

Govt to host 5-month-long Chinese cultural promotion: IC chief

Armando Neves

Cultural Affairs Bureau (IC) President Deland Leong Wai Man told reporters yesterday that her bureau will host a five-month-long Chinese cultural promotion event between next month and next March.

Leong made the remarks at a press briefing after a meeting of the Cultural Development Committee at the Macau Cultural Centre (CCM) in Nape.

The Chinese name of the event “中華文化演出季”, translated through DeepSeek, is “Chinese Cultural Performance Season.”

According to committee member Lok Hei, the event will feature “national-level refined” performances, such as Peking Opera pieces “Borrow the East Wind”, “The Huarong Trail,” and “The Legend of the White Snake.”

The event will also include immersive dramas popular both at home and overseas, like “Farewell My Concubine,” and dance dramas such as “Hua Mulan,” Lok said.

Leong said she hoped that both local residents and tourists could experience the excellence of traditional Chinese culture through these performances in Macau, in conjunction with a series of exchange activities.



Cultural Development Consultative Committee Acting President and Cultural Affairs Bureau (IC) President Deland Leong Wai Man (right) and committee member Lok Hei look on during a press briefing after the committee's regular closed-door meeting at the Macau Cultural Centre (CCM) yesterday.

— Photo: Armando Neves

Leong underlined that the event aims to establish the programme as a new cultural IP event and also to better leverage Macau's cultural role.

Furthermore, Leong said that the event will be held with the aim of extending these

exchange activities into local communities and schools, promoting the heritage of Chinese culture and fostering innovative development in Macau's education system.

More details about the events will be officially released later, Leong said.

Lok told the post-meeting press briefing that some committee members pointed out during yesterday's closed-door meeting that while senior residents are more familiar with traditional classic literary works and theatrical pieces, efforts to broaden the programme's impact should focus on enhancing promotional and explanatory efforts targeted at younger generations and teenagers.

Lok said that the members suggested that during exchange events or before performances, introductions to the story background and literary creation should be provided to the audiences to heighten appreciation for Chinese culture and foster a sense of responsibility for inheriting Chinese culture among the participants and viewers, Lok said.

Lok also said that some members of the committee suggested during yesterday's meeting to leverage the opportunity of having numerous art troupes performing in Macau to organise masterclasses and workshops that would facilitate in-depth exchanges between local professional and amateur art groups and the visiting art troupes, thereby extending the practical impact of the event, Lok said. ■

China, EU stand firm on shipping emission deal despite US threats

Pol-Malo Le Bris

LONDON — China, the European Union and several other members of the International Maritime Organisation (IMO) reaffirmed their support yesterday for ambitious plans to cut shipping emissions, despite US threats.

Initially approved in April, the London-based IMO are set to vote on Friday on formally adopting the Net Zero Framework (NZF), the first global carbon-pricing system.

However, Washington's threat to impose sanctions on those supporting it had cast doubt on the future of the framework, just as the summit where it is due to be adopted got under way.

The summit's first day yesterday was marked by friction between members supporting the NZF and those opposing it.

The framework would require ships to progressively reduce carbon emissions from 2028, or face financial penalties.

Last week, the United States threatened countries who vote in favour of the framework with sanctions, visa restrictions and port levies, calling the proposal a “global carbon tax on the world”.

But several countries, including Britain, Brazil, China and the European Union, reaffirmed their commitment during yesterday's meeting of the 176-nation IMO.

“We believe that reaching a consensus on global implementation [of the framework] is essential,” a representative from China told members.

To be adopted, the framework needs the backing of two-thirds of the present and voting IMO members that are parties to the so-called MARPOL anti-pollution convention.

The convention has 108 members.

A majority of members — 63 states — that voted in favour of the NZF in April are expected to maintain their support on Friday.

— AFP



A visitor takes a cup of coffee made by a robot during an exhibition showcasing China's progress in digital and intelligent empowerment for women and girls, in Beijing yesterday. The exhibition opened yesterday as a side event of the Global Leaders' Meeting on Women. (More on pages 6 & 7)

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Xi meets Mozambican PM Levi

President Xi Jinping yesterday met with Prime Minister of Mozambique Maria Benvinda Delfina Levi, who is in Beijing for the Global Leaders' Meeting on Women.

