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### WORLD BRIEFS

**IRAQ** A series of car bombings across Iraq yesterday killed at least 36 people and wounded dozens as the government continued its efforts to combat extremism across the country. The largest bombing took place in the Shiite-majority town of al-Khales in eastern Diyala province. At least 12 people were killed in the attack and 30 were wounded when the car bomb tore through a commercial street.



**SOUTH CHINA SEA** Authorities in China and the Philippines say typhoon Mujigae that tore through the northern Philippines before roaring ashore in southern China has killed at least nine people and left dozens of fishermen missing.

**MALAYSIA** shuts most schools nationwide for two days to protect children from a thick, noxious haze caused by smoke from burning forests in neighboring Indonesia. The haze also spread to Thailand, the first time it has reached hazardous levels so far north. More on p13

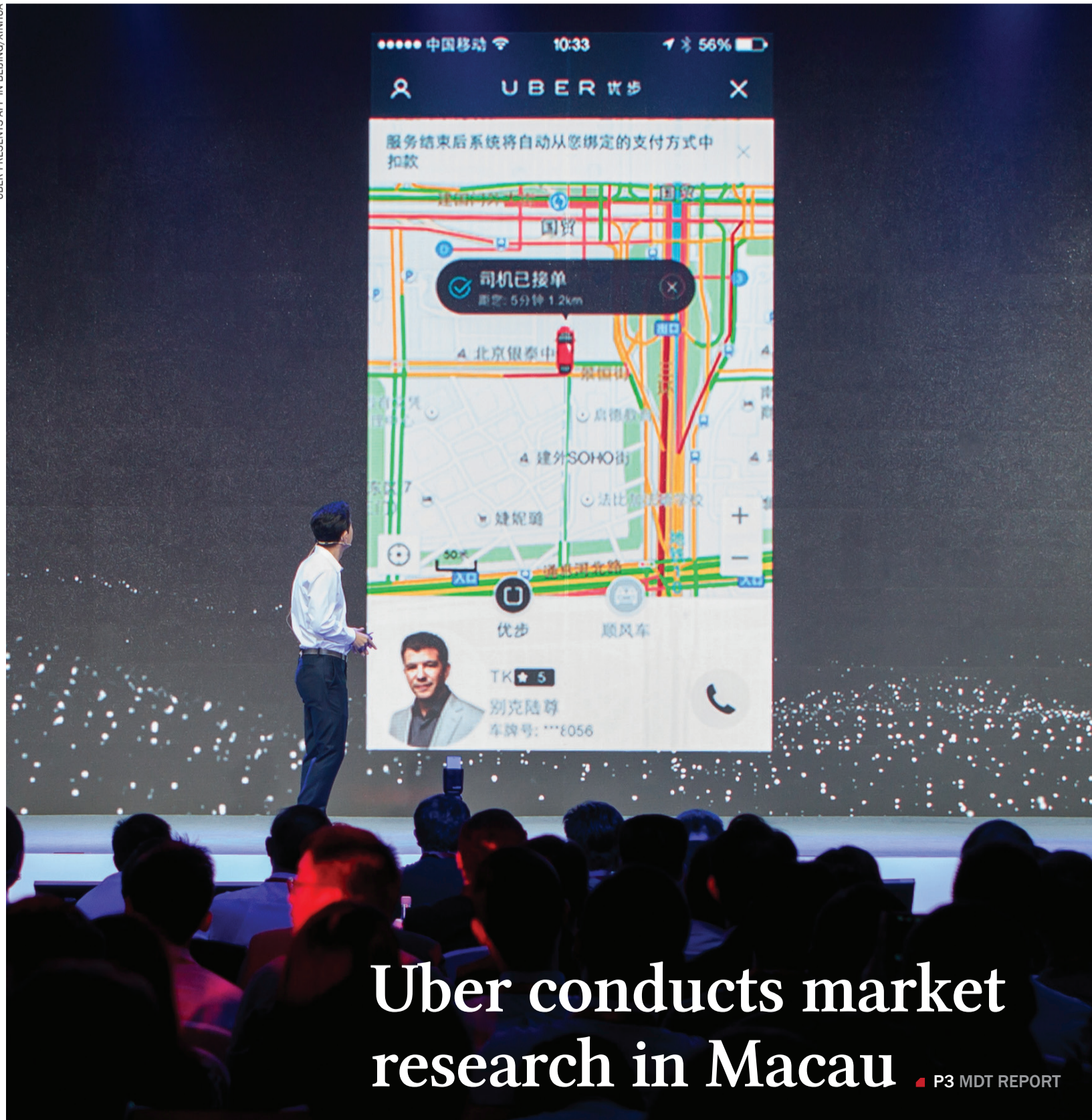
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## T'Way Air to launch Macau-Seoul route

South Korean low-cost carrier T'Way Airlines has announced that it will be launching a new Seoul-Macau route starting in late November. The service will include five weekly links to Incheon International Airport. The first flight is scheduled for November 27.

## SJM wants Individual Visa Scheme extension



The Individual Visa Scheme extended to more cities in mainland China, according to Ambrose So. SJM's CEO said yesterday that the first days of the "golden week" have been good. However he expects October gaming revenue to be down by a third from last year.

## 100 new licenses for radio taxi

A public tender will be organized to attribute 100 new special taxi licenses, according to an Official Gazette dispatch. The licenses are to operate taxis via the radio taxi service, suspended by the government on November last year when Vang Lek Radio Taxi (known as "yellow taxis") stopped operating. The Transport Bureau explained in a press release that the tender preparation works are "about done" and stated that in a "short period of time" it will publish all of the details regarding this process. The new concession to operate the service will be valid for a period of eight years.

## HOUSING

# 42,699 applicants apply for 1,900 available flats

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**T**HE Housing Bureau (IH) president Jeong Kam Wa stressed that another application for economic housing units might only come if the land resources are made available. Jeong was speaking on the sidelines of the draw outcome yesterday that determined the order of 42,699 candidates who are applying for 1,900 flats.

The IH head made it clear that whether or not the authorities would kick off a new application, depending on the availability of land resources and relevant urban planning for public housing. "If relevant conditions haven't ripened, we won't be able to say what the arrangement of the next economic housing application will be," he explained.



The official dismissed the possibility of returning to the previous scoring method, claiming that the current scheme, which classifies applicants into three major groups for priority, embodied the appropriate sense of equity and efficacy.

"Objectively faced with a shortage of public housing, we see the current model as a more pragmatic system, which accentuates fairness and efficiency," he told media. "At the current stage that we don't have any intentions to amend the system."

After the preliminary examination, up to 3,893 applications failed to make it to the final stage despite having entered the draw, which was the second step in the three-phase selection process. Jeong said that those applicants would not qualify for the flats even though they would place high in the rankings.

Mr Jeong revealed that the government's study into the "new type of public housing" will be close to ready by the end of the year. Furthermore, the government is now also digesting the collection of public opinion that it gathered through a consultation on the social housing regulation amendment.

It was believed that successful grantees would start picking their preferred flats in order from the end of the year, as the bureau will approach them early next month for detailed certification for its ultimate scrutiny.

Starting from today, applicants should call 2835 6288 or visit the Housing Bureau's website to learn more about the result of the draw. The outcome will also be available to view at eight designated venues from October 6 to 20.

## TRANSPORT

## More buses for Seac Pai Van, UM campus

**T**HE Transport Bureau (DSAT) is updating four of its bus routes starting today in order to respond to citizens' commuting needs, especially to and from Seac Pai Van and the University of Macau's Hengqin Campus.

The changes are mainly focused on improving the frequency and extending operation schedules of the routes, as well as changing some routes' designations in order to clearly identify their destinations. In this way, the routes 22F and MT3U will adopt a new designation as routes 52 and 73 respectively.

