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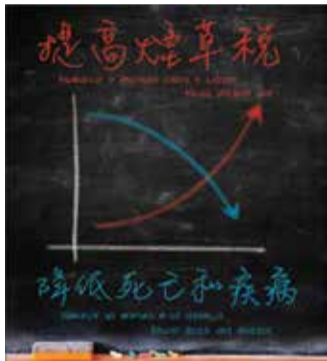
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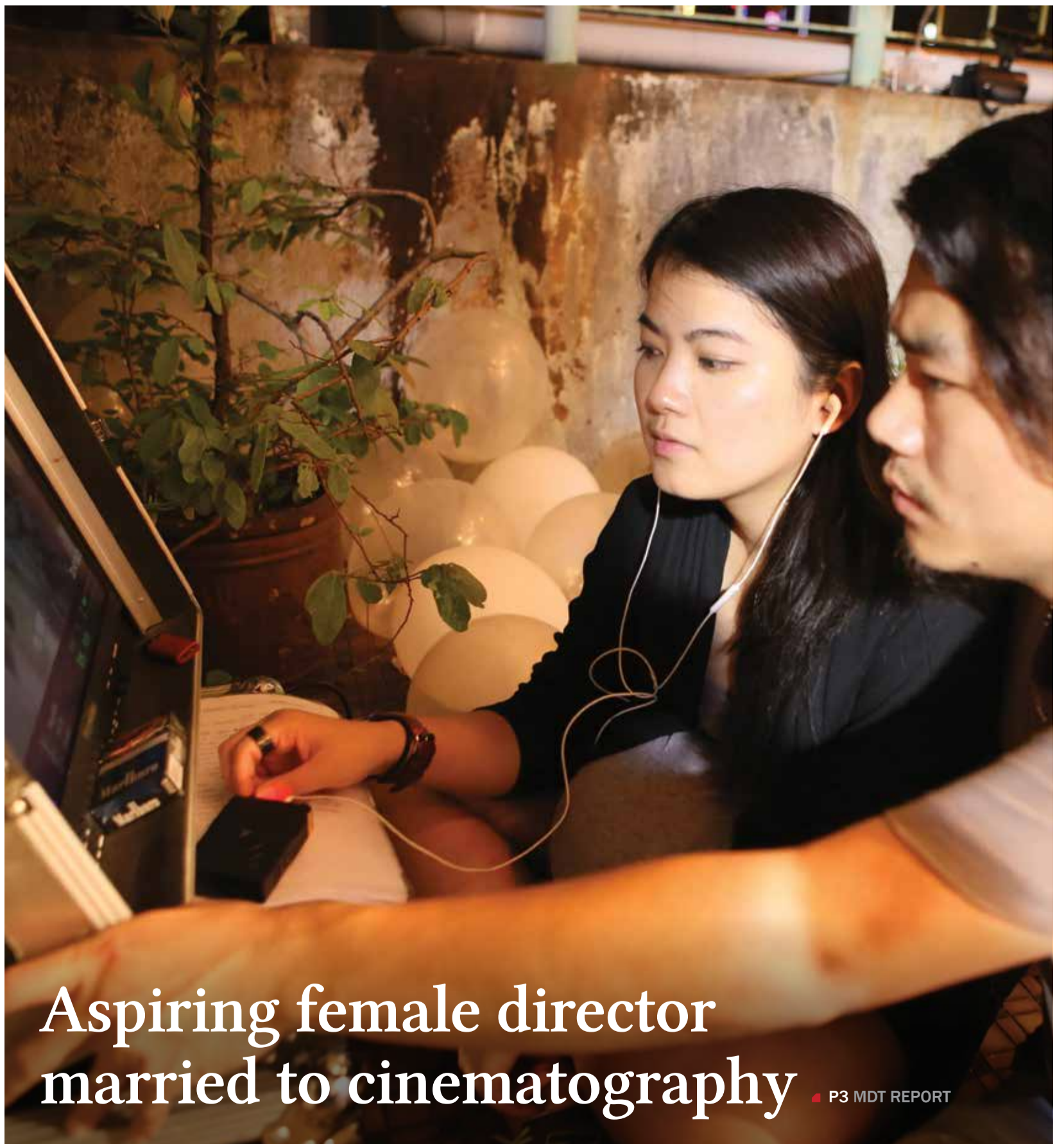
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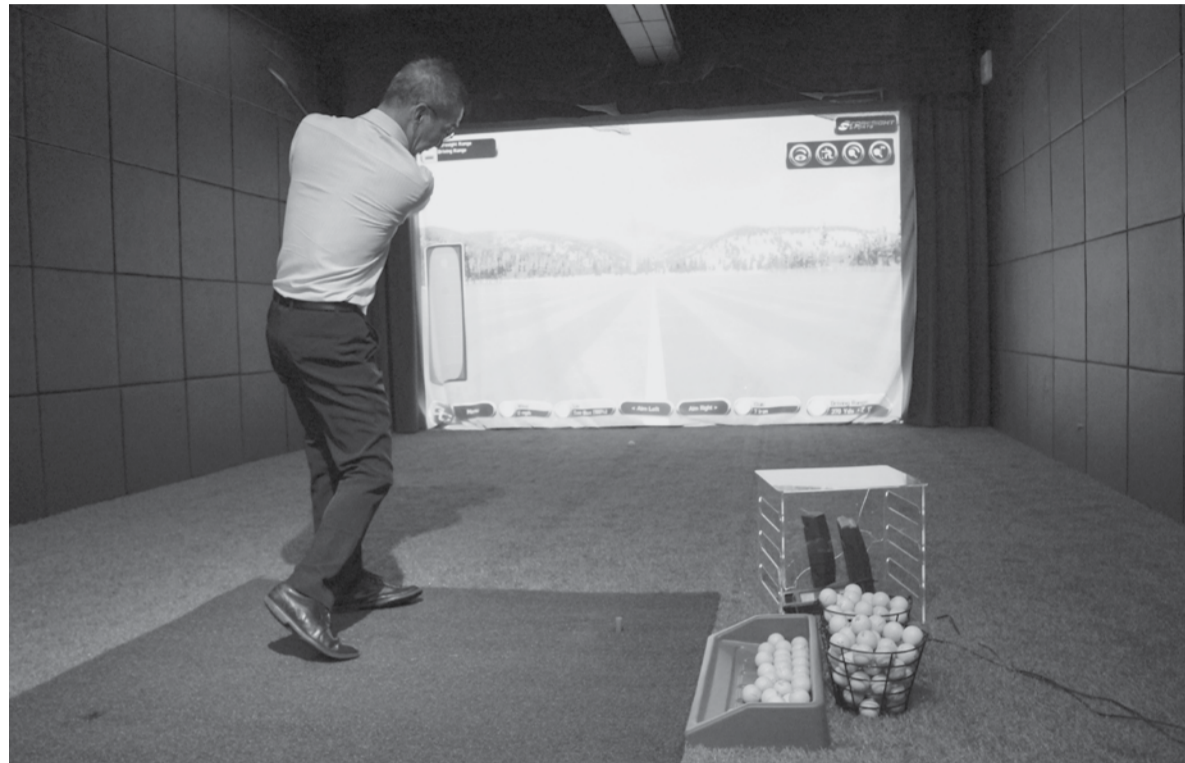
Industrial building revitalized into golf-lovers' stronghold

FOOTBALL pitches, baseball fields and skating rinks have gradually found their places inside local industrial buildings over the past few years under the 2011 public initiative to revamp the structures.

Some local golf enthusiasts have contributed over MOP3 million towards creating indoor golf driving ranges in the northern part of the city packed with aged industrial blocks, with the aim of popularizing the sport among locals.

More than just a training ground for golfers to brush up on their swing, the 3,700 square-foot venue, where its owner Champion Sports kicked off its trial operation last December, is also devoted to selling homemade golf products, together with equipment fabricated by international brands. "We hope to create a Macau golf brand, like a series of products. Besides, there's a need to test those golf clubs and balls in a place, to see whether or not they fit your personal needs" said Victor Wu, CEO of the sporting product provider.

Under the region's existing



laws which regulate activities that can be carried out inside urban properties, Wu acknowledged that their business ambition had been met with multiple restrictions before it came to reality, which finally compromised the company's initial

plan to open a public "golf course" inside the block. Currently, golfers are required to subscribe to the firm's membership in order to be entitled to make use of the facilities available on the premises, which is the only way by which the business operators

could keep their passion alive.

"Here's not a public driving range but a sports goods company. We chiefly sell products. We can't rent out our place to the public, which is illegal," said Wu. "It's an issue of licensing. (...) The government promised to revitalize the industrial buildings on one hand, yet it has no laws and regulations to allow us to officially run the business."

■ The plan to open a public 'golf course' inside the block was compromised

Upon their arrival to the store, which is located on the third floor of the industrial building, visitors will be greeted with an array of clothing and golf-related products from various brands placed in plain sight against the walls with a small parcel of green lying in the middle of the room. The company's signature golf driving ranges, set in the other two rooms, are actually comprised of high-tech devices and sensors, which project a virtual environment on a giant screen, giving guests a highly simulative

experience of golfing.

The head of the company told the Times that the principal objective of the venues was to unite golf enthusiasts of any age, who would interact with one another through physical activity, which he denied was thought to be only for the elderly and the elite. Yet Wu wished at the end of the day that his clients would develop an interest in their homemade products priced less than one third of the international brands.

"After all this is a business, it enables people to try and learn a sport in which they'd probably develop an interest through training and through purchasing some gear afterwards," said Wu. "At least we have a platform on which you have a chance to get exposed to it."

He is rather satisfied with their business and has understood that local golfers are no longer concerned by weather factors and manage their time more flexibly when they go golfing at golf-simulators, which are easily accessible. Nonetheless, he likewise pointed out a drawback: that it was difficult for drivers to settle their private cars in a district short of parking spots. In addition, the business operators are also facing some other common plights buffeting their burgeoning business.

"The major concerns are [...] few people would visit industrial buildings, only those who have a grasp of the directions and ways would and also the exorbitant rent, all those are taking a toll," said Wu.

Despite the fact that the project is recent, having begun around half a year ago, the company's CEO revealed that not a lot of promotion was made. The only advertising on which the group has relied so far is social networking sites and messaging apps like Facebook and WeChat. Asked about their commercial plan for the near future, Wu said that he hopes to move step by step.

"With the two operation modes I mentioned, one's about a training venue while another is about a brand, the former is basically unable to be opened, for the latter, it'd take quite a long time to develop. Therefore we'd work on it step by step," said Wu, who also added that they would soon make their products available online for sale on websites such as Taobao. The company has considered organizing outbound trips for its members to experience golfing abroad. **Staff reporter**

ONE SHOT NEWS



Over 2,900 local civil servants from 60 public departments have competed against each other over the past two months at an annual event organized by the Sport Development Board and the Public Administration and Civil Service Bureau for the top titles in seven categories.

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FAILED relationships can be devastating for some, but for others heartbreak can also inspire creative projects. Local director Emily Chan used her previous two breakups as the basis for her latest romance film, "Timing," which will be screened at two local cinemas and one in Hong Kong this summer.