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Military seizes power in Madagascar as president impeached

An elite military unit that backed youth-led anti-government street protests said yesterday it had taken power in Madagascar after the national assembly voted to impeach President Andry Rajoelina.

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Cape Verde rejoices after first World Cup qualification

A carnival-like atmosphere erupted in the streets of Cape Verde's capital Praia on Monday after the tiny Atlantic archipelago nation qualified for the World Cup for the first time.

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GBA Police Games aims to strengthen 3 regions' security cooperation

Ida Cheong

The 3rd “Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area Police Games” started yesterday, aiming to strengthen regional security cooperation and deepen collaboration between the three regions and jointly strengthen the security shield of the Greater Bay Area (GBA).

The GBA competition ends on Friday.

The four-day games’ opening ceremony was held at the University of Macau (UM), themed “Greater Bay Area Unity, Bolstering Development,” reflecting the shared commitment of the three regions to enhance collaborative security and foster sustainable growth across the conurbation through strengthened police cooperation. Over 300 officers and athletes from the police forces of Guangdong, Hong Kong and Macau attended the opening ceremony.

Secretary for Security Wong Sio Chak noted in a speech that the games feature six major competitions, including pistol shooting, dragon boat racing, seven-a-side football, three-skill challenge*, badminton,



Secretary for Security Wong Sio Chak (front, twelfth from left), flanked by other senior officials and guests, pose for a group photo during yesterday’s opening ceremony for the 3rd “Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area Police Games” on the Hengqin campus of the public University of Macau (UM). – Photo: Ida Cheong

and table tennis.

Wong added that the event comprehensively showcases the professional competence and sporting spirit of the police forces from Guangdong, Hong Kong, and Macau, aiming to further enhance exchanges. Wong also pointed out that friendly matches for officers are also part of the programme, such as pistol shooting, indoor rowing, and badminton.

Wong added that the 15th

National Games will be held across Guangdong, Hong Kong and Macau next month, which marks the first time the three regions have co-hosted the event, adding that the National Games will build on a solid foundation of long-term and effective cooperation, and the police forces of the three jurisdictions will collaborate seamlessly to successfully complete all security tasks for the event, ensuring its smooth progress.

Meanwhile, the “Macau Team” won yesterday’s 200-Metre Dragon Boat Race, clocking up 47:373 seconds; in second place was the “Guangdong Team” with a time of 49:010 seconds, followed by the “Hong Kong Team” at 51:198 seconds.

Moreover, yesterday also featured the 500-Metre Dragon Boat Race, during which the “Macau Team” claimed the top spot at 2:07.890 minutes. The second

and third spots were taken by the “Guangdong Team” and “Hong Kong Team” teams at 2:11.452 minutes and 2:17.148 minutes respectively. ■

* A Three-Skill Challenge is a structured role-playing game (RPG) mechanic designed to resolve complex, non-combat situations. It requires a group of players to use a combination of three or more different skills or abilities to achieve a common goal. - DeekSeek

Guangdong-HK-Macau police bust cross-border prostitution ring, nab 120

Ada Lei

The Guangdong- Hong Kong-Macau police forces launched a joint operation called 斷鳶行動 (“Operation Broken Kite”) on Monday to dismantle a cross-border prostitution ring, arresting 18 ring members, 58 female prostitutes and 44 clients, according to a special

press conference held in the Judiciary Police (PJ) press conference room yesterday.

In May, the Judiciary Police (PJ) conducted an anti-crime patrol in Zape and the city centre, intercepting 10 mainland women involved in prostitution and six local clients across several hotels. The police

discovered that the women were using the same online platform to solicit clients. Suspecting a cross-border prostitution ring, the Judiciary Police (PJ) alerted the Guangdong and Hong Kong police and launched a coordinated operation in the related areas on Monday, resulting in a total of 120 arrests.

Macau police arrested seven locals and one Vietnamese national, including the alleged mastermind, key members, and subordinates. They also intercepted nine prostitutes and two clients, seizing over 10,000 condoms, more than 300 lubricants, bed sheets, towels, massage oil, and various electronic devices from a flat in Zape.

Mainland police arrested six mainlanders and one Macau resident, including suspected key members of the ring. Additionally, they intercepted 24 women involved in prostitution and apprehended 42 clients, seizing over 40 mobile phones and computers.

Hong Kong police arrested three Hong Kong residents for recruiting prostitutes and finding clients. They also intercepted 25 women involved in prostitution and confiscated a significant quantity of condoms, lubricants, cash, and bank cards.

