

Highlights of Policy Address for the Fiscal Year 2016 of the Macao Special Administrative Region (MSAR)

Focusing on livelihoods, boosting economy, and ensuring stable development

2015 marks the first year of the present term of the Government. Facing an array of challenges, we have strived to uphold the principles of “One country, two systems”, “Macao people governing Macao” and a high degree of autonomy. We strictly observed the stipulations of the Basic Law of Macao, and responded to emerging and existing intertwined conflicts and complicated internal and external changes with a strong sense of responsibility, effective measures and remarkable composure.

Looking to the year ahead, we will firmly seize the opportunities arising from Macao's stable economy and society to maintain economic development and improve quality of life with innovative thinking, aiming to maximise the benefits for the public and society as a whole. With absolute determination and a pragmatic attitude, we will improve policies and measures with unceasing efforts, to strengthen the foundation for development of the Macao SAR. We aim to work together with the public to realise our plan of building a thriving Macao.



All Macao residents

Individual accounts of the Central Provident Fund

Start-up fund of 10,000 patacas (for eligible residents)

Additional fund injection of 7,000 patacas (for eligible residents)

Wealth Partaking Scheme

9,000 patacas (permanent residents)

5,400 patacas (non-permanent residents)

Healthcare voucher

600 patacas per person (permanent residents)

Electricity bill subsidy for residential units

200 patacas per month (each residential unit)

Continuing Education Programme

Maximum 6,000 patacas per person

Real estate tax

First 3,500 patacas tax waiver (Macao residents)

Waiver of real estate stamp duty (only for residential properties)

First three million patacas of a home's value (Macao permanent residents purchasing residential properties for the first time)



The elderly

Old age allowance

↑ Increased to 8,000 patacas per year

Pension

3,350 patacas per month

Benefits for the Elderly

Old age allowance 8,000 patacas

Pension 3,350 patacas x 13 months

Wealth Partaking Scheme
9,000 patacas

Additional fund injection to central savings account 7,000 patacas

Total amount for one year 67,550 patacas
(Or approximately 5,629 patacas per month)

Healthcare voucher 600 patacas



Students

Non-tertiary education: Textbook allowance

3,000 patacas per school year (each secondary school student)

2,600 patacas per school year (each primary school student)

2,000 patacas per school year (each kindergarten or pre-school pupil)

Students from families with financial difficulties

↑ Meal allowance: Increased to 3,400 patacas per school year

Stationery allowance:

↑ Increased to 2,900 patacas per school year (each kindergarten pupil or primary school student)

↑ Increased to 2,200 patacas per school year (each secondary school student)

Tertiary education: Study allowance

3,000 patacas (Macao residents)



People with disabilities

Disability gratuity

↑ Increased to 8,000 patacas per year (ordinary)

↑ Increased to 16,000 patacas per year (special)

Temporary disability allowance scheme

Ongoing and consider transitioning it to a long-term measure

Enterprises employing people with disabilities

Additional reduction of taxable income of 72,000 patacas subject to annual profit tax for each employee with a disability

Income subsidy for disabled workers

Under consideration



Employed citizens/ Middle-income group

Personal income tax

Continue with the 30 percent reduction in personal income tax, with the basic allowance set at 144,000 patacas

Extra tax rebate

An additional 60 percent rebate of the personal income tax paid by each tax-paying Macao resident, subject to a ceiling of 12,000 patacas (rebates to be received in 2017)



Disadvantaged families

Minimum subsistence index

↑ Increased to 4,050 patacas per one-person household

Financial assistance

Disburse an extra one-month's full amount of financial assistance to eligible families

Special subsidy and special living allowance for three categories of disadvantaged families

Ongoing

Short-term Food Assistance Programme

↑ Increase the daily budget to 40 patacas and turn it into a long-term measure

Public housing tenants

Implement priority-based rent waiver and reduction

Temporary housing subsidies for eligible families on the waiting list for public housing

Ongoing

Subsidy for low-income, full-time employees

Up to 5,000 patacas / month

Positive Life Programme and the Community Employment Assistance Scheme

Ongoing



Business owners and related persons

Profit tax allowance increased to 600,000 patacas;

Continue to provide waivers of all business taxes, hawker licence fees, wet market stall rents, inspection and quarantine fees for live food, and stamp duty on life insurance, non life insurance and bank service charges;

Provide waivers of signboard taxes for businesses; exemption from tourism tax for restaurants;

Provide waivers of stamp duty on entrance passes and tickets for cultural and arts performances, exhibitions and entertainment programmes.



