



MACAU SECURITY ANALYSIS REPORT

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Executive Summary

Macau's security landscape from May 21 to May 28, 2026, was primarily shaped by ongoing efforts to strengthen national security governance and manage burgeoning cross-border traffic. The implications of the new national security law, passed in March 2026, continued to be a central theme, with the Macau government emphasizing its integration into the region's Third Five-Year Development Plan. Border security saw significant activity, with Macau experiencing a surge in passenger movements, particularly across the Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macao Bridge, prompting authorities to enhance clearance efficiency. Diplomatically, Macau is being positioned as a platform for economic cooperation within China's broader strategic engagement, notably with Portuguese-speaking countries, against a backdrop of evolving US-China relations. Public health security also remained a focus, with new measures implemented to monitor travelers from Ebola-affected regions.

Key Security Developments

- Reinforcement of National Security Governance

Macau's Chief Executive, Mr. Sam Hou Fai, stated on April 15, 2026, that the Macao Special Administrative Region (MSAR) Government would integrate national security requirements throughout all areas and stages of Macau's Third Five-Year Plan for Social and Economic Development. This follows the unanimous approval of a new national security law by Macau's Legislative Assembly on March 19, 2026, which allows for closed-door trials in national security cases and requires defense lawyers to obtain clearances. The law further strengthens the Committee for Safeguarding National Security (CDSE), established in 2018, providing it with a stronger legal basis and enhanced enforcement capabilities. The Secretary for Administration and Justice, Wong Sio Chak, also emphasized on March 20, 2026, that strengthening national security in Macau is a means of protecting "Chinese culture" against potential cultural intervention or elimination.

- Surge in Cross-Boundary Travel and Enhanced Border Security

Macau's Public Security Police Force announced on May 25, 2026, that total passenger movements through the SAR's land, sea, and bridge checkpoints had already surpassed the 100-million mark for 2026, 14 days earlier than the previous year. The Macao Port of the Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macao Bridge (HZMB) alone processed over 10 million traveler movements in under five months. To manage this surge, Macau

authorities plan to increase inspection-lane capacity at Hengqin Port from 69 to 113 and add 10 inbound self-service gates at the Border Gate checkpoint. Iris-recognition clearance, previously for Macau residents, will be extended to non-resident workers and university students.

- Cybersecurity Focus within National Security Framework

While no specific cyberattacks were reported within the May 21-28, 2026, period, the broader context of Macau's cybersecurity posture remains tied to national security. The Chief Executive, as Chairman of the Cybersecurity Commission, has previously stressed that cybersecurity defense capability is a fundamental guarantee for development and called for all departments to consider cybersecurity from a national security perspective. Macau's critical infrastructure has faced a significant increase in cyberattacks since 2020, though officials state most are foiled due to improved systems and operator competence.

- Macau's Role in China's Diplomatic and Economic Strategy

A report on May 22, 2026, highlighted Macau's strategic opportunity in a "new China-United States rapprochement," positioning it as an economic tool aligned with China's national strategy for diversifying international partnerships and strengthening cooperation with the Global South. Macau is seen as a platform for economic forums, business meetings, commercial arbitration, financial cooperation, and the internationalization of Chinese and Lusophone companies. This aligns with China's 15th Five-Year Plan (2026-30), which emphasizes Macau's role in the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area and as a bridge to Portuguese-speaking countries.

- Public Health Security Measures

On May 26, 2026, Macau health authorities implemented a strict 21-day health monitoring mandate for all incoming travelers from countries identified as high-risk for the ongoing Ebola outbreak. This policy escalation followed a formal warning from the Africa Centres for Disease Control and Prevention, which added Angola to a watchlist that includes several other African nations.

Geopolitical Impact and Regional Dynamics

Macau's recent security developments, particularly the reinforcement of national security legislation and its integration into broader national development plans, underscore Beijing's increasing emphasis on control and stability within its Special Administrative Regions. The new national security law, allowing closed-door trials and strengthening the Committee for Safeguarding National Security, mirrors similar legislative trends seen in Hong Kong and reflects a broader "patriots governing

Macau" principle. This move, while framed by Macau authorities as essential for safeguarding national security and economic development, is likely to be viewed by international observers as a further erosion of Macau's judicial autonomy and distinct legal system, which is largely based on Portuguese law.

The surge in cross-border travel and the efforts to enhance border security, particularly with the Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macao Bridge, highlight Macau's integral role within the Greater Bay Area (GBA) initiative. This increased connectivity, while boosting economic integration, also necessitates robust security measures to manage the flow of people and goods, aligning with China's vision for a highly integrated and controlled regional hub. The focus on "smart immigration clearance" and expanded iris-recognition services reflects a broader trend towards technologically advanced border management, potentially raising privacy concerns while enhancing efficiency.

Diplomatically, Macau is being strategically positioned by Beijing as a unique platform for engagement, particularly with Portuguese-speaking countries, and as a bridge in evolving international relations. The discussion around Macau's role in a "new China-United States rapprochement" suggests that Beijing views Macau as a potential conduit for economic and academic cooperation, even amidst broader strategic competition. This highlights Macau's continued importance as a soft power tool for China, leveraging its historical and cultural ties to expand influence and diversify partnerships, especially with the Global South. The ongoing high-level diplomatic engagements of Chinese leaders, such as the Xi-Putin meeting on May 20-21, 2026, and the earlier visit by US President Donald Trump to Beijing, further contextualize Macau's role within China's assertive global diplomacy.

Military and Defense Analysis

Macau, as a Special Administrative Region of China, does not possess an independent military or defense force; its defense is the responsibility of the central government of China. The People's Liberation Army (PLA) Macao Garrison is stationed in the SAR, primarily for defense and to assist in maintaining public order and disaster relief when requested by the Macau government. No specific military activities, exercises, defense acquisitions, or arms deals directly involving Macau were reported during the period of May 21-28, 2026.

