

# Interim Review of Major Work of the Fifth-term Government of the Macao Special Administrative Region (MSAR)

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Major Welfare and Epidemic Relief Measures during 2020-2022 (Portuguese only)



Major Infrastructure Projects

In the past three years, with the strong support of the Central People's Government, the fifth-term Government of the MSAR united all sectors of society to make concerted efforts and tackle challenges head on. While striving to prevent and control COVID-19, the Government also spared no effort in facilitating progress in aspects including the economy, livelihoods and infrastructure, and responded to society's concerns, thereby ensuring Macao's social stability and development.

## Unswervingly facilitating diversification and continuously optimising work on enhancing people's livelihoods

- The amendments to the **Gaming Industry Regulatory Framework** were completed, and a new public tender for gaming concessions will be completed by the end of the year, boosting the development of non-gaming businesses.
- Regarding the implementation of the **Law on Pharmaceutical Activities in the Field of Traditional Chinese Medicine and the Registration of Tradition al Chinese Medicines**, the Government established the Pharmaceutical Administration Bureau. The Islands District Medical Complex will commence operation in phases next year, and cooperate with Peking Union Medical College Hospital to introduce high-end medical and healthcare projects.
- To expedite the development of a modern financial services industry, the Government completed financial infrastructure, such as the Macao Central Securities Depository, and facilitated the amendments to and drafting of laws and regulations, including the **Trust Law** and the **Securities Law**. Research on a bond registration system has commenced.
- The Government restructured the Economic and Technological Development Bureau and set up a unit for technology and innovation; launched the **Industry-Academia-Research Online Matching Platform**; and effectively utilised Concordia Industrial Park to create new space for industrial diversification.
- Regarding enhancement to **"Tourism+"** crossover synergy, the Government has been developing education tourism. **"Macao Week"** activities were held in various places including Beijing to promote Macao as a healthy, safe and quality destination. Various sports events, including Macau Grand Prix, were held.
- Regarding plans for future housing supply, the Government progressively implemented the **"five-rung housing ladder"**.



<b>Public Housing</b>	A mechanism for applying for public housing on a regular basis was established. In the past three years, <b>1,278</b> housing units were built; further <b>1,590</b> are currently under construction and <b>4,088</b> are being planned.
<b>Home-Ownership Scheme</b>	A total of <b>8,271</b> housing units are under construction, and about <b>11,300</b> housing units are being planned.
<b>Sandwich Class Housing Scheme</b>	A total of <b>7,000</b> to <b>10,000</b> units were planned, and the work on the Sandwich Class Housing Scheme legislation and its design has commenced.
<b>Housing for senior citizens</b>	A total of <b>1,815</b> housing units are under construction, and work on constructing their foundations will be completed this year.
<b>Private housing</b>	The planning project on private building sites has commenced, and suitable sites for public tender will be selected.

- Regarding enhancement of the double-tier social security system, the Government implemented a mechanism for regular adjustments of social security benefits. By the third quarter, the number of pension recipients was **134,258**, while the number of participants in the Non-mandatory Central Provident Fund Contribution Plan had exceeded **99,000**.
- The planning and design for the construction of the Elderly Care Home Complex on Lot A8 have commenced. It is anticipated there will be a total of 18 floors, providing no less than **900** beds.
- An integrated services centre for the elderly was set up in 2020, and the first integrated service centre for patients with dementia was set up in 2021. The Government has launched and enhanced the **Carers Allowance Pilot Scheme**. By the third quarter of the year, the number of recipients of disability allowances had reached **10,326**. The Medicare Insurance Scheme in mainland China has been expanded to cover nine mainland cities in the Greater Bay Area.



- The Government has fully implemented the fundamental principle of **"patriots governing Macao"**, and held the seventh-term Legislative Assembly Election in accordance with the law.
- The Government ensured the national security law enforcement bodies became fully operational, and fully supported the National Security Affairs Adviser and the National Security Technical Advisers in their duties in accordance with the law.
- In tandem with facilitating the amendments to the **Law on Safeguarding National Security**, the Government completed the amendments to a series of legal systems, including the new immigration law, the new fire prevention regulations, the interception of communications and the supervision of dangerous goods. The Government has fully deployed the **"Sky Eye"** CCTV system, finished construction of the police cloud data centre and cloud data service platform, and created the system for crowd control in key districts.