According to the PJ spokesman, the online solicitation platform had been operational since January, posting about 2,500 advertisements for prostitution and charging each prostitute 300 yuan per post, resulting in estimated illegal profits of at least 750,000 yuan. The platform was managed by three administrators, who posted 30 to 40 advertisements daily and concealed the flow of funds through virtual currency transactions. ■



This undated handout photo provided by the Judiciary Police (PJ) yesterday shows officials from Guangdong, Hong Kong and Macau police departments convening for a meeting to discuss a cross-broder prostitution ring case.

Gongbei Customs seizes 904,600 cigarettes hidden in fake mattresses

Armindo Neves

Gongbei Customs announced in a statement yesterday that its officers seized 904,600 cigarettes hidden in bogus mattresses.

The statement did not reveal the number of mattresses.

Based on a daily consumption of 20 cigarettes, i.e., one standard pack, the total amount would suffice for 124 years.

According to the statement, on the morning of October 4, Gongbei Customs officers at the outbound cargo inspection area at the Zhuhai checkpoint of the Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macao Bridge (HZMB) noticed anomalies through the X-ray scan of a shipment declared as “mattresses and chairs” in a lorry.

A follow-up inspection revealed a large quantity of undeclared cigarettes hidden

within specially made mattresses wrapped in orange carboard.

The statement said that an on-site count by customs officers confirmed the seizure of 4,523 cartons of cigarettes, including brands such as Manchester and Cigaronne, totalling 904,600.

Gongbei Customs reminded the public that in line with the Chinese mainland’s Tobacco Monopoly Law the state has implemented a monopoly management system for the production, sale, import, and export of tobacco products, operating under a tobacco monopoly licence system. The export of cigarettes requires approval from the administrative department under the State Council in charge of tobacco monopoly and the acquisition of a tobacco monopoly licence. ■



This undated handout photo provided by Gongbei Customs yesterday shows its officers checking the smuggled cigarettes seized from a lorry at the outbound cargo inspection area of the Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macao Bridge (HZMB) on October 4.

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Star golfers ready for SJM Macao Open



Star golfers Kelvin Si Ngai (from left to right), Li Haotong, Lee Westwood, Sungjae Im, Taichi Kho, and Rattanon Wannasrichan pose for a group photo after yesterday's press conference at Grand Coloane Resort.



Lee Westwood poses with his son Sam Westwood on the Macau Golf and Country Club course after yesterday's press conference. – Photos: Rui Pastorin

Rui Pastorin

The SJM Macao Open is fast approaching, with the tournament taking place from tomorrow through Sunday at the Macau Golf and Country Club in Coloane.

The free-admission Asian Tour and Macau Golf Association co-sanctioned event is one of the highlights of the Asian Tour schedule. A total prize purse of US\$1 million (8.015 million patacas) is on offer.

The star-studded line-up at the SJM title-sponsored tournament comprises 144 players, according to the SJM Macao Open website, and six of them met with the media at a press conference yesterday morning at the Grand Coloane Resort.

The star players at the press conference were former world number one and 1999 Macao Open winner Lee Westwood, from the United Kingdom, two-time PGA Tour winner Sungjae Im from South Korea, the Chinese mainland's number one and eight-time tour winner Li Haotong, defending SJM Macao Open Champion Rattanon Wannasrichan from Thailand, Hong Kong number one and 2023 Asian Games gold medallist Taichi Kho, and local star and six-time Asia Pacific Amateur Championship Participant Kelvin Si Ngai.

Each player noted their excitement and expectations for the tournament as well as their

hopes to do their best on the course. Among them, Wannasrichan, who won his third Asian Tour title last month, told reporters at yesterday's press conference that he was happy to be back in the city. He said he hoped to enjoy the tournament and not to pressure himself so much, and to enjoy the tournament as much as possible to achieve a better result.

Meanwhile, Westwood said that it was nice to be back in Asia and compete in the tournament, having last played in it when he won in 1999. He remarked on the recent bad weather that the city experienced, but the sun has been out and the course has been drying out, looking to be in "fantastic condition". He added: "I'm really looking forward to the week".

Li was also asked about the development of the sport in the Chinese mainland, noting that the game has been growing in the nation while there are also a lot of bright stars.