However, the broader emphasis on national security, as evidenced by the new national security law and the Chief Executive's statements on integrating security into Macau's development plans, implicitly strengthens the overall security posture under Beijing's purview. This includes the legal and administrative frameworks that support the Committee for Safeguarding National Security, which works to uphold national security in the SAR. While not military in nature, these developments signify a

tightening of control and a more robust legal basis for security operations, which could involve the PLA Garrison in scenarios deemed to threaten national security. The "Spiral Dragon" joint counter-terrorism drill in July 2024, which involved the PLA Macao Garrison and local police, demonstrates the coordinated approach to security threats, even if no such drills were reported in the current period.

Defense spending trends and capability developments for Macau are not independently reported, as these fall under the central Chinese government's defense budget and strategic planning. Any modernization programs or capability enhancements would be part of the broader PLA modernization efforts, with specific deployments to Macau determined by Beijing based on its assessment of regional security needs and the "One Country, Two Systems" framework.

Outlook and Forecast

Short-term trends (1-3 months): In the immediate future, Macau will likely continue to focus on implementing and solidifying the new national security legal framework. This will involve further administrative adjustments and public communication to ensure compliance and understanding, particularly concerning the implications for legal professionals and potential closed-door trials. We can expect continued efforts to enhance border control and immigration efficiency, especially at key checkpoints like the Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macao Bridge and Hengqin Port, given the sustained high volume of cross-border traffic. The expansion of iris-recognition clearance to more categories of travelers will be a key indicator of this trend. Public health security measures, such as the Ebola monitoring mandate, will remain in place and could be adjusted based on global health developments.

Critical flashpoints and risk areas: A critical flashpoint remains the potential for increased scrutiny and international criticism regarding the erosion of Macau's judicial autonomy under the new national security law. Any high-profile national security cases tried behind closed doors could draw significant international attention and potentially impact Macau's image as a distinct legal jurisdiction. Another risk area is the management of cybersecurity threats, particularly given the reported increase in attacks on critical infrastructure. While officials claim most attacks are foiled, a successful, high-impact cyberattack could disrupt Macau's economy and public services. The ongoing geopolitical tensions between China and major Western powers, despite recent "rapprochement" discussions, could also indirectly affect Macau's economic and diplomatic positioning, especially if it is perceived as a tool in broader strategic competition.

Indicators to monitor: Key indicators to monitor include the frequency and nature of national security-related arrests or trials, particularly if they involve foreign nationals

or politically sensitive issues. The implementation details and public reception of the expanded iris-recognition clearance at border crossings will also be important to observe. In the cybersecurity domain, any reports of significant breaches or new government initiatives to bolster cyber defenses would be critical. Furthermore, any statements or actions from international bodies or foreign governments regarding Macau's autonomy and human rights situation under the new security laws should be closely watched. Macau's economic performance, particularly its tourism and gaming sectors, will also serve as an indirect indicator of international confidence and stability.

Strategic recommendations: For Macau, it is strategically important to balance the imperatives of national security with the need to maintain its international appeal as a unique economic and cultural hub. Transparent communication regarding the implementation of the new security laws, while adhering to national security requirements, could help mitigate international concerns. Continued investment in advanced cybersecurity infrastructure and capabilities is crucial to protect its critical digital assets and maintain economic stability. Leveraging its unique position as a platform for economic cooperation with Portuguese-speaking countries and within the Greater Bay Area should be pursued to diversify its economy and reinforce its strategic value to Beijing, while also seeking to maintain a degree of distinctiveness in its international engagements.

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- [New ICU at Macao Union Medical Center to launch next month](#) (2026-05-28 00:40)

A new intensive care unit (ICU) capable of treating more seriously ill patients will open at the Macao Union Medical Center next month, the center announced yesterday, after explaining that the sole injured victim of a February traffic accident near its emergency station was sent elsewhere because the patient was stable. A mid-February traffic accident has sparked public controversy after the release of dashcam footage showing a car crossing into oncoming traffic while turning right into the Macao Union Medical Center. The vehicle collided with an oncoming motorcycle; the rider, unable to brake in time, was thrown into the air [...] The post New ICU at Macao Union Medical Center to launch next month appeared first on MACAU DAILY TIMES 澳門每日時報.

- [Ella Lei calls for transfer discounts to boost land-based Guangdong-Macau transport links](#) (2026-05-28 00:38)

Lawmaker Ella Lei urged authorities to leverage the “Light Rapid Transit (LRT) Development Strategy Study” to introduce transfer discounts linking LRT, buses, and high-speed rail as part of broader efforts to boost land-based Guangdong-Macau transport links. Citing the national “15th Five-Year Plan” Outline, which calls for deeper Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macau cooperation, breakthroughs in key areas, coordinated port-airport-rail development, and the advancement of the Guangzhou-Zhuhai (Macau) high-speed rail to drive regional integration, the legislator noted that Macau’s railway system still has limited carrying capacity and needs improvement in network coverage, frequency, and transfer efficiency. Major border crossings continue to face severe clearance [...] The post Ella Lei calls for transfer discounts to boost land-based Guangdong-Macau transport links appeared first on MACAU DAILY TIMES 澳門每日時報.

