

# Tech industry to inject new impetus into local economy: Sam



Members of the government-appointed Science and Technology Council, comprising government officials as well as experts, scholars and community leaders from the city's science and technology sectors, attend yesterday's meeting chaired by Chief Executive Sam Hou Fai at the Forum Macao Complex. – Photo: Tony Wong



Chief Executive Sam Hou Fai addresses the Science and Technology Council's first 2025 plenary meeting at the Forum Macao Complex yesterday. – Photo: GCS

## Tony Wong

Chief Executive Sam Hou Fai said yesterday that he expects the growth of Macau's tech industry to inject new impetus into the city's economic development and to create high-quality employment opportunities while underlining that the tech industry will become an

important chapter in Macau's future development.

Sam made the remarks in a speech while chairing this year's first plenary meeting of the government-appointed Science and Technology Council at the Services Platform Complex for Commercial and Trade Cooperation between China and

Portuguese-speaking Countries (aka Forum Macao Complex), located near Macau Tower.

The meeting, which was held behind closed doors, was open to the media at the start when Sam made his opening speech.

The chief executive noted in his speech that with the profound

changes in the international landscape, achieving self-reliance and strength in science and technology has become a core strategic goal in the nation's development. Macau must, by seizing the "historic" opportunities arising from the global technological revolution and the development

of the digital economy, build an innovation-driven industrial system and accelerate the pace of its urban transformation and upgrading, with the aim of contributing its specific strengths to the realisation of the nation's strategic goals in science and technology, he said.

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## 'Last lifelines' are collapsing in Gaza: UN chief

New York – UN Secretary-General António Guterres yesterday condemned the "accelerating breakdown of humanitarian conditions" in Gaza after more than 21 months of Israel's war with Hamas.

"The last lifelines keeping people alive are collapsing," his spokesman Stephane Dujarric said in a statement. The United Nations chief "deplores the growing reports of children and adults suffering from malnutrition."

More than two dozen Western countries yesterday also called for an immediate end to the war, saying that suffering had "reached

new depths" as Israel's military expanded its operations to Gaza's central city of Deir el-Balah.

"The Secretary-General notes that the intensification of hostilities in recent days comes as the humanitarian system is being impeded, undermined and endangered," Dujarric said.

"A new evacuation order in parts of Deir el-Balah – home to tens of thousands – pushes people into more desperate conditions and further displacement and restricts the United Nations' ability to deliver life-saving aid." (More on p.10) – AFP

## Researchers find star can survive black hole encounter

JERUSALEM – An international team of astronomers has observed a star surviving not one but two encounters with a supermassive black hole, challenging long-held assumptions that a star cannot escape once it has been captured by a black hole.

It is believed that once every 10,000 to 100,000 years, a star will wander too close to the supermassive black hole in the center of its galaxy and get torn apart in a violent event called a tidal disruption. The black hole swallows part of the star and flings the rest into space, creating a bright flare.

The flare from the unlucky star can "light up" the black hole for a few weeks to months, providing astronomers a brief opportunity to study its properties.

In the latest study, the team, led by researchers from Tel Aviv University, observed two nearly identical flares from the same location, two years apart.

The results were published in a July issue of the *Astrophysical Journal Letters*.

It suggests the star, coded as "AT 2022dbl" was only partially destroyed during the first encounter and returned again, challenging

what scientists thought they knew.

The researchers said that the flares are thus more of a "snack" for the supermassive black hole. The black hole takes a bite out of a star in at least two encounters, rather than swallowing it up in one "meal."

The team is currently waiting to see whether they will observe a third flare after two more years, in early 2026. They said that whether there will be a third flare, astronomers will rewrite the interpretation of the flares and what they can tell about the black holes. – Xinhua

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## Truth, Friendship, Bond: The century-spanning echo of Edgar Snow

At the Yan'an Revolutionary Memorial Hall, northwest China's Shaanxi Province, there is a statue of US journalist Edgar Snow, who once ventured deep into China's revolutionary heartland. – Story on p. 7

## US tariffs help push Jeep owner Stellantis into big loss

Jeep owner Stellantis said yesterday it suffered a massive loss in the first half of the year, when it felt the first impact of new US tariffs and took a massive charge following a change in US laws. – Story on p. 11

## Brazilian police raid home of ex-president Bolsonaro

Brazilian police raided Jair Bolsonaro's home on Friday, as a judge imposed further restrictions on the far-right former leader while he stands trial on coup charges that have vexed US president and ally Donald Trump. – Story on p. 12



# Macau records year's 3<sup>rd</sup> imported malaria case: Health Bureau



This 2009 file photo shows an *Aedes aegypti* mosquito feeding in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania. – Photo courtesy of Muhammad Mahdi Karim/Wikimedia Commons

## Armindo Neves

The Health Bureau (SSM) announced in a statement that Macau yesterday confirmed its third imported case of malaria so far this year.

The bureau said it received a report confirming the case from the private Kiang Wu Hospital earlier yesterday.

The bureau identified the patient as a 39-year-old female non-resident-worker (NRW). She arrived in Macau from Myanmar via Thailand on June 2. On July 19, she developed a fever and sought medical attention at a local healthcare facility. As symptoms persisted, the patient was admitted to Kiang Wu Hospital yesterday where she was diagnosed with malaria.

The statement said that based on the patient's travel history, symptom onset timeline, and laboratory test results, her case has been classified as imported malaria. The patient was in a stable condition yesterday, with no similar symptoms observed among her cohabitants.

The statement noted that malaria is a vector-borne communicable disease transmitted by infected female Anopheline mosquitoes.

