

Highlights of Policy Address for the Fiscal Year 2018 of the Macao Special Administrative Region (MSAR)

Be pragmatic yet enterprising, and share the fruits of development

In 2017, the Government leveraged the advantages of “One country, two systems” to overcome challenges; facilitated a gradual economic rebound; continued perfecting laws and regulations; consistently improved people’s livelihoods; and maintained solid public finances, to sustain a stable foundation for the development of society.

In the coming year, the Government will seize the opportunities of the new age with confidence and courage, and work hard to deliver results, to realise the Chinese Dream of national rejuvenation, and strive harder to achieve the long-term prosperity and stability of Macao.

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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 (validity extended)

600 patacas per person (permanent residents)

Birth allowance

Increase to 5,000 patacas  (both parents may apply at the same time)

Continuing Education Programme (Phase 3)

Maximum 6,000 patacas per person

Electricity bill subsidy for residential units

200 patacas per month (each residential unit)

Water tariff subsidy for residential units

Ongoing

Bus fare concessions for the elderly, students, people with disabilities, and other members of the public

Ongoing

Real estate tax

Deduction of first 3,500 patacas of tax (Macao residents)


Waiver of real estate stamp duty

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



The elderly


Old age allowance


Increase to 9,000 patacas per year 

Pension

3,450 patacas per month

Overview of elderly benefits


Old age allowance: 9,000 patacas 
Pension: 3,450 patacas x 13 months
Wealth Partaking: 9,000 patacas
Additional fund injection to individual accounts of the Central Provident Fund: 7,000 patacas


Total benefits received per year: 69,850 patacas 
(Benefits received per month: approx. 5,820 patacas)
Healthcare voucher: 600 patacas



Students

Non-tertiary education: Textbook allowance

Increase to 3,300 patacas per school year (each secondary  school student)

Increase to 2,800 patacas per school year (each primary  school student)

Increase to 2,200 patacas per school year (each  kindergarten pupil)


Students from families with financial difficulties

Tuition fee subsidies:


9,000 patacas per school year (each senior secondary school student)


6,000 patacas per school year (each junior secondary school student)

4,000 patacas per school year (each kindergarten or pupil or primary school student)

Meal allowance: Increase to 3,600 patacas per school year 

Stationery allowance:


Increase to 3,100 patacas per school year (each secondary  school student)


Increase to 2,400 patacas per school year (each  kindergarten pupil or primary school student)


Tertiary education: Study allowance

3,000 patacas (Macao residents)

Tuition fee subsidies for Macao students studying in Guangdong

Increase to 6,000 patacas per school year (each senior  secondary school student)

6,000 patacas per school year (each junior secondary  school student)

6,000 patacas per school year (each primary school  student)

Increase to 8,000 patacas per school year (each kindergarten pupil) 



Disadvantaged families

Minimum subsistence index

4,050 patacas per one-person household

Financial assistance

Disburse an additional month of financial assistance to eligible families

Special subsidy for three categories of disadvantaged families

Ongoing

Special living allowance under the Social Inclusion Scheme

Ongoing

Short-term Food Assistance Programme

Ongoing

Public housing tenants

Implement rent waiver

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 per month

Positive Life Programme and the Community Employment Assistance Scheme

Ongoing



People with disabilities

Disability gratuity

8,000 patacas per year (ordinary)

16,000 patacas per year (special)

Temporary disability allowance

3,450 patacas per month

Subsidy for eligible employees with disabilities

Up to 5,000 patacas per month

Employers hiring people with disabilities

A tax deduction of up to 5,000 patacas on profit tax or personal income tax per employee with disabilities




Employed citizens / middle-income class

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 increased to 14,000 patacas  (rebates to be received in 2019)




Business owners and related persons

Profit tax allowance remains at 600,000 patacas per year

Continue providing waivers of all business taxes, hawkers licence fees, wet market stall rents, inspection and quarantine fees for live food, and stamp duty on life insurance, other insurance and bank service charges

Provide waivers of signboard fees for businesses, and 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

Provide waivers of stamp duty for auction activities 



Post-typhoon emergency relief measures

Reduction or waiver of motor vehicle tax for purchase of a new vehicle to replace the one damaged by Typhoon Hato, in accordance with the proportion of the upper limit, with total tax reductions or waivers estimated at 227 million patacas

