



2-year-old hurt in Taichung gas blast passes away: SSM

Yuki Lei

The Health Bureau (SSM) confirmed in a statement early today that the local two-year-old girl who sustained a serious head injury in a gas explosion at Shin Kong Mitsukoshi Department Store in Central Taiwan last month, passed away on Friday. The bureau stated that “after obtaining consent from the family, we are now officially announcing that the local

girl who was injured in the gas explosion incident in Taichung passed away at the public Conde de São Januário Hospital Centre on the 7th of this month”. The statement noted that the bureau expresses deep sadness over the girl’s death, while extending heartfelt condolences to her family. The statement also emphasised that psychological support and counselling have been provided to the family, with

timely follow-up on their needs. The girl, surnamed Tang, sustained a severe head injury caused by falling objects from a gas explosion incident at Shin Kong Mitsukoshi Department Store while visiting Taichung with her family of seven. She remained in a coma while receiving treatment at the hospital. At the end of last month, after arrangements were made by her family, she was transported back to

Macau by a medical charter flight from Taichung and received treatment in the intensive care unit (ICU) at the Conde de São Januário Hospital Centre.

Her grandfather, a retired policeman, was killed on the spot, while her grandmother died soon afterwards in hospital in Taichung. Her mother, great grandmother, father and uncle were injured in the incident. ■

‘Southbound travel for Guangdong cars’ vital for boosting economic growth & urban connectivity: civic leader

Yuki Lei

The Guangdong government’s 2025 policy plan includes the aim of “steadily promoting the southbound travel for Guangdong cars”, a topic which Hong Kong and Macau representatives discussed during the recently concluded two sessions of the 14th National People’s Congress (NPC) and the Chinese People’s Political Consultative Conference (CPPCC) National Committee – and in an interview with the *Post* yesterday, Transport Consultative Council member Chester Ku Heng Cheong said that the policy is crucial for enhancing economic development and urban connectivity in line with the nation’s development.

The implementation of “Macau cars going north” has been in place for over two years, while the “Hong Kong Vehicles Heading North” has also been in effect for nearly two years. There have been numerous reports about the proposed southbound travel of Guangdong cars to be implemented in both Hong Kong and Macau soon, but progress has been slow. It wasn’t until early November last year that the Guangdong Provincial Department of Transportation drafted a document on the matter, and by mid-November the Hong Kong authorities announced that the first phase would arrange for drivers from Guangdong and Macau to park their vehicles at designated transfer and visitor parking areas in Hong Kong, with the goal of implementation by early this year.

At the beginning of this year, the Hong Kong authorities reaffirmed that details of the policy were expected to be announced within this year. According to the Guangdong



Transport Consultative Council member Chester Ku Heng Cheong poses after yesterday’s interview with the *Post* in Zape. – Photo: Yuki Lei

This file photo taken last year shows vehicles on the Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macau Bridge. – Photo: Xinhua

Provincial Department of Transportation, the first phase of southbound travel for Guangdong vehicles is planned to use the parking area at the Hong Kong checkpoint of the Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macau Bridge meaning that the respective vehicles will not be allowed to enter other urban areas in Hong Kong, returning via the same route upon departure.

In an interview with the *Post* in

Zape, Ku pointed out that the policies of “southbound travel of Guangdong vehicles,” “northbound travel of Macau vehicles,” and “northbound travel of Hong Kong vehicles” are interrelated and have been designed to complement the operation of the Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macau Bridge. He cited official data indicating that “this mutually beneficial northbound policy has allowed residents of Hong Kong and Macau to enjoy greater

convenience in crossing borders, particularly stimulating consumption in Zhuhai and other cities in Guangdong,” noting that with the implementation of the policies for northbound travel of Macau and Hong Kong cars, the passenger capacity has meanwhile reached about 60 percent of the design capacity of the bridge, demonstrating that the bridge has not yet fully realised its actual benefits.

