



# MACAU SECURITY ANALYSIS REPORT

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# Security Analysis Report: Macau (March 05, 2026 - March 12, 2026)

## Executive Summary

During the period of March 05 to March 12, 2026, Macau's security posture remained stable, characterized by its continued deep integration with mainland China's national security framework and the directives of the 15th Five-Year Plan. Key developments focused on reinforcing national security, enhancing public order, and strengthening border management, particularly in anticipation of and during major public events. The Macau Special Administrative Region (MSAR) government actively aligned its third five-year socioeconomic development plan with national strategies, emphasizing technological innovation and economic diversification. While the terrorism threat level remained low, authorities maintained vigilance through continuous monitoring and intelligence exchanges. Overall, Macau's security landscape is largely shaped by Beijing's overarching policies and its role within the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area (GBA).

## Key Security Developments

- Defense Policy and Strategic Shifts

Xia Baolong, head of the Hong Kong and Macao Work Office, urged Macau to fully align its third five-year socioeconomic development plan with the nation's overall development strategy and Macau's unique situation. This directive, issued around March 4, 2026, emphasizes safeguarding national security and leveraging the "One Country, Two Systems" principle to integrate into national development. Vice-Premier Ding Xuexiang further called on Macau, on March 6, 2026, to capitalize on the opportunities presented by the country's 15th Five-Year Plan (2026-30) and to strive for high-quality economic development, including through technological innovation. These statements underscore a clear strategic direction from Beijing for Macau's future development, with national security as a foundational element.

- Security Incidents and Threats

On March 5, 2026, The Macau Post Daily reported a seizure of 0.179 grams of cocaine by police, indicating ongoing efforts against illicit drug activities. Additionally, around

March 4, 2026, Zhuhai's Gongbei Customs officers seized eight silver ingots and four bottles of Maotai liquor, concealed in shower gel dispensers, at the Macau-Zhuhai Qingmao checkpoint, highlighting continuous vigilance against smuggling. On March 11, 2026, the Commission Against Corruption (CCAC) uncovered suspected illicit acts by two prison guards who allegedly assisted inmates in smuggling contraband, pointing to internal security challenges within correctional facilities.

- Maritime and Border Security

Macau's Public Security Police Force (CPSP) and Macao Customs Service implemented multi-departmental operational plans in anticipation of over six million cross-border trips during the nine-day Chinese New Year holiday (February 15-23, 2026). These plans, detailed in February 2026, focused on public security, checkpoint efficiency, and traffic management, with additional personnel and inspection counters deployed. This demonstrates a proactive and coordinated approach to managing high volumes of travelers and maintaining border integrity. The Macao Customs Service also coordinated with Zhuhai Exit-Entry Border Inspection Station to increase vehicle lanes and share real-time information for traffic optimization.

- Counter-terrorism Efforts

Macau's security authorities continue to prioritize counter-terrorism, strengthening safety evaluation procedures and enhancing strategies and enforcement efforts, despite the threat level remaining low. The Office of the Secretary for Security stated that authorities are closely monitoring worldwide safety threats and have reinforced safety monitoring and enforcement at checkpoints, tourist attractions, and casinos. This proactive stance includes stepped-up intelligence exchanges with neighboring countries and regions.

- Cybersecurity and Digital Economy

China's 15th Five-Year Plan (2026-30), currently under review by the National People's Congress (NPC), designates technological dominance as a core national security goal, with artificial intelligence (AI) mentioned over fifty times. The plan aims to raise core digital economy industries to 12.5% of GDP by 2030. Macau, as part of the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area, is poised to expand modern service interfaces like fintech and digital education, necessitating robust data governance and cybersecurity measures to ensure trust and seamless data mobility.

- Intelligence Activities

Macau's police services have reinforced intelligence exchanges with neighboring countries and regions to enhance public safety and security. This ongoing cooperation is crucial for monitoring external and internal security developments and addressing potential threats.

- Diplomatic Relations and International Engagement

Macau is set to host the APEC Tourism Ministerial Meeting in June 2026, with the full support of the Central Government. This event is seen as a significant opportunity for Macau to showcase the successful implementation of "One Country, Two Systems" and deepen pragmatic cooperation with APEC member economies in economy, trade, and tourism. Macau's unique position as a "knowledge-intensive facilitation platform" is also being leveraged to bridge China and the Lusophone world, especially following the EU-Mercosur Partnership Agreement in early 2026.

## Geopolitical Impact and Regional Dynamics

Macau's security and development during this period are inextricably linked to the broader geopolitical strategies of mainland China. The emphasis on Macau's alignment with the 15th Five-Year Plan (2026-30) and its integration into the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area (GBA) signifies Beijing's continued assertion of control and its vision for the SARs as integral components of national development. This integration aims to leverage Macau's unique strengths, such as its bilingual civil-law interface and upgraded research base, to facilitate service-led cooperation between China and the Lusophone world, particularly in the context of the EU-Mercosur Partnership Agreement signed in early 2026. This positions Macau as a strategic hub for economic and cultural exchange, indirectly enhancing China's soft power and diplomatic reach.

The global geopolitical landscape, marked by continued US-China rivalry, technological competition, and evolving alliances, frames Macau's strategic importance. While Macau itself does not engage in independent defense or foreign policy, its stability and economic prosperity contribute to China's overall regional influence. Beijing's broader diplomatic efforts, as highlighted at the 2026 Two Sessions, emphasize multilateralism and international law in combating terrorism and navigating a fragile global order. Macau's adherence to national security laws and its role in facilitating China's economic and diplomatic objectives reinforce Beijing's narrative of effective governance under the "One Country, Two Systems" framework.

