

Macau begins cleaning up after 'Ragasa' onslaught

Public servants, volunteers join hands

Tony Wong

In the aftermath of Super Typhoon "Ragasa" that pummelled Macau on Wednesday, public servants and volunteers from various segments of civil society yesterday began cleaning up the city, removing rubbish, fallen trees and other debris caused by the tropical cyclone, in their joint efforts to restore the city's operations to normal as soon as possible.

Ragasa triggered a storm surge which caused severe flooding in low-lying areas on Wednesday, but the storm did not cause major damage.

In addition to municipal workers and public security personnel who launched the clean-up to remove large pieces of rubbish and debris when Ragasa was weakening on Wednesday evening, the government yesterday mobilised civil servants from various public entities to join its campaign to remove smaller pieces of rubbish and fallen tree branches, apart from volunteers arranged by various community associations, according to various government statements released on Wednesday and yesterday.



Civil servants mobilised by the government clean up rubbish in an alley yesterday in the aftermath of Ragasa. – Photo: GCS

In response to the potentially catastrophic impact of Ragasa, which at its peak was officially classified as a super typhoon en route to Macau,

the local observatory raised Strong Wind Signal No.3 (T3) at 5 a.m. on Tuesday, replaced it with Tropical Cyclone Signal No.8 (T8) at 5 p.m.

on Tuesday, raised T9 at 4 a.m. on Wednesday, and then replaced it with T10 (Macau's highest storm-warning signal) at 5:30 a.m.

When Ragasa was gradually moving away from Macau, the signal was lowered to T8 at 4 p.m. and to T3 at 11 p.m. on Wednesday. All storm warning signals were removed at 6 a.m. yesterday.

According to a statement from the Government Information Bureau (GCS) yesterday, 116 post-typhoon clean-up teams comprising over 1,100 civil servants from various public entities yesterday joined the government's clean-up drive, which was carried out in streets, alleys, public parks, recreational areas, and sitting-out areas in various districts and neighbourhoods across the city.

The civil servants participating in the government's clean-up efforts yesterday comprised those from public entities under the portfolios of the government's five policy secretaries, those working for entities directly overseen by the chief executive, as well as those working for the courts, the Legislative Assembly (AL), the Public Prosecutions Office (MP), the Commission against Corruption (CCAC), and the Commission of Audit (CA).

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Malaysian busted at Macau airport smuggling cannabis buds worth 9 million patacas

Staff Reporter

The Judiciary Police (PJ) yesterday arrested a 19-year-old Malaysian man hired by a drug-trafficking gang there to smuggle cannabis buds via the local airport, with the drugs seized having an estimated street value of nine million patacas.

PJ spokesman Ho Wai Lok briefed reporters at the local airport last night about the case.

The man was hired by the gang to smuggle the cannabis buds from Bangkok to the intended final destination of Hong Kong. He first flew

from Bangkok to South Korea, from there he flew to Macau yesterday afternoon. He then intended to travel to Hong Kong, but was caught by PJ officers at the airport.

According to Ho, PJ officers suspected that someone on the flight from South Korea to Macau was smuggling drugs, after assessing intelligence that they had gathered. After the flight arrived in Macau at 2 p.m. yesterday, PJ officers intercepted the Malaysian when he collected his luggage, in which they found 16 bags of cannabis buds weighing 8.9 kilogrammes in

total, with an estimated street value of nine million patacas.

According to Ho, the man had been promised 5,000 Malaysian ringgit (9,500 patacas) in total by the gang provided he succeeded in smuggling the cannabis buds to Hong Kong.

The Judiciary Police said they are investigating the origin of the cannabis buds and tracing others involved in the case.

The suspect will be transferred to the Public Prosecutions Office (MP) for further questioning, facing a drug trafficking charge, Ho said. ■



Five PJ officers show journalists the cannabis buds seized from the suspect and his suitcase during last night's press briefing at the airport.

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Xi announces China's 2035 Nationally Determined Contributions to beef up climate response

President Xi Jinping announced by video link at the UN Climate Summit in New York on Wednesday that by 2035 China will reduce its economy-wide net greenhouse gas emissions by 7 percent to 10 percent from peak levels.

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Israel army says 700,000 Palestinians fled south from Gaza City

The Israeli military said yesterday that 700,000 Palestinians have fled Gaza City since late August, as it presses an air and ground assault on the urban centre.

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After trading barbs at UN, Lula & Trump agree to meet

After trading barbs at the UN, US President Donald Trump on Tuesday hailed his "excellent chemistry" with Brazilian counterpart Luis Inácio Lula da Silva, and announced a meeting next week.

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Police nab man in women's clothing for spraying liquid on hips of female passers-by

Ada Lei

The Public Security Police (PSP) arrested a local man dressed in women's clothing last Friday for spraying an unidentified liquid on the buttocks – trousers or skirts – of at least four local female passers-by near their hips, PSP spokesman Lam Keong said during a regular press conference yesterday.

Lam identified the suspect as a 43-year-old male surnamed Ho, who works as a mobile phone repairman.

According to Lam, the police received a report last Wednesday from a local woman who said that she had been sprayed with a purplish-red liquid on her trousers near her hips on September 11 and again last Wednesday near Avenida do Almirante Lacerda (提督馬路). This resulted in damage to two pairs of trousers valued at 1,650 patacas in total. Feeling sexually harassed, the woman immediately reported the incidents to the police after the second occurrence.

Lam noted that from August 11 to last Wednesday, Ho had dressed in women's clothing and sprayed the liquid on the trousers and skirts, near their hips, of three other local female pedestrians, namely near Avenida do Almirante Lacerda (提督馬路), Rua dos Mercadores (營地大街), and



This undated handout photo provided by the Public Security Police (PSP) yesterday shows a PSP officer escorting the liquid-spraying suspect into a police station.

near Conde de S. Januário Hospital Centre, before fleeing. One victim reported experiencing a burning sting after being sprayed. Through their citywide CCTV surveillance footage, the police identified Ho as the suspect and apprehended him near Avenida da Praia Grande (南灣大馬路) last Friday.

