

## **20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Establishment of the Unitary Police Service**

Prior to Macao's return to the Motherland, the Public Security Police Force and the Judiciary Police were responsible for maintaining public order in Macao. The two police bodies, with a small revision to their Chinese names, became accountable to the Secretary for Security after the establishment of the Macao Special Administrative Region. In 2001, the Unitary Police Service was established by the Macao Special Administrative Region in accordance with the Basic Law and the Organic Law of Government. It aims to allocate resources, analyse intelligence, coordinate and lead the operations of the two police bodies in a more effective manner, as well as to maximise the efficiency of crime prevention and control.

In face of the rapid development of Macao, the Unitary Police Service took on a new coordination function in civil protection in 2017, in addition to its original functions of collecting and analysing intelligence, planning and preparing operations. All along, the Unitary Police Service has strived to forge ahead and keep up with the times with a truthful and pragmatic approach. Upholding the three guiding principles of the Secretary for Security, namely, "proactive policing", "community policing" and "proximity policing", the Unitary Police Service has built in recent years a modern policing model that calls on "the police to serve the people, the people to support the police". Meanwhile, such projects as "Smart Policing" and "Macao Video Surveillance System" have been organised and coordinated to reinforce police with technology, as well as to support the "Smart City" and "Safe City" initiatives of the Macao Special Administrative Region Government.

October 29, 2021 marks the 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Establishment of the Unitary Police Service; a stamp issue is launched to commemorate its development. Over the past two decades, all members of the Unitary Police Service have worked together to fulfil their duties and maintain Macao's social order; have well prepared themselves to develop a new policing model; keep up with times by employing technology to strengthen policing; and join hands with different sectors and the general public in contribution to civil protection tasks.

Working with dedication and striving for progress, all members of the Unitary Police Service will continue to scale the heights and contribute to the development of policing. Looking forward, the Unitary Police Service will continue to fight and prevent crimes; analyse all possible risks to ensure the safety and stability of Macao; enhance the capability of crisis prevention and management by innovating civil protection management; synergise different sectors to safeguard the security of Macao and the nation; and ensure the well-being of citizens and the general public.

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