Westwood's son Samuel will also be competing at the tournament. In a post press conference interview, Westwood was asked by media if he had any advice for him, saying: "Just have a good week, really. Enjoy it. It's a good opportunity to play against some of the best players in Asia on a very good golf course", as well as to learn something during the week. ■

FIBA 3X3 Macau Masters tips off this weekend at Wynn Palace

Khalel Vallo

The FIBA 3X3 Macau Masters 2025, one of the tournaments in the FIBA 3X3 World Tour series, is slated to take place this weekend on Wynn Palace's outdoor lawn in Cotai, which will feature 16 top international teams vying for the championship title and a total prize pool of US\$185,000 (1.48 million patacas).

Co-organised by the Sports Bureau (ID) and StarMac Entertainment & Production Ltd, under the authorisation of the Geneva-based International Basketball Federation (FIBA), as well as supported by the Macau-China Basketball Association and Chaiioi Sports Company Ltd, the tournament programme was revealed during a press conference yesterday at the Sports Bureau in Zape.

Among those attending the press conference were the bureau's Acting President Mok Chi Hang, StarMac CEO Rio Lou Kit Long, Macau-China Basketball Association President Wu Chong Fai, and Chief Marketing Officer of Wynn Macau Zoe Zou Wenyu.

According to a statement by the bureau yesterday, the two-day competition will gather the world's best 3x3 basketball



StarMac Entertainment & Production Ltd CEO Rio Lou Kit Long speaks to the media during yesterday's press conference at the Sports Bureau (ID) in Zape about the two-day FIBA 3X3 Macau Masters 2025 slated to be held this weekend.

– Photo: Khalel Vallo

teams, including Team Ub, Team Miami, Team Liman and Team Chongming, ranked first, second, fifth and seventh globally.

Speaking to the *Post*, Lou said the competition will open with an opening ceremony and qualification rounds on the first day, followed by the quarterfinals, semifinals and final on the second day.

"The FIBA 3x3 Masters represents the highest level of the world tour. We are proud to bring this event to Macau," Lou said, adding that in addition to the main tournament, audiences can enjoy

a slam dunk contest and a three-point shooting challenge between matches.

Tickets go on sale today at noon via WeChat and at the venue, with limited availability. More information can be found on worldtour.fiba3x3.com/2025/macau.

As part of the lead-up to the 15th National Games of China, the FIBA 3x3 Macau Masters aims to promote the city's growing sports culture, energise community engagement and highlight Macau's capacity to host world-class sporting events, the statement said. ■

UM, UC host joint conference on public law

Khalel Vallo

The University of Macau (UM) and Portugal's University of Coimbra (UC) co-hosted a conference on public law on Monday and yesterday, gathering over 100 experts and scholars from the Chinese mainland, Macau and Portuguese-speaking countries (PSCs) to discuss developments in international, constitutional and administrative law, according to a UM statement.

UM Rector Yonghua Song (aka Song Yonghua) said in a speech on Monday that the "One Country, Two Systems" policy has provided a clear framework for the development of Macau's unique legal system and governance model, according to the statement, adding that Macau should leverage its advantages to support the Belt and Road Initiative (BRI) and deepen legal cooperation with PSCs to nurture outstanding legal professionals.

Meanwhile, in a speech on Monday, UC Vice Rector João Nuno Calvão da Silva praised UM's progress and highlighted the partnership between the two universities which, he said, has expanded beyond law to include fields such as medicine and cultural heritage, reflecting the longstanding friendship between China and Portugal, the statement said.

Integrated resort operator MGM's Executive Vice President and General Counsel António José Ferreira de Castro dos Santos Menano said that UM, UC and MGM



These handout photos downloaded yesterday from the official website of the University of Macau (UM) show University of Coimbra (UC) Vice Rector João Nuno Calvão da Silva (left) and MGM Executive Vice President and General Counsel António José Ferreira de Castro dos Santos Menano delivering their respective speeches during Monday's joint conference about public law by the two public universities, on the UM campus in Hengqin.

have signed a four-year cooperation agreement to promote joint research and teaching on topics including the constitutional principle of "One Country, Two Systems" and the reshaping of international law under green transformation, the statement said.

UM Faculty of Law Dean Gabriel Tong Io Cheng was quoted in the statement as saying in a speech that Macau's success in harmonising different legal systems under the "One Country, Two Systems" framework makes it a model for public law practice, stressing that the collaboration between UM and UC will inject new momentum into

legal education and the study of the rule of law.

