

# Macao's Smart Immigration Clearance — Facial Recognition Replaces ID Checks at Three Border Ports

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Quality score: 53/100

Evidence strength: Descriptive / self-reported

## Summary

Macao's police rolled out facial-recognition 'Smart Immigration Clearance' at Hengqin, Qingmao and the Zhuhai-Macao Bridge; by June 2026 over 310,000 people had registered at Hengqin, covering 42% of that port's automated-channel clearances.

## Key dimensions

| Dimension                                  | Score |
|--------------------------------------------|-------|
| Evidence of impact / measured public value | 2/3   |
| Transparency, fairness & accountability    | 1/3   |
| Transferability / demonstrated replication | 1/3   |
| Scalability beyond pilot                   | 3/3   |
| Governance, capability & sustainability    | 1/3   |

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## Data sources

[C-NAPSE web research](#) — accessed 2026-09-11

[Public Security Police Force of Macao \(Government of the Macao SAR\)](#) — accessed 2026-09-11

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