The big winner of the Macao Indies 2015 (see box) has been determined to pursue cinematography as a lifelong occupation since starting her bachelor's degree in journalism in the city. The 27-year-old, who has also just finished a Masters in journalism in Beijing, told the Times that she intends to foster the local cinematographic landscape with her box office profits.

"I am not a famous director and have no international awards, but having the strength to keep something going is very important. After discussion with the promotion team, all our profits will go straight to the university students as our interns," pledged Chan, who added that the crew will travel to Beijing in order to gain more experience in film production.

Despite her parents' long-held opposition to her dream, the director – currently employed by a mainland company on a five-year contract offering

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EMILY CHAN

Aspiring female director married to cinematography



Emily Chan

a relatively meager salary – believes that celebrated director Ang Lee's six years of career limbo were what inspired her to carry on.

"If cinematography is what I will pursue until my very last day on earth, this is just the beginning. I wouldn't aim for awards with any production done before the age of 30. They're exercises for me, which allow me to handle other films with greater proficiency later," she said.

Nonetheless, Emily Chan acknowledged that her success has not been without sacrifice.

Among other incidents, she was victimized by a producer who exploited her creativity for free. She remains optimistic despite the experience.

In 2014, the Film Production Investment and Trade Fair held by the Macau, Hong Kong and Guangdong authorities served as a watershed for Chan, where her awarded film proposal won top accolades and subsequently drew her current employer's attention.

Looking back on her past, she says that her devotion to cinema has also affected her personal life, since two ex-boy-

friends left her due to the priority she placed on building her career: "I've got to engage in cinematography. This is what I say all the time to everyone.

I'm married to cinematography." Even so, filming has not only shattered her former relationships but has led her to a new one. Chan says that she is currently in a relationship with the frontman of a local rock band called Blademark. The duo will be busy with a documentary on the musical band for its 10th anniversary.

Having been away from Macau for two years, the director still expressed her heartfelt gratitude toward the city that witnessed her growth since her time as a novice in the industry.

"In 'Timing,' there's this line, 'Macau didn't change at all: what changed was its exterior, not its interior.' This is what a repatriate could tell. Despite our city's rapid and tremendous development, we do still have a sense of warmth that's so close to our heart," said Chan who added that unlike Macau, individual interests override everything back in Beijing. To her, the former Portuguese enclave still has more enthralling scenes to offer. **Staff reporter**

MACAO INDIES WINNER

EMILY CHAN'S feature "Yesterday Once More" has beaten 24 other homemade productions in the ninth edition of the International Film and Video Festival to take the top accolade, the Jury's Award. Her latest product, "Timing," will be screened at Cinema

Alegria tomorrow and at Hong Kong's Grand Cinema in Kowloon today. The film will still be available at Cinema Alegria following its debut. Currently, the director is running a promotional tour at local schools to popularize the film.

COOPERATION

Hengqin preparing international food exhibition

HENGQIN is preparing to host its first international food exhibition on December 3, featuring agricultural products from Macau, Taiwan and mainland China. In order to effectively plan the exhibition, the Hengqin administration organized a field trip for association heads, which focused on the circulation of agricultural products between the regions. It is expected from these field trips that the Hengqin Free Trade Zone (FTZ) will improve its trade relations with Lusophone countries.

The associations jointly



The Hengqin New Area plan display room

stated in a press release that the expo is aimed at facilitating international trade and cross-border e-commerce, as well as attracting capital and in-

vestment to the free trade zone.

The Hengqin FTZ Development Company's consultant, Ms He Huiping, who guided the tour, said

that the company hopes to attract more exhibitors from Lusophone countries, while agents in mainland China can introduce a greater array of agricultural science practices and technologies as well as quality products to the Lusophone countries.

Ms He further suggested that many trade cooperation projects in Macau could be moved to Hengqin, which also requires the Hengqin administration to assume the role of host and thus grant land to build food refrigeration depots and trade centers.

"The administration

supportive attitude and preferential policies for Lusophone countries in terms of land, taxation and custom clearance will probably move the Forum for Economic and Trade Co-operation between China and Portuguese-speaking countries [Forum Macau] that is based in Macau to Hengqin," she added.

The consultant stressed that the Sino-Luso Cooperation and Development Fund has been injected by a capital of USD2 billion every year from the Chinese government. However, only when the Hengqin administration approves

the establishment of company for agricultural product trade, could it apply for financial assistance from the fund, so as to build a trade center that would receive Lusophone countries' product traders.

The delegation also visited the Zhuhai International Convention and Exhibition Center and selected it as the venue of the food expo. The building, opened last October, consists of a 10,000-square-meter exhibition hall, a ballroom, a professional kitchen, theater and concert hall, adjacent to a complex of hotels. **BY**

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First World Medical Summit attracts global experts to Macau

A number of world-renowned medical scholars and leaders in the field of public health policy launched the World Medical Summit (WMS) in Macau yesterday to share knowledge and experience in pressing topics concerning today's global medical community.

Jointly organized by the WMS Organizing Committee and the Macau University of Science and Technology (MUST), the three-day conference is recognized as a "historical event" for the region's medical community, comprising over forty leading figures in the field, including Nobel laureates, Lasker Awards winners, health ministers, and respective chairmen of the Chinese Medical Association, Sweden Nobel Foundation and European Molecular Biology Organization, as well as editors-in-chief of Science and Nature journals and advisors of the World Bank.

The summit's founding chairman, Jiang Shuiping, told media representatives that it aims to "serve as a channel to integrate the world's medical resources – including governments, experts, medical foundations and publications – to explore effective means to tackle the new trends in public health and incurable diseases."

"For example, resistance to antibiotics is going to be a critical challenge which all governments will face in the next decade, as well as cancer and Alzheimer's disease. These are the issues we will discuss," he added.

The conference will comprise



The opening ceremony of the 2015 World Medical Summit

lectures, roundtable discussions and symposiums to facilitate dialogue on a wide range of medicine-oriented topics, such as controlling Ebola, avian influenza and Middle East Respiratory Syndrome; tackling cardiovascular illnesses; climate change and health; PM2.5 and respiratory diseases; as well as the internationalization of traditional Chinese medicine.

Israeli Nobel laureate Aaron Ciechanover, who will give a speech on personalized medicine, stated at the opening ceremony that there are still many diseases, especially emerging infectious diseases, that have yet to be studied, and demanded that

effective treatments be investigated in a timely manner. He stressed that it is crucial for scientists to collaborate closely and for societies and governments to financially support these collaborations, in order for this summit to make an impact.

The MUST rector, Liu Liang, also expects the conference to unveil important aspects of the city's medical science development. He noted that the guest speakers are either renowned scientists who have made exceptional contributions to medical development or outstanding leaders with major contributions to public health policy. "I believe this summit will not only

enable Macau's medical science and technology to achieve greater development, but to also have a significant and profound impact on advances in modern medicine, traditional Chinese medicine, and the cause of human health," he stressed.

The rector further acknowledged that "human health has been improving continuously; however, whether in developing or developed countries, changes are happening quietly in the spectrum of diseases, and some chronic non-contagious diseases and major new epidemics are seriously threatening people's health."

"To conquer such challenging

medical problems, to alleviate the pain caused by diseases, and to maintain and improve human health have become worldwide concerns that require the combined efforts of all countries. The establishment and consolidation of interdisciplinary, coordinated, practical and mutual cooperation have become an urgent need," he added.

Moreover, Mr Jiang Shuiping said that the organizers also expected to "improve Macau's current level of research in medical science and health through hosting the summit, as it can be a platform for Macau to further its efforts and to better exchange ideas with the international community."

Commenting on the region's medical education and research facilities, Jiang noted: "Some experts have also raised the question as to why Macau hasn't established a medical school so far."

"So we also hope to use this occasion to suggest the government build a world-class medical school. (...) The government and local universities could introduce incentive policies to attract talented professionals and leading medical practitioners from other places so that they can be more confident to come here to advance Macau's medical development," said the professor.

Resistance to antibiotics is going to be a critical challenge which all governments will face in the next decade

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CHENG Koon-man made the right decision when he opened a second restaurant in Macau deep in the heart of a new and bustling shopping precinct. As crowds of customers stream in and out of "Wong Kung Sio Kung," Cheng's smile denotes his satisfaction and reflects his hopes for the future of the MSAR.

"The business is better than I expected it to be since I opened it on May 27, as more tourists have been visiting Galaxy Macau and Broadway Macau for shopping, watching shows and eating out," the Macau-born restaurateur told China Daily, adding that he opened his first restaurant on the peninsula in 2000.

Along the crowded street of the recently opened Broadway Macau, more than 30 shops and restaurants cater to thousands of tourists that cover the area, searching for a little piece of old Macau. "We specialize in shrimp roe noodles and sea crab congee," Cheng said. "And the tourists like what we are doing."

Less than a minute's walk from his restaurant and across a pedestrian bridge from Broadway Macau is Galaxy's new complex, which plays host to casinos, shopping malls and six world-class hotels.

Plans to further expand Galaxy's brand by opening a third and fourth phase are underway, costing around HKD57 billion as the company looks to attract more traditional tourists. "The non-gambling element of our business will develop faster in the future," said Francis Lui, Galaxy's

CHINA DAILY REPORT

Region spins the wheel to drive tourism sector



Sun loungers sit beside the wave pool at the Galaxy Macau casino resort

deputy chairman.

Macau is of course known for its glitzy casinos, high-rollers and weekend gamblers. However, according to the China Daily report, this reputation is starting to change as the island moves into the mainstream tourism market to compensate for

the fall in gambling revenue, which has been hit by the government's anti-corruption drive.

"Macau is facing a restructuring period," the Chief Executive Chui Sai On wrote in his annual work report. "Macau should develop into a tourism and leisure center to offset the

falling gaming sector (revenue)."

In December 2014, President Xi Jinping urged the island to "nurture new growth areas" during a visit to Macau. To do this, it must attract more tourists who visit Macau for more traditional reasons.

Resort operators are trying to do just that. GEG is targeting the mainland market as well as visitors from South Korea, Japan and countries in Southeast Asia. Walking through the Galaxy Macau complex, one can easily reach the luxury hotels that line the resort. There is the Ritz-Carlton, the first "all-suite" hotel, along with Asia's largest JW Marriott. Next door are the Banyan Tree Macau, Hotel Okura Macau and Galaxy Hotel, providing about 4,000 rooms altogether.

Other resorts are also looking to expand their clientele. Close to Galaxy is the Studio City, owned by Melco Crown Entertainment Ltd. Melco expects to complete the tallest Ferris wheel in Asia by the end of this year in order to attract young families. Sands China Ltd is building a USD1.7 billion resort, which will feature a half-size replica of the Eiffel Tower.

Gaming operators like Galaxy are also expanding their interests on the outskirts of Macau. Ye Yanmin, senior vice-president of the group, said that the entertainment company was working on a resort project on Hengqin Island, but did not disclose how much it would cost.

"The project will focus on leisure and entertainment, such as a golf course and a resort. We are confident about this development, as the economic zone of the Pearl River Delta will be a big and broad market," Ye said. "Convenient transportation will connect Macau with Hong Kong, and Zhuhai with Guangzhou, to provide more business opportunities."

