

Highlights of Policy Address for the Fiscal Year 2017 of the Macao Special Administrative Region (MSAR)

Development Plan in Progress for Building a Perfect Home

In 2016, the Government planned far ahead, on the basis of our solid foundation. After listening to and considering opinions collected from various sectors and all walks of life, we formulated the Five-year Development Plan of the Macao Special Administration Region (2016-2020). From now on, Macao will fully leverage its advantages in the national development strategy, with positive goals, direction and vision to foster the establishment of “One Centre, One Platform”.

In the coming year, with strong support from the Central People’s Government, the MSAR Government will confidently and courageously seize opportunities at the best of times, overcome challenges, and spare no effort in collaborating with the public to jointly build a perfect home for all of us.

All Macao residents

Individual accounts of the Central Provident Fund

Start-up fund of 10,000 patacas (for eligible residents)
Additional fund injection of 7,000 patacas (for eligible residents)

Wealth Partaking Scheme

9,000 patacas (permanent residents)
5,400 patacas (non-permanent residents)

Healthcare voucher

600 patacas per person (permanent residents)

Bus fare concessions for the elderly, students, people with disabilities, and other members of the public

Ongoing

Electricity bill subsidy for residential units

200 patacas per month (each residential unit)

Tap water tariff subsidy for residential units

Ongoing

Continuing Education Programme (Phase 3)

Maximum 6,000 patacas per person

Real estate tax

First 3,500 patacas tax waiver (Macao residents)

Waiver of real estate stamp duty

First three million patacas of a residential unit’s value (Macao permanent residents purchasing residential properties for the first time)

The elderly

Old age allowance

8,000 patacas per year

Pension

3,450 patacas per month

Benefits for the Elderly

Old age allowance 8,000 patacas

Pension 3,450 patacas x 13 months

Wealth Partaking Scheme 9,000 patacas

Additional fund injection to central savings account
7,000 patacas

Total amount for one year 68,850 patacas
(Or approximately 5,738 patacas per month)

Healthcare voucher 600 patacas

Students

Non-tertiary education: Textbook allowance

3,000 patacas per school year (each secondary school student)
2,600 patacas per school year (each primary school student)
2,000 patacas per school year (each kindergarten or pre-school pupil)

Students from families with financial difficulties

Tuition fee subsidies:
4,000 patacas per school year (each kindergarten or pre-school pupil or primary school student)
6,000 patacas per school year (each junior secondary school student)
9,000 patacas per school year (each senior secondary school student)
Meal allowance: 3,400 patacas per school year
Stationery allowance: 2,200 patacas per school year (each kindergarten pupil or primary school student)
2,900 patacas per school year (each secondary school student)

Tertiary education: Study allowance

3,000 patacas (Macao residents)

Tuition fee subsidies for Macao students studying in Guangdong

4,000 patacas per school year (each senior secondary school student)
6,000 patacas per school year (each kindergarten or pre-school pupil)
(Coverage expanded to also include Shenzhen and Dongguan)

Disadvantaged families

Minimum subsistence index

4,050 patacas per one-person household

Special subsidy and special living allowance for three categories of disadvantaged families

Ongoing

Short-term Food Assistance Programme

Ongoing

Financial assistance

Disburse an additional month of financial assistance to eligible families

Public housing tenants

Implement priority-based rent waiver and reduction

Temporary housing subsidies for eligible families on the waiting list for public housing

Ongoing

Subsidy for low-income, full-time employees

Up to 5,000 patacas per month

Positive Life Programme and the Community Employment Assistance Scheme

Ongoing

People with disabilities

Disability gratuity

8,000 patacas per year (ordinary)
16,000 patacas per year (special)

Temporary disability allowance

3,450 patacas per month

Eligible employees with disabilities

Up to 5,000 patacas per month

Employers hiring people with disabilities

A tax deduction of up to 5,000 patacas on profit tax or personal income tax per person with disabilities

Employed citizens / middle-income class

Personal income tax

Continue with the 30 percent reduction in personal income tax, with the basic allowance set at 144,000 patacas

Extra tax rebate

An additional 60 percent rebate of the personal income tax paid by each tax-paying Macao resident, subject to a ceiling of 12,000 patacas (rebates to be received in 2018)

Business owners and related persons

- Continue to provide waivers of all business taxes, hawker licence fees, wet market stall rents, inspection and quarantine fees for live food, and stamp duty on life insurance, other insurance and bank service charges;
- Provide waivers of signboard taxes for businesses, and exemption from tourism tax for restaurants;
- Profit tax allowance remains at 600,000 patacas per year; and
- Provide waivers of stamp duty on entrance passes and tickets for cultural and arts performances, exhibitions and entertainment programmes.