Details in English about malaria can be found at: <https://www.chp.gov.hk/en/healthtopics/content/24/30.html>

## Macau records year's 1<sup>st</sup> Chikungunya case

Meanwhile, in a separate statement on Friday, the Health Bureau said in a statement that Macau recorded its first imported case of Chikungunya\* so far this year.

The statement noted that the patient is a 61-year-old male Macau resident living at Cheng I Building on Avenida de Coelho do Amaral.

He visited relatives in Shunde District, Foshan City, Guangdong Province, from July 8 to 17. On the morning of July 17, he came down with a fever, headache, and muscle and joint pain and returned to Macau the same day, seeking treatment at the public Conde de São Januário Hospital Centre (CHCSJ).

On Friday, laboratory tests by the Public Health Laboratory confirmed the patient's chikungunya infection. The patient was in a stable condition on Friday and will remain hospitalised for further treatment. No symptoms have been reported among his cohabitants.

Based on the patient's travel history, symptom onset timeline, and lab results, his has been confirmed as Macau's first imported chikungunya case this year so far.

The statement noted that Chikungunya is most commonly transmitted to humans through the bites of infective female Aedes mosquitoes.

The statement said that the bureau would dispatch teams to inspect the patient's home and nearby areas for mosquito breeding sites, intensify stagnant water removal, and conduct preventive mosquito control measures as needed.

Details in English about Chikungunya can be found at: <https://www.chp.gov.hk/en/healthtopics/content/24/6122.html> ■

\* Chikungunya is a viral disease transmitted to humans by infected mosquitoes. The name "Chikungunya" derives from a word in the Kimakonde language (spoken in Tanzania and Mozambique), meaning "to become contorted", referring to the severe joint pain and stiffness that characterise the infection. – DeepSeek

# 3 locals lose HK\$1.7 million in investment scams: police

## Ada Lei

Two young local men and a young local woman have separately fallen victim to online investment scams, resulting in a total loss of HK\$1.72 million (1.77 million patacas), Judiciary Police (PJ) spokesman Cheong Kim Fong said during a regular press conference yesterday.

According to Cheong, the two young men came across an advertisement for stock investment on social media in April. After clicking on the link for more information, they were added to a chat group where members discussed stock investment information.

Shortly thereafter, a person claiming to be an investment assistant contacted them separately, introducing a mobile app called

INST-SIKK which facilitated stock trading. Both victims expressed interest and downloaded the app. Following the purported assistant's instructions, they opened accounts and deposited funds - one invested HK\$79,000 while the other deposited HK\$550,000. By mid-July, when they attempted to cash their "profits," they discovered that the system did not allow withdrawals.

Having grown suspicious about their investments, the two victims discussed their concerns with each other and finally realised that they had been scammed. They then reported their losses of HK\$79,000 and HK\$550,000 to the police on Thursday.

Cheong added that a young local woman reported to the police on Saturday that she had fallen



Judiciary Police (PJ) spokesman Cheong Kim Fong looks on during yesterday's regular press conference. – Photo: Ada Lei

victim to a similar investment fraud scheme, resulting in a total loss of HK\$1.1 million. ■

# Police nab mainland woman for theft by finding

## Ada Lei

A woman from the mainland was arrested on Friday for theft by finding after stealing a phone worth 4,400 patacas that had been left in a shopping mall, Public Security Police (PSP) spokesman Lam Keong said during a regular press conference yesterday.

Lam identified the suspect as a 31-year-old female surnamed Hu who claimed to be jobless.

According to Lam, the Public Security Police (PSP) received a report on Thursday evening from a mainland woman who said she had dropped her phone, valued at 4,400 patacas, in a shopping mall on Avenida da Nave Desportiva (體育

館大馬路). Suspecting that someone had taken the phone, she immediately reported the case to the police.

Lam noted that through citywide CCTV surveillance and the shopping mall's footage, the police identified Hu as the suspect and arrested her on Friday in her hotel guestroom in the city centre.

Under questioning, Hu admitted to picking up the phone, claiming that she was waiting for the owner to call to retrieve it. The police recovered the phone from Hu's guestroom.

Hu has been transferred to the Public Prosecutions Office (MP), facing a charge of theft by finding. ■



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

# Gongbei Customs nabs man trying to smuggle HK\$ 1.4 million in cash to mainland

## Armindo Neves

Zhuhai's Gongbei Customs has announced that its officers have caught a male mainlander attempting to smuggle HK\$1,445,000 (1,485,815 patacas) in undeclared cash from Macau to the mainland at Gongbei checkpoint, exceeding the official maximum amount of cash that a traveller is permitted to carry when entering the mainland.

Gongbei Customs announced the case, which was detected on July 9, in a statement yesterday, adding that the smuggler did not submit a customs declaration when entering the arrivals hall.

On the morning of July 9, customs officers at the border checkpoint intercepted the smuggler and customs officers seized HK\$ 1,445,000 in cash hidden in his black bag, the statement said, which was in excess of the maximum amount allowed for the import and export of banknotes.

The statement noted that a



This undated handout provided by Zhuhai Gongbei Customs yesterday shows HK\$ 1,445,000 in undeclared cash seized by the adjacent city's customs officers.

traveller is only permitted to carry non-mainland currency equivalent to 20,000 yuan when entering the mainland each time. Travellers must inform customs officers if they need to carry foreign currency in cash exceeding the maximum allowed amount.