Under questioning, Ho admitted to mixing paint with water at home since February, placing the liquid

into a plastic bottle, and spraying it on female pedestrians in the street dozens of times. The police seized the tools used in the crimes and the unidentified liquid from Ho's flat on Avenida do Conselheiro Ferreira de Almeida (荷蘭園大馬路).

Lam added that the unidentified liquid has been sent to the Judiciary Police (PJ) for further testing.

Ho has been transferred to the Public Prosecutions Office (MP),



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

facing charges of sexual harassment, causing bodily harm, and property damage.

Lam urged citizens who have encountered similar incidents to report to the Public Security Police (PSP) as soon as possible.

Police arrest local man for sexually harassing female NRW

Meanwhile, a local man was

arrested on Saturday for sexually harassing a female non-resident worker (NRW) in the Patane area, Public Security Police (PSP) spokesman Lam Keong said during a regular press conference yesterday.

Lam identified the suspect as a 35-year-old male surnamed Lei, who claimed to be jobless. The victim is a mainland woman in her twenties.

According to Lam, the police received a report last Tuesday from the victim who said that she had been sexually harassed.

According to the victim's statement to the police, last Tuesday at 8:30 p.m., while walking in the Patane area, Lei suddenly approached her and touched her chest before fleeing. Feeling sexually harassed, the woman immediately reported the case to the police.

Through their citywide CCTV surveillance, the police identified Lei as the suspect and apprehended him on Saturday in the Patane area.

Under questioning, Lei claimed that he had consumed alcoholic beverages that night and could not remember what had happened.

Lei has been transferred to the Public Prosecutions Office (MP), facing a sexual harassment charge. ■

Police bust 2 HK men for taking heroin

Ada Lei

Two men from Hong Kong were arrested on Tuesday for using heroin in a hotel guestroom in Cotai, Judiciary Police (PJ) spokesman Ho Wai Lok said during a regular press conference yesterday.

Ho identified the suspects as a 56-year-old male surnamed Chui who claimed to be jobless, and his 40-year-old friend surnamed Tsang who works as an electrician.

According to Ho, the police received a report on Tuesday at 11 p.m. from a casino in Cotai, suspecting that two guests were using drugs in a hotel guestroom. Upon arrival, the police apprehended both Chui and Tsang. The police discovered a burnt piece of foil and a paper straw, indicating that the two had used these items to consume drugs.

Ho noted that the duo had arrived in Macau the previous afternoon and checked into the hotel guestroom booked by Chui, where they had consumed all of the

heroin before being intercepted by the police.

Ho added that drug tests showed that both Chui and Tsang tested positive for heroin. Under questioning, both admitted to using drugs but refused to disclose the source of the drugs.

The duo have been transferred to the Public Prosecutions Office (MP), facing charges of drug use and possession of drug paraphernalia. ■



Judiciary Police (PJ) spokesman Ho Wai Lok looks on during yesterday's regular press conference. – Photo: Ada Lei

Gongbei Customs nabs man smuggling 10 laptops in mobility scooter



This undated handout photo provided by Zhuhai's Gongbei Customs yesterday shows the smuggler pointing at 10 laptops seized by the customs officers at Zhuhai's Gongbei border checkpoint on Sunday.

Armindo Neves

Zhuhai's Gongbei Customs announced in a statement yesterday that its officers busted a smuggler who tried sneak 10 laptops hidden in a mobility scooter across the border from Macau to Zhuhai.

According to the statement, at 10 a.m. on Sunday, customs officers at the Zhuhai's Gongbei border checkpoint noticed a man driving a mobility scooter with an unusually large battery box when entering the mainland via the "Green Channel" in the passenger inspection hall.

Customs officers intercepted him, and a follow-up inspection revealed 10 laptops concealed in the battery box fitted with a latch for opening and closing it.

In the statement, Gongbei Customs reminded the public that according to relevant regulations,

evading customs supervision by hiding or bringing goods subject to taxes into the mainland constitutes smuggling. If the circumstances are severe enough to constitute a crime, criminal liability will be pursued.

Customs nabs HK driver smuggling 305 used auto parts

Meanwhile, Zhuhai's Gongbei Customs announced in a separate statement on Tuesday that its officers nabbed a Hong Kong driver attempting to smuggle 305 used auto parts via the Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macao Bridge into the mainland.

According to the statement, customs officers at the delta bridge's Zhuhai checkpoint noticed a single plate Hong Kong vehicle with an anomaly during a routine scan in the inbound passenger vehicle lane.



This undated photo provided by Zhuhai's Gongbei Customs shows used auto parts hidden in the boot of the smuggler's car.

A follow-up inspection revealed 305 used auto parts concealed in multiple locations of the vehicle, including under the bonnet, beneath the seats, in the boot, and inside the spare tyre compartment.

The used auto parts were confirmed to have lost their original utility value and were classified as waste originating overseas, the import of which is explicitly prohibited by the Chinese mainland.

In the statement, Gongbei Customs reminded the public that under the Chinese mainland's regulations the import of waste from outside is prohibited in any form. For those who violate regulations by transporting waste from overseas into the country, the authorities will order the waste to be returned and impose a fine; if the act constitutes a crime, criminal liability will be pursued. ■

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Most praise govt for response to ‘Ragasa’, some condemn ‘fishing’ during T10



Staff members of a shop in the inner harbour clean up after Super Typhoon “Ragasa”.



Strong winds from the super typhoon caused a tree to fall. – Photos: Rui Pastorin

Vox Pop by Armino Neves & Rui Pastorin

Super Typhoon “Ragasa” skirted Macau on Wednesday, bringing with it strong winds and heavy rain, which triggered severe floods.