According to DSAT, there are a rising number of passengers travelling on these routes

and in order to best accommodate their needs, the new route 52 will operate from 6 a.m. to 12 a.m., that is, four hours longer than the previous 22F that stopped operating at 8pm. The frequency of the route will also be improved, from the previous 15 to 30 minutes to a bus every 4 to 12 minutes.

As for the new route 73, there will be a bus every 8 to 12 minutes instead of the current 12 to 20 minutes. At the same time, and in order to optimize the night routes between the peninsula and Taipa, the frequency of the routes MT3 and N2 will also increase: 6 to 12 minutes between departures on MT3 and 8 to 20 minutes for the N2. RM

## TOURISM

## Macau highlighted in New York

**M**ACAU'S tourist attractions were showcased at the Grand Central Terminal in New York City from October 1 to 4. The roadshow presented the region as a tourist destination boasting a unique fusion of Western and Eastern culture through a combination of art, stage performances, and food. The display served as an opportunity for the Macau Government Tourism Office to distribute promotional material, and for local travel agents to

promote their own travel packages.

The roadshow included performances of the famous lion dance, and of Portuguese folk dance, and opportunities for visitors to dress in traditional folk costumes and to take photos with the dancers. Silhouette paper-cutting in the shapes of some of Macau's most famous tourist attractions - such as the Ruins of St. Paul's, A-Ma Temple, and Senado Square - was also used to promote the

territory.

Travellers were invited to try free samples of signature dishes from Macau, such as African Chicken Meatball, Shrimp Toast and a Portuguese Egg Tart. In addition, workshops were held to give participants the opportunity to make their own Portuguese tiles or Chinese lanterns. The four-day event was hosted at Vanderbilt Hall, which is typically used today for special exhibitions, located in the city's major railroad station.



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TRANSPORT

# No sign of Uber operating in Macau yet

**T**HE ride-sharing app service Uber Technologies Inc. has made it to Hong Kong, where it has drawn both praise and controversy. A number of Uber drivers have been arrested, but service demand continues to grow.

Macau has yet to experience the services of the San Francisco-based private car-hire app. Signs that Uber could open here have come down to two recruitment ads on Uber's website, one for a General Manager and another for a Marketing Manager.

The Times knows of at least two people who have revealed that they are working for Uber employees attempting to do market research in the city, where the taxi service still doesn't meet the minimum expected standards.

The Times sought comment from Uber Technologies Inc.'s main offices, and contacted its Asian Marketing division to learn whether the app would be launched in Macau, but received no reply by press time.

The Transport Bureau (DSAT) told the Times that it has never been approached by Uber Technologies Inc. The Macau Government Tourist Office (MGTO) also said that it did not have "any record of a travel agency or self-driven rent-a-car busi-



This Thursday, June 25, 2015 file photo shows a Paris cab during a blockade by taxi drivers in Paris

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ANDREW SCOTT  
MTPA PRESIDENT

ness application from Uber Technologies Inc."

In a phone interview, the president of the Macau Taxi Passengers Association (MTPA), Andrew Scott, talked to The Times about Uber's usefulness here and whether the app could eventually become a reality in Macau.

"Uber is just a technology

company, it's not a transportation company. So they can provide the technological platform, but you still need drivers, and where are they going to get those drivers from?" he asked.

According to Mr Scott, who has used Uber in Sydney and Hong Kong, the app's general concept "is great" and the ride-sharing service could one

day be implemented in Macau, whether by Uber or another company.

"The general concept is great, but there have been a lot of problems around the world – terrible comments in the U.S. [about Uber]. That kind of toxic culture is not something you want in Macau, because taxis are toxic enough already," he warned.

Mr Scott does not foresee an easy ride for any private car-hire company in Macau. "The corporate culture of Uber and the corporate culture of the Macau government are not very compatible," he acknowledged, adding that Macau already lacks local drivers.

"To be a driver of a vehicle charging for transportation, you must be a local Macau resident, but where are the local drivers? Where are they going to get the drivers from? Taxi companies can't find drivers; they're short of drivers."

The Macau Taxi Passengers Association was established last year by Mr Scott and other members of the Facebook group Macau Taxi Driver Shame, which has gone viral.

The Facebook group was intended to help them discuss

and fix Macau's taxi problems, including overcharging and fishing, among other issues.

"Taxi services got a lot better this year, but we have all noticed that in the last month it's gotten worse again. I think it happened because the police have finally started to relax their enforcement. I think the enforcement was extremely strong in January, February, March, April and May. It started to slack off in June," he observed.

Uber Technologies Inc. develops and operates the Uber mobile app, through which smartphone users can submit a trip request, which is then redirected to Uber drivers who use their own cars.

The company has had a busy summer, as pointed out in a recent report by British newspaper The Guardian.

The app-based transportation service is the world's richest startup, and it is now testing on-demand mass transit with its Smart Routes offering. The uberPOOL now matches riders heading in the same direction, allowing them to save time and money.

It is no secret that the company is expanding into China. However, controversies have mushroomed across all regions where Uber operates, as stories of clients harassed or assaulted by drivers have emerged. The company also faces ongoing protests and lawsuits filed by taxi drivers, who have been reluctant to welcome the Uber app and claim that it presents unfair competition.

**TOURIST DUPED BY TAXI DRIVER IN HONG KONG**

A SWISS tourist in Hong Kong was illegally charged HKD8,000 for his journey from the HK International Airport to his hotel in Kowloon. A typical fare for this distance would amount to between HKD250 or HKD300. The South China Morning Post reported that the 22-year-old tourist has decided

not to pursue the case. However, the police traffic unit is following it up amid concerns that this type of misconduct may affect the city's reputation as a tourist destination. There were 351 complaints concerning taxi drivers overcharging in the first quarter of 2015, down from 396 in the previous quarter.

## Critics claim Uber service illegal and unsafe

**T**HE controversial transportation application service Uber has come under increasing pressure and opposition from governments and local taxi service companies, who claim that its unlicensed drivers are unsafe and illegal.

2014 and 2015 saw the formation of large-scale opposition rallies against Uber's operations, with protests staged in Germany, France, Spain, England, China, and many other countries. Some of

the protests have resulted in attacks on Uber drivers or their cars, such as those in France in January 2014.

Uber contends that it is not a traditional taxi service company. It is instead a technology-driven service that can be used to request a driver. As it does not operate as a taxi service, it is therefore not required to adhere to taxi regulations.

To further distance themselves from the taxi service model, the company does not acknowledge their

staff as employees, but rather contractors – meaning that they are exempt from enjoying standard employment rights such as stable working hours. This technicality prompted the USA to issue new guidelines in 2015, saying that anyone who is "economically dependent" on their employer should be treated as an employee.

Those protesting against Uber's practices argue that the company provides the same basic service as a taxi company but

is exempt from the same regulations (including pricing restrictions) because of a technicality. Many also claim that the company is destroying traditional livelihoods through their discriminatory standards of conduct.

To make matters worse, Uber has also developed a reputation for conducting both covert and explicit operations against competitor companies, journalists critical of the company, and even its own dissenting employees or drivers.

In January 2014, Uber had to apologize after it was found to be encouraging its employees to order fake rides from a newly-established competing service, Gett. Later in the same year, Senior VP Emil Michael issued an apology after publicly suggesting that Uber hire a team of researchers to investigate the personal lives of journalists who criticized the company.

