



## BOOSTING ADEQUATE ECONOMIC DIVERSIFICATION AND RAISING INTEGRATED LIVING STANDARDS

Looking back at the present Government's work over the last two years, we have been steadfast in fully implementing the fundamental principles of "One country, two systems", "Macao people governing Macao" and a high degree of autonomy. With the full support of the central government and the concerted efforts of Macao people and the MSAR Government, Macao has successfully maintained steady economic growth, developed into a world travel and leisure hub, deepened regional interaction and cooperation, implemented scientific administration and upheld the rule of law to ensure harmony and stability in society.

Macao's future sustainability requires further promotion of the ideas of "striving together for common goals", and continuation of the spirit of self-empowerment. Facing a more complicated economic environment in the coming year, the Government has put continuous improvement of people's livelihoods as its first priority: we will keep on improving social welfare to enhance people's livelihoods, doing our best to sustain strong momentum in Macao's economic development. We will extensively solicit public opinion, intensify scientific administration and enhance administrative integrity to improve the standards of governance. Let us create a better future through wisdom and unrelenting effort!

### High Priority to People's Livelihoods

#### Combined efforts to overcome inflation

#### All Macao residents

- Each eligible Macao citizen will receive a one-off injection of 10,000 patacas as start-up funds for his or her individual central savings account;
- Each eligible Macao citizen will receive a further injection of 6,000 patacas into his or her individual central savings account;
- Each permanent resident will receive 7,000 patacas, with each non-permanent resident receiving 4,200 patacas under the Wealth Partaking Scheme;
- Each permanent resident will receive a 500-pataca health care voucher;
- Each residential household will receive 180 patacas per month towards electricity fees;
- The Continuing Education Programme will continue with a subsidy programme, in which each local resident reaching 15 years old will receive a subsidy of up to 5,000 patacas;
- Waiver of the first 3,500 patacas of real estate tax;
- Waiver of the real estate stamp duty on the first three million patacas of a home's value, for Macao permanent residents purchasing residential properties for the first time.



#### Caring for the elderly

- Raise the Old-age Allowance to 6,000 patacas for each eligible senior citizen; 💡
- Increase pension to 2,000 patacas per month for each eligible citizen.

#### Smart tips for senior citizens

	Old-age Allowance : 6,000 patacas
	Pension : 2,000 patacas x 13 months
	Wealth Partaking Scheme : 7,000 patacas
	Further injection into each central savings account : 6,000 patacas
+	
Total amount received for the year	
= 45,000 patacas	
+	Health care voucher : 500 patacas



#### Low-income families


- Raise the minimum subsistence index to 3,200 patacas; 💡
- Raise the income ceiling for the Short-term Food Assistance Programme to 1.7 times the minimum subsistence index; 💡
- Disburse extra one-month full subsidy to families who are recipients of financial subsidies registered with the Social Welfare Bureau; 💡
- Provide special subsidies and special living allowances to three categories of disadvantaged families;
- Provide rent waiver for public housing tenants for one year;
- Increase the temporary housing subsidies to eligible families on the waiting list for public housing. Each one- to two-member family will receive a monthly subsidy of 1,250 patacas; each family of three or more members will receive a monthly subsidy of 1,900 patacas;
- Increase the financial allowances to 4,400 patacas for low-income, full-time employees;
- Promote the Positive Life Programme and the Community Employment Assistance Scheme.



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## Highlights

### Students

- Provide a study allowance of 2,000 patacas per academic year to each Macao citizen who is a registered student of a tertiary educational programme; 
- Continue provision of textbook allowance of 1,700 patacas per school year to all Macao secondary and primary school students, and 1,500 patacas per school year to pupils in kindergartens.



### Employed citizens

- Continue providing 25 percent reduction in personal income tax, with the basic allowance set at 144,000 patacas.

### Business Owners

- Provide waivers of all business taxes, hawker licence fees, wet market stall rents, inspection and quarantine fees for live food, and stamp duties on life insurance, non life insurance and bank service charges;
- Provide waivers of signboard taxes for businesses; exemption from tourism tax for restaurants;
- Maintain increase in profit tax allowance from 32,000 patacas to 200,000 patacas;
- Provide waiver of stamp duties on entrance passes and tickets for cultural and arts performances, exhibitions and entertainment programmes.

