

Review of Major Policies of the MSAR Government in 2015

Livelihood issues

Education and sports

- Fully implemented the requirements of key competences for kindergarten education;
- Introduced a cultivation scheme for outstanding secondary school students;
- Increased free education subsidy and school fee subsidies for all students, and textbook allowances for primary and secondary school students;
- The first reading of the bill on the Tertiary Education System was passed at the Legislative Assembly;
- Commenced the establishment of the assessment system for tertiary institutions;
- Signed a cooperation agreement with the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization to create favourable conditions for outstanding students to study abroad; and
- Completed the third Macao Residents Physical Fitness Assessment.



Healthcare

- Established the World Health Organization Collaborating Centre for Traditional Medicine;
- Effectively handled epidemics and continuously improved disease prevention and control measures;
- Introduced measures to shorten queuing times for emergency and specialty outpatient services;
- Extended opening hours of health centres;
- Commenced the territory-wide health survey pilot scheme;
- Launched the Elderly Health Support Hotline scheme;
- Gradually commenced certain construction works of the Islands District Medical Complex;
- The newly constructed or expanded Carmo Health Centre, Coloane Public Health Clinical Centre and Coloane Health Station were completed or commenced operations this year; and
- Implemented the third phase of tobacco control measures.



Coordinated planning

- Established the Committee for the Establishment of a World Tourism and Leisure Centre; and
- Announced the research report on population policy.

Social security

- Considered establishing a fund allocation mechanism that links fiscal surplus with the Social Security Fund;
- Expedited legislation on the non-mandatory central provident fund system; and
- Completed the increases in various disbursements under the social security system.



Social services

- Introduced a new subsidy system to optimise the operation of the social services sector;
- Formulated a 10-year action plan for elderly services and a 10-year development plan for rehabilitation services; and
- Expanded coverage of the Disability Assessment Card Concession Scheme.



Culture and tourism

- Organised a series of activities to celebrate the tenth anniversary of Macao's successful application for inclusion in the World Heritage List;
- Commenced operation of the new Taipa Library; and
- Commenced formulation of a masterplan for tourism development.



Cooperation and Development

Deepening cooperation

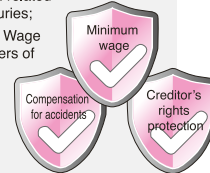
- Integrated convention and exhibition, trade and cultivation of talents into the commercial and trade services platform, to facilitate coordinated development;
- Commenced operation of the Economic and Trade Cooperation and Human Resources Portal between China and Portuguese-speaking Countries;
- Continued to assist enterprises in launching investment projects in the Guangdong-Macao Cooperation Industrial Park; and

- Completed construction and commenced operation of the early development centre of the Guangdong-Macao Traditional Chinese Medicine Technology Industrial Park.



Employee protection

- Implemented the Amendment to the Compensation System for Work-related Accidents and Occupational Injuries;
- Passed the bill on the Minimum Wage for Cleaning and Security Workers of the Property Management Industry;
- Promulgated the Protection System for Workers' Credit Rights; and



- Increased the maximum monthly salary compensation for unjustifiable dismissal of employees to 20,000 patacas.



Public finance

- Studied the proposal of investing in major cooperation projects between Guangdong and Macao, with a portion of the financial reserve; and
- Completed the Internal Assessment Report on the MSAR Investment Development Fund.



Economic development

- Commenced a series of studies on the interim review of the gaming industry;
- Commenced the establishment of the Adequate Economic Diversification Statistical Benchmark System for Macao;
- Established the Young Entrepreneur Incubation Centre;
- Completed the first round of assessment of applications for the Cultural Industry Fund and gradually disbursed the subsidies;
- Increased profit tax allowance from 300,000 patacas to 600,000 patacas;
- Increased the ceiling for subsidies under the financial incentive scheme for exhibitors;
- Increased the subsidies of the E-Commerce Promotion Incentive Measures;
- Considered abolishing charges for industrial licences and applications for Certificates of Origin;

A series of measures to assist small and medium-sized enterprises (as of 30 September 2015)