Daphne Kasriel-Alexander, a consumer trends consultant at Euromoni-

tor, provided a summary of the alleged problems with Uber by saying that the company "has been accused of everything from having a reckless attitude towards safety, to putting cab drivers out of work. I believe that this is because the Uber taxi ride-sharing app bypasses traditional cab companies and traditional ways of working, along with the accompanying regulatory mechanisms of the industry, including tariff bands." **Staff Reporter**

# Forum aims to improve healthcare training and education

**T**HE 27th Sino-Luso International Medical Forum will be taking place in Macau from October 9 to 11. The forum addresses medical education and training in Macau and is entitled "Optimizing Macau's Graduate Medical Education".

According to a press release issued by the organizers, the purpose of the forum is to aid the region's frontline medical providers with the best training, by allowing healthcare professionals to share and learn the best practices, meet with experts face-to-face, and cultivate international connections in the field.

The three-day event will include keynote presentations, plenaries, workshops, scientific symposiums, and the chance to network with nearly 500 health care professionals discussing new ideas in medical education.

Dr Manson Fok, president of the Sino-Luso Medical Forum,



said that the forum "will be developed in close partnership with regional strategic partners from Hong Kong, Greater China, the United Kingdom, USA and Australia." He added, "Macau is now on the verge of consolidating the medical education and training sectors," and "we are thrilled and looking forward to [the] exchange of these experiences and innovations at this forum."

Among the speakers at the forum will be Dr Leonie Watterson, the director of Skills Centre, Faculty of Medicine, from the University of Sydney.

She will speak about the changing environment within health care services internationally, and will discuss innovations within medical education and training in Australia.

Other keynote speakers will include Dr Qianzhu Liu, an expert from Beijing, who will discuss her experiences working with the British Medical Association's BMJ and their digital solutions for health care improvement. Lastly, the lineup includes Dr Huili Che, who will speak about ethical and effective medical publications.

Workshops will also be held for both nurses and physicians at the Centre for Excellence at the Faculty of Health Science on the campus of the Macau University of Science and Technology (MUST).

The Sino-Luso International Medical Forum was launched in May 2011 and has reportedly trained over 5,000 local and regional doctors and nurses.

Staff Reporter

## STATISTICS

# Stronger construction sector boosts local economy

**T**HE main indicators of the construction sector registered a general increase in 2014, largely due to the construction of hotels and entertainment facilities, according to information from the Statistics and Census Service (DSEC).

The statistical data indicates that the value of construction increased by 63.2 percent year-on-year to MOP78.15 billion, intermediate consumption rose by 60.2 percent to MOP61.03 billion, and labor cost grew by 42.3 percent to MOP11.35 billion.

A total of 2,633 establishments were operating in the construction sector in 2014 – a decrease of 136 year-on-year. However, the number of people engaged in the sector increased by 11,361 to 45,368.

Analyzed by the types of construction project, the value of private constructions grew by 76.4 percent year-on-year to MOP66.88 billion. Of these constructions, the construction value of hotels and entertainment facilities increased by 122.3 percent, while that of private residential buildings fell by 9.6 percent. Pu-



blic construction works increased by 11.6 percent year-on-year to MOP8.12 billion, and land formation and reclamation works surged by 697.7 percent due to the current land reclamation projects in progress.

Meanwhile, the construction value of Light Rapid Transit and Roads decreased by 17.2 percent to MOP1.55 billion, and the construction value of piers fell by 52.9 percent to MOP636 million.

Analyzed by location, a total of 946 construction projects were carried out on the Macau peninsula, 80 projects were based in Cotai, while 103 projects were based in Coloane. The value of construction figures increased by 94.4 percent on the Macau peninsula and 109.9 percent in Cotai, while the construction value fell by 21.6 percent in Coloane.

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GAMING

# Casino shares rise after 'golden week'

**M**ACAU casino shares rose in Hong Kong trading after the government released statistical data indicating that the number of Chinese visitors to the world's largest gambling hub increased during China's "golden week" holiday. According to Bloomberg, the stock rise may be related to Li Gang's statements last week, indicating that China may move to support the city's economy.

Galaxy Entertainment Group Ltd. rose 5.3 percent to close at HKD22.85, its highest recorded level since Sept. 21. Sands China Ltd. gained 3.4 percent, with Wynn Macau Ltd and MGM China Holdings Ltd both up by more than 2 percent. SJM Holdings Ltd. climbed 1 percent. The benchmark Hang Seng Index rose 1.6 percent.

Macau has seen casino revenues fall for 16 straight months as China's anti-graft campaign and a slowdown in the country's economy deter high rollers, or VIP gamblers, coming to Macau. The gambling downturn has dragged Macau's economy



Aspect of the Galaxy Macau casino resort

down to its weakest performance since 2011.

"I believe that the mass-market trend over the holiday was pretty good," said Grant Govertsen, an analyst at Union Gaming Group, referring to the lower-end players. "The gaming revenue number will show us a sequential increase from September. But I think the VIP still has a question mark over it from the holiday weekend."

Yesterday's casino stock surge could also be the resulting rally of a Chinese official's reported comments on possible support measures for Macau, he said.

Shares of Macau's casino operators spiked on Friday after Li Gang, director of the Chinese government's local liaison office, said that Beijing will introduce more policies this year to support Macau's economy. The city's September gaming reve-

nue also came within analysts' forecasts.

According to data from the Macau Government Tourist Office, visitors from China, who account for more than two-thirds of the city's total tourists, rose 22 percent to 276,557 on October 1 and 2, the first two days of the nation's weeklong holiday, which is traditionally peak season. That was compared with a growth rate of 4.3

percent for the same period in 2014.

The total number of travelers to the city in those two days rose 13.4 percent to 327,186 from a year earlier, the tourist office said. Visitors from the mainland have dropped 4.1 percent for the first eight months of this year, according to official data.

Macau's gaming regulator announced late Thursday that gross gaming revenue had decreased by 33 percent to MOP17.1 billion (\$2.1 billion) last month, narrowing from August's 35.5-percent drop. Analysts are expecting a 32-percent slump in 2015 before rebounding next year, according to a Bloomberg survey.

"It's a surprise that share prices have gone up so much," said Chris Kwai from China International Capital Corp. "No matter what the central government brings to Macau, it's usually related to improving the tourism there. We do need some fundamentals. In general we are still waiting for the gross gaming revenue recovery," he said. **MDT/Agencies**

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## Local delegation travels to first National Youth Games

**T**HE Secretary for Social Affairs and Culture, Alexis Tam, was presented with the Macau flag by the delegation that will compete in the 1st National Youth Games. In a ceremony held at the government headquarters, Alexis Tam and the president of the Macau Sport Development Board, José Tavares, encouraged the athletes to represent the MSAR with their best level of sportsmanship, while wishing them good luck for the competition.

The 1st National Youth Games (NYG) is a sporting competition organized by the General Administration of Sport of China and undertaken by the People's Government of Fujian Province. Formerly known as the National Intercity Games, the eighth edition of these games was officially renamed as the 1st National Youth Games.

When it was first held in



1988, the Games were set as a national multi-sports event that took place every four years, with the aim of identifying and training sports talent, as well as promoting the development of sports in various cities.

The 1st NYG will be held from October 18 to 27 in Fuzhou, Fujian Province. China and Macau will be re-

presented by a delegation of 103 athletes, competing in 13 sporting events.

The NYG includes a total of 26 competition events across a wide range of sports, including archery, wushu, badminton, basketball, cycling, fencing, football, gymnastics, hockey, judo, sailing, table tennis, and taekwondo, among others. **RM**

## Gazing at a panda tops The Sun's '7 reasons to visit Macau'

**T**HE opportunity to "gaze at one of the big, bumbling pandas" seems to be the main reason to visit Macau, according to The Sun newspaper.