Gongbei Customs reminded the public that a large amount of cash

is a restricted entry and exit item. Passengers entering and exiting the mainland are required to follow the national regulations and take the initiative to declare the amount of cash exceeding 20,000 yuan or its equivalent in non-mainland currency they are carrying. Any traveller violating the regulations faces a fine. ■

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## 'Pet Pet Loving Festival' highlights animal-friendly message, charity effort

**Khalel Vallo**

Lisboeta Macau H853 Fun Factory and Find Macau co-launched the "Pet Pet Loving Festival" on Saturday at Lisboeta Macau's Old Macau Street, drawing over 1,000 pet lovers and their "furry friends" on Saturday, the resort in Cotai said in a statement that day.

Originally, the festival was supposed to last over the weekend, but because of Typhoon "Wipha" it was cut short by a day.

Featuring themed booths, pet play zones, and adoption parades, the event promoted pet-friendly living and animal welfare under the themes "Adopt, Don't Abandon" and "Harmony among All Kinds of Animals", according to the statement.

The opening ceremony was jointly officiated by Lisboeta Macau, AS Entertainment Ltd, Everyone Stray

Dogs Macau Volunteer Group, and Macau Tortoise. Over 1,000 pet lovers and their animals participated in the festival that day.

The statement highlighted that photo op zones and themed props were set up to allow guests to capture memorable moments with their pets, while part of the event's proceeds will support animal rescue and medical services through donations to the Everyone Stray Dogs Macau Volunteer Group.

Looking ahead, the statement pointed out, Lisboeta Macau plans to deepen collaborations with animal welfare groups to promote a caring, pet-friendly culture and enhance its image as a welcoming destination for animal lovers.

Saturday's pet-fest lasted from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. ■



This photo taken and provided by Lisboeta Macau on Saturday shows participants and their "furry friends" gathering at the Cotai resort's "Pet Pet Loving Festival" event venue, Old Macau Street.

## Typhoon 'Wipha' largely spares Macau, after hitting it almost head-on

**Staff Reporter**

Typhoon "Wipha", which threatened Macau over the weekend and triggered the hoisting of the special administrative region's highest Tropical Cyclone Warning Signal, No.10, between 12:30 p.m. and 5 p.m. on Sunday, largely spared the city after all.

The observatory replaced Signal No.8 with Signal No.3 at 10:30 p.m. on Sunday, pointing out in a statement that the severe tropical storm was gradually moving away from Macau.

However, the statement also warned that "under the influence of the outer rainbands of 'Wipha', there will still be strong winds, heavy showers and thunderstorms in Macau early this week.

Meanwhile, the Civil Protection Operations Centre (COPC) said in a statement on Sunday night that five people were injured in 164 incidents earlier that day. The incidents included the removal of objects at risk of falling and the securing of scaffolding. The injuries were caused by falling objects and trees, according to a separate statement by the Health Bureau (SSM). No major damage was reported by the centre.

According to the centre, 139 people took refuge in the government's four emergency shelters during the typhoon.

The Meteorological and Geophysical Bureau (SMG) noted in a statement that "Wipha" almost hit Macau head-on. It became the fifth tropical cyclone in nine years since 2017 that triggered the hoisting of Signal No.10. It was also the earliest Signal No.10 issued by the local observatory since records began in 1968, according to the statement.

Chief Executive Sam Hou Fai over the weekend oversaw the authorities' measures tackling the

typhoon threat and urged them to protect people's lives and property. Sam also declared a state of immediate prevention after Signal No.8 had been hoisted at 4 a.m. on Sunday. The declaration was withdrawn when Signal No.8 was replaced by Signal No.3 at 10:30 p.m. on Sunday.

Around 140 flights scheduled for Sunday were cancelled, according to the local airport. Public transport such as ferries, buses and LRT trains, the services of which were suspended while the No.8, No.9 and No.10 signals remained hoisted, gradually returned to normal late Sunday and early yesterday.

The cross-delta Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macau Bridge (HZMB) reopened to vehicular traffic on Sunday night.

Casinos stayed open during the typhoon.

"Wipha" (which means "lightning" in Thai), the potentially strongest tropical cyclone to threaten Macau so far this year, reportedly made landfall in Taishan City, Guangdong Province, in the evening.

All tropical cyclone warning signals were lowered at 6 a.m. yesterday.

Meanwhile, "Wipha" drenched parts of Guangdong Province yesterday triggering warnings of flash floods and landslides.

Heavy rain lashed the Guangdong cities of Maoming, Yangjiang and Zhanjiang yesterday after "Wipha" had made landfall in Taishan City, some 80 km north-west of Macau, on Sunday evening.

The national observatory said yesterday that "Wipha" had weakened to a tropical storm upon landfall, and forecast it to skirt the coast of Guangdong and move south-westerly towards Vietnam. ■

## Typhoon 'Wipha' damages old house in Chi Lam Village

**Armindo Neves**

Chi Lam Village residents told the *Post* yesterday that at about 6 a.m., when all typhoon warning signals had just been lifted, an over 80-year-old house collapsed in their ancient neighbourhood.

The structure of the long-abandoned house was mostly wooden, with outer walls made of bricks. The villagers said they were deeply saddened, as yet another place full of memories had been damaged.

Chi Lam Chuen (茨林村), a 400-year-old, formerly walled village with a centuries-old history where some houses still retain their original wooden structures, suffered more damage than other areas in the city as it was unable to withstand even the relatively mild impact of Typhoon "Wipha".

On Sunday morning, the Meteorological and Geophysical Bureau (SMG) said in a statement that Typhoon "Wipha" was approximately 110 kilometres away from Macau, with maximum sustained winds of 125 kilometres per hour at its centre. As "Wipha" swept past Macau, it brought strong winds and heavy rain to the city.

