COMMEMORATIVE EXHIBITION OF BASIC LAW OPENS WITH 350 PHOTOGRAPHS

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THE commemorative exhibition of the 30th anniversary of the enactment of the Basic Law of Macau, organized by the Legal Affairs Bureau, the Municipal Affairs Bureau and the Education and Youth Development Bureau, opened yesterday and will run for two consecutive months.

Unlike traditional photographic exhibitions, this exhibition uses interactive multimedia. It presents visitors with more than 350 photographs recording the significant changes that have taken place in Macau over the last 180 years. It includes historical photographs of important moments, such as the Sino--Portuguese negotiations, the signing of the Sino-Portuguese Joint Declaration and the enactment and implementation of the Macau Basic Law.

In addition to offering guided tours at the exhibition site, the organizing body has also organized visits by teachers and students from various primary and secondary schools to "deepen young people's knowledge of the Basic Law and to increase their sense of national identity," according to a statement issued by the government.

The exhibition will continue from today until June 2 for two consecutive months, at the Science Center. There will be guided tours on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

In addition to the exhibition at the Science Centre, itinerant community exhibitions will also be launched in the middle of this month, visiting community areas of Macau, Taipa and Coloane to raise awareness and publicize the Basic Law. On Sundays, the Macau Lawyers Association will provide legal consultation services to residents attending the traveling exhibitions.

CPC MEMBER CALLS FOR EFFORTS TO SAFEGUARD NATIONAL SOVEREIGNTY

LI Hongzhong, a member of the Political Bureau of the Communist Party of China (CPC) Central Committee and vice chairman of the National People's Congress Standing Committee, attended the SAR's conference to commemorate the 30th anniversary of the promulgation of the Basic Law of Macau.

Li said over the 30 years after the promulgation of the Basic Law of Macau, particularly since its implementation on Dec. 20, 1999, the Basic Law has formed the constitutional foundation for the Macau SAR together with the Constitution of the People's Republic of China, defined the constitutional order of Macau, and provided all-round legal guarantee for the development of various causes in Macau.

Well implementing the Basic Law of the Macau SAR is significant to writing new chapters for "One country, two systems" practices in Macau, Li said, adding that efforts must be made to safeguard national sovereignty, security and development interests, practically implement the central authorities' overall jurisdiction, firmly implement the principle of "patriots administering Macau," and continue stepping up promotions of the Constitution and the Basic Law of the Macau SAR. **XINHUA**

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