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Sun Yat-sen remembered 100 years after death

A brief and solemn ceremony was held in Beijing yesterday to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the death of Sun Yat-sen, a Chinese revolutionary and statesman.

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Greenland to get new govt to lead independence process

Talks to form a new Greenland government tasked with mapping a timeline for independence from Denmark began yesterday, a day after elections that saw support soar for a party seeking to cut ties swiftly.

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Elections likely in Portugal after PM’s resignation

Portugal looks likely to go to the polls for the third time in three years, political parties indicated yesterday, after Luis Montenegro resigned as prime minister in a conflict of interests row.

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Local man cheated out of HK\$164,000 in 'Buddha Jumps Over the Wall' scam: police

Ada Lei

A local middle-aged man has lost HK\$164,000 (169,200 patacas) in a purported proxy order to buy the expensive "Buddha Jumps Over the Wall" (佛跳牆) delicacy, Judiciary Police (PJ) spokesman Lei Chi Hou said in a regular press conference yesterday.

According to Lei, the man is the owner of an engineering company. On Friday, a staff member of his company received a hidden number call, in which the caller claimed to be a "teacher named Yang" from a certain university, saying that there was an engineering project pending. The caller contacted the man through WhatsApp and they arranged to meet at the university on Monday afternoon.

On Monday morning, the caller claimed that the school's upcoming charity event required the supply



June 2006 file photo of a bowl of "Buddha Jumps Over the Wall" – Photo courtesy of SunSuke/Wikimedia Commons

of the traditional "Buddha Jumps Over the Wall" dish but there was a conflict with the supplier. He asked the man to order 40 units of "Buddha Jumps Over the Wall" costing HK\$114,000 on behalf of the school. The caller provided a

bank account of a "supplier named Lam" in Hong Kong. The man's Hong Kong friend, Lo, transferred HK\$ 114,000 to the account on his behalf.

The caller then requested an additional order of 80 units of Buddha Jumps Over the Wall, totalling HK\$228,000, and provided a screenshot showing a "transfer of HK\$342,000 to the man's account". Lo then transferred a further HK\$50,000 to the account as requested by the man, suspecting that "something was amiss".

However, the caller did not show up at the agreed time. The man contacted the university and discovered that there was no such person working there. The victim suspected that he had been scammed and reported the total loss of HK\$164,000 to the police on Tuesday. ■

Local woman in US loses US\$200,000 in 'fake police' scam

Ada Lei

A local woman has lost US\$200,000 (1.6 million patacas) in a "fake police" scam, Judiciary Police (PJ) spokesman Lei Chi Hou said in a regular press conference yesterday.

According to Lei, a local young woman reported to the police on Tuesday that her sister, who lives in the United States, entrusted her to file the report on her behalf. Her sister suspected that she was the victim of a "fake police" scam, resulting in a total loss of US\$200,000.

On December 30, 2024, the victim received a call from a person speaking English, claiming to be a "crime investigator from the US government." The caller indicated that her mainland phone number registered in Xiamen was sending out a large number of scam messages. She was then transferred to someone claiming to be a "Shanghai police officer" who informed her that a bank account she had opened in Shenzhen was involved in a US\$2.97 million case.

The "police officer" requested a SKYPE video call, in which he

was dressed in a police uniform and displayed documents such as an "arrest warrant". He claimed that she could be released on bail but needed to pay a deposit of US\$100,000, ordering her not to tell anyone and to contact him four times a day.

The victim believed the "police officer" and from January 9 to February 3, 2025, she transferred a total of US\$100,000 from her bank accounts in Hong Kong and the United States. On February 26, the caller requested an additional US\$100,000 as a guarantee, claiming that other individuals involved in the case had absconded. The sister transferred another US\$100,000. On March 1, the caller told her that the investigation was complete but required another US\$100,000 "deposit", which together with the previous payments totalling US\$200,000 would be refunded after the case was concluded.

