

# GEG founder & chairman Lui Che-woo passes away at 95

**Yuki Lei**

Integrated Resort (IR) operator Galaxy Entertainment Group (GEG) Founder and Chairman Lui Che-woo passed away on Thursday at the age of 95.

The GEG announcement last night noted that Lui “passed away peacefully at the age of 95 on 7 November 2024”, expressing its “deepest sorrow” in the statement and thanked him for his “invaluable contributions to the group” during his time as the chairman, as well as the “deepest condolences” to Liu’s family.

According to the statement, Lui – born in 1929 in Jiangmen, a prefecture-level city located some 63 kilometres north-west of Macau, and moved to Hong Kong at the age of four.

He founded Galaxy Entertainment Group, the first gaming company

to be listed on the Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited in 2005, and was included in the Hang Seng Index in 2013 as a constituent.

“His vision, tremendous leadership and guidance were the foundations for the group’s development and continued success,” the statement said.

The statement underlined that the group would continue to operate its business in accordance with the business strategies laid down by the Board, adding that “the passing away of Lui will not have any impact on the operations of the group”.

According to the statement, the group will make a further announcement after the reappointment of the new Chairman of GEG, who “will be appointed in due course”.

According to Wikipedia, Lui, with his successful corporate

management and extensive experience in the hospitality and tourism industry, became one of three gaming operators in Macau to be awarded a gaming concession in 2002 through a tender process conducted by the local government with Galaxy Entertainment Group, beating 18 world-class competitors, with the first phase of Galaxy Macau in Taipa opening in 2011. In 2022, Galaxy Entertainment Group was once again awarded the Macau Special Administrative Region’s new gaming concession for a period of 10 years, making it one of the city’s six IR operators.

Lui founded StarWorld Hotel in Zape in 2006 as part of a GEG investment project, Wikipedia noted. He was also a pioneer who founded K. Wah Company in 1955, which later became a multinational conglomerate, K. Wah Group. ■



This undated file photo shows Lui Che-woo posing during a company-results-announcement press briefing. – Photo courtesy of RTHK

## Lawmakers pass outline of bill to raise compensation for fired employees

**Tony Wong**

The Legislative Assembly (AL) yesterday passed the outline of a government-initiated bill proposing to raise the maximum amount of compensation that an employee in the private sector will be entitled to receive after he or she has been dismissed without justification

from the current 252,000 patacas to 258,000 patacas.

The bill proposes amendments to the Labour Relations Law.

Secretary for Economy and Finance Lei Wai Nong introduced the outline of the bill during a plenary session in the legislature’s hemicycle yesterday.



Secretary for Economy and Finance Lei Wai Nong speaks during yesterday’s plenary session in the legislature’s hemicycle. – Photo: GCS

After yesterday’s passage of its outline, the bill will be passed to one of the legislature’s standing committees for an article-by-article review, after which it will be resubmitted to another plenary session for its second and final debate and article-by-article vote.

The Labour Relations Law lays out calculation rules for the amounts of compensation an employer is required to pay his or her employee who has been dismissed without justification, such as laying off workers.

According to the law, the compensation amount depends on the length of time the employee has been working for the employer before his or her employment is terminated.

For example, according to the law, an employer is required to pay a dismissed employee who had worked for over five years and up to seven years a compensation equivalent to

the number of years of employment multiplied by his or her 15-day salary, while an employer is required to pay those who had worked for over 10 years a compensation equivalent to the number of years of employment multiplied by his or her 20-day salary.

According to the law, a dismissed employee who had worked for up to one year is entitled to a compensation equivalent to his or her seven-day salary provided that he or she completed his or her probation period.

However, according to the law’s current version, the amount of a dismissed employee’s monthly salary used to calculate his or her compensation is capped at 21,000 patacas, regardless of the amount of his or her monthly salary before his or her termination.

According to the law’s current version, a dismissed employee is only entitled to a compensation of

up to 252,000 patacas regardless of the length of years he or she had worked for the employer, i.e., 12 times 21,000 patacas.

The bill, the outline of which was passed by yesterday’s plenary session, proposes to raise the maximum amount of a dismissed employee’s monthly salary used to calculate his or her compensation by 500 patacas, from the current 21,000 patacas to 21,500 patacas.

Correspondingly, the maximum amount of compensation that an employee is entitled to receive will increase to 258,000 patacas from the current 252,000 patacas – if the legislature passes the bill in its final reading.