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		Focus on livelihoods	
Housing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Allocated Home-Ownership Scheme housing units in accordance with the “ballot drawn before assessment” mechanism; Complete the feasibility study on new public housing categories; Steady progress with planning for five pieces of reserved land, on which more than 4,000 public housing units can be built; Conduct reasonable planning for various public facilities; and the new Urban Zone Area A is expected to provide approximately 28,000 public housing units; and Expedite the approval of private residential building plans. 	Protect local workers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Amend laws relating to paid paternity leave for men and overlapping leave; and Promote upward and horizontal mobility of local employees.
Land reserve	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Commence formulation of the overall urban plan; Establish the Urban Renewal Committee, to facilitate redevelopment of old districts; and Idle land expropriated in future will be prioritised for the construction of public housing units. 	Medical and health services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Commence construction of Islands District Medical Complex; three newly constructed or expanded health centres and health stations will be completed or commence operation this year; Introduce elderly health care services at health centres; Facilitate inclusion of traditional medicine in primary healthcare services system; Commence the territory-wide health survey pilot scheme; Encourage children and teenagers to take part in physical training; and Facilitate the amendment to the Prevention and Control of Smoking Law.
Transport	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Commence the pilot scheme for time-limited public transport lanes from Barra to Doca Lam Mau; Issue 250 ordinary taxi licences and initiate open tender for 100 special taxi licences; Complete the civil works for the 11 LRT Taipa Line stations and commence a feasibility study on the LRT Seac Pai Van line; Prepare to extend the LRT service to Barra Station; Complete the amendment to the design of LRT southern section and commence technical research on the waterfront line of the northern section; The new vehicle examination centre will commence operations; Continue the development of the walkway network; and complete construction of the Taipa Ferry Terminal, and gradually commence a trial run; and Propose constructing a cross-harbour bridge for the fourth Macao-Taipa passage. 	Environmental protection	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Commence legislative procedures for environmental impact evaluation mechanism; Implement Macao Solid Waste Management Programme; Implement the proposal for disposal of inert construction and demolition materials in mainland China waters; Facilitate the project for cross-boundary disposal of scrap vehicles from Macao; Promote the use of environmental friendly vehicles; and Facilitate three-dimensional urban greening.
Social services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 18 social service facilities will commence operations by the end of next year; Increase quotas for child-care services to more than 10,000; Implement the 10-year Development Plan for Rehabilitation Services; and Implement the 10-year Action Plan for Elderly Services. 	Security and safety	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Commence research on formulating a development plan for the Age of Big Data in Macao; Strengthen the police force through applying high technology to prevent and combat crimes; Introduce four new food safety standards; and Establish territory-wide 4G network coverage.
Education/Youth /Talent	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Complete interim review for the 10-year Plan for Non-tertiary Education; Reduce the number of schools operating on podiums; Launch the Thousand Talents Programme; Commence the Youth Science and Technology Talents Cultivation Programme; and Follow up on the cooperation framework for vocational training and promotion of skills accreditation between the Government and the private sector. 	Coordinate planning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Establish the Committee for the Establishment of a World Tourism and Leisure Centre; and Formulate the MSAR Five-year Plan (2016-2020).
		Economic diversification	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Devise a system of statistical benchmarks for convention and exhibition, cultural and creative, and Chinese medicine industries; Conduct the Study on Blueprints for Development of Convention and Exhibition Industries in Macao; Consider formulating the Cultural Industry Incentive Scheme; Facilitate cooperation between Guangdong–Macao Traditional Chinese Medicine Technology Industrial Park and state key laboratories; Launch joint development projects with two renowned enterprises from mainland China; The industrial park will launch a pilot scheme in one or two Portuguese-speaking countries to promote close cooperation in international registration and trade in services; and Encourage gaming operators to purchase more Macao products and services.
			Economic development

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Gaming industry

- Conduct interim review and study on the future development of the industry;
- Issued internal guidelines to all gaming promoters; and
- Encourage gaming operators to develop large-scale integrated tourism projects.

Tourism

- Continue to assess the city's ability to receive tourists and tourism carrying capacity;
- Optimise statistical work for tourism satellite account;
- Train multilingual tour guides; and
- Consider revitalising the Mong Ha villa cluster.