GAMING

July GGR forecasts from MOP17.5b to MOP20b

CITING its local gaming sources, Nomura noted that daily gross gaming revenue (GGR) in the first five days of July totalled MOP609 million. The results were considerably lower than those of the last 9 days of June (MOP635m), but they also had the benefit of two fewer (lower volume) weekdays.

The research house expects July's volume to settle at MOP600m, which is seasonally stronger than June's average of MOP579m. Nomura said that daily GGR in the summer months typically increases on a sequential basis, and that the



recent easing of transit visas should help slightly lift premium mass revenues.

Nomura assumed daily GGR of MOP560-660m for the remainder of the month, implying that July's GGR will be

down 29-38 percent, or MOP17.57-20.17b.

In another report, Citigroup stated that Macau's table GGR for the first five days of July had reached approximately MOP2.9b, based on industry sources. The

daily run rate in the past five days amounted to MOP614m, 6 percent higher than that of June (MOP579m). The research house trimmed the July GGR forecast from MOP20b to MOP19b, representing a year-on-year decrease of 33 percent.

Credit Suisse also issued an outlook on Macau, predicting that the worst is over for the local gaming sector. In its latest evaluation of the sector, the bank noted that the gaming stocks stand out as strong outperformers in Hong Kong, reversing its lackluster performance over the past year. "We see a fundamental shift towards supportive policy, and seasonally stronger months are ahead," Credit Suisse indicated, highlighting the relaxation of transit visa policies for mainland visitors last week.



UM organizes workshop on passive smoking

THE University of Macau's (UM) Faculty of Health Sciences (FHS) recently organized a workshop to address the effects of passive smoking on public health. At the event, six renowned experts and scholars from Japan, mainland China, Hong Kong, and Macau gave presentations and participated in an in-depth discussion on the topic.

Participants in the workshop included Health Bureau director Lei Chin Ion, and deputy director, Cheang Seng Ip. The Tobacco Prevention and Control Office director Tang Chi Hou was also in attendance. According to a press release issued by UM, measures implemented to control tobacco smoke were also discussed during the workshop. Prof Takefumi Yoshimura, a professor emeritus from the University of Occupational and Environmental Health in Japan, said that "dividing areas into smoking and non-smoking sections is not sufficiently effective, as research has shown that tobacco smoke can spread to non-smoking sections through the air."

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Greece races to restart talks with skeptical creditors

WITH his country struggling to stave off financial collapse, Greek Prime Minister Alexis Tsipras was trying to convince European creditors to agree on a new bailout program yesterday at an emergency eurozone summit.

Tsipras is set to offer a new plan of economic measures to creditors that he hopes will restart negotiations on getting new loans for his country. The situation is urgent — without a deal, Greece's banks could go bust within days, the first step in the country's potential exit from the euro currency union.

Greece's financial distress became more acute late Monday when the European Central Bank refused to increase assistance for Greek banks, which are not due to reopen until tomorrow.

A hastily arranged meeting of eurozone finance ministers, which will be Euclid Tsakalotos' first as Greek finance minister, was slated for the afternoon in Brussels (late yesterday, Macau time). A full summit of leaders will then follow.

European officials were cautious about the prospects for progress.

Jean-Claude Juncker, the president of the European Union's executive Commission, indicated a comprehensive deal for Greece was unlikely to be reached yesterday.

"Were we to come up with a solution today, it would be an overly simplistic solution," he told European lawmakers ahead of the meetings. "What we're going to do today is talk to each other, understand each other, show tolerance to each other and restore order to the situation."

The eurozone's top official, Jeroen Dijsselbloem, said that the pressure was on Greece to



A man passes graffiti in Athens yesterday

present an acceptable deal, since its position was increasingly dire financially.

"The Greek government has a major interest in coming forward quickly with serious and credible proposals," said Dijsselbloem, who is the Dutch finance minister and chairs meetings with his eurozone counterparts.

The upcoming talks follow Tsipras' bigger-than-expected win in Sunday's bailout referendum, when 61 percent of Greek voters rejected measures creditors had proposed last week in exchange for loans.

In a sign he may be willing to compromise, Tsipras appointed a new finance minister to lead talks with creditors.

Tsakalotos, a 55-year-old economist, has replaced Ya-

nis Varoufakis, who constantly clashed with his peers.

"I won't hide from you that I am very nervous and very anxious," Tsakalotos said after being sworn in Monday. "I am not taking over at the easiest moment in Greek history."

Greek banks are running out of cash even after the government shut them last week and placed limits on how much depositors can withdraw or transfer.

Normal commerce is now impossible in Greece. Small businesses, lacking use of credit cards or money from bank accounts, were left to rely on cash coming from diminishing purchases from customers. But Greeks are holding tightly onto what they have. And suppliers are demanding that businesses pay cash up front.

Giorgos Kafkaris, a 77-year-old pensioner, was among Greeks standing in line to withdraw cash at an Athens ATM yesterday.

"I came to get the 120 euros, I can't take more. The good thing is we had sorted things out earlier and we had 200-300 euros set aside," he said. "I'm waiting for something better for all of us. I believe something better will happen."

The euro was down 0.7 percent ahead of yesterday's meetings, though stock markets were relatively stable in Europe. Greece's stock market remains closed since last week amid the bank closures.

Tsipras has previously indicated he's willing to raise taxes and cut some spending provided the country gets some debt relief.

European officials are split on the issue of whether to grant Greece easier debt repayment terms — with lead eurozone lender Germany still reluctant.

Tsipras was trying to convince European creditors to agree on a new bailout program yesterday

Greece has been granted two bailout programs worth a total of 240 billion euros (USD266 billion) in loans from other eurozone countries and the International Monetary Fund. But the spending cuts and tax increases demanded as a condition for the loans have hit growth, causing an economic depression and pushing unemployment to 25 percent. The government, meanwhile, has been slower than hoped in making the economy more competitive and selling state assets to raise money.

James Nixon, chief European economist at Oxford Economics, said there's "a narrow trajectory from here that sees an emboldened Greek parliament accepting the need for reform in return for a debt write-down."

"The next 48 hours will be crucial." AP

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ckage includes: One night's accommodation in a Deluxe Room and a second Deluxe Room at half price.

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'CTM YOUTH DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM 2015' CONCLUDES SUCCESSFULLY

Following the success of last year's "CTM Youth Development Program", this year CTM re-launched the initiative under the co-organization of the Bosco Youth Service Network and supported by Caritas Macau, the Fuhong Society of Macau, ADA, and Macau Galaxy Entertainment Group. The program was held between Jun 11 and July 6.

Upon completion of an interview, 23 candidates were short-listed to participate in the Program, through 3 weeks (over 100 hours) work experience in CTM and diversified activities including volunteer service and an adventure camp. The Graduation Ceremony was held on July 6 at Mandarin Oriental Macau.

Guests who attended the



event included Patrick Ip, CFO, Gloria Silva, Vice President of Admin & HR, Vincent Yp, Bosco Youth Service Network's CEO, Paul Pun, Secretary General of Caritas Macau, Jennifer Chao, Fuhong Society of Macau's Di-

rector, Catherine Lu, Senior Manager of Corporate Community Relations of Public Relations at Galaxy Entertainment Group, Cecil Wong, Administration of Airport Ltd. (ADA)'s Head of IT and CNS services.

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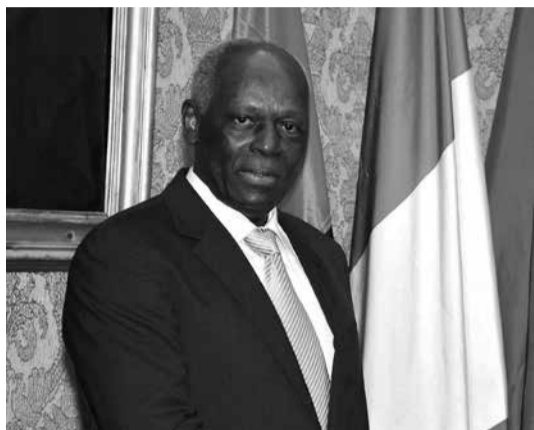
François Hollande visit results in orders for French companies

THE visit by the President of France, François Hollande, to Angola resulted in the signing of letters of intent to order hundreds of millions of euros of shipbuilding and infrastructure construction from French companies.

These agreements were reached during the Angola/France business forum, which was attended by dozens of businessmen from both countries, one of which was between French company Ecoceane, specialised in construction of anti-marine pollution vessels, and Angola's LTP Energy.

The two companies will form a consortium for the supply of nine anti-pollution vessels to oil companies operating in Angola, with an estimated cost of USD50 million (45 million euros).

A second letter of intent, for a deal worth US\$195 million



Angolan President Eduardo dos Santos



French President François Hollande

(175 million euros), involves French company Eiffage and the Ministry of Construction in Angola and provides for construction of five bridges in Luanda, 16 pedestrian bridges in the capital and 21 in Benguela province, as well as a bridge in Cabinda.

Another agreement between Eiffage and the Ministry of Construction in the amount of USD200 million (180

million euros), provides for installation of 104 footbridges and is ready to be implemented.

Another letter of intent involves Hydroquest, a French company specialised in assembling floating structures, and Angola's LTP Energy, to supply 300 turbines to produce electricity, through a consortium that will negotiate the purchase directly with

the Angolan Ministry of Energy and Water.

At the Angola/France economic forum another agreement was signed by the French Development Agency (AFD) and the Angolan Ministry of Finance, with a view to opening an AFD office in Luanda and to provide financial support for projects in the water, sanitation and energy sectors. **MDT/Macauhub**

Brazil 9th largest AIIB shareholder

BRAZIL is the ninth largest shareholder of the Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB), the first international financial institution established by China, according to state English-language newspaper China Daily.

With a stake of USD3.18 billion, Brazil is also the only country in South America amongst the 57 founders of the AIIB, 20 of which are nations from outside Asia. Portugal, the other Portuguese-speaking country that on 29 June signed the AIIB founding agreement, becoming a founding member, has a share of around USD13 million.

China is the largest shareholder, with a stake of 29.78 percent, followed by India (US\$8.37b) and Russia (US\$6.54b). Of the major world economies, only the United States, Canada and Japan are not part of the AIIB.

Proposed by Chinese President Xi Jinping, in 2013, the AIIB is due to be officially founded by the end of 2015 starting capital of USD100 billion. **MDT/Macauhub**

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Ting Shi

FOR Chinese President Xi Jinping, mission No. 1 has been preserving Communist Party rule. That now means stabilizing the stock market.

Xi's government rushed out an unprecedented series of measures in recent days to halt a sell-off that wiped out USD3.2 trillion in market value in three weeks. Expect more stimulus efforts as the leadership under Xi seeks to keep the collapse from devouring the savings of tens of millions of Chinese investors - a constituency larger than the ruling party - and from potentially setting off social unrest.

