Liang

Macau recorded three more locally transmitted cases of dengue fever on Tuesday and yesterday, and one more imported case on Tuesday, the Health Bureau (SSM) announced in separate statements.

According to the SSM's Tuesday statement, the patient is a 61-year-old retired local man who lives in a flat on Rua do Tarrafeiro (沙欄仔街), a family member of whom was diagnosed with dengue fever on Sunday.

SSM staff found the man had symptoms of dengue fever during its dengue fever prevention and control work on Monday, and immediately arranged for blood sampling at the scene, where he was diagnosed with dengue fever type I, the Tuesday statement said.

In another local case found on Tuesday, the patient is a 25-year-old man, who lives in a flat on Rua dos Fatiões (快艇頭街). The statement said he came down with a fever and muscle pain last Monday and was also diagnosed with dengue fever type I by SSM staff during a door-to-door search for potential dengue fever patients, the Tuesday statement said.

Meanwhile, in an imported case reported in the Tuesday statement, the patient is a 43-year-old woman

who visited Malaysia between October 19 and November 2, when she came down with a skin, headache, joint pains and general weakness, but did not seek medical treatment there.

The woman then returned to her flat in Hengqin on Saturday, and sought treatment at the Macau University of Science and Technology (MUST) University Hospital on Monday, where she was diagnosed with dengue fever type III.

Tuesday's statement said that the woman was in a stable condition, adding that her family members that live with her did not feel unwell.

Meanwhile, yesterday's statement reported that a 74-year-old woman who also lives near Rua do Tarrafeiro

was diagnosed with dengue fever type II on Monday.

SSM also said that a number of local dengue fever cases have been detected in the vicinity of Rua do Tarrafeiro recently. On Monday and Tuesday, the bureau conducted inspections of more than 2,500 households involving 188 buildings and 283 ground-floor shops, and disseminated information on the prevention of dengue fever to nearly 1,900 households in 215 buildings.

In view of the high risk of dengue fever transmission in the risk area around Rua do Tarrafeiro, which has already recorded four cases, the bureau urged people living in or visiting the area to take extra precautions, such as removing stagnant water and taking anti-mosquito measures. ■

### DENGUE SYMPTOMS

Fever with any of the following

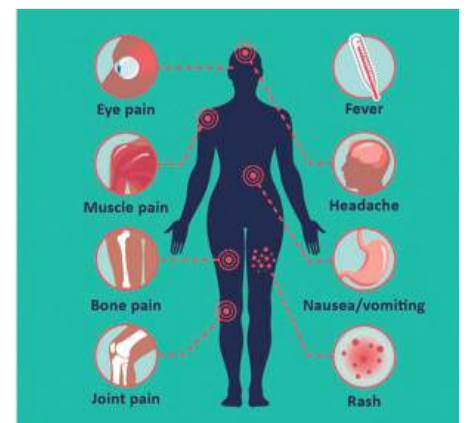


Image courtesy of US CDC

## STOCK MARKETS

### Hang Seng Index closes 2.23 pct lower

HONG KONG — Hong Kong's stock market ended lower yesterday with the benchmark Hang Seng Index down 2.23 percent to close 20,538.38 points.

The Hang Seng China Enterprises Index fell 2.56 percent to end at 7,363.47 points, while the Hang Seng Tech Index fell 2.54 percent to end at 4,574.50 points. — Xinhua

# Sandwich-class housing project in Iao Hon to start soon: govt

**Tony Wong**

The Public Works Bureau (DSOP) said in a statement yesterday that construction of the government's first sandwich-class public housing high-rise, to be located on a plot in Iao Hon district which is currently used as a temporary sitting-out area, will get off the ground soon.

The statement pointed out that four dilapidated residential buildings on the plot were demolished in 2009, after which a temporary low-rise building was constructed on a part of the area and used as the office of a now-defunct consultative committee on revitalising the city's old quarters. The office was demolished a few years ago, after which the plot was converted into the current sitting-out area in 2021 slated to be used on a temporary basis.

Yesterday's statement came after the government announced in early August that it will build its first sandwich-class public housing high-rise on the plot.

According to the DSOP website, the plot, located at the corner of Rua Oito do Bairro Iao Hon (祐漢新村第八街) and Avenida da Longevidade (長壽大馬路), covers 1,875 square

metres, where a 30-storey tower will be constructed, plus a three-level underground public carpark.

The building will provide about 250 flats, with its underground carpark to comprise about 100 parking spaces for cars and motorcycles. The building will also include commercial and community facilities.

The sandwich-class housing project will be carried out through two separate tenders – a tender for its pile foundation and basement, and a tender for its superstructure. Yesterday's DSOP statement said that the project's pile foundation and basement work will start soon.

The bureau launched a tender by invitation only earlier this year when it asked five construction companies to bid for the project's pile foundation and basement work, after which all five companies submitted their respective bids, which were unsealed by DSOP officials on July 31.

The quotations proposed by the five bidders ranged from 119.0 million to 183.8 million patacas.

According to the DSOP website, the project's pile foundation and basement work will be carried out



*This handout photo released by the Public Works Bureau (DSOP) yesterday shows its officials during an on-site inspection of the temporary sitting-out area in Iao Hon district where the government's first sandwich-class public housing high-rise will be built.*

by San Kei Ip Decoration Company Limited, which provided the lowest bid of 119.0 million patacas.

The company will now be required to complete the building's pile foundation and basement within 600 working days.

Government-built sandwich-class housing projects aim to provide affordable flats for local residents who are not eligible to

buy a flat under the government's subsidised home-ownership scheme (HOS) but cannot afford to buy a flat in the private sector either.