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Continue Perfecting the Five Long-term Mechanisms for People's Well-being

Liveable City

- Commence compilation of the draft of the Urban Development Master Plan
- Complete formulation of the Medium-to-long-term Plan for Usage and Development of the Waters of the Macao Special Administrative Region (2016-2036)



"Post-19,000 units" public housing	
New Urban Zone A	Complete 28,000 public housing units in four phases The draft plan for 7,000 units of phase one is currently being formulated
Avenida Wai Long, Taipa	Estimated to provide about 6,500 public housing units
Original site of the power station	Estimated to provide about 1,000 public housing units
Western stretch of Avenida dos Jogos da Ásia Oriental, Taipa	Estimated to provide about 2,000 public housing units

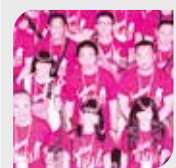
- Resumed application for public housing; and application for Home-Ownership Scheme housing is anticipated to be resumed in the coming two years
- Construct a new transport and community facility complex in Seac Pai Van
- Expedite building plan approvals for private residential developments

Healthy City and Family-friendly Measures



- Perfect food safety inspection
- Facilitate establishment of the System for Professional Qualification and Licensing for Medical Workers
- Commence operation of the Bairro da Ilha Verde Health Centre
- Increase subsidised places for dementia day-care services
- Launch the Elderly Persons' Social Enterprise Scheme
- Promote the implementation of the General Guidelines on Design and Construction of Accessibility Facilities in the Macao SAR
- Launch a support scheme for mobility impaired residents living in old buildings
- Subsidised places in homes for the elderly increased to 2,300
- Attach importance to education and medical services for children with special needs
- Subsidised places for childcare services increased to 11,000

Letting Macao Thrive through Education and Building Macao with Talent



- Tertiary Education System will come into effect by next year
- Implement an incentive scheme for talent cultivation and accreditation
- Launch youth programmes related to knowledge of national affairs, entrepreneurship and innovation in the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area, and voluntary poverty alleviation services
- Enhance cultivation of talented people in technology and Portuguese language
- Establish Macao as a tourism education and training base

Expedite Urban Development

Emergency Response System and Public Security



- Establish a long-term mechanism for disaster prevention and mitigation
- Set up a department focused on civil protection and emergency response coordination
- Revise the by-law on weather warnings
- Improve the basic flood control and drainage facilities of the Inner Harbour, while the tender for construction of a new pump house is expected to be initiated in the first half of next year
- Establish a unified information release platform
- Commence formulation of a ten-year plan for disaster prevention and mitigation (2019-2028) next year
- Enhance anti-terrorism drills

Smart City



- Initially complete and commence operations of the Government's cloud computing centre and big data platform
- Expand the coverage of wireless networks
- Support the development of a third-party electronic payment platform
- Expedite formulation of a long-term development plan for the telecommunication industry
- Encourage development of smart city mobile apps

Accessible City



- Spare no effort in the overall facility renewal of the Border Gate bus terminal
- Perfect the Inspection and Administration System for Road Facilities
- Develop new walking routes
- Commence full operations of 100 special taxis next year
- Expedite the establishment of an LRT operation company

Environmental Protection



- Facilitate planning of the incineration centre's phase-3 expansion project
- Proceed with the optimisation and design of the basic facilities of Macao's sewage treatment system
- Plan to establish a centralised food waste processing facility
- Implement planning for tree replanting and maintenance

Continue Promoting Stable Economic Development

Gaming Industry



- Comprehensively review the laws and regulations on the gaming industry
- Encourage gaming operators to continue developing non-gaming businesses
- Support gaming enterprises with prioritising procurement of products and services that are designed and made in Macao
- Promote interactive development between gaming enterprises and local SMEs, long-established local shops and cultural and creative industries

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Tourism

- Optimise monitoring and assessments of the tourism carrying capacity
- Develop smart tourism
- Explore and promote diverse tourism routes