- [Crystal Palace phase two to launch this summer](#) (2026-05-28 00:36)

The second phase of the “Crystal Palace” gaming area at the Hotel Lisboa property is expected to open in July or August, Daisy Ho, chairman and executive director of SJM Holdings Ltd, was quoted as saying on Tuesday by the portal GGR Asia. Ho was speaking to the media on the sidelines of the Dragon Boat Festival blessing ceremony held at Nam Van Lake. Ho added that the launch would coincide with the rollout of more than 400 refurbished hotel rooms at the historic downtown Macau property, although the exact date remains subject to approval by the Gaming Inspection and [...] The post Crystal Palace phase two to launch this summer appeared first on MACAU DAILY TIMES 澳門每日時報.

- [Portuguese Minister of Education to represent gov' t in this year' s celebration](#) (2026-05-28 00:34)

The Portuguese Minister of Education, Science and Innovation, Fernando Alexandre, will represent the Portuguese government at this year' s ceremonies of “June 10 – Day of Portugal, Camões and the Portuguese Communities,” the Consul-General of Portugal in Macau and Hong Kong, Alexandre Leitão, unveiled yesterday in a press conference that announced this year' s activity program. As in previous years, the celebrations extend far beyond June 10 and include a broad range of activities in what organizers previously named “June – Month of Portugal.” Also, as in previous editions, the extensive program includes exhibitions, concerts, talks, and, of course, Portuguese gastronomy. Also [...] The post Portuguese Minister of Education to represent gov' t in this year' s celebration appeared first on MACAU DAILY TIMES 澳門每日時報.

- [FSS proposes lowering inflation threshold for pension adjustments to 2%](#) (2026-05-28 00:32)

Authorities have announced a series of new measures for the elderly, including a proposal by the Social Security Fund (FSS) to make old-age pension adjustments more frequent by lowering the inflation threshold required to trigger reviews. The proposal was revealed during a community forum organized by public broadcaster TDM Radio. The idea stems from Macau' s 10-Year Action Plan for Elderly Services, which projects that by 2036, one in five Macau residents will be elderly. Following the report, the Administrative Committee of the FSS commissioned an academic institution to study the mechanism used to adjust social security benefits. According to the [...] The post FSS proposes lowering inflation threshold for pension adjustments to 2% appeared first on MACAU DAILY TIMES 澳門每日時報.

- [Beijing to promote drones and flying cars via new safety department](#) (2026-05-28 00:30)

China is accelerating its ambitions in the “low-altitude economy” with the creation of a dedicated aviation safety department to oversee drones and flying cars, according to reporting by Nikkei Asia. The new unit, established under the Civil Aviation Administration of China (CAAC), will focus on managing safety, infrastructure and development for aircraft operating below 1,000 meters. Former CAAC chief Li Jiaxiang disclosed the move during a lecture earlier this month, marking one of the rare occasions China has created a dedicated government department for an emerging industry. As reported by Nikkei Asia, the roughly 30-member department will formulate development plans, [...] The post Beijing to promote drones and flying cars via new safety department appeared first on MACAU DAILY TIMES 澳門每日時報.

- [Free workshops, tours for Cultural Heritage Day](#) (2026-05-28 00:28)

In observance of China Cultural and Natural Heritage Day, the Cultural Affairs Bureau (IC) will offer a series of free workshops, guided tours, and exhibitions at several of Macau' s World Heritage sites and cultural facilities this June. The Guia Lighthouse and the “Visiting the Ruins of St. Paul' s in Space and Time – Exhibition of Virtual Reality at the Ruins of St. Paul' s” will

open to the public free of charge, according to an announcement by the bureau. Beginning June 13, a range of cultural and artistic workshops will be held at various heritage sites. These include the “3D Dragon [...] The post Free workshops, tours for Cultural Heritage Day appeared first on MACAU DAILY TIMES 澳門每日時報.

- [CE orders a role swap from two bureau vice presidents](#) (2026-05-28 00:26)

The Chief Executive (CE) has issued an order appointing Mok Chi Hang as the new vice president of the Cultural Affairs Bureau (IC) and Cheang Kai Meng as vice president of the Sports Bureau (ID). The appointment was done on a short-term basis, effective from yesterday until October 31 of this year. The decision swaps the roles of the two officials, as before yesterday’s executive order, Mok had served as vice president of the ID since April of last year, while Cheang had served as vice president of the IC since 2023. The post CE orders a role swap from two bureau vice presidents appeared first on MACAU DAILY TIMES 澳門每日時報.

- [Five TNR arrested over online romance scam](#) (2026-05-28 00:24)

The Judiciary Police (PJ) have arrested five Filipino female non-resident workers suspected of helping to receive and withdraw funds from an online romance scam. The suspects, aged between 38 and 49, include three domestic helpers, a cleaner, and a waitress. Authorities suspect they used their bank accounts to receive a total of MOP51,000 in proceeds of fraud, which were then split into smaller amounts and withdrawn from ATMs. According to PJ, several male residents reported that they had been lured into transferring several sums to someone they met online, under the pretense of shipping a luxury watch, cash, fuel taxes, [...] The post Five TNR arrested over online romance scam appeared first on MACAU DAILY TIMES 澳門每日時報.

- [DSOP, DSSCU directors renewed for a year](#) (2026-05-28 00:22)

The Secretary for Transport and Public Works, Raymond Tam, has renewed the appointments of the director of the Land and Urban Construction Bureau (DSSCU), Lai Weng Leong, and the director of the Public Works Bureau, Lam Wai Hou. Both appointments are valid until June 1. Concurrently, Tam also renewed the appointments of the deputy directors Mak Tat Io, Chan Hoi Ieng at DSSCU, and Luís Manuel Silva Madeira de Carvalho and Sam Weng Chon at DSOP. The post DSOP, DSSCU directors renewed for a year appeared first on MACAU DAILY TIMES 澳門每日時報.