The absence of significant independent diplomatic or military actions by Macau during this period underscores its status as a Special Administrative Region, with its external affairs and defense largely managed by the Central People's Government. However, its economic diversification efforts, particularly into high-value-added sectors like AI and technology, are in line with China's national security goal of technological dominance, reflecting a coordinated approach to national strength.

## Military and Defense Analysis

Macau's defense is primarily the responsibility of the People's Liberation Army (PLA) Garrison stationed in the SAR. While no specific military activities or exercises within Macau were reported during this period, the broader context of China's military modernization and strategic directives is highly relevant. President Xi Jinping's inspection of the PLA Garrison in Macau in December 2024, where he urged enhanced defense capabilities and emphasized upholding Party leadership and military discipline, sets the overarching tone for the garrison's role. This indicates a continuous focus on readiness and political loyalty within the forces responsible for Macau's external defense.

Nationally, China's defense budget saw a 7% growth, and its annual military training for 2026, which commenced in early January, involved advanced weaponry such as unmanned systems, J-20 stealth fighter jets, Type 055 destroyers, and DF-17 hypersonic missiles. These developments, while not directly in Macau, reflect the significant advancements in the PLA's capabilities and its commitment to modernizing its forces. The PLA Garrison in Macau, though smaller in scale, operates within this broader strategic and technological framework, ensuring the SAR's security as part of China's overall defense posture. The absence of local military developments suggests a stable internal security environment, allowing the PLA Garrison to maintain its deterrent and support functions without overt operational engagement during this specific timeframe.

## Outlook and Forecast

Short-term trends (1-3 months): Macau will likely continue to prioritize the implementation of its third five-year socioeconomic development plan, ensuring full alignment with China's 15th Five-Year Plan. This will involve sustained efforts in economic diversification, particularly in technology and high-value-added services, which will necessitate robust cybersecurity infrastructure. Border security and public order management will remain a high priority, especially with ongoing tourism recovery and the anticipation of international events like the APEC Tourism Ministerial Meeting in June 2026. Authorities will maintain heightened vigilance against smuggling and internal security breaches, as evidenced by recent customs seizures and investigations into prison misconduct.

Critical flashpoints and risk areas: A primary risk area remains the potential for cybersecurity threats targeting Macau's expanding digital economy and critical infrastructure, given the national emphasis on technological dominance. While the terrorism threat is low, global instability and regional dynamics could necessitate increased vigilance. Internal security challenges, such as corruption or organized crime, as indicated by the CCAC's recent findings, will require continuous monitoring

and enforcement. Furthermore, any significant shifts in the broader US-China geopolitical rivalry could indirectly impact Macau's economic and diplomatic positioning, particularly concerning trade and international partnerships.

Indicators to monitor: Key indicators to monitor include progress in Macau's economic diversification away from traditional industries, particularly the growth and security of its technology and service sectors. The effectiveness of border control measures and the incidence of smuggling or other cross-border crimes will provide insights into maritime and land security. Developments in national security legislation and its local implementation, including any further tightening of regulations, should be closely watched. Additionally, the frequency and nature of intelligence exchanges and joint security exercises with mainland authorities will reflect the level of integrated security cooperation.

Strategic recommendations: Macau should continue to invest heavily in cybersecurity defenses and data governance frameworks to protect its burgeoning digital economy and critical infrastructure, aligning with national strategic objectives. Strengthening inter-agency cooperation and intelligence sharing with mainland Chinese authorities and regional partners is crucial for effective counter-terrorism and crime prevention. The MSAR government should also focus on enhancing internal oversight and anti-corruption measures within its public services to maintain public trust and operational integrity. Proactive communication regarding security measures and public safety initiatives can help manage public perception and maintain social stability, especially during periods of high visitor traffic or international events.

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## ANNEX: COLLECTED ARTICLES BY SOURCE

### Source: Macau Daily Times

- [Middle East tensions disrupt GBA airlines, spike fuel costs](#) (2026-03-12 00:46)

Cathay Pacific has extended cancellations of daily passenger and cargo flights to Dubai and Riyadh through March 31 amid escalating Middle East tensions, while Hong Kong Airlines raised fuel surcharges up to HKD739 per long-haul sector – a HKD150 increase – effective for tickets issued or reissued from March 12, marking its second adjustment in [...] The post Middle East tensions disrupt GBA airlines, spike fuel costs appeared first on MACAU DAILY TIMES 澳門每日時報.

- [Home accidents on the rise, with 10 documented fatalities reported](#) (2026-03-12 00:44)

While no home accident-related deaths were recorded over the past three years, the Health Bureau (SSM) says home accidents have been on the rise, signaling growing safety concerns despite the low fatality rate. Given that the bureau records nearly 4,000 home accident reports annually – a figure indicating an upward trend – with an average [...] The post Home accidents on the rise, with 10 documented fatalities reported appeared first on MACAU DAILY TIMES 澳門每日時報.

- [Forum Macau aims to strengthen role as China-PLP trade hub](#) (2026-03-12 00:42)

The Permanent Secretariat of the Forum for Economic and Trade Co-operation between China and Portuguese-speaking Countries (PLPs) – Macau (Forum Macau) aims to continue along the path set in 2025 and to further promote Macau’s role as a platform between China and the PLPs. The goal was noted by the secretary-general of Forum Macau, Ji [...] The post Forum Macau aims to strengthen role as China-PLP trade hub appeared first on MACAU DAILY TIMES 澳門每日時報.