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Implementation of livelihood-related policies and measures

Family-friendly measures and measures to reduce impact of ageing population



- Provision of an additional shelter and an additional integrated family and community services centre;
- Establish the first integrated elderly care facility in the Islands District;
- Provide more than 7,000 subsidised places for child-care services for two-year-old toddlers; and
- The Law on Preventing and Combating Domestic Violence is in effect, and the Government continues to provide education on and publicise the law.

Building a healthy Macao



- Commence the renovation of the Bairro da Ilha Verde Health Centre by next year, and complete the construction of the Ka Ho Rehabilitation Hospital, Coloane;
- Follow up on the legislation of the System for Professional Qualification and Licensing for Medical Workers;
- Improve the comprehensive assessment of child development, and formulate a mechanism for coordinating and allocating medical resources in early childhood development;
- Complete the construction of the “Guiding Platform on Health Education for Macao Primary and Secondary School Students”; and
- Launch the “Electronic Health Record Sharing System” pilot scheme.

Education system and talent cultivation



- Press ahead with the amendment of the General Rules for Private Schools;
- Based on the Thousand Talents Programme, select outstanding young people for study visits to mainland China;
- Develop a training programme for Portuguese-speaking professionals;
- Implement the Chinese and Portuguese Bilingual Talent Training and Education and Research Cooperation Subsidy Scheme at the tertiary institutions in Macao; and
- Commence Research on the Demand for Talented Professionals in Financial and Construction Industries.

Consolidation of the foundation for economic development

Gaming industry



- Promote synergy between gaming and non-gaming elements; and
- Facilitate more cooperation between gaming operators and small and medium restaurants with unique character and cultural and creative industries.

Tourism

- Complete the formulation of the Macao Tourism Industry Development Master Plan; and
- In accordance with government policies, focus on promoting development of budget hotels, theme parks with unique character, and integrated shopping malls.

Regional cooperation



- Actively participate in the "Belt and Road" initiative, benefited from a series of supporting policies of the Central People's Government;
- Following Central People's Government's approval of the arrangements for cross-boundary pleasure boats sailing between Macao and Zhongshan, strive to gradually promote the scheme to the three Guangdong Free Trade Zones, including Nansha, Hengqin and Qianhai;
- Implement the Framework Agreement on Cooperation Between Guangdong and Macao, deepen cooperation in the Pan Pearl River Delta region, and promote cooperation between Macao and Jiangsu, Beijing and Tianjin; and
- Explore opportunities for exchanges and cooperation between Macao and the central and western regions and north-eastern old industrial bases of mainland China.

Cultivating nascent industries



- Support the convention and exhibition industry with bidding for more influential international conventions and exhibitions to be held in Macao;
- Organise participation by original brands and cultural and creative products in international exhibitions and trade fairs;
- Increase resources investment in the Guangdong-Macao Traditional Chinese Medicine Technology Industrial Park in Hengqin, and help enterprises operating in the park and other related enterprises in Macao to promote their products in Portuguese-speaking countries;
- Consider developing specialised financial services; and
- Facilitate the establishment of a Renminbi settlement platform for trade between China and Portuguese-speaking countries.

Small and medium-sized enterprises



- Formulate the Action Plan for Small and Medium-sized Enterprises;
- Promote collaboration between large-scale conventions, exhibitions and festivals and small and medium-sized enterprises;
- Facilitate development of online and e-commerce markets by small and medium-sized enterprises, and consider establishing an “Online Certified Shop” system; and
- Actively promote collaboration between the “Young Entrepreneur Incubation Centre”, and expand the coverage of the Young Entrepreneur Assistance Scheme.

Securing employment



- Amend the Labour Relations Law and tackle issues related to paid paternity leave and overlapping leave as the first priority;
- Continue facilitating the provision of paid training for local employees by gaming operators and large-scale enterprises;
- Facilitate an increase in proportion of local employees holding middle and senior management positions in gaming enterprises to 85 percent; and
- Follow up on enforcement of the law related to minimum wage for cleaning and security employees.

Building a happy and perfect home

Urban development strategy



- Formulate overall urban planning according to the urban development strategy;
- Facilitate urban renewal by providing temporary housing;
- Strive to complete the reclamation work for New Urban Zone Area A; and
- Complete the preliminary study of the Medium-to-long-term Plan for Usage and Development of the Waters of the Macao Special Administrative Region (2016-2036).

Secured housing supply



- Optimise procedures for application and allocation of public housing;
- Complete the study report on Macao's public housing demand, and commence planning of long-term public housing development;
- Short-to-medium-term planning for building around 12,600 public housing units. Construction of the Avenida Wai Long public housing project is being planned, and is expected to provide more than 8,000 public housing unit; a further 4,600 public housing units are being planned for the short-to-medium term;
- Long-term planning for building around 28,000 public housing units in New Urban Zone Area A;
- Complete the construction of the Seac Pai Van Public Housing Community Activity Centre; and
- Follow up on planning approval for private residential developments in a timely manner.