At noon on Sunday, the observatory reported that "Wipha" was located just 30 kilometres from Macau, with maximum winds reaching level 12. Top Tropical Cyclone Signal No. 10 was hoisted as "Wipha" threatened Macau. However, the village's old house at 10 Travessa Três finally failed to withstand the storm's impact and caved in at about 6 a.m. when "Wipha" was already on its way to Guangdong Province.

Chi Lam Chuen is just a street away from the UNESCO World Heritage-protected Na Tcha Temple (known as "Na Tcha" in the local

Cantonese dialect), one of Macau's two Na Tcha temples. The village also features a café dedicated to the Taoist tutelary deity whose popularity has immensely risen since the huge commercial and cultural success of the Chinese mainland's "Ne Zha 2" film earlier this year – the fifth-highest-grossing film of all time, and the highest-selling animated film in terms of ticket sales – which stand at over US\$2.2 billion.

The old house on Travessa Três was the only one in the village that was severely damaged by the typhoon.

Villagers told the *Post* yesterday afternoon that the collapsed structure was a section of the house's exterior wall measuring two metres by three metres. No injuries were reported, and the surrounding buildings remained unaffected.

The structure of the house had deteriorated with age, often relying on creeping vines from nearby trees to prevent it from collapsing on

its own, the villagers said, who admitted that a partial collapse had occurred once before.

Public Security Police (PSP) officers and officials from the Lands and Urban Construction Bureau (DSSCU) went to the village yesterday afternoon to investigate the collapse of the house.

According to the villagers, the owner of the house returned to the village two years ago with plans to rebuild it. However, due to the lack of water and electricity supplies at the location, the owner ultimately abandoned the reconstruction plan.

It has only been two weeks since another property in the village made headlines. On July 9, an open space at 5 Pátio do Espinho (茨林園) was suddenly fenced off, and to this day, the landowner has still not complied with the government's order to remove the fence. The villagers said they wished it had been the fence – not the old house – that had been destroyed by Typhoon "Wipha".

The villagers told the *Post* that the typhoon-damaged village house will provisionally be taken over by the Lands and Urban Construction Bureau and what remains of it will be demolished, a necessary measure to protect the village, they said.

The *Post* published a story about the fence on July 9, headlined "Chi Lam Vai villagers face suddenly fenced-in plot". <https://www.macaupostdaily.com/news/25365>

Chi Lam Vai ("Potato Field Courtyard") is known in Portuguese as Pátio do Espinho ("Thorn Courtyard"). ■



This photo taken yesterday afternoon shows the fenced-in plot of land next to a café dedicated to Na Tcha, one of China's most popular protection divinities, at 5 Pátio do Espinho in Chi Lam Village behind the UNESCO World Heritage-listed Ruins of St Paul's. – Photos: Armindo Neves



A villager and DSSCU official look at the cordoned-off old house damaged by Typhoon "Wipha" in Chi Lam Village yesterday afternoon.



# AI artist cAI™ presents interactive exhibition at MGM Macau

**Kristina Vallesteros**

Contemporary artist Cai Guo-Qiang and his custom-developed AI creation cAI™ have launched their new exhibition “cAI™ Lab 2.0 - Is It Your Gaze that Meets Mine, or Mine that Seeks Yours?” at MGM MACAU’s Fantasy Box in Nape.

The free-admission exhibition is presented by the artist in partnership with integrated resort operator MGM. According to a recent statement on MGM’s website, this represents the AI’s first artist residency following its 2024 debut exhibition “Soul Scan”.

The exhibition, which opened on Saturday, centres around the “One AI, One Show” concept featuring the “Firework Function” system. The statement noted

this interactive element processes visitor responses to generate unique digital firework displays, with input from over 80,000 previous contributors.

Another key component allows visitors to engage in a private conversation with cAI™ and receive a personalised poem through the cAI™ Hotline phone booth.

The main installation analyses visitors through camera systems to produce real-time digital firework displays based on perceived emotions and characteristics. According to the statement, this creates what the artist describes as a “mutual gaze” between human and machine.

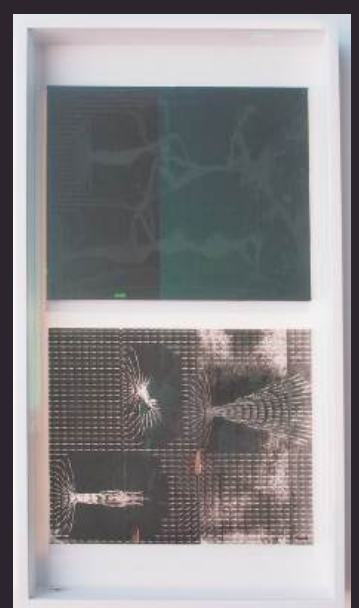
Additional elements include the cAI™ Observational

Corridor and Daytime Fireworks Collaboration installations, along with documentary videos tracing the AI’s development, according to an exhibition statement at the venue.

The exhibition will run through September 22 at MGM MACAU’s Fantasy Box on Level 2. Opening hours are from noon to 7 p.m. on weekdays and from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. on weekends. Complimentary guided tours in Cantonese or Putonghua are provided at weekends at 4 p.m., with English tours available by advance reservation.

The exhibition represents part of the ongoing “Art Macao: Macao International Art Biennale 2025”. For additional details, one may visit the Art Macao website [www.artmacao.mo](http://www.artmacao.mo) or contact 8802 3833.

*Photos taken yesterday by Kristina Vallesteros*





# Macanese food book enjoys success at HK Book Fair

Review by Rachel T.