Macau’s highest typhoon warning signal, No. 10 (T10), was hoisted that morning, with the city experiencing over 250 incidents like flooding and power cuts in low-lying areas.

Post reporters yesterday interviewed members of the public living along Rua Leste do Mercado Almirante Lacerda (罽些喇提督市東街), Rua da Praia do Manduco (下環街) and Travessa de Cinco de Outubro (十月初五日巷) about their experiences during the typhoon, including their reactions to people who chose to venture out into the flooded streets when Signal No.10 was up.

Experiences near Red Market

The vicinity of the Red Market was particularly hard-hit during Typhoon Hato in 2017, with streets quickly inundated by floodwaters that reached depths of over two metres, submerging the market’s ground floor. What was their experience like this time?

The owner of a fish stall surnamed Leong said that although Ragasa was more powerful than previous typhoons like Hato and Mangkhut, which initially caused him great concern, his stall, fortunately, did not suffer any flooding.

As a resident of the Inner Harbour district, Leong said he witnessed severe flooding in Rua da Praia do Manduco area, where he lives, where the floods caused significant

damage. He even observed people ignoring the hazardous water quality and venturing out to catch fish on the streets while Typhoon Signal No. 10 was still in effect.

Leong noted that rescue teams, including the customs and fire services, were actively assisting in the disaster zone and had handled over a hundred incidents during the typhoon, according to media reports he read. However, Leong said he believes that those who chose to venture outdoors while typhoon warning signals were in force were wasting public resources. Apparently, he was referring to the fact that, in the end, some of those people had to be rescued by civil protection officials.

A resident surnamed Kuang said that the Red Market area did not experience flooding this time. However, she saw severe disaster situations elsewhere in Macau by checking news reports on her phone. She recalled the devastating scene during Typhoon Hato when floodwaters inundated shops, and considered herself fortunate to have avoided a direct hit this time. In her view, the outcome was “much luckier” than during previous typhoons.

Moreover, the owner of a fruit stall surnamed Ng said that he had anticipated his shop’s location would not be flooded, as the newly built flood prevention facilities along the waterfront from Fai Chi Kei to Ilha Verde district had played a key role in keeping flooding away this time, and the water level remained safely below the warning line.

Ng said he saw on television that people were catching fish in the Rua da

Praia do Manduco area and disapproved of the behaviour, as fishing in the streets is unhygienic. When asked about disaster preparedness, he admitted he himself had not taken any measures.

Compared to the severe damage caused by past monster typhoons like Hato, he expressed no fear this time, citing the protection from the newly installed flood prevention infrastructure and the fact that the winds’ ferocity was less severe than forecast. His tone conveyed confidence and calmness about what he witnessed during Ragasa’s onslaught.

Amateur ‘fish-catchers’ during T10

As Ragasa impacted Macau, Jonas still found some enjoyment during the typhoon – catching fish.

Initially, Jonas had stayed home, but in the afternoon, he was among others on the flooded streets, catching fish with their bare hands or even makeshift fishing nets. Asked if he was afraid of any possible hazards at the time, he said: “Of course, the fear was still there”. However, the local Filipino said that he felt that finding a silver lining in difficult situations such as these was something he and many others were used to. He went on to praise the government’s swift preparations for and response to Ragasa, and the fact that flood waters quickly subsided due to the government’s efforts.

A 31-year-old F&B worker said that she had stayed indoors during the typhoon and was prepared for the situation, echoing

the preparedness and swift action by the government. However, she condemned those who chose to disobey warnings as the storm raged on, pointing out that the government had actively prepared people for the typhoon and warned them of the dangers it posed, as well as constantly urging the public to stay indoors. She highlighted hazards they could have encountered outdoors ranging from falling objects to dangerous gusts, the reasons why these rules were imposed in the first place.

Jethro shared the same opinion, saying: “That’s dangerous. At the height of the storm, people shouldn’t even be going out” given potential hazards like electrocution from an exposed live wire and the importance of self-preservation. He also compared Macau’s reactions to Ragasa to those that ravaged the city in the past, noting: “The government was much more prepared than they were before”, with even post-typhoon cleanups proceeding much faster.

The government’s swift preparations and response, and its active support for members of the public throughout the typhoon was also highlighted by a 38-year-old woman working in security, citing that this was the reason people knew what to do. She highlighted, however, that she also saw videos circulating on social media of people going out and catching fish during the super typhoon, which left her disappointed. “That was not at all safe”, especially considering the depth some of the waters reached in some areas, she said, adding that some people were just simply “hard-headed”. ■

Macau begins cleaning up after ‘Ragasa’ onslaught

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Yesterday’s government clean-up focused on removing smaller pieces of rubbish and fallen branches across the city, as the removal of larger ones, which blocked various thoroughfares and roads after Ragasa’s assault, was largely completed by municipal workers and public security forces officers on Wednesday night, according to a statement by the Unitary Police Service (SPU) yesterday, the duties of which include overseeing and coordinating the city’s civil protection work.

The GCS statement also said that yesterday’s clean-up joined by the 116 teams of civil servants also involved public security forces officers, volunteers mobilised by various community associations, and volunteers who have joined the government’s civil protection system.

In addition, the Municipal Affairs Bureau (IAM) said in a statement yesterday that municipal workers collected about 700

tonnes of rubbish across the city overnight that was generated on Wednesday – when Ragasa battered Macau, representing an increase of 70 percent from the average daily amount normally.

Some 90 percent of the city’s public parks, recreational areas and sitting-out areas were closed yesterday morning as their facilities were damaged by Ragasa the previous day. A separate IAM statement yesterday said that as of yesterday evening, 90 percent of the city’s recreational areas and sitting-out areas, over 50 percent of the city’s public parks, and over half of the city’s dog parks had reopened, following the bureau’s emergency inspection and repair efforts.

However, all hiking trails and all cycling trails in the city were still closed as of yesterday evening.