The Sun, a daily tabloid newspaper in the UK and Ireland, published an article this week entitled "7 Reasons to Visit Macau". On this list, the author, Laura Millar, includes several references to the Portuguese historical influence on the peninsula. Millar recommends that tourists peruse the Macanese architecture, including St Paul's church and Largo do Senado, as well as sample its culinary offerings – such as the famous egg tarts and other Portuguese and Sino-Portuguese hybrid dishes.

It would be difficult to compose a list of 'must-do's' in Macau, without mentioning the luxury casinos "housed in extravagant, over-the-top hotels", which Millar refers to as "[a] taste of Vegas". The article also suggests a bungee jump from the 233m-tall Macau Tower, along with a visit to the 15th-century A-Ma temple.



Perhaps Millar ran out of ideas with which to fill her article, because the fifth reason listed was actually a visit to nearby Hong Kong. But, most surprising of all, was that "gazing at one of the big, bumbling pandas" at the Giant Panda Pavilion topped The Sun's list.

The publication's feature of Macau comes at a time when the Macau Government Tourist Office's figures published on its website revealed that the number of visitors to Macau in the first quarter of 2015 is down by 3.6 percent, compared with the same period last year. **Staff Reporter**

### CRIME

## Police bust vice ring allegedly active for three months in Cotai

**Aries Un**

**T**HE Public Security Police busted a prostitution ring at a hotel located in Cotai on Sunday afternoon, arresting a total of 14 mainlanders who had been offering sex services inside that hotel for three months.

According to the authorities, who took action

after earlier receiving tip-offs, a man and woman both aged 26 enlisted the rest of the suspects through social media and the Cotai Strip. The suspects, who hail from eight Chinese cities, were inducted into their ring as hookers while touting sex services inside a resort situated on that gambling strip.

Upon reaching a deal with their clients there, the pair then would mobilize the prostitutes through social media, where they usually maintained communication, to conduct sex services inside two of the hotel's rooms, which were booked in advance.

Each prostitute would receive individual

remuneration ranging between HKD1,500 to HKD2,000 for each service, but had to pay the ring organizers HKD500 per day as rent for the room and commissions of at least 10 percent of their own payment.

Through the investigations, it was discovered the pair behind the ring has profited to the tune

of HKD7,500. The woman denied her role in manipulating prostitutes while the man acknowledged the illegal act.

Police uncovered some cash in different currencies and 15 cellphones in the rooms. All of the suspects were taken to the Public Prosecution Office.

### STUDENT ARRESTED FOR UNDERAGE SEX

**A MOTHER** called the police after she found out through her daughter's mobile phone that the 14-year-old pupil had sex with an 18-year-old fellow student. It was said by the Judiciary Police that the junior agreed upon having sex with the man during a sleepover at his home after a night out.

### corporate bits

#### MGM CHINA AND MACA REACH AGREEMENT



MGM China and the Macau Association of Composers, Authors and Publishers (MACA) have reached an agreement on music public performance licenses, which aims to protect the copyright of all songwriters whose works are played at MGM properties. The agreement marks an

important step towards safeguarding the interests of local and international musicians performing in Macau, and ensures that creative efforts are properly remunerated. The agreement will extend to all areas and outlets of MGM China's second property, MGM COTAI, when it opens next year.

#### HAINAN AIRLINES LAUNCH MACAU-HAIKOU ROUTE

Hainan Airlines opened its Macau-Haikou route on September 29, and is now providing three flights weekly on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Saturdays.

An inaugural flight ceremony was hosted at the Macau International Airport (MIA) on the day of the first flight. The ceremony was attended by guests from Hainan, including Mr Wang Sheng, the Head of Hainan government delegation, and Mr Han Dian, the President of Macau Hainan Natives Association. The flight service leaves Macau at approximately 6:10 p.m. and arrives in Haikou at 8:20 p.m. local time. The flight duration is approximately 1 hour and 10 minutes.

#### L'ARC MACAU PROMOTES RECYCLING CAMPAIGN



The L'Arc Macau volunteering team launched a clothing recycling campaign in September to promote a message to their staff and the wider community on the importance of reusing resources. The casino-resort's staff and volunteer team jointly collected more than 600 clothing items

and delivered them to the Salvation Army of Macau on September 29. Some of the clothes will be sold in the Salvation Army shop to raise funds for future activities, whereas the remainder will be donated to people in need within Macau, Hong Kong, and the mainland China region.

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## GAMING

# Macau cloud shouldn't darken Philippine casinos, Razon says

Ian Sayson, Cecilia Yap  
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**W**E'RE not Macau. That's the message from Philippine billionaire Enrique Razon Jr. after casino operator Bloomberry Resorts Corp. tumbled 61 percent this year, making it the nation's worst-performing major stock.

Bloomberry's losses will narrow because gambling revenue is growing, unlike in Macau, Razon said in an interview last week in Manila. He said the company's earnings will improve and it plans to provision by year-end for all unpaid credit extended to VIP and premium players, he said. Bloomberry provided 1.81 billion pesos (USD39 million) in the first half for 4.69 billion pesos of receivables.

"The whole industry has been painted with the same brush, but we're nowhere near the situation in Macau, where revenue is really falling," said Razon, 55.

Philippine casino operators have plunged in 2015 as an anticipated flood of high-rollers from China failed to materialize amid an anti-corruption drive spearheaded by President Xi Jinping and worsening relations between the two nations. State-run Philippine Amusement & Gaming Corp. predicts casino revenue in the Southeast Asian country may accelerate in the second half after rising 16 percent in the first six months of the year.

The Philippine casino market



Billionaire Enrique Razon, chairman of Bloomberry Resorts Corp.

can grow without China through increased spending by mass and local gamblers, Razon said. Bloomberry will still pursue premium players through

**“We never had the business from China, which nowadays is probably a good thing.”**

ENRIQUE RAZON JR.  
BLOOMBERRY RESORTS

gh junket operators instead of doing it directly, he said.

"The good thing now, in hindsight, is that our relationship with China is really not that good," he said. "So we never had the business from China, which nowadays is probably a good thing."

As Bloomberry was constructing its Solaire Resort in Manila, tensions between the Philippines and China were building over disputed territories in the South China Sea. The number of Chinese tourists to the country fell by about 33 percent in the first quarter.

The company posted a net loss of 773.5 million pesos in the second quarter amid higher operating costs and expenses at

Solaire, which opened March 2013. Revenue grew 9.5 percent to 5.99 billion pesos.

Growth in casino takings will be subdued unless demand from Chinese gamblers picks up, says Astro del Castillo, managing director at First Grade Finance Inc.

"The environment will remain difficult and investors will remain skeptical as it's hard to imagine where spectacular growth will come from for Philippine casinos without China, since that's the region's biggest source of gaming traffic," Castillo said.

Razon said he expects the mass market to keep growing and account for 60 percent of Bloomberry's gambling revenue in three to five years. Pre-

mium customers from Southeast Asia, Taiwan and South Korea also continue to arrive at Solaire, Razon said.

Gross gaming revenue in Macau fell by a third in September, its 16th straight month of declines. Philippine takings from casino operations is forecast to grow 13 percent a year from 2014 to 2017, the highest rate in Asia Pacific, while revenue in Macau is expected to drop by 11 percent during that period, Macquarie Group Ltd. said in a Sept. 28 report. Philippine Amusement & Gaming Chairman Cristino Naguiat said in July the nation's casino revenue has a "good chance" of growing 20 percent to \$3 billion this year.

Bloomberry jumped 9 percent at the close in Manila, the sharpest gain since April 2012. Travellers International Hotel Group Inc. gained 2.2 percent, while Melco Crown Philippines Resorts Corp. rose 7.8 percent.

Bloomberry is also looking overseas for expansion. The company will probably know by December whether its bid to build a casino resort in South Korea's Incheon Free Economic Zone is successful, while a casino venture in the North Asian country's Jeju Island may start making money next year, Razon said. The company also is seeking a gaming permit in Argentina, where it would need to spend about \$500 million to build a "respectable" casino, Razon said.

