

SAT axed for Macau and mainland

Staff Reporter

The Scholastic Assessment Test (SAT) was cancelled in all 45 testing centres on Saturday in the mainland and Macau after the not-for-profit corporation's College Board learnt that some students may have obtained the exam papers.

SAT is a standardised university admission exam to measure academic ability for students to apply to universities and colleges in the United States.

According to media reports on Friday, the New York-based corporation told students in an email on Wednesday that Saturday's examination in the mainland and Macau was cancelled. The College Board declined to say how many students were scheduled to take the examination at the examination centres.

The College Board said in the email that the test will "probably" be rescheduled in a month or so.

The test is being provided locally by the University of Macau (UM) and the City University.

The cancellation is the latest scandal for the College Board, which has been hit by several cheating incidents in Asia in recent years. The test was cancelled in South Korea in 2013 because of leaked questions.

Speaking to *The Macau Post Daily* on the phone yesterday, a Tertiary Education Services Office (GAES) spokesperson said the office was looking into the case, but declined to disclose how many local students were affected.

In Hong Kong, the SAT exam was held as scheduled on Saturday. ■



Sumitro Wong Chung-yin (at the board) of Hong Kong's Inner Guides Co., conducts a "Zentangle" workshop at the Macpro Gallery in Nam Wan on Saturday. Over 20 people attended the workshop, which Anita Ao Lai I of Macpro Gallery said, "Was amazing. I really didn't expect so many people to turn up." Wong's wife Bhakta Ng Wing-yan added, "We did a workshop in Macau for healing last year and very few people turned up, so I am really surprised and happy with the number here today."

"Zentangle" is about relieving stress through art that anyone can do even if they aren't artists. According to the Inner Guides website, a "tangle" refers to a pattern that has been deconstructed so that it can be recreated according to the "Zentangle Method". "Zen" is a school of Mahayana Buddhism that emphasises a rigorous meditation practice. Observers noted that the workshop appeared to do what is professed it would as the participants were totally engrossed in what they were drawing.

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Pearl Horizon protesters demand to meet Chui

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Speaking to reporters before the protest started, Kou Meng Pok, president of the association, said a female flat buyer called "Ah Lai" aged between 50 and 60, who had planned to join the protest, died of a heart attack yesterday morning "because she was

fellow flat buyers that the Pearl Horizon incident would possibly "affect Macau's international image which has taken many years to build". "We sincerely hope the chief executive will help us solve the problem as soon as possible and give the over 3,000 Pearl Horizon victims a happy lunar new

Forum doubts impact of tax hike to reduce cars

Ian Sio Tou

Macau Forum panellists and audience members yesterday questioned the expected impact of a recent tax hike to reduce the number of vehicles on the city's roads.

The open-air debate programme in Areia Preta Park is hosted by government broadcaster TDM every Sunday.

Possibly due to the city's Siberian weather, just five residents turned up for yesterday's forum

