

Two Xi documentary series premiere in Macau

Sam vows locals will 'tell China's stories well'



Chief Executive Sam Hou Fai delivers a speech during yesterday's ceremony at the Forum Macao Complex marking the premiere of "Xi Jinping's Cultural Story" and "Xi Jinping's Economic Thought Series Lectures" in Macau. – Photos: GCS



Chief Executive Sam Hou Fai (sixth from right), China Media Group (CMG) President Shen Haixiong (sixth from left), Central People's Government Liaison Office Director Zheng Xincong (fifth from right), Foreign Ministry Commissioner Liu Xianfa (fifth from left), Secretary for Social Affairs and Culture Wallis O Lam (fourth from left), and other dignitaries symbolically mark Macau's debut of the two documentary series during yesterday's ceremony.

Tony Wong

Two documentary series on President Xi Jinping, namely "Xi Jinping's Cultural Story" and "Xi Jinping's Economic Thought Series Lectures", premiered in Macau yesterday, marked by a ceremony hosted by the local government, where Chief Executive Sam Hou Fai said in a speech that the debut of the two documentary series has created an opportunity to draw the attention of Macau compatriots and people at home and abroad to Xi Jinping Thought on Socialism with Chinese Characteristics for a New Era, as well

as encouraging them to understand his thought and put it into practice.

Sam said he expects the two documentary series to encourage local people to "tell China's stories well" to the global community, promote international exchanges, and make more friends across the world.

Held at the Services Platform Complex for Commercial and Trade Cooperation between China and Portuguese-speaking Countries (aka Forum Macao Complex), yesterday's ceremony, in addition to Sam, was attended by dignitaries such as Shen Haixiong, vice-

minister of the Publicity Department of the Communist Party of China (CPC) Central Committee and president and editor-in-chief of China Media Group (CMG), as well as Macau-based Central People's Government Liaison Office Director Zheng Xincong, Foreign Ministry Commissioner Liu Xianfa and Chinese People's Liberation Army (PLA) Macau Garrison Deputy Commander Dai Jinsong, as well as Secretary for Social Affairs and Culture Wallis O Lam.

The two documentary series was produced by China Media Group (CMG). It was first broadcast

on China Central Television (CCTV) channels.

In his speech, Sam noted that since the 18th Communist Party of China (CPC) National Congress, the Party, under the scientific guidance of Xi Jinping Thought on Socialism with Chinese Characteristics for a New Era, has adopted a series of strategic measures, advanced revolutionary practices, and made a series of breakthrough achievements, representing historic victories of the Chinese nation as well as historic victories that will have profound significance for the world.

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Govt vows to gradually implement AI education for schools

Tony Wong

The Education and Youth Development Bureau (DSEDJ) reaffirmed in a statement yesterday that local schools will gradually adopt artificial intelligence (AI) education in the near future.

The majority of schools in Macau are privately run, by community associations, religious groups and other non-governmental organisations, with only a relatively

small number of schools being run by the government.

The statement noted that the government last year amended the officially required education curriculum for local schools, which has added computer programming and AI education to the city's school curriculum, with the aim of ensuring that school students in different school years can study AI.

The statement said that AI education

will be implemented in phases for different school years.

The statement also said that the bureau has launched cooperation with several universities in the mainland, with the latter to develop supplementary teaching materials on AI education suitable for schools in Macau.

The statement also said that the government is studying the feasibility of launching a subsidy to support schools to set

up dedicated classrooms for AI education.

Meanwhile, the statement also underlined that the bureau is advancing its AI education campaign for the population in general.

The statement said that the bureau launched cooperation in June this year with the Macau Science Centre (MSC) and several community associations for advancing its AI education campaign for different groups of residents. ■

Xi urges Party schools to play better role in cultivating talent, offering advice for CPC

President Xi Jinping has urged Party schools to play a better role in cultivating talent and offering advice for the Communist Party of China (CPC). – *Story on p. 7*

Trump hints at 'something special' in Middle East talks

US President Donald Trump yesterday hinted at a breakthrough in the Middle East crisis, saying "all are on board for something special," on the eve of Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's visit to the White House. – *Story on p. 10*

Civilians beheaded in new attack on Mozambican town

Insurgents linked to the Islamic State (IS) group attacked a key Mozambique port town near a major international gas hub last Monday, beheading several civilians, locals reported. – *Story on p. 12*

17th China-PSCs Cultural Week opens



This photo shows representatives of Portuguese-speaking countries and officials from the local and central governments posing for a group photo during the opening ceremony of the 17th Cultural Week of China and PSCs at Macau Fisherman's Wharf in Nape last night. — Photos: Khalel Vallo

Khalel Vallo

The 17th Cultural Week of China and Portuguese-speaking Countries (PSCs) was officially inaugurated last night at the Legend Boulevard in Fisherman's Wharf, aiming to promote cultural exchange activities between the nation and the world's nine PSCs.

Organised by the Permanent Secretariat of the Forum for Economic and Trade Cooperation



Secretary-General of Forum Macau Ji Xianzheng delivers his opening remarks during the opening ceremony of the 17th Cultural Week of China and PSCs at Fisherman's Wharf in Nape last night.

between China and Portuguese-speaking Countries, the opening ceremony was attended by around 110 guests, including Secretary for Economy and Finance Anton Tai Kin Ip, Secretary-General of Forum Macau Ji Xianzheng, and Macau Government Tourism Office (MGTO) Director Maria Helena de Senna Fernandes.

In his speech, Ji underlined that Forum Macao's Action Plan for Economic and Trade Cooperation, which was approved at the 6th Ministerial Conference last year, recognised the importance of the Cultural Week, especially aiming to strengthen exchanges in the 11-city Greater Bay Area (GBA). He noted that since 2008, 16 editions have successfully been held, and for the first time this year, the event will extend beyond Macau, to Zhongshan and Beijing.