Nascent Industries



- Attract more professional and international branded conventions and exhibitions to be held in Macao
- Provide specific subsidies to support businesses with developing cultural and creative brands, such as for fashion designs, cultural performances, and publications
- Leverage the technological strengths of state key laboratories to transform original science and technology research results into traditional Chinese medicine products
- Actively develop specialised financial businesses focusing on financial leasing and wealth management

SMEs

- Optimise the existing licensing scheme
- Strongly support re-branding of time-honoured shops
- Optimise the Young Entrepreneurs Aid Scheme

Work-friendly City



- Promote diverse and practical middle-to-high-level vocational training
- Process non-resident employment application strictly according to the law
- Follow up regarding the amendments to the Labour Relations Law, prioritising the items related to paid paternity leave, overlapping leave and compensation leave

Regional Cooperation



- Establish a department focusing on coordination of regional cooperation
- Leverage the coordination function of the Committee for Development of the Commercial and Trade Cooperation Service Platform Between China and Portuguese-speaking Countries
- Consolidate major cooperative projects in the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area, and establish a multi-cultural exchange and cooperation base with an emphasis on Chinese culture
- Enhance facilitation of border crossings

Deepen Public Administration Reform

Public Administration



- Implement phase 2 functional restructuring involving 17 public departments
- Increase fully digitised public services
- Commence consultation on the second stage of revision of the Civil Servant Ranking System
- Optimise the promotion system for civil servants
- Review the accountability system for government officials

System Establishment

- Commence legislative procedures for the establishment of a municipal organisation that is not an organ of political power
- Enhance rejuvenation and professionalism in consultation groups
- Commence amending the Judicial Organisation Framework Law, the Civil Procedural Code, and the Penal Code

