

Carnival aims to improve community environment

Kristy Chan

The Macau General Union of Neighbourhood Associations (commonly known as Kai Fong), in collaboration with six government entities and two business associations, announced yesterday that it will organise the "Jointly Creating a New Environment for the Community 2019" carnival, aiming together to create a better living environment and a harmonious and safe community to celebrate the upcoming Chinese New Year (CNY) in a particularly joyful manner.

The carnival is an annual pre-CNY event.

John Chan Ka Leong, a vice-president of the association, made the announcement during a press conference at his group's headquarters in Toi San district.

This year, the first day of the Chinese New Year of the Pig falls on February 5.

The six government entities which are co-organising the event are the Municipal Affairs Bureau (IAM), Public Security Police (PSP),

Judiciary Police (PJ), Fire Services Bureau (CB), Health Bureau (SSM) and the Environmental Protection Bureau (DSPA), as well as the Macau General Association of Real Estate and the Macau Property Management Business Association.

The event has been held annually since 1994, according to Chan.

As a side effect of Macau's rapid socio-economic development, environmental pollution is affecting residents' health, Chan said. Saving energy, reducing pollution and preserving our planet are the common challenges that humanity is facing. Chan said that by organising the event, his association wants to convey the crucial message of environmental protection, and to construct a better and more comfortable living environment for all Macau people.

As the Chinese New Year is approaching, the weather is set to get windier and relatively dry, which makes it more likely for fires to erupt, Chan said, adding that residents must therefore keep a watchful eye on fire prevention.

The law enforcement agencies' theft and fraud prevention measures will also need to be strengthened as the Chinese festive season is approaching, Chan, who heads his association's social affairs committee, said.

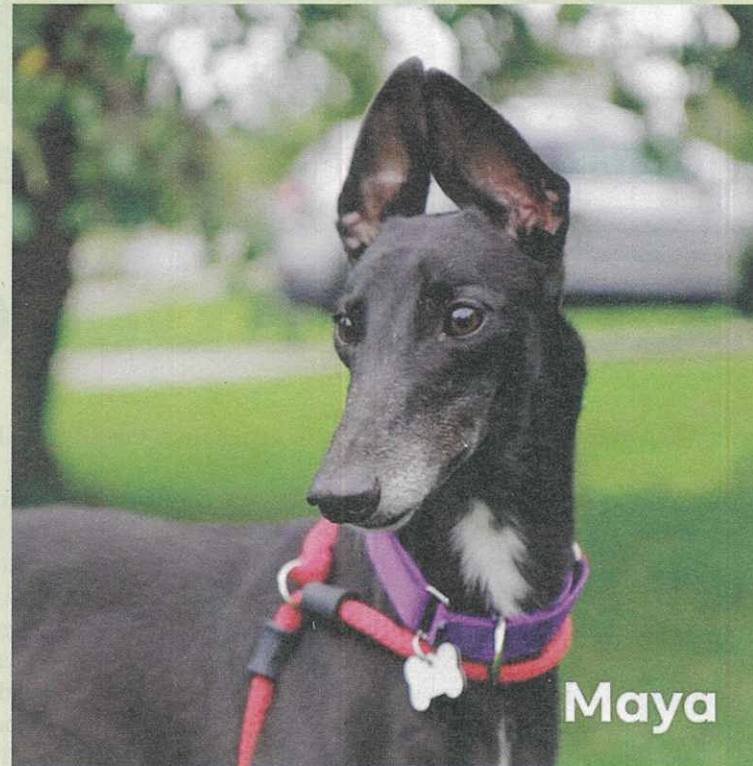
Through the event, residents will be reminded to strengthen their awareness and properly carry out measures in order to prevent fires and burglary and fraud cases, Chan said. The event aims to encourage its participants to convey the awareness messages to their families and friends, and to encourage residents to cooperate with the police to prevent crimes from taking place in the run-up to the Chinese New Year, Chan, who is also the vice-principal of the Macau Residents School run by his association, said.

The event will be held from 2:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. on Sunday in Iao Hon Market Park. There will be booth games, cultural performances, plays, educational seminars, and a display of police vehicles, fire engines, and other fire-fighting equipment. ■



Wong Wai Chon (front, fourth from left), a representative from the Public Security Police (PSP), speaks during yesterday's press conference about the annual "Jointly Creating a New Environment for the Community" carnival, as Macau General Union of Neighbourhood Associations Vice President John Chan Ka Leong (second from right) and representatives from other government entities look on, at the association's headquarters in Toi San district. Photo: Kristy Chan

Ex-Canidrome operator pays 25 million patacas fine: IAM



Ex-Canidrome greyhound Maya "poses" in her new home in the US late last month. Photo taken from Lesley Wells' Facebook page

Staff Reporter

The former concessionaire of Macau's troubled greyhound racetrack, Macau (Yat Yuen) Canidrome Co. Ltd. has already paid its 25-million-pataca fine for abandoning hundreds of greyhounds when the racetrack stopped operating in July last year, the Municipal Affairs Bureau (IAM) said in a statement yesterday.

The company is headed by gaming executive-cum-lawmaker Angela Leong On Kei.

According to the statement, Yat Yuen was fined 50,000 patacas per greyhound left behind in the racetrack's kennels when the dog-racing concession ended on July 20, 2018.

The statement pointed out that the company is obligated to pay all the expenditure for the care of the retired racing dogs left

behind in the kennels. According to the statement, the company has already paid more than 5 million patacas for the canines' care.

The bureau also said that the remaining dogs' adoption process was going smoothly, pointing out that 191 greyhounds were adopted between October 15 last year and yesterday – 180 were sent by air to the United States and five to Italy, while 6 were adopted locally.

As of yesterday, 310 greyhounds were still at the ex-Canidrome kennels, still awaiting adoption, according to the statement.

An informed source told *The Macau Post Daily* last night that five greyhounds each will be sent by air to the US and Italy today.

According to the statement, the adoption process is slated to be concluded in May. ■

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CLOUDY APART FROM SUNNY INTERVALS.
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Source: SMG

Acid thrown at woman's face 'in emotional dispute': police

Paola Reyes

A liquid suspected to be acid was thrown in a woman's face yesterday afternoon in an alley near Avenida do Dr. Rodrigo Rodrigues in Zape over an "emotional dispute", according to the Public Security Police (PSP) yesterday.

The location of the incident is near the Campo de Dragão Chinese Restaurant near the PSP headquarters.

The police said that the injured blue-card holder in her forties – a non-resident worker – was seriously injured and was taken to the nearby public Conde Sao Januario Hospital Centre for treatment. She sustained serious burns on her face and hands, according to the police.

The work permits held by non-resident workers are commonly known as "blue cards".

When the police arrived at the scene, the woman was conscious and told the police that she knew the perpetrator who had fled after



Police officers move the injured woman on a guerny into an ambulance for treatment at the public Conde de S. Januário Hospital Centre. Photo: long Tat Choi

throwing the liquid in her face. A man who was accompanying the woman also told the police he

suspected that the incident was the result of an "emotional dispute," according to the police. ■