At the Hong Kong Book Fair 2025 on Wednesday, the Macau Cultural Affairs Bureau (IC) hosted a book launch for the Chinese edition of “The Making of Macau’s Fusion Cuisine: From Family Table to World Stage” – complete with a sharing session about the book and related topics such as food, memory and identity, hosted by Hong Kong-based British food writer Annabel Jackson, who wrote the book, and translators Swallow Xu and Stephanie Li from Macau-based translation company PROMPT.

The event was a great success, highlighting this year’s Hong Kong Book Fair’s theme of “Food Culture • Future Living”.

The session started with Jackson talking about how this book was born out of research through interviewing 2,000 Macanese\*,

highlighting her insights into (and worries about the future of) Macanese cuisine as an important part of Macanese identity – even though it was almost on the verge of becoming a museum piece, while looking forward to its contemporary evolution being served at high-end restaurants.

Xu and Li shed some light on the challenging translation process as well as sharing a few fun takeaways regarding dishes and food ingredients from the book, which elicited some laughter.

It also included interactive Q&A, with audience members asking thought-provoking questions, which Jackson tried to clarify, most notably on the internationalisation of Macanese cuisine, with the author mentioning several successful restaurants around the world. Yet, she also acknowledged that Macanese



Translator Swallow Xu (left) addresses Wednesday’s sharing session during the Hong Kong Book Fair at the Hong Kong Convention Centre, as fellow translator Stephanie Li (centre) and author Annabel Jackson look on. – Photo: Tomas Christ

cuisine is hard to define, facing challenges to remain traditional, and seeking contemporary adaptations that could be a way forward.

The event, conducted in English and Cantonese in a lively ambience, attracted a food-interested, multi-generational audience from near

and far, including Macanese and Chinese, as well as culinary experts from home and abroad, notably Prof. Thomas DuBois, a historian of modern China from Beijing Normal University, Thomas Christ, a Chinese food and culture influencer from the United States, and a master’s degree candidate studying food anthropology related to Portugal who travelled to the session all the way from Hangzhou, the capital city of Zhejiang Province.

This book talk proved to be a cultural exchange event promoting Macau’s unique, interesting cuisine and culture. Participants expressed wishes for more similar publications and events to come in the future. ■

\*Customarily, the term “Macanese” denotes Macau’s community of mixed Portuguese and Asian extraction and its diaspora, as well as its cuisine, customs and culture. – HB

## Galaxy Macau to put on summer events

Rui Pastorin

Integrated resort (IR) operator Galaxy Macau will be hosting a raft of activities for guests over the summer.

In a statement yesterday, the company said that among them is the “Summer Colourful Parade”, which will feature acrobats, stilt walkers and dancers for performances at the Cotai integrated resort’s Galaxy Promenade in three daily sessions, namely at 3 p.m., 5 p.m. and at 7 p.m. The 5 p.m. session will also feature a special appearance by Galaxy Kidz mascot Wavey the Peacock.

Meanwhile, a giant drink in the form of an “oversized summer cocktail” will be available in Jade Lobby, while summer mocktails are to be on offer from noon to 10 p.m. at Promenade Central’s Posh Bar. The statement added that shoppers who spend 10,000 patacas will also receive a complimentary drink at the bar.

There will also be exclusive shopping privileges and a lucky



This undated handout photo provided by Galaxy Macau yesterday shows performers in the “Summer Colourful Parade” posing at the integrated resort in Cotai.

draw for prizes totalling up to one million patacas, among others, according to the statement.

More events are set to take place next month. The “Pool Party” at The Grand Resort Deck is scheduled for August 16, while the Macau

stop of South Korean singer-actor Baekhyun’s World Tour <Reverie> is slated to be held at Galaxy Arena on August 30 and 31. Another upcoming show is Joe Wong’s Comedy Tour: ‘Between Jobs’ – Macau, which is set for August 17 at G Box. ■

## Young local woman loses 1 million patacas in ‘fake police’ scam

Ada Lei

A young local woman has fallen victim to a “fake police” scam, losing one million patacas, Judiciary Police (PJ) spokesman Cheong Kim Fong said during a regular press conference yesterday.

According to Cheong, the local woman received a call on Thursday morning from someone speaking Putonghua, who claimed to be a “mainland police officer.” The caller accused her of sending numerous scam messages from her mainland-registered phone

number. Following the caller’s instructions, she participated in a video call and enabled screen sharing while logged into her online banking account. The victim was also told not to disclose any details to others and was ordered to turn off bank SMS notifications.

It was only after she received a call from her bank on Friday afternoon that she finally realised she had been scammed and immediately reported a loss of one million patacas to the police. ■

## CAC to hold advanced lantern-making workshops next month

Rui Pastorin

Lantern-making workshops will kick off next month at Albergue SCM, continuing the aim of organiser CAC – Circulo dos Amigos da Cultura de Macau (“Circle of the Friends of Macau’s Culture”) to provide a platform for learning the Chinese craft and preserving it for future generations.

The lantern-making workshops, which are free, have been held since 2010.

Held in English with Cantonese translation, the upcoming “Macau Creative Lantern Workshop – Part 25 [Advance]” will be an advanced class set to introduce participants to skills behind making traditional rabbit lanterns, according to a CAC statement yesterday, with experienced Master Craftsman Alfredo Ceynas again leading the sessions as the instructor.

The workshops will take place at Albergue SCM’s\* Hall D1 on August 18, 20, 22, 25, 27 and 29, each lasting from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.

The statement pointed out that “lanterns have been associated with Chinese traditional festivals like the Mid-Autumn Festival and the Lantern Festival. Its [intrinsic] value does not only lie within its aesthetic contribution to crafts and design, but also its symbolism and depth of Chinese culture”.

