

## EDUCATION

# IPM Open Day attracts 2,000 visitors



Marcus Im delivering his speech during the Open Day

**T**HE Macau Polytechnic Institute's (IPM) 2019 Open Day attracted some 2,000 senior high school graduates and local residents to participate in the annual event which introduces the institute's developments.

According to a statement issued by the institute, it hosted a series of activities including guided campus tours, exhibitions of teaching and research achievements, physical fitness trial tests, sports performances and interactions, and workshops on art and design.

IPM also held nursing

operations, experiment demonstrations, skill and talent shows, library visits, and teaching aid tutorials. In his speech, the president of IPM, Marcus Im, said that the Ministry of Education of China recently announced that the institute had been awarded the "National Teaching Achievement Award 2018" which is presented every four years by the State Council.

The award given to the IPM program is titled "Towards constructing a new model for international talent training - Internatio-

nally Recognized Engineer Education Program: Theory and Practice."

In his speech, Im also noted that the students have won the national "2018 China Adolescents Science and Technology Innovation Contest", the gold and silver prizes in the 2017 and 2018 China College Students "Internet Plus" Innovation and Entrepreneurship Competition organized by the Ministry of

Education, and the gold prize in the Pan-Pearl River Delta Region Universities IT Project Competition.

According to the statement, IPM has trained nearly 20,000 graduates in the fields of Chinese-Portuguese-English translation and interpretation, information technology, gaming management, public administration, business administration, health care, sports, as well as in the cultural and creative industries. The president of the institute further emphasized that with Macau's Higher Education Regulations taking effect, it is poised to launch masters and doctoral programs in key areas. Applications for the 2019/2020 academic year are open until January 18.

## IPM SUSPENDS RECRUITMENT OF LANGUAGE THERAPY PROGRAM

**T**HE MACAU Polytechnic Institute suspended recruitment for its language therapy program, as its president worries that it would be challenging to find jobs for graduates. President Im Sio Kei said that it will no longer accept new students for the bachelor's degree program. "We have to think about the future of our students," Marcus Im told TDM. "If we keep

recruiting more students, it will be a problem for them if they don't get a job after they graduate." Im added that there would be sufficient language therapists serving non-Chinese speaking communities in the city. There are currently 40 students enrolled in the program, who will graduate in 2021 and 2022 respectively. The program commenced in 2017.

## Non-resident deposits dropped 7.5pct

**I**N November, currency in circulation and demand deposits rose 1.5 percent and 0.5 percent respectively, according to statistics released on Friday by the Monetary Authority of Macao (AMCM).

Resident deposits grew 1.5 percent from the preceding month to MOP617 billion, whereas non-resident deposits dropped 7.5 percent to MOP230.3 billion. On the other hand, public sector deposits with the banking sector increased 1.5 percent to MOP230.2 billion.

According to AMCM, total deposits in the banking sector decreased 0.6 percent from a month earlier to MOP1,077.5 billion. The shares of MOP, HKD, RMB and USD in total deposits were 19.8 percent, 51.7 percent, 3.9 percent and 21.4 percent respectively.

Domestic loans to the private sector grew 0.8 percent from a month ago to MOP496 billion, whereas external loans went down by 0.1 percent to MOP501.5 billion. Total loans to the private sector increased 0.3 percent from a month earlier to MOP997.5 billion. The shares of MOP, HKD, RMB and USD in total loans were 16.4 percent, 50.6 percent, 3.3 percent and 26.5 percent respectively.