

## **Press Release**

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### **Office of Commissioner of MFA, DSI, DSAJ and IFT jointly organized discussion forum to promote fundamental rights and duties of residents, Nationality Law and consular protection and consular services**

In order to further promote fundamental rights and duties of Macao residents, Nationality Law, consular protection and consular services, the Office of the Commissioner of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of People's Republic of China in the Macao SAR (hereinafter called Office of the Commissioner of MFA), the Identification Services Bureau (hereinafter called DSI), the Legal Affairs Bureau (hereinafter called DSAJ) and the Macao Institute for Tourism Studies (hereinafter called IFT) jointly organized a discussion forum at IFT on 29 March 2016. With the aim of creating relaxing atmosphere for discussion, the forum is conducted in a form of casual gathering for university students to exchange their views with the speakers on issues of fundamental rights and duties of Macao residents, the Nationality Law, consular protection and consular services.

This forum is an extended activity of "Constitution and Basic Law –Fundamental Rights and Duties of Macao Residents, Nationality Law, Consular Protection and Consular Services" thematic seminar held at IFT on 22 March 2016. It aims at providing another channel for university students to explore the above-mentioned issues. Mr. Weng Jinshan and Mr. Huang Jianbin, representatives of the Office of the Commissioner of MFA, Ms. Wong Pou Ieng, Head of Department of Residents Identification, Mr. Ng Chi Meng, Head of Department of Travel Documents of DSI, Ms. Lao Un Cheng, Acting Head of Public Relations Division of DSAJ, and Mr. Chu Chan Weng, Head of Technical and Academic Support Division of IFT, have participated this forum and had close interactions and exchanges of views with more than twenty IFT students. Some students who had studied or worked abroad took the opportunity to consult the speakers about some frequently encountered problems when travelling abroad. Right after listening to the students' questions, the speakers answered them in detail, making that the students deepen their knowledge on consular protection and consular services further. In addition, the speakers shared some true cases regarding the consular protection and services and cases of Macao residents requesting assistance in emergency overseas, which left deep impression to the students.

The organizer will continuously organize different kinds of promotion activities to enrich the knowledge of Macao residents on the Constitution and the Basic Law, as well as consular protection and consular services.



Speakers and students exchanged their opinions in the discussion forum held at IFT on 29 March 2016.



The Speaker shared her point of view with the students.