The sister was unable to raise more money and after consulting friends and searching online, she realised she had been defrauded and entrusted her sister in Macau to report the total loss of US\$200,000 to the police on Tuesday. ■



Judiciary Police (PJ) spokesman Lei Chi Hou looks on during yesterday's regular press conference.

– Photo: Ada Lei

'Southbound travel for Guangdong cars' vital for boosting economic growth & urban connectivity: civic leader

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Therefore, he emphasised, "promoting the southbound travel of Guangdong vehicles is not only necessary but also a trend for future development".

Talking about the possible impact of the policy on Macau's traffic pressure and flow, Ku pointed out that the first phase of the southbound travel for Guangdong vehicles primarily involves parking at the bridge's checkpoint and does not allow vehicles from the neighbouring province to enter the city, while the traffic pressure in both Hong Kong and Macau regions is expected to be manageable so that the impact would not be significant. He insisted that promoting the southbound travel for Guangdong vehicles will not cause a major surge in traffic pressure in Hong Kong and Macau.

'There's room for govt to improve its software facilities'

Ku also said that Macau's hardware facilities in receiving the Guangdong vehicles have meanwhile matured, but "on the other hand, Macau's software may need to be slowly optimised". Ku added he believed that with the implementation of allowing the southbound travel of Guangdong vehicles, more mainland tourists would enter Macau through Hong Kong in the future: "Macau's infrastructure development has progressed relatively quickly, with the establishment of the East Carpark in Macau during the construction of the Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macau Bridge. However, the vehicular flow from this carpark to Macau's various neighbourhoods still needs improvement... Finding effective ways to distribute visitors to different communities in Macau and further stimulate the community economy remains a challenge that needs to be addressed in the future".

Concerning the point that many Macau residents appear

to be concerned that after the implementation of the mutual recognition of mainlanders' driving licences and the "southbound travel for Guangdong vehicles" policy, the differences in driving habits between the mainland and Macau may pose challenges, Ku said: "Just like now with Macau vehicles travelling north, we have already adapted to the mainland's driving environment. Conversely, I believe that mainland drivers coming to Macau will also find adaptation manageable".

However, he pointed out the differences in driving environments and habits, emphasising the government's necessity to optimise the situation in terms of software, including accelerating the study and implementation of transfer discounts between buses and the light rail transit (LRT) system, considering the extension of the LRT and other transport options to the Macau-side of the Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macau Bridge checkpoint, and actively researching the introduction of smart parking meters and e-payment via WeChat mini-programs.

Macau has its unique advantages of being smaller in size and having shorter travelling time, making it suitable for short-haul and weekend visitors, Ku said. However, he was quick to add that in order to attract a high-end clientele in the future, it was necessary to raise tourists' spending level, saying he believed that having Guangdong vehicles travelling southbound will help boost Macau's economy.

He called on the government to make use of the opportunity to turn Macau into a transit point for mainland visitors to facilitate their travel to other destinations in Southeast Asia and, at the same time, make use of the opportunity of the southward movement of Guangdong vehicles to develop Macau's civil aviation industry and attract high-end tourists to spend more money in Macau. ■

Police nab S Korean for stealing 24,600 patacas

Ada Lei

A man from South Korea was arrested on Friday for stealing 24,600 patacas, Public Security Police (PSP) spokesman Cheong Heon Fan said at a regular press conference yesterday.

The suspect surnamed Yun is in his forties and works as an office clerk.

According to Cheong, a South Korean man met Yun at the local airport on November 1, 2024. They went to a casino in Cotai to gamble together. Yun claimed he had no place to stay, so the South Korean invited Yun to his room. The man went to have a cigarette on the room's terrace, and when he returned, he

found that Yun had left. When he went to gamble, he discovered that about 24,600 patacas was missing from his wallet. He suspected that Yun had stolen it and reported the case to the police on November 2, 2024.

Yun had left Macau afterwards but recently returned. The police identified Yun through CCTV surveillance and summoned Yun to a police station on Friday.

Under questioning, Yun refused to cooperate and denied the crime.