The event brings together artists and artisans from Beijing, Qinghai Province, Zhuhai, Macau, and nine PSCs – Angola, Brazil, Cabo Verde (Cape Verde), Guinea-Bissau, Equatorial Guinea, Mozambique, Portugal, São Tomé and Príncipe, and Timor-Leste (East Timor).

According to a statement

provided by the forum, the festival activities in Macau will run until Thursday, featuring a collective audiovisual exhibition, handicraft displays, and culinary experiences.

A food festival at Fisherman's Wharf involves five renowned chefs from Brazil, Cape Verde, Guinea-Bissau, Equatorial Guinea and Mozambique, who are collaborating with local chefs to create special menus showcasing flavours from five PSCs, the statement said. The food-fest will run through Thursday.

In addition, the statement added that a book from Angola, titled "Será Este Livro Um Romance?" ("Will This Book Be A Novel?"), by João Melo, which has been translated into Chinese, will be launched on October 24, and from October 25 to November 18, an exhibition of artworks from Portuguese-speaking countries will be held at the Macau Municipal Affairs Bureau (IAM) Gallery in Avenida de Almeida Ribeiro.

Residents and tourists alike are invited to take part in the celebrations and explore the richness of the China-PSCs cultures. More information can be found on <https://semanacultural.forumchinaplp.org.mo>. ■

Int'l Fireworks Display Contest to be held for 2 consecutive nights

Kristina Vallesteros

The 33rd Macao International Fireworks Display Contest will light up the first two nights of the National Day Golden Week holiday, according to a statement from the Macau Government Tourism Office (MGTO) on Friday.

The statement said that the pyrotechnic shows by the Chinese and Portuguese teams are scheduled for the evening of October 1, National Day. Furthermore, displays by the Philippine and Japanese teams that were previously postponed due to adverse weather have been rescheduled to Thursday, October 2. This change means spectators can enjoy four firework displays over two consecutive nights.

Each evening will feature two shows, starting at 9 p.m. and 9:40 p.m. respectively. The

statement noted that each display will last for about 18 minutes. Spectators are invited to watch the displays from various vantage points around the city.

A parallel event, the Fireworks Carnival, will be held on the waterfront next to the Macau Science Centre (MSC) from 5:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. on October 1 and 2.

The statement also said that contingency plans are in place for potential adverse weather. MGTO said that it was monitoring conditions closely and would make timely announcements regarding any further adjustments to the event schedule as needed.

For more details, one may visit the official event website on <https://fireworks.macaotourism.gov.mo>. ■



This poster provided by the Macau Government Tourism Office (MGTO) on Friday shows the rescheduled dates for the "33rd Macao International Fireworks Display Contest".

Tray race, mascot parade mark World Tourism Day

Khalel Vallo

Macau celebrated World Tourism Day 2025 on Saturday with a raft of activities, featuring the annual Tray Race, "Lucky Tourist" event and Mascots Parade.

According to a statement from the Macau Government Tourism Office (MGTO) on Saturday, the event aimed to highlight the city's vitality as a World Centre of

Tourism and Leisure.

MGTO Director Maria Helena de Senna Fernandes, according to the statement, welcomed the "Lucky Tourist" at Macau International Airport in the morning, presenting him with souvenirs and an e-consumption card, and urged the visitor and his family to explore local neighbourhoods. The statement added that souvenirs were

also distributed at MGTO's Tourist Information counters.

Meanwhile, in the afternoon, the Tray Race brought excitement to the Historic Centre of Macau in the city's main square, Largo do Senado, where contestants representing local hotels and restaurants ran from the UNESCO World Heritage-listed Ruins of St. Paul's to the square, while balancing a bottle of Macau Beer on their trays.

The race concluded with Rhoderick Robledo Garcia of The Venetian Macao winning the men's category, while Li Siting of MGM Cotai claimed the women's title. The statement said that the Best Costume awards went to Zhou Chongwei representing Macau Fisherman's Wharf and Li Linjiao representing the City of Dreams' Nüwa Macau.

The Mascots Parade, which featured 24 mascots, comprising MGTO's "Mak Mak", mascots from various government entities,

integrated resorts, community groups, and a tourism enterprise from Hengqin, filled the square with festive cheer, the statement said.

The statement added that Municipal Affairs Bureau (IAM) mascot "KABO" won first prize, while New Yaohan's "Arnold &

Annie" won second prize, and Mak Mak third.

World Tourism Day 2025, themed "Tourism and Sustainable Transformation" this year, aimed to highlight the transformative potential of tourism as an agent of positive change, the statement concluded. ■



This photo shows contestants from different companies, running down the lanes while balancing a beer on a tray safely through the city's main square, Largo do Senado, on Saturday afternoon. — Photo: Khalel Vallo

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Source: SMG

HZMB crossborder vehicle flow rises over 70 pct

Ida Cheong

Zhuhai has strengthened cooperation with Macau and Hong Kong, with its total merchandise trade (imports and exports) through Zhuhai Port (checkpoint) of the Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macau Bridge (HZMB) last year up by 11.3 percent year-on-year, while cross-border vehicle traffic has surged by 70.49 percent year-on-year, Zhuhai Natural Resources Bureau Deputy Director Chen Zhen said in a speech yesterday.

Chen also said that 16 new measures were introduced to encourage young people from Hong Kong and Macau to pursue opportunities in Zhuhai. He said one of the measures was the setting-up of a cross-border credit service platform.

Yesterday's fourth "GBA Development and Planning Summit" kicked off at the Macau World Trade Centre in Zape, aiming to build the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macau Greater Bay Area (GBA) into a first-class bay area and world-class city cluster full of vitality and international



Zhuhai Natural Resources Bureau Deputy Director Chen Zhen addresses the 4th "GBA Development and Planning Summit" kick-off ceremony at the Macau World Trade Centre in Zape yesterday.

— Photo: Ida Cheong

competitiveness, and provide a solid planning blueprint and practical guidance for enhancing the quality of life of its residents, the statement said.

