

FOREWORD

The Legislative Assembly elections are crucial political events for Macao to implement the principles of “One Country, Two Systems” and “Patriots Governing Macao”. The CCAC bears the responsibility of ensuring that the elections are carried out in a fair, just and clean environment in an orderly manner. Therefore, in 2025, the CCAC spared no effort to ensure the lawfulness and probity of the 8th Legislative Assembly Elections and made them the top priority of its annual work. During this period, it vigorously combatted electoral bribery and curbed various irregularities so as to promote a healthy election culture in society.

As always, the CCAC proactively deployed election work using a two-pronged strategy of prevention and crackdown. A “task force for supervision on elections” was established to analyse and follow up on election reports and complaints received from various channels, and to continuously inspect and comprehensively monitor all election activities. A total of over 16,000 inspections were conducted, and 30 investigation files were opened. By promptly investigating cases, the CCAC curbed early signs of irregularities and handled election cases efficiently and lawfully. Among the concluded cases, five were referred to the Public Prosecutions Office for further handling. In addition, the CCAC launched a series of clean election publicity and promotion activities to strengthen the law-abiding awareness of the public and to create a clean election atmosphere in the society. In summary, the CCAC fulfilled its responsibilities to the fullest extent and the elections were carried out in a positive and orderly atmosphere.

In addition to monitoring the elections, in 2025, the CCAC was committed to supporting the SAR Government’s “upholding the rule of law in Macao” and people-oriented governance objectives, making corresponding deployment in various aspects of anti-corruption work, fulfilling its duties in corruption fighting, supervision and integrity promotion and actively implementing

President Xi Jinping's important instructions and high expectations for Macao's anti-corruption efforts.

The CCAC strives to fundamentally consolidate the achievements in anti-corruption work and prevent the escalation of corruption, and is not deterred by the scale or severity of cases. Regarding the anti-corruption work, in 2025, the CCAC adopted a combined approach of prevention and crackdown, and placed 191 cases on file throughout the year (excluding election cases). Cases in the private sector still primarily involved bribe solicitation by department chiefs of integrated resort enterprises and disputes over building maintenance and management, while multiple reports involving public servants abusing sick leave and falsifying attendance records were received in the public sector. Regarding the ombudsman's work, 172 cases were placed on file throughout the year, with public sector operations and personnel management remaining the most prominent focus, particularly issues related to internal operation and management of departments as well as the recruitment, discipline and rights of personnel.

The CCAC makes corresponding deployment based on the characteristics and trends of the cases and uses the cases to resolve related problems. For example, in response to the increasing number of cases involving public servants using false sick leave certificates and corruption cases in the financial system in recent years, in addition to cracking down on these issues rigorously, the CCAC also conducts targeted education work for relevant departments or institutions so as to address the root causes. Furthermore, the CCAC intends to further strengthen communication and cooperation with public sectors and entities, to encourage leadership-driven efforts to build a culture of integrity, and to carry out risk management based on the Macao SAR's development, thereby proactively addressing and preventing corruption risks.

As regards external exchange, the CCAC has strengthened its internal and external connections, actively "going global" to enhance Macao's international influence and competitiveness. It organised delegations to visit key central

ministries and commissions as well as supervisory and judicial bodies in various provinces and cities, as well as received visits from overseas anti-corruption agencies. In addition, at the invitation of the Independent Commission Against Corruption of Hong Kong, the CCAC sent personnel to Brasília, the capital of Brazil, to jointly conduct a training programme for local anti-corruption and law enforcement agencies of Brazil, during which the corruption fighting history of Macao, the functions of the CCAC and the relevant laws, cases solved by the CCAC and its investigation measures, among other information, were shared with the trainees, which showcased the achievements of the Macao SAR's successful implementation of "One Country, Two Systems" and its anti-corruption experience. It also actively cooperated with the country in the review of the implementation of the United Nations Convention against Corruption.

As regards promotion and education, in addition to providing diverse educational content for the public and private sectors, the CCAC also created platforms for the public, especially young people, to participate in integrity building, including selecting a team representing Macao to participate in international anti-corruption programming competitions. Macao's youth, through their tireless efforts and outstanding talent, repeatedly won honours in the competitions. They will also assist the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime in developing AI teaching tools, aiming to leverage innovative technology to support global integrity education. They have lived up to the high regard of the country and the SAR for Macao's youth, which is inspiring and brings glory to Macao.

We should build on the past and anchor the future. The rule of law is the cornerstone for social stability and development, and improving the legal systems helps enhance public confidence in the SAR Government's governance according to law and integrity building. In the new year, the CCAC will remain committed to its responsibilities, combatting and preventing corruption, strengthening oversight and carrying out key tasks in an orderly manner. It will also continue to earnestly achieve the Chief Executive's policy visions of

“following the right path, innovating and embracing reform” and “upholding the rule of law in Macao”, and will support the country’s “15th Five-Year Plan” and the Macao SAR’s “3rd Five-Year Plan” to provide the safeguard of integrity for the national development strategy and the moderate diversification of the Macao SAR’s economy.

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