MACAO SAR BUDGET - REVENUE AND EXPENSES FOR 2018 OVERVIEW

REVENUE ITEMS	Proposed budget for 2018	REVENUE ITEMS	Proposed budget for 2018
General integrated budget of public expenditure			
RECURRING REVENUE	104,603,955,100.00	CAPITAL REVENUE	3,430,631,300.00
Direct tax	91,404,437,800.00	Disposal of investment assets	2,022,778,900.00
Indirect tax	4,730,072,200.00	Transfer	-
Fees, fine and other monetary penalties	1,593,248,300.00	Financial assets	388,601,900.00
Asset revenue	722,487,900.00	Other capital revenue	986,917,100.00
Transfer	4,766,744,000.00	Refunds not deducted from payments	32,333,400.00
Sale of durable items	2,154,600.00		
Sale of labour and non-durable items	1,266,979,100.00		
Other recurring revenue	117,831,200.00		
		General integrated budget of public revenue	108,034,586,400.00
Revenue of special organisations			
Statutory income and transfer from the MSAR budget	10,139,762,000.00	Total revenue of special organisations	16,054,304,400.00
Income from sales and provision of services	467,118,800.00		
Income from financial investments	5,352,412,900.00	Adjustment	4,918,946,800.00
Other income	95,010,700.00	Grand total	119,169,944,000.00
EXPENSES ITEMS	Proposed budget for 2018	EXPENSES ITEMS	Proposed budget for 2018
General integrated budget of public expenditure			
Macao SAR Government	20,520,700.00	Cartography and Cadastre Bureau	89,002,100.00
Office of the Chief Executive	307,365,400.00	Judiciary Police	1,008,229,100.00
Executive Council	33,444,500.00	Environmental Protection Bureau	361,844,600.00
Office of the Secretary for Administration and Justice	39,639,800.00	Legal Affairs Bureau	265,537,200.00
Office of the Secretary for Economy and Finance	55,034,600.00	Lands, Public Works and Transport Bureau	485,400,300.00
Office of the Secretary for Security	37,917,800.00	Sports Bureau	204,421,300.00
Office of the Secretary for Social Affairs and Culture	86,035,100.00	Cultural Affairs Bureau	843,673,400.00
Office of the Secretary for Transport and Public Works	28,215,200.00	Investment projects	21,148,341,100.00
Macao Economic and Trade Office in Lisbon	13,386,600.00	Designated accounting items: designated appropriations, shared allocations and transfer budget	4,778,946,800.00
Macao Economic and Trade Office to the European Union in Brussels	4,919,100.00	Student Welfare Fund	394,487,000.00
Office of the Macao SAR in Beijing	22,595,500.00	Housing Loan Fund	43,128,100.00
Macao Economic and Trade Office to the World Trade Organization	13,217,700.00	Industrial and Commercial Development Fund	2,400,055,600.00
Office for Personal Data Protection	54,202,700.00	Tourism Fund	735,450,300.00
Infrastructure Development Office	65,920,800.00	Social Welfare Bureau	3,579,916,900.00
Office for Development of the Energy Sector	39,176,600.00	Judiciary Police Welfare Association	6,715,000.00
The Supporting Office to the Permanent Secretariat to the Forum for Economic and Trade Cooperation between China and Portuguese-speaking Countries	114,389,600.00	Public Security Police Force Welfare Association	55,983,700.00
Financial Intelligence Office	39,496,800.00	Coffer of Legal Affairs	220,767,400.00
Transportation Infrastructure Office	601,115,500.00	Government Printing Bureau	138,112,000.00
The Macao SAR Government Policy Research Office	51,569,600.00	Correctional Fund	6,031,100.00
Macao Economic and Cultural Office in Taiwan	16,376,200.00	Housing Bureau	476,325,400.00
Protocol, Public Relations and External Affairs Office	76,253,400.00	Civil Aviation Authority	95,917,200.00
Talents Development Committee	13,450,200.00	Macao Trade and Investment Promotion Institute	689,775,100.00
Medical Incident Assessment Committee	13,426,700.00	Commission Against Corruption	357,638,700.00
Medical Dispute Arbitration Centre	3,207,000.00	Health Bureau	7,565,045,900.00
Public Administration and Civil Service Bureau	502,134,200.00	University of Macau	2,338,957,600.00
Education and Youth Affairs Bureau	6,505,000,100.00	Macao Polytechnic Institute	855,651,700.00
Statistics and Census Service	195,121,200.00	Sports Fund	812,929,700.00
Finance Services Bureau	510,184,400.00	Culture Fund	534,350,700.00
Pension and retirement compensation	9,321,000.00	Consumer Council	46,991,700.00
General expenses	23,014,197,300.00	Institute for Tourism Studies	427,573,800.00
Tertiary Education Services Office	247,819,400.00	Macao Public Administration Welfare Fund	50,976,100.00
Transport Bureau	1,872,906,400.00	Fire Services Welfare Association	7,393,100.00
Identification Bureau	346,034,400.00	Commission of Audit	188,888,900.00
Macao Economic Services	224,321,000.00	Office of the Public Prosecutor General	435,354,300.00
Correctional Service Bureau	617,478,000.00	Office of the President of the Court of Final Appeal	612,074,600.00
Macao Customs Service	941,170,300.00	Legislative Assembly	188,227,800.00
Meteorological and Geophysical Bureau	119,931,400.00	Civic and Municipal Affairs Bureau	2,536,659,800.00
Macao Government Tourism Office	327,908,300.00	Customs Welfare Association	3,347,800.00
Government Information Bureau	134,119,400.00	Science and Technology Development Fund	228,051,000.00
Unitary Police Service	50,482,400.00	Marine and Water Bureau Welfare Association	2,445,000.00
Gaming Inspection and Coordination Bureau	297,723,400.00	Fisheries Development and Support Fund	90,015,000.00
Marine and Water Bureau	1,029,153,500.00	Property Maintenance Fund	73,624,200.00
Public Security Forces Affairs Bureau	5,264,742,000.00	Education Development Fund	817,399,400.00
Labour Affairs Bureau	493,038,000.00	Giant Panda Foundation	7,390,800.00
Judicial Council	613,300.00	Environmental Protection and Energy Conservation Fund	37,316,800.00
		Cultural Industry Fund	222,893,500.00
		Labour Creditor's Rights Protection Fund	188,003,600.00
		General integrated budget of public expenditure	101,111,538,700.00
Expenditure of special organisations			
Macao Post and Telecommunications Bureau	584,275,000.00	Macao Foundation	2,886,240,000.00
Postal Savings Office	44,359,000.00	Deposit Protection Fund	3,125,000.00
Macao Pension Fund	2,446,425,900.00		
Social Security Fund	4,758,192,700.00	Total expenditure of special organisations	13,419,838,600.00
Monetary Authority of Macao	2,688,937,000.00	Adjustments	4,918,946,800.00
Automobile and Maritime Security Fund	8,284,000.00	Grand total	109,612,430,500.00
Budget balance & estimated surplus for this year			
Central budget balance	6,923,047,700.00	Budget balance & estimated surplus of the year	9,557,513,500.00
Estimated surplus of special organisations	2,634,465,800.00	Total expenditure, budget balance and estimated surplus of the year	119,169,944,000.00

