

Review of the MSAR Government's Work in 2020

Interim achievements in anti-epidemic work

- Persisted in implementing the epidemic control policy of “**strict infection prevention and control at all costs**”, and adopting an epidemic prevention strategy of “**early detection, early reporting, early quarantine and early treatment**”.
- Expedited formulation of an infection prevention and control system, to effectively prevent the spread of the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic in the local community.
- Achieved relatively good results in maintaining a record of **zero deaths, zero community** and **hospital transmissions**, low rates of severe cases and high cure rates.
- From 23 September, all provinces and autonomous regions of mainland China resumed accepting travel permit applications for visiting Macao.



Preventing spread of the epidemic

- Established a **Macao-Zhuhai COVID-19 joint prevention and control working group**, to consolidate epidemic control effort by reporting daily the latest developments, case information, treatment solutions, prevention and control measures, and cross-border connectivity.
- Tracked the movements of confirmed cases in Macao on a timely basis, looked for close contacts or people who should be put in quarantine, and arranged for them to stay in designated locations.
- Reserved 12 hotels to serve as quarantine locations for people returning to and visiting Macao. As of 30 September, a total of **15,067** people had been quarantined in hotels.
- Strived to help Macao residents who were in other places to return to Macao. During March, the Government chartered coaches to bring a total of **2,117** Macao residents arriving at Hong Kong International Airport to Macao. From June to July, **1,767** Macao residents returned to Macao through special ferry services, and **57** Macao residents returned to Macao from Hubei via a chartered flight.



Rapid and effective anti-epidemic measures

- Launched two rounds of financial assistance measures totalling **42.6 billion** patacas and **10 billion** patacas through the fiscal reserves and Macao Foundation, respectively.
- Launched a series of supportive measures, including a temporary SME special assistance programme and interest subsidies, two rounds of consumption subsidies, tax waivers and deductions, water and electricity fee subsidies, a one-off cash allowance, waiver on business licence fees and a three-month rent waiver on government-owned properties, electronic vouchers for tourism incentive schemes, and subsidised local tours.
- Launched two rounds of the **Consumption Subsidy Scheme**, issuing a total of 8,000 patacas to every eligible Macao resident through electronic consumption cards. In the first phase, **624,000** consumption smartcards were issued, with a total value of **1.87 billion** patacas. As of 30 September, a total of **640,000** residents have claimed their consumption cards in the second phase and a total of **2 billion** patacas were spent.
- Through the **Employee, Freelancer and Business Owner Subsidy Scheme**, 307,000 beneficiaries and businesses were issued cash subsidies totalling **6.38 billion** patacas.
- Urged and encouraged large enterprises to assume social responsibilities, to ensure prioritised, continued employment of local workers.
- Introduced **60,000** paid training quotas.
- Launched the “Macao Ready Go! Local Tours” project, to reboot the tourism industry. As of 30 September, **144,080** applications were received.



Building a strong line of medical defence in response to the pandemic



- A major public health prevention and control mechanism was activated timely to ensure public health safety in Macao.
- Launched several rounds of **guaranteed face mask supply scheme** for the Macao public.
- Established the Novel Coronavirus Response and Coordination Centre, and introduced electronic systems for online health declarations, health declaration on arrival, health codes, nucleic acid tests and appointments, to enhance anti-epidemic capabilities.
- With the support of the National Health Commission, five members of the **China International Emergency Medical Team (Macao)** went to Algeria and Sudan, to provide medical emergency assistance and share their experience in coping with the epidemic.



Guaranteed face mask supply scheme

Comprehensive support to micro, small and medium-sized enterprises

- Promoted popularisation of electronic payments for micro, small and medium-sized enterprises. From January to the end of August, the number of mobile payment devices and QR codes installed by local merchants increased by more than **24,400**; and the number of devices that can accept mobile payments in Macao exceeded **64,000**. The popularity of electronic payments has been growing rapidly. As of 30 September, the total volume of electronic transaction has surged by **six-fold** to **4 billion** patacas, compared with the same period of the previous year.
- Launched a programme for promoting **accredited shops with local characteristics**. The first phase of the programme was launched in the neighbourhood of Rua de Cinco de Outubro, while in the second phase the programme was expanded to the Islands District. A hundred outlets were accredited of which 71 were restaurants and 29 were retailers.



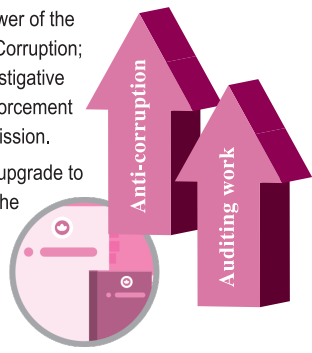
Expediting reform of public administration and the legal system

- The first round of organisational restructuring will be finalised by the end of the year.
- Completed the review on the civil servant recruitment system, ranking system, and training system; and jointly held the **first civil servant leadership skills training programme with the University of Macau**.
- The **Electronic Governance Law** and the **By-law of Rules for the Implementation of the Electronic Governance Law** came in force.
- Enhanced the legislative coordination system; a total of seven bills were submitted to the Legislative Assembly and over 40 by-laws were promulgated in the year.
- Enhanced the system for recruiting, training and appointing judicial officers.