- [Watchdog uncovers alleged bribery, abuse of power involving prison guards](#) (2026-03-12 00:40)

The Commission Against Corruption (CCAC) has uncovered suspected corruption involving two prison guards linked to the smuggling of contraband into a local correctional facility. The case involves a serving officer from the Correctional Services Bureau (DSC) and another officer who has since retired. According to the watchdog, the serving prison guard is suspected of committing [...] The post Watchdog uncovers alleged bribery, abuse of power involving prison guards appeared first on MACAU DAILY TIMES 澳門每日時報.

- [Global experts praise China’s plan for shared progress](#) (2026-03-12 00:38)

China's commitment to high-quality development and its emphasis on dialogue and long-term planning underscore its role as a key contributor to world stability and development, experts said, while highlighting the global relevance of the ongoing two sessions, the annual meetings of China's top legislative and political advisory bodies. The central focus of this year's meetings, [...] The post Global experts praise China's plan for shared progress appeared first on MACAU DAILY TIMES 澳門每日時報.

- [Iran war becomes a contest of who can take the most pain](#) (2026-03-12 00:36)

The war with Iran, for all its complexity and global effects, boils down to a single question: Who can take the pain the longest? A surge in oil prices points to what may be Iran's most effective weapon and the United States' biggest vulnerability in continuing the campaign: Damaging the world economy. A sharp rise [...] The post Iran war becomes a contest of who can take the most pain appeared first on MACAU DAILY TIMES 澳門每日時報.

- [2025 on track to nearly break five-year traffic accident record](#) (2026-03-12 00:34)

The latest data from the Public Security Police Force (PSP) indicates that Macau recorded a total of 14,638 traffic accidents last year, marking the second-highest figure in the past five years. Notably, 356 of these accidents occurred on Avenida do Dr. Rodrigo Rodrigues. The police's chart of accident locations also lists Amizade Bridge, Estrada do [...] The post 2025 on track to nearly break five-year traffic accident record appeared first on MACAU DAILY TIMES 澳門每日時報.

- [Municipal task force advances urban beautification](#) (2026-03-12 00:32)

Municipal authorities are stepping up efforts to improve city cleanliness and urban aesthetics, with a dedicated task force coordinating across 16 departments to tackle key problem areas, officials said during yesterday's TDM Forum. Chao Wai Ieng, chairman of the Municipal Affairs Bureau's City Management Committee, recalled that last year, the Chief Executive approved the establishment [...] The post Municipal task force advances urban beautification appeared first on MACAU DAILY TIMES 澳門每日時報.

- [DSF sees gaming revenue and public finances rise](#) (2026-03-12 00:30)

The Financial Services Bureau (DSF) reported that 2025 gaming tax revenue reached MOP94.85 billion, up 7.6% from 2024, with a public finance surplus of MOP19.88 billion, a 26% increase. Recurrent government revenue was MOP114.64 billion, rising 4.6% year-on-year, while total revenue, including capital income, grew to MOP118.29 billion, with gaming taxes accounting for around 80%. [...] The post DSF sees gaming revenue and public finances rise appeared first on MACAU DAILY TIMES 澳門每日時報.

- [Man arrested for suspected arson in residential building](#) (2026-03-12 00:28)

A 35-year-old local man was arrested by police for allegedly setting fire to the stairwell of his residential building. Authorities believe the suspect had been drinking at the time. The fire,

which occurred Monday evening in a historic Tong Lau building, burned miscellaneous items but could have caused serious damage due to limited fire safety [...] The post Man arrested for suspected arson in residential building appeared first on MACAU DAILY TIMES 澳門每日時報.

- [Analysts: GGR off to solid start in March despite cost pressures](#) (2026-03-11 00:48)

Citigroup analysts described Macau's gaming industry as off to a "solid start" in early March, with the bank estimating gross gaming revenue (GGR) reaching "circa MOP5.65 billion" for the first eight days, even as UBS trimmed its 2026 earnings outlook due to rising operating costs. Citigroup highlighted in a research note that this figure implies [...] The post Analysts: GGR off to solid start in March despite cost pressures appeared first on MACAU DAILY TIMES 澳門每日時報.

- [Air quality fluctuations attributed to weather, not long-term decline: SMG](#) (2026-03-11 00:46)

Macau has recently experienced isolated instances of poor air quality, which authorities say were largely influenced by local weather conditions and regional pollution transport, rather than a deterioration in the city's overall air quality. Senior meteorological technician Chan Cheng Hou of the Meteorological and Geophysical Bureau (SMG) explained that these short-term fluctuations were "mainly due [...] The post Air quality fluctuations attributed to weather, not long-term decline: SMG appeared first on MACAU DAILY TIMES 澳門每日時報.

- [COD unveils 'Be A Dreamer' campaign with celebrity ambassadors](#) (2026-03-11 00:44)

Melco Resorts & Entertainment Ltd. launched its "Be A Dreamer" brand campaign Tuesday at City of Dreams Macau, positioning the flagship resort as a hub for luxury, art, and cultural tourism. The launch event celebrated the naming of Chinese actor and singer Jing Boran as Global Brand Ambassador and retired San Francisco Ballet principal dancer [...] The post COD unveils 'Be A Dreamer' campaign with celebrity ambassadors appeared first on MACAU DAILY TIMES 澳門每日時報.

- [Hutchison completes HKD110 million sale of Macau operations](#) (2026-03-11 00:42)

Hutchison Telecommunications Hong Kong announced its 2025 annual results, reporting the completion of the sale of its Macau business for a total consideration of HKD110 million in January, ending more than 20 years of operations in the territory. During the 2025 financial year, the group recorded recurring business revenue of HKD5.45 billion, up 17.3% year-on-year, [...] The post Hutchison completes HKD110 million sale of Macau operations appeared first on MACAU DAILY TIMES 澳門每日時報.

