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In 2023, with the resumption of normal travel between Macao and other places, the CCAC organised delegations for external visits and also received the delegations of counterparts from the Chinese mainland, Hong Kong and other countries and regions, so as to further promote bilateral and regional communication and cooperation and to jointly contribute to the building of a clean society. Moreover, it fulfilled the obligations as a member of the relevant international or regional organisations by giving full support to the work of these organisations, actively sending personnel to participate in international or regional meetings, seminars and workshops so as to broaden the international horizon of its personnel. The CCAC has also been actively sending staff to receive training in the Chinese mainland and Hong Kong so as to increase their professional capacity and skills, which is conducive to the work of integrity building of Macao.

# I. External visits

In 2023, the CCAC organised delegations for some external visits in order to strengthen exchanges with law enforcement agencies of the neighbouring regions, including:

- The visit to Beijing and Hebei, where a visit was paid to the Hong Kong and Macao Affairs Office of the State Council, the National Supervisory Commission, the Supreme People's Court, the Supreme People's Procuratorate, the Ministry of Public Security and the Hebei Provincial Supervisory Committee to discuss and exchange views on the work related to integrity building in the Macao SAR and to share work experience.
- A delegation of the CCAC that invited the members of the Monitoring Committee on Discipline of the CCAC Personnel to visit some cities in the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area together, namely Guangzhou, Zhaoqing, Zhongshan and Zhuhai, where they met with the Guangdong Provincial Supervisory Committee and the supervisory commitees of the cities, so as so deepen communication and cooperation and actively promote the work of integrity building in the regions.
- The visit to the Independent Commission Against Corruption (ICAC) of Hong Kong, where both sides exchanged views on the work of integrity building in the two regions.
- The visit to the Office of the Ombudsman of Hong Kong, where both sides exchanged views on issues such as supervision of administrative legality of public departments.
- The visit to the Zhejiang Provincial Supervisory Committee in Hangzhou, Zhejiang province, where both sides exchanged views on the fight against corruption and the work of integrity building.

### II. Receiving visits

In 2023, the CCAC received delegations from different places for exchange and work experience sharing in the scope of integrity building, including:

- The reception of the delegation from the Supreme People's Court to discuss and exchange views on the work of integrity building.
- The reception of the delegation from the ICAC of Hong Kong. Both sides agreed to jointly enhance practical exchange and personnel connection among the anti-corruption agencies of Guangdong, Hong Kong and Macao and actively take forward the integrity building of the Greater Bay Area.
- The reception of the delegation from the Hebei Provincial Supervisory Committee. Both sides exchanged views on issues such as integrity education and mutual case assistance.
- The meeting with the delegation from the Department of Justice of Hong Kong to exchange views on the legal regimes related to the investigation and prosecution of corruption crimes of the two regions.
- The meeting with the prosecutor delegation from the Republic of Indonesia to exchange views on law enforcement work related to criminal cases in the area of corruption fighting.
- The reception of the delegation from the Legal and International Affairs Bureau of the Attorney General Office of the Republic of Indonesia to exchange views on the work related to the prevention of and the fight against corruption.

#### III. Participation in international and regional meetings

In 2023, with the easing of the coronavirus epidemic, all international and regional organisations gradually resumed hosting offline meetings. The CCAC appointed staff to attend online and offline meetings so as to actively fulfil its duty as a member of international and regional organisations, including:

- The 11<sup>th</sup> Regional Conference of the Anti-Corruption Initiative for Asia and the Pacific (ACI) hosted by the ACI in Manila, Philippines.
- The 2023 APG Annual Meeting hosted by the Asia/Pacific Group on Money Laundering (APG) in Vancouver, Canada.

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- The 4<sup>th</sup> GlobE Network Plenary meeting and the 5<sup>th</sup> GlobE Network Steering Committee meeting hosted by the Global Operational Network of Anti-Corruption Law Enforcement Authorities (GlobE Network) in Vienna, Austria.
- International Ombudsman Institute (IOI) Asian Regional Meeting and International Seminar 2023 held by the International Ombudsman Institute (IOI) in Bangkok, Thailand.
- The 17<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the General Assembly and the International Scientific and Practical Conference held by the Asia Ombudsman Association (AOA) in Kazan, Republic of Tatarstan of Russia.
- Global Conference on Harnessing Data to Improve Corruption Measurement held by the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) with the delegation of China in Vienna, Austria.
- The 3<sup>rd</sup> Belt and Road Forum for International Cooperation: Thematic Forum on Clean Silk Road held by the National Supervisory Commission in Beijing.
- Apsara Conference 2023 held by Alibaba in Hangzhou, Zhejiang province.
- The 4<sup>th</sup> Steering Committee Meeting, the Thematic Working Group Meeting and the 6<sup>th</sup> Steering Committee Meeting held by GlobE Network by videoconferencing.
- The 13<sup>th</sup> General Meeting of the International Association of Anti-Corruption Authorities (IAACA) by videoconferencing.