In a wrap-up statement late on Wednesday night, the Civil Protection Operations Centre reported a total of 259 incidents induced by Ragasa, including smoking electrical

boxes as well as fallen trees, scaffolding, lampposts, and signboards.

The statement said that Ragasa resulted in eight injuries, including a serious case in which the patient, whose gender was not revealed, was hospitalised with non-life-threatening injuries. The person suffered injuries to his or her head after a fall caused by the typhoon.

Public security forces officers, in collaboration with public servants from various other public entities, evacuated numerous households from the city’s low-lying areas on Tuesday afternoon, in anticipation of a severe storm surge causing severe flooding on Wednesday. The statement by the centre said that 3,236 people from the areas were evacuated during the operations, which lasted for around four hours.

The evacuation operations were launched at 1 p.m. on Tuesday when the Orange Storm Surge Warning was issued, the third most severe of Macau’s five-level storm surge

warning system – when the flood level was forecast to reach between 1.0 and 1.5 metres above road level in the Inner Harbour district.

After the evacuation operations were completed at 5 p.m., the local observatory issued the Red Storm Surge Warning at 6 p.m. that day, the second most severe of the storm surge warning system – when the flood level was predicted to reach between 1.5 and 2.5 metres.

Coinciding with an astronomical high tide, the storm surge caused by Ragasa finally resulted in flooding with its highest level reaching 1.51 metres in the Inner Harbour area on Wednesday morning, according to the local observatory. The floods gradually receded in the afternoon. All storm surge warnings were removed at 7 p.m. on Wednesday.

The statement by the centre also said that a total of 705 people sought shelter in the government’s 17 emergency centres during the typhoon. ■

‘Enlighten’: a touching journey of contrasts & connection

Review by William Chan

Macau’s Comuna de Pedra (“Stone Community”) staged a remarkable play titled “Enlighten” (你啟照) last weekend at Macau Cultural Centre’s (CCM) Black Box Theatre.

Directed by Jenny Mok (莫倩婷), the production brought together the stories of actor Lee Kai Chio (李啟照) and local theatre actress Nada (廖雅正), creating a heartfelt and humorous work that resonated deeply with the audience.

As part of Comuna de Pedra’s “De-corps-struction Series” with the theme “Narratives Along the Edge”, the play explores the unique experiences of individuals within a diverse society. Inspired by a documentary project last year featuring Lee Kai Chio, a performer living with cerebral palsy, Mok crafted a narrative that interweaves Lee’s inspiring life story with Nada’s theatrical journey. Through a combination of monologues and expressive physical movements, the play offered a poignant and humorous exploration of their parallel lives.

Lee and Nada were old classmates who had lost touch after graduation, only to reunite years later on the theatre stage. Their lives could not be more different: Nada, once a high-achieving student, is now an unmarried theatre actress; Lee, who suffered from brain hypoxia at birth leading to cerebral palsy, struggled with physical and speech challenges but managed to graduate, marry through a matchmaking arrangement, and become a father.

This stark contrast between the two performers formed the backbone of the production. Nada, despite her experience as an actress, revealed her struggles with self-appreciation and a tendency to avoid being the centre of attention offstage. Lee, on the other hand, drew attention wherever he went due to his condition but often found himself unable to fully express his thoughts and feelings. “I was never understood in my life, not even once,” Lee said on stage.

The production’s minimalist approach, necessitated by Lee’s limited mobility, proved to be a masterstroke. Mok made excellent use of the Black Box Theatre’s simple setting, employing creative lighting, shadows, and multimedia elements to maintain the flow of the narrative. Contemporary dance sequences added depth, allowing physical expression to complement the verbal storytelling, and significant effort was invested in ensuring the two



actors were compatible in their dance with each other.

One of the play’s most memorable moments came when Lee narrated his story

while Nada typed subtitles for him live. As Nada made typing errors, the audience found the scene both amusing and endearing, showcasing the improvisational and collaborative spirit of the performance.

Despite its simple premise, “Enlighten” was able to craft a rich and layered experience. Its seamless blend of humour, emotion, and artistry offered a fresh perspective on inclusion and the power of storytelling.

Actor Lee Kai Chio and actress Nada perform last week at Macau Cultural Centre’s Black Box Theatre.

– Photos: Cathie Lam



Artists and guests pose in front of No. 3 Travessa dos Poços on September 19. – Photos provided by organisers



Exhibition explores legacy of Wu Li

By William Chan

The “Jacone’s Tower” exhibition has opened in a restored historic building on Travessa dos Poços in Macau.

The exhibition is curated by Cindy Ng Sio Ieng from Macau and Feng Yan from Shenzhen, and it stands out as one of the Local Curatorial Projects featured in Art Macao 2025.

This multi-disciplinary art show brings together the works of six artists from both Macau and the Chinese mainland. Through a diverse range of installations, multimedia, video, music, and performance art, the exhibition seeks to explore and honour the legacy of Wu Li, a renowned painter, poet, devout Catholic, and Jesuit missionary priest from Jiangsu.

Wu Li settled in the Travessa dos Poços (大井巷)

neighbourhood, then known as Liang Shui Jing Village (涼水街), during his time in Macau. At that time, he referred to himself as “Jacone”. Although he originally planned to travel to Rome, he never made the journey and ultimately remained in Macau for three years.

The curators and participating artists aim to reflect on Wu Li’s unique cultural journey and his influence on Macau’s evolving identity, creating a dialogue that bridges past and present, East and West.

Earlier this month, *The Macau Post Daily* published an in-depth interview with the curators, in which they shared insights into their vision for the exhibition and discussed how Wu Li’s life and artistic contributions inspired the project. Readers who wish to learn more about the curators’ perspectives and the exhibition’s conceptual background can access the full interview at

<https://www.macaupostdaily.com/news/25893>.