- [China’s cross-border crackdown smacks of Nasdaq envy](#) (2026-05-28 00:02)

In a surprise move, China punished three brokerages for offering mainland investors access to overseas stocks without licenses, escalating efforts to control cross-border capital flows. The question is why now. Beijing’s campaign against online brokers is not new. In late 2022, authorities asked Futu Holdings and Tiger Brokers to stop soliciting mainland clients. But this latest tightening is materially different. “All illegal gains” earned by Futu, Tiger and Longbridge Securities will be confiscated, regulators said Friday. All existing mainland accounts

must also be liquidated within two years. During this period, overseas institutions are barred from accepting new inflows or facilitating [...] The post China's cross-border crackdown smacks of Nasdaq envy appeared first on MACAU DAILY TIMES 澳門每日時報.

- [Thursday, May 28, 2026 – edition no. 4959](#) (2026-05-28 00:01)

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- [Dizziness, abdominal pain drive over 50% of emergency calls, fire bureau says](#) (2026-05-27 00:46)

Cases involving dizziness and abdominal pain made up more than 50% of emergency medical calls, driving a slight rise in first-quarter ambulance dispatches to an average of roughly 130 per day, the Fire Services Bureau (CB) said yesterday. Ambulance calls in Macau reached 11,515 in the first quarter, up 106 calls, or 0.93%, from a year earlier, senior fire services officer Wong Si Tim told a press conference yesterday, adding that most cases involved dizziness, abdominal pain, fever, and various injuries. According to Health Bureau data, approximately 300 cases quarterly in recent years have been classified as non-emergency transports – [...] The post Dizziness, abdominal pain drive over 50% of emergency calls, fire bureau says appeared first on MACAU DAILY TIMES 澳門每日時報.

- [Macau's tight visa rules deter Vietnamese tourists, industry says](#) (2026-05-27 00:44)

Vietnamese passport holders are not eligible for visa-free entry to Macau, nor can they obtain a visa on arrival or apply online. However, with growing demand among Vietnamese travelers to travel abroad, some in Macau's tourism industry are hoping authorities will appropriately relax and simplify the visa application process for Vietnamese visitors. As reported by Chinese-language media Macao Daily News on Tuesday, Andy Wu, president of the Travel Industry Council of Macau (TICM), expressed hope that the authorities will adapt to changing circumstances, respond flexibly to market shifts, and appropriately relax and simplify the visa application process for Vietnamese travelers [...] The post Macau's tight visa rules deter Vietnamese tourists, industry says appeared first on MACAU DAILY TIMES 澳門每日時報.

- [CE orders budget restraints for 2027, ceiling capped at 2026 level](#) (2026-05-27 00:42)

By order of the Chief Executive (CE), Sam Hou Fai, the rules and instructions for submitting 2027 budget proposals were published yesterday in the government's official gazette. Among the

regular guidelines, CE Order No. 69/2026 states that when preparing budget proposals, the various services must note that no increases will be accepted over this year's budget. The CE noted the need for all services and departments to carefully assess the necessity and rationality of all expenses, ensuring that they do not exceed the budgeted expenses approved for the current year. The measures were justified by "the need to adopt measures [...] The post CE orders budget restraints for 2027, ceiling capped at 2026 level appeared first on MACAU DAILY TIMES 澳門每日時報.

- [Gov't says it is taking all preparatory measures to face severe weather](#) (2026-05-27 00:40)

The onset of Macau's rainy season, when more extreme meteorological events such as heavy rainfall and tropical storms are more likely, has prompted lawmaker Lam Lon Wai to question authorities' preparedness for the period and, in particular, whether all flood-prevention works are being carried out. In a written inquiry submitted to the Legislative Assembly, Lam noted a potential lack of communication among government departments, particularly regarding maintenance of the street drainage system, which often causes flooding even in non-extreme weather. In response, the Meteorological and Geophysical Bureau (SMG) rejected claims of poor communication, saying all government departments are working together [...] The post Gov't says it is taking all preparatory measures to face severe weather appeared first on MACAU DAILY TIMES 澳門每日時報.

- [Police crackdown on illegal currency exchange uncovers 32 cases](#) (2026-05-27 00:38)

The Unitary Police Service (SPU) has concluded a 13-day special operation targeting illegal currency exchange and other criminal activities, resulting in 32 cases of illicit money changing, authorities said. The operation, which ran from May 12 to 24, was conducted by the SPU together with the Public Security Police (PSP) and the Judiciary Police (PJ). Enforcement focused on casinos and surrounding areas known for illegal currency exchange, with intensified crackdowns on so-called "money changers." During the 13-day period, authorities carried out 59 patrol and enforcement operations. A total of 528 individuals were stopped and searched, of whom 121 were taken [...] The post Police crackdown on illegal currency exchange uncovers 32 cases appeared first on MACAU DAILY TIMES 澳門每日時報.

- [Gov't launches summer activities with 46,000 places, new AI workshops](#) (2026-05-27 00:36)

The Education and Youth Development Bureau (DSEDJ) and the Sports Bureau announced today that the 2026 Summer Activities will offer approximately 46,000 places for children and young people aged 4 to 25, roughly the same as last year. At a press conference yesterday, officials detailed a lineup of 550 activities across 2,160 classes, combining cultural enrichment, sports, career exploration, and new technology workshops. Online registration opens today at 10 a.m. and runs through June 2 at 10 p.m. Chan Wun San, acting head of the division of DSEDJ, said the bureau has introduced several new categories this year while retaining [...] The post Gov't launches summer activities with 46,000 places, new AI workshops appeared first on MACAU

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- [Police warn of ‘Transport Bureau’ phishing scam](#) (2026-05-27 00:34)

The Judiciary Police (PJ) have issued a public alert urging residents to watch out for phishing text messages falsely claiming to be from the “Transport Bureau” regarding “traffic violation fines.” Authorities said scammers are sending messages stating that “unpaid fines will affect driver’s license renewal,” prompting recipients to click on a link. The link redirects users to a phishing website that mimics the official traffic violation fine inquiry interface, where victims are asked to enter their license plate number and credit card information to pay the fine – allowing scammers to carry out unauthorized transactions using stolen data. The post Police warn of ‘Transport Bureau’ phishing scam appeared first on MACAU DAILY TIMES 澳門每日時報.