Chen highlighted that in 2024 a total of 18 key measures to support and serve the construction of the Guangdong-Macau In-Depth Cooperation Zone in Hengqin were launched, facilitating the introduction of 77 projects with the registered capital exceeding 10 billion yuan (11.2 billion patacas).

Chen added that the accelerated development of external transportation links in the cooperation zone, including the completion and opening of the road-rail dual use Jinhai Bridge, and the second phase of the Zhuhai Airport Intercity Railway, were proof of the close cooperation among three regions.

Lands and Urban Construction Bureau Director Lei Weng Leong (DSSCU) said that the "hard and soft connectivity" between Hengqin and Macau was advancing. He also pointed out that the "Macau-Hengqin Transportation Connectivity Project" has been launched, and a coordination mechanism has already been established. Lei said he hoped that the forum would generate new ideas for local integration into the GBA and deepen Hengqin-Macau collaboration, thereby enhancing Macau's role in regional synergistic development.

The two-day forum, themed "Sectoral Synergy and City Collaborative Development", attracted nearly 170 top industry experts, scholars, government representatives, urban planning professionals, and students from Beijing and across the GBA, which comprises nine cities in Guangdong Province and the nation's two special administrative regions (SARs) – Hong Kong and Macau. The forum ends today. ■

Macao Union Hospital shoulders 10 pct of public healthcare service in 1st year: O Lam



Chief Executive Sam Hou Fai (third right), the director and deputy director of the Liaison Office of the Central People's Government in the Macau Special Administrative Region (MSAR), Zheng Xincong (centre, right) and Huang Liuquan (first right), respectively, listen to a briefing by a medical staff member (left) of Macao Union Hospital during a visit to the medical facility in Cotai on Saturday.

— Photo: GCS

Armindo Neves

Secretary for Social Affairs and Culture Wallis O Lam said at the weekend that Macao Union Hospital, a public-private partnership, has shouldered about 10 percent of Macau's public healthcare service in its first year of operation.

The policy secretary also said she hoped that at the end of 2027 Macao Union Hospital will shoulder 25 percent of Macau's public healthcare service.

O made the remarks in a speech during a ceremony at the hospital in Cotai which marked its first anniversary.

As Macau's largest hospital, Macao Union Hospital officially opened on September 16 last year.

The hospital is officially known as Islands Healthcare Complex – Macao Medical Centre of Peking Union Medical College Hospital (PUMCH). It is operated by PUMCH in collaboration with the local government. It is informally known as "islands hospital" due to its location in Cotai.

Apart from O, the ceremony was also attended by Chief Executive

Sam Hou Fai; the director and deputy director of the Liaison Office of the Central People's Government in the Macau Special Administrative Region (MSAR), Zheng Xincong and Huang Liuquan respectively; PUMCH Honorary President Dr Zhao Yupei and President Dr Zhang Shuyang; Macao Union Hospital President Dr Wu Wenming; and Health Bureau (SSM) Director Alvis Lo Iek Long.

O said in her speech that the success of Macao Union Hospital signifies the effective implementation of the "One Country, Two Systems" principle in the healthcare sector. She expressed hope that Macao Union Hospital will provide residents with higher-quality, more efficient, and more accessible medical services, offer more learning and development opportunities for local healthcare professionals, and serve as the central driver for advancing Macau's health industry.

Dr Zhao said that he, as a direct witness to the development of Macao Union Hospital, was deeply gratified by its smooth operation

and the benefits it has brought to the public. He emphasised that the hospital has become a successful model of healthcare collaboration within the "One Country, Two Systems" framework. Dr Zhao expressed confidence that, through collective efforts, the hospital will carry on the "esteemed" traditions of Peking Union Medical College Hospital, enhance its quality and services through international accreditation, and make greater contributions to the healthcare of Macau residents, the Greater Bay Area (GBA), and the nation's public health in general.

PUMCH President Dr Zhang emphasised that Macao Union Hospital represents a crucial implementation of President Xi Jinping's GBA strategy and is a "significant livelihood" project. He pledged that Peking Union Medical College Hospital will fully support Macao Union Hospital's development by integrating resources to provide efficient, high-quality medical services, establishing it as a benchmark in GBA, and driving the advancement of the health industry. ■

Golden Week's pedestrianisation to cost 1.4 million patacas: DSED director

Armindo Neves

The Economic and Technological Development Bureau (DSED) hosted a press conference on Friday about the local government's temporary pedestrianisation programme during the upcoming National Day/Mid-Autumn Festival's Golden Week between this Wednesday (October 1) and next Wednesday (October 8).

DSED Director Yau Yun Wah said that the eight-day pedestrianisation would cost the government 1.4 million patacas.

The one-hour press conference was held at the DSED headquarters in Nam Van.

According to a DSED statement, in order to accommodate the peak visitor flow during the Golden Week and enhance the travel experience for both residents and tourists, the government will establish two temporary pedestrianisation zones from October 1 to October 7 between 12 noon and 7 p.m. daily,

in Old Taipa Village and Rua de Nossa Senhora do Amparo (關前街) – a street in a neighbourhood colloquially known in Cantonese as "Laahn Gwai Lau" (爛鬼樓).

These pedestrianisations aim to create a more comfortable and safer travel environment in Old Taipa Village and the vicinity of the UNESCO World Heritage-listed Ruins of St. Paul's, the statement said.

The vicinity also includes one of Macau's two Na Tcha Temples.

Yau said that the implementation of the temporary pedestrianisation of Old Taipa Village during previous festive periods had received widespread recognition and support from both locals and tourists.

Following visits to community associations, Yau said, commercial associations and schools in the two areas to gather comprehensive and synthesise public feedback, the interdepartmental task force of the government decided to relaunch

the temporary pedestrianisation of Old Taipa Village during this year's National Day Golden Week.

Additionally, a new temporary pedestrianisation zone will be set up in Rua de Nossa Senhora do Amparo, Yau said.

Yau stressed that the pedestrianisation of Rua de Nossa Senhora do Amparo would leverage the successful experience gained from Old Taipa Village, aiming to provide a higher quality and safer experience for residents and tourists alike during the Golden Week.