According to Cheong, Yun has been transferred to the Public Prosecutions Office (MP), facing a theft charge. ■



This undated handout photo provided by the Public Security Police (PSP) yesterday shows PSP officers escorting the South Korean suspect to a police station.

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Local NPC deputy calls for extra connection between Macau & Hengqin



This file photo taken last year shows the Guangdong-Macau In-Depth Cooperation Zone in Hengqin. — Photo: Xinhua

Yuki Lei

The third session of the 14th National People's Congress (NPC) concluded at the Great Hall of the People in Beijing on Tuesday afternoon – and Macau NPC deputy Lao Ngai Leong submitted a written proposal urging the central authorities to support the construction of a new connection between the Hengqin International Financial Center and the Macau peninsula.

Lao did not elaborate which kind of “connection” between the two places he is considering – for instance, a tunnel or a bridge.

He also proposed that the central authorities include the border checkpoint between the Hengqin International Financial Center and the Macau peninsula in the nation's 15th Five-Year Plan, calling for the adoption of a “cooperative inspection and clearance” model for passenger health quarantine, similar to the arrangement at the Macau-Hengqin joint checkpoint.

In separate written remarks reported by the Chinese-language media *Jornal do Cidadão* on Tuesday, Lao said that the sole connection between the Lotus Flower Bridge in Taipa and the Macau-side checkpoint at the Guangdong-Macau In-Depth Cooperation Zone in Hengqin hinders closer exchanges and interactions between the Macau peninsula and Hengqin.

Citing limited economic synergies and uneven strain on the transport network, he noted that about 80 percent of local small- and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) and traditional business facilities are concentrated in the Macau peninsula and that the absence of direct access complicates the ability of SMEs in the Macau peninsula to quickly connect with business development resources in Hengqin. He also quoted official statistics as noting that the annual cross-border vehicular traffic through Hengqin checkpoint reached about 2.4 million last year, of which the number of Macau single-licence plate vehicles exceeded 1.58 million, accounting for 66 percent of the total annual vehicular traffic, both figures representing a year-on-year increase.



This undated and unlocated file photo taken from the Association of Returned Overseas Chinese Macau last night shows its chairman Lao Ngai Leong addressing a meeting.

Emphasising the development of Hengqin and Macau as a whole, Lao pointed out that Hengqin has been entrusted with four core missions, such as promoting a new platform for the appropriately diversified development of Macau's economy and facilitating new opportunities for Macau residents to live and work there, in which Macau plays an important role in Hengqin's efforts to accommodate Macau's industrial spillover and to meet the livelihood needs of Macau residents.

Meanwhile, in another of his recommendations, Lao noted that the In-Depth Cooperation Zone in Hengqin has begun to yield results in the finance sector. However, cross-border investment and the financing sector still face developmental challenges. He suggested several measures, such as supporting Hengqin in broadening its cross-border investment and financing channels; encouraging innovation in cross-border asset transfer businesses; and promoting further innovation in cross-border financial leasing.

Lao said he hoped that the new connection would serve as an important link for the “hardware” connectivity between Macau and Hengqin, creating a comfortable and convenient cross-border travelling environment for residents of the two places, further promoting the in-depth integration of civil societies of Macau and Hengqin, while, at the same time, enhancing Macau residents' identification with the “Hengqin-Macau integration” project. ■

MGTO calls for applications for quality tourism services scheme



This photo taken and provided by the Macau Government Tourism Office (MGTO) shows the presentation seminar recently held at the Macau World Trade Centre (MWTC) for this year's Quality Tourism Services Accreditation Scheme (QTSAS).

Rui Pastorin

The Macau Government Tourism Office (MGTO) has announced in a recent statement that applications are open for catering businesses and travel agencies for this year's Quality Tourism Services Accreditation Scheme (QTSAS) until March 31.

The statement noted that this year's assessment mechanism has been optimised, while the quota limit for participants in both sectors has been cancelled.