The exhibition will run until November 16, and it will be open daily from 12 a.m. to 7 p.m. except on Mondays when the venue is closed. The exhibition takes place at 3 Travessa dos Poços, a location that is itself steeped in historical significance.

During the exhibition period, guided public tours in Mandarin will be available every Sunday. Visitors who prefer tours in English or Portuguese are encouraged to secure their place in advance by emailing the organising team at newmediaartmo@gmail.com.

Further information about “Jacone’s Tower,” including details about the artists and special events, can be found on the official exhibition website at <https://www.artmacao.mo/2025/cn/exhibitionDetail/143>

Macau youth team wins anti-graft hackathon contest

Khalel Vallo

The Macau team “Just do” won the gold award at the “Coding4Integrity Asian Youth Anti-Corruption Hackathon”* in Hong Kong last week, according to a statement from Commission Against Corruption (CCAC) on Monday.

The event was co-hosted by the Independent Commission Against Corruption of Hong Kong (ICAC), the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) and the International of Anti-Corruption Authorities (IAACA), the statement said.

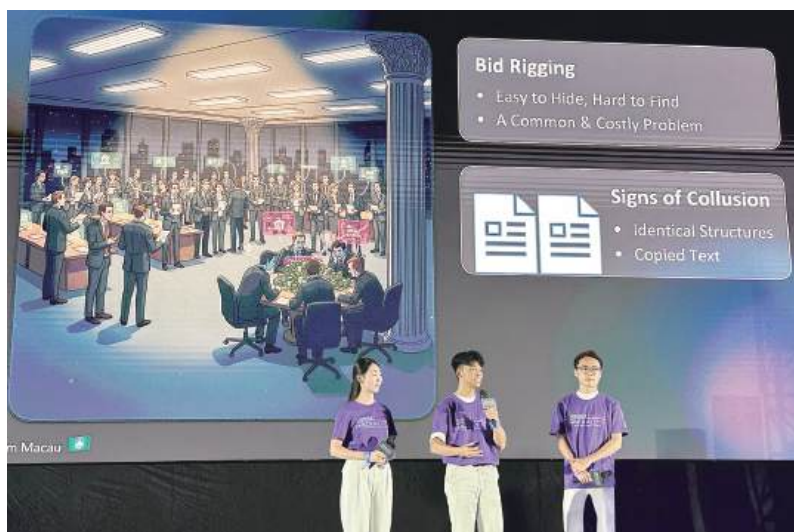
The CCAC organised the Macau preliminary round in May, selecting two teams to advance to the Hong Kong contests, according to the statement.

With support from the Macau Productivity and Technology Transfer Centre (CPTTM), the statement said, both Macau teams received professional training. At the grand finale last Friday, the prototypes

were judged on relevance, impact, presentation, technical execution and innovation. Both teams received the “Friend of Hong Kong” award, the statement said.

The statement added that the “Just do” team members – Sam Ka Lok, Loi Nga Hei, and Cai Pei Jun – impressed the judges with their prototype “BidTrust”, an AI-powered public procurement analysis platform designed to prevent graft. The team also received the “Audience’s Favourite” award, standing out among 14 teams from across Asia, the statement said, adding that the solution aims to help public entities enhance the efficiency of assessing documents and detecting irregularities to prevent corruption.

Reflecting on the experience, the statement quoted Sam as saying that the Hackathon deepened his understanding of anti-corruption efforts and inspired him to put the



This undated handout photo provided by the Commission Against Corruption (CCAC) on Monday shows the Macau team “Just do” demonstrating the corruption prevention solution prototype “BidTrust” at the Coding4Integrity Asian Youth Anti-Corruption Hackathon in Hong Kong.

team’s knowledge into practice. Meanwhile, Cai was quoted as saying that it was “a fruitful exchange that broadened his international vision”, and Loi expressed hope for

continued exchanges to showcase Macau youth on the global stage.

The statement added that “Just do” is scheduled to present their project at the Conference

of the States Parties (CoSP) to the United Nations Convention against Corruption (UNCAC) in Doha, Qatar, at the end of the year following their victory.

CCAC commended the participants’ dedication and said it would continue to create opportunities for local youth to broaden their horizons and contribute to integrity-building in Macau and the nation, the statement concluded.

The statement did not mention the team members’ ages or their academic and professional backgrounds. ■

* A hackathon (a portmanteau of “hack” and “marathon”) is a time-bound, collaborative event where programmers, designers, project managers, and others involved in software development intensively work in small teams to create a functioning software product, prototype, or solution to a pre-defined challenge. – DeepSeek

Macau logs this year’s 4th local chikungunya case

Ida Cheong

Macau recorded this year’s 4th locally transmitted case of chikungunya fever, as well as the 18th imported case of chikungunya and 16th imported case of dengue fever on Tuesday, the Health Bureau (SSM) announced in a statement on Wednesday.

4th local case of chikungunya fever

According to the statement, the 4th locally transmitted case of chikungunya case was confirmed on Tuesday. The patient is a 54-year-old Vietnamese non-resident worker (NRW) who lives at 2-4 Estrada de Hac Sá (路環黑沙馬路) in Coloane, and works in Block 8 and 9 of One Oasis. She did not have a recent travel history.

From September 10 to Monday this week, her daily routine involved moving only between her workplace and home, the statement said. She suspected she was bitten by a mosquito while at work and developed symptoms including fever, joint pain and a rash on Monday, then she sought medical treatment at the private Kiang Wu Hospital.

The statement noted that a blood test confirmed that she was infected with chikungunya fever.

18th imported case of chikungunya fever

Meanwhile, the 18th imported chikungunya case was recorded on Tuesday,

The statement noted that the patient is a male local resident who lives in Block 2 of Nam Ou Garden (南澳花園) on Praceta de Venceslau de Moraes (慕拉士前地).

The patient visited Jiangmen City from September 18-20 and developed symptoms such as fever and joint pain on Monday. He went to the public Conde de S. Januário Hospital Centre’s (CHCSJ) Island Emergency Station at the Macau Union Hospital in Cotai for treatment on Tuesday, the statement said.