Major Policies on Various Areas

Administration and Justice

The administration and justice system will continue to diligently implement the basic principle of “One country, two systems”, support the Government’s development positioning regarding the establishment of “One Centre, One Platform, and One Base”, actively align with our national Fifteenth Five-Year Plan and participate in the “Belt and Road” initiative to seize the development opportunities of the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area. We will continue focusing on public administration and legal system reform, put improvement of people’s livelihoods at the core, and facilitate the establishment of a corruption-free and efficient government, to create a liveable coastal city of international standard.

Public administration

- Continue implementing the second-phase administrative structural reform, draft the bill for the establishment of a municipal organisation that is not an organ of political power, commence the related legislative process, and progressively optimise the consultation system;
- Strive to implement the overall development of e-governance, optimise services workflows, improve the e-governance management system and related infrastructure, to enhance the efficiency of public administration;
- Gradually improve the civil service system; enhance civil servants’ awareness of rule by law, knowledge of national affairs, and emergency response capability; and support the effective fulfilment of the Government’s administrative plans and goals;
- Implement regular performance assessments, and commission a third-party academic institution to conduct assessments of the public service quality of government departments;
- Promote openness of government information and strengthen the operational capability of the Government Data Centre in line with big data application and smart city development; and
- Pursue various follow-up work regarding the Legislative Assembly Election in 2017, explore optimisation of the voter registration system, and enable citizens to better understand and participate in the MSAR’s electoral affairs through multi-channel promotions.



Citizens vote in an orderly manner during the 6th Legislative Assembly Election

Legal affairs

- Strictly enforce the centralised coordinated legislative mechanism to fully oversee progress with planning annual legislative work, and follow up regarding the implementation of laws and regulations, to ensure smooth progress with legislation;
- Implement legislation, including the establishment of a municipal organisation that is not an organ of political power, and amendments to the “Five Codes”, and continue with rectifying and adapting laws;
- Strengthen collaboration with community groups, to promote legal knowledge through an innovative and information-rich approach, with the aim of enhancing citizens’ knowledge of the principle of “One country, two systems”, the Constitution of the People’s Republic of China, and the Basic Law of Macao; and
- Deepen mutual judicial assistance and cooperation with Portuguese-speaking countries and countries and regions along the “Belt and Road”, and comply with the Central People’s Government’s development plan for the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area metropolis, to commence studies on the coordination and integration of administrative and legal systems and judicial cooperation between Guangdong, Hong Kong and Macao.

People’s Livelihoods

- Strengthen the food safety supervision mechanism, formulate food safety standards and guidelines, promote education on food safety and risks, and foster regional cooperation, to ensure food safety and healthy consumption through diverse approaches;
- Formulate short-, medium- and long-term re-greening, continue to improve the urban drainage system, and implement construction of rainwater interception drains and a rainwater pumping station in the Inner Harbour;
- Continue optimising the functional layout of community services, implement smart municipal services, improve municipal facilities, and expand services related to the people’s well-being, to build a harmonious and inclusive community.

Economy and Finance

Macao’s economy has undergone a relatively deep adjustment, but still maintains its stability due to increased external and internal demands. Despite the heavy damage caused by Typhoon Hato, affected business operators and residents have been able to recover gradually and the overall economy remains stable through the joint efforts of all sectors. We will continue to stay vigilant regarding potential risks and crises, treasure our goal of achieving a fruitful outcome of development, expedite the development of “One Centre, One Platform”, and promote adequate economic diversification, to broaden the horizons for development for businesses and citizens – especially the micro, small and medium-sized enterprises, professionals and young entrepreneurs, and share our economic achievements.