In order to enhance the festive atmosphere, the statement pointed out, the bureau, in conjunction with a number of commercial associations, would launch a string of consumption promotion activities for residents and tourists alike. Consumers who spend 50 patacas or more at designated shops or specialty markets in Taipa can present the receipts at the associations' booths

at the erstwhile Iec Long Firecracker Factory to redeem a 15th National Games gift, the statement said.

The gifts are available on a first-come, first-served basis until supplies last, the statement said.

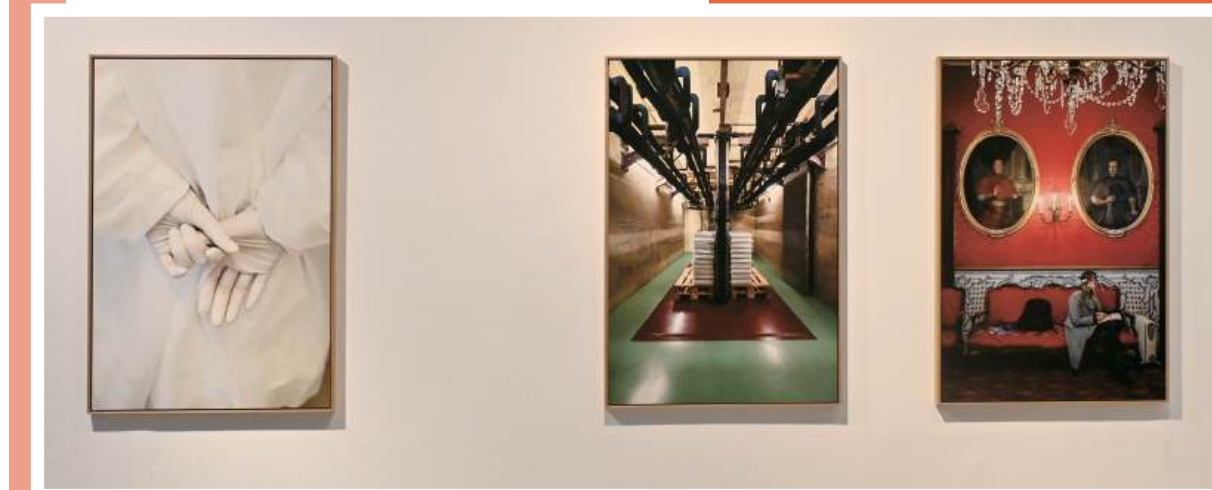
Regarding traffic arrangements, the statement underlined that certain roads in and surrounding the Old Taipa Village pedestrianisation zone will be closed to vehicular traffic, while a section of Rua do Supico (素啤古街) will be converted into one-way traffic in the opposite direction, and all on-street metered parking spaces in the area will be suspended.

The statement also said that the temporary pedestrianisation comprising a section of Rua dos Mercadores (營地大街) and Travessa do Armazém Velho (爛鬼樓巷) will be closed to vehicular traffic between 12 p.m. and 7 p.m. Additionally, parking spaces in the area were suspended yesterday until October 8. ■



Economic and Technological Development Bureau (DSED) Director Yau Yun Wah listens to a journalist's question during Friday's press conference about the upcoming National Day/Mid-Autumn Festival Golden Week pedestrianisation drive, at the bureau.

— Photo: Armindo Neves



14 Portuguese artists exhibit works at ‘The Reinvention of The Real’

Rui Pastorin

A collection of works of various mediums is being showcased at Tap Seac Gallery for an exhibition entitled “Pavilion of Vila Franca de Xira: The Reinvention of The Real - Portuguese Contemporary Art in The Museum of Neo-Realism Collection”.

Curated by David Santos and José Maças de Carvalho and on until November 16, the exhibition is part of Art Macao’s “City Pavilion”, one of its six sections. Members of the public visiting the gallery will be able to see artworks including photographs, installations, videos and paintings, all created by a total of 14 Portuguese contemporary artists. Items related to bull-fighting are also displayed in a section of the gallery.

A statement on the Art Macao website noted that each of the works are from the Museum of Neo-Realism (Museu do Neo-Realismo) collection and were created between 1999 and 2024, with the exhibition corresponding to the theme of this year’s Art Macao theme of “Hey, what brings you here”, exploring “the critical reshaping of reality through art”.

Vila Franca de Xira is a city and municipality in Portugal’s Lisbon District located along the banks of the Tagus River, with its strong bull-fighting culture being one of the things it is known for, according to AI chatbot Poe.

Its Museum of Neo-Realism was established in 2007 and, the Art Macao statement noted, is an artistic landmark of the Iberian country that features works by prominent Portuguese artists of the 20th century.

The Art Macao website notes that one can visit the gallery daily, including public holidays, from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Admission is free.

**Neo-realism, particularly in the context of art and literature, refers to a cultural movement that emerged in the mid-20th century, primarily in Italy. It was characterised by a focus on everyday life and ordinary people, often depicting the struggles and realities of working-class existence. -Poe*

-Photos: Rui Pastorin

Local man, 79, in ICU with serious flu: SSM

Ida Cheong

The Health Bureau (SSM) announced in a statement yesterday that a 79-year-old local man with a history of chronic respiratory disease is in a serious condition after being infected with influenza.

According to the statement, the man developed fever, shortness of breath, and breathing difficulties yesterday morning and sought medical treatment at the private Kiang Wu (KW) Hospital, where

he was diagnosed with Influenza A complicated by pneumonia, requiring him to undergo ventilator-assisted treatment.

At the time of the statement, his condition was severe. The statement said that he was undergoing treatment in the intensive care unit (ICU) of the public Conde de São Januário Hospital Centre (CHCSJ).

According to the statement, the patient had not been vaccinated for this year's seasonal influenza. ■

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This poster provided by the Health Bureau (SSM) gives the public flu prevention advice.