- [Macau, Lisbon partner on consumer dispute resolution](#) (2026-05-27 00:32)

The Macau Consumer Council (CC) has signed an online cooperation agreement with Lisbon’s Center for Arbitration of Consumer Disputes (CACCL), establishing a formal online mediation and arbitration mechanism for cross-border consumer disputes. Under the agreement, Macau residents involved in consumer disputes in Lisbon may access cross-border mediation or arbitration through the mechanism. Mainland residents encountering consumer disputes in Lisbon may also use mediation or arbitration services via the Consumer Council, which will assist in receiving and forwarding relevant documentation. The post Macau, Lisbon partner on consumer dispute resolution appeared first on MACAU DAILY TIMES 澳門每日時報.

- [Fuel subsidy scheme launched, operations smooth](#) (2026-05-27 00:30)

The petrol and liquefied petroleum gas (LPG) subsidy scheme took effect yesterday, with the Economic and Technological Development Bureau (DSED) saying overall operations were smooth on the first day. The two-month scheme provides a subsidy of MOP1.50 per litre of petrol and MOP2.55 per kilogram of LPG. The interdepartmental fuel monitoring group urged residents and businesses not to stockpile LPG and called on the public to stagger refuelling and gas orders to avoid congestion at petrol stations and pressure on delivery services. DSED said it has conducted over 100 inspections since early May, with no irregularities detected, and will continue [...] The post Fuel subsidy scheme launched, operations smooth appeared first on MACAU DAILY TIMES 澳門每日時報.

- [CE to attend Legislative Assembly plenary on June 16](#) (2026-05-27 00:28)

The Government Information Bureau said Chief Executive Sam Hou Fai will attend a plenary session of the Legislative Assembly at 3 p.m. on June 16 to review the first half of the government’s work and outline priorities for the second half of the year. He will also respond to lawmakers’ questions on economic, social and livelihood issues, with the aim of strengthening executive–legislative communication and public understanding of government policies. The session will be broadcast live on TDM television and radio, and streamed via

official government websites, mobile apps, YouTube channels and the GCS Facebook page. The post CE to attend Legislative Assembly plenary on June 16 appeared first on MACAU DAILY TIMES 澳門每日時報.

- [Wednesday, May 27, 2026 – edition no. 4958](#) (2026-05-27 00:01)

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- [Subsidies for LPG, gasoline roll out today](#) (2026-05-26 00:44)

Direct government subsidies for liquefied petroleum gas (LPG) and gasoline takes effect today, as authorities move to offset rising fuel costs affecting households and small businesses. Residents are eligible for direct government subsidies of MOP2.55 per kilogram for liquefied petroleum gas (LPG) and MOP1.5 per liter for gasoline. The two-month subsidy measure was announced Friday by the Economic and Technological Development Bureau (DSED), with the LPG and gasoline subsidies taking effect today following the rollout of the diesel subsidy earlier this month. According to the bureau, the subsidy scheme carries a total budget of approximately MOP41 million, broken down into [...] The post Subsidies for LPG, gasoline roll out today appeared first on MACAU DAILY TIMES 澳門每日時報.

- [Air Macau set to relaunch Manila route starting July 2](#) (2026-05-26 00:42)

Air Macau is slated to resume flights between Macau and Manila on July 2, operating five times per week. The Macau flag carrier will fly the route with Airbus A320 aircraft on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, Fridays, and Sundays, based on information from aviation tracking service Aeroroutes. While earlier indications pointed to a July 1 restart, the finalized schedule omits Wednesdays and Saturdays, shifting the effective launch date to July 2. The daytime flight leaves Macau International Airport at 11:20 a.m. and reaches Manila's Ninoy Aquino International Airport at 2:10 p.m. The return trip departs the Philippine capital at 3:10 p.m. [...] The post Air Macau set to relaunch Manila route starting July 2 appeared first on MACAU DAILY TIMES 澳門每日時報.

- [Audit finds systemic lapses in oversight of continuing education enrollment quotas](#) (2026-05-26 00:40)

A follow-up review report released Friday by the Commission of Audit (CA) found that, under the Continuing Education Development Plan, the Education and Youth Development Bureau's

(DSEDJ) failure to perform consistent on-site inspections allowed enrollment quota violations to go undetected, with no corresponding investigations or penalties carried out. The audit commission report revealed that the Continuing Education Development Plan – already flagged for multiple past deficiencies – continued to experience anomalies during its fifth phase, including instances where numerous students enrolled in similar courses across institutions but recorded no attendance. According to the report, more than 65% of students across [...] The post Audit finds systemic lapses in oversight of continuing education enrollment quotas appeared first on MACAU DAILY TIMES 澳門每日時報.

- [PSP records over 5,000 ‘lost property not reported’ cases in three years](#) (2026-05-26 00:38)

The Public Security Police Force (PSP) received 5,237 cases of “lost property not reported” from 2023 to 2025, including 315 involving suspects, official data showed. Macau law classifies failure to report found property as a criminal offence, as authorities continue to record large volumes of lost-and-found cases each year. During the same period, more than 93,000 found-item reports were registered. Common items included identification documents, mobile phones, bank cards and Macau Pass cards. Police also handled a record case involving HKD1 million in cash. Authorities said the figures reflect both the scale of lost property management and the legal risks [...] The post PSP records over 5,000 ‘lost property not reported’ cases in three years appeared first on MACAU DAILY TIMES 澳門每日時報.