### Homes for all

- Reserve land in the areas available for development in the urban and newly reclaimed areas in Macao, for building public housing estates in future;
- The plan of building a reserve of 6,300 public housing units has commenced;
- Relax the requirements for the income floor and ceiling of applicants of Home-Ownership Scheme Housing, to allow 80 percent of Macao households to meet the conditions for income limits under the scheme;
- Launch the provision of 19,000 public housing units and give priority to families who have long been in the queue for public housing;
- The selection process for the Home-Ownership Scheme housing block in Lot TN27 in Taipa will soon be launched, followed by the scheduled selections of other Home-Ownership Scheme housing projects.



## Sustainable Economic Development

### Adequate diversification of the economy

- Steadily develop the gaming industry, adequately regulate the scale of gaming industry development, strengthen monitoring of the gaming industry and facilitate growth of associated integrated tourism industries;
- Focus on boosting development of Macao's convention and exhibition industry, cultural and creative industries, Chinese medicine industry, and commercial and trade services; continue to support traditional industries;
- Increase the upper loan limit of the SME Assistance Scheme to 600,000 patacas.



### Regional cooperation

- Establish the Assessment Committee for the Macao Projects for Hengqin Development that support Macao enterprises with establishing operations in the Guangdong-Macao Industrial Park, and prepare for construction of the Chinese Medicine Industrial Park;
- Follow up the applications to the central government for incentives and initiatives as new growth engines to strengthen competitiveness;
- Establish the Macao Economic and Cultural Office in Taiwan.

## Raise Integrated Living Standards

### Population policy

- Conduct a consultation on the Framework of Macao Population Policy for analysis and study;
- Step up relevant studies of the middle class, and further solicit middle class opinion.



### Enhance medical services

- Allocate more resources to medical services and implement the Plan for Perfecting the Medical and Healthcare System;
- Strengthen the functions of organisations for training doctors, increase the student intake of the two nursing institutions, and optimise preliminary checks under the triage system to reduce the waiting time for specialist out-patient services.

### Improve education policy

- Increase child-care facilities to provide a wide range of child-care services;
- Safeguard teachers' working conditions in terms of educational system, professional qualifications and funding, to strengthen the increase in teaching staff;
- Relax the family income ceiling for applicants of student loans;
- Establish a comprehensive human resources database;
- Construction of the New Hengqin Campus of the University of Macau will be completed by the end of 2012.



### Develop strategies for the ageing population

- Conduct further studies of population policy, track the ratio of elderly people in the population and initiate an integrated study of elderly people's medical, housing and retirement protection needs, to gradually build a well-organised retirement protection system;
- Disburse monthly pensions and increase the Old-age Allowance;
- Promote the public consultation on the Framework Law on the Rights of the Elderly;
- Improve medical services for the elderly;
- Advocate the fine tradition of respect for the elderly, to let elderly people enjoy life in retirement within an amicable environment.



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### Inject capital to the social security system

- Study the potential for injecting capital to the Social Security Fund; define the rights and responsibilities of each related party to maintain sustainable operation of the fund.

### Urban planning and transport

- Formulate the reclamation plan of Macao's new districts and initiate the public consultation for the next phase;
- Persist in the "Public transport first" policy;
- Issue a further 200 taxi licences through an open bidding process.

### Strengthen environmental protection

- Study formulation of vehicle exhaust emission standards, enhance the strategy for controlling sources of noise pollution, and formulate emission standards for kitchen exhaust;
- Prioritise the use of products meeting higher environmental protection standards, and plan to introduce an electric bus pilot scheme for selected routes;
- Conduct research on the Master Plan for Recycled Water in Macao; and strive to complete construction of recycled water pipelines at the new campus of the University of Macau and in the new residential district in Seac Pai Van, as well as the recycled water plant in the Coloane Sewage Treatment Plant in early 2014.



### Good public order

- Further strengthen the police force's human resources and technology, and enhance police work within the community.

### Food supplies

- Move the live food wholesale market into the Macao section of the Zhuhai-Macao Crossborder Industrial Zone, where the number of stalls will increase to 250, thus introducing more competition;
- Facilitate the legislative process for the draft law on food safety, to support the establishment of the Centre for Food Safety and its staff training programmes.