Registration opens for 'hush! 300 Seconds' video competition

Kristina Vallesteros

Registration is now open for the "hush! 300 Seconds" short video competition, according to a Friday statement from the Cultural Affairs Bureau (IC).

The contest is part of the broader "hush! Beach Concerts" event scheduled for October 11 to 19.

The statement said that the competition aims to provide an online platform for the public to share their musical talents. Interested participants can submit a video of a music or vocal performance. The statement noted that a specific "Music in Sports Award" will be given to encourage the combination of musical and sports elements in the videos.

Several other awards will

be granted based on different criteria. These include prizes for musicality, creativity, enthusiastic performance, and participatory spirit, the statement confirmed. A "Most Popular Award" will also be given based on public acclaim.

The submission period ends at noon on October 8. The competition regulations and application forms are available to download on the bureau's website on www.icm.gov.mo. The results will be announced on the "HUSH FULL MUSIC" social media pages on October 14, with awards presented at the beach concerts on October 19.

For enquiries, one can contact the bureau on 8399 6802 or via email at hush@icm.gov.mo. ■



This undated handout photo recently provided by the Cultural Affairs Bureau (IC) shows the "Music Chill" area during a previous "hush! Beach Concerts" event.

MBDA to hold Xian Xinghai concert

Interview by William Chan

Organised by the Macau Band Directors Association (MBDA), the concert "Song of Resistance: Xian Xinghai and the Classic of Mountains and Seas – Clarinet Commemorative Concert" (抗戰凱歌・洗星海與山海經—單簧管專場紀念音樂會) will be held this Sunday, October 4, at 7:45 p.m. in the small auditorium of the Macau Cultural Centre (CCM).

MBDA organiser Kelly Chau spoke to the *Post* about the concert in an online interview last week.

The concert will feature a unique clarinet ensemble, presenting a musical feast that merges ancient Chinese mythology with modern revolutionary epic. In the first half, young local clarinetist and composer Nelson Gageiro will premiere his clarinet quintet suite "Impressions of Shan Hai", inspired by the ancient "The Classic of Mountains and Seas" (山海經). The music depicts a grand world of mythical beasts and magnificent landscapes.

The second half will focus on the classic works of Xian Xinghai. *Gageiro will adapt several of Xian's compositions for clarinet ensemble, showcasing works from three important periods of Xian's life: his studies in France, his

return to China, and his time in the Soviet Union.

The concert will culminate with a selection from Xian's various compositions about the Yellow River, performed by a clarinet ensemble made up of students from various local secondary schools.

The core theme of the concert, Chau noted, aims to use music as a bridge across time, leading audiences to look back on history and inherit cultural traditions. In addition to the Impressions of Shan Hai suite performed by Gageiro, Cheang Ka In, Cheong Chi Hin, Ko Pui Kwan, and Hong Kong clarinetist Chan King Wa, the concert has invited outstanding clarinet students from various local secondary schools to join the Multi-School Clarinet Ensemble, performing several of Xian's classic works. ■

*Xian was born into a Tanka (boat dwelling) family in Macau in 1905, and his father died before he was born. His Cantonese name is Sin Sing Hoi. He moved frequently with his mother, living in Singapore and Guangzhou. In 1938, he relocated to Yan'an, where he became the dean of the Music Department at the Lu Xun Institute of Arts. There, he composed the famous "Yellow River Cantata."



This poster was provided by the Macau Band Directors Association.

Yan'an was near the endpoint of the Long March, and became the centre of the revolution led by the Communist Party of China (CPC) from late 1935 to early 1947. Yan'an is the regarded by the CPC as the birthplace of the revolution

Overall, Xian created two symphonies, a violin concerto, four large choral works, nearly 300 songs, and an opera.

MSAR response to US State Dept's '2025 'Investment Climate Statements' on Macao

The local government issued the following statement in English through the Macau Government Information Bureau (GCS) yesterday evening:

"The Macao Special Administrative Region (MSAR) Government expresses its strong dissatisfaction and resolute opposition to the unfounded and irresponsible comments on the economic and political developments and the improvement of the electoral system and the "Law on Safeguarding National Security" of Macao, which were carried in the self-styled "2025 Investment Climate Statements" lately issued by the United States (US) Department of State.

Since its return to the motherland, with the unwavering support of the Central Government of China and the joint efforts of people from all walks of life, Macao has achieved economic development by leaps and bounds and has maintained social stability and harmony. As protected by the "One Country, Two Systems" principle and the Macao Basic Law, Macao enjoys its status as a free port and a separate customs territory, implementing a low and simple tax regime and simplified investment and business procedures. Macao has established extensive international market networks and close ties with Portuguese-speaking countries. Macao's role as the Commerce and Trade Co-operation Platform for China and Portuguese-speaking Countries is widely recognised and is ranked by the World Trade Organisation (WTO) as one of the world's freest economies for trade and investment. In recent years, the MSAR Government has been vigorously promoting public administration reform, by simplifying administrative procedures and deregulation, reducing government intervention in market activities, the business environment has been improving steadily. As the MSAR Government advocates appropriate economic diversification, the local laws and regulations are also improved to further protect employees' interests and rights, striving for orderly and harmonious labour relations. The above-mentioned achievements and progress made by the MSAR will not be obliterated by the self-styled US report.

The MSAR Government has been continuously improving the electoral system and has steadfastly implemented the principle "Patriots Governing Macao" for the benefits of safeguarding national sovereignty, security and development interests, maintaining Macao's lasting prosperity and stability, protecting residents' fundamental rights and foreign investors' legal rights. Recently, with the concerted efforts from all sectors of the community, the Election of the 8th Legislative Assembly was held in a lawful, fair, impartial and clean environment. Residents have actively exercised their democratic rights and participated in the election. The total voter turnout was the highest of all elections of the Legislative Assembly of Macao, exceeding 175,000 in total and the turnout rate was 53.35 percent. This is the vivid manifestation that the reformed electoral system was widely supported and recognised by the general public.