Themed "Public Law: International Law, Constitutional Law, and Administrative Law," the joint conference was supported by UM's public capital enterprise UMTEC Limited and sponsored by MGM, the statement noted, adding that with presentations from 14 scholars representing Angola, Brazil, the Chinese mainland, Macau, Mozambique and Portugal, the event aimed to advance international academic exchange and reinforce Macau's role as a bridge between China and PSCs in legal research and education. ■

Macau youngster Padric Chan explores trends through art in solo exhibition

Rui Pastorin

There are still two days left to view Padric Chan's (李珀豪) solo exhibition entitled "Trends In flux" at the Pavilion of Exhibitions and Artistic Shows for Young People in Praça do Tap Siac (塔石廣場), with the local artist traversing through time and exploring trends through works inspired by pop art.

The youngster is a student at Pui Ching Middle School, according to the pavilion's website.

Chan gives exhibitiongoers a retrospective of Macau from the 1960s to the present, interpreting pop culture, lifestyles and changes in the city through his acrylic markers, among other mediums. "Though I have never walked through those years, I have become a 'traveller' through time, captivated by the beauty deposited in the trends of different eras", noted Chan in a statement displayed at

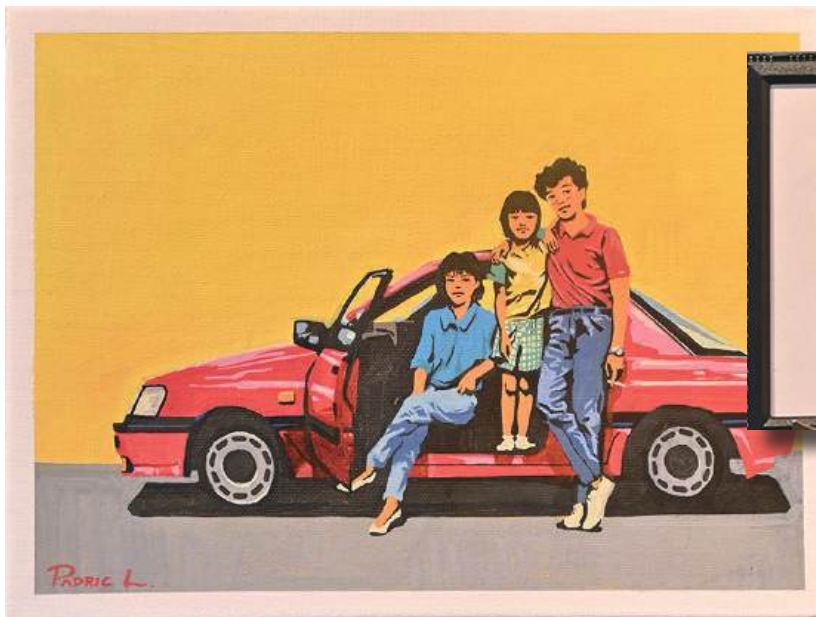
the venue, where paintings and an installation are displayed, along with videos seeing his works come to life.

Trends, how they change and come back full circle are tackled. Trends are cultural ripples that rise and fade quickly, leaving behind traces: some disappear, while others resurface in a 'retro' style, according to the statement, with Chan creating the works to appreciate both the past and present, as well as its stories.

The young artist hopes that exhibitiongoers can travel through time and see how trends have evolved over different periods, hoping to convey reflections as well as spark one's own, along with evoking memories.

One can admire the works at the free-admission exhibition during its final run until Friday from noon to 8 p.m.

Photos: Rui Pastorin



Police nab local, mainlander for theft by finding

Ada Lei

The Public Security Police (PSP) separately apprehended a local woman and a mainland man on Thursday for theft by finding, PSP spokesman Wong Chi Weng said during a regular press conference yesterday.

Wong identified the local suspect as a cleaner in her sixties, surnamed Sou, and the mainland suspect as a real estate agent in his forties, surnamed Zhang.

According to Wong, the Public Security Police (PSP) received a report on October 4 from a female non-resident worker (NRW) who said that while arranging her backpack on Rua do Mercado de Iao Hon (市場街), she accidentally lost her wallet, which contained her ID card and 6,700 patacas in cash. Suspecting that someone might have picked it up, she immediately reported the case to the police. Later, the police confirmed that the wallet had actually been dropped by her on Estrada dos Cavaleiros (騎士馬路).