# IV. Work on the implementation of United Nations Convention against Corruption

In 2023, the CCAC continued to participate with China in the work of implementation review of the United Nations Convention against Corruption (UNCAC). In June and December 2023, at the invitation of the Office of the Commissioner of the Ministry of the Foreign Affairs of the People's Republic of China in the Macao Special Administrative Region, the CCAC assigned staff to attend, together with the Chinese delegation, the 14<sup>th</sup> session of the Implementation Review Group of the UNCAC and the 14<sup>th</sup> session of the Open-ended Intergovernmental Working Group on the Prevention of Corruption in Vienna, Austria and the 10<sup>th</sup> session of the Conference of the States Parties to the UNCAC in Atlanta of the United States.

In addition, in September 2023, the CCAC also dispatched staff to attend the resumed 14<sup>th</sup> session of the Implementation Review Group of the UNCAC, the 12<sup>th</sup> Open-ended Intergovernmental Expert Meeting to Enhance International Co-operation under the UNCAC and the 17<sup>th</sup> session of the Open-

ended Intergovernmental Working Group on Asset Recovery as a member of the delegation of China by videoconferencing.

During the said meetings, the attendees reported the situations regarding the execution of the UNCAC implementation review mechanism and the progress achieved, endorsed the financial and budgetary resolutions and delivered final reports on the relevant meetings. In addition, they also exchanged views on and discussed some issues including technical assistance concerning Chapters IV and V of the UNCAC, the good practices and challenges in the establishment of effective financial disclosure system by public service workers, as well as effective use of information and communication technologies.

During the 10<sup>th</sup> session of the Conference of the States Parties to the UNCAC, the resolution "Atlanta 2023: promoting integrity, accountability and transparency in the fight against corruption" was adopted and the decision was made that Qatar would host the 11<sup>th</sup> session of the Conference of the States Parties to the UNCAC. The attendees exchanged views on and discussed the experience and challenges in implementing the UNCAC and thoroughly explored some issues during the thematic meetings of anti-corruption work, including "asset recovery", "fight against money laundering", "prevention and combat of corruption and enhancement of international cooperation", "protection of reporting persons" and "fight against corruption in the private sector", among others.

## V. Personnel training

To enhance the professional knowledge and skills of the personnel of the CCAC and strengthen the overall capacity of the CCAC, in 2023, the CCAC, as usual, proactively arranged for its personnel to participate in various online or offline training activities organised by relevant institutions outside Macao, including the following:

- Visiting Hangzhou to participate in the "3<sup>rd</sup> National Studies Course for the CCAC of Macao in Zhejiang
  Police College" jointly organised by the CCAC and the Zhejiang Police College.
- Visiting Hong Kong to participate in the "Professional Anti-corruption Training in Major Infrastructure Projects", the "ICAC Leadership and Executive Development Programme No. 40" and the "Firearms and Close Protection Course" organised by the ICAC of Hong Kong.
- Visiting Hong Kong to participate in the "Use of Force Instructor Training" organised by the Hong Kong Police College.

- Participating online in the training programme entitled "Forensic Sciences in Prevention, Detection and Investigation of Corruption and Related Crimes" and the "Experience Sharing Workshop on Community Education and Youth Engagement" organised by the IAACA.
- Participating online in the "Intelligence Based Investigation Workshop" organised by the Malaysia Anti-Corruption Academy (MACA).
- Participating online in the "Technical Seminar on Beneficial Ownership" organised by the APG.
- Participating online in the conference entitled "Cryptocurrencies: A Game-Changer in Global Anti-Corruption Session 2023", the Sharing Session of "Corruption Measurement: What Role for Law Enforcement?", the training courses entitled "Using the Internet to Enhance Investigations - The Challenges" and the "Internet Investigation and Open Sources" organised by the GlobE Network.
- Participating online in the training courses entitled "Operations and Complaint Management Process", "Guidelines for Investigation and Drafting of Recommendations and Orders" and the "Webinar Informal Resolution of Disputes", among others, organised by the AOA and the Forum of Pakistan Ombudsman.
- Participating online in the "Webinar Corruption without borders. How to Cooperate to Tackle It?" jointly organised by the IAACA, the European Partners Against Corruption (EPAC) and the European contact-point network against corruption (EACN).
- Participating online in the "Webinar on Strengthening Cyber Security in Ombudsman Institutions" organised by the African Ombudsman Research Centre (AORC).

In addition, the CCAC actively organised internal training programmes for its personnel. In 2023, the CCAC invited the experts from the ICAC of Hong Kong to visit Macao to launch the "Continuing anticorruption training for CCAC's investigators" in order to further enhance the law enforcement capacity and skills of the investigators. Moreover, in order to raise the professional standard of CCAC's personnel in the legal field, particularly in the knowledge of law enforcement applied in the administrative field, the CCAC particularly invited the experts of the Macao judicial sector to share with the personnel about the practical work in the administrative and judicial fields and relevant legal knowledge. The CCAC also invited professional instructors to provide training for its personnel who are responsible for publicity and design with a view to raising their professional standard in order that the CCAC's promotion work can be kept abreast of the times.