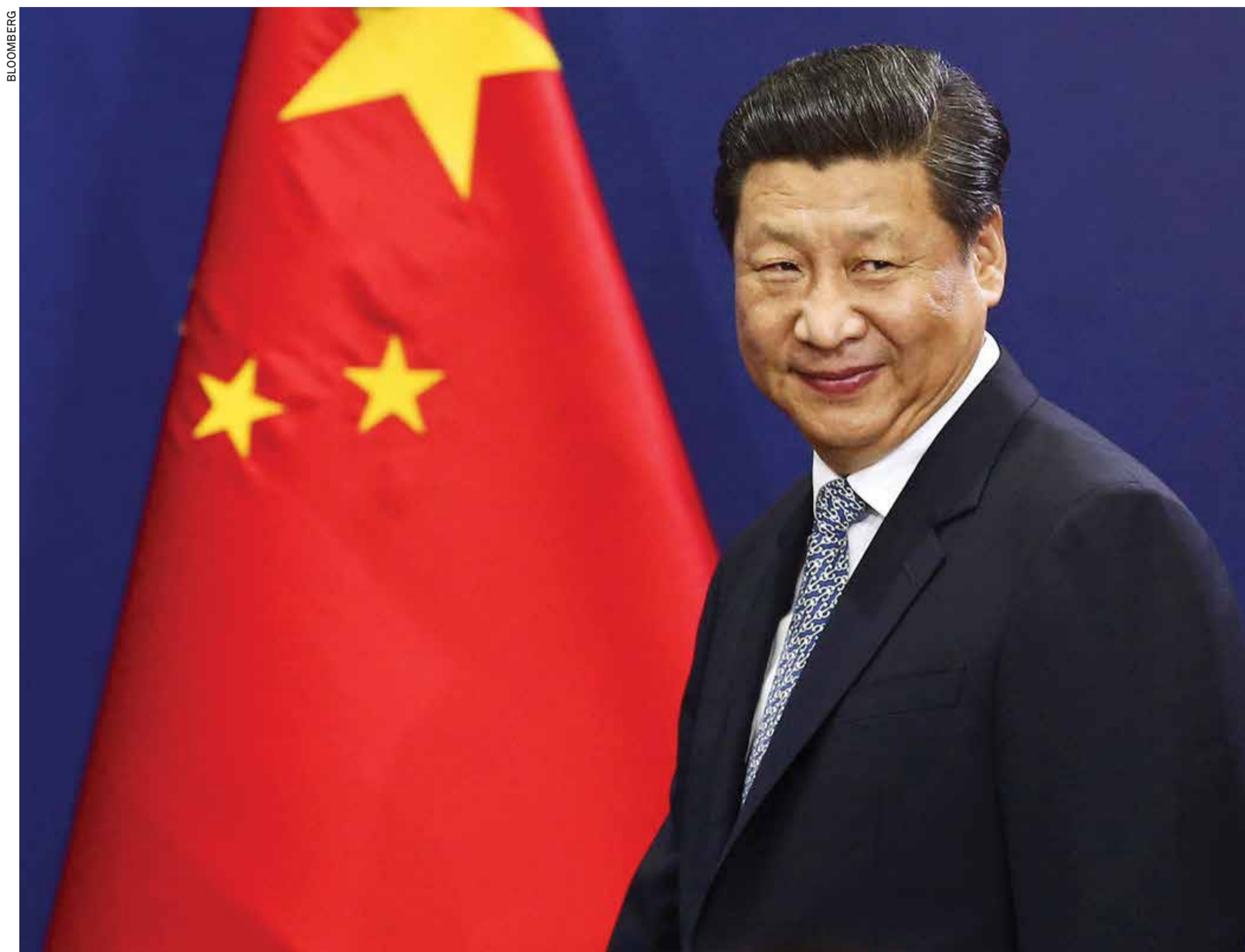
"This is a real testing moment for the leadership," said Zhao Xijun, deputy dean of Renmin University's School of Finance. "They must rescue the market with all their means. The 'what if' scenario cannot be allowed. The evaporation of fortunes of more than 80 million individual investors would pose unthinkable social problems for the country."

The market rout poses one of Xi's thorniest challenges since he took power more than two years ago and gave himself control of China's economic reform agenda. Overcoming it will require something more than the strongman approach he's so far employed to consolidate power. He'll have to restore confidence in the world's most volatile stock market, months after cheerleading by state-run media helped spark the rally.

At stake is a decades-long economic boom that stands as the party's crowning achievement, with growth on track this year for the slowest pace in a quarter century. Failure to stabilize the market would risk derailing the administration's effort to rebalance the economy and give any dormant party foes an opening to criticize Xi's policies.

"China's economic story and political stability are now very much at stake," security analysts Gabe Collins and Andrew Erickson wrote in a report published on their China Signpost website. Stock market down-drafts on the heels of euphoric upswings can be devastating to far more than pocketbooks. They sow fear and destroy confidence - the lifeblood of both economic growth and political stability."

The benchmark Shanghai Composite Index snapped a three-day losing streak Monday, rising 2.4 percent, although it gave back 1.3 percent in yesterday trading. Over the weekend, the State Council under Premier Li Ke-qiang suspended initial public offerings while brokerages pledged to buy shares and the central bank pledged liquidity for margin trading.



Chinese President Xi Jinping

Xi rushes to boost market before plunge loosens Party grip

Speaking at a conference, Li said economic indicators for the first half of the year were "sound and steady" and authorities have "confidence and the ability to deal with all types of risks and challenges," according to a report on the government's official website.

The market slump comes at

The evaporation of fortunes of more than 80 million individual investors would pose unthinkable social problems for the country

Zhao Xijun
DEPUTY DEAN, RENMIN UNIVERSITY
SCHOOL OF FINANCE

a time of heightened anxiety for the party. Parliament last week approved a sweeping national security law that cited the Internet, culture and outer space as potential areas of concern and outlined the government's aim to "protect the political power of the people's democratic dictatorship."

Xi is overseeing the law as head of a new national security commission and as leader has shown little tolerance for dissent. His crackdown on corruption has seen him amass the most power of any recent Chinese leader, though social discord set off by a protracted market slide could damage the party's control.

Top state media outlets and securities journals on Monday issued editorials calling for faith in the market and the government's response. "Confidence is more precious than gold. That's what Chinese investors need at this very moment: confidence, not panic," the party-run People's Daily said.

Authorities have moved to curtail Internet discussion about the fallout. Beijing police detained a 29-year-old tech-

nology company employee on suspicion of spreading online rumors about a person leaping to his death due to market losses, the official Xinhua News Agency said Sunday.

While China has weathered stock price declines before, they've tended to reflect broader economic turmoil rather than market dynamics. The recent boom has drawn in a much wider swath of the population, as the market added an unprecedented \$6.8 trillion in the 12 months through its peak June 12. The 152 percent rally in the Shanghai Composite Index was the biggest worldwide during the period.

Unlike in the U.S. and Europe, China's market is dominated by individual rather than institutional investors. More than one-third are under 30 years of age and almost four-fifths lack college education, the China Business News reported in January.

"The demographic composition of China's stock market gives it a decidedly irrational quality," said Zhao, a former consultant to the China Securities Regulatory Commission. "That in turn greatly in-

creases the government's responsibilities and the potential risks."

The government under Xi may continue to act, having already dusted off the party playbook and unleashed a number of state interventions. Authorities still have tools including cutting the 4.85 percent benchmark lending rate and lowering the amount of deposits that banks need to lock away from the current level of about 18 percent. Such moves risk further inflating the country's already-high debt levels.

Hong Hao, chief China strategist at Bocom International Holdings Co. in Hong Kong, said more measures were necessary to avoid a market failure, though for Xi and Li the lesson is the market should "be left to its own devices" in the long run.

"Systemic risk is a clear and present danger and must be dealt with," Hong said, and "it's difficult to manage such a gigantic ecosystem like the stock market. The government is learning the raw forces of the market the hard way."

Bloomberg

Beijing opens exhibition to mark the war victory over Japan



Soldiers from the PLA Air Force division stand in lines during the opening ceremony of the Museum of the War of Chinese People's Resistance Against Japanese Aggression commemorating the World War II victory over Japan, in Beijing

Louise Watt, Beijing

CHINA opened yesterday an exhibition of guns and photos of massacres to commemorate the World War II victory over Japan, part of a propaganda push to stir up nationalism by observing the 70th anniversary of the war's end in Asia with great fanfare.

Soldiers and children stood in silence outside the museum in suburban Beijing at the opening ceremony for the "Great Victory and Historical Contribution" exhibition on the 78th anniversary of the Marco Polo Bridge Incident. A clash at the Marco Polo Bridge in 1937 is regarded as the first battle of the second Sino-Japanese war, which lasted until Japan's defeat by the Allies in 1945.

Relations between the two Asian giants have long been affected by what Chinese see as Japan's failure to sufficiently atone for the suffering it caused during the war. They have also worsened in recent years over competing claims to islands in the East China Sea. China has sought to underline what it maintains is Japan's renewed

militarism, while at the same time becoming more aggressive in pressing its own territorial claims.

China's ruling Communist Party leadership also wants to highlight the Communists' role in fighting the Japanese, though technically Japan surrendered to the U.S.-led Allies in the Pacific and then days later on the Chinese mainland to Chiang Kai-shek. He was the Allied military leader in China and head of the Nationalists, who later fled to Taiwan after losing a civil war with the Communists.

With the Chinese flag flying yesterday outside the entrance to the Museum of the War of the Chinese People's Resistance Against Japanese Aggression, Liu Yunshan, the Communist Party's propaganda chief, said the exhibition was to remember the "martyrs, to cherish the peace and look ahead to the future."

Inside, the exhibition includes handguns, machine guns, a cannon as well as toxic shells and gas masks said to have been used by Japanese troops. Photos show troops fighting and the aftermath of massacres

by Japanese soldiers, including heads on wooden stakes.

Liu said the exhibition "demonstrates the bravery of all Chinese people in this anti-Japanese war and the critical role played

▲ Soldiers and children stood in silence outside the museum in suburban Beijing at the opening ceremony

by the Chinese Communist Party." It also serves as "an excellent platform for patriotic education," he added.

As part of President Xi Jinping's drive to stir patriotism, China is promoting its participation in World War II as never before. Last year, it created three new annual national

holidays linked to the war.

In September, China will hold a military parade to mark the anniversary of the end of the war in Asia. So far, only Russia has confirmed it will send officials and soldiers to take part in the Sept. 3 parade.

On Monday, culture officials announced that "to increase patriotism," 183 war-themed concerts, operas and other performances would be staged over the next two months, along with the screening of new movies, TV series, documentaries and cartoons.

Following the end of World War II, China's Communists and Nationalists continued their battle for supremacy. The Nationalists' eventual flight to Taiwan resulted in the split between the island and the mainland.