Wong noted that the police received another report on July 21 from a male mainland tourist who said that after taking a taxi to Avenida da Nave Desportiva (體育館大馬路) in Taipa, he discovered that he had left his smartphone, valued at 10,300 patacas, in the cab. Suspecting someone had stolen it, he immediately



Public Security Police (PSP) spokesman Wong Chi Weng looks on during yesterday's regular press conference. — Photo: Ada Lei

reported the case to the police.

Wong noted that through city-wide CCTV surveillance footage, the police identified Sou and Zhang as the suspects and apprehended them separately on Thursday near Avenida de Almeida Ribeiro (新馬路) and at Hengqin Port (border checkpoint) respectively.

Under questioning, Sou and Zhang admitted to stealing the wallet and the smartphone out of greed. Sou handed the stolen wallet, which she had kept at her flat, to the police after her arrest, after which the police returned it to the victim. Zhang claimed that he had taken the smartphone to the Chinese mainland where he sold it for 1,200 yuan.

Sou and Zhang have been transferred to the Public Prosecutions Office (MP), each facing a charge of theft by finding. ■

PJ van hits TCM bus, 6 bus passengers injured

Ida Cheong

The Public Security Police (PSP) received a report yesterday of a traffic accident involving a Judiciary Police (PJ) passenger van that collided with a TCM public bus on Estrada do Canal dos Patos (鴨涌馬路), resulting in six passengers on the bus being injured, according to a statement released by PSP yesterday.

An initial investigation suggested the accident was caused by the driver of the PJ van failing to stop at a give-way sign, and the driver will be punished accordingly, the statement said.

The statement noted that six individuals on the public bus sustained minor injuries in the incident, comprising three men and three women (the male bus driver and five passengers), aged between 35 and 77. The injuries sustained were to their heads, backs and legs; they were all taken to the private Kiang Wu (KW) Hospital for treatment.

The statement pointed out that the two drivers involved in the incident are a local male in his 60s driving the PJ van and a local male public bus driver in his 30s, with both testing negative for alcohol.

According to a separate statement released by the Judiciary Police yesterday, PJ officers went to Kiang Wu Hospital and expressed their regret to the injured



This photo circulating on social media platforms shows a Judiciary Police (PJ) passenger van after colliding with a TCM public bus on Estrada do Canal dos Patos (鴨涌馬路) yesterday.

passengers. The statement also said that the Judiciary Police will closely follow up on the passengers' medical treatment and subsequent matters, as well as provide necessary assistance and support.

The statement added that the Judiciary Police always pursue a responsible attitude, adhere to the principle of fairness and fully cooperate with the traffic accident investigation, adding that they attach great importance to the

case and will handle it in a serious manner.

Meanwhile, relevant PJ departments and personnel have been instructed to conduct an in-depth review of the incident, strengthen safe driving awareness to prevent similar accidents from happening again, and comprehensively review the relevant procedures and mechanisms, aiming to optimise internal management and improve service quality, the statement said. ■

Catering bids for Macau Outdoor Performance Venue to start Monday: IC

Armindo Neves

The Cultural Affairs Bureau (IC) announced in a statement on Monday that catering bids for its Macau Outdoor Performance Venue can now be submitted.

According to the statement, the venue will host three concerts on October 29, November 8 - 9, and November 21 respectively. In order to enhance the events' services, the bureau has launched a bidding process by inviting local food and beverage businesses to provide light food and beverages during the concerts, the statement said.

The statement said that the bidding period runs until next Monday at 5:45 p.m. with no registration fees; all Macau-based catering companies are welcome to submit bids.

The statement underlined that the venue is located at the junction of Avenida do Aeroporto (機場大馬路) and Rua de Ténis

(網球路). The venue will feature six catering containers for booths to provide light food and beverage services during the concerts.

According to the statement, six suitable bids will be selected for each concert, with each chosen business independently operating one catering container on the day of the concert under a self-financing model.

All selected units are required to handle all necessary licensing procedures in line with current regulations, the statement said.

The statement said that all bidders may choose to participate in the catering initiative for one, two, or all three concerts. If bidding for multiple concert dates, separate documentation must be submitted for each event, the statement said.