Registration for the workshops, which are free on a first come, first served basis, can be done by visiting <https://forms.gle/wzi2Pgzy45ReZBSv8>, or enrol in person at the Albergue SCM’s Building A3, until August 15. One can find more details on <https://www.facebook.com/CACMacau>. ■

\*Albergue is Portuguese for “hospice”. SCM stands for Santa

Casa da Misericórdia (“Holy House of Mercy”), Macau’s oldest charitable organisation.



This undated handout photo provided by Albergue SCM yesterday shows Master Craftsman Alfredo Ceynas posing beside a poster promoting the upcoming lantern-making workshop.

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# UM hosts forum on digital intelligence & engineering talent in GBA



UM hosts the Annual Meeting of the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao University Engineering Alliance and the High-Level Forum on Digital Intelligence Empowerment for New Engineering Talent on Friday.  
— Photo: UM

**Khalel Vallo**

The Faculty of Science and Technology (FST) of the public University of Macau (UM) brought together leading experts and scholars from over 20 top universities across the Greater Bay Area (GBA) on Friday for the 2024/2025 annual meeting of the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao University Engineering Alliance, and a high-level, on-campus forum on Friday focused on digital intelligence in engineering education.

The event spotlighted emerging technologies like artificial intelligence (AI), big data, and smart manufacturing as drivers of innovation in cultivating the next generation of engineering talent.

According to a statement by

the University of Macau (UM) on Friday, the one-day event served as a key platform for academic exchange and collaboration among the alliance's 15 member institutions. Vice Rector Ge Wei (aka Wei Ge) highlighted in the statement that since its founding in 2020, the alliance has driven high-quality development in engineering education through collaborative innovation and resource sharing.

The statement noted that the forum, themed "Digital Intelligence Empowering New Engineering Talent Development", focused on the integration of cutting-edge technologies such as AI, big data, and smart manufacturing into engineering education. Experts shared insights on reform strategies

and talent cultivation models aimed at preparing students for the evolving demands of the industry, the statement said.

The statement also said that several notable figures delivered keynotes speeches and presentations, including representatives from the Harbin Institute of Technology (HIT), UM, Shantou University (STU), and the University of Hong Kong (HKU).

The forum concluded with the alliance's annual summary and election conference. The statement noted that the gathering further strengthened ties among institutions and emphasised a shared commitment to advancing engineering education across Guangdong, Hong Kong, and Macau. ■

# FM spokesperson speaks about China's expectations for 25<sup>th</sup> China-EU Summit

BEIJING — China and the European Union (EU) will hold the 25<sup>th</sup> China-EU Summit in Beijing, Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesperson Guo Jiakun said at a daily news briefing yesterday, when he also talked about China's expectations for the upcoming summit and current China-EU relations.

Guo said that this year marks the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations between China and the EU, as well as the 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the founding of the United Nations.

The world is currently undergoing a historic transformation — the international landscape is experiencing more instability and rapid change, and unilateralism and bullying practices are significantly undermining international rule and order, placing humanity at a critical crossroads once again, Guo said.

As two major forces advancing multipolarity, two major markets supporting globalization and two major civilizations championing diversity, the 25<sup>th</sup> China-EU summit is of great importance and is drawing widespread attention from the international community, he added.

"Over the past half century, China-EU relations have weathered challenges and are now progressing toward maturity and stability, becoming one of the most influential bilateral relationships in the world," Guo said.

Cooperation between China and the EU has yielded fruitful results, he said, with each providing significant support for the other's development and providing tangible benefits to nearly 2 billion Chinese and EU people, making important contributions to global peace and development, and setting an example of mutually beneficial cooperation in the era of economic globalization.

Guo noted that over the past 50 years, annual trade between China and the EU has skyrocketed from US\$2.4 billion to US\$785.8 billion, and the stock of mutual investment has expanded from near zero to almost US\$260 billion. People-to-people exchanges have become increasingly frequent, and both sides have engaged in effective cooperation to address climate change and other issues, he said.

"However, China-EU relations are also confronted with challenges," Guo added. Certain individuals in the EU have played up the "partner-competitor-rival" characterization of bilateral relations, exaggerated individual trade and business issues and made baseless accusations against China on the Ukraine issue, unnecessarily hampering China-EU relations, he said.

China holds that over the course of their 50-year history, China-EU relations have accumulated ample experience and positive forces to navigate any winds or tides that may come, and to overcome difficulties and meet challenges, he noted.

He said that as the 25<sup>th</sup> China-EU Summit will be held soon, China-EU relations are at an important point as they build on past achievements and open up a new chapter.

"China hopes that the EU will work with China, view its relations with China from a comprehensive, dialectical and forward-looking perspective, draw experience and inspiration from bilateral relations over the past 50 years, follow the trend of the times, meet the expectations of the two peoples and the international community, pool consensus, rise above differences, jointly plan for the cooperation in the next 50 years, and open up a brighter future for the China-EU comprehensive strategic partnership," said Guo. — Xinhua

# Tech industry to inject new impetus into local economy: Sam

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Sam noted that during his inspection visit to Macau at the end of last year, President Xi Jinping highly commended the scientific research work conducted by local higher education institutions and encouraged scientific researchers to "maintain their good work, reach new heights, and achieve even more outstanding results". Xi also encouraged Macau to leverage its unique resource advantages to play a distinctive role in the nation's scientific and technological development, becoming a bridge and window for telling the good story of China's scientific and technological development to the global community, the chief executive said, adding that Macau must drive the development of its scientific and technological innovation in compliance with the important directions outlined by Xi.