### Home and care services

- Follow up the application to the central government for the import of mainland China domestic helpers, and formulate the law concerning these helpers.

### Scientific Administration

#### Perfect the operation of public administration

- Launch a study on modifying the government structure, which will help rationalise overlapping functions and allocation of public resources;
- Study the establishment of a Civil Service Pay Council, in order to set up a fair, independent and scientific pay adjustment mechanism for civil servants;

- Step up supervision of integrity in both the public and private sectors, steer the creation of a community anti-graft system; and strengthen work to build a foundation of information technology in auditing, to promote an auditing culture.

### Crisis management

- Establish a chief executive-led coordination mechanism for handling various crises. This will be founded on the current four major crisis response systems: regional and international emergency cooperation, public health, civil defence and tourism.

### Development of political system

- Provide a proposal on whether to modify and – if so – how to modify the method for the formation of the fifth Legislative Assembly in 2013, and the selection of the fourth Chief Executive in 2014; conduct public consultations according to actual needs; perfect the election laws and promote an election culture upholding fairness and justice, to drive development of Macao's political system in a steady and orderly manner.

MACAO SAR BUDGET - REVENUE AND EXPENSES FOR 2012			
OVERVIEW			
REVENUE ITEMS	Proposed budget for 2012	REVENUE ITEMS	Proposed budget for 2012
General integrated budget of public revenue			
RECURRING REVENUE	102,958,837,100.00	CAPITAL REVENUE	6,100,893,200.00
Direct tax	91,009,466,000.00	Disposal of investment assets	124,292,700.00
Indirect tax	2,499,571,700.00	Transfer	1,000.00
Fees, fine and other penalties	1,279,780,200.00	Financial assets	243,753,000.00
Asset revenue	1,886,515,800.00	Other capital revenue	5,714,305,900.00
Transfer	5,148,732,400.00	Reimbursements not deducted from payments	18,540,600.00
Sale of durable items	1,750,200.00		
Sale of services and non-durable items	902,998,500.00		
Other recurring revenue	230,022,300.00		
		<b>General integrated budget of public revenue</b>	<b>109,059,730,300.00</b>
Revenue of special organisations			
Legal income and transfers from the MSAR budget	3,902,593,300.00	Total revenue of special organisations	6,260,570,600.00
Income from sales and provision of services	172,653,600.00		
Income from financial investments	2,125,084,600.00	Adjustment	101,699,300.00
Other income	60,239,100.00	<b>Grand total</b>	<b>115,218,601,600.00</b>
EXPENSES ITEMS	Proposed budget for 2012	EXPENSES ITEMS	Proposed budget for 2012
General integrated budget of public expenditure			
Macao SAR Government	13,850,000.00	Judiciary Police	743,568,500.00
Office of the Chief Executive	252,694,400.00	Environmental Protection Bureau	153,927,300.00
Executive Council	26,482,000.00	Legal Affairs Bureau	210,886,200.00
Office of the Secretary for Administration and Justice	36,755,100.00	Lands, Public Works and Transport Bureau	287,206,000.00
Office of the Secretary for Economy and Finance	39,805,400.00	Macao Sports Development Board	130,560,000.00
Office of the Secretary for Security	25,373,500.00	Cultural Affairs Bureau	246,115,100.00
Office of the Secretary for Social Affairs and Culture	181,667,700.00	Investment projects	19,842,769,700.00
Office of the Secretary for Transport and Public Works	57,719,500.00	Designated accounting items: designated appropriations, shared allocations and transfer budget	64,555,300.00
Macao Economic and Trade Office in Lisbon	16,440,000.00	Student Welfare Fund	326,714,900.00
Macao Economic and Trade Office to the European Union	6,210,000.00	Housing Loan Fund	42,795,300.00
Office of the Macao SAR in Beijing	26,686,100.00	Industrial and Commercial Development Fund	1,285,841,000.00
