

1	<p>Guangdong–Hong Kong–Macao Host National Games of China for the First Time Hong Kong to Host 8 Events</p> <p>In November, the 15th National Games of China, jointly hosted for the first time by Guangdong, Hong Kong and Macao, officially took place, followed by the National Games for Persons with Disabilities and the National Special Olympic Games in December. Hong Kong hosted eight competition events, including Beach Volleyball and Track Cycling. This year's National Games drew about 22,000 athletes from across the country and engaged nearly 16,000 volunteers, sparking a citywide wave of enthusiasm in Hong Kong.</p>
2	<p>Intense Competition in the AI Market DeepSeek's Low-Cost Model Shocks U.S. Tech Sector</p> <p>The global AI market is expanding rapidly, with new competitors entering the field one after another. In January, DeepSeek officially launched, claiming to have been developed for only USD 6 million while achieving a performance level comparable to other similar AI models, a revelation that shocked the tech world. Affected by the news, technology stocks and chip manufacturers' share prices once plummeted, raising industry concerns over whether the United States' advantage in the global AI race may be undermined.</p>
3	<p>Israel–Palestine Conflict Continues for Two Years Prospects for a Peaceful Resolution Still Unclear</p> <p>The Israel–Palestine war has dragged on for two years, plunging Palestinians in Gaza into a humanitarian crisis. Early in the year, Israel and Hamas agreed to a ceasefire and a proposal for prisoner exchange, but Gaza continued to face attacks by Israeli forces during the period. At year-end, the U.S. proposed a peace plan urging the release of Israeli hostages and outlining Gaza's future development. However, most observers believe that the prospects for a peaceful resolution remain uncertain.</p>
4	<p>Deliveroo Exits Hong Kong With Some Assets Sold</p> <p>Food delivery platform Deliveroo announced in April that it would end operations in Hong Kong. The board believed that continuing operations in the city no longer served the best interests of shareholders. After nine years of operation, some of Deliveroo's assets and related businesses were taken over by other delivery platforms. With Deliveroo's exit, Hong Kong's food delivery market landscape has been reshuffled.</p>
5	<p>Over 100 Candidates Enter Legislative Council Election Record High Since “Improve Electoral System” Reform</p> <p>The nomination period for the 2025 Legislative Council general election ended on 6th November, with 161 individuals registering to compete for 90 seats, a record high since the implementation of the Improved Electoral System. President of the Legislative Council Andrew Leung Kwan-yin stated that this election is an important milestone in promoting high-quality democratic development, and the fact that more than half of the candidates are newcomers shows the legislature is gradually achieving generational renewal.</p>
6	<p>Earthquake Rumours Spread Japan's Tourism Industry Hit</p> <p>A prediction in the Japanese manga The Future I Saw about a major earthquake and tsunami in July has circulated widely across multiple regions, causing panic among residents in Japan and nearby areas. The rumour led to a noticeable decline in visitors traveling to Japan, reduced flight frequencies, and significant impact on the tourism industry. The Japanese government and experts emphasized that the prediction lacks scientific basis and urged the public to remain calm and stay prepared for disasters.</p>

7	<p>Hot Air Balloon Festival Fails to Obtain Passenger-Carrying Permit Aerial Experience Cancelled</p> <p>In September, Hong Kong's first "International Hot Air Balloon Fest" opened, but the organizer announced on the first afternoon that the planned "tethered ride experience" would be cancelled due to failure to obtain necessary safety permits, meaning the balloons could not carry passengers. Visitors were greatly disappointed and initially unable to secure refunds. The organizer later stated that attendees who purchased tickets through official channels would receive a full refund.</p>
8	<p>Famous Influencer IShowSpeed Visits Hong Kong Fans Show Support Both Online and Offline</p> <p>In April, U.S. internet celebrity IShowSpeed visited Hong Kong, generating widespread excitement. Many fans followed in his footsteps to attractions such as Ocean Park and Man Mo Temple, and some even tried the traditional practice of "villain hitting". His livestreams attracted over 140,000 viewers, with many believing that his casual streaming style showcased the city's authentic and unique character, allowing global audiences to gain a deeper appreciation for Hong Kong.</p>
9	<p>Hong Kong-Born Panda Twins Debut Initiating the "Panda Economy"</p> <p>In May, Ocean Park's Hong Kong-born giant panda twins were officially named Jia Jia and De De and moved to the Alpine area of the "Giant Panda Adventure" to live with their mother Ying Ying. Hong Kong Post issued commemorative stamps in August, and the government along with industry partners have leveraged the momentum to develop the "panda economy", boosting tourism, raising public awareness of conservation and encouraging public participation in conservation activities.</p>
10	<p>"Ne Zha 2" Breaks Global Animation Box Office Record A Milestone for Chinese Cinema</p> <p>In January, the animated film Ne Zha 2 was released, grossing over RMB 15.9 billion worldwide and surpassing Inside Out 2 to become the highest-grossing animated film in global box office history. The film blends Eastern mythology with cutting-edge animation technology, sweeping markets both domestically and abroad, marking the powerful rise of China's animation industry and setting a new milestone for Chinese cinema.</p>
11	<p>Taipan Bread & Cakes Closes After Over 40 Years Creator of the First Icy Mooncake Shuts Down</p> <p>Hong Kong's long-established bakery brand Taipan Bread & Cakes, operating for over 40 years, announced it would cease all operations in June due to "unpredictable and irresistible impacts". Founded in 1984, Taipan was known for inventing the Icy Mooncake and once operated up to 28 branches. By the time of closure, only around a dozen branches remained.</p>
12	<p>Trump Launches Reciprocal Tariffs; China Responds China-U.S. Trade War Escalates</p> <p>In April, U.S. President Donald Trump implemented a reciprocal tariff policy, announcing a 10% baseline tariff on imports from 86 countries and regions. Tariffs on certain Chinese goods surged to as high as 145%. In response to the U.S. tariff hikes, the Chinese government announced countermeasures. The policy has affected global trade dynamics and further intensified China-U.S. trade tensions.</p>
13	<p>U.S. Right-Wing Conservative Leader Fatally Shot During Speech</p> <p>U.S. right-wing commentator Charlie Kirk was fatally shot in the neck during a speech at Utah Valley University in September. Kirk had been discussing gun violence in America with the audience at the time of the attack. This tragedy is widely viewed as a symbol of the growing extremism and normalization of political violence in the United States. Communities across the country condemned the violence and called for strengthened security for public figures.</p>