- [Private clinics account for over 76% of primary health care consultations in 2025](#) (2026-05-26 00:36)

Private clinics accounted for more than three million consultations last year, representing 76.3% of all consultations at primary health care establishments in 2025. According to a statistics release from the Statistics and Census Service (DSEC), the 767 primary health care establishments in Macau, including public health centers and private clinics, served some 3,940,000 people, with public facilities responsible for only 23.7% (932,000) of those. In total, private clinics handled 3,008,000 consultations of various kinds, accounting for more than two-thirds of the market’ s demand. The same statistics also note that last year, demand in the health industry grew slightly in terms [...] The post Private clinics account for over 76% of primary health care consultations in 2025 appeared first on MACAU DAILY TIMES 澳門每日時報.

- [Fuel prices push Macau inflation higher in April](#) (2026-05-26 00:34)

The Consumer Price Index (CPI), the indicator of price inflation in Macau, recorded a 1.21% year-over-year increase in April and a 0.31% month-over-month increase, according to the Statistics and Census Service (DSEC). According to the official statistics, the Composite CPI also grew by 0.61% over the 12 months ending in April (May 2025 to April 2026), compared with the previous equivalent period. The DSEC noted that fuel price increases played a decisive role in the rise in the CPI, despite several categories of goods and services recording significant increases. Still, as mentioned, the Transport index grew more than the others, [...] The post Fuel

prices push Macau inflation higher in April appeared first on MACAU DAILY TIMES 澳門每日時報.

- [International arrivals grow at slightly slower pace amid April tourism increase](#) (2026-05-26 00:32)

Visitor arrivals increased by 11.3% year over year to 3,441,396 in April 2026, according to information from the Statistics and Census Service (DSEC). According to the DSEC, international visitor arrivals also surged during the same period, but by a smaller margin than the overall figure, rising 10.5%. In the same data release, the DSEC noted that the increase in visitor arrivals was almost entirely due to same-day visitors (2,095,953), which rose by 19.4%, while overnight visitors (1,345,443) edged up by 0.6% year over year. As a result, the average length of stay for visitors decreased by 0.1 day to 1.0 [...] The post International arrivals grow at slightly slower pace amid April tourism increase appeared first on MACAU DAILY TIMES 澳門每日時報.

- [Macau fast-track lanes to open to more countries](#) (2026-05-26 00:30)

The Public Security Police Force (PSP) announced yesterday that it will further expand the use of Macau's self-service lanes to visitors from more countries, while also noting that the total number of border crossings in Macau so far this year has exceeded 100 million. In two separate statements, the police announced plans to further extend Macau's self-service immigration lanes to visitors from additional countries, with details to be announced separately. Currently, travelers from Australia, South Korea, Portugal, Singapore, Brazil, Germany, France, Malaysia and Spain are eligible to use the city's automated checkpoint lanes. The police further announced that the arrival [...] The post Macau fast-track lanes to open to more countries appeared first on MACAU DAILY TIMES 澳門每日時報.

- [Smoke-free zones expanded to 16 schools and nurseries](#) (2026-05-26 00:28)

The Health Bureau (SSM) said yesterday that 16 educational institutions now have no-smoking zones outside their facilities, with eight schools and four nursery centers newly joining the initiative. The bureau added that no violations have been detected so far and that it will collaborate with the Municipal Affairs Bureau (IAM) to prioritize further expansion to locations with easier implementation and higher parental demand. The post Smoke-free zones expanded to 16 schools and nurseries appeared first on MACAU DAILY TIMES 澳門每日時報.

- [Flu cluster affects four children at nursery, SSM issues warning](#) (2026-05-26 00:26)

The Health Bureau (SSM) reported an influenza-like illness cluster at a nursery on May 24, with four young children infected. All four patients – three boys and one girl from the Fukien Women's General Association of Macau Nursery (I) on Rua do Mercado in Iao Hon – developed fever and cough starting May 20. All sought medical care, with mild symptoms and no severe complications, the bureau said. The nursery has enhanced disinfection and isolation protocols. The bureau warned that influenza remains active in Macau and urged unvaccinated residents to get the 2025-26 seasonal flu shot. The post Flu cluster affects four children at nursery, SSM issues warning appeared first on MACAU DAILY TIMES 澳門每日時報.

- [The Chinese economy strategic impasse](#) (2026-05-26 00:02)

China's economy is undergoing one of the most difficult transitions in its modern history. The old growth model – driven by massive real estate investment, infrastructure spending and debt – is reaching its limits. In its place, Beijing is trying to build an economy centered on high technology, advanced manufacturing, artificial intelligence and domestic consumption. The problem is that China is attempting to create the new model before resolving the distortions left behind by the old one. The result is a difficult transition unfolding amid weak confidence, demographic decline, deflationary pressures and growing international resistance. After decades of extraordinary expansion, [...] The post [The Chinese economy strategic impasse](#) appeared first on MACAU DAILY TIMES 澳門每日時報.

- [Tuesday, May 26, 2026 – edition no. 4957](#) (2026-05-26 00:01)

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- [Gov't silent on student mental health numbers, while Hong Kong records steep increase](#) (2026-05-22 00:52)

Local authorities do not wish to share any figures on the number of local students who have a mental illness, the Times learned. In response to an inquiry from the Times on the topic, following the disclosure of data in the neighboring region of Hong Kong, which points to a doubling of the incidence of [...] The post [Gov't silent on student mental health numbers, while Hong Kong records steep increase](#) appeared first on MACAU DAILY TIMES 澳門每日時報.