- ['Winter Operation' results in the detention of 13 fugitives](#) (2026-03-11 00:40)

The joint annual "Winter Operation" of the security forces has found and detained 13 fugitives from justice, the Unitary Police Service (SPU) reported. In this year's operation, carried out between January 26 and February 26, almost 46,000 people were investigated,

resulting in 1,046 detentions, 437 referrals to judicial authorities, and the initiation of 365 criminal [...] The post ‘Winter Operation’ results in the detention of 13 fugitives appeared first on MACAU DAILY TIMES 澳門每日時報.

- [Olympians Liu and Gu travel very different paths, and China-US relations hang over their stories](#) (2026-03-11 00:38)

It is as captivating as it is divisive: the tale of two Chinese American athletic geniuses who have so much in common but make such different choices. Eileen Gu, a 22-year-old freestyle skier, and Alysia Liu, a 20-year-old figure skater, were both born to Chinese immigrants in California, and both were brought up in single-parent [...] The post Olympians Liu and Gu travel very different paths, and China-US relations hang over their stories appeared first on MACAU DAILY TIMES 澳門每日時報.

- [Progress underway for 15-minute community service zones for seniors](#) (2026-03-11 00:36)

The government has proposed establishing community service zones for seniors across Macau, designed to be accessible within 15 to 20 minutes, while the Social Welfare Bureau (IAS) announced yesterday updates on its population aging plan, indicating that data collection on seniors living alone and in two-elderly households will soon be completed. In mid-2025, Secretary for [...] The post Progress underway for 15-minute community service zones for seniors appeared first on MACAU DAILY TIMES 澳門每日時報.

- [Green Week features 40 activities through Mar. 15](#) (2026-03-11 00:32)

Macau’s 45th Green Week is underway and will run until March 15, offering more than 40 nature-themed activities for the public. Organized by the Municipal Affairs Bureau (IAM), the annual event promotes ecological conservation and environmental awareness. Activities include eco-tours, bird-watching, tree conservation programs, and guided visits to new facilities at Seac Pai Van Park. [...] The post Green Week features 40 activities through Mar. 15 appeared first on MACAU DAILY TIMES 澳門每日時報.

- [Macau promoted in London as multi-destination hub after China visa-free policy](#) (2026-03-11 00:30)

Macau was promoted as a multi-destination travel hub during a tourism presentation held in London, as officials showcased opportunities created by China’s new visa-free policy for British travelers. Organized by the Macao Government Tourism Office (MGTO), the event introduced the city’s latest attractions and cultural experiences to more than 100 travel trade representatives and media. [...] The post Macau promoted in London as multi-destination hub after China visa-free policy appeared first on MACAU DAILY TIMES 澳門每日時報.

- [ISAF calls on pharmacists to be ‘more engaged in resident wellness’](#) (2026-03-11 00:28)

The Pharmaceutical Administration Bureau (ISAF) recently held seminars where president Choi Peng Cheong called for pharmacists to be proactive in providing pharmaceutical services,

emphasizing the need to be fully informed about the risks of long-term medication use for residents. The official encouraged community pharmacists to take the initiative in monitoring residents with long-term medication use, [...] The post ISAF calls on pharmacists to be ‘more engaged in resident wellness’ appeared first on MACAU DAILY TIMES 澳門每日時報.

- [Iran war is giving markets a Covid-like shock](#) (2026-03-11 00:02)

As the Iran war drives oil prices towards \$120 a barrel, a reckoning is finally coming for a reckless president and equally complacent financial markets. Last week, reactions were muted, with the S&P 500 Index down only 2%. Even in South Korea, the world’s most frothy bourse, bargain hunters returned on Friday after the Kospi [...] The post Iran war is giving markets a Covid-like shock appeared first on MACAU DAILY TIMES 澳門每日時報.

- [Wednesday, March 11, 2026 – edition no. 4908](#) (2026-03-11 00:01)

\* Solid play — Macau casinos off to a ‘solid start’ this month despite cost pressures, analysts say \* Environment | Air quality fluctuations attributed to weather, not long-term decline \* Cotai Strip | COD unveils ‘Be A Dreamer’ campaign with celebrity ambassadors \* Hutchison Telecommunications Hong Kong completes HKD110 million sale of Macau operation [...] The post Wednesday, March 11, 2026 – edition no. 4908 appeared first on MACAU DAILY TIMES 澳門每日時報.

- [Associations call for transparency as fuel prices rise amid Middle East tensions](#) (2026-03-10 00:44)

A mid rising tensions in the Middle East, international crude oil prices have surged, prompting residents and local associations to call on the Macau government for greater transparency regarding fuel price adjustments. Cheng Chung Fai, chairman of the Macau Association of Consumers of Public Utility Companies, explained that the recent increases are driven by crude [...] The post Associations call for transparency as fuel prices rise amid Middle East tensions appeared first on MACAU DAILY TIMES 澳門每日時報.

- [Gov’ t aims to facilitate duty payments for importers of liquor, tobacco products](#) (2026-03-10 00:42)

The government is aiming to amend the current regulation on the consumption duty paid by importers of liquor and tobacco products. On the line is a simplification and digitization of the procedures, which officials said are intended to improve government efficiency and benefit importers regarding duty payment timing. As explained yesterday morning in a presentation [...] The post Gov’ t aims to facilitate duty payments for importers of liquor, tobacco products appeared first on MACAU DAILY TIMES 澳門每日時報.

- [Businesses support outdoor smoking ban, e-cigarette crackdown](#) (2026-03-10 00:40)

Local representatives from the business and tourism sectors voiced broad support Sunday for expanding outdoor smoking bans and prohibiting e-cigarette possession during the first public

consultation on proposed Tobacco Control Act amendments. The session, held one month after the initial public consultation on the law's overhaul, drew about 80 attendees to the Health Bureau Conference [...] The post Businesses support outdoor smoking ban, e-cigarette crackdown appeared first on MACAU DAILY TIMES 澳門每日時報.