Macao Economic and Trade Office to the World Trade Organization	11,817,800.00	Tourism Fund	832,500,000.00
Office for Personal Data Protection	28,582,900.00	Social Welfare Bureau	1,830,252,800.00
Infrastructure Development Office	84,628,700.00	Judiciary Police Welfare Association	6,050,200.00
Office for Development of the Energy Sector	31,399,400.00	Public Security Police Force Welfare Association	31,239,000.00
The Supporting Office to the Permanent Secretariat to the Forum for Economic and Trade Cooperation between China and Portuguese-speaking Countries	96,841,500.00	Coffer of Legal Affairs	172,000,000.00
Financial Intelligence Office	20,175,500.00	Government Printing Bureau	65,885,000.00
Human Resources Office	45,123,500.00	Social Security Fund	8,779,201,400.00
Transportation Infrastructure Office	33,466,100.00	Macao Prison Fund	7,441,700.00
The Macao SAR Government Policy Research Office	32,566,200.00	Housing Bureau	278,353,000.00
Macao Economic and Cultural Office	28,809,200.00	Civil Aviation Authority	57,397,100.00
Public Administration and Civil Service Bureau	37,518,500.00	Macao Trade and Investment Promotion Institute	397,655,000.00
Education and Youth Affairs Bureau	3,200,698,800.00	Commission Against Corruption	238,560,000.00
Statistics and Census Service	151,964,500.00	Health Bureau	4,088,710,000.00
Bureau of Telecommunications Regulation	81,807,700.00	University of Macau	1,149,397,900.00
Finance Services Bureau	334,316,000.00	Macao Polytechnic Institute	582,579,200.00
Pension and retirement compensation	28,398,900.00	Sports Development Fund	524,465,000.00
General expenses	13,691,170,100.00	Culture Fund	420,000,000.00
Tertiary Education Services Office	124,841,100.00	Consumer Council	49,488,000.00
Transport Bureau	1,096,388,400.00	Institute for Tourism Studies	219,038,400.00
Law Reform and International Law Bureau	91,692,000.00	Macao Public Administration Welfare Fund	24,120,000.00
Identification Services Bureau	196,680,700.00	Fire Services Welfare Association	6,612,000.00
Economic Services Bureau	159,295,200.00	Commission of Audit	96,990,000.00
Macao Prison	340,295,700.00	Public Prosecutions Office	298,060,000.00
Macao Customs Service	461,153,000.00	Office of the President of the Court of Final Appeal	350,057,000.00
Meteorological and Geophysical Bureau	66,163,800.00	Legislative Assembly	109,800,000.00
Government Tourist Office	205,009,000.00	Civic and Municipal Affairs Bureau	1,816,854,000.00
Government Information Bureau	104,147,200.00	Customs Welfare Association	3,735,500.00
Unitary Police Service	35,663,500.00	Science and Technology Development Fund	206,953,200.00
Gaming Inspection and Coordination Bureau	192,156,500.00	Maritime Administration Welfare Association	2,632,700.00
Maritime Administration	468,465,700.00	Fisheries Development and Support Fund	80,000,000.00
Public Security Forces Affairs Bureau	2,765,277,500.00	Building Maintenance Fund	508,530,000.00
Labour Affairs Bureau	375,883,600.00	Education Development Fund	552,839,200.00
Judicial Council	620,000.00	Giant Panda Foundation	6,960,000.00
Cartography and Cadastre Bureau	65,108,500.00	Environmental Protection and Energy Conservation Fund	200,000,000.00
		<b>General integrated budget of public expenditure</b>	<b>73,041,105,000.00</b>
Expenditure of special organisations			
Macao Post	250,287,000.00	Macao Foundation	1,901,931,100.00
Postal Savings Office	37,857,100.00	<b>Total expenditure of special organisations</b>	<b>4,416,818,600.00</b>
Macao Pension Fund	839,941,400.00		
Monetary Authority of Macao	1,382,442,100.00	Adjustments	101,699,300.00
Automobile and Maritime Security Fund	4,359,900.00	<b>Grand total</b>	<b>77,356,224,300.00</b>
Budget balance & estimated surplus for this year			
Central budget balance	36,018,625,300.00	<b>Budget balance &amp; estimated surplus of the year</b>	<b>37,862,377,300.00</b>
Estimated surplus of special organisations	1,843,752,000.00	<b>Total expenditure, budget balance and estimated surplus of the year</b>	<b>115,218,601,600.00</b>