MGTO had recently held a presentation seminar to call on applications, introduce the optimised programme and new awards, during which MGTO Acting Director Cheng Wai Tong said that tourism service quality is the key to attaining sustainable

tourism development in Macau, while new supportive measures have been launched.

The statement said that among the prizes featured for both sectors are the “Quality Tourism Services Merchant Award” and “Quality Tourism Services Gold Award”, each presented with a cash prize of 10,000 patacas. The statement added that Gold Award winners for three consecutive years will garner the “Quality Tourism Services Excellence Award” and a 20,000 pataca cash prize.

This year's scheme will also present five “Special Theme Awards” categories for the catering sector, which are the Sustainable Dining Award, Community Care Services Award, Local Feature Award, Operational

Innovation Award, along with the newly launched Integrity Business Award, according to the statement, and each will be presented with a 5,000 pataca cash prize.

Meanwhile, the “Special Theme Awards” for travel agencies comprise the Integrity Business Awards, Courtesy Merchant Award and Quality Training Award.

Accredited merchants, the statement added, will “be given priority and recommendation to join MGTO's promotions and activities”, along with priority admission to MGTO-organised training programmes

One can submit applications and find more details on www.dst.gov.mo. Enquiries can also be made by calling 83971522 or 83971225. ■

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Hwa's Gallery presents Ukiyo-e works by 4 Japanese masters

Rui Pastorin

The latest exhibition at the Lisboeta Macau H853 Fun Factory in Cotai kicked off yesterday afternoon, this time featuring the Japanese art genre of ukiyo-e* (浮世絵).

On until April 27 and presented by Hwa's Gallery (formerly the Humarish Club), the new exhibition is entitled "Visions of the Floating World: Macau Ukiyo-e Exhibition", located in the complex's shop R67 venue, which is next to the gallery. Those visiting will be able to view over 90 woodblock prints.

The exhibits, according to information provided by Lisboeta Macau, were mainly sourced from the Adachi Institute of Woodcut Prints, which was established at the beginning of the Shōwa era (1926 to 1989).

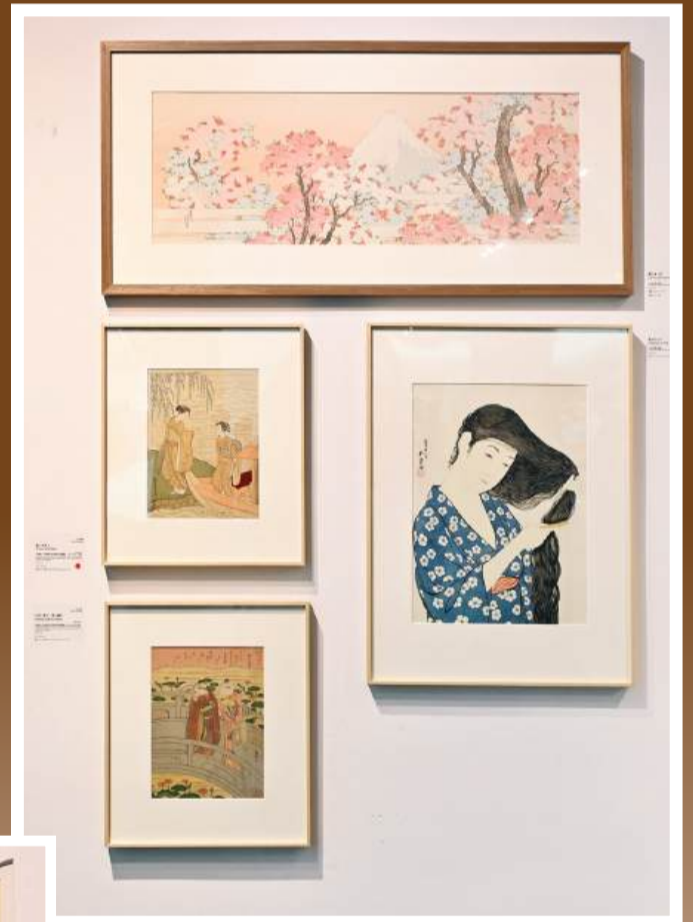
The exhibition showcases the works of notable artists Katsushika Hokusai (1760-1849), Utagawa Hiroshige (1797-1858), Kitagawa Utamaro (1753-1806), and Suzuki Harunobu (1725-1770). Each artist is from Japan's Edo period that lasted from between 1600 or 1603 to 1868, according to Wikipedia.