14	<p>Kai Tak Sports Park Opens Boosting Hong Kong's "Mega Events Economy"</p> <p>On 1st March, the Kai Tak Sports Park officially opened. Covering 28 hectares and costing HK\$31.9 billion, it is Hong Kong's largest sports infrastructure project to date. Its main stadium seats 50,000 spectators and is capable of hosting major international sports events and entertainment activities. The government hopes the venue will attract tourists and stimulate the tourism, dining and retail sectors, boosting the development of the Mega Events Economy.</p>
15	<p>Public Healthcare Fee Reform Ensuring Sustainable Resources for Grassroot Services</p> <p>In April, the government gazetted a three-phase public hospital fee reform to begin in 2026, significantly adjusting charges for non-urgent and non-critical cases under a co-payment mechanism. Accident and Emergency fees will rise from HK\$180 to HK\$400. The government aims to reduce the medical subsidy rate by 10% within five years and expand fee waivers for grassroots families to cope with resource wastage, rising costs, and population aging.</p>
16	<p>Super Typhoon Ragasa Hits Hong Kong Three Washed into Sea While Wave Watching, All Rescued</p> <p>Super Typhoon Ragasa struck Hong Kong in September, prompting the Observatory to issue the year's second Hurricane Signal No. 10. Large waves damaged seafront hotels, shops and promenades. During Typhoon Signal No. 8, a family of four was watching waves at the shore when three were swept into the sea by powerful surges. All were eventually rescued. The government urged the public not to chase winds and waves, also stated that enforcement will be strict.</p>
17	<p>Senior Secondary History Curriculum Reform Significant Increase in Chinese History Hours</p> <p>In October, the Education Bureau announced an optimised senior secondary Chinese History and History curriculum frameworks aimed at nurturing students to become globally minded Chinese citizens. The revised curriculum more than doubles lesson hours on Chinese history and adds new modules such as "Major-Country Diplomacy with Chinese Characteristics" and "Belt and Road Initiative". Meanwhile, Hong Kong, Japanese and Southeast Asian history will no longer be standalone chapters. The new curriculum is planned for implementation in the 2027/28 school year.</p>
18	<p>Student Allowance Cancelled Starting This School Year Parents Express Dissatisfaction</p> <p>Since the 2020/21 school year, the government has provided a HK\$2,500 student allowance for primary, secondary, kindergarten and special school students to relieve parents' education expenses. The latest Budget proposes cancelling the allowance starting from the 2025/26 school year, saving an estimated HK\$2 billion annually under the "Targeted Poverty Alleviation" approach. The government stressed that students facing financial hardship may still apply for other assistance schemes, though the move has triggered dissatisfaction among some parents.</p>
19	<p>MediSafe AI Project Caught in Outsourcing Controversy Student Team Voluntarily Withdraws Awards</p> <p>The AI platform MediSafe, developed by secondary school students, sparked controversy in June after accusations of outsourcing to an AI company, a lack of originality and the use of noncompliant data. The platform had previously won several awards, raising questions about eligibility. An investigation later confirmed that the concept was original and that simulated patient data had been used. In August, Clarisse Poon, the student creator, and her family voluntarily withdrew the awards to settle the dispute. The incident triggered widespread discussion on academic integrity.</p>