The MSAR Government reiterates that the amendments of the "Law on Safeguarding National Security" were made with reference to the legislative experiences of other jurisdictions, and traditions of the Macao legal system and social conditions were also taken into consideration. Meanwhile, rules and regulations of the relevant international conventions on human rights were strictly adhered to. As a matter of fact, the US has long introduced a series of strict legislations concerning national security and frequently exercised "extraterritorial jurisdiction" in an arbitrary way. Instead of examining on its own practice, the US is pointing fingers at others. This is a demonstration of typical "double standard" and hypocrisy.

The US is an important economic partner of Macao. It is sincerely hoped that the US side will not politicise economic issues, stop all political manoeuvring, exert more efforts to maintain a stable relationship with Macao in trade and economic development and bring mutual benefits to both sides.

End Item

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Macau again receives 'Best BT-MICE City' award

Rui Pastorin

Macau again received the "Best BT-MICE City"* award during the TTG Travel Awards 2025 ceremony in Bangkok on Thursday, according to a Friday statement by the Commerce and Investment Promotion Institute (IPIM).

The statement noted that the award was accepted by IPIM representatives. It marks the fourth award in the exhibition sector that Macau has received this year and the third consecutive year that the city has won an international award following its recognition as "Best Convention City (Asia).

The statement added that both IPIM and the Macau Government Tourism Office (MGTO) organised a delegation comprising 12 Macau and Guangdong-Macao In-Depth Cooperation Zone in Hengqin companies that took part in the "2025 Incentive Travel & Conventions Meetings Asia" (IT&CMA), as well as set up the "Macao-Hengqin Pavilion", according to the statement.

IPIM also arranged for the exhibitors to join the "Global MICE Collaborative Certification" (GMC) training course.

The statement said that Macau

hosted 918 exhibition events in the first half of this year, a 29 percent increase compared to the same period last year.

The city's MICE (Meetings, Incentives, Conferences, and Exhibitions) industry has garnered a number of awards this year, among which are the "Forbes Travel Guide 2025 Five-Star Award" and "Best Integrated Resort (Meetings and Exhibitions)", the statement said. ■

* The term *BT-MICE City* refers to a city that excels in the fields of Business Travel, Meetings, Incentives, Conventions, and Exhibitions. — Poe



This handout photo provided by the Commerce and Investment Promotion Institute (IPIM) on Friday shows the "Best BT-MICE City" award.

Two Xi documentary series premiere in Macau

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The chief executive noted that a series of new concepts, thoughts, and strategies for state governance, encompassing economic and cultural thoughts, put forward by Xi, collectively constitute Xi Jinping Thought on Socialism with Chinese Characteristics for a New Era, representing a part of the nation's precious spiritual wealth as well as a theoretical innovation of global significance.

Sam said that documentary series "Xi Jinping's Cultural Story" systematically elucidates the essence of Xi Jinping Thought on Culture and the profound cultural foundations that it contains, vividly depicting Xi's commitment to the inheritance and development of culture, while "Xi Jinping's Economic Thought Series Lectures" is the first TV documentary series to systematically present Xi Jinping Thought on Economy, meticulously sorting out Xi's important expositions of his economic thoughts as well as

the historic transformations and achievements made under his guidance in the nation's economic development in the new era.

Sam said that the two documentary series seamlessly integrate theoretical study with media publicity, helping the public gain a more comprehensive, accurate, and in-depth understanding of Xi's economic and cultural thoughts.

The chief executive noted that Xi expects Macau to become an important bridge for the nation's high-level opening up and an important window of exchanges between Chinese and Western civilisations, adding that the premiere of the two documentary series highly aligns with the city's unique strengths as a hub where Chinese and Western cultures merge and which connects China to the rest of the world.

"Xi Jinping's Cultural Story" is a 10-episode documentary series, with each episode lasting about eight minutes on average, but the version broadcast in Macau,

according to a statement by the Macau Government Information Bureau (GCS) yesterday, is a single episode lasting 28 minutes, which was broadcast on Channel 91 of public broadcaster TDM last night. The 28-minute single episode will be broadcast again on Macau Cable TV on October 13, according to the statement.

"Xi Jinping's Economic Thought Series Lectures" is a 14-episode large-scale documentary series, with each episode lasting about 45 minutes.

Starting from yesterday, according to the GCS statement, the 14 episodes will be broadcast on TDM's Channel 95 every Sunday and Tuesday, until November 9.

On Sunday, according to the TDM website, two episodes will be broadcast at 8:30 p.m., while they will be broadcast at 4 p.m. on Tuesday. The episodes to be broadcast on TDM will last 1.5 hours.

The series will be telecast in Putonghua. ■

Million-year-old skull from central China rewrites human evolution timeline

BEIJING — A new study of a 1-million-year-old human skull found in central China revealed a previously unknown branch of the human family tree, dramatically pushing back the accepted timeline of human evolution.

Published in the journal *Science* last week, the study identified the fossil, known as "Yunxian 2," as an early member of the *Homo longi* (also known as "Dragon Man") clade and suggested that the split between early human lineages happened much earlier than previously thought.

Discovered in Yunxian County, Hubei Province, in 1990, the "Yunxian 2" skull was crushed during the fossilization process, making detailed analysis difficult, according to the study.

It was initially classified as *Homo erectus*, a more primitive species of human that walked fully upright and lived about 1.9 million to 110,000 years ago, but researchers from the Institute of Vertebrate Paleontology and Paleoanthropology of the Chinese Academy of Sciences have now reclassified the fossil after extensive digital reconstruction.

Using high-resolution CT and 3D scanning, they identified cracks, mineral fillings and intact bone fragments. After analyzing anatomical features and hundreds of geometric landmarks to measure skull shape, they virtually put the pieces back together with the help of a novel digital reconstruction method. The research team then tested the accuracy of the model with over 10,000 simulations to confirm the reliability of the results.