For more information on the bidding requirements, please visit the bureau's official website www.icm.gov.mo. ■



Pedestrians walk past the Cultural Affairs Bureau (IC) headquarters in Praça do Tap Siac yesterday. — Photo: Armindo Neves

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Xi meets Sri Lankan PM Amarasuriya

BEIJING – President Xi Jinping on Tuesday met with Sri Lankan Prime Minister Harini Amarasuriya, who is in Beijing for the Global Leaders' Meeting on Women.

Noting that China and Sri Lanka boast a long traditional friendship, Xi said that China stands ready to work with Sri Lanka to carry forward this friendship, expand mutually beneficial cooperation, jointly build a China-Sri Lanka community with a shared future, and deliver more benefits to the two peoples.

China is willing to jointly promote high-quality Belt and Road (B&R) cooperation with Sri Lanka, and expand cooperation in fields such as port economy, modern agriculture, digital economy, green economy, and tourism, Xi said.

The two countries should strengthen cooperation in law enforcement and security, and resolutely crack down on

cross-border gambling, fraud and other criminal activities, he said.

Xi also called on the two countries to deepen coordination and cooperation under multilateral frameworks such as the United Nations, and firmly safeguard the common interests of the Global South.

Sri Lanka actively supports and participates in the high-quality B&R cooperation, Amarasuriya said, adding that Sri Lanka is looking forward to deepening cooperation with China for fresh progress in its own development.

She said that the four global initiatives put forward by Xi are of great significance in the current turbulent international landscape, and Sri Lanka will implement the initiatives with China and jointly safeguard the common interests of the Global South.

Wang Yi attended the meeting.

– Xinhua

Xi meets Mozambican PM Levi



President Xi Jinping (right) poses with Prime Minister of Mozambique Maria Benvinda Delfina Levi, who is in Beijing for the Global Leaders' Meeting on Women, at the Great Hall of the People in Beijing yesterday.

– Xinhua

BEIJING – President Xi Jinping yesterday met with Prime Minister of Mozambique Maria Benvinda Delfina Levi, who is in Beijing for the Global Leaders' Meeting on Women.

Xi said that the traditional friendship between China and Mozambique has been as solid as a rock since the two countries established diplomatic relations 50 years ago.

China stands ready to continuously deepen the comprehensive strategic cooperative partnership with Mozambique and together step into an even more glorious era in the next 50 years, Xi noted.

He emphasized China's support for Mozambique in independently exploring development paths suited to its national conditions and safeguarding national unity and stability.

The two sides should jointly seek new pathways for the integrated and coordinated development of energy and mineral resources and infrastructure construction, said Xi.

Xi also expressed the country's readiness to work with Mozambique to implement the Global Governance Initiative (GGI), oppose unilateralism and hegemonism, and safeguard the common interests of both countries and the Global South.

Levi said Mozambique is willing to work with China to jointly implement the outcomes of the Global Leaders' Meeting on Women and promote the global women's cause.

Mozambique looks forward to working closely with China in areas including economy, trade, energy, mining, science and technology, and education, said Levi.

Mozambique appreciates China's contributions to global prosperity and stability with its own development, Levi said, adding that Mozambique will enhance cooperation with China under multilateral frameworks and make global governance fairer and more equitable.

Wang Yi attended the meeting.

– Xinhua



President Xi Jinping (right) shakes hands with Sri Lankan Prime Minister Harini Amarasuriya, who is in Beijing for the Global Leaders' Meeting on Women, at the Great Hall of the People in Beijing yesterday.

– Xinhua

How China contributes to world food security by holding its 'rice bowl' firmly

Analysis

BEIJING – When China's National Food and Strategic Reserves Administration (NFSRA) said the country has ensured food security for its 1.4 billion population over the past five years, it also highlighted the broader significance of this achievement for global food security.

At a press conference held in Beijing yesterday, Liu Huanxin, the NFSRA head, provided a set of data bespeaking the nation's sufficient food supplies and stable food market operations during the 14th Five-Year Plan period (2021-2025).

According to the data, China's annual grain output has steadily remained above 650 million tonnes over the past five years. In 2024, its grain output exceeded 700 million tonnes for the first time and per capita grain possession reached 500 kilograms, higher than the internationally recognized food security line of 400 kilograms per capita.

While speaking about these achievements, Liu said China has achieved basic self-sufficiency in grains and absolute security in staple food.