According to the law, the government is required to review the compensation amount every two years.

The government decided not to change the amount after the previous review a few years ago. ■

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New research has found a link between high-speed internet activities and Australia’s growing rate of obesity.

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Israeli Foreign Minister Gideon Saar yesterday rejected the establishment of a Palestinian state as a “realistic” goal, after Palestinian leader Mahmud Abbas reiterated his commitment to a “sovereign” country.

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# Legislators pass outline of bill on investment funds

Tony Wong

The Legislative Assembly (AL) yesterday passed the outline of a government-initiated bill regulating the setting-up and operation of investment funds and fund management companies.

The bill aims to enhance the flexibility in the setting-up and operation of fund management companies, strengthen the protection for investors, and promote the setting-up of privately offered funds.

The bill proposes to establish a new law regulating investment funds and fund management companies to replace the current decree law enacted back in 1999 when Macau was still under temporary Portuguese administration.

Secretary for Economy and Finance Lei Wai Nong introduced

the outline of the bill during a plenary session in the legislature's hemicycle yesterday.

After yesterday's passage of its outline, the bill will be passed to one of the legislature's standing committees for an article-by-article review, after which it will be resubmitted to another plenary session for its second and final debate and article-by-article vote.

Lei underlined that the government is promoting the development of Macau's modern finance with the aim of strengthening its financial sector's contribution to supporting the real economy.

Lei noted that several pieces of financial legislation have been enacted over recent years, adding that the government is currently working on drafting a number of

other bills concerning the city's financial industry, including one whose drafting has been completed, i.e., the bill on investment funds whose outline was passed by yesterday's plenary session.

The policy secretary also underlined that over recent years Macau has created various financial infrastructure projects promoting the development of its financial industry.

Lei noted that asset management is an important component of the modern financial industry, adding that over recent years the government has permitted a number of investment fund management companies to operate in Macau.

Lei said that with the aim of promoting the development of investment fund business activities in Macau, strengthening

coordination between Macau's legal system regulating investment funds and the respective regulations of neighbouring countries and regions in order to attract institutions from outside Macau to participate in the local market, as well as promoting the connection between Macau's fund market and the international fund market, the government has drafted the bill after consulting representatives from the city's financial sector as well as experts and scholars in the field and referencing the respective laws in a number of countries and regions.

According to Lei, the bill proposes to expand the scope of business activities that investment fund management companies will be allowed to engage in, enhancing the flexibility in their setting-up and operation.

Lei said that in reference to the relevant experience in neighbouring countries and regions, the bill proposes to specify statutory requirements for the setting-up and operation of privately offered investment funds, with the aim of promoting their development in Macau.

The bill also aims to enhance the protection for investors, such as by proposing tougher statutory requirements for information disclosure for investment fund prospectuses and investment portfolios.

Also addressing yesterday's plenary session, Macau Monetary Authority (AMCM) President Benjamin Chan Sau San said that over the past five years, a total of 15 financial institutions from outside Macau have launched their businesses here. ■

## Police nab sextet for false statements, sham marriage

William Chan

The Public Security Police (PSP) have apprehended six suspects for allegedly making false statements and their involvement in sham marriages, PSP spokesman Wong Wai Chon said yesterday.

The case involves a complex web of deceit, Wong said. In one instance, a mainland couple in their fifties, the wife surnamed Li and the husband surnamed Shi, had a son and a daughter. The couple then asked Shi's female cousin and her husband to falsely claim to be the parents of their daughter to secure a Macau ID card for her.

Subsequently, in 2011, Shi engaged in a sham marriage with a local woman surnamed Wong to obtain a Macau ID card for himself

and his son. They divorced in 2014.

Meanwhile, Wong entered into a legitimately registered marriage with a mainland man named Hu in 2016, enabling Hu to obtain a family visitor permit for frequent visits to Macau. Despite their separation in 2022 and no longer residing together, Hu continued to use the family permit to enter Macau regularly.

Under questioning, all suspects insisted that their actions involved no financial transactions but were merely acts of mutual assistance.

The sextet have been transferred to the Public Prosecutions Office (MP), facing charges of engaging in a sham marriage and making false statements to the authorities, Wong said. ■



This undated handout photo provided by the Public Security Police (PSP) yesterday shows police officers escorting the suspects to a police station for questioning.