Razon has a net worth of \$3.7 billion, according to the Bloomberg Billionaires Index. He made his fortune through International Container Terminal Services Inc., a Manila-based operator of cargo facilities in about 20 countries.

"We can't stick to a strategy just because we want to," Razon said. "This is the time to make good moves that will make you a lot of money down the road. We have to adapt to the market, whatever that takes." **Bloomberg**

## EUROPEAN CRISIS

# Greek creditors hopeful new government will deliver reforms

**G**REECE'S European creditors voiced hope yesterday that the country's newly elected government will deliver on promises to overhaul its economy, which would pave the way to the release of billions of bailout cash and potential help on debt repayments.

As the eurozone's 19 finance ministers were meeting in Luxembourg to discuss the country's outlook, Greek Prime Minister Alexis Tsipras was

set to submit his government's draft 2016 budget to parliament later Monday.

The budget will outline reforms required under the country's new three-year, 86 billion-euro (USD96 billion) international bailout. Without delivering on its side of the bailout deal agreed in July, Greece would not be able to tap the bailout funds and once again face

the prospect of bankruptcy and an exit from the euro.

"A lot of work has to be done," said Jeroen Dijsselbloem, the eurozone's top official. "It's in the Greek interest to deliver as quickly as possible."

He said Greece must enact a chunk of its promised reforms before creditors can also start discussing how to lighten the country's debt load.

Greece has relied on bai-

lout funds from its eurozone partners as well as the International Monetary Fund since the spring of 2010. Despite years of spending cuts and tax increases that were required in return for the bailouts, the country is still not in a position to meet its debt commitments on its own.

In return for the third bailout, which was negotiated after months of tortuous negotiations



Tourists make their way outside a souvenir shop at the port of the Greek Aegean island of Naxos

that saw Greece's banks shuttered for weeks and strict controls on money flows imposed, the Greek government has to deliver on a series of measures, such as sales taxes increases, labor market reforms

and privatizations.

Pierre Moscovici, the European Commission's top economy official, said he's encouraged by Tsipras' recent pledges that his government will meet its promises. **AP**



# Trade delegation identifies business opportunities in East Timor

**M**ALAYSIAN business-people who visited East Timor this month identified several investment and business opportunities in the country, said Abu Bakar Koyakutty, director of the chemical, oil and gas section of Malaysia's foreign trade promotion agency.

Representatives of 10 companies, nine of which suppliers and manufacturers for the oil



East-Timor's capital Dili

sector, were in Dili – before a visit to Jakarta, Indonesia – for contacts with the Timorese authorities and officials of the National Petroleum Authority and the Timor Gap, a visit organized by the Malaysia External Trade Development Corporation (Matrade) and Malaysia Petroleum Resources Corporation (MPRC).

Abu Bakar Koyakutty, who led the delegation, said that

the activities available in East Timor to conduct business were in the immediate term almost nonexistent, but of great potential in the medium term.

Tax advantages help East Timor, an emerging country, to create a positive environment for Malaysian companies, a country that has a history of support for the independence of the country, according to the director of Matrade.

“Malaysia has a good reputation among the East Timorese because we are among the donors and the countries that have helped develop Timor-Leste since independence,” he said. **MDT/Macauhub**

## PORTUGAL

# HK consortium pays 288 million euros for wind power company

**A** consortium formed equally by Cheung Kong Infrastructure Holdings Limited (CKI) and Power Assets Holdings Limited (PAH) paid 288 million euros for Portuguese wind power company Iberwind, according to a market statement is-

sued in Hong Kong Friday.

A statement issued through the Stock Exchange said the two companies controlled by Hong Kong billionaire Li Ka-Shing will each pay a maximum of 144 million euros for the wind company, owned

thus far by Portuguese and Spanish venture capital company Magnum Capital Industrial Partners.

Iberwind has 31 wind farms producing 684 megawatts of electricity, a figure that represents about 15 percent of installed wind power

capacity in Portugal. The statement said this acquisition allows the consortium to expand its “renewable energy platform” globally, being consistent with the group’s strategy “to invest in energy production.”

Venture capital com-

pany Magnum Capital Industrial Partners, founded in 2006 with initial capital of 866 million euros, aims to invest in and develop Spain and Portugal based companies.

The Portuguese media reported that this is the second wind asset deal in

Portugal in the last week, after Italian group Enel (Ente Nazionale per l’elettrica energy) sold Finerger – Gestão de Projectos Energéticos through its subsidiary Enel Green Power Espana to an Australian investment fund for 900 million euros. **MDT/Macauhub**

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## LIFESTYLE

## White-gloved butlers a new must-have for super-rich

**S**OUP spoon, salad fork ... Zhang Zhejing struggled to remember how to lay out the cutlery on either side of the plate. She also forgot to put the water glass next to the wine glass — a crucial mistake that would not go unnoticed by her two examiners.

Ironing, suitcase-packing, cooking and Western-style table setting — with knives, forks and spoons rather than with chopsticks — were all part of the final test at the International Butler Academy based in the southwestern Chinese city of Chengdu.

The six-week program teaches everything a European-style butler needs to know to manage a rich family's household to the highest standards: from etiquette to organizing trips to exclusive destinations. Those skills are in growing demand among China's super-rich.

Zhang, 38, a longtime high school English teacher from Shandong province, took the course to broaden her horizons beyond what she saw as a dead-end career that she felt she "never went beyond the school's gate."

"I did not want that kind of life. I want more choices for myself," Zhang said. "So I came here."

Prompted by the popularity in China of the British TV series 'Downton Abbey' and a fondness for anything that looks expensive and feels European, some of China's very wealthy want uniformed employees with white gloves, impeccably trained, who can anticipate their every need.

Du YINUO, a professor of etiquette at the Sichuan Film and



Chinese butler school graduates

Television University, said China's rapid economic growth over the past 15 years has elevated the purchasing power of many people who now "want to taste a certain lifestyle."

"A butler can provide that. So more and more people are thinking: 'Oh, I want a butler too,'" said Du, who attended the butler academy herself to incorporate some of the skills into her courses.

The demand also has been driven by property developers. Eager to stand apart amid stiff competition and a decelerating economy, some of them have hired butlers in their showrooms and even offered butler service

for new owners of their apartments and villas.

While maids and housekeepers are a big part of urban life in China, it's rare to see a uniformed servant who performs the kind of top-to-bottom household management offered by a butler. At least one Beijing company offers a team of about a dozen butlers for full-time household work or for party catering and VIP airport pickups. The service, CN Butler, advertises with placards outside shopping areas in wealthy suburbs of the capital.

The academy in Chengdu was opened in July 2014 as a joint venture between a butler

school in the Netherlands and a Chengdu-based property developer called Chengdu Langji Real Estate Co.

Zhang is negotiating with a wealthy family looking for a butler who can also teach their children English. Her four classmates weren't even looking for butler jobs. They included two employees of luxury property management companies, the owner of a travel agency and a 21-year-old sent by her wealthy family to acquire practical knowledge.

Cultural factors can make it difficult to teach butler skills in China, said the academy's head of training, Christopher Noble. The Cultural Revolution of the 1960s and 1970s sought to eradicate any notions of elitism in society, while decades of the one-child policy have meant many younger Chinese are accustomed to being the center of

attention in their families.

"One of the challenges we are having with our students is convincing them to put others ahead of yourself," Noble said. "In other words, to think of your principal or to think of your fellow students or to think of your fellow instructors. have their feelings before yours."

Even after their intensive six-week program, the student butlers sometimes had to be prompted by their instructors to serve tea or coffee to new visitors.