The rebuilt skull shows a mix of primitive and derived features. It has a low, flat forehead and a sticking-out face that looks like the older *Homo erectus* or *Homo heidelbergensis*, an early human

species that lived in Africa and Europe about 700,000 to 200,000 years ago. However, it also has flatter cheekbones, a wider back of the skull and a larger brain size of over 1,100 cubic centimeters.

These features align it with fossils of *Homo longi* and other Middle and Late Pleistocene, roughly 125,000 to 11,700 years ago.

Taking "Yunxian 2" as a reference point, the researchers built a comprehensive *Homo* family tree. They concluded that the split between early human lineages occurred far earlier than the fossil record previously indicated.

The study shows that "Yunxian 2" is not *Homo erectus* but an early member of the *Homo longi* clade, which researchers suggest may include the Denisovans, an extinct group of ancient humans who lived in Asia from roughly 400,000 to 30,000 years ago.

"The findings suggest that by 1 million years ago, our ancient ancestors had already diverged into distinct groups, leading to a more complex evolutionary history than once believed," lead researcher Ni Xijun said.

In the *Homo* family tree, most Middle Pleistocene human fossils from Asia are grouped within the *Homo longi* clade and share a most recent common ancestor with modern humans.

The study has shed light on the mystery of human evolution between 1 million and 300,000 years ago, serving as a reminder that there is still so much to discover about the origins of humanity, far beyond what we currently know, Ni noted.

The research team also includes members from Chinese universities and archaeological institutes, as well as the Natural History Museum in London.

— Xinhua



This photo taken yesterday shows tourists viewing the Huajiang Grand Canyon Bridge in Guizhou Province. The world's tallest bridge opened to traffic yesterday morning, slashing travel time across a deep canyon from two hours to just two minutes after three years of construction. The Huajiang Grand Canyon Bridge, soaring 625 meters above the Beipan River in Guizhou's mountainous terrain, is nearly nine times as tall as San Francisco's Golden Gate Bridge. With a main span of 1,420 meters, the project has become the world's longest-span steel truss girder suspension bridge in mountainous terrain, according to Guizhou provincial authorities. Spanning the Huajiang Grand Canyon, dubbed "the Earth's crack," the 2,890-meter-long structure is the latest addition to the rapidly expanding infrastructure network of the world's second-largest economy.

— Xinhua

Xi urges Party schools to play better role in cultivating talent, offering advice for CPC

BEIJING – President Xi Jinping has urged Party schools to play a better role in cultivating talent and offering advice for the Communist Party of China (CPC).

Xi, also general secretary of the CPC Central Committee and chairman of the Central Military Commission, made the remarks in an instruction on the work of Party schools (academies of governance).

Since the 18th CPC National Congress in 2012, Party schools at all levels have continuously raised the quality of their teaching and research, making new progress and achievements in their work, Xi noted.

Party schools should remain faithful to the Party and bear in mind their founding missions, Xi said, requiring the schools to make their education and training more

targeted and effective through reform, while strengthening research and interpretation of the Party's new theories.

Xi also emphasized the importance of cultivating competent officials and teachers, improving the management and supervision over students, and elevating the quality of Party school operation.

Xi's important instruction was conveyed

by Chen Xi, president of the Party School of the CPC Central Committee (National Academy of Governance), during a meeting on Party school work held in Beijing on Sunday.

Chen called for high-quality work in nurturing talent and offering advice, and urged efforts to enhance the study of the Party's new theories.

– Xinhua

China's top political advisor urges boosting patriotic united front at National Day reception

BEIJING – China's top political advisor Wang Huning yesterday urged efforts to consolidate and develop the patriotic united front so as to pool forces for advancing national rejuvenation on all fronts through Chinese modernization.

Wang, a member of the Standing Committee of the Political Bureau of the Communist Party of China (CPC) Central Committee and chairman of the National Committee of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference (CPPCC), made the remarks at a reception held in Beijing to celebrate the upcoming 76th anniversary of the founding of the People's Republic of China.

Highlighting the great feats achieved by China under the leadership of the CPC over the past 76 years, Wang said that since the 18th CPC National Congress in 2012, China has entered an irreversible historical process toward national rejuvenation and emerged as a thriving and prosperous major country on the world stage.

The fourth plenary session of the 20th CPC Central Committee, slated to take place in October, will study the proposals for formulating the 15th Five-Year Plan for national economic and social development, Wang said, adding that the 2026-2030 period will be a crucial phase for the country to consolidate the foundation and make

all-out efforts for basically realizing socialist modernization.

'One Country, Two Systems'

Regarding Hong Kong and Macao, Wang reiterated the commitment to comprehensively, faithfully and resolutely implementing the principle of "One Country, Two Systems" in order to ensure that Hong Kong and Macao are administered by patriots, and supporting the regions to achieve economic growth, improve people's lives and integrate themselves into the country's overall development.

1992 Consensus

On Taiwan, Wang pledged efforts to adhere to the one-China principle and the 1992 Consensus, boost cooperation and exchanges across the Taiwan Strait in various fields, and resolutely oppose "Taiwan independence" separatist activities and foreign interference.

Efforts will also be made to facilitate overseas Chinese, returned Chinese nationals and their relatives to play a greater role in promoting Chinese modernization, advancing national reunification and building a community with a shared future for humanity.

About 760 representatives from Hong Kong, Macao, Taiwan and overseas Chinese communities joined the reception.

– Xinhua, MPD

China, Japan, ROK sign 2026-2030 environmental cooperation action plan

JINAN – China, Japan and the Republic of Korea (ROK) have adopted a new joint action plan on environmental cooperation for the 2026-2030 period, an official said yesterday.

The plan outlines a series of cooperative activities focused on eight priority areas, laying a solid foundation for trilateral environmental collaboration over the next five years, said China's Minister of Ecology and Environment Huang Runqiu at the 26th Tripartite Environment Ministers Meeting among China, Japan and the ROK held in Yantai, Shandong Province.