Blood tests confirmed that he was infected with chikungunya fever.

16th imported case of dengue fever

Moreover, Macau recorded its 16th imported case of dengue fever at the same time.

According to the statement, the patient is a female local resident who lives in Block 4 of Alameda da Tranquilidade Building (永寧廣場) on Rua Direita do Hipódromo (黑沙環中心街), who visited Zhongshan City from September 8 to 14 and developed symptoms such as fever and joint pain on September 19.

The statement noted that she sought medical treatment at the public Conde de S. Januário Hospital Centre (CHCSJ) on Monday.

A blood test yesterday confirmed that she was infected with dengue fever.

The three patients were in a stable condition at the time of Wednesday’s statement, which said that their cohabitants showed no signs of discomfort at that time.

The statement added that in response to the three cases, the bureau has launched special mosquito eradication operations in the vicinities of their respective homes and workplaces as a precautionary measure. ■



This poster shows the symptoms of Chikungunya. – Photo courtesy of Sprint Medical

3 local hospitals aim to get int’l accreditation: SSM



The undated handout photo provided by the Health Bureau (SSM), shows SSM Director Lo Iek Long (third from left) and others posing for a group photo during Tuesday’s “Kick-off Meeting for the Certified International Hospital Accreditation (CIHA)”.

Ida Cheong

The Health Bureau (SSM) announced in a statement on Tuesday that the private Kiang Wu Hospital (KW), public Conde de Sao Januario Hospital Centre (CHCSJ) and public-private partnership Macau Medical Centre of Peking Union Medical College Hospital (PUMCH) officially commenced preparatory work for the process of launching locally the Certified International Hospital Accreditation (CIHA), aiming to implement the overall goals and indicators set out in the “Healthy Macau Action Plan” and further optimise Macau’s healthcare service system.

The Certified International Hospital Accreditation (CIHA) is China’s first hospital accreditation standard to receive international certification.

SSM Director Lo Iek Long said that the public hospital took the lead in preparatory work, aiming to pass the accreditation next year, adding that, PUMCH and Kiang Wu Hospital (KW) will also initiate this accreditation procedure, according to the statement.

Dr Lo pointed out that participation in this accreditation procedure holds significance in three aspects; (1) enhancing the quality and safety of healthcare for residents based on an internationally recognised standard developed by the nation; (2) promoting the homogenised development of local medical institutions with those in the Greater Bay Area (GBA), further integrating Macau into the national development landscape; (3) leveraging Macau’s “One Country, Two Systems” advantage and close ties with Portuguese-speaking countries, the statement said.

Dr Lo noted that the hospital CIHA accreditation is an important means of enhancing medical quality and ensuring patient safety, which has been developed by the Shenzhen Hospital Accreditation Research Centre and been certified by the International Society for Quality in Health Care (ISQua), making it the first nationally developed hospital accreditation standard to receive international recognition.

The statement added that the participation of CHCSJ, PUMCH, and private Kiang Wu Hospital in this accreditation procedure fully demonstrates the determination of local medical institutions to actively integrate into the national development strategy, and their commitment to pursuing high-quality medical services. It also noted that the effort contributes to realising the local government’s policy vision of building a “Happy Macau.”

The CIHA assessments are divided into three chapters (Hospital Function and Mission; Patient Safety, Medical Services and Medical Quality; and Hospital Management), comprising 186 criteria. The accreditation cycle starts every four years, emphasising continuous improvement, according to the statement.

As of 2025, since CIHA’s launch, seven hospitals have obtained the accreditation covering Hong Kong and the mainland, such as Pamela Youde Nethersole Eastern Hospital (PYNEH) and Prince of Wales Hospital in Hong Kong. ■

MGM launches 'financial wellness' programme, school tour to promote financial literacy



This undated handout photo provided by MGM shows the launch ceremony of the third edition of the MGM Financial Education School Tour 2025 - Gen Z Earth Cup. The caption provided by MGM did not identify those in the photo.

Kristina Vallesteros

MGM has launched a new three-year programme with the private Macau University of Science and Technology (MUST) to promote financial wellness among university students, according to a statement recently provided by the integrated resort.

The initiative, called the "Healthy Financial Literacy Campus Promotion Program", was officially introduced last Saturday following the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU). The programme aims to equip students with "proper financial values" and decision-making skills before they enter the workforce, the statement said.

Key components of the partnership include a "University Life" Financial Literacy Seminar,

which will be integrated into MUST's orientation programme, and a "Financial Wellness Creative Competition" encouraging students to submit short videos. The statement noted the goal is to blend popular culture with creative storytelling to make financial literacy more relevant to young people.

On the same day, MGM also hosted the launch of the third edition of its Financial Education School Tour. This initiative, carried out by the local Dream Theatre Association and guided by the Education and Youth Development Bureau (DSEDJ), will visit over 20 schools this year, according to the statement. The 2025 tour, titled "Gen Z Earth Cup" uses interactive theatre to convey messages about responsible entertainment and smart

financial habits to younger students. The statement said the programme has reached nearly 8,000 local students over the past two years.

MGM Executive Vice President Tian Han said in the statement that the company designs educational initiatives tailored to different age groups. "These two events exemplify our continued efforts to promote responsible gaming through collaboration with academic institutions, community organisations, and professional groups. Moving forward, we will continue to deepen public understanding of these values through cross-sector partnerships, creative content, and active social engagement, working together to build a healthier and better Macau," Tian was quoted as saying. ■

HK indie band 'Before The Night Ends' performs in Macau

Review by Kristina Vallesteros

Hong Kong indie band "Before the Night Ends" (BTNE) made their inaugural performance in Macau a memorable one, delivering an intimate and captivating set at "Bookand Macau" on Rua de Inácio Baptista (鵝眉街) last Saturday.