## Woman injured as tree fall on Guia Hill

Yuki Lei

A mountain tallow tree believed to have brown root rot disease collapsed on Guia Hill yesterday, hitting a woman who was running on the fitness trail there, according to separate statements by the Fire Services Bureau (CB) and Municipal Affairs Bureau (IAM).

According to online footage circulated yesterday, the victim was seen lying on the fitness trail after being felled by a tree limb, while a man tried to stop the bleeding from a wound on her head. The CB statement noted that the victim, who is in her forties, suffered head lacerations and was rushed to the public Conde de São Januário Hospital Centre for emergency treatment.

The incident occurred at about 3 p.m. yesterday when a nine-metre-tall tree – known as *Sapium discolor* (its scientific name) – on Estrada Do Engenheiro Trigo (松山馬路), the CB statement said, adding that the victim was losing consciousness by the time ambulance arrived the scene.



This video grab retrieved yesterday from a clip circulating on social media shows a woman lying on the Guia Hill fitness trail after being struck by a tree limb.

About three hours after the incident, the Municipal Affairs Bureau issued a statement, pointing out that "the preliminary assessment is that the tree has been suffering by brown root rot disease, resulting in the tree falling due to instability", expressing condolences to the victim.

According to the IAM statement,

an immediate on-site inspection did not reveal any abnormality in the trees surrounding the accident site. It added that the last tree inspection in the area was in mid-August this year.

The bureau will closely follow up the incident and further step up the inspection of trees with safety risks, yesterday's statement underlined. ■

## Male duo scam 2 illegal currency exchange dealers: police

William Chan

Two men from the mainland have been arrested for defrauding two illegal currency exchange dealers out of 57,000 yuan (63,760 patacas), Judiciary Police (PJ) spokesman Ho Wai Lok said during a regular press conference yesterday.

The two fraud suspects are surnamed Zhu and Peng. The two illegal currency exchange dealers, a man and a woman from the mainland arrested in Macau for their currency exchange activities, are surnamed Tao and Du. They are in their twenties and thirties.

According to Ho, the quartet met outside a casino in Cotai on Thursday to engage in an illegal currency exchange. In the deal, Zhu and Peng were supposed to give Tao and Du casino chips worth HK\$62,000 in return for 57,000 yuan via bank transfers.

After completing the bank transaction, Zhu and Peng suddenly reneged on the agreement and tried to run away. This prompted a dispute between the two parties, which caught the attention of nearby police. The officers intervened and took everyone to a police station for questioning.

Police discovered only HK\$10,000 in casino chips and

several thousand in cash on Zhu and Peng, leading them to suspect that Zhu and Peng had never had the funds for the deal and were attempting to commit fraud from the start, Ho said.

The quartet have been transferred to the Public Prosecutions Office (MP), Zhu and Peng face fraud charges, while Tao and Du face illegal currency exchange charges. ■



This undated handout photo provided by the Judiciary Police (PJ) yesterday shows the evidence seized from the suspects.

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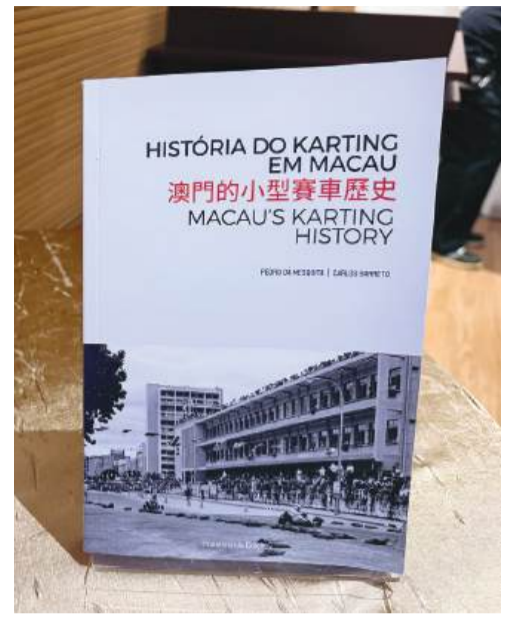
# 60 years of 'Macau's Karting History' book launch



PraiaGrande Edições Director Ricardo Pinto delivers a speech during yesterday's "Macau's Karting History" book launch at the Grand Prix Museum Multifunction Room. – Photos: Yuki Lei



The two "Macau's Karting History" authors, Pedro Dá Mesquita (second from right) and Carlos Barreto (second from left), address yesterday's session after the book launch.



This photo taken yesterday shows the "Macau's Karting History" coverage.