The environmental authorities of the three countries have strengthened practical cooperation to jointly address regional and global environmental

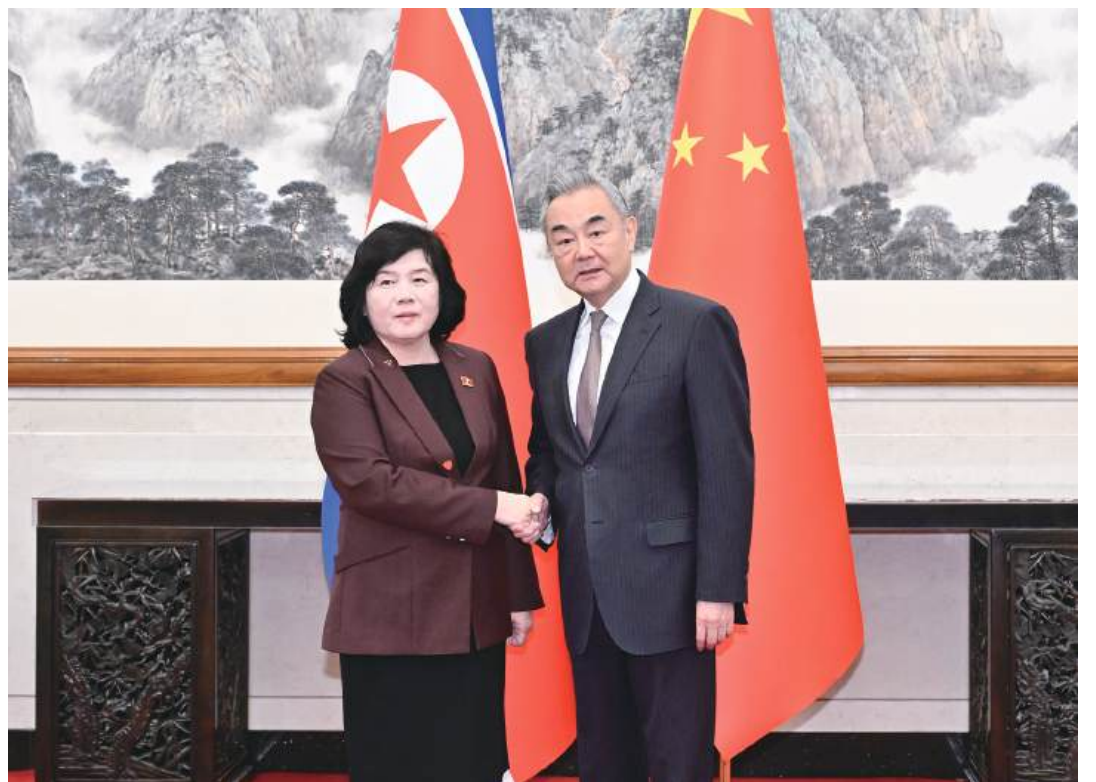
challenges, Huang said, noting that they have implemented three phases of such plans, achieving substantial results in air pollution control, sandstorm prevention, and chemical environmental management.

Huang added that enhancing environmental cooperation, advancing regional green development and improving people's environmental well-being align with the shared interests of the three countries and that China is willing to work with the other two countries to elevate trilateral environmental collaboration to a higher level.

The annual environment ministers' meeting has been hosted by the three countries in rotation since 1999.

– Xinhua

Wang Yi holds talks with DPRK counterpart



Foreign Minister Wang Yi (right), also a member of the Political Bureau of the Communist Party of China Central Committee, shakes hands with Foreign Minister of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK) Choe Son Hui in Beijing yesterday.

– Xinhua

BEIJING – Foreign Minister Wang Yi held talks with the Foreign Minister of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK) Choe Son Hui in Beijing yesterday, noting that maintaining, consolidating and developing bilateral relations has always been a steadfast strategic guideline of the Communist Party of China (CPC) and the Chinese government.

Wang, also a member of the Political Bureau of the CPC Central Committee, said that China and the DPRK are friendly neighbors that are connected by mountains and rivers, adding that the traditional friendship forged and nurtured by the older generations of the leaders of the two parties and the two countries is a valuable asset shared by both sides.

Earlier this month, General Secretary Xi Jinping and General Secretary Kim Jong Un held a historic meeting and reached an important consensus, pointing out the direction and drawing up the blueprint for the development of China-DPRK relations, Wang noted.

He said that the two sides should implement the important consensus reached by the top leaders of the two parties and the two countries, enhance strategic communication and strengthen exchanges and cooperation, in order to better improve the well-being of the two peoples and jointly promote regional peace and development.

Wang also briefed on the domestic situation in China, noting that since China and the DPRK are both socialist countries with common ideals and goals, the two sides should enhance exchanges of experience in governance and administration to promote the development of their respective socialist causes.

Wang said that China appreciates the DPRK's firm support for China's core interests and major

concerns, as well as its backing of the concept of building a community with a shared future for humanity, and of the Global Development Initiative, Global Security Initiative, Global Civilization Initiative, and Global Governance Initiative proposed by China.

Opposing all forms of hegemonism

China stands ready to strengthen coordination and cooperation with the DPRK in international and regional affairs, oppose all forms of hegemonism, and safeguard the common interests of both sides and international fairness and justice, he added.

Choe said that China's commemorative events to mark the 80th anniversary of the victory of the Chinese People's War of Resistance against Japanese Aggression and the World Anti-Fascist War have fully demonstrated China's historical achievements, comprehensive national strength and international status.

The historic meeting held by the top leaders of the two parties and the two countries has provided strategic guidance and strong impetus to deepen relations between the DPRK and China, Choe added.

Choe noted that the DPRK side is willing to work with the Chinese side to implement the consensus reached by the top leaders of the two parties and the two countries, enhance strategic communication, increase friendly exchanges, deepen practical cooperation, and promote the development of DPRK-China relations to a new and higher level.

Choe also said the DPRK is willing to closely cooperate with China in multilateral affairs, jointly resist unilateralism and power politics, and promote a fairer and more just world order.

– Xinhua, MPD