The night began on a dreamy note as the five-person band kicked off the concert with their song "Short Vacation," immediately enveloping the audience in their signature Dream Pop sound. The show was filled with the energy that defines the band, which comprises vocalist

Leung Chi (梁子), keyboardist Jeff, guitarist Kim, bassist Kuma, and drummer Kin.

The setlist was a comprehensive treat for dedicated fans, spanning the band's entire discography. The performance included popular anthems like "輕不著地" and "保持浪費", their latest release "Paper Love," and even rare live performances of songs such as "合成獸一號". The concert was made even more special with the performance of two unreleased tracks and covers of "Seasons" by South Korean indie rock band Wave to Earth and Radiohead's "Creep", both of which were done in the band's signature sound and style.

The band's connection with the audience was palpable throughout the night. After hearing a fan's request, vocalist Leung Chi agreed to close the show with the beloved track "A Melting Christmas." This spontaneous decision ended the evening on a warm, communal note, cementing the success of the band's first performance in Macau and leaving the audience hopeful of a swift return. ■



This photo downloaded from Ear Up Music shows the members of HK indie band "Before The Night Ends", aka BTNE - Leung Chi, Jeff, Kim, Kuma and Kin.

Registration open for 2026 Int'l Youth Dance Festival

Khalel Vallo

The International Youth Dance Festival 2026, organised by the Education and Youth Development Bureau (DSEDJ), invites youngsters to participate, with registration open until October 22, according to a Friday statement from the bureau.

Since 1987, the festival has been held 18 times, aiming to offer young performers a platform to showcase their talent, the statement said. The upcoming festival will take place from July 17 to 23 next year, and support the government's strategy for appropriate economic diversification and building Macau's cultural image as a "city of performing arts", the statement noted.

The festival aims to highlight Macau's role as a connector between the Chinese mainland and the rest of the world, while aiming to foster exchange among youth from various regions, the statement said, adding that local students will also have a chance to expand their horizons by participating in the event.

Registration is now open; all performers must be between the ages of 13 and 35, and are all encouraged to take part, the statement said. More information can be found on the DSEDJ's official webpage through <https://portal.dsedj.gov.mo/websejspace/site/dance/index-e.jsp>. ■



This undated handout photo provided by the Education and Youth Development Bureau (DSEDJ) on Friday shows a glimpse of the International Youth Dance Festival 2024's "Student and Youth Show in Celebration of Macau's Return to the Motherland" in front of the UNESCO World Heritage-listed Ruins of St. Paul's.

Studio City to present 'Toy Story Drone Carnival'

Rui Pastorin

Integrated resort operator Studio City will present the Toy Story Drone Carnival on October 4 and 5 at its Event Garden in celebration of National Day and the Mid-Autumn Festival, according to a statement from the company yesterday.

National Day is celebrated on October 1, while this year's Mid-Autumn Festival falls on October 6.

During the dates, the statement noted that over 1,000 drones will take to the sky at 8 p.m. and 9:45 p.m., during which spectators

will see images of well-known characters such as Woody and Buzz Lightyear from the animated films created by Pixar Animation Studios and owned by The Walt Disney Company.

Aside from the shows, the statement said that there will be carnival game booths featuring prizes, along with Toy Story-themed beverages, among others. Other highlights, the statement said, include a 6-metre Woody inflatable at the Event Garden for guests to "enjoy the carnival atmosphere", according to the statement. ■



This poster provided by Studio City yesterday promotes the upcoming "Toy Story Drone Carnival".

Xi announces China's 2035 Nationally Determined Contributions to beef up climate response

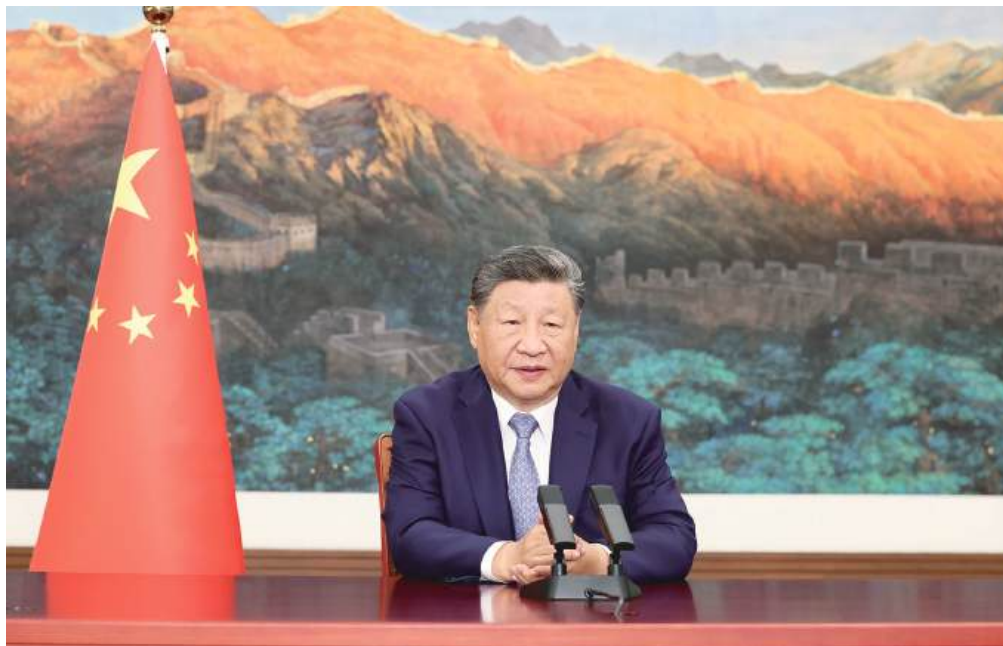
BEIJING – President Xi Jinping delivered video remarks to the United Nations Climate Summit held in New York on Wednesday local time.