Small and medium-sized enterprises

- Fully implement the "SME Outreach Scheme";
- Establish the Study Group for Community Economic Development ;
- Offer secondary aid for enterprises that have repaid loans granted under the SME Aid Scheme;
- Local products and services are prioritised in government tender evaluations;
- Introduce the Youth Innovative Business Scheme with the Internet as the main theme; and
- Broaden the support of the Young Entrepreneurs Aid Scheme to the three major free trade zones in Guangdong Province.

Regional cooperation

- Deploy dedicated staff and task forces to the offices of the MSAR in Beijing and Lisbon, to expedite the establishment of a cooperation platform; and
- Allocate a portion of the financial reserve for investment in the development of major projects of Guangdong, Fujian and China Development Bank.

Administrative reform

Public administration

- Restructure 15 departments in two years;
- Plan and prepare for the establishment of a municipal organisation that is not an organ of political power;
- Follow-up on the issues related to the number and the tenures of consultant positions to be held by members representing the community;
- Analyse and optimise cross-departmental procedures for Administrative Permits/Licences; and
- Enable online appointment for all registration and notary services.

Civil servants

- Reform the centralised recruitment system;
- Complete the amendment to the Recruitment, Selection and Promotion Training System for Civil Servants;
- Commence reform of system for assessing performances of public servants, and officially incorporate a third-party assessment into the system for assessing performances of department heads; and
- Complete the comprehensive review of the Civil Servant Ranking System, hence providing an institutional basis for rank-based salary adjustment.