The recent Lisboeta Macau statement noted that Hokusai is known for his work depicting great waves, while Hiroshige is celebrated for his landscapes. Utamaro, meanwhile, is "famed for his portrayals of beauty", while Harunobu pioneered "Nishiki-e" multi-colour woodblock prints. Aside from the works of each artist, exhibitiongoers will also be able to read information on the art genre and on each respective artist.

Following yesterday's opening ceremony, guests and attending exhibitiongoers were able to join a guided tour, as well as explore the exhibits on display.

Those interested may visit the free-admission gallery daily from 12 noon to 8 p.m.

*Ukiyo-e is defined as "picture[s] of the floating world", according to Wikipedia, which adds that the genre thrived between the 17th and 19th centuries. Its artists "produced woodblock prints and paintings of such subjects as female beauties; kabuki actors and sumo wrestlers; scenes from history and folk tales; travel scenes and landscapes; flora and fauna; and erotica".



Photos taken yesterday by Rui Pastorin

Sam plants tree on Small Taipa Hill to inspire residents to 'love the green'

Tony Wong

Coinciding with the nation's Arbour Day, Chief Executive Sam Hou Fai planted a *Machilus chinensis* tree on Small Taipa Hill yesterday, aiming to promote the concept of loving, planting and protecting the green, with the aim of respecting and protecting nature, as well as achieving humanity's harmonious co-existence with nature, according to a statement by the Macau Government Information Bureau (GCS) yesterday.

The statement noted that on the annual Arbour Day, March 12, tree planting activities are held across the nation to raise public awareness of environmental protection.

According to the statement, Sam planted a three-metre-high *Machilus chinensis* sapling in an area of the hill's hiking trail, officially known as Taipa Pequena 2000 Circuit, where he unveiled a stone plaque, next to the newly planted sapling, engraved with the message of "lush foliage from the same root draws concentric circles together"



Chief Executive Sam Hou Fai (front, right), Secretary for Administration and Justice André Cheong Weng Chon (front, left), Municipal Affairs Bureau (IAM) President Chao Wai Ieng (back, left), and IAM Consultative Committee Chairwoman Hoi Lok Man (back, right) water a newly planted *Machilus chinensis* sapling on Small Taipa Hill yesterday. — Photo: GCS

(枝繁同根生 共畫同心圓), which, according to the statement, means that the motherland and Macau have the same roots and origin and are closely connected, and in

pursuit of common advancement and prosperity, Macau and the motherland are jointly creating the Chinese concentric circles.

The 110-metre-high hill in

northwest Taipa is known as Taipa Pequena ("Small Taipa") in Portuguese.

Taipa originally consisted of two islands, Small Taipa and Big Taipa,

which came under Portuguese control in the 19th century.

The statement noted that all previous chief executives of the Macau Special Administrative Region (MSAR) had planted *Machilus chinensis* trees in the area, officially known as "celebrity tree planting zone".

The statement pointed out that belonging to the Lauraceae family, *Machilus chinensis* is a long-living tree in southern China, and also a native species in Macau. It is tall and straight with elegant appearance and outstanding texture, being an excellent ecological landscape tree species that grows colourful flower buds and young leaves, the statement said.

Sam was accompanied during yesterday's tree-planting activity by Secretary for Administration and Justice André Cheong Weng Chon, Municipal Affairs Bureau (IAM) President Chao Wai Ieng, and other top IAM officials, as well as Hoi Lok Man, who chairs the bureau's Consultative Committee. ■

Labour bureau to get new chief from next week

Tony Wong

The government has appointed Chan Un Tong, a deputy director of the Labour Affairs Bureau (DSAL), as the bureau's director effective from Tuesday next week, succeeding Wong Chi Hong who has headed the bureau since April 2012.