Taiwan's Nationalists maintain the Communists played only a minor role in the fight against the Japanese. On Saturday, Taiwan held its own major military parade to commemorate the victory over Japan, and Taiwanese President Ma Ying-jeou said the fight was led by Chiang and that "no one is allowed to distort that." AP

PBOC, South Africa agree on yuan clearing arrangement

The People's Bank of China (PBOC), the country's central bank, has signed a memorandum of cooperation with the South African central bank to establish a yuan-clearing center in South Africa. The PBOC announced yesterday that it had signed the memo in South Africa and will later designate a bank to conduct yuan clearing there; however it did not specify when. China hopes the arrangement will facilitate cross-border trade and investment between the two nations' companies and financial institutions using the RMB. This will be the first yuan clearing arrangement in Africa. RMB clearing abroad has become a major tool in promoting globalization of the currency. Such business has been established in Hong Kong and Macau, as well as foreign cities including Singapore, London, Frankfurt, Seoul, Paris, Luxembourg, Doha, Toronto and Sydney.

PRC not taxing tobacco products enough, WHO says

Taxing cigarettes up to 75 percent of their retail price is among the most effective ways to reduce tobacco use. But too few governments, including China, levy high enough taxes according to a World Health Organization global report released yesterday. The WHO's 2015 report on the global tobacco epidemic said more than half of the world's countries — encompassing about 2.8 billion people — had implemented at least one of six sets of agreed-upon tobacco-control policies. The figure is up from 2.3 billion when the previous report was released in 2013. But it said many nations continue to have very low tobacco tax rates or no taxes at all. The report and officials said tobacco taxation could be a key source of funding to implement health and development goals. In China, research suggests that raising taxes on cigarettes to 75 percent of retail prices — up from 40 percent in 2010 — would avert nearly 3.5 million deaths that would otherwise be caused by cigarette smoking, the report said.

Director Zhang Yimou sues ex-production partner for USD2.5m



Zhang Yimou

Chinese director Zhang Yimou has sued a production company that he has worked with for more than a decade, seeking 15 million yuan (USD2.5 million) he says he is owed as his share of the distribution money of one of his movies. His lawyers argued yesterday at Beijing Chaoyang District Court that Zhang hadn't received his share of money for his 2009 film "A Woman, a Gun and a Noodle Shop," a dark comedy about a noodle shop owner scheming to murder his wife and her lover. In its defense, Beijing New Picture Film Co. argued that Zhang started his lawsuit in 2014, after a deadline expired, the court said on its microblog. Zhang and the production company have worked together on many films, including two of Zhang's best-known: "House of Flying Daggers" and "Hero." Zhang wasn't in court for the hearing, and the court didn't say when the judgment would be announced. Zhang is making his first English-language film, a \$150 million Chinese-Hollywood fantasy movie "The Great Wall" starring Matt Damon. It's due to be released late next year.



An Indian girl checks her mobile phone at a party hosted by "TrulyMadly," one of India's online dating apps in Gurgaon

INDIA

Youths embrace dating apps despite social taboos

Rishab R. Jain, New Delhi

ADITI Mendiratta's biggest worry as she's swiping left and right is hiding the smartphone notifications that read "Congratulations! You have a new match" from her parents.

"They wouldn't be cool with it," the 20-year-old journalism student said, flipping her long black hair out of her face. "I'd probably be lectured a zillion times about how irresponsible I am."

Mendiratta is one of hundreds of thousands of young Indians nervously exploring online dating apps — and breaking with India's centuries-old traditions governing marriage and social conduct. The dating app market has exploded in recent years, with more than a dozen companies operating in India and more than a million smartphone users who have downloaded at least one of them.

The success of social dating apps may be somewhat surprising in India, a deeply

conservative country where arranged marriage is still the norm and marrying outside of one's religious or ethnic community is often frowned upon. But youths raised during an era of economic growth and modernization are eagerly embracing Western ideas, and increasingly willing to risk scandal to do so.

■ Hundreds of thousands of young Indians are nervously exploring online dating apps

"In India, you need to have a reference to speak with anyone," said Sagar Datta, a 24-year-old interior designer who has met at least 20 people, both men and women, he was introduced to through an

app. "I never imagined strangers would be open to meeting strangers, just by looking at pictures of each other."

App developers are seizing on what they see as enormous potential in India, where half of the 1.2 billion population is younger than 25 and smartphone sales are projected to surge 67 percent this year alone. Indian companies are coming up with home-grown dating apps to compete with imports like Los Angeles-based Tinder. They even have the quirky names down: Woo, Thrill, TrulyMadly, HitchUp and DesiCrush, to name a few.

But because dating is still widely seen as a social taboo in India, "it is very difficult to get girls in India to start using a dating app," said Sachin Bhatia, co-founder of India's TrulyMadly.

Success also requires navigating extra security concerns, developers said. India has been roiled in recent years by a series of high-profile cases of gang rape and violence against

women, leading to front-page headlines and stricter laws on women's safety.

"We realized verification, security and privacy are very important" to women, Bhatia said. "That's what brings women to the app. They like to join an app where they can be sure that you will not have married men, stalkers or folks like that."

His company includes special features to reassure women the company has their best interests in mind. "Even a small incident will reflect badly on our app."

Developers said they were being particularly cautious after another app-based company, taxi service Uber, became embroiled in controversy in December and lost its license to operate in the Indian capital after one of its Delhi drivers was accused of raping a 26-year-old passenger.

Marketing to women means not just giving them more control over whom they connect with, but also carefully

controlling which men are being featured and offering reassurance that the men are legitimate.

To do so, TrulyMadly encourages men to upload copies of their passports or other government-issued IDs, or to verify their phone numbers — all measures that might raise red flags over privacy in the West. It forbids risqué photos, Bhatia said, and men who are married or post pictures of themselves smoking or holding a beer bottle are rejected outright. They'll even decide if a man looks desirable enough. If they're wearing an odd tank-top, or look thuggish, they're out. In total, a quarter of users who try to register on TrulyMadly are denied, Bhatia said.

Still, 65 percent of its users are men.

The app Thrill sidelines up to 35 percent of male users, without telling them, to a so-called "phantom zone" where they can still log on and view others' profiles, but can't make contact and are invisible to other users.

"It keeps out a lot of the riff-raff, to put it simply," said co-founder Josh Israel, a New Jersey native now living in New Delhi.

Whitney Wolfe, who co-founded Tinder before leaving to launch the app Bumble, said designing platforms that give women more control work in any country, not just India, where men traditionally take the lead.

"In the current landscape, women want to make the first move" but don't because they're afraid of what society will think, she said, explaining why Bumble allows only women to send a first message. The formula, she said, reduces the fear of rejection for men and removes the idea of a woman being "desperate."

Some young Indian women say they've been thrilled by the chance to chat with men they might not meet through family functions or in the office. Others relish the attention they receive.

"It just gives you so much control," said Anandita Malhotra, a 19-year-old student at an all-girl's college. "I'd be showered with compliments from 10 different guys every time I logged on. It made me feel extremely good about myself."

While Malhotra and many others may be dabbling in dating through the social apps, they're not all quite ready to give up on traditions like letting their parents choose their spouse.

"I want to have an arranged marriage," she said, flatly, adding that she recently told her mother, "I don't trust my choice in men. So you will have to find me someone." **AP**

Eileen Ng, Kuala Lumpur

MALAYSIA

Authorities freeze 6 bank accounts in probe linked to premier

MALAYSIAN authorities have frozen six bank accounts as part of an investigation into allegations that hundreds of millions of dollars were transferred from a state investment fund to the personal accounts of Prime Minister Najib Razak.

Attorney General Abdul Gani Patail said yesterday a special taskforce investigating the investment fund 1MDB for alleged impropriety has also seized documents related to 17 accounts at two banks for further investigation.

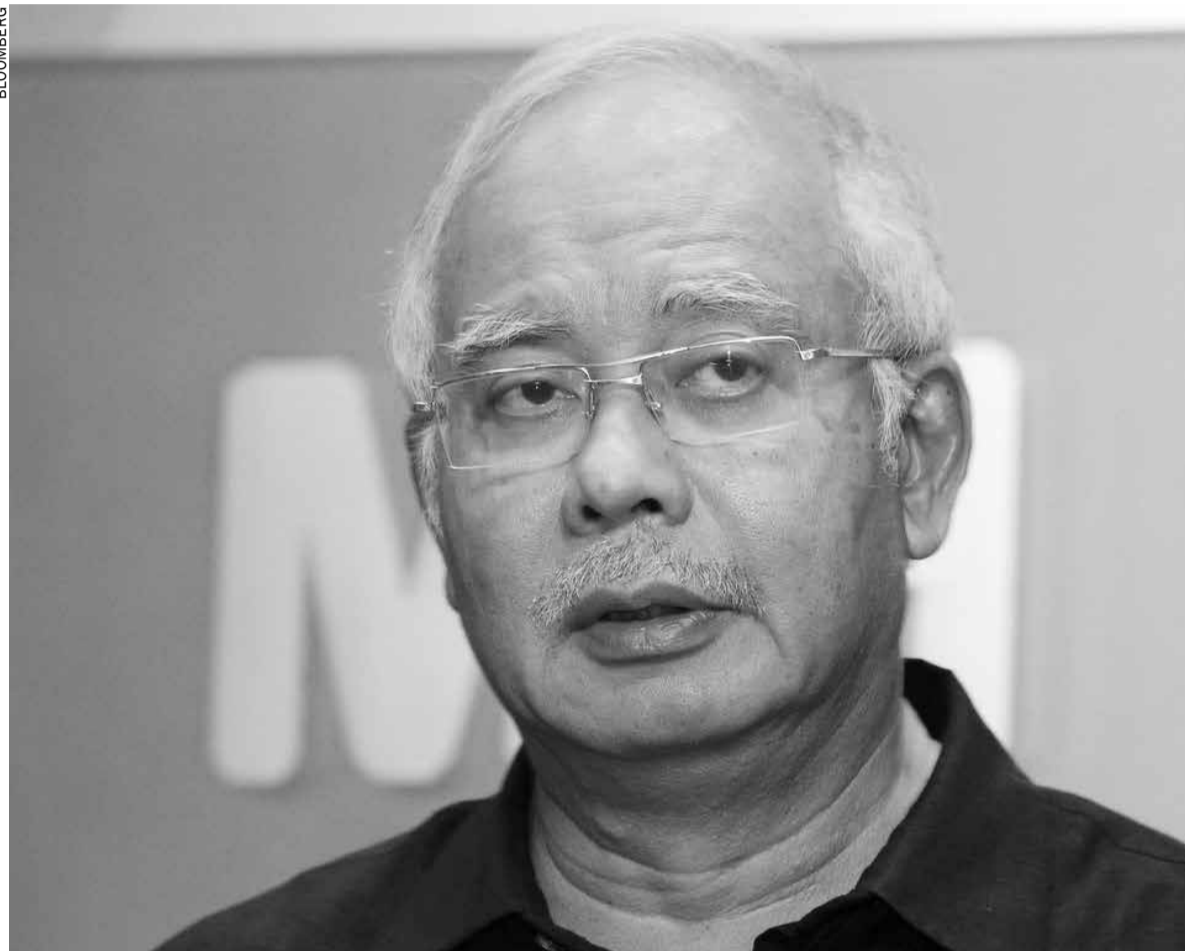
The taskforce also took documents related to non-compliance with central bank rules by the two banks, he said in a statement that was also signed by the central bank governor, the country's police chief and the head of the anti-corruption agency.