MACAO SAR BUDGET - REVENUE AND EXPENSES FOR 2016 OVERVIEW

REVENUE ITEMS		Proposed budget for 2016	REVENUE ITEMS		Proposed budget for 2016
General integrated budget of public expenditure					
RECURRING REVENUE		93,070,245,300.00	CAPITAL REVENUE		1,759,040,900.00
Direct tax		79,456,698,600.00	Disposal of investment assets		152,245,300.00
Indirect tax		4,473,083,400.00	Transfer		21,000.00
Fees, fine and other monetary penalties		1,875,848,100.00	Financial assets		424,691,000.00
Asset revenue		1,726,800,800.00	Other capital revenue		1,150,655,500.00
Transfer		4,197,203,000.00	Refunds not deducted from payments		31,428,100.00
Sale of durable items		2,456,300.00			
Sale of labour and non-durable items		1,236,741,000.00			
Other recurring revenue		101,414,100.00			
			General integrated budget of public revenue		94,829,286,200.00
Revenue of special organisations					
Statutory income and transfer from the MSAR budget		22,231,705,200.00	Total revenue of special organisations		26,123,152,200.00
Income from sales and provision of services		229,830,000.00			
Income from financial investments		3,561,685,900.00	Adjustment		17,700,915,400.00
Other income		99,931,100.00	Grand total		103,251,523,000.00
EXPENSES ITEMS					
REVENUE ITEMS		Proposed budget for 2016	EXPENSES ITEMS		Proposed budget for 2016
General integrated budget of public expenditure					
Macao SAR Government		19,752,200.00	Cartography and Cadastre Bureau		80,558,800.00
Office of the Chief Executive		296,879,300.00	Judiciary Police		857,795,500.00
Executive Council		32,182,800.00	Environmental Protection Bureau		333,639,200.00
Office of the Secretary for Administration and Justice		36,855,600.00	Legal Affairs Bureau		252,089,000.00
Office of the Secretary for Economy and Finance		45,523,800.00	Lands, Public Works and Transport Bureau		458,886,900.00
Office of the Secretary for Security		32,121,500.00	Macao Sports Development Board		179,834,200.00
Office of the Secretary for Social Affairs and Culture		188,719,700.00	Cultural Affairs Bureau		445,463,200.00
Office of the Secretary for Transport and Public Works		31,679,800.00	Investment projects		11,068,782,000.00
Macao Economic and Trade Office in Lisbon		11,656,900.00	Designated accounting items: designated appropriations, shared allocations and transfer budget		17,698,915,400.00
Macao Economic and Trade Office to the European Union in Brussels		4,923,100.00	Student Welfare Fund		429,328,100.00
Office of the Macao SAR in Beijing		22,900,200.00	Housing Loan Fund		43,128,100.00
Macao Economic and Trade Office to the World Trade Organization		13,423,200.00	Industrial and Commercial Development Fund		784,422,400.00
Office for Personal Data Protection		63,856,200.00	Tourism Fund		870,268,400.00
Infrastructure Development Office		66,712,200.00	Social Welfare Bureau		2,967,808,400.00
Office for Development of the Energy Sector		37,433,500.00	Judiciary Police Welfare Association		7,520,800.00
The Supporting Office to the Permanent Secretariat to the Forum for Economic and Trade Cooperation between China and Portuguese-speaking Countries		157,696,900.00	Public Security Police Force Welfare Association		32,710,900.00
Financial Intelligence Office		27,210,600.00	Coffer of Legal Affairs		220,664,600.00
Human Resources Office		56,851,900.00	Government Printing Bureau		85,976,500.00
Transportation Infrastructure Office		80,393,100.00	Macao Prison Fund		6,398,100.00
The Macao SAR Government Policy Research Centre		49,897,300.00	Housing Bureau		445,973,100.00
Macao Economic and Cultural Office		16,396,700.00	Civil Aviation Authority		77,165,300.00
Protocol, Public Relations and External Affairs Office		89,504,600.00	Macao Trade and Investment Promotion Institute		660,920,700.00
Public Administration and Civil Service Bureau		408,292,700.00	Commission Against Corruption		353,144,800.00
Education and Youth Affairs Bureau		5,495,290,200.00	Health Bureau		7,075,154,800.00
Statistics and Census Service		196,917,400.00	University of Macau		2,340,705,800.00
Bureau of Telecommunications Regulation		169,864,100.00	Macao Polytechnic Institute		749,879,100.00
Finance Services Bureau		464,037,100.00	Sports Development Fund		816,754,000.00
Pension and retirement compensation		7,941,200.00	Culture Fund		538,097,500.00
General expenses		16,809,186,300.00	Consumer Council		39,382,400.00
Tertiary Education Services Office		243,242,700.00	Institute for Tourism Studies		414,859,800.00
Traffic Affairs Bureau		1,662,557,200.00	Macao Public Administration Welfare Fund		49,590,600.00
Law Reform and International Law Bureau		52,086,400.00	Fire Services Welfare Association		6,970,000.00
Identification Bureau		272,984,200.00	Commission of Audit		209,135,700.00
Macao Economic Services Bureau		208,363,500.00	Public Prosecutions Office		418,340,800.00
Macao Prison		525,179,100.00	Office of the President of the Court of Final Appeal		541,062,500.00
Macao Customs Service		719,228,600.00	Legislative Assembly		183,914,500.00
Meteorological and Geophysical Bureau		107,051,200.00	Civic and Municipal Affairs Bureau		2,607,202,800.00
Government Tourist Office		317,680,800.00	Customs Welfare Association		3,598,500.00
Government Information Bureau		122,823,100.00	Science and Technology Development Fund		269,433,200.00
Unitary Police Service		40,537,700.00	Welfare Committee of Marine and Water Bureau		2,727,600.00
Gaming Inspection and Coordination Bureau		255,121,500.00	Fisheries Development and Support Fund		90,853,100.00
Marine and Water Bureau		1,115,549,900.00	Property Maintenance Fund		78,446,200.00
Public Security Forces Affairs Bureau		4,313,106,900.00	Education Development Fund		915,408,200.00
Labour Affairs Bureau		354,976,200.00	Giant Panda Foundation		7,383,600.00
Judicial Council		605,800.00	Environmental Protection and Energy Conservation Fund		149,530,100.00
			Cultural Industry Fund		244,948,200.00
			General integrated budget of public expenditure		91,359,968,300.00
Expenditure of special organisations					
Macao Post		355,510,000.00	Macao Foundation		2,922,743,700.00
Postal Savings Office		43,835,800.00	Deposit Protection Fund		3,125,000.00
Macao Pension Fund		2,013,894,400.00			
Social Security Fund		4,467,831,200.00	Total expenditure of special organisations		11,378,987,500.00
Monetary Authority of Macao		1,563,637,400.00	Adjustments		17,700,915,400.00
Automobile and Maritime Security Fund		8,410,000.00	Grand total		85,038,040,400.00
Budget balance & estimated surplus for this year					
Central budget balance		3,469,317,900.00	Budget balance & estimated surplus of the year		18,213,482,600.00
Estimated surplus of special organisations		14,744,164,700.00	Total expenditure, budget balance and estimated surplus of the year		103,251,523,000.00

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