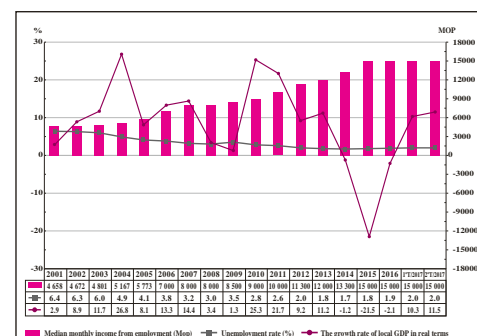
Consolidate Economic Foundation and Strengthen Momentum for Development

- Implement national policy and the MSAR’s Five-year Development Plan, actively participate in the development of Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area metropolis, support the realisation of the “Belt and Road” initiative, and expedite the establishment of “One Centre, One Platform”;
- Focus on promotion of nascent industries, such as the convention and exhibition industry, traditional Chinese medicine industry and specialised financial industry, and expedite adequate economic diversification;
- Continue strengthening regulation of the gaming industry, and persist with the policy of “adequate scale, sound management and sustainable development”;
- Align with the upgrading of CEPA, to support upgrading and transformation of the manufacturing industry and enhance the quality of development; and

- Strengthen the foundation for the establishment of a trade and economic cooperation services platform between China and Portuguese-speaking countries, seize the opportunities arising through relocation of the headquarters of the China-Portuguese-speaking Countries Cooperation and Development Fund to Macao, and the establishment of the China-Portuguese-speaking Countries Young Entrepreneur and Innovation Exchange Centre.

Facilitate Business Development and Safeguard Employment and People’s Well-being

- Optimise vocational training, create diverse employment opportunities, and improve employment quality;
- Improve management of non-resident employees, strengthen occupational health and safety supervision, and protect labour rights;
- Encourage enhancement of the quality of micro, small and medium-sized enterprises, and facilitate local procurement by large-scale enterprises to promote a community economy;
- Encourage young people to enhance employment and entrepreneurship competitiveness, and seize development opportunities;
- Strengthen “risk-based” regulation, and perfect the establishment of a legal system, to maintain safety and stability of the financial system;
- Enhance public finance administration in accordance with the Budget Framework Law; and
- Stabilise consumer prices and protect consumer rights.



The growth rate of local GDP in real terms, unemployment rate, and median monthly income (2001-2017)

Public Security

According to the internal and external security situation, the security authorities of Macao will consider developing smart policing, to improve and renew various systems with more proactive strategies, optimise law enforcement and administrative deployment, deepen regional cooperation, enhance interactions between the police and the public, and foster development of the police culture, to gradually realise our vision of being a “Safe City”.

Technology Application - Develop Proactive Law Enforcement Strategies

- Commence a study on the application of big data, for developing a smart policing model to enhance proactive law enforcement; and
- Establish a specialised anti-terrorism department, to improve the anti-terrorism system and enhance vigilance regarding and prevention of terrorism.

Comprehensive Review – Reform the Organisational Structure of Civil Protection

- Plan to establish the Civil Protection and Emergency Coordination Bureau, to strengthen responses to emergencies; and
- Improve disaster response coordination, and enhance awareness of potential risks and crises.



Planning to establish the Civil Protection and Emergency Coordination Bureau, and encouraging all communities to jointly prevent and overcome disasters

Perfect Deployment – Improve Overall Efficiency of Law Enforcement

- Enhance departmental synergy, to combat serious offences and new types of crime; and
- Implement comprehensive prevention measures, to maintain safety in society.

Innovation – Improve Legal System

- Expedite completion of the amendments to the General Rules for Disciplined Personnel of Security Forces of Macao; and
- Establish and improve an online security system, and enhance the establishment of a dangerous goods safety system.

Strengthened Management – Promote Modern Police Culture

- Establish a modernised policing model and continue maintaining strict discipline in the police force; and
- Strengthen the rigid management system and cultivate a healthy and diligent culture.

Integrated Relationships – Building a New Model for Cooperation

- Promote a new model for police cooperation, to combat cross-boundary crimes; and
- Enhance diverse publicity, to promote unity and cooperation between police and citizens.