Strengthening anti-corruption and auditing

- Enhanced the organisation, operation and manpower of the Commission Against Corruption; strengthened the investigative capability and law enforcement capacity of the Commission.
- Fully commenced an upgrade to and enhancement of the Auditor Office, to continuously improve auditing quality and efficiency.



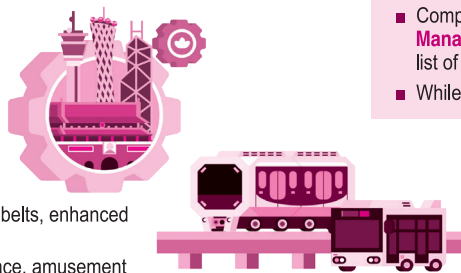
Working towards the policy vision of “five-rung housing ladder”

- The new **Legal System for Public Housing** and its supplementary regulations came into effect in August, to establish the mechanism for applying for public housing on a regular basis. As of 31 August, about 2,200 eligible families were allocated public housing units.
- The new round of applications for the Home-Ownership Scheme Housing has been completed. The amendment to the **Home-Ownership Scheme Housing Law** was passed by the Legislative Assembly, to enhance the application process and the mechanism for resale of Home-Ownership Scheme Housing.
- Commenced a public consultation on the **Housing Plan for the Sandwich Class**.
- Expedited preparations for supplying housing for senior citizens.



Launching multi-level urban development

- Completed the public consultation on the draft of **Macao Urban Development Master Plan (2020-2040)** and the proposed route of the LRT East line.
- Commenced construction of the fourth Macao-Taipa cross-harbour bridge.
- Completed the preliminary design of the LRT Hengqin Line connection with Taipa.
- Signed new bus concession contracts.
- Optimised pedestrian walkway facilities of various districts, constructed new green belts, enhanced accessible facilities, and improved driving and walking environments.
- Utilised idle land plots in various districts to create more quality outdoor activity space, amusement facilities and fitness venues.
- Commenced construction of the green promenade along the south shores of the Macao peninsula, which is proceeding in phases.
- Launched the Quality Public Toilet Project, to revamp and renovate 83 public toilets in Macao.
- As of 30 September, about 410 public infrastructure projects, which were worth 100,000 patacas or more each, had been launched, totalling **14.2 billion** patacas.
- As of 31 August, land grants involving a total land area of **698,600** square metres were annulled in accordance with the law. A total of **44** plots of land were successfully recovered, involving a total area of **319,300** square metres, which were 25,600 metres more than the previous year.



Gradually strengthening youth education, talent cultivation, and social work

- Integrated education departments to optimise allocation of educational resources.
- The youth patriotic education base will be inaugurated by the end of this year.
- Created a **platform for young people to contribute their opinions and suggestions**.
- Established a **task force on industrialisation based on research results**, to strengthen scientific innovation and development.
- Introduced the Carers Allowance Pilot Scheme.
- Set up two new elderly day-care centres.
- The Praia do Manduco Health Centre was inaugurated.
- Completed the drafting of by-laws for the **Plan for Protection and Management of the Historic Centre of Macao** and added 55 items to the list of intangible cultural heritage.
- While ensuring epidemic-prevention work, organised various large-scale sports events.



Advancing regional cooperation

- The MSAR Government and the Guangdong Provincial Government discussed and formulated the **proposal for development of the Guangdong-Macao Intensive Cooperation Zone in Hengqin**, which has been submitted to the Central People's Government for approval.
- The MSAR Government led a delegation to visit Beijing and communicate with various national ministries on the Guangdong-Macao Intensive Cooperation Zone in Hengqin.
- The MSAR Government established a task force on establishing the Guangdong-Macao Intensive Cooperation Zone in Hengqin, to follow up regarding implementation of the plan.
- The new Hengqin Port became operational on 18 August. It employs an innovative clearance mechanism of “**Joint Inspection & One-Time Release**”, to facilitate passenger clearance.
- The Government joined the 2020 Pan-Pearl River Delta Regional Cooperation Chief Executive Joint Conference, to continue strengthening communication and cooperation with the Pan Pearl River Delta provinces and regions.

- Macao and Zhuhai signed the Contract for State-Owned Construction Land Use Right Assignment for the development of **Macao New Neighbourhood** project, which occupies about 190,000 square metres and is now under construction.



Continuously enhancing national security and urban safety

- Expedited legislation supporting national security, and established a national security law enforcement institution.
- Continued promoting national security education.
- Coordinated cybersecurity alert and emergency management.
- Progressively implemented the “Sky Eye” (CCTV system) project.
- Completed the legislative process for the **Civil Protection Law**, enhanced the functions of the **application platform enabling effective overall command during emergencies**, to gradually realise smart management of civil protection.