## Improving standards of public governance and facilitating cultivation of talented people in culture and education

- During the past three years, the Government has submitted **55** bills to the Legislative Assembly for deliberation, formulated **62** laws in cooperation with the Legislative Assembly, and promulgated **138** by-laws, continuously perfecting the legal system of the MSAR.
- By the end of September, there were over **409,000** users of the Government's **"Macao One Account"**, which provides more than **150** e-services and functions. As at 31 October 2022, the Government has completed restructuring, merging or revoking of **28** public departments and **13** autonomous funds.
- The Commission Against Corruption combats corruption in both the public and private sectors, ensures the function of handling complaints to the Ombudsman, and has implemented the reinvestigation mechanism. The Commission of Audit adhered to the principle of ensuring that government accounts comply with the law and regulations, promoted reform of public administration through inspections of departmental performance, and fostered the development of audit-related information technology infrastructure.
- Regarding the enhancement of the supervision of corporations with public capital, the Government established a sound system of public financial assistance and facilitated the reasonable allocation of public financial resources.
- Plans for tertiary and non-tertiary education development and youth policies for 2021-2030 were announced.
- The reform of the Education Council, education fund and public schools was completed. The Government strengthened education on the **Constitution of the People's Republic of China**, the **Basic Law of Macao**, and national security, and established the **patriotic education base for young people**.
- The bill on **Legal System for Importing Talented People** has been deliberated by the Legislative Assembly, which proposes to prioritise the import of **high-end talents** and talents required by the four nascent industries.
- The Government strengthened the industry-oriented development of academic research of tertiary institutions, focusing on key areas including Chinese medicine, microelectronics and tourism; and enhanced the transformation of industry-academia-research results. At present, **88** patents have been registered by three public institutions since 2020.
- The Government increased the number of recommended students to pursue higher education in mainland China. The percentage of Macao students studying in higher education institutions in mainland China increased to **38.3 percent** in the 2021/2022 academic year.
- Macanese Gastronomy, Patua Theatre and Beliefs and Customs of Tou Tei were inscribed in the fifth batch of **National List of Representative Items of Intangible Cultural Heritage**. The third phase of local procedures for classifying immovable heritage was completed, and a total of 70 items was inscribed on Macao's Inventory of Intangible Cultural Heritage.



## Safeguarding national security to integrate into overall national development

- The compilation of the **Second Five-Year Plan for Economic and Social Development of the MSAR Government (2021-2025)** was completed, fully aligning with the country's **14th Five-Year Plan**. The Government set up a **Working Committee for Integrating into National Development**, to coordinate Macao's participation in the development of the "Belt and Road" initiative and the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area, thereby better integrating with the overall development of the country.
- The plaque of the administrative body of the Guangdong-Macao Intensive Cooperation Zone in Hengqin was unveiled. The Macao elements of the Cooperation Zone have been strengthened, with the goal of serving Macao, and the path of economic diversification has become clearer. Services and institutions covering education, healthcare, livelihoods and employment have become operational.
- The new Hengqin Checkpoint and Qingmao Checkpoint were put into operation, with both adopting the **"joint inspection and one-time release"** convenient border crossing method. There was steady progress with construction of the "first-tier" and "second-tier" of the Cooperation Zone – which is expected to fulfil the operational requirements for closed-end management within this year.
- The **"Double 15 percent"** tax incentive policy for the Cooperation Zone was officially implemented. A number of major industrial projects covering integrated circuits, healthcare and modern financial services were implemented. The Government expedited the implementation of work related to the major supportive policies, such as by introducing the catalogue of encouraged industries, special measures for relaxing market entry requirements, the list of the first batch of authorised items, and opinions on financial support for the construction of the Cooperation Zone.
- There was smooth progress with the **Macao New Neighbourhood** project in Hengqin, which is expected to be completed in the second half of 2023.