20	<p>Industries Undergoing Transformation Employment Situation Draws Attention</p> <p>According to Census and Statistics Department data, Hong Kong's unemployment rate from July to September stood at 3.9%. Secretary for Labour and Welfare Chris Sun noted that local industries are undergoing transformation, leading to varied unemployment trends across sectors. He emphasized that with easing trade tensions and economic growth in Mainland China, government economic measures will support the development of the labour market.</p>
21	<p>Pope Francis Passes Away; Leo XIV Succeeds</p> <p>On 21st April, Pope Francis passed away at the Domus Sanctae Marthae in Vatican City at the age of 88 due to a stroke complicated by heart failure. Subsequently, Robert Francis Prevost was elected as the new pope, taking the name Leo XIV, becoming the first American pope in the history of the Catholic Church.</p>
22	<p>Hong Kong Boy Band Member Keung To Falls into Sea While Running; Rescued Safely</p> <p>In June, Keung To, a member of Hong Kong boy band MIRROR, fell into the sea near the Western Wholesale Food Market while jogging. Feeling unwell, he stopped at the roadside to rest and accidentally fell into the water. He was rescued in time by a fishing boat and hospitalized without injury. Keung To later reassured the public via his management and a press conference, describing the incident as an accident and urging people not to speculate excessively. The event attracted wide attention.</p>
23	<p>Five Black Rainstorm Signals in Half a Month Record High, Flooding Disrupts Commuting</p> <p>Between 29th July and 14th August, the active southwest monsoon combined with multiple tropical cyclones brought consecutive heavy rain to Hong Kong. During this period, the Hong Kong Observatory issued five Black Rainstorm Signals -- the highest number on record. The heavy rainfall caused localized flooding and landslides, severely affecting traffic and residents' mobility.</p>
24	<p>"Space Oil" Renamed Etomidate Authorities Reveal Dangerous Nature</p> <p>Starting 31st July, the government officially renamed the drug colloquially known as Space Oil to Etomidate. In February, the government had already listed Etomidate as a strictly controlled substance through official gazette procedures. The move aims to prevent the term "Space Oil" from glamorizing the drug, reveal its hazardous nature, alert the public to drug risks, and demonstrate the government's determination to combat drug abuse.</p>
25	<p>Government Increases Non-local Student Quota for Subsidized Universities</p> <p>The government proposed advancing Hong Kong as an international higher-education hub and promoting the "Study in Hong Kong" brand. The current Policy Address announced that starting in the 2026/27 academic year, the quota for non-local students in each subsidized university will rise from 40% to 50%. Chief Executive John Lee stated that this adjustment helps local students understand other cultures, broaden international perspectives and build networks.</p>
26	<p>Three-Tier School-Based Emergency Mechanism Formalized Enhanced Support for Student Mental Health</p> <p>The Policy Address announced that the "Three-Tier School-Based Emergency Mechanism" in secondary schools will become a permanent fixture and will be piloted in Primary 4–6 for the first time, strengthening support for students at risk of suicide. Additionally, the government will enhance child and youth mental health measures, including implementing the 4Rs Mental Health Charter in schools and introducing a stepped care model for mental health.</p>

27	<p>1,000-Pound Bomb Found in Quarry Bay; 6,000 Evacuated</p> <p>In September, a World War II-era U.S. aerial bomb was discovered at a construction site in Quarry Bay, North Point. The bomb measured about 1.5 meters, weighed roughly 1,000 pounds, and contained approximately 500 pounds of explosives, posing a high risk. Police quickly cordoned off surrounding roads and evacuated about 6,000 residents from 18 nearby buildings. After nine hours of emergency operations, the bomb was safely defused.</p>
28	<p>Registration of Same-Sex Partnerships Bill Fails Second Reading Public Opinion Divided</p> <p>In September, the Legislative Council of Hong Kong voted on the Registration of Same-Sex Partnerships Bill. The bill was rejected by 71 votes against and 14 in favor. During public consultation, opinions were divided. The bill aimed to allow same-sex couples with overseas-registered marriages to register in Hong Kong, granting rights such as medical decision-making, visitation and handling posthumous matters.</p>
29	<p>Sanae Takaichi Elected As Japan's First Female Prime Minister</p> <p>In October, Sanae Takaichi, President of Japan's Liberal Democratic Party, won the first-round vote in the parliamentary Prime Minister election with a majority and became Japan's first female prime minister. Takaichi proposed Sanaenomics, advocating tax cuts and fiscal expansion. She aims to deepen the U.S.-Japan alliance, supports constitutional reform and increased defense budgets, and her tough stance on China has drawn international attention.</p>
30	<p>First Local Case of Chikungunya Fever Recorded Over 10,000 Residents at Risk</p> <p>In October, the Department of Health's Centre for Health Protection confirmed the first locally transmitted case of Chikungunya fever in Hong Kong, involving an 82-year-old woman in Fung Tak Estate, Wong Tai Sin. As a precaution, around 8,000 households in nearby buildings were identified as at-risk. The Centre, along with multiple government departments and relevant agencies, implemented control measures to prevent the local establishment of Chikungunya and minimize public health impact.</p>

The above candidate news is randomly sorted, with news up to 31st October, 2025. The election results will be announced in early January 2026.