Border Crossing Technology – Optimise Tourism City Image

- Implement a new border-crossing model, improve the standby border-crossing system, and ensure carrying capacity and ability to respond to malfunctioning; and
- Establish smart administration of Macao’s waters, and plan to establish a quick reaction force, to strengthen maritime law enforcement.

Facilitating Rehabilitation – Establish a New Correctional Model

- Make good use of community power to facilitate social rehabilitation; and
- Increase uses of technology to strengthen prison supervision.

Fulfilling Responsibility – Support Youth Education

- Join hands with the community to cultivate crime prevention and crime fighting forces; and
- Commence inter-departmental cooperation to enhance the effectiveness of youth education.

Major Policies on Various Areas

Social Affairs and Culture

Departments responsible for social affairs and culture will make determined efforts to know the needs, address the concerns and relieve the difficulties of the people, put public health and safety as the first priority, and take preventive measures against potential risks and crises, to perfect the measures related to social affairs, culture, and people's livelihoods and welfare.

Healthcare

- Focus on the health of particular groups, and improve prevention and emergency response mechanisms, to ensure citizens' safety and health; and
- Strengthen primary healthcare, diagnosis and medical treatment services, and facilitate smart healthcare development, to build a happy home for everyone.

Education and Youth

- Establish the tertiary education system, optimise a quality assurance framework to guarantee the quality of higher education, and facilitate the establishment of a cradle for cultivating talented individuals who are bilingual in Chinese and Portuguese, and a base for tourism education;
- Implement education planning, expedite the development of teaching materials, expand the education and research platform, improve the education environment, and foster the development of moral education; and
- Implement the "Unity and Companionship" programme, to deepen people's experiences of loyalty to the country.

Social Work and Social Security

- Expand community collaboration, build happy and harmonious families, plan to optimise childcare services, and facilitate parent-child and youth-elderly harmony;
- Implement medium-term measures on elderly and rehabilitation services, strengthen services for dementia patients, and enhance home-care support for early treatment; and
- Increase subsidies for professional enhancement, optimise disaster response mechanisms, and facilitate the implementation of the non-mandatory central provident fund.

Tourism, Culture and Sports

- Strengthen synergy between tourism, culture and sports; and organise large-scale cultural, art and sports events that integrate with cultural and creative elements to promote culture, sports and gourmet products, to build Macao as a city of mega events and a centre for exchanges between Chinese and Portuguese cultures; and
- Promote smart tourism, improve the tourism environment, create a culture-enriched community, and expedite building of an international tourism city with more favourable conditions for living, work, transport, travel and entertainment.



The Government organises a series of activities with the theme "Macao – A Happy and Healthy Home", with the aim of building a healthy city

Transport and Public Works

Developing Macao as a world tourism and leisure centre is a positioning strategy of the Macao SAR Government. All policies related to transport and public works are implemented in this direction, to improve Macao's urban environment and people's livelihoods.

Urban Planning

- Complete the process for awarding the contract for the compilation of the Macao Urban Development Master Plan;
- Strive to commence the project to develop the fourth Macao-Taipa cross-harbour passage; and
- Establish a government-owned urban renewal corporation.

Public Works

- Establish an LRT operation company;
- Expedite construction of sluices at the Inner Harbour; and
- Expedite construction of the Macao section of the fourth raw water pipeline.



Macao border crossing area of Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macao Bridge

Transport

- Proceed with renewing the contracts of three bus companies;
- Commence the public bidding process for 100 taxi licences and 100 special taxi licences; and
- Complete the replacement of all parking meters in Macao.

Housing

- Follow up regarding the draft amendment to the Home-Ownership Scheme Housing Law, and strive to submit the bill to the Legislative Assembly for deliberation;
- Allocate in advance and sell multiple-room housing units to qualified applicants, and follow up regarding the move-in arrangements of Bairro da Ilha Verde Building, Cheng Tou Building, Fai Leng Building, and Iat Fai Building; and
- Follow up regarding the assessment of the newest batch of public housing applications, for announcement of the finalised list.

Environmental Protection

- Complete the Macao Sewage Treatment Facilities Master Plan and the Assessment of Macao's Overall Solid Waste Management System;
- Commence improvement of construction waste landfill soil, for the project to accommodate inert construction and demolition materials; and
- Strive to launch a scheme to subsidise equipment for the recycling industry.