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Optimising the transportation system



- Improve the bus route network, which comprises highways, trunk roads, ordinary roads and approach roads;
- Four public car parks will commence operation, to provide more than 3,600 parking spaces for light vehicles and motorcycles;
- Regulate the approval of road works, and strictly control the duration of the works;
- Reduce the requirement for age of vehicles needing annual inspection to eight years;
- One hundred special taxis with special licences will gradually commence operation;
- Complete construction of the LRT Taipa line infrastructure, and commence the electrical installation stage;
- Commence operation of Taipa Ferry Terminal in the first half of 2017; and
- Strive to complete the design of the fourth Macao-Taipa cross-harbour bridge in 2017, and commence construction of the bridge.

Constructing a smart city

- Commence a study of the development strategy and overall planning for making government data publicly accessible; and
- Launch the Visitor Statistics Databank.

Urban management

- Complete construction of the new civil protection centre and commence 24-hour per day operations;
- Enhance border-crossing efficiency;
- Introduce a new-generation system to facilitate automated border crossing for vehicles;
- Consult mainland China parties regarding the construction of sluices and a stormwater pumping station in Macao's northern inner harbour; and
- Complete construction of the new Macao wholesale market and the Patane Municipal Market Complex.

Conservation of the natural environment

- Enforce the new exhaust emissions standard for vehicles that are in use;
- Plan to introduce and promote the use of electric vehicles;
- Complete the formulation of the Macao Solid Waste Resources Management Programme and the amendments to the List of Categories of Projects that Require Environmental Impact Assessment;
- Commence drafting the laws and regulations related to waste reduction; and
- Complete the Cotai natural gas trunk network construction project.

Enhancement of public services efficiency

Public administration



- Implement the second stage of departmental restructuring;
- Commence planning and draft the bill for establishing a municipal organisation that is not an organ of political power;
- Press ahead with restructuring consultation bodies;
- Ensure the sixth Legislative Assembly election is smoothly held; and
- Enhance departmental coordination and execution capacity through implementing the Five-year Development Plan.

Civil servants

- Further optimise the civil service system; and
- Forge ahead with performance assessments of department heads, and implement and enhance the accountability system for government officials.