**Yuki Lei**

Two local journalists have collated over 60 years of karting history in Macau for a new book, which was launched yesterday at the Grand Prix Museum Multifunction Room in Zape as the first of its kind to tell Macau's karting history.

The book, has four chapters in three languages – Chinese, Portuguese and English is "Macau's Karting History", jointly written by Pedro Dá Mesquita and Carlos Barreto, published by the PraiaGrande Edições ("PraiaGrande Publishing House") and sponsored by Galaxy Entertainment Group ("GEG"), chronicles the start of karting in Macau from its humble beginnings in the 1960s to its move to a permanent track considered a world-class motor sporting facility, when in the early 1990s young local drivers began their racing careers.

Speaking to the *Post* yesterday evening the two authors highlighted the long history of karting in Macau and the book's role in realising that Macau has the capacity and quality to do something other than teach motorsports and other sports stories here, and Barreto, who was born in Mozambique and has been living in Macau since October 1985, said: "There was no material to have been written about the karting in Macau, except a few articles in the newspaper..... People know because there were international [karting] events at least until last year and there's some coverage by the media but just for the event afterwards there's a gap then another event comes so this book tries to cover that gap and tells the people that there's something nice about it".

Mesquita, who was born in Lisbon and

started his career as a media practitioner in 1987, spoke to the *Post* about the insights from the book he wanted to tell his readers about: "For many years, about 20 or 30 years, Macau karting was homeless. So, in that period it had six different urban circuits. Finally at the end of 1996, they finally found a home in Coloane. So, this is a history of someone who is stubborn, who loves the sport, who loves karting. Not only the drivers, but also the organisers," adding he believed that when people know karting, they will understand exactly "why we reached this stage".

From researching documents, obtaining information, recording the stories of many racers, and then writing those stories for a book, according to the authors, took them about 16 years to complete, and Barreto said:

"It took us a bit of time, but most important is we managed to collect the history of the karting from stories of many people".

Delivering a speech during yesterday's book launch, the publishing house's director Ricardo Pinto said he strongly believed that "history can help us explain how to shape the future", indicating the book on the history of karting will help motorsports to continue to develop in Macau and that more international competitions will be held here.

In addition to speaking about the evolution of the motor-racing sport over the decades, the book also highlights some of the local drivers who have made Macau a name in the world of motorsports, including Macau Grand Prix F3 winner in 2000, André Couto as well as Rodolfo Ávila. ■

## Lawmakers pass outline of bill on medical devices

**Ginnie Liang**

The Macau Legislative Assembly (AL) yesterday passed the outline of a local government-drafted bill to establish a comprehensive framework to manage and monitor the research, development, registration, filing, manufacture, and operation of medical devices.

Introducing the bill during a plenary session in the legislature's hemicycle yesterday, Secretary for Social Affairs and Culture Elsie Ao Ieong U said that medical devices are an integral part of the modern medical and healthcare system, and their quality, safety and efficacy are directly related to the health of patients and users.

The bill is divided into two main sections, namely the medical device registration and filing, and the medical device business activities, which proposes

the issuance of manufacturing licences or operating licences, and also categorises medical devices into three risk levels: Class I (low risk), Class II (medium risk), and Class III (high risk).

Most of the products in the market, including bandages, gauze and thermometers, are classified as Class I or Class IIA, according to the bill. Travellers bringing in blood pressure monitors or residents buying thermometers outside Macau can bring them into Macau for personal use as long as they cost below 5,000 patacas.

Some lawmakers raised concerns about the implementation of the new system.

Attending yesterday's plenary session, the Pharmaceutical Supervision and Administration Bureau (ISAF) Director Choi Peng Cheong clarified that establishments would not require an operating licence to sell low-risk items such as plasters, elastic adhesive bandages and thermometers, which fall under Class I and Class IIA medical devices. These items must, however, be registered through the government's electronic platform to facilitate monitoring and sampling inspections, allowing them to remain available in pharmacies and supermarkets.

Choi also addressed the use of laser devices in beauty salons, noting that while low-frequency lasers can be utilised for non-medical hair removal services, high-frequency lasers for medical procedures like mole or wart removal would be prohibited, adding that the government plans to develop detailed guidelines for beauty salons to ensure compliance. ■



Pharmaceutical Supervision and Administration Bureau (ISAF) Director Choi Peng Cheong attends yesterday's plenary session in the Legislative Assembly's (AL) hemicycle. – Photo courtesy of TDM

## Conrad's Pink Inspired campaign raises over 27,800 patacas



This undated handout photo provided by Conrad Macao yesterday shows The Londoner Macao's façade lit up in pink for the Pink Inspired Campaign.