The statement didn't name the banks or say who the accounts belong to. The statement said the frozen accounts belong to "parties believed to be involved in this case." It said the investigation is continuing.

Abdul Gani confirmed on the weekend he had received documents from investigators that link Najib and 1MDB funds. The existence of the documents, which allegedly show USD700 million was wired from entities linked to 1MDB into Najib's accounts, was first reported by The Wall Street Journal on Friday.

The documents sent to the attorney general pave the way for possible criminal charges and have embroiled Najib in

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Malaysia's prime minister, Najib Razak

the biggest crisis of his political career. Najib was already under increasing criticism over his leadership, particularly from his political mentor, former prime minister Mahathir Mohamad.

If charged, Najib would be the first Malaysian prime minister to face a criminal prosecution. His ruling National Front coalition has been in power since independence from Britain in 1957. However, support for the

coalition has eroded in the last two general elections. In 2013, it won the polls but lost the popular vote for the first time.

Najib has denied taking any money for personal gain and has said the allegations are part

of a political plot to remove him. He has said he is consulting his lawyers about the next course of action following the "malicious accusations."

1MDB has said it had never provided any funds to Najib.

The investment fund, set up by Najib in 2009 to develop new industries, has accumulated 42 billion ringgit (\$11 billion) in debt after its energy ventures abroad faltered. Critics, led by Mahathir, have voiced concerns about 1MDB's massive debt and lack of transparency.

The Wall Street Journal report said five deposits were made into Najib's accounts and that the two largest transactions, worth \$620 million and \$61 million, occurred in March 2013 ahead of general elections.

Opposition lawmakers and civil groups yesterday repeated calls for Najib to take a leave of absence as prime minister to ensure the investigation can be carried out without fear or favor.

"This has shaken the credibility of the elected government," said opposition leader Wan Azizah Wan Ismail. She said the scandal shows "how rotten governance is in Malaysia."

The opposition will call for a special parliamentary debate, she said. **AP**

THAILAND

Military court releases 14 student activists

Penny Yi Wang, Bangkok

Amilitary court in Thailand released 14 student activists from detention yesterday but said they still face sedition charges — and the prospect of several years in prison — for defying the junta's ban on political gatherings.

The university students, 13 men and one woman, had been detained since their arrest on June 26 in Bangkok after leading a series of peaceful anti-coup rallies in the capital and elsewhere.

The case sparked international calls for their release and criticism of the military junta's use of military courts to try civilians and its strict controls on freedom of speech and assembly. University professors

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Supporters of 14 detained students protest outside the military court in Bangkok

and students joined dozens of protesters to show support for the students outside the court, across from the Grand Palace in Bangkok's historic quarter.

Amid mounting pressure, the court denied a request from police to extend the students' pre-trial detention for 12 more days, said

defense lawyer Krisadang Nutcharut. Under Thai law, people can be held a maximum of 48 days without formal charges.

"The court agreed with our request to release them on grounds that they have no intention to run away," Kritsaadang told reporters outside the cour-

thouse. Journalists were not allowed to attend the hearing. "They can now go back to their studies."

In a June 25 rally, the students wrapped Bangkok's Democracy Monument in black cloth and called for the junta to "get out." In May, they had conducted peaceful rallies in the

northeastern province of Khon Kaen to mark the coup's first anniversary.

They face charges of sedition and violating the junta's ban on political gatherings of more than five people, which carry penalties of up to seven and a half years in prison. No date has been set for their trial.

Since overthrowing an elected government in May 2014, the nation's military rulers have jailed opponents who dared to speak out against them. They have censored the media, forbidden open political debate and ordered that security-related offenses be handled by military courts.

The military has spoken of holding national elections but has not said

exactly when they could take place, and its latest constitutional draft would curb the powers of elected political leaders.

Human Rights Watch said in a statement that the students' arrests "demonstrate the military junta's unwillingness to ease its oppressive rule."

The U.N. human rights office has called for the students' release and urged the government to review its use of laws that limit freedom of expression and assembly.

The European Union has called the arrests "a disturbing development" and said civilians should not be tried in military courts.

The students' case is the latest dilemma for the government, which has come under fire for the country's long-ignored human trafficking violations and illegal activity in the lucrative fishing industry that could lead to an EU ban on imports from Thailand. **AP**

BRITONS paused in silence and walked in solidarity yesterday to mark the 10th anniversary of suicide bomb attacks on London's transit system.

Four British men inspired by al-Qaida blew themselves up on three London subway trains and a bus during the morning rush hour on July 7, 2005, killing 52 commuters and injuring more than 700.

Prime Minister David Cameron and London Mayor Boris Johnson led a wreath-laying ceremony at a memorial in London's Hyde Park at 8:50 a.m., the moment the attacks began. Survivors, transport staff and emergency workers laid flowers at the sites of the four bombings, while some Londoners heeded a call to walk part of the way to work — under the slogan Walk Together — in memory of the day 10 years ago when the city's transit network stopped.

Cameron said the recent slaying of 30 British tourists in Tunisia was a reminder that terrorist threats remain real and deadly. Last month's gun rampage in the Tunisian resort of Sousse was the deadliest attack on Britons since 2005.

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Britons mark the 10th anniversary of London transit attacks



Britain's Prime Minister David Cameron, right, and London Mayor Boris Johnson walk through the 7/7 memorial in Hyde Park to lay wreaths in London

"It's a day when we recall the incredible resolve and resolution of Londoners and the United Kingdom, a day when we remember the threat that we still face," Cameron said. "But, above all it's a day when we think of the grace and the dignity of the victims' families for all they have been through

and we honor the memory of those victims and all those that were lost 10 years ago today."

A memorial service was also being held yesterday at St. Paul's Cathedral in London, and later Prince William was to attend a ceremony at the Hyde Park memorial. **AP**

6 BANK EMPLOYEES FIRED FOR STAGING MOCK IS SLAYING VIDEO

HSBC HAS fired six employees who staged a mock Islamic State group-style killing during a team-building exercise. The Sun newspaper reported yesterday the footage posted online showed five workers wearing overalls and balaclavas laughing as a South Asian colleague wearing an orange jumpsuit knelt at their feet. One held a coat hanger as a pretend knife while another

held the kneeling man by the shoulders. One employee then yells "Allahu Akbar!" — Arabic for "God is great" — a phrase often used before IS hostages are slain. HSBC says in a statement it had fired those involved in the "abhorrent" video as soon as the Sun brought it to their attention. The company apologized for any offense the video caused.

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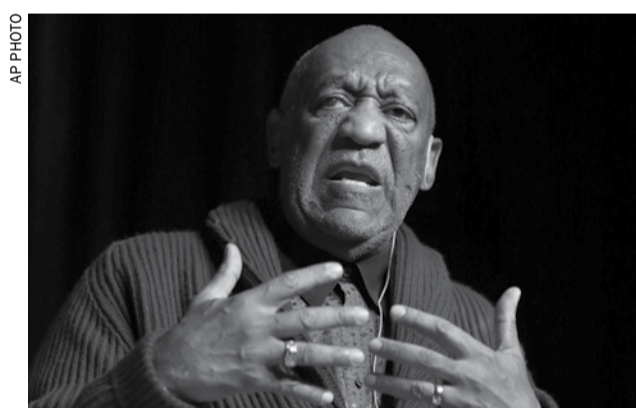
Cosby admits to obtaining drugs to use on women

Maryclaire Dale, Philadelphia

BILL Cosby's admission that he obtained quaaludes to give young women he was pursuing for sex could bolster defamation claims lodged by his accusers, the women's lawyers said after The Associated Press reported on newly released court documents.

Cosby in sworn testimony unsealed Monday (yesterday, Macau time) admitted that he gave the now-banned sedative to at least one of his accusers and to unnamed others. His lawyer interfered before he could answer deposition questions in 2005 about how many women were given drugs and whether they knew about it.

"If today's report is true, Mr. Cosby admitted under oath 10 years ago sedating women for sexual purposes," said Lisa Bloom, attorney for model Janice Dickinson, who contends she was drugged and raped. "Given that, how dare he publicly vilify Ms. Dickinson and accuse her



Comedian Bill Cosby

of lying when she tells a very similar story?"

The AP had gone to court to compel the release of a deposition in a sexual abuse lawsuit filed by former Temple University employee Andrea Constand — the first of a cascade of lawsuits against Cosby that have severely damaged his image as doting TV dad Dr. Cliff Huxtable on "The Cosby Show" from 1984 to 1992.

His lawyers objected to the release of the material, arguing it would embarrass him. Ultimately, a judge seized on Cosby's public moralizing as he unsealed portions of the deposition that had been filed in

court.

"The stark contrast between Bill Cosby, the public moralist and Bill Cosby, the subject of serious allegations concerning improper (and perhaps criminal) conduct, is a matter as to which the AP — and by extension the public — has a significant interest," U.S. District Judge Eduardo Robreno wrote.

Cosby, 77, has been accused by more than two dozen women of sexual misconduct in episodes dating back more than four decades. He has never been charged with a crime, and the statute of limitations on most of the accusations has expired. **AP**

IRAN

Nuke deal remains elusive after deadline, but talks continue

Bradley Klapper, Vienna

IRAN nuclear talks busted through their second deadline in a week yesterday, casting new questions about the ability of world powers to cut off all Iranian pathways to a bomb through diplomacy. But the parties agreed to continue their talks. "We knew it would have been difficult, challenging, and sometimes hard," said Federica Mogherini, the European Union's foreign policy chief. Negotiations, she said, will continue for the next couple of days despite hitting some "tense" moments.

As the latest target date arrived for a deal setting a decade of restrictions on Iran's nuclear program, U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry, Iranian Foreign Minister Mohammad Javad Zarif and other top diplomats huddled in Vienna in search of a breakthrough. All had spoken of deep differences remaining even after 11 days of discussions, and there was no public indication they had resolved disputes ranging from inspection rules on suspicious Iranian sites to limits on Tehran's research and development of advanced nuclear technology.

"The last, difficult, political issues, we have to solve," Mogherini said.

Diplomats extended their discussions by a week when they missed their goal of a pact by June 30, after passing previous deadlines in July 2014 and last November. For Kerry



U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry meets with foreign ministers of Germany, France, China, Britain, Russia and the EU at a hotel in Vienna, Austria

and his team, pressure is increasing from skeptical U.S. allies and members of Congress. If the accord isn't sent over to American lawmakers by tomorrow, their month-long review period would be doubled to 60 days, hampering the ability of the Obama administration to offer speedy economic benefits to Iran for nuclear concessions.

Kerry gathered early yesterday in Vienna with the foreign ministers of Britain, China, France, Germany and Russia. The larger group was to meet with Zarif at some point later in the day, with the clock ticking. Russia's Sergey Lavrov and China's Wang Yi were expected for a gathering of emerging economies in the Russian city of Ufa today, and White House spokesman Josh Earnest said another prolongation of talks was "certainly possible." **AP**

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Offbeat

USA: AMY SCHUMER AND AZIZ ANSARI
TO LEAD ODDBALL COMEDY TOUR

Amy Schumer

Amy Schumer and Aziz Ansari will be the headliners this year when the Oddball Comedy & Curiosity Festival hits the road looking for laughs.