Though Zhang faltered in setting the table, she fared better when asked to complete a set of tasks for a person about to leave on a last-minute business trip. She was given one hour to iron a shirt, polish shoes, prepare a suitcase, lay a table, fold napkins 10 different ways in less than three minutes and prepare breakfast. She finished those tasks with nine minutes to spare and passed the course.

She said her husband is not keen on her new career choice because he sees it only as "serving people" rather than as a household management job that changes daily.

"I quite like the job because it has high requirements in all aspects," Zhang said. "Every day there are always new things. It is not like it's a life where everything stays the same." AP

More and more people are thinking: 'Oh, I want a butler too.'

DU YINUO  
PROFESSOR OF ETIQUETTE

## HONG KONG

## Former leader Tsang charged in corruption probe

**A** former Hong Kong leader faces misconduct charges over a luxury apartment in mainland China, authorities said yesterday, making him the highest-ranking official to be formally arrested by anti-corruption investigators in the Asian business hub.

The city's corruption watchdog, the Independent Commission Against Corruption, said Donald Tsang has been charged with two counts of misconduct in public office.

A grim-faced Tsang, 70, appeared briefly at a magistrate's court for a preliminary hearing, accompanied by his wife.

The allegations date from before Tsang left office in June 2012 and

relate to a discounted penthouse rental in neighboring Shenzhen in mainland China offered by a wealthy friend for Tsang's retirement.

It's one of several recent cases that have shaken public confidence and raised concerns about cozy ties between wealthy tycoons and Hong Kong's leaders. In a separate corruption case last year, a former Hong Kong chief secretary — the second-highest ranking official — and a co-chairman of one of the city's biggest property developers were given prison sentences.

Tsang became the southern Chinese city's second post-colonial leader, known as the chief executive, in 2005. He was also

financial secretary during the former British colonial administration, when he led the effort to successfully defend the city's currency peg against speculators during the 1997-98 Asian financial crisis.

The anti-corruption agency said Tsang "willfully misconducted himself" when he failed to publicly declare that he was in talks to lease the Shenzhen triplex from a Chinese tycoon while the man's company was in license negotiations with the government.

The second charge stems from Tsang's nomination of an architect for a government honor without revealing that he had hired the architect to redecorate the apart-



Donald Tsang, center, former leader of Hong Kong and his wife Selina

ment.

Each charge carries a maximum sentence of seven years in prison, though it appears likely Tsang would face a much lower penalty if convicted.

Tsang stood in court as a clerk read out the charges, saying "I understand" after each charge.

He also indicated to the judge he that he understood the bail conditions, which require him to post 100,000 Hong Kong dollars (USD12,900) in cash bail, notify the court if he plans to travel outside Hong Kong or change residences, and prohibit him from interfering with

witnesses.

After the hearing, Tsang told a throng of TV journalists gathered on the courthouse steps that he was confident he would be cleared, repeating a brief statement issued earlier by his office.

"My conscience is clear," he said. "I have every confidence that the court will exonerate me at the end of its proceedings."

The Department of Justice said in a statement that it decided to prosecute Tsang "after careful and thorough consideration of the available evidence, the applicable law and the relevant provisions in the Prosecution Code."

The case was adjourned until Nov. 13. AP

BUSAN FILM FESTIVAL

# Estranged South Korean director Kim Ki-duk looks to China

Youkyung Lee

**F**OR the past two decades, South Korean maverick filmmaker Kim Ki-duk's low-budget movies have given him international acclaim, highly coveted awards and many controversies.

Now, one of the most accomplished and critically acclaimed Asian directors is turning to China to make his first multi-million-dollar film.

Kim recently signed a USD24 million deal with a Chinese production company to make an epic war movie with Buddhism as a central theme, with another \$6 million set aside for marketing.

"This movie is not just targeting the Chinese market. The subject will interest the U.S. and Europe as well," Kim said in an interview at the Busan International Film Festival. "I want to talk about how politics manipulates religion."

Although religion inspired many of his previous works, the new project will be an outlier in Kim's career. The budget for the movie, written by Kim and tentatively titled "Who Is God" in English, is nearly three times bigger than the sum of the budgets for all of his 21 other films. It will be his first time working with a full Chinese cast in a Chinese language movie.

The staggering growth of the Chinese movie industry has been irresistible to many South Korean movie directors. But Kim, who visited Busan with his latest work, "Stop," said it was not the commercial success that attracted him to China. It was the film set and the filmmaking system in China that appealed to him at a time when he felt worn out and alienated



South Korean director Kim Ki-duk

from the South Korean movie industry.

"I'm too exhausted. It was so hard to make 'Stop' alone," the veteran moviemaker said. "Now I just want to sit on a (director's) chair and look at the monitor."

**I want to talk about how politics manipulates religion.**

KIM KI-DUK

When he saw the Chinese film set, with each director sitting before a modern 60-inch monitor, he thought: "This could perhaps let me make the most of my ability."

"Stop," the story of a young Japanese couple conflicted about a pregnancy after moving to Tokyo from an area near the disaster-struck Fukushima nuclear plant, was filmed entirely by Kim, with no cinematographer, no art director and no lighting technician. He made props in the morning and filmed in the afternoon, while the actors served as their own costume designer and offered their homes for the film set. Costing less than \$10,000, it was filmed

in 10 days.

"Stop" may not stand out for the profound insight into human nature that made Kim a top film director. Some critics called the work "amateurish" and "sloppy."

But the anti-nuclear energy movie will stand as evidence of Kim's attempt to find an alternative movie-making venue outside of the South Korean system, where the top three film distributors control nearly three quarters of the movie theaters. Without support from one of them, a Korean movie stands no chance of succeeding at the box office.

"To be popular in South Korea, one has to have three (ele-

ments): major investment, major distribution and a well-known actor," Kim said. "I have come too far away from those things."

Kim embarked on the solitary making of "Stop" after his previous work, "One on One," fell flat at the South Korean box office in 2014, selling just 10,000 tickets. When Kim and actors from the murder thriller went to cinemas to meet audiences, they had to greet largely empty theaters. The spectacular failure happened only two years after Kim received big welcomes at home after he won the Venice Film Festival's top prize with "Pieta," a brutal story of revenge and redemption.

Feeling "so sorry" to staff and actors, he soul-searched to figure out why South Korean moviegoers had shunned his film. "Stop" was his ground zero, a do-over.

"It was ruthless training," he said.

Kim may be weaning himself off the country that never seemed to have loved him. Growing up, he received little schooling beyond primary education, spending his teenage years toiling at factories, while envying kids in school uniforms.

Although he became an internationally acclaimed director — his earlier works "Spring, Summer, Fall, Winter ... and Spring" and "Three Iron" still inspire young filmmakers around the world — at home he hasn't enjoyed the popularity or reverence reserved for peers such as Park Chan-wook and Bong Joon-ho.

Many Koreans, especially females, say Kim's works are too difficult to watch because of their brutality and grisly details of violence, rape and castration. Kim said that top Korean movie stars and K-pop stars are reluctant to join his projects.

Kim, the willful outsider, said he wants to stop telling stories as a Korean and wants to deal with issues concerning humanity.

"Removing prejudices between people and class," he said. "I think that's the cinema's goal." **AP**

## Dissident artist Ai Weiwei finds Beijing studio bugged

**C**HINESE dissident artist Ai Weiwei found several hidden listening devices in his Beijing studio after he returned from a trip to Germany, his friend Liu Xiaoyuan confirmed yesterday.

Ai could not be reached, but he has posted photos of the bugs found in electric sockets on his Instagram account as well as

a video clip in which someone set off firecrackers in a metal bucket next to a listening device. "Did you hear it," Ai wrote next to the video.