**Rui Pastorin**

Hotel operator Conrad Macao said in a statement yesterday that it's month-long Pink Inspired Campaign has raised over 27,800 patacas.

Held throughout October, the campaign, according to the statement, supported the Hong Kong Cancer Fund's breast cancer awareness campaign and the local charity Associação de Feliz Paraíso. The hotel operator is a Hong Kong Cancer Fund Gold Sponsor and this year marked its 10<sup>th</sup> year of participating in the campaign, the statement noted.

The Londoner Macao & Conrad Macao Vice President of Hotel Operations Gonçalo Monteiro was quoted by the statement as saying: "Conrad Macao is honoured that our annual Pink Inspired Campaign has pro-actively raised awareness, which is so

important in the fight against breast cancer. We are also grateful to our guests for their generous support of this meaningful initiative through their pink inspired purchases. Together we were able to highlight the importance of breast cancer education and care services."

The campaign featured fundraising support options in pink-themed dining, spa treatments and limited-edition Conrad bear or duck collectibles, the statement said.

Moreover, the statement said that there were pink floral displays at both the Conrad Macao and The Londoner Hotel lobbies, as well as at The Londoner Macao's Londoner Magical Alley. The Londoner Macao's façade, the Elizabeth Tower, and The Parisian Macao's Eiffel Tower were also lit up in pink at night during the campaign. ■



# Photography exhibition promotes local biodiversity

*Interview by Rui Pastorin*

Macau's Wetland Treasures: 2024 Biodiversity Photography Exhibition is being showcased at The Venetian Macao in Cotai, with over 100 photos on display in the integrated resort's Circle Hall on level 3.

The exhibition, which features various species found in Macau's wetlands, showcases photos taken in Macau between January and August this year for the recent "Macau's Wetland Treasures: 2024 Biodiversity Photography Competition" organised by the University of Saint Joseph's (USJ) Institute of Science and Environment (ISE).

The competition was held within the context of "One Drop at a Time: Exploring Biodiversity in Macau's Urban Wetland Ecosystems and the Role of Water Stewardship" supported by the Drop by Drop project of the WASH Foundation, a US based NGO, and Las Vegas Sands, according to a recent USJ statement.

WASH Foundation, according to official website works towards universal access to water, sanitation and hygiene.

The exhibition was first displayed at the private Catholic university's Kent Wong Exhibition Gallery from October 18 to 30 before being moved to The Venetian Macao, the statement said, which added that aside from the top 100 works chosen, there are also over 500 other

works showcased digitally, along with an immersive sound installation. It is on until December 9.

Submissions came from everyone from students, including those studying in primary and university, to seniors and even those from Hong Kong, ISE Marine Ecologist and Professor and ISE/USJ Drop by Drop Project Coordinator Karen Tagulao told the *Post* in an interview after Thursday's opening ceremony, where competition winners were given prizes.

This marked the first time that the contest was held, added Tagulao, who was also a judge and the ISE project team's Principal Investigator. "For us at the institute, especially my team, it's always important to translate our science into action. So, we also always organise community events or events with the community because it's important for us to tell our story, our science to ordinary people", holding the competition to specifically showcase the biodiversity in the wetlands.

Tagulao added that she was aware that not many people know of Macau's biodiversity such as the birds and other species present in the local wetlands, noting that some exhibitiongoers may be surprised to see what we have here. "This is one of the objectives, to raise awareness. And hopefully, this will lead to action, that people will be



*Institute of Science and Environment (ISE) Marine Ecologist and Professor and ISE/USJ Drop by Drop Project Coordinator Karen Tagulao gives a speech during the opening ceremony for Macau's Wetland Treasures: 2024 Biodiversity Photography Exhibition at The Venetian Macao in Cotai. – Photo: Rui Pastorin*

more mindful of their activities and not do things to destroy nature", Tagulao pointed out.

With around 800 submissions, Tagulao said that she thought that the competition was quite successful, which is very inspiring. "I'm pretty sure we are going to open another one [competition], but maybe on another topic, or maybe another ecosystem because Macau has a lot to offer in terms of nature. People are just not aware".