Chan's one-year appointment, which will start on March 18, has been made through an executive order by Secretary for Economy and Finance Anton Tai Kin Ip published in the Official Gazette (BO) yesterday. Tai signed the order on February 28.

The bureau has two deputy directors in its organisational structure.

Chan has been a deputy director of the bureau since May 2016.

According to Tai's executive order, Chan holds a bachelor's degree in Economic Law from Jinan University in Guangzhou.

Chan joined the public administration in 2002 when he started working in the Legal Affairs Bureau (DSAJ), before joining the Labour Affairs Bureau in 2005.

The other deputy director of the Labour Affairs Bureau is Chan Chon U, who took office in April 2021.

Economic bureau deputy to become labour bureau deputy

Meanwhile, the government has



This file photo released by the Labour Affairs Bureau (DSAL) shows DSAL Deputy Director Chan Un Tong (right) talking to Macau young people in Hangzhou last year where they graduated from an internship programme offered by the nation's e-commerce giant Alibaba.

appointed Chan Tze Wai, currently a deputy director of the Economic and Technological Development Bureau (DSEDT), as a deputy director of the Labour Affairs Bureau also effective from Tuesday next week, filling the vacancy to be left by Chan Un Tong who will then be promoted to the bureau's director at that time.

Chan Tze Wai's appointment is scheduled to also last one year, and can be renewed upon expiration. Her appointment has been made through a separate executive order by Tai published in the gazette yesterday.

According to Tai's executive order, Chan Tze Wai holds a bachelor's degree in Economics from Jinan University.

Chan Tze Wai joined the public administration in 1991 when she started working in the then Economic Services Bureau (DSE), the predecessor of the current DSEDT, where she became a department chief in 2006, before being promoted to a deputy director in 2011.

The bureau was upgraded to the current DSEDT in February 2021.

The bureau also has two deputy directors in its organisational structure. ■

Govt starts to lengthen street parking spaces for cars

Tony Wong

The Transport Bureau (DSAT) has lengthened some of the parallel parking spaces for cars to 5.5 metres on Rua de Santa Clara (家辣堂街), the street near the Octagonal Library Pavilion, the entrance to S. Francisco Garden, and the Macau Diocese-run Cineteatro cinema.

The lengthened parking spaces came into use on Tuesday, a DSAT statement said that day.

The statement said that the bureau has decided to roll out a measure to gradually lengthen street parking spaces for cars across the city after considering that more and more newly purchased cars over recent years are longer than previously, based on which, the statement said, lengthening street parking spaces aims to make it easier for drivers to park their cars.

The statement noted that currently street parking spaces for cars in Macau are normally 5 metres long with a width of 2 to 2.5 metres, adding that with the city's socioeconomic development and residents' changing preferences for cars, a higher percentage of newly registered cars have been longer in recent years.

Consequently, the statement said, the bureau has decided to lengthen street parking spaces for cars across the city to 5.5 metres in phases after considering various factors such as safety for pedestrians, driving safety, and the number of parking spaces available.

In the first phase, according to the statement, the bureau will gradually lengthen street parking spaces for cars in different areas in Nam Van district, involving about 130 parking spaces in total. ■



This photo taken yesterday shows cars parked in the lengthened parking spaces on Rua de Santa Clara in Nam Van district. — Photo: Tony Wong

STOCK MARKETS

Hang Seng Index closes 0.76 pct lower

HONG KONG — Hong Kong's stock market ended lower yesterday with the benchmark Hang Seng Index down 0.76 percent to close at 23,600.31 points. The Hang Seng China Enterprises Index dipped 0.84 percent to end at 8,682.13 points, while the Hang Seng Tech Index fell 2.04 percent to close at 5,845.36 points. — Xinhua