- [Satellite milestone advances geomagnetic navigation research and applications](#) (2026-05-22 00:50)

The Macau University of Science and Technology (MUST) celebrated a milestone yesterday with the third anniversary of the Macau Science Satellite-1 (MSS-1) launch, unveiling a series of technological breakthroughs that position the Chinese region as a leader in high-precision geomagnetic research and applications. The press conference featured the release of ten major achievements from the [...] The post [Satellite milestone advances geomagnetic navigation research and applications](#) appeared first on MACAU DAILY TIMES 澳門每日時報.

- [Summer's Finest at DIVA](#) (2026-05-22 00:48)

Summer in Macau is hot, humid, and often hurried. But step into DIVA, the signature restaurant perched on the 40th floor of W Macau – Studio City, and the season suddenly feels like a celebration worth savouring. Executive Chinese Chef KwokHung Cheng has rolled out a Summer Seasonal Treats menu that captures everything we love [...] The post Summer’ s Finest at DIVA appeared first on MACAU DAILY TIMES 澳門每日時報.

- [Gov’ t vows more diverse community spending promotion activities](#) (2026-05-22 00:46)

The local government has reiterated that the ongoing 2026 Community Consumption Grand Rewards campaign aims to encourage residents to stay in Macau and spend their weekends locally, while pledging to explore more diverse community spending promotion activities. Along with the launch of the 10-week campaign, legislator Wong Kit Cheng raised concerns that despite the authorities’ [...] The post Gov’ t vows more diverse community spending promotion activities appeared first on MACAU DAILY TIMES 澳門每日時報.

- [HKD6.4 million needed for retirement, majority lack financial confidence, survey finds](#) (2026-05-22 00:44)

Widespread financial anxiety grips Hong Kong and Macau residents, with over 60% worried about their financial future despite expecting to retire at an average age of 62, according to a new survey. The latest findings from FWD Hong Kong’ s “Consumer Outlook Survey” reveal that the general public lacks confidence in their personal financial prospects, with [...] The post HKD6.4 million needed for retirement, majority lack financial confidence, survey finds appeared first on MACAU DAILY TIMES 澳門每日時報.

- [The differences — and similarities — in the Trump and Putin visits to China](#) (2026-05-22 00:42)

On the surface, Chinese leader Xi Jinping’ s back-to-back summits with U.S. President Donald Trump and Russia’ s Vladimir Putin looked pretty similar, with formal handshakes in Beijing’ s Tiananmen Square, enthusiastic greetings from flower-waving children, and marching columns of soldiers branching gleaming bayonets. But the visits also revealed how different China’ s relationship is with the two countries. [...] The post The differences — and similarities — in the Trump and Putin visits to China appeared first on MACAU DAILY TIMES 澳門每日時報.

- [IAM says conditions not ready for expanding vet outpatient, surgical services](#) (2026-05-22 00:40)

The municipal kennels in the Macau peninsula will temporarily close to the public starting next month for renovation and maintenance, with the Municipal Affairs Bureau (IAM) acknowledging that the objective conditions for expanding outpatient and surgical services are not currently in place. However, the bureau noted that a temporary service point will open at Ox [...] The post IAM says conditions not ready for expanding vet outpatient, surgical services appeared first on MACAU DAILY TIMES 澳門每日時報.

- [GEG Honors Nearly 10,000 Long-Serving Team Members](#) (2026-05-22 00:38)

GEG has long aligned with the MSAR Government’s “Building Macau with Talent Training” policy, supporting team members’ growth through diverse initiatives. Recently, GEG held its “Long Service Award Ceremony” and “Galaxy Macau 15th Anniversary Celebration” under the theme “One Team, One Goal, Together We Glow,” honoring team members while marking this milestone. To celebrate the [...] The post GEG Honors Nearly 10,000 Long-Serving Team Members appeared first on MACAU DAILY TIMES 澳門每日時報.

- [Domestic helper arrested over lost phone](#) (2026-05-22 00:36)

A domestic helper is suspected of failing to report and appropriating a mobile phone left at a store checkout in Taipa, police said. The Public Security Police said the victim left a phone worth about MOP3,500 at a shop last Friday. She returned minutes later but could not find it and reported case. Officers reviewed [...] The post Domestic helper arrested over lost phone appeared first on MACAU DAILY TIMES 澳門每日時報.

- [Zhuhai Border expects heavy traffic during Buddha’s Birthday holiday](#) (2026-05-22 00:34)

Authorities expect significant vehicle and passenger flow at the Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macao Bridge Zhuhai port during the Buddha’s Birthday holiday from May 23 to 25, urging travelers to avoid peak hours. Inbound vehicle peaks are forecast for Saturday morning to early afternoon and Sunday morning, while outbound congestion is expected Sunday midday into late night and [...] The post Zhuhai Border expects heavy traffic during Buddha’s Birthday holiday appeared first on MACAU DAILY TIMES 澳門每日時報.

- [You can persuade AI models to accept falsehoods as truth, study shows](#) (2026-05-22 00:02)

When you ask a large language model a question, the reply may include falsehoods, and if you challenge those statements with facts, the AI may still uphold the reply as true. That’s what my research group found when we asked five leading models to describe scenes in movies or novels that don’t actually exist. We probed this [...] The post You can persuade AI models to accept falsehoods as truth, study shows appeared first on MACAU DAILY TIMES 澳門每日時報.

