

Review of the MSAR Government's Work in 2021

1. Continuous improvement in pandemic preventive measures

- Macao maintained anti-pandemic policies that were consistent with the nation through close cooperation, joint pandemic prevention and control, and continued reviewing and improving its anti-pandemic work;
- Regarding implementation of region-specific and multi-level disease prevention and control: successfully carried out three rounds of community-wide nucleic acid tests, with the regular test capacity increased from 500 persons per day to **34,000** persons per day, and up to a maximum of **340,000** persons for emergency situations; and
- Strived to build herd immunity: by the end of October 2021, **459,152** people had received COVID-19 vaccinations, of whom, **103,700** had received only the first shot, and **355,452** had received the second shot. The overall vaccination rate was **67.2 percent** while the vaccination rate of 12 years old and above stood at **75.7 percent**.



2. Uncertainty in economic recovery

- Continued launching a series of welfare measures;
- Regarding safeguarding prioritised employment for local citizens: by the end of October 2021, about **6,400** people had participated in the subsidised training scheme, about **4,600** of whom participated in the employment-oriented subsidised training scheme, and more than **1,000** participants got employed;
- Regarding investing in public projects in an orderly manner: by the end of September 2021, **304** public projects of various sizes had been launched, creating about **3,000** jobs;
- Regarding support for sustainable operation of SMEs: the Government launched the “**Electronic Consumption Benefits Plan**”, and from 1 June to 31 October 2021, this injected **4.573 billion** patacas into Macao's consumer market;
- Promoted recovery of tourism: the Government launched the “**Stay, Dine and See Macao**” programme, and held “Macao Week” events in various mainland China cities. From January to September 2021, about **5.77** million tourists visited Macao, representing a year-on-year increase of **43.7 percent**; and
- Regarding expediting promotion of adequate economic diversification: achieved new progress by the traditional Chinese medicine industry; finished establishing the first stage of the “Fast Payment System” (FPS); followed up regarding the legislation of “**Trust Law**” and other laws; and the law on “**Tax Benefits Scheme for Companies Operating Scientific and Technological Innovation Businesses**” has come into effect, to encourage and facilitate development of the technological innovation industry.



5. Steady progress in public administration reform and governance

- Regarding ongoing public administration reform: planned to set up the Pharmaceutical Supervision and Administration Bureau, optimised the functions of the Gaming Inspection and Coordination Bureau and other government departments, and reorganised **eight** public funds, including the Science and Technology Development Fund;
- Regarding deepening the development of e-governance: by the end of September 2021, more than **230,000** users had opened their **One-stop Public Services** electronic accounts;
- Regarding enhancements to legislative work: by the end of September 2021, the Government had formulated **16** laws and promulgated **34** by-laws; and
- Implemented all anti-corruption and auditing projects in an orderly manner.



6. Orderly commencement of urban planning projects

- The summary report of the public consultation on Macao's Urban Development Master Plan was announced in April 2021, after which follow up work commenced;
- As at 15 October 2021, land grants involving a total land area of **718,000** square metres were annulled in accordance with the law. A total of **51** plots of land were successfully recovered, involving a total area of **484,000** square metres;
- Commenced several important public infrastructure projects, including the public housing project in New Urban Zone Area A, and the fourth Macao-Taipa cross-harbour route;
- Regarding improving public transport: continued expediting walkway development, while the new bus services contracts came into effect;
- Completed formulating the **Environmental Protection Planning of Macao (2021-2025)**; and
- Regarding expanding open space for the public: the Leisure Area of Kun Iam Statue Waterfront opened to the public in the first half of 2021.



3. Continuous optimisation of people's livelihoods

- Regarding implementing the housing ladder policy: construction of Mong Tak Building of the Mong Ha public housing project was completed, providing **768** public housing units; Tamagnini Barbosa and Venceslau de Morais public housing projects are under construction and will provide **2,100** public housing units upon completion. As at the end of October 2021, more than **4,000** regular applications for public housing were received; as of the end of the third quarter, **804** families were allocated public housing units. The first round of applications for Home-Ownership Scheme (HOS) housing commenced, in accordance with the newly amended **Home-Ownership Scheme Housing Law**. The HOS housing project that became available for application in 2021, in New Urban Zone Area A, will provide a total of **5,254** units, and demonstration flats were opened to the public. During the year, the summary report of the public consultation on the “**Sandwich Class Housing Plan**” was announced, and the follow up work commenced. The Government also made progress on housing for senior citizens, and completed setting up the senior citizen housing demonstration units for public visits;
- Actively promoting the Non-mandatory Central Provident Fund: by the end of September 2021, **264** employers had joined the scheme, with participation by about **24,000** employees, while **73,400** residents had set up voluntary personal Central Provident Fund accounts; and
- Implemented more than **200** convenient electronic medical services and management measures, and commenced the construction of the Islands District Medical Complex and its pre-operational preparation work.



4. Firm implementation of measures to safeguard national security and safety of Macao

- Regarding perfecting the MSAR's legal framework on safeguarding national security: amended the “**Law on Use and Protection of the National Flag, National Emblem and National Anthem**” and its related regulations; and promulgated the “**Legal System on Immigration Control, Authorisation to Stay and Residence Permits in the Macao Special Administrative Region**”;
- Full operation of designated units for safeguarding national security – the designated departments strengthened their work on safeguarding national security and cyber security, as well as preventing and suppressing crimes of terrorism;
- Jointly organised a **large-scale photo exhibition for celebrating the 100th anniversary of the founding of the Communist Party of China**, and organised the “**National Security Education Exhibition**”;
- Comprehensively amended and updated the “**Civil Protection Master Plan**”; and
- Public order remained stable and peaceful.



7. Continuous cultivation of talented people in culture and education

- Enhanced cultural heritage conservation, and completed the third phase of procedures for classification of immovable heritage;
- Basically completed integration of all tertiary scholarship schemes;
- Prioritised the improvement of teaching and learning environments of schools that originally operated on podium floors of buildings;
- Facilitated market-oriented development of tertiary education, and gradually reduced the proportion of allocation of Government funding;
- Regarding ongoing enhancements to patriotic education: stipulated that History is now a compulsory and independent subject for secondary school curricula, and published primary and secondary school supplementary teaching materials on the **Constitution** and the **Basic Law of the MSAR**; and
- Prioritised industrial development and formulated scientific policies to attract talented people.



8. New breakthroughs in regional cooperation

- The **Working Committee for Intergating into National Development** was formed, to strengthen top-down design and coordination;
- On 17 September 2021, the plaque of the administrative body of the Guangdong-Macao Intensive Cooperation Zone in Hengqin was officially unveiled, and an administrative committee and an executive committee were formed;
- Forged ahead with the construction of “**Macao New Neighbourhood**” project;
- Construction of the LRT Hengqin Line project commenced on 18 March 2021. The total quota for Macao motor vehicles entering Hengqin increased to **10,000**, while the requirements for applications were relaxed;
- Coordinated the development of the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area, and implemented work to facilitate Macao's participation in the establishment of the Greater Bay Area;
- Leveraged Macao's unique advantages, and actively participated in and supported the development of the “**Belt and Road**” initiative;
- Pragmatically deepened and optimised cooperation with sister provinces and cities in mainland China; and
- The new **Guangdong-Macao border crossing checkpoint (Qingmao Checkpoint)** commenced operation on 8 September 2021.