- [DSEDJ flags need for careful review on relaxing overseas student admission](#) (2026-03-10 00:38)

The Education and Youth Development Bureau (DSEDJ) said that careful review is needed before relaxing overseas student enrollment rules for non-tertiary school. In a written reply to an enquiry from lawmaker Song Pek Kei, DSEDJ director Kong Chi Meng noted that the potential impact on student numbers, class sizes, and long-term demand for non-tertiary school [...] The post DSEDJ flags need for careful review on relaxing overseas student admission appeared first on MACAU DAILY TIMES 澳門每日時報.

- [Lawmaker calls on Beijing to introduce talent card for 'global' insight](#) (2026-03-10 00:36)

A legislator has proposed to the central government the introduction of a “Macau Talent Card” to attract international talent and nurture domestic expertise, aimed at benefiting the nation by facilitating access for high-level international professionals. The third plenary session of the fourth session of the 14th National Committee of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference [...] The post Lawmaker calls on Beijing to introduce talent card for 'global' insight appeared first on MACAU DAILY TIMES 澳門每日時報.

- [MOP20 billion fund to back only nationally aligned industries](#) (2026-03-10 00:34)

The local government will establish a MOP 20 billion government-led fund by 2026 to drive industrial diversification, focusing exclusively on sectors aligned with national strategies and the development of the Guangdong-Macau In-depth Cooperation Zone in Hengqin, while strengthening integration with the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macau Greater Bay Area. The local authorities announced their annual plan late last [...] The post MOP20 billion fund to back only nationally aligned industries appeared first on MACAU DAILY TIMES 澳門每日時報.

- [Macau opens tech competition to Spain for Portuguese- and Brazilian-focused startups](#) (2026-03-10 00:32)

The government recently announced that its sixth innovation and entrepreneurship competition will accept applications from Spanish startups. The event was previously limited to technology companies based in Portugal and Brazil. The Economic and Technological Development Bureau (DSEDJ) said it used its presence at the Mobile World Congress (MWC) to introduce the competition's new format to [...] The post Macau opens tech competition to Spain for Portuguese- and Brazilian-focused startups appeared first on MACAU DAILY TIMES 澳門每日時報.

- [14,000 beneficiaries urged to complete proof-of-life process](#) (2026-03-10 00:30)

The Social Security Fund (FSS) urged about 14,000 of its 177,000 pension and disability beneficiaries to complete their 2026 annual certificate of life immediately, warning payments will be suspended from April if missed. Beneficiaries can apply via the Macau One Account app using facial recognition or at self-service machines in Macau, Hengqin, Greater Bay Area [...] The post 14,000 beneficiaries urged to complete proof-of-life process appeared first on MACAU DAILY TIMES 澳門每日時報.

- [SAFP website launches ‘Reform Together’ section](#) (2026-03-10 00:28)

The Public Administration and Civil Service Bureau (SAFP) launched the “Reform Together” section on its website to enhance transparency and public engagement in administrative reforms. The platform shares updates with citizens and civil servants, supporting modernization efforts under the government’s “steadfast innovation” principle. Focus areas include streamlining structures, improving civil servant capabilities, and advancing public [...] The post SAFP website launches ‘Reform Together’ section appeared first on MACAU DAILY TIMES 澳門每日時報.

- [Iao Hon sees two new Diagonal pedestrian crossings](#) (2026-03-10 00:26)

The Transport Bureau (DSAT) announced two all-directional pedestrian crossings in Iao Hon due to high pedestrian and vehicle flow. Installed on Avenida da Longevidade near the Macau Slot Betting Center at Rua 4 and Rua 6 do Bairro Iao Hon, the crossings follow Traffic Advisory Committee consultations and coordination with the Education and Youth Development [...] The post Iao Hon sees two new Diagonal pedestrian crossings appeared first on MACAU DAILY TIMES 澳門每日時報.

- [SSM proposes tougher tobacco controls and e-cigarette bans](#) (2026-03-09 00:46)

The Health Bureau (SSM) announced on Friday five key proposals to strengthen the Smoking Prevention and Control Law, including banning possession of e-cigarettes in public places and standardizing tobacco packaging to curb youth appeal, amid ongoing smuggling issues three years after e-cigarette production and sales were banned. At the press conference, Lam Chong, who heads [...] The post SSM proposes tougher tobacco controls and e-cigarette bans appeared first on MACAU DAILY TIMES 澳門每日時報.

- [Plans target attracting investment to introduce specialty shops in six historic districts](#) (2026-03-09 00:44)

The General Union of Neighbourhood Associations of Macau (UGAMM) is currently spearheading the revitalization of the city’s six major old quarters through the establishment of a district development center, with preliminary plans aimed at attracting investment to introduce specialty shops. The group is spearheading the revitalization of the six major older districts in the city. [...] The post Plans target attracting investment to introduce specialty shops in six historic districts appeared first on MACAU DAILY TIMES 澳門每日時報.

- [Portuguese author depicts experience of local transport in Macau and Lisbon](#) (2026-03-09 00:42)

The book “Crónicas da Carris e da Mesquita ao Nam Van” by author Ana Paula Barros depicts a connection between the experience of transport systems in Lisbon’s Carris (local public transportation) and Macau’s Transmac, along with other short chronicles that transform urban daily life into a space of meticulous observation. Barros, who observes what is [...] The post Portuguese author depicts experience of local transport in Macau and Lisbon appeared first on MACAU DAILY TIMES 澳門每日時報.