In another photo of a bug, Ai wrote: "There are always surprises."

The artist has in the past upset Chinese authorities with boldly critical remarks of the ruling Communist Par-

ty and its government. He was briefly detained in 2011 and released after 81 days in jail. The authorities withheld his passport but returned it to him four years later, in July.

Since then, the artist has toned down his criticisms of the government. He has traveled to Germany and England, but is in Beijing to visit his mo-

ther, Gao Ying, as reported by Radio Free Asia. Liu confirmed the report.

Gao told Radio Free Asia that she believed the devices were installed by the Chinese authorities four years ago when Ai's studio was ransacked by the authorities. Ai himself has been under tight surveillance since his 2011 release.

In social media, Liu said the bugs were found as Ai was renovating the studio. The devices were found in a living room, an office and a bedroom, Liu said. **AP**



Chinese artist Ai Weiwei

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MALAYSIA

# Smog-shrouded cities shuts schools for 2 days

**M**ALAYSIA yesterday shut most schools nationwide for two days to protect children from a thick, noxious haze caused by smoke from burning forests in neighboring Indonesia.

The haze, which has shrouded parts of Malaysia and Singapore for about a month, also spread to Thailand yesterday, the first time it has reached hazardous levels so far north. It highlights the regional nature of a problem that's being blamed on Indonesia's inability to prevent big plantation companies from burning forests to clear land for new trees.

The air pollutant index hit the hazardous level in Shah Alam, the capital of Malaysia's central Selangor state, and was very unhealthy in many other areas. That prompted authorities to order the closure of 7,000 schools on Monday and Tuesday, even though the situation eased early Monday.

The Air Pollutant Index in Shah Alam dropped to 95, from 308 early Sunday. A reading of below 50 is good, 51-100 is moderate, 101-200 is unhealthy, 201-300 is very unhealthy and above 300 is hazardous. However, 11 areas, mostly in northern states, were in the unhealthy range, with a station in Penang island recording the worst level of 164.

The poor visibility forced several airports in Malaysia to be closed for hours on Sunday. A popular annual marathon in Kuala



A Malaysian man removes plastic flooring in front of the Sultan Abdul Samad building slightly obscured with haze in Kuala Lumpur

Lumpur was also canceled.

Deputy Prime Minister Zahid Hamidi said Indonesia's efforts to crack down on the sources of open burning by farmers were not enough. He said Indonesia should seek more help from its Southeast Asian neighbors to tackle the haze, which is an annual problem.

Lumpur was also canceled.

The forest fires that cause the haze have been an annual occurrence since the late 1990s. Indonesian President Joko Widodo has announced stricter punishment for those engaged in open burning, but said his government would need three

years to solve the problem. The offenders are mostly palm oil plantations, as well as pulp and paper companies.

Malaysia's national news agency, Bernama, quoted Zahid as saying that Malaysia welcomes the measures announced by Widodo, but that "three

years is too long."

"We hope its commitment is not only on paper or mere statements pleasant to the ears, but through implementation which could end all haze problems," Zahid said.

Malaysia's Meteorological Department, however, reported good news, forecasting that the haze would clear from Saturday with the start of the monsoon season.

Yesterday, haze was also reported in the southern Thai provinces of Songkhla, Trang, Yala and Pattani, which are closest to Malaysia.

Wijarn Simachaya, director general of Thailand's Pollution Control Department, told The Associated Press that "the situation is getting worse."

He said it was the first time this year that the pollution from haze had reached the 171 mark in Songkhla. "This is the level that could have bad effect on health," he said. The previous worst level was 136.

"We didn't think it would be bad this year, but it is," he said. "We warn vulnerable people such as children, elderly and people with illnesses not to go to open areas or wear masks when they do." **AP**

BANGLADESH

## Police question 4 in killing of Japanese man

**P**OLICE said they were questioning four people yesterday in connection with the second killing of a foreigner in Bangladesh last week — a Japanese agricultural worker described by his neighbors as a friendly farmer who occasionally joined gatherings at their village mosque.

Kunio Hoshi was shot to death by unidentified assailants in northern Bangladesh on Saturday. The government has rejected a statement by the Islamic State group claiming responsibility for the attack.

"We are questioning four people including the rickshaw puller who was carrying him when he was killed. They are not suspects. We are just questioning them for details," Rezaul Karim, the local police chief at Kawnia in Rangpur district, where the attack took place, said in a phone

interview.

Police were also interviewing Hoshi's landlord, who had helped the Japanese man lease over two acres of land, Karim said. He gave no other details about the investigation.

Japan's top government spokesman also expressed outrage yesterday over the killing.

"Such a dastardly act should never be repeated. I feel outraged by such an act," Yoshihide Suga, Japan's chief Cabinet secretary, told reporters in Tokyo on Monday. He extended condolences to Hoshi's family, and said the Japanese government was seeking a full investigation into the case.

Local residents said Hoshi had been visiting Rangpur regularly over the last three or four years.

According to local representative Ashraful Islam,

Hoshi began looking for land where he would cultivate grass for cattle feed a few months ago. He said Hoshi was researching high yielding varieties of cattle feed.

"He was friendly with kids and other people in the area," he said. "He was quiet and simple."

Islam said that while it was not clear whether Hoshi had converted, he often joined worshippers at the local mosque, especially on Fridays.

"He was very friendly with young people there. He could speak a bit of Bangla," he said. "Local people welcomed him to their area very warmly."

Japanese public broadcaster NHK reported that Hoshi, a 66-year-old farmer from Japan's northern prefecture of Iwate, had operated agricultural projects in that region and near Tokyo.

Bangladesh has been struggling in recent months with a rise in violence claimed by hard-line Islamic groups, banning several that have been blamed for killing four bloggers this year. **AP**

PHILIPPINES

## Big growth in outsourced medical services

**L**EADERS of the Philippine outsourcing industry said yesterday they expect a big increase in business as the result of a new, highly detailed medical diagnosis coding system adopted by the U.S. for insurance claims.

The Philippines is the world's leader in international call center services. Its information technology and outsourced services industry is expected to employ 1.3 million people by 2016, when annual earnings are seen to reach USD25 billion. The industry has been growing 15-18 percent yearly, earning \$18.9 billion last year.

Dan Reyes, chairman of the IT & Business Process Association of the Philippines, said the new U.S. coding system will open up more processing jobs and the Philippines stands to gain because of its large pool of graduates in medical-related fields.

Earnings have jumped 30 percent a year for the Philippine sector providing medical billing and other services to U.S. companies, making it the fastest growing of outsourced

services, said Jose Mari Mercado, the association's president and CEO. It is followed by information technology, finance and accounting, and contact center operations.

Under the new system, the roughly 14,000 codes used by U.S. health providers to represent diagnoses have been expanded to about 68,000 codes to capture more details of a patient's chart.

The codes, for example, can now distinguish between whether a goose or a parrot nipped a patient.

The U.S. government said the changes should help health officials better track quality of care, spot early warning signs of a brewing outbreak or look for illness or injury trends.

Mercado said the industry is coming up with a new roadmap from 2017 to 2022 that will consolidate plans for different sectors such as health care, animation, contact centers, finance and accounting, and game development.

The likelihood of maintaining or surpassing current growth rates "is very, very strong," he added. **AP**



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NOBEL PRIZE

# 3 share medicine award for new tools to kill parasites

**T**HREE scientists from the U.S., Japan and China won the Nobel Prize in medicine yesterday for discovering drugs to fight malaria and other tropical diseases that affect hundreds of millions of people every year.

The Nobel judges in Stockholm awarded the prestigious prize to William Campbell, who was born in Ireland and became a U.S. citizen in 1962, Satoshi Omura of Japan and Tu Youyou — the first-ever Chinese medicine laureate.