The exhibition is presented by ISE in conjunction with USJ's Department of Media, Art, and Technology at its Faculty of Arts and Humanities. One can view the works from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.



*These photos taken on Thursday show the winning works of the recent Wetland Biodiversity Photography competition. – Photos: Rui Pastorin*



## HKEX to continue optimizing connectivity schemes between mainland, HK capital markets

HONG KONG – The Hong Kong Exchanges and Clearing Limited (HKEX) said yesterday that it will continue to improve connectivity schemes between the capital markets of the mainland and the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR), including the Shanghai-Hong Kong and Shenzhen-Hong Kong stock connects, the Bond Connect program and Swap Connect.

Since the Shanghai-Hong Kong Stock Connect, the first connectivity scheme, launched on November 17, 2014, the schemes have provided domestic and foreign investors with convenient and efficient cross-border asset allocation channels and injected liquidity into the capital markets of the mainland and Hong Kong, said the HKEX in a white paper.

They have also helped

strengthen Hong Kong's role as an offshore renminbi (RMB) business hub, said the document.

Over 3,300 securities are eligible for trading under the stock connects by the end of September, accounting for 90 percent of the total market capitalization of companies listed in Shanghai, Shenzhen and Hong Kong, the white paper noted.

In the first three quarters of this year, the average daily turnover of northbound transactions of Shanghai-Hong Kong and Shenzhen-Hong Kong stock connects stood at 123.3 billion yuan (about US\$17.1 billion), and that of southbound trading was 38.3 billion HK\$ (about US\$4.93 billion). These figures represent increases of 21 times and 40 times, respectively, from the inaugural month in 2014, said the HKEX.

—Xinhua

## No. 1 standby signal in force

Ginnie Liang

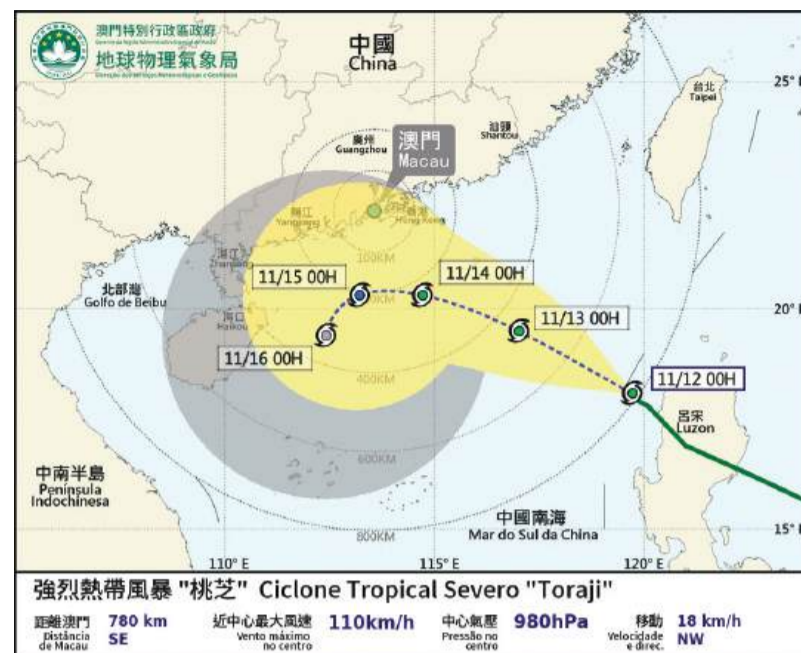
Tropical Storm Toraji (桃芝) will come within 800 kilometres of Macau early today, while there are currently three other tropical cyclones in the South China Sea and the Northwest Pacific Ocean, according to the observatory's tropical cyclone warning signal system last night.

The Meteorological and Geophysical Bureau (SMG) hoisted the No.1 standby signal at 00:30 a.m. this morning and it will remain in force today.

Hong Kong's observatory hoisted the No.1 standby signal at 10:20 p.m. last night, and will consider hosting the Strong Wind Signal No.3 later today to early tomorrow.

SMG forecast on its website yesterday that after Toraji enters the South China Sea, it will move in a north-westerly direction and approach the coast of southern China, and may pass 200 kilometres south of Macau in the middle of this week. Therefore, there is a medium to relatively high possibility that the No.3 signal will be raised.