- [Authorities apprehend boat with illegal imports worth over MOP2 million](#) (2026-03-09 00:40)

The Customs Service (SA) intercepted a cargo ship carrying undeclared goods valued at approximately MOP2.11 million. The operation was carried out after a tip-off from the Hong Kong authorities, who claimed that the vessel, heading to Macau, was suspected of carrying a large quantity of illegal imports. Based on intelligence shared by their Hong Kong [...] The post Authorities apprehend boat with illegal imports worth over MOP2 million appeared first on MACAU DAILY TIMES 澳門每日時報.

- [IC pilots hosting children’s go-kart activity at outdoor venue](#) (2026-03-09 00:38)

The Cultural Affairs Bureau (IC) trialed a children-oriented activity yesterday at the Outdoor Performance Venue in Cotai. The event, which included a track for non-motorized children’s go-karts, was held for only two hours, between 10 a.m. and noon, and was said to attract over 500 participants, including children and parents. The mini go-kart track allowed [...] The post IC pilots hosting children’s go-kart activity at outdoor venue appeared first on MACAU DAILY TIMES 澳門每日時報.

- [Beijing hopes 2026 will be a ‘landmark year’ for relationship with US](#) (2026-03-09 00:36)

China said it hopes this year will be a “landmark year” for its relationship with its biggest competitor, the U.S., striking a largely positive tone ahead of an expected summit between the leaders of the two countries later this month. China’s Foreign Minister Wang Yi, speaking yesterday at a press briefing on the sidelines of [...] The post Beijing hopes 2026 will be a ‘landmark year’ for relationship with US appeared first on MACAU DAILY TIMES 澳門每日時報.

- [Total scam losses of MOP300 million last year nearly match 2023 record](#) (2026-03-09 00:34)

The Judiciary Police (PJ) reported that the number of online fraud cases last year totaled 810, reflecting a downward trend, yet noted that total losses have returned to the peak levels observed in 2023. At the launch of their anti-fraud awareness campaign, police reported that telecommunications network fraud cases last year totaled 1,260 incidents, representing [...] The post Total scam losses of MOP300 million last year nearly match 2023 record appeared first on

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- [Northern district plans weekend market to boost tourism, spending](#) (2026-03-09 00:32)

The northern district has faced criticism for its outdated facilities and lack of distinctive photo spots, which has hindered its ability to attract tourists. In response, the Industry and Commerce Association of Macau Northern District plans to discuss with the government the launch of a weekend market featuring cultural creativity and local souvenirs, aiming to [...] The post Northern district plans weekend market to boost tourism, spending appeared first on MACAU DAILY TIMES 澳門每日時報.

- [Dragon boat race kicks off Jun. 13](#) (2026-03-09 00:31)

The 2026 SJM Macau International Dragon Boat Race, organized by the Sports Bureau, SJM Holdings Limited, and the Macau Dragon Boat Association, will take place June 13, 14, and 19 at Nam Van Lake's Nautical Centre. The competition kicks off June 13 with local small dragon boat races, followed by local standard races June 14. [...] The post Dragon boat race kicks off Jun. 13 appeared first on MACAU DAILY TIMES 澳門每日時報.

- [Vietnamese community marks Women's Day with cultural celebration](#) (2026-03-09 00:30)

The Overseas Vietnamese Association in Macau held a gathering to celebrate International Women's Day, drawing about 160 Vietnamese residents. The event featured the first Vietnamese traditional costume fashion competition, where more than 30 participants showcased culturally distinctive attire to highlight Vietnamese heritage. Some participants said wearing traditional attire made them feel closer to home and [...] The post Vietnamese community marks Women's Day with cultural celebration appeared first on MACAU DAILY TIMES 澳門每日時報.

- [Police investigating after device thrown at anti-Islam protest in New York City](#) (2026-03-09 00:04)

A counterprotester demonstrating against a "Stop the Islamic Takeover of New York City" event Saturday lit and threw a device containing nuts, bolts and screws at the protesting crowd after someone from that group used pepper spray on the counterprotest, police said. Police are investigating the incident that started late Saturday morning when someone from [...] The post Police investigating after device thrown at anti-Islam protest in New York City appeared first on MACAU DAILY TIMES 澳門每日時報.

- [The nursery race that turns parents into anxious spectators](#) (2026-03-09 00:02)

Nursery school interviews in Macau have quietly become a source of stress for many parents. The nursery admission interviews commenced earlier this month and will last until March 25, causing high anxiety among parents as they wait for the list of admitted children to be announced in more than a month. Education bureau authorities said [...] The post The nursery race that turns parents into anxious spectators appeared first on MACAU DAILY TIMES 澳門每日

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- [Monday, March 9, 2026 – edition no. 4906](#) (2026-03-09 00:01)

\* Snuff out — SSM proposes tougher tobacco controls and an e-cigarette ban in ongoing public consultation \* Revitalization | Plans aim to attract investment for specialty shops in historic districts \* The Script Road | Author explores urban life in Macau and Lisbon through transport chronicles \* Macau Customs intercepts a cargo ship carrying [...] The post Monday, March 9, 2026 – edition no. 4906 appeared first on MACAU DAILY TIMES 澳門每日時報.

- [Supplier group warns of extended inventory cycles due to rising tensions in Iran](#) (2026-03-06 00:54)

Despite rising tensions in Iran, stockpiles of European goods should cover local demand for up to three months, according to the Macau Union Suppliers Association. President of the association, Sunny Ip, recently confirmed that short-term supplies within the region remain steady and said that the city's imports from Europe and Africa account for 10% to [...] The post Supplier group warns of extended inventory cycles due to rising tensions in Iran appeared first on MACAU DAILY TIMES 澳門每日時報.