Project	Number of cases approved	Amount (patacas)
Industrial and Commercial Development Fund	53	About 43.28 million patacas
SME Assistance Scheme	380	About 148 million patacas
SME Credit Guarantee Scheme	38	About 56.98 million patacas
Financial Support for SME Websites	1,129	About 21.52 million patacas
Interest Subsidy Scheme for Enterprises Raising Capital Through Bank Loans	64	Subsidies for loans totalling about 233 million patacas
Young Entrepreneurs Aid Scheme	167	39.53 million patacas

- Waived annual fee, monthly fee and software installation fee for enterprises using electronic declaration;
- Raised the maximum credit guarantee loan of the SME Credit Guarantee Scheme;
- Commenced research on the import, export and re-export credit insurance scheme;
- Capitalised on the Industrial and Commercial Development Fund to promote development of small and medium-sized enterprises;
- Introduced measures to assist small and medium-sized enterprises to tackle shortage of human resources; and
- Extended coverage of subsidies under the Building Maintenance Fund Scheme to industrial buildings.



Liveable and accessible city

Transport

- Optimised bus operational models;
- Expedited issuance of new taxi licences valid for eight years;
- Conducted an open tender for 100 special taxi licences;
- Completed construction of most foundations, piers and railway overpasses of the LRT Taipa line;
- Commenced a feasibility study on the LRT Seac Pai Van line;
- Expedited construction of the new Taipa Ferry Terminal;
- Updated the overall development plan of Macau International Airport; and
- Gaming operators provided dedicated transport for their staff.

Environmental protection

- Commenced the interim review of the Planning of Environmental Protection of Macao (2010–2020);
- Introduced the Subsidy Scheme for Replacement of Highly-polluting Vehicles; and
- Tightened the scope of tax incentives for new light-duty vehicles that meet environmental emission standards.



Completed consultation on planning new districts, and commenced detailed planning and construction of various infrastructure projects.

Security and network

- Ensured effective deployment to combat all types of crimes and maintain public order;
- Commenced food safety supervision on schedule, to ensure food safety; and
- Issued licences for 4G mobile telecommunication networks.

Land and housing

- Introduced the urban renewal concept to facilitate redevelopment of old districts;
- Revoked the land grants of 22 plots of idle land;
- Adjusted the use of five pieces of reserved land, on which over 4,000 public housing units can be built;
- Amended the Home-Ownership Scheme Housing Law to adopt a "ballot drawing before assessment" mechanism;
- Expedited the feasibility study on new public housing categories; and
- Followed up on the legislative work of the Law on Property Management of Condominiums and the Law on Management of Common Parts of Condominiums.

Public administration

First-phase restructuring launched in 2015

- Disbanded the Secretariat of the Urban Planning Committee
- Disbanded the Secretariat of the Medical and Health Care System Follow-up Committee
- Abolished the post of the Secretary General of the Economic Development Committee
- Disbanded the Secretariat of the Science and Technology Committee
- Revamped the Consultative Committee on Legal Reforms and abolished the post of Secretary General
- Transferred the culture and sports related functions of the Civic and Municipal Affairs Bureau
- Disbanded the Law Reform and International Law Affairs Bureau and merged it with the Legal Affairs Bureau

- Restructured the Social Affairs Bureau and transferred the Legal Affairs Bureau's juvenile reintegration function to the Social Welfare Bureau
- Restructured the Macao Prison to undertake the Legal Affairs Bureau's function of rehabilitation of juvenile delinquents
- Disbanded the Combustibles Safety Committee and integrated its function into the Fire Services
- Disbanded the Human Resources Office and integrated its function into the Labour Affairs Bureau
- Established the Post and Telecommunications Bureau by integrating the Post Office with the Bureau of Telecommunications Regulation
- Disbanded the Macau Grand Prix Committee, the original functions and tasks of which would be taken up by the Sports Development Board
- Restructured the Science Development Fund

- Implemented the first phase of the plan for restructuring and integration of functions;
- Optimised the Government's consultative bodies;
- Reformed the centralised recruitment system;
- Commenced consultation on the Recruitment, Selection and Promotion Training System for Civil Servants;
- Introduced new measures to address the needs of junior civil servants;
- Completed the preliminary research on the establishment of a municipal organisation that is not an organ of political power;
- Formulated the Master Plan for MSAR e-Government 2015-2019;
- Established a centralised, coordinated legislative mechanism; and
- Expedited the enactment of laws related to livelihoods.