- [Friday, May 22, 2026 – edition no. 4956](#) (2026-05-22 00:01)

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- [MGM Kicks Off “The 12th MGM Junior Lion Dance Summer Class”](#) (2026-05-21 09:14)

MGM announced today to kick off “The 12th MGM Junior Lion Dance Summer Class” in collaboration with its long-standing partner, the Wushu General Association of Macau, continuing its commitment to the systematic inheritance and talent development of Lingnan

Lion Dance. The program provides structured introductory training for children aged 5 to 8, serving as [...] The post MGM Kicks Off “The 12th MGM Junior Lion Dance Summer Class” appeared first on MACAU DAILY TIMES 澳門每日時報.

- [April home transactions rise to 338, average price hits 13-year low](#) (2026-05-21 00:46)

Macau recorded 338 residential property transactions in April, up by 10 from March, but average prices continued to soften to a 13-year low, according to data from the Financial Services Bureau. The average price per square meter of usable area fell to MOP68,000, down 2.3% from MOP69,600 in March, marking the lowest monthly level in [...] The post April home transactions rise to 338, average price hits 13-year low appeared first on MACAU DAILY TIMES 澳門每日時報.

- [Gov’ t pushes age-friendly features in new builds and renovations](#) (2026-05-21 00:44)

The Macau government, having released the guidelines for age-friendly home renovation last month in support of the “family care and aging in place” policy, saw authorities reaffirm on Tuesday hope that the guidelines would encourage enhanced safety and convenience features for the elderly in both new builds and renovation works. The Social Welfare Bureau (IAS) [...] The post Gov’ t pushes age-friendly features in new builds and renovations appeared first on MACAU DAILY TIMES 澳門每日時報.

- [Investment banks expect May GGR to reach MOP22.5 billion](#) (2026-05-21 00:42)

The gaming revenue is expected to reach MOP22.5 billion in May, representing a 6% year-on-year increase, according to investment bank estimates, as daily gross gaming revenue (GGR) trends show a mild slowdown from early-month levels. Citing industry sources, Citigroup said Macau’ s GGR in the first 17 days of May is estimated at MOP12.65 billion. The [...] The post Investment banks expect May GGR to reach MOP22.5 billion appeared first on MACAU DAILY TIMES 澳門每日時報.

- [Macau Open Badminton returns with record prize money and AI innovation](#) (2026-05-21 00:40)

The “Sands China Ltd. Macau Open Badminton 2026” will be held from June 16 to 21 at the Macao East Asian Games Dome, featuring a record MOP3 million prize purse – the highest in this year’ s Super 300 series. The tournament has drawn 390 applicants from 29 countries and regions, with 275 qualifying players. Headliners [...] The post Macau Open Badminton returns with record prize money and AI innovation appeared first on MACAU DAILY TIMES 澳門每日時報.

- [Graduates boo pep talks on AI at college commencements](#) (2026-05-21 00:38)

As artificial intelligence casts a shadow over career prospects, it is becoming an unwelcome subject at this season’ s college commencements. At several campuses, graduates have interrupted speakers with stadium-wide boos when the topic turned to AI. Former Google CEO Eric Schmidt faced repeated jeers over the weekend during his keynote address to about 10,000

University [...] The post Graduates boo pep talks on AI at college commencements appeared first on MACAU DAILY TIMES 澳門每日時報.

- [Lawmakers call on gov' t to correct flaws harming public interest](#) (2026-05-21 00:36)

Lawmakers Nick Lei and Chan Hao Weng have called on the government to address the flaws detected in the latest Audit report regarding the operation of public services and situations that are harmful to public interest. This push was made through separate, unrelated spoken inquiries delivered at the Legislative Assembly during the period before the [...] The post Lawmakers call on gov' t to correct flaws harming public interest appeared first on MACAU DAILY TIMES 澳門每日時報.

- [New law on private medical institutions approved, 'day hospitals' now allowed](#) (2026-05-21 00:34)

The Legislative Assembly (AL) passed the new law on Tuesday evening to amend the regulations governing the operation of private medical institutions in Macau. The law was approved by the lawmakers on its final reading by a unanimous vote and will take effect on December 1 this year. Among several specific provisions, the new law [...] The post New law on private medical institutions approved, 'day hospitals' now allowed appeared first on MACAU DAILY TIMES 澳門每日時報.

- [Woman arrested over fake chip scam targeting money changers](#) (2026-05-21 00:32)

A 52-year-old mainland Chinese woman has been arrested on suspicion of using counterfeit casino chips to defraud two money changers of RMB113,000, according to the Judiciary Police. Authorities said the incident occurred on Tuesday at a Cotai casino, where the suspect allegedly engaged in an illegal currency exchange with two mainland "money changers." The parties [...] The post Woman arrested over fake chip scam targeting money changers appeared first on MACAU DAILY TIMES 澳門每日時報.

- [Int' l Children' s Arts Festival returns with 1,000 activities](#) (2026-05-21 00:30)

The International Children' s Arts Festival will return to Macau this summer from July to August, featuring approximately 1,000 sessions of activities and performances, the Cultural Affairs Bureau (IC) announced. The third edition of the festival is expected to attract around 300,000 participants, with arts groups from mainland China and abroad taking part. IC president Leong [...] The post Int' l Children' s Arts Festival returns with 1,000 activities appeared first on MACAU DAILY TIMES 澳門每日時報.

- [Professional tax refunds begin May 22](#) (2026-05-21 00:28)

Macau will begin refunding 2024 professional tax payments on May 22, with a cap of MOP14,000 per taxpayer. About MOP104 million will be returned to 169,300 people in the first batch. The Financial Services Bureau said refunds will be transferred to registered bank accounts, while public-sector employees without registration will receive payments with June

salaries. [...] The post Professional tax refunds begin May 22 appeared first on MACAU DAILY TIMES 澳門每日時報.

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