Commission Against Corruption

In 2018, the Commission Against Corruption (CCAC) will continue to combat corruption with determined efforts, fulfil its function of handling complaints to the ombudsman, and implement the "Jointly Build a Corruption-free Macao" campaign.

Actions against Corruption

- The CCAC will continue to combat all kinds of corruption related crimes as usual, with special focus on the corrupt behaviour possibly derived from projects that involve significant interests of Macao society, and actively fulfil its steadfast anti-corruption mission;
- Summarise the results and difficulties experienced in law enforcement during the 6th Legislative Assembly Election, to lay a solid foundation for perfecting enforcement of laws against corruption during the ever-changing situation in future;
- Increase equipment and technical support, enhance flexibility in resources allocation, and continue to strengthen applications of technology for anti-corruption investigations, to deal with ever more digitised, covert corruption;
- Enhance the professional competence, accountability requirements and welfare and remuneration of the anti-corruption team; and enrich and deepen the computer forensics, criminal investigation and legal knowledge and skills of anti-corruption staff, to improve the overall standard of law enforcement; and
- Maintain closer contacts and more effective cooperation with the law enforcement authorities and officers of neighbouring countries and regions, to combat cross-boundary corruption.

Complaints to the Ombudsman

- Proactively conduct special investigations into issues of public concern related to public administration and public services, and provide recommendations for improvements;
- Implement the "Jointly Build a Corruption-free Macao" programme, to cooperate with public departments on preventing offences involving abuse of power and administrative irregularities;
- Through seminars or other channels, enable staff of private companies to understand the importance of corruption-free management with integrity; and
- Optimise internal management, improve the handling of complaints to the ombudsman, and effectively respond to public aspirations.

Publicity, Education and Community Relations

- Continue to implement integrity education amongst civil servants, and raise their awareness of self-discipline and law-abidance;
- Enhance promotion of the Law on Prevention and Suppression of Bribery in the Private Sector, to advocate governance with integrity in privately-owned businesses;
- Make use of new media and online platforms to advocate integrity, facilitating more efficient communication of messages; and
- Leverage the advantages of community offices to develop community relationships, and urge all walks of life to support and participate in building a corruption-free society.

Commission of Audit

In 2018, the Commission of Audit (CA) will uphold the principles of objectivity, fairness and pragmatism, to exercise its authority in audit according to law, reflect problems, and step up efforts to fulfil its auditing and supervisory duties with the aim of implementing government policies and revealing waste or misallocation of public resources.

Audit and Computer-assisted Audit

- In accordance with the new Budget Framework Law, exercise proper deployment for the transition between the new and the old systems of Government budgets, to ensure synchronised audit arrangements; and
- Based on practical experience, deploy resources for the next phase of the audit system development plan, and consider using big data and enhancing data analyses to boost performance audits through improved technology and work arrangements.

Performance Audit, Special Audit and Follow-up Audit

- Enhance planning of various items, focusing on overall deployment of resources for the year, proper allocation of audit resources, and commence projects that assist the Government with preventing risks, fostering development and facilitating thorough implementation of policies.

Staff Training

- Maintain a positive attitude to learning and pursuing continued study, and develop or select appropriate training programmes for CA staff according to the major requirements of auditing work, enabling the auditing team to keep up-to-date.

Internal Management

- Establish an unhindered communication mechanism for staff at all levels, continue to establish and enhance standard workflows of internal management, and review overall administrative operation, for appropriate division of responsibility.

International Exchanges

- Maintain close contact with the National Audit Office, the International Organization of Supreme Audit Institutions (INTOSAI), the Asian Organization of Supreme Audit Institutions (ASOSAI), and the Supreme Audit Organisation of the Portuguese-speaking Countries Alliance (OISC/CPLP).

Audit Culture

- Organise seminars on audit culture or related workshops, to enhance civil servants' understanding of the Government's auditing work, and explain the practical functions of auditing in preventing serious problems.

Public Opinion

- The Commission of Audit has set up a hotline and an email account for the public to comment on the services provided by the Government, and will follow up on the comments or transfer them to relevant departments, for service enhancement.