MACAO SAR BUDGET - REVENUE AND EXPENSES FOR 2017 OVERVIEW

REVENUE ITEMS		Proposed budget for 2017	REVENUE ITEMS		Proposed budget for 2017
General integrated budget of public expenditure					
RECURRING REVENUE		91,903,905,200.00	CAPITAL REVENUE		1,640,984,500.00
Direct tax		80,074,297,400.00	Disposal of investment assets		253,720,900.00
Indirect tax		3,530,465,200.00	Transfer		2,000.00
Fees, fine and other monetary penalties		1,681,296,300.00	Financial assets		305,070,800.00
Asset revenue		1,257,491,200.00	Other capital revenue		1,048,666,500.00
Transfer		4,152,661,800.00	Refunds not deducted from payments		33,524,300.00
Sale of durable items		2,349,500.00			
Sale of labour and non-durable items		1,093,337,000.00			
Other recurring revenue		112,006,800.00	General integrated budget of public revenue		93,544,889,700.00
Revenue of special organisations					
Statutory income and transfer from the MSAR budget		8,985,749,700.00	Total revenue of special organisations		13,512,948,800.00
Income from sales and provision of services		244,192,500.00			
Income from financial investments		4,185,433,100.00	Adjustment		4,113,782,100.00
Other income		97,573,500.00	Grand total		102,944,056,400.00
EXPENSES ITEMS		Proposed budget for 2017	EXPENSES ITEMS		Proposed budget for 2017
General integrated budget of public expenditure					
Macao SAR Government		20,044,900.00	Judiciary Police		923,707,400.00
Office of the Chief Executive		293,170,700.00	Environmental Protection Bureau		337,147,600.00
Executive Council		32,780,700.00	Legal Affairs Bureau		258,311,900.00
Office of the Secretary for Administration and Justice		37,650,100.00	Lands, Public Works and Transport Bureau		466,703,300.00
Office of the Secretary for Economy and Finance		48,908,000.00	Sports Bureau		191,465,300.00
Office of the Secretary for Security		37,211,200.00	Cultural Affairs Bureau		648,643,600.00
Office of the Secretary for Social Affairs and Culture		132,250,100.00	Investment projects		15,256,049,800.00
Office of the Secretary for Transport and Public Works		28,747,600.00	Designated accounting items: designated appropriations, shared allocations and transfer budget		4,003,782,100.00
Macao Economic and Trade Office in Lisbon		13,211,300.00	Student Welfare Fund		394,658,800.00
Macao Economic and Trade Office to the European Union in Brussels		4,910,300.00	Housing Loan Fund		43,128,100.00
Office of the Macao SAR in Beijing		22,946,800.00	Industrial and Commercial Development Fund		784,478,800.00
Macao Economic and Trade Office to the World Trade Organization		13,379,100.00	Tourism Fund		711,735,400.00
Office for Personal Data Protection		64,749,700.00	Social Welfare Bureau		3,108,568,600.00
Infrastructure Development Office		68,007,500.00	Judiciary Police Welfare Association		7,518,300.00
Office for Development of the Energy Sector		38,091,100.00	Public Security Police Force Welfare Association		32,716,500.00
The Supporting Office to the Permanent Secretariat to the Forum for Economic and Trade Cooperation between China and Portuguese-speaking Countries		100,140,700.00	Coffer of Legal Affairs		217,811,800.00
Financial Intelligence Office		38,856,700.00	Government Printing Bureau		87,543,400.00
Transportation Infrastructure Office		81,988,200.00	Correctional Services Fund		6,443,300.00
The Macao SAR Government Policy Research Office		50,681,200.00	Housing Bureau		478,145,100.00
Macao Economic and Cultural Office		16,290,000.00	Civil Aviation Authority		78,587,100.00
Protocol, Public Relations and External Affairs Office		90,584,300.00	Macao Trade and Investment Promotion Institute		647,386,300.00
Talents Development Committee		12,915,900.00	Commission Against Corruption		358,639,800.00
Public Administration and Civil Service Bureau		465,860,800.00	Health Bureau		7,241,279,700.00
Education and Youth Affairs Bureau		6,019,564,600.00	University of Macau		2,208,432,400.00
Statistics and Census Service		198,247,100.00	Macao Polytechnic Institute		769,523,100.00
Bureau of Telecommunications Regulation		171,099,900.00	Sports Fund		788,596,500.00
Finance Services Bureau		475,120,700.00	Culture Fund		643,363,000.00
Pension and retirement compensation		8,458,600.00	Consumer Council		42,299,300.00
General expenses		21,748,689,000.00	Institute for Tourism Studies		385,307,600.00
Tertiary Education Services Office		235,113,500.00	Macao Public Administration Welfare Fund		50,319,900.00
Traffic Affairs Bureau		1,703,338,100.00	Fire Services Welfare Association		7,526,200.00
Identification Bureau		276,898,000.00	Commission of Audit		212,236,100.00
Macao Economic Services Bureau		212,851,600.00	Public Prosecutions Office		435,126,100.00
Correctional Services Bureau		579,278,200.00	Office of the President of the Court of Final Appeal		595,337,600.00
Macao Customs Service		785,808,800.00	Legislative Assembly		185,953,000.00
Meteorological and Geophysical Bureau		108,972,400.00	Civic and Municipal Affairs Bureau		2,324,560,100.00
Government Tourist Office		310,972,500.00	Customs Welfare Association		3,599,700.00
Government Information Bureau		124,732,400.00	Science and Technology Development Fund		200,945,500.00
Unitary Police Service		41,192,600.00	Welfare Committee of Marine and Water Bureau		2,731,400.00
Gaming Inspection and Coordination Bureau		274,446,300.00	Fisheries Development and Support Fund		90,868,100.00
Marine and Water Bureau		1,122,765,900.00	Property Maintenance Fund		73,886,200.00
Public Security Forces Affairs Bureau		4,680,796,500.00	Education Development Fund		823,865,300.00
Labour Affairs Bureau		457,166,600.00	Giant Panda Foundation		7,387,200.00
Judicial Council		609,600.00	Environmental Protection and Energy Conservation Fund		78,061,400.00
Cartography and Cadastre Bureau		87,169,300.00	Cultural Industry Fund		242,748,400.00
			Labour Creditor's Rights Protection Fund		183,422,500.00
			General integrated budget of public expenditure		87,977,217,700.00
Expenditure of special organisations					
Macao Post		361,910,000.00	Macao Foundation		2,924,995,100.00
Postal Savings Office		43,861,900.00	Deposit Protection Fund		3,125,000.00
Macao Pension Fund		2,223,362,600.00			
Social Security Fund		4,713,237,900.00	Total expenditure of special organisations		11,861,908,800.00
Monetary Authority of Macao		1,583,506,300.00	Adjustments		4,113,782,100.00
Automobile and Maritime Security Fund		7,910,000.00	Grand total		95,725,344,400.00
Budget balance & estimated surplus for this year					
Central budget balance		5,567,672,000.00	Budget balance & estimated surplus of the year		7,218,712,000.00
Estimated surplus of special organisations		1,651,040,000.00	Total expenditure, budget balance and estimated surplus of the year		102,944,056,400.00