However, as the sea temperature in the northern part of the South China Sea is relatively low and it is already late autumn, there is a lack of water vapour in the South China



This infographic provided by the Meteorological and Geophysical Bureau (SMG) yesterday at 1:55 a.m. shows the expected track of Tropical Storm Toraji.

Sea for Toraji to transport, so there is still a great deal of uncertainty in the change of the intensity of Toraji.

The local observatory forecast that there will be more sunshine during the daytime in Macau in the next 2 days under the influence of the northeast monsoon, and as Toraji approaches, there will be more clouds and rain showers in the

middle and latter part of the week, with the wind being strengthened.

Meanwhile, the observatory forecast that the other three tropical cyclones will continue to move in a westerly direction and cannot be ruled out from entering the South China Sea for the time being. The bureau will continue to track the movements of the tropical cyclones. ■

## Spotlight on key military hardware at Airshow China

ZHUHAI – As Airshow China opens today, an impressive lineup of cutting-edge military hardware is set to debut, offering a glimpse into the latest achievements in the modernization of the Chinese military.

Among the highlights, the J-35A stealth fighter, the HQ-19 surface-to-air missile weapon system, a new type of attack-reconnaissance drone, and J-15T carrier-based fighter jets are poised to steal the spotlight at the airshow.

Officially known as the China International Aviation and Aerospace Exhibition, the airshow is scheduled for November 12-17 in the southern coastal city of Zhuhai.

### J-35A stealth fighter

Unlike the J-20, a heavy stealth fighter designed mainly for air superiority, the J-35A is a medium-sized multi-role stealth fighter capable of both air superiority and strike missions against ground and maritime targets.

The combination of the J-20 and J-35A features both air superiority and multi-role capabilities, greatly enhancing the Air Force's ability to conduct offensive operations in high-threat and contested

environments, said military expert Wang Mingzhi.

"The successful development of the J-35A has enabled China to possess two types of stealth fighter jets, providing the Air Force with enhanced capabilities to safeguard the country's sovereignty, security and territorial integrity," Wang added.

### HQ-19 surface-to-air missile weapon system

Another key highlight is the debut of the HQ-19 surface-to-air missile weapon system.

It is designed primarily for regional interception of ballistic missile targets and represents the new-quality combat capabilities for China's land-based air defense and missile defense. It is also flagship equipment for the country's strategic air force to fulfill its role in safeguarding national aerospace security.

### New attack reconnaissance drones

A new type of attack-reconnaissance unmanned aerial vehicle (UAV) will be unveiled at the airshow. The drone performs tactical reconnaissance, surveillance and strike missions in low to medium-

threat environments during wartime.

Together with existing drones, the new UAVs form an integrated unmanned reconnaissance and strike system for strategic and operational missions.

The unmanned drone fleet combines a mix of electronic-optical, radar imaging and electronic reconnaissance payloads. In terms of mission capabilities, it integrates reconnaissance, identification, targeting and real-time precision strikes.

### J-15D, J-15T, Z-20J carrier-based aircraft

The airshow will unveil the

J-15T fighter, J-15D electronic warfare aircraft, and Z-20J helicopter. They are among the latest main combat equipment in active service with the Chinese Navy, forming core weaponry for carrier and amphibious groups.

The J-15T boasts a large combat radius, strengthening air superiority and anti-ship strike capabilities. As a specialized electronic warfare aircraft, the J-15D is a crucial component of the carrier-based aircraft fleet.

The J-15D and J-15T are expected to engage in aerobatic displays during the event.

### Navy marine corps

The Navy Marine Corps will make its inaugural appearance at the airshow, featuring demonstrations of air assault operations using the Z-20J carrier-based helicopter and Z-8C transport helicopter. The corps is responsible for amphibious assault operations in the Navy.

In recent years, with the commissioning of large amphibious vessels and various types of carrier-based helicopters, the Navy Marine Corps has enhanced its ability to carry out multidimensional assault operations. —Xinhua



Aircraft of the Bayi Aerobatic Team of the Chinese People's Liberation Army Air Force conduct adaptive training for the Airshow China in Zhuhai yesterday. —Xinhua

## STOCK MARKETS

### Hang Seng Index closes 1.45 pct lower

HONG KONG – Hong Kong's stock market ended lower yesterday with the benchmark Hang Seng Index down 1.45 percent to close at 20,426.93 points.

The Hang Seng China Enterprises Index fell 1.42 percent to end at 7,355.57 points, while the Hang Seng Tech Index dipped 0.35 percent to 4,651.71 points. —Xinhua