A new law regulating the government's sandwich-class housing programme came into force on April 1 this year.

Yesterday's DSOP statement said that with the government-owned Macau Urban Renewal Limited

(MUR) still pushing forward its Iao Hon Estate urban renewal project to redevelop seven dilapidated residential estates comprising low-rise buildings in Iao Hon district into high-rise buildings with 30 floors each, the government's first sandwich-class public housing high-rise to be built on the plot, located near the dilapidated Iao Hon Estate, will become the city's first urban-redevelopment example project.

The statement noted that the sandwich-class high-rise's design is similar to MUR's Iao Hon Estate urban renewal project's future redeveloped buildings.

The statement also underlined that in the vicinity there are several other sitting-out areas and public parks so that residents can use them after the temporary sitting-out area is closed for the sandwich-class housing project.

The government announced late last year its decision to suspend its sandwich-class housing project on a plot at the bottom of Big Taipa Hill in Avenida Wai Long, i.e., the plot of the ill-fated La Scala luxury housing project near the airport, before finally deciding whether it will resume it in the future. ■

## Trump wins US presidency amid deep public concerns

WASHINGTON – Multiple major US media outlets projected yesterday that Republican presidential candidate Donald Trump has garnered enough Electoral College votes to win the presidency, drawing public concerns.

Earlier in the day, Trump took the stage at West Palm Beach County Convention Center in the US state of Florida to speak to supporters and declare victory.

In the US presidential election, the candidate who receives more than half of the 538 electoral votes wins the presidency. His Democratic opponent, US Vice President Kamala Harris did not speak on election night at Howard University, her alma mater in Washington D.C.

Alongside the presidential race, several US media outlets projected that the Republican Party would regain control of the US Senate after flipping two seats from the Democratic Party.

The only unresolved issue was the House of Representatives, making the fight for the lower chamber the Democrats' final opportunity to maintain a foothold of power in Washington and resist a second Trump administration, reported the Hill.

French President Emmanuel Macron congratulated Trump yesterday, writing on social media platform X: "Ready to work together as we did for four years. With your convictions and mine. With respect and ambition. For more peace and prosperity."

In a statement released by his office and posted on X, Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu hailed Trump's return as a "new beginning for America" and emphasized a renewed commitment to the US-Israel alliance, calling it a "huge victory" for both nations.

The Russian foreign ministry said yesterday that Moscow holds no illusions about Donald Trump, who has declared victory in the 2024 US presidential election, as Washington's ruling elite continues to maintain an anti-Russian agenda.

"Russia will work with the new administration ... firmly defending Russian national interests and focusing on achieving all the goals of the special military operation," it added.

The election, widely regarded as one of the most divisive in American history, has caused deep concern among voters. According to an annual survey conducted by the American Psychological Association, 77 percent of US adults said the future of the nation was a significant source of stress in their lives. Additionally, 74 percent said they were worried that the election results could lead to violence.

"The US is now more divided along ideological and political lines than at any time since the 1850s," said Bruce Stokes, an associate fellow at Chatham House. "America's friends and allies need to understand that the United States has become a Disunited States. There are effectively two Americas – and they are at war."

It has also become one of

the most contentious and costly campaigns in US history. According to OpenSecrets, political spending across major-party campaigns, related political action committees (PACs), and other groups is projected to have reached a record US\$15.9 billion, with deep involvement of US billionaires.

After decades of staying out of politics, Bill Gates recently donated about US\$50 million to a nonprofit supporting Harris's presidential campaign. Meanwhile, Elon Musk, the richest man in the world, has given more than US\$75 million to his pro-Trump super PAC.

Despite the enormous financial outlay, voters appear increasingly disillusioned with their nation's institutions and political landscape. A *New York Times*/Siena College poll revealed that nearly half of American voters doubt the effectiveness of US democracy, with 45 percent believing it fails to represent ordinary people.

Three-quarters of the voters say democracy is under threat, and more than half feel that the government mostly serves elite interests, reinforcing concerns about corruption and deep-seated dysfunction. Notably, 58 percent of voters say the political system needs major reform or a complete overhaul, according to the poll.

"When it is over, no matter who wins, we will be more divided, with our fragile democracy and our country's unity at greater risk," said James Zogby, president of the Washington-based Arab American Institute. – *Xinhua*

## Police bust 2 illegal currency exchange cases



*Judiciary Police (PJ) officers escort the three hooded suspects in the first of two separate case to a PJ vehicle outside the PJ headquarters in Zape yesterday.*

– Photo: William Chan

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The Judiciary Police have separately arrested a man from the mainland, two local women, as well as a female mainlander for engaging in illegal currency exchange transactions, Judiciary Police (PJ) spokesman Chong Kam Leong said during a special press conference yesterday.

In the first case, the male mainlander, identified as Gao, was reportedly luring customers to the two local suspects, sisters surnamed Hong in their fifties, who were providing funding for the illicit currency exchanges. Police apprehended the group at a casino food court in Cotai.

The police confiscated a total of around HK\$200,000 in casino chips and cash from the three suspects as well as the two gamblers who later acted as

witnesses. Under questioning, the Hong's said that they had been illegal currency exchange dealers for several years.

In the second case, the 36-year-old suspect is surnamed Xiao.

According to Chong, a staff member of a Cotai casino discovered Xiao engaging in an illegal currency exchange deal with a man in a smoking lounge, and reported the case to the police.

Subsequently, the PJ officers seized HK\$26,900 in casino chips from the victim, which had been exchanged with Xiao during the transaction, as well as HK\$128,000 in gambling chips from Xiao.

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