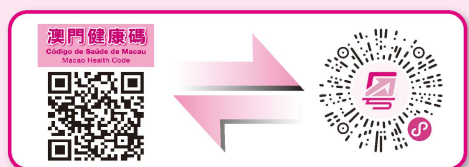
## Expediting infrastructure construction and building a smart and liveable city

- Taking Macao's Urban Development Master Plan as the foundation, the Government made proper use of land and marine resources, to perfect the urban infrastructure.
- The Government forged ahead with construction of the main structure and peripheral road networks of the fourth Macao-Taipa cross-harbour bridge, which is expected to be **completed in 2024**. The related construction of the extension of the LRT Taipa-Barra Line is expected to be **completed in 2023**, while the construction of the LRT Seac Pai Van Line and Hengqin Line has commenced, and the planning of the LRT East Line was completed.
- The rainwater pumping station box culvert in the northern Inner Harbour was inaugurated. The Government has completed construction of infrastructure including the Qingmao Checkpoint Joint Inspection Building, Seac Pai Van Water Treatment Plant, expansion of Ka Ho Reservoir, the reclamation for New Urban Zone Area C, the third Guangdong-Macao high-voltage electric power transmission line corridor, Taipa-Macao cross-harbour gas supply pipeline, and expansion work at the southern part of the Macau International Airport passenger terminal.
- The construction of the transportation network – including a vehicle flyover at Rotunda da Piscina Olimpica, Ka Ho Tunnel, the Pedestrian System Surrounding Guia Hill, the Skywalk at Avenida de Guimaraes and a footbridge at Qingmao Checkpoint – was completed.
- The construction of various leisure facilities – including Leisure Area of Kun Iam Statue Waterfront, Flora Garden, Reservoir Park, Taipa Grande Nature Park and Luis de Camoes Garden – was completed.
- The Government has commenced the public tender and evaluation for 5G licences, and will begin 5G licensing within the year.
- In the past three years, **17 plots** of land have been returned, with a total area of approximately **230,000 square metres**. Some of the returned land plots were used for building government office buildings, warehouses, and housing, involving an area of over **180,000 square metres**.



## Boosting the economy to ensure people's livelihoods and making unrelenting efforts to prevent and control COVID-19

- In view of the impact of COVID-19 on the Macao economy, residents and enterprises since its outbreak in early 2020, the MSAR Government, despite a significant decrease in fiscal revenue, has maintained a regular welfare expenditure for Macao residents of approximately **68.3 billion** patacas during the past three years (as of September this year), and an actual expenditure of approximately **32.3 billion** patacas for economic assistance specifically provided due to the pandemic, amounting to a total of approximately **100.6 billion** patacas. In addition, the actual expenditure on Investments and Development Expenses of the Administration (PIDDA) in the past three years was approximately **35.6 billion** patacas, while the actual expenditure in the deficit budget that guaranteed the daily operations of the Government stood at **34 billion** patacas.
- As of September, the **consumption benefits plan** and other schemes have spurred consumption worth a total of **14,534 billion** patacas, involving **200 million** transactions, thereby effectively popularising mobile payments. Various temporary loans for SMEs were launched, which involved **6.67 billion** patacas.
- The **"Subsidised Training Scheme"** was launched, with **15,984** enrolments by September. The Government organised internship and trainee programmes for young people, offering **5,688** positions; and assisted **12,105** young people with obtaining employment in the past three years. By September, the number of non-resident workers had decreased by **39,657** compared to early 2020.
- The Government has implemented comprehensive measures – including setting up the Novel Coronavirus Response and Coordination Centre, ensuring the supply of protective face masks, introducing the **Macao Health Code** and interconnecting with **Guangdong Health Code**, and increasing the nucleic acid test capacity – in order to work with all sectors to enhance the effectiveness of epidemic prevention and promptly respond to outbreaks.



- Regarding the enhancement of the **Contingency Plan for Large-scale COVID-19 Epidemic**, the Government normalised epidemic prevention and control on three major fronts: borders, medical institutions and the community; boosted the COVID-19 vaccination rate, with coverage of around **92 percent** for all Macao residents; sterilised **9.791 million pieces** of cold-chain food and imported fruit; and carried out random tests on over **176,000 items** during the past three years.