Sam underlined that the local government is committed to uniting and leading all sectors of Macau's civil society to earnestly implement the spirit of Xi's important speeches delivered during his inspection visit, striving to promote the city's appropriate economic diversification, pledging that his government will leverage Macau's own strengths and resource

endowments, positioning itself precisely, focusing on priority tasks, refining industrial development planning, and intensifying policy support and capital investment, with the aim of cultivating new industries with international competitiveness while targeting key sectors to scale up the development of distinctive industries.

As high-tech is one of the four new key industries listed by the local government's 1+4 appropriate economic diversification plan, Sam said, his government is stepping up its efforts to continuously improve its system and mechanism for promoting scientific and technological innovation, optimise the development environment for scientific and technological innovation, and leverage Macau's connectivity advantages, with the aim of fostering the growth of the city's high-tech industry.

The local government's 1+4 model aims to consolidate and diversify the development of the city's tourism and leisure industry, i.e., the "1" element, while putting special emphasis on promoting the development of four new key industries, i.e., the "4" element, namely 1) big health mainly driven by traditional Chinese medicine (TCM), 2) modern finance, 3) high-

tech, and 4) MICE and commerce as well as culture and sport.

In his speech, Sam said that his government is deeply aware that the growth of Macau's tech industry will inject new impetus into the city's economic development, create high-quality jobs, and provide a stage for young local people to pursue and realise their dreams and aspirations. Consequently, he said, the tech industry will become an important chapter in Macau's future development.

Sam noted that his 2025 Policy Address, which he delivered in April, outlines the government's commitment to strengthening its support and investment in diversifying the city's industries, where the government will cultivate new industries with international competitiveness, make better use of non-gaming investments to support the city's appropriate economic diversification, create a mechanism for identifying investment projects aligned with Macau's long-term development, and accelerate the completion of its ongoing study on the feasibility of setting up new public funds aiming to promote the development of nascent industries and to transform scientific research achievements into the industries' development. ■



Children sing songs with their teacher at a community service center in Shangcheng District of Hangzhou City, capital of Zhejiang Province, yesterday. Community service centers in Hangzhou provide childcare assistance and various activities to enrich children's summer vacation.  
— Xinhua

## STOCK MARKETS

# HK stocks close higher

HONG KONG — Hong Kong's stock market ended higher yesterday with the benchmark Hang Seng Index up 0.68 percent to close at 24,994.14 points.

The Hang Seng China Enterprises Index rose 0.6 percent to end at 9,040.2 points, while the Hang Seng Tech Index jumped 0.84 percent to 5,585.5 points. — Xinhua



# Truth, Friendship, Bond: The century-spanning echo of Edgar Snow

## News Feature

YAN'AN – At the Yan'an Revolutionary Memorial Hall, northwest China's Shaanxi Province, there is a statue of American journalist Edgar Snow, who once ventured deep into China's revolutionary heartland.

With notebook in hand and moral clarity in heart, Snow constructed an unprecedented bridge of mutual respect and understanding between China and the rest of the world that still stands today.

This year marks both the 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the World Anti-Fascist victory and the 120<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Snow's birth. Today, the spirit Snow embodied continues to serve as a meaningful link between cultures – a lasting force for mutual respect in an increasingly complex world.

## LIFELONG FRIEND OF CHINESE PEOPLE

A copy of "Red Star Over China" displayed at the memorial hall caught the attention of visitors. Written in the late 1930s by Snow, the book offered the world a rare, firsthand account of China at a time when the country was largely misunderstood by the West.

Yernar Mausumbekov, a visitor from Kazakhstan, lingered in front of the display. "Snow tried to convey a real China through his keen eye," he said. "I think that was a very powerful and meaningful act of communication."

In 1936, at a time when China was embroiled in internal conflict and external aggression, Snow made his way to the remote headquarters of the Communist Party of China (CPC) in northwest China's Shaanxi Province. As the first Western journalist to enter the area, he conducted extensive interviews and careful documentation there.

Snow's reporting culminated in "Red Star Over China," in which he painted a picture of a resilient, promising country that the world rarely saw, and challenged the world's misunderstandings and prejudices about China.

After the founding of the People's Republic of China, Snow paid three visits to the country. He remained concerned about China following his visits, and firmly supported the just cause of the Chinese people. He was therefore regarded as a lifelong friend of the Chinese people.

The spirit of Snow's extraordinary bond with China still lingers in Yan'an's sun-baked hills. Today, a new generation of global visitors retraces his path – seeing China not



This photo taken on July 13, 2025 shows a bust of American journalist Edgar Snow at the Red Star Garden in Yan'an, northwestern Shaanxi Province. – Xinhua

through the lens of preconception, but through the clear-eyed wonder of firsthand discovery.

Among them is Bryson Allen, a student from Utah Tech University in the United States, who has recently toured Yan'an.

Stepping into Yan'an, he encountered a reality starkly at odds with Western portrayals, a dissonance that deepened his admiration for Snow's extraordinary bravery in transcending ideological barriers to reveal truths.

"With that spirit, I really felt that different countries can continue to build bridges of understanding and forever-lasting friendship," said Allen.

## VITAL BRIDGE BETWEEN CHINA AND WORLD

At Yan'an's Red Star Garden, a towering 3-meter bronze statue of Edgar Snow gazes across the revolutionary landscape, a permanent tribute erected in 2012 to celebrate international bridge-builders and perpetuate their vision of cross-cultural understanding.

Yan'an remains the living heart of Snow's legacy, and today that enduring bond continues to shape the city's ties with the wider world. In 2017, Yan'an and Snow's hometown – Kansas City in the US state of Missouri – established a sister city relationship, followed by deepening cultural exchanges.