The tour presented by Funny or Die and Live Nation will stop at 18 cities, kicking off on Aug. 28 at Kansas City's Starlight Theatre. It makes stops in Illinois, Michigan, New York, New Jersey, Massachusetts, Connecticut, Florida, Georgia, California and Texas.

The other comedians will be Anthony Jeselnik, Ashley Barnhill, Bridget Everett, Dave Attell, Jeff Ross, Jim Norton, John Mulaney, Nick Kroll, Nick Thune, Nikki Glaser, Rachel Feinstein, Rory Scovel, Sebastian, Tim Minchin, "Silicon Valley" star T.J. Miller, Todd Barry and "Saturday Night Live" performers Michael Che and Jay Pharoah.

Tickets for the general public go on sale beginning Friday.

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13:30	News (RTPi) Delayed Broadcast
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18:20	The Illusionist (Repeated)
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19:40	Soap Opera
20:30	Main News, Financial & Weather Report
21:00	Montra do Lilau
21:40	Miscellaneous
22:10	The Illusionist
23:00	TDM News
23:30	Miscellaneous
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cinema

CINETEATRO

03 Jul - 8 Jul



TED 2
ROOM 1
2.30, 4.30, 7.30, 9.30 pm
Director: Seth MacFarlane
Starring: Mark Wahlberg, Amanda Seyfried,
Morgan Freeman
Language: English (Chinese)
Duration: 115min

TERMINATOR: GENISYS
ROOM 2
(2D) 2.30, 4.45, 9.30pm
(3D) 7.15
Director: Alan Taylor
Starring: Arnold Schwarzenegger, Jason Clarke,
Emilia Clarke
Language: English (Chinese)
Duration: 120min

JURASSIC WORLD
9.30 pm
Director: Colin Trevorrow
Starring: Chris Pratt, Bryce Dallas Howard
Language: English (Chinese)
Duration: 124min

FAR FROM THE MADDING CROWD
ROOM 3
2.30, 4.45, 7.15, 9.30 pm
(4 - 5 JUL) 2.30, 9.30 pm
Director: Thomas Vinterberg
Starring: Carey Mulligan, Matthias Schoenaerts
Language: English (Chinese)
Duration: 94min

MINIONS
ROOM 3
(4 - 5 JUL) 4.45, 7.30 pm
Director: Pierre Coffin, Kyle Balda
Language: Cantonese (Chinese/English)
Duration: 91min

MACAU TOWER

02 Jul - 15 Jul

TERMINATOR: GENISYS
2.30, 4.45, 7.15, 9.30 pm
Director: Alan Taylor
Starring: Arnold Schwarzenegger, Jason Clarke,
Emilia Clarke
Language: English (Chinese)
Duration: 125min



this day in history

1965 RONALD BIGGS
ESCAPES FROM JAIL

Ronald Biggs - a member of the gang who carried out the Great Train Robbery in 1963 - has escaped from Wandsworth prison.

Biggs, 35, escaped by scaling a 30ft wall with three other prisoners at 1505 BST today.

A ladder was thrown over the wall from the outside during the prisoners' afternoon exercise session.

The escapees climbed the ladder and lowered themselves into a waiting van. They were driven away from the prison in three cars.

Every police car in London has been notified and all ports and airports have been alerted.

Biggs is the second of the Great Train Robbers to escape from jail - Charles Wilson is still at large after escaping from Winson Green prison in Birmingham in August last year.

Detective Chief Superintendent Richard Lewis, who is investigating the escape, said the break-out was well prepared and "was engineered without a doubt with collusion inside the prison".

He added this did not suggest prison officers had been involved.

A Home Office spokesperson explained what happened. He said: "At 3.05pm one of the four officers on duty in the yard saw a man's head appear above the outside wall.

"The officer immediately rang the alarm bell and at the same time the man on the wall threw over a rope and tubular ladder.

"The four prisoners immediately made for the ladder and climbed over the top. The prison officers tried to stop them, but were stopped by some of the others in the exercise yard.

"The officers went outside and discovered a van with a platform on top parked against the wall and the ladders secured to the top of the van."

Police said a green Ford Zephyr, involved in the escape, had been found abandoned tonight outside Wandsworth Common railway station.

Police also found a loaded shotgun and a set of overalls inside.

An operations room has been set up inside the prison and the area cordoned off. People living near the prison are being interviewed by police.

Scotland Yard has warned members of the public not to approach any of the men as they may be armed and dangerous.

Courtesy BBC News

IN CONTEXT

Ronnie Biggs was free for nearly 40 years before he returned voluntarily to Britain from Brazil.

He came back to the UK in 2001 aged 71, impoverished and weakened by a series of strokes to receive free medical treatment.

He was immediately taken to a top-security prison to serve the remaining 28 years of his sentence.

Charlie Wilson was recaptured in Canada in 1968.

YOUR STARS

Aries Mar. 21-Apr. 19 You're not moving as quickly as you would like but there's more to life than simple speed.

Taurus April 20-May 20 Your social relations are making life sweeter — and you can overcome old difficulties or renew dormant bonds with ease.

Gemini May 21-Jun. 21 This is not a good time for you to flit from person to person — you need to focus your energy on someone important.

Cancer Jun. 22-Jul. 22 You've got a natural charm that makes people feel fully at ease, so make the most of it today.

Leo Jul. 23-Aug. 22 Your stubbornness is legendary — and on a day like today, it may cause some serious issues with friends or colleagues.

Virgo Aug. 23-Sept. 22 Are you traveling now? Then you're at your best. If not, spend a little time plotting your next getaway.

Libra Sep.23-Oct. 22 Your cultural leanings are making life sweeter than ever today — so enjoy music, art, theater or whatever else comes your way.

Scorpio Oct. 23 - Nov. 21 You should find that someone you thought would be a weak opponent turns out to be stronger than they had appeared.

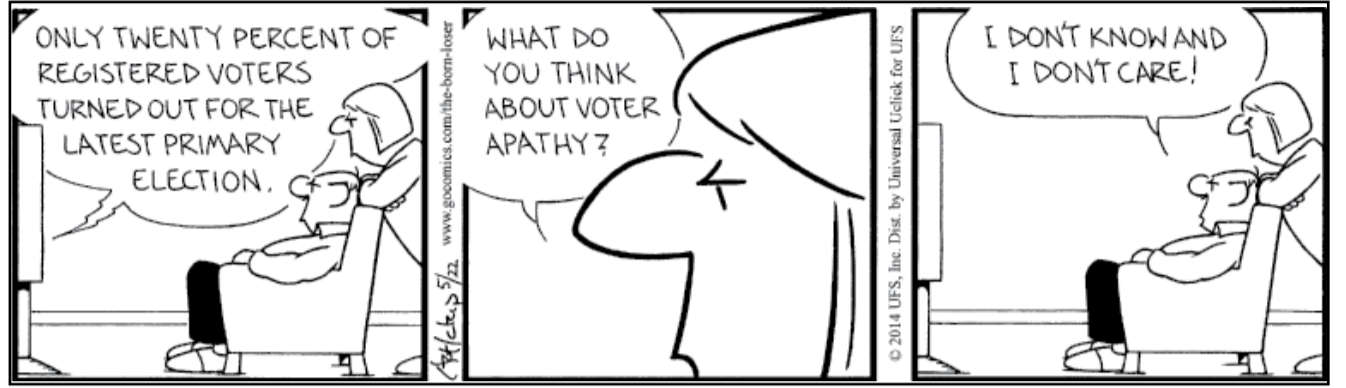
Sagittarius Nov. 22-Dec. 21 Analyze today's big, weird problem by breaking it down into little chunks. They don't look so scary, and you should be able to see at least one way to attack the problem more easily.

Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 19 Your kids are the center of your life today — if you've got kids, that is. If not, you may be drawn to consider it, or just to help out with a friend or relative who's got more than they can handle.

Aquarius Jan. 20-Feb. 18 If you're bored today, that's no surprise — because there are no surprises coming your way! Try to just focus on whatever is right in front of you and make your way through the day.

Pisces Feb.19-Mar. 20 Your love life is still bubbling with great energy — so make the most of it! Spend some serious quality time with your sweetie or head out looking for someone new.

THE BORN LOSER by Chip Sansom



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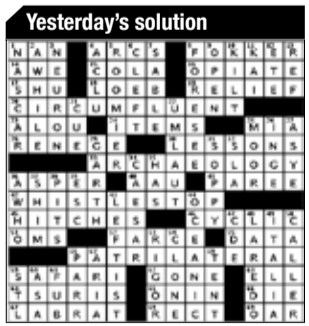
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Weather forecast table with columns for MIN, MAX, and CONDITION. Rows include CHINA (Beijing, Harbin, Tianjin, etc.) and WORLD (Moscow, Frankfurt, Paris, etc.).

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TENNIS

A win, then a hug: Serena Williams tops Venus at Wimbledon

Howard Fendrich, London

DECADES ago, when the Williams sisters were kids in California, taking tennis lessons from Dad on a municipal court and imagining playing at Grand Slam tournaments one day, it was Venus — older, taller, stronger — who usually beat Serena.

Never a fan of losing to her sibling — who would be? — Serena cheated a tad every so often, lying about whether Venus' shots landed in or out.

"That's the past," Serena jokes now with an eye roll. "I was young."

As professionals, on the sport's biggest stages, Serena has been better, especially lately. On Monday at Centre Court, in the 26th all-Williams contest on tour but first at a major in six years, No. 1-seeded Serena played solidly enough to beat No. 16 Venus 6-4, 6-3 and reach the Wimbledon quarterfinals, closing in on the third leg of a calendar-year Grand Slam.

This matchup between five-time champions at the All England Club was one-sided, done in 68 minutes. It's Serena's sixth win in the past seven matches against Venus, part of a 15-11 edge overall. When it ended, Serena walked calmly, quietly — none of her custo-

mary "Come on!" exuberance — to envelop Venus in a long hug.

On Serena's mind, it turns out, was this question: How many installments are left in this one-of-a-kind sibling rivalry?

"I just thought, 'Wow, I'm 33, and she just turned 35. I don't know how many more moments like this we'll have.' I plan on playing for years, but you never know if we'll have the opportunity to face each other," Serena said after they walked off court with matching red racket bags.

"I just took the moment in, and I thought, 'We're at Wimbledon.' I remember when I was 8 years old, we dreamed of this moment, and it was kind of surreal."

Venus' take on the likelihood of future meetings?

"When that moment is over, it will be over," she said, shrugging her shoulders. "It's not now."

Serena, 36-1 this season, has won 25 Grand Slam matches in a row. Get past former No. 1 Victoria Azarenka, then win twice more, and she would complete a self-styled "Serena Slam" of four consecutive major championships, something she also did in 2002-03.

Looking further ahead, Serena could go to the U.S. Open with a chance at the first true Grand Slam — four majors in a single season — since Steffi Graf in

1988.

When a reporter made a passing reference to that, Serena rested her chin on her left hand and declared: "I no longer answer questions about Grand Slams."