Noting that this year marks the 10th anniversary of the Paris Agreement, a pivotal year for countries to submit their new Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs), and global climate governance is entering a key stage, he made the following three proposals.

Three proposals

First, Xi said it is important to firm up confidence. “Green and low-carbon transition is the trend of the time. While some country is acting against it, the international community should stay focused on the right direction, remain unwavering in confidence, unremitting in actions and unrelenting in intensity, and push for formulation and delivery on NDCs, with a view to providing more positive energy to the cooperation on global climate governance,” he said.

Second, Xi called for living up to responsibilities. “Fairness and equity should be upheld and the right to development of developing countries fully respected,” he said. The global green transition should serve to narrow rather than widen the North-South



President Xi Jinping delivers a speech by video link to the United Nations Climate Summit 2025 held in New York on Wednesday. – Xinhua

gap. Countries need to honor the principle of common but differentiated responsibilities, whereby developed countries should take the lead in fulfilling emission reduction obligations and provide more financial and technological support to developing countries, he added.

Third, Xi stressed the importance of deepening cooperation, adding that international coordination in green technologies and industries should be strengthened to address the shortfall in green production capacity and ensure free flow of quality green products globally, so that the benefits of green

development can reach all corners of the world.

Xi announced China's new NDCs as follows: China will, by 2035, reduce economy-wide net greenhouse gas emissions by 7 percent to 10 percent from peak levels, striving to do better; increase the share of non-fossil fuels in total energy consumption to over 30 percent; expand the installed capacity of wind and solar power to over six times the 2020 levels, striving to bring the total to 3,600 gigawatts; scale up the total forest stock volume to over 24 billion cubic meters; make new energy vehicles the mainstream in the sales of new vehicles; expand the National Carbon Emissions Trading Market to cover major high-emission sectors; and basically establish a climate adaptive society.

He stressed that these targets represent China's best efforts based on the requirements of the Paris Agreement, and meeting these targets requires both painstaking efforts by China itself and a supportive and open international environment, and China has the resolve and confidence to deliver on its commitments.

Climate response is an urgent yet long-term task, Xi said, calling on all parties to step up actions to realize the beautiful vision of harmony between man and nature, and preserve planet Earth, the place called home. – Xinhua

China says 'Taiwan independence' poses gravest challenge to post-war order

BEIJING – The Ministry of National Defense yesterday voiced firm opposition to recent US remarks on Taiwan's so-called ultimate political status, saying separatist activities seeking “Taiwan independence” represent the gravest challenge to the post-war international order.

Zhang Xiaogang, a ministry spokesperson, made the remarks at a press conference in response to a reporter's question regarding comments by the “American Institute in Taiwan.” The US organization had claimed that post-war documents such as the Cairo Declaration and the Potsdam Proclamation did not determine Taiwan's ultimate political status.

Zhang emphasized that Taiwan's return to China was an integral part of the outcomes of the victory of World War II and the post-war international order.

He pointed out that both the Cairo Declaration in 1943 and the Potsdam Proclamation in 1945 clearly affirmed that Taiwan was to be returned to China, with Japan's Instrument of Surrender in 1945 reaffirming these provisions. Zhang stressed that these international legal documents confirmed China's sovereignty over Taiwan.

“As a signatory of the Cairo Declaration and the Potsdam Proclamation, the United States is fully aware of the historical and legal fact that Taiwan belongs to China, yet it has brazenly revived the fallacy of so-called ‘undetermined status,’” he said.

“Separatist activities seeking ‘Taiwan independence’ pose the gravest challenge to the post-war international order and the biggest threat to peace and stability across the Taiwan Strait,” he said. – Xinhua

Xi attends grand gathering in celebration of Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Region's 70th founding anniversary



President Xi Jinping, also general secretary of the Communist Party of China (CPC) Central Committee and chairman of the Central Military Commission, waves to the crowds gathering to see him off at Urumqi Tianshan International Airport in northwest China's Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Region, yesterday. Xi left Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Region for Beijing yesterday after attending events in celebration of the autonomous region's 70th founding anniversary. – Xinhua

URUMQI – President Xi Jinping yesterday attended a grand gathering in celebration of the 70th founding anniversary of the Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Region in Urumqi, capital of this region in northwest China.

Xi, also general secretary of the Communist Party of China (CPC) Central Committee and chairman of the Central Military Commission, joined local officials and members of the public from all ethnic groups and all walks of life at the event.

Wang Huning, chairman of the National Committee of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference (CPPCC) and head of the central delegation, attended this event and delivered a speech. Cai Qi, director of the General Office of the CPC Central Committee, was also present at the gathering. Both Wang and Cai are members of the Standing Committee of the Political Bureau of the CPC Central Committee.

The gathering commenced at around 10:30 a.m. All participants stood up and sang the national anthem.

A congratulatory message from the CPC Central Committee, the National People's Congress Standing Committee, the State Council, the CPPCC National Committee, and the Central Military Commission was read out at the gathering.

In his speech, Wang said that over the past 70 years, the people of all ethnic groups in Xinjiang have achieved great successes in socialist revolution and development, and in reform and opening up, under the leadership of the CPC.

The CPC Central Committee with Comrade Xi Jinping at its core formulated the Party's policies for the governance of Xinjiang in the new era, which has driven historic achievements across various undertakings in the region, Wang said.

Xinjiang, together with the rest of the country, won the battle against poverty and completed the building of a moderately prosperous society in all respects, said Wang, noting that ethnic unity in Xinjiang has been further consolidated, and the sense of community for the Chinese nation has been strengthened.

The achievements made by the autonomous region over the past seven decades have reflected the strengths of the Party's leadership and the socialist system, as well as the strong vitality of the correct and distinctively Chinese approach to handling ethnic affairs, Wang said.

He urged efforts to build a socialist modern Xinjiang that is characterized by unity, harmony, prosperity, affluence, cultural progress and a sound eco-environment, where people live and work in peace and contentment. – Xinhua