- [Deutsche Bank forecasts Q1 GGR to be 11.7% higher y-o-y](#) (2026-03-06 00:52)

The German multinational investment bank and financial services company Deutsche Bank currently forecasts that local casinos' gross gaming revenue (GGR) for the first quarter (Q1) of this year will be 11.7% higher than last year's. According to a recent update from the bank, it is forecasting that the accumulated GGR at the end of March [...] The post Deutsche Bank forecasts Q1 GGR to be 11.7% higher y-o-y appeared first on MACAU DAILY TIMES 澳門每日時報.

- [Seasonal Renewal](#) (2026-03-06 00:50)

As spring unfolds, we experience a season of renewal, flavor, and elevated indulgence high above Macau's skyline at W Macau. On the 40th floor, the hotel's specialty restaurant DIVA unveils a curated seasonal menu that embraces the freshness of the season. The venue presents time-honored traditions reimagined, delivered with vibrant flavors and refined craftsmanship. DIVA's new Seasonal Treats menu captures the clarity and vibrancy of the season through precise Cantonese techniques. Executive [...] The post Seasonal Renewal appeared first on MACAU DAILY TIMES 澳門每日時報.

- [Woman allegedly defrauds over MOP1.1 million while claiming fee of MOP2,200](#) (2026-03-06 00:48)

An Indonesian woman is under investigation for allegedly defrauding six victims of more than MOP1.1 million by posing as a Taobao customer service representative. The 35-year-old suspect, a domestic helper, was arrested in a residential flat in the northern district on Wednesday following police investigations into reports from three locals who respectively lost MOP500,000, MOP86,000, [...] The post Woman allegedly defrauds over MOP1.1 million while

claiming fee of MOP2,200 appeared first on MACAU DAILY TIMES 澳門每日時報.

- [CCAC unveils fraud case involving subsidy to a civil servant](#) (2026-03-06 00:46)

The Commission Against Corruption (CCAC) has unveiled a case in which a driver from the office of the president of the Court of Final Appeal (TUI) is suspected of committing fraud to unlawfully obtain a family subsidy of MOP120,000. According to a statement from the CCAC, after an investigation, the commission found that the driver [...] The post CCAC unveils fraud case involving subsidy to a civil servant appeared first on MACAU DAILY TIMES 澳門每日時報.

- [Macau shares potential common ground with Thailand for nightlife: Emporium rep](#) (2026-03-06 00:44)

Macau and Thailand may have opportunities to deepen tourism and entertainment cooperation, particularly in nightlife and lifestyle tourism, according to remarks made at a business delegation event involving MGM and Thailand's EM District. The two groups hosted a business delegation of more than 50 members last night, where the managing director of Emporium said Macau [...] The post Macau shares potential common ground with Thailand for nightlife: Emporium rep appeared first on MACAU DAILY TIMES 澳門每日時報.

- [IC promotes heritage protection awareness](#) (2026-03-06 00:42)

The Cultural Affairs Bureau (IC) has conducted community outreach activities to raise public awareness of heritage protection and help residents, merchants, and professionals better understand regulations governing the installation of shop signs and plaques in protected zones. Between February 13 and 26, IC staff visited businesses in central Macau to promote the “Instructions for Installing [...] The post IC promotes heritage protection awareness appeared first on MACAU DAILY TIMES 澳門每日時報.

- [Authorities step up controls as ovitrap index rises](#) (2026-03-06 00:40)

The Health Bureau warned that regional dengue and chikungunya outbreaks remain persistent, raising the risk of imported cases triggering community transmission as visitor arrivals increase. Authorities expect mosquito activity to peak in April and have strengthened anti-mosquito measures. Last month's ovitrap index reached 2.2%, up from 0.2% a year earlier, indicating early mosquito activity. The [...] The post Authorities step up controls as ovitrap index rises appeared first on MACAU DAILY TIMES 澳門每日時報.

- [Sam Hou Fai vows alignment with national plans](#) (2026-03-06 00:38)

The Premier of the People's Republic of China, Li Qiang, outlined support for Hong Kong and Macau's prosperity under ‘One country, two systems’ during the National People's Congress in Beijing. Chief Executive Sam Hou Fai, attending Thursday's session, vowed to sync the city's growth with China's 15th Five-Year Plan, seizing national opportunities to advance economic [...] The post Sam Hou Fai vows alignment with national plans appeared first on MACAU DAILY TIMES 澳門每日時報.

- [Gov' t maintains three mobile telecom operators despite recent acquisition](#) (2026-03-06 00:36)

While local telecommunications provider CTM confirmed its acquisition of Hutchison Telephone (Macau) Company Limited, the Macao Post and Telecommunications Bureau (CTT) stated that three mobile telecommunications operators remain in the market. The Legal Affairs Bureau' s (DSAJ) company registration released Wednesday indicated that the shareholders of Hutchison Telecom have changed to CTM. This transition suggests that [...] The post Gov' t maintains three mobile telecom operators despite recent acquisition appeared first on MACAU DAILY TIMES 澳門每日時報.

- [Practical blueprint for growth and stability amid headwinds](#) (2026-03-06 00:02)

In a world grappling with sluggish growth, geopolitical tension and policy whiplash, China' s 2026 Government Work Report offers predictability and certainty. Delivered by Premier Li Qiang to the fourth session of the 14th National People' s Congress, the country' s top legislature, at its annual gathering in Beijing on Thursday, the report sets a pragmatic GDP growth [...] The post Practical blueprint for growth and stability amid headwinds appeared first on MACAU DAILY TIMES 澳門每日時報.

