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Support Centre for Cash Subsidy enters into service today

In view of the rising inflation, Macao SAR government initiates a one-off subsidy distributed in cash form to its residents to alleviate the inflationary pressure. The relevant administrative regulation has been published at the Official Gazette and came into effect on 30 August 2011. Holders of valid or renewable Macao SAR resident identity card on 30 June 2011 are eligible to receive the payment. Every Macao SAR permanent and non-permanent resident identity card holder is granted 3,000 patacas and 1,800 patacas respectively.

To cope with the payment, Macao SAR government has established a Support Centre for Cash Subsidy to cater for public enquiries regarding payment and render assistance on problems associated with receiving the subsidy. The Centre enters into service today (30 August 2011) at Avendia da Praia Grande 762-804, China Plaza Bldg., 1F, shop AJ. Its opening hours are from Monday to Friday, except public holidays, from 9:00 a.m. to 18:00 p.m., with no lunch break. It provides a hotline number 2822-5000 and facsimile number 2822-3000. Public may also visit the website of cash subsidy (www.ap.gov.mo) for updated information and enquiry regarding payment. Should anyone fails to receive the cheque ten days after the receipt dates, he or she can resort to the Centre for help or reissuance of cheque starting from the date as shown for the purpose at the schedule for cash subsidy payment.

The postal address for mailing the cheques is the same as that of Wealth Partaking Scheme 2011. Residents can change their postal address either at the website of Identification Bureau (www.dsi.gov.mo) or that of the Support Centre for Cash Subsidy. Application form can also be returned directly to the Identification Bureau after completion.

The schedule for the cash subsidy payment is as follows:

Bank transfer dates or receipt dates for cheques to be received in Macao			Starting date of enquiry for whom has not yet received cheque
30 th August 2011		Persons receiving financial assistance from the Social Welfare Bureau, teaching staffs receiving direct subsidy as well as students in tertiary education receiving student aid from the Education and Youth Affairs Bureau (Student Benefits Fund), retired civil servants receiving retirement pension and other persons receiving survivor pension (bank transfer)	
1 st September 2011		Persons receiving subsidy for senior citizens (bank transfer)	
Week 1	5 th September 2011 - 9 th September 2011	Persons born in or before 1950	20 th September 2011
Week 2	12 th September 2011 - 16 th September 2011	Persons born in 1951-1955	27 th September 2011
	September 2011	Civil servants (bank transfer with the salary of September)	
Week 3	19 th September 2011 - 23 rd September 2011	Persons born in 1956-1960	4 th October 2011
Week 4	26 th September 2011 - 30 th September 2011	Persons born in 1961-1966	11 th October 2011
Week 5	3 rd October 2011 - 7 th October 2011	Persons born in 1967-1971	18 th October 2011
Week 6	10 th October 2011 - 14 th October 2011	Persons born in 1972-1979	25 th October 2011
Week 7	17 th October 2011 - 21 st October 2011	Persons born in 1980-1986	1 st November 2011
Week 8	24 th October 2011 - 28 th October 2011	Persons born in 1987-1992	8 th November 2011
Week 9	31 st October 2011 - 4 th November 2011	Persons born in 1993-1999	15 th November 2011
Week 10	7 th November 2011 - 11 th November 2011	Persons born in 2000-2011	22 nd November 2011

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