These achievements have been underpinned by China's rigid policy of ensuring the total area of its farmland does not fall below the red line of 1.8 billion mu

(120 million hectares), its efforts to build high-standard farmlands, and the adoption of advanced agricultural technologies.

According to China's Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Affairs, at present, over 66.7 million hectares of high-standard farmland have been built in China. Meanwhile, machinery penetration rate in agricultural production has surpassed 75 percent, 13 percentage points higher compared to the level 10 years ago.

Qian Yi, deputy head of the NFSRA, said that new technologies have played a major role in advancing the high-quality development of China's food supply chain. For instance, the country now ranks among nations with the most advanced grain storage technologies.

"Through unremitting efforts, China, with only nine percent of the world's arable land and six percent of its fresh water resources, has fed nearly one-fifth of the world's population. This in itself is a huge contribution to global food security," Liu said.

Beyond its domestic achievements, China has actively sought to deepen international cooperation in food and agriculture, playing a key role in advancing the global food industry and safeguarding food security worldwide, the official said. This effort is reflected in

the country's initiatives to share agricultural expertise with other developing nations, including those in Africa, through technology exchanges, joint research and training programs, and active participation in global food governance.

Agriculture features as an important aspect of cooperation in the 10 partnership actions announced by China last year to deepen China-Africa cooperation.

Under the partnership action for agriculture and livelihoods, China pledged last year to provide Africa with 1 billion yuan (US\$141 million) in emergency food assistance, develop 100,000 mu of standardized agricultural demonstration areas, send 500 agricultural experts, and establish a China-Africa agricultural science and technology innovation alliance.

At an agricultural cooperation conference on Monday in Zhengzhou, Henan Province, attended by government officials, experts and business representatives from China and ASEAN, the Chinese government said it is willing to share experience, technologies and development opportunities with ASEAN to promote greener, smarter and more stable agricultural development in the region.

With World Food Day observed annually on Oct. 16 approaching, awareness of global

food insecurity and malnutrition has been steadily rising. According to data from the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), 673 million people still face hunger worldwide, while 2.3 billion experience food insecurity.

During an exhibition event which opened recently in Rome in celebration of eight decades of international cooperation in fighting hunger and transforming agrifood systems, Chikelu Mba, deputy director of FAO's Plant Production and Protection Division, underscored the need for stronger global partnerships to make agricultural innovation accessible to all.

"Just 40 years ago, China faced food insecurity and malnutrition," Mba said. "Its success in lifting hundreds of millions of people out of poverty and hunger is a valid example that can be replicated through South-South and triangular cooperation."

During the G20 agriculture ministers' meeting held last month in Cape Town, South Africa, the Chinese government had called on parties to increase financial, technological and market support for developing countries, reduce restrictions on high-tech exchanges, and promote the digitalized and smart development in the agricultural industry.

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'NBA Cares x Sands Cares Community Impact Week' Engages Community, Fosters Interaction with NBA Legends



In conjunction with The NBA China Games 2025, the "NBA Cares x Sands Cares Community Impact Week" delivered five days of outreach events Oct. 8-12, bringing together the local community. More than 2,200 volunteers and community members participated, including the Sands Cares Ambassadors.

The initiative fostered compassion and interaction through inclusive and engaging activities, featuring NBA Legends such as Mitch Richmond, Tim Hardaway, Yao Ming, Shawn Marion, and Deron Williams, alongside current players from the Phoenix Suns and Brooklyn Nets.

Oct. 8 – Youth basketball exchange featuring Mitch Richmond and NBA coaches for 200 Lou Hau High School students and 12 coaches and students from rural Guizhou and Inner Mongolia from NBA Cares' "Her Time to Play" initiative.

Oct. 9 – Official tip-off event, featuring a basketball clinic led by Suns and Nets players for local schools and "Her Time to Play" coaches and students, plus the packing of goodie bags and health kits to distribute in the community.

Oct. 10 – Distributing boxed lunches and health kits with Tim Hardaway to 200 local residents at Fuhong Society of Macau's Pou Choi Centre.

Oct. 11 – Basketball carnival for 120 family members of local social service organisations, featuring interactive games and exciting performances. Shawn Marion and Sands Global Ambassador David Beckham came to support the event.

Oct. 12 – "Her Time to Play" basketball clinic at the NBA House, featuring Deron Williams and current WNBA player Myisha Hines-Allen, for local schools' girls' basketball teams and "Her Time to Play" students and coaches.