- [Friday, March 6, 2026 – edition no. 4905](#) (2026-03-06 00:01)

\* Freight Stress — A local supplier association warns rising tensions in Iran could extend inventory cycles, with dairy imports from Europe likely to increase \* Gaming | Deutsche Bank forecasts Q1 GGR to rise by 11.7% \* Taste of Edesia \* Woman investigated for defrauding victims of more than MOP1.1 million by posing as [...] The post Friday, March 6, 2026 – edition no. 4905 appeared first on MACAU DAILY TIMES 澳門每日時報.

- [JLL: Macau rents set to stabilize in 2026](#) (2026-03-05 00:46)

Macau' s commercial and housing rents are poised to stabilize in 2026, even as commercial property prices continue to decline, according to JLL' s “Macau Property Market Review and 2026 Market Forecast.” Mark Wong, senior director of Value and Risk Advisory at JLL Macau, highlighted the uneven recovery in comments on the report. The report, issued Wednesday, [...] The post JLL: Macau rents set to stabilize in 2026 appeared first on MACAU DAILY TIMES 澳門每日時報.

- [Vaping trend continues despite import ban](#) (2026-03-05 00:44)

The trend in the use of electronic cigarettes (e-cigarettes or vapes) continues to be widely observed in Macau. Over the last few weeks, amid an increase in visitors, particularly during the Spring Festival Golden Week, a large number of users of these devices were seen across the city. Tourists and locals, some unaware of the [...] The post Vaping trend continues despite import ban appeared first on MACAU DAILY TIMES 澳門每日時報.

- [CNY rush spurs call for seasonal buses next holiday](#) (2026-03-05 00:42)

Opinion leaders from the tourism and community sectors declared the 2026 Lunar New Year Golden Week a success on public broadcaster TDM's Macau Forum Wednesday, citing record visitor numbers and effective crowd management, while calling for enhanced customs efficiency at Hengqin Port ahead of the May Day and National Day holidays. Andy Wu, president of [...] The post CNY rush spurs call for seasonal buses next holiday appeared first on MACAU DAILY TIMES 澳門每日時報.

- [46 sham marriage suspects had ID cards revoked since handover](#) (2026-03-05 00:40)

Local authorities confirmed that 46 individuals exposed for fraudulent marriages have had their Macau identity cards revoked over the past decade, amid continued public concern about the legal consequences faced by offenders in addition to prison sentences. According to public broadcaster TDM, data from the Public Security Police Force (PSP) showed that from last year [...] The post 46 sham marriage suspects had ID cards revoked since handover appeared first on MACAU DAILY TIMES 澳門每日時報.

- [YOHO invests MOP30 million in food court project at former New Century Hotel](#) (2026-03-05 00:38)

YOHO Group, one of the city's hospitality operators, is investing MOP30 million to establish a food court as part of the ongoing revamp of the former New Century Hotel in Taipa, which has been closed since 2017. According to the company's official website, the latest update indicates that the property is scheduled to begin trial [...] The post YOHO invests MOP30 million in food court project at former New Century Hotel appeared first on MACAU DAILY TIMES 澳門每日時報.

- [Some West African farmers turn to TikTok as part of agriculture's changing image](#) (2026-03-05 00:36)

When Senegalese farmer Pape Fall first downloaded TikTok, it was to watch football and funny videos. In the last two years, however, he's experimented with it to promote his produce and now sells most of it via the platform. A looped video on his TikTok profile shows a pile of cucumbers with slow-paced Senegalese rap [...] The post Some West African farmers turn to TikTok as part of agriculture's changing image appeared first on MACAU DAILY TIMES 澳門每日時報.

- [Gov't retrieves land plot to use as temporary parking lot](#) (2026-03-05 00:34)

The government has carried out a joint interdepartmental action to retrieve a land plot located on Rua de Entre-Campos in Patane district. According to the authorities, the plot, totaling 1,685 square meters, will be revamped and used as a temporary parking lot while planning for its future development proceeds. According to a statement from the [...] The post Gov't retrieves land plot to use as temporary parking lot appeared first on MACAU DAILY TIMES 澳門每日時報.

- [Gongbei Customs busts shower gel alcohol smuggling attempt](#) (2026-03-05 00:32)

Gongbei Customs officers intercepted a mainland man last week attempting to smuggle four bottles of Moutai liquor into mainland China at Gongbei Port. The suspect carried shower gel bottles that showed no signs of prior use, but each had a noticeable gap at the bottom. During inspection, officers discovered a full bottle of Moutai hidden [...] The post Gongbei Customs busts shower gel alcohol smuggling attempt appeared first on MACAU DAILY TIMES 澳門每日時報.

- [Drone fireworks display postponed to Saturday](#) (2026-03-05 00:30)

The drone fireworks display originally scheduled for Tuesday was postponed to Saturday at 9 p.m. due to inclement weather. The event was part of the Chinese New Year celebrations organized by the Macau Government Tourism Office (MGTO). The “Unforgettable Melodies at The Ruins of St. Paul’s” concert, originally scheduled for 6 p.m. and 7 p.m., [...] The post Drone fireworks display postponed to Saturday appeared first on MACAU DAILY TIMES 澳門每日時報.

- [Man arrested over suspected RMB100,000 fraud](#) (2026-03-05 00:28)

The Judiciary Police (PJ) arrested a 31-year-old mainland man on suspicion of fraud involving RMB100,000, which was allegedly used to repay debts. According to the case, the victim, also a mainland man, lost money at a casino and borrowed RMB100,000 from relatives. Unable to withdraw the funds due to daily bank transfer limits, he asked [...] The post Man arrested over suspected RMB100,000 fraud appeared first on MACAU DAILY TIMES 澳門每日時報.

- [Thursday, March 5, 2026 – edition no. 4904](#) (2026-03-05 00:01)

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