This year, Yan'an further expanded its international outreach with a series of cultural programs, including the event "Following

Snow's Footsteps: Global Young Bilingual Hosts and Anchors Amazing China-Yan'an Tour," where young students from different countries visited Yan'an, immersing themselves in its rich history and drawing enduring inspiration from Snow's legacy.

One of the participants was Rio Ohori, a Japanese student at the Communication University of China. She said the event helped her understand the spirit embodied by Snow, vowing to show the world a true China through her own work.

Snow's profound legacy stretches beyond Yan'an to Beijing, where in 1934 he began shaping young minds as a lecturer of Yenching University, the heart of what is today Peking University campus. In death as in life, his bond with China endured: a part of his ashes now rest by Peking University's Weiming Lake, fulfilling his final wish to remain forever where East and West first truly met for him.

Honoring its historic ties to Snow, Peking University has continued to host commemorative events and academic exchanges in his honor. In May, the university organized a commemorative conference on the 120<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Snow's birth, drawing scholars from around the world. Many deemed the enduring Snow spirit a vital bridge between China and the world.

"Snow devoted his life to true international friendship," said Sun Hua, director of Peking

University's China Center for Edgar Snow Studies. "His spirit remains timeless and continues to inspire us today."

## RED STAR LIGHTING FUTURE

In the height of summer, Yan'an is vibrant with greenery. Sunlight bathes Baota Mountain, now cloaked in lush foliage. The Yanhe River winds gently along, its banks adorned with drooping willows, painting a scene brimming with vitality.

Sheradil Baktygulov, director of the Institute of World Policy of Kyrgyzstan, stepping for the first time onto the "Loess Plateau" he had only read about in books, was pleasantly surprised. He had expected Yan'an to be "dreary and barren," but what he saw instead was clear skies, thriving trees and towering buildings.

"This is nothing like the Yan'an I imagined," said Baktygulov. Since his first visit to China in 1998, he has witnessed the country's tremendous transformation. He added that due to ideological bias, China is often misunderstood, but "Snow's curiosity and objectivity, especially as shown during his time in Yan'an, offer a firm basis for fair understanding of the Chinese development."

Baktygulov's opinion is echoed by Andrew Smith, an American teacher from the School of Foreign Languages at Northwest University, who noted that with so much misinformation about China in Western media nowadays, foreigners in China should follow Snow's spirit and work tirelessly to get the truth out to the world.

From these voices emerges a shared conviction: the world today still needs the Snow spirit – a spirit grounded in understanding, respect and sincere dialogue.

Efforts to renew that spirit are ongoing. The Yan'an Revolutionary Memorial Hall is preparing a special exhibition dedicated to Snow, offering a deeper look into his life and work. Meanwhile, Peking University's China Center for Edgar Snow Studies is developing a foreign friends database to shed light on those who contributed to China's development.

"Helping the world understand China is even more important now than in Snow's time," said Sun, stressing that the Snow spirit should be preserved and passed down through generations.

Today, the light of the "Red Star" still shines – not only on those who have told and continue to tell China's story, but also on the enduring friendships between China and the rest of the world. – Xinhua

# Cooperation is the most correct choice for China-US relations: scholar

## Analysis

BEIJING – As China and the United States navigate an increasingly complex global landscape, a senior Chinese scholar has emphasized that cooperation remains the most appropriate and sensible path for the world's two largest economies.

"Looking back at the history of China-US exchanges since the War of Resistance Against Japanese Aggression, we are deeply convinced that peace is the cornerstone of bilateral ties, cooperation is the most correct choice for the two nations to get along, and mutual benefit is the essential feature of their exchanges," said Wang Junwei, director of the Academic and Editorial Committee of the Institute of Party History and Literature of the Communist Party of China (CPC) Central Committee, at a press conference yesterday.

This year marks the 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the victory in the Chinese People's War of Resistance Against Japanese Aggression and the World Anti-Fascist War.

"Eighty years ago, China and the United States stood side by side against a common enemy, writing a magnificent chapter in the defense of peace and justice and making significant contributions to the global victory over fascism," Wang said.

The American "Flying Tigers" assisted Chinese forces in resisting Japanese aggression and joined in the perilous task of opening the "Hump" air route for transporting emergency supplies during the war, while Chinese soldiers and civilians risked their lives to rescue US pilots, including Lieutenant Colonel James Doolittle.

Wang highlighted the profound historical

bonds forged during a pivotal moment in the 20<sup>th</sup> century, noting that the Chinese people remain deeply grateful for the support offered by the American people during the war.

Wang noted that the camaraderie formed through the trials of war laid a strong foundation for a lasting friendship. Although China-U.S. relations have experienced fluctuations, he stressed that the overall trajectory since the establishment of diplomatic ties in 1979 has been one of steady progress.

"When diplomatic ties were formally established in 1979, the two countries saw fewer than 100,000 visits between their peoples, and bilateral trade was valued at just US\$2.45 billion," he said. "In 2024, people-to-people exchanges exceeded two million, and trade volume surpassed US\$680 billion. It's clear that the relationship has delivered

tangible benefits to people from both sides."

"History is today's mirror," he said. "Today, China-US relations stand at another key juncture. As founding members of the United Nations (UN) and permanent members of the UN Security Council, both countries have a shared responsibility to safeguard the hard-won outcomes of World War II."

He called on both nations to uphold the international system with the UN at its core, the international order underpinned by international law, and the basic norms governing international relations based on the purposes and principles of the UN Charter.

"Only by doing so," Wang concluded, "can we build our shared planet into a peaceful, amicable and harmonious global home." – Xinhua