Three of today's men's quarterfinals are set: Roger Federer against Gilles Simon, Andy Murray against Vasek Pospisil, and Stan Wawrinka against Richard Gasquet. Defending champion Novak Djokovic dropped the first two sets, then won the next two, before his fourth-round match against Kevin Anderson was suspended because of darkness. They'll play the fifth set Tuesday; the winner faces Marin Cilic.

Until Monday, Venus hadn't dropped a set, but Serena won Monday's first eight points and wound up with 36 winners and 13 unforced errors.

"Very focused from the start. Very aggressive," said Serena's coach, Patrick Mouratoglou. "No matter who is on the other side of the court, that's Serena's job — to win. For Venus, also. But it's not something easy or pleasant against each other."

The Williams' parents and other siblings weren't in the guest box, where rapper Drake sat next to Serena's agent, and singer John Legend and his wife, TV host Chrissy Teigen, sat behind Mouratoglou.



Serena Williams of the United States, left, hugs her sister Venus Williams

It took until the 15th point for Venus to register a winner. That's also how long it took for a spectator to draw guffaws by shouting, "Come on, Williams!"

"When we're off the court, she's Serena, my sister," Venus said. "When we're on the court, she's Serena, my opponent."

An opponent who, unlike most others, pounds serves at 121 mph, as she did Monday, and returns the 115 mph serves

Venus hits.

Other foes, of course, didn't grow up in the same home, didn't learn the game from the same instructors, didn't travel the world for years practicing with — and playing doubles alongside — each other.

"Boy, she has a game to just knock anyone's socks off," Serena said about Venus. "So you just have to be ready."

Serena usually is. **AP**

BOXING

Mayweather stripped of WBO title won from Pacquiao

FIVE-WEIGHT world champion Floyd Mayweather has been stripped of the WBO welterweight belt won from Manny Pacquiao in May.

The 38-year-old failed to pay the WBO a USD200,000 fee to administer the fight by the 3 July deadline, BBC reported yesterday.

Mayweather had been expected to relinquish the title by now, saying he planned to do so following his points victory over Pacquiao.

Fellow American Timothy Bradley will now become the full belt holder.

After Mayweather defeated Pacquiao, he had declared he would vacate all his titles in order to give younger fighters the chance to win belts.

"The WBO World Championship Committee is allowed no other alternative but to cease to recognize Mr Floyd Mayweather Jr as the WBO welterweight champion of the world and vacate his title," said a statement on



wboboxing.com.

BBC said Mayweather, who still holds the WBA and WBC belts at welterweight, has until 20 July to appeal against the decision.

He is expected to stage one more

fight in Las Vegas on 12 September, although he has yet to name the opponent.

The WBO created a vacant interim welterweight belt for the 27 June fight between Bradley and Jessie Vargas.

HOCKEY

12 teams book places in 2016 Rio Olympics lineups

THE International Hockey Federation has confirmed 12 teams which qualified for the 2016 Olympic tournaments in Rio de Janeiro.

Six men's and six women's teams earned places in the 12-nation Olympic events at Hockey World League semifinals played over the past month in Argentina, Spain and Belgium.

The FIH says teams confirmed in the men's competition are: Germany, Netherlands, Argentina, Australia, Belgium and Britain.

Women's teams going to Rio are: Britain, China, Germany, Netherlands, Australia and Argentina.

Two Asian champions, India's men and South Korea's women, already qualified last year.

The Olympic lineups will be completed by October after continental championships for Pan-America, Europe, Oceania and Africa.

opinion

World Views

William Pesek, Bloomberg

CHINA'S BULL MARKET IN CONSPIRACY THEORIES

China's financial world has officially entered the paranoia zone. As the Shanghai stock market experiences its worst three-week rout since 1992 – in defiance of government efforts to reverse the plunge – government officials are blaming shadowy conspiracies for the sell-off.

One narrative whipped up by state-run media has nefarious overseas forces driving down shares to embarrass President Xi Jinping and stymie China's development. Another conspiracy theory suggests that rumor-mongers are driving shares lower in order to profit from short selling. That's prompted regulators to pledge a crackdown on "vicious" short sellers: Just ask Morgan Stanley, the recent subject of "hidden agenda" allegations by mainland media for voicing bearish views on the trajectory of Shanghai shares.

The problem is investors now recognize that China's years-long rally was based more on hype than fundamentals, and they're looking to reduce their exposure. But rather than deal with that reality, Xi's team has been feverishly resisting it, including with interest rate cuts, a moratorium on initial public offerings, and a stock-buying fund.

Beijing has shown it's willing to throw any possible solution at the problem of falling stocks – but its effort to blame foreigners and short sellers is a sign of true desperation. Data show very clearly that foreign money managers control fewer than 3 percent of Chinese shares. Those overseas forces Beijing sees fit to demonize? They've actually been adding to holdings as prices tumble. Short selling, meanwhile, is far from epidemic on Chinese markets. As of Thursday, the day before media attacks accelerated, short positions accounted for just \$314 million of trades on the Shanghai exchange, less than 0.03 percent of China's market capitalization.

Shanghai's reckoning has pundits grasping for lessons from past financial crises. Much is being made, for example, of China's "House of Morgan" moment. As Wall Street crashed in October 1929, five top financiers met at the New York offices of J.P. Morgan and pooled resources to support prices; on Saturday, 21 Chinese brokerages did something similar, pledging more than \$19 billion to a stock-buying fund. If Monday's events are any guide, they may have to add a zero to that sum. While shares of the largest state-run companies rose, most Chinese stocks fell anew, and the ChiNext measure of smaller companies sank 4.3 percent.

China's embrace of the blame-game has a more recent crisis written all over it: Asia's 1997 meltdown. The most vocal practitioner then was Mahathir Mohamad, Malaysia's prime minister, who blamed foreign speculators like George Soros for his country's woes. Mohamad argued that Soros and his ilk, after breaking the Bank of England by shorting the British pound in 1992, had turned their sights on Malaysia, Indonesia, South Korea and Thailand. In the years that followed, officials in Manila, Taipei and Tokyo regularly took aim at foreign traders with supposedly sinister intentions of hurting their markets. The relentless search for scapegoats allowed these governments to avoid pursuing painful, but necessary economic reforms.

There's a more salient lesson Xi's team should learn from 1997. Just like Bangkok, Jakarta and Seoul 20 years ago, Beijing is supporting economic growth and asset prices by directing state-run banks awash in bad loans to lend more. Credit better marshalled into the private sector is instead being channeled to public works and industries plagued with overcapacity. The only things holding China's stimulus machine together are the closed nature of its financial system and a currency essentially pegged to the dollar.

That was also true of other Asian countries in the 1990s – until those governments lost control of the narrative in markets. As more and more investors got wise to the depth of deflationary forces and preponderance of unproductive investments, they fled. It wasn't the media fueling panic, nor villainous foreign investors; it was the sudden arrival of reality – an understanding that the fundamentals supporting asset prices were illusory.

This is where China finds itself today – not in the throes of some giant financial conspiracy, but an inevitable reckoning with the realization that stocks sustained by government propaganda have nowhere to go but down. The \$3.2 trillion of losses so far will continue until Xi convinces investors he's taking steps to strengthen China's economic fundamentals. Unfortunately, the Chinese government still seems more interested in battling fictitious plotters than grasping the real plot.

THE BUZZ **TURKISH AIRLINES PLANE DIVERTED TO NEW DELHI OVER BOMB SCARE**

Turkish Airlines says an Istanbul-bound plane carrying 134 passengers made an emergency landing at New Delhi after note with the word "bomb" was found in a toilet, the latest in a series of such incidents.

The airline said yesterday that a crew member discovered the note on Flight TK 65, some three hours after it took off from Bangkok. It

was diverted to New Delhi as precaution and was being searched.

Turkish Airlines has been plagued by bomb scares recently, including five previous cases of notes found in toilets that have disrupted or diverted flights, reportedly costing the company millions of dollars.

The planes were searched each time and no bomb was found.



A reveler falls while others run with a Jandilla's ranch fighting bull during the running of the bulls of the San Fermin festival in Pamplona

2 Americans, 1 Briton gored in first Pamplona bull run

Alvaro Barrientos & Ciaran Giles, Pamplona

Two Americans and a Briton were gored and eight others injured yesterday as thousands of daredevils dashed alongside fighting bulls through the streets of this northern Spanish city on the first bull run of the San Fermin festival, organizers said.

The San Fermin press office said a 38-year-old American identified only by his initials, M.W.O., was gored in the armpit and a 27-year-old Californian identified by the initials D.M.O. was also gored. A 30-year-old Briton with the initials A.B.O. was gored in the groin area. None of the

three was said to be in serious condition.

Three other Americans were among the eight others injured, most with bruises sustained in falls and crowd crushes during the nationally-televised run that lasted just over two minutes.

In its first report after the run, the Spanish Red Cross only had details of one person being gored and six people injured.

The daily run sees people dashing with six bulls along a narrow, 850-meter course from a holding pen to the city's bull ring. The bulls are then killed by professional matadors in bullfights each afternoon. The nine-day fiesta in Pamplona, which features 24-hour street partying, was made famous in Ernest Hemingway's 1926 novel "The Sun Also Rises" and attracts thousands of foreign tourists.

Bull runs are a traditional part of summer festivals across Spain. Dozens of people are injured each year in the runs, most in falls.

Two men have died recently after being gored by bulls in Spanish festivals – one Saturday in the eastern town of Grao de Castellon and another June 24 in the southwestern town of Coria.

In all, 15 people have died from gorings in San Fermin since record-keeping began in 1924. AP

THE DECISIVE MOMENT

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Residents dance the tango during a protest in front of the city government building in Buenos Aires, last week. The Association of Milongas Organizers held the protest against the close of tango halls by the government.

Station	Air quality
Roadside	55-75 Moderate
High Density Residential Area	75-105 Moderate
Ambient	70-100 Moderate

SOURCE: DSI/MG

WORLD BRIEFS



JAPAN The world's oldest man, a retired educator in Japan, dies at age 112. Sakari Momoi died from kidney failure Sunday at a nursing home in Tokyo, said Saitama city official Aya Kato.

S KOREA Samsung Electronics Co. forecasts a fall in second-quarter profit in a sign that sales of its Galaxy S6 smartphones failed to meet expectations.



ECUADOR Pope Francis has a whirlwind final full day in Ecuador, with a Mass in the capital of Quito sandwiched between meetings with bishops, indigenous groups and university students, capped by a visit to a Jesuit church.



USA The push to remove the Confederate flag from the grounds of the South Carolina Statehouse is about to clear its first hurdle. But even if a bill to bring down the rebel banner passes the state Senate as expected, it faces a less certain future in the House.

KENYA At least 14 people are killed in an attack in the country's north by al-Shabab, Islamic extremist rebels from neighboring Somalia, a Kenyan official says.

NIGERIA A bomb blast in Nigeria's northern university town of Zaria killed 20 people yesterday, the Kaduna state governor reported, the latest in a string of deadly bombing and shooting attacks by the Boko Haram Islamic extremist group.

FRANCE-UK A migrant who stowed away on a truck in the Channel Tunnel was found dead yesterday, disrupting travel between France and England for a third week in a row, police and the tunnel operator said.