Campbell and Omura were cited for discovering avermectin, derivatives of which have helped lower the incidence of river blindness and lymphatic filariasis, two diseases caused by parasitic worms that affect millions of people in Africa and Asia.

Tu discovered artemisinin, a drug that has helped significantly reduce the mortality rates of malaria patients.

“The two discoveries have provided humankind with powerful new means to combat these debilitating diseases that affect hundreds of millions of people annually,” the committee said. “The consequences in terms of improved human health and reduced suffering are immensurable.”

River blindness is an eye and skin disease that ultimately leads to blindness. About 90 percent of the disease occurs in Africa, according to the World Health Organization.



Chinese pharmacologist Tu Youyou

Lymphatic filariasis can lead to swelling of the limbs and genitals, called elephantiasis, and it's primarily a threat in Africa and Asia. The WHO says 120 million people are infected with the disease, without about 40 million disfigured and incapacitated.

Campbell, 85, is a research fellow emeritus at Drew University in Madison, New Jersey. Omura, 80, is a professor emeritus at Kitasato University in Japan and is from the central prefecture of Yamanashi. Tu, 84, is chief professor at the China

Academy of Traditional Chinese Medicine.

Campbell, a retired scientist who spent 33 years at pharmaceutical company Merck and now lives in North Andover, Massachusetts, said the award came as a huge surprise.

“It was a great team effort by the people at Merck and Company,” Campbell said.

Omura wondered whether he deserved the prize.

“I have learned so much from microorganisms and I have depended on them, so I would

much rather give the prize to microorganisms,” Omura told Japanese broadcaster NHK.

Omura isolated new strains of *Streptomyces* bacteria and cultured them so that they could be analyzed for their impact against harmful microorganisms, the Nobel committee said.

Campbell showed that one of those cultures was “remarkably efficient” against parasites in animals. The bioactive agent was purified and modified to a compound that effectively killed parasitic larvae, leading to the discovery of new class of drugs.

Tu turned to herbal medicine to discover a new anti-malarial agent, artemisinin (pronounced ar-tuh-MIHS'-ihn-ihn), that was highly effective against malaria, a disease that was on the rise in the 1960s, the committee said.

Malaria is a mosquito-borne disease that still kills around 500,000 people a year, mostly in Africa.

Colin Sutherland, reader in parasitology at London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, said that the impact of artemisinin had been profound. It's so widely used across the world that there's a risk of resistance

problems. The WHO says artemisinin resistance has already been confirmed in Cambodia, Laos, Myanmar, Thailand and Vietnam.

The last time a Chinese citizen won a Nobel was in 2012, when Mo Yan got the literature award. This was the first Nobel Prize given to a Chinese scientist for work carried out within China.

The medicine award was the first Nobel Prize to be announced. The winners of the physics, chemistry and peace prizes are set to be announced later this week. The economics prize will be announced next Monday. No date has been set yet for the literature prize, but it is expected to be announced on Thursday.

The winners will share the 8 million Swedish kronor (about USD960,000) prize money with one half going to Campbell and Omura, and the other to Tu. Each winner will also get a diploma and a gold medal at the annual award ceremony on Dec. 10, the anniversary of the death of prize founder Alfred Nobel.

Last year's medicine award went to three scientists who discovered the brain's inner navigation system. **AP**

PORTUGAL

# New minority gov't brings political tension

Barry Hatton, Lisbon

**S**TORMY political times likely lay ahead for Portugal after a general election delivered a minority government.

Minority governments struggle to survive in the bickering atmosphere of Portuguese politics, and only one has ever completed its four-year term. Their average life span is 14 months.

The center-right coalition government won Sunday's ballot despite its unpopular austerity policies and on the back of an improving economy. The Social Democratic Party and junior Popular Party collected almost 37 percent and 99 seats in Parliament, with four seats from votes abroad still to be allocated.

But the coalition will be outnumbered by left-of-center parties in the 230-seat Parliament where it is shy of a 116-seat outright majority. That means its



Prime Minister Pedro Passos Coelho, left, and Deputy Prime Minister Paulo Portas



Antonio Costa, Socialist leader

planned financial austerity measures, including more pension cuts, and economic reforms risk being blocked.

With Portugal still recovering from its 78 billion-euro (USD88 billion) bailout in 2011, the uncertainty could consign the country to a period of political paralysis and spell another bout of market jitters over the debt-heavy eurozone country.

“The challenge begins now,” daily paper *Diario de Noticias* wrote in an edito-

rial yesterday. Another paper, *Publico*, said the ballot “left the country in an impasse.”

The main opposition Socialist Party, a moderate center-left force that supports eurozone financial rules, came second just over 32 percent and 85 seats and could hold the key to the government's success.

President Anibal Cavaco Silva was due in coming days to invite the party

with most votes to form a government. The head of state could potentially ask the left-of-center parties to take power, because together they have more seats than the incumbent government.

But there is a political gulf between the Socialists and the others. The Left Bloc, which got 19 seats, wants to renegotiate the national debt, demand better repayment terms from the country's creditors, and

end austerity measures while increasing corporate tax. The Communist Party, which captured 17 seats, wants Portugal out of the eurozone.

On top of that, Socialist leader Antonio Costa said during the election campaign he would enter into a grand coalition with the incumbent government “only if aliens land on earth.”

But on the electoral night, Costa spoke switched to a more conciliatory tone. He conceded defeat, but warned that the government must change its conduct now that it has lost its outright majority in Parliament. “The government has to

## The challenge begins now

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understand that things are different now,” Costa said, adding that he would not seek to make the country ungovernable.

The first major test of the new political climate will come within weeks when Parliament will have to discuss the 2016 state budget.

The economy is improving, allowing the government to argue that austerity is paying off. The economy grew 1.5 percent in the first half of this year compared with the same period in 2014. The unemployment rate has fallen from a record 17.7 percent in 2013 to 12.3 percent last July.

Portugal shunned the kind of radical alternatives that have emerged in Europe in recent years, such as Greece's Syriza and Spain's Podemos, which have challenged mainstream parties from the far left. The Portuguese have a traditional preference for moderate parties, and voters apparently feared knocking the long-awaited economic recovery off-track. A handful of grassroots anti-austerity parties barely registered in the ballot. **MDT/AP**

## what's ON



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## Offbeat

**KUWAITI WITH GULF PLATES NABBED FOR 1,645 DRIVING VIOLATIONS**

A Kuwaiti driver who apparently thought having license plates from another Gulf country would help avoid more than 1,600 traffic citations has been hit with a huge fine.

The state-run Kuwait News Agency says the driver racked up 1,645 different driving violations while traveling under the unnamed Gulf country's plates.

KUNA quoted a statement from an Interior Ministry official, Maj. Gen. Abdullah al-Mehanna, as saying that the driver faced over USD190,000 in fines after being caught.

The statement on Saturday did not identify the driver, but reminded drivers they have a month's grace period to change their license plates to Kuwaiti ones for foreign-bought cars.

Countries throughout the Gulf use traffic cameras to enforce speed limits and traffic laws.

## TV canal macau

13:00	TDM News (Repeated)
13:30	News (RTPi) Delayed Broadcast
14:30	RTPi Live
18:20	Trail of Lies (Repeated)
19:00	TDM Interview (Repeat)
19:40	Soap Opera
20:30	Main News, Financial & Weather Report
21:00	Montra do Lilau
21:40	Miscellaneous
22:10	Trail of Lies
23:00	TDM News
23:30	Champions League Highlights
00:05	TDM news (Repeated)

## cinema

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01 Oct - 07 Oct



## THE MARTIAN

ROOM 1

(3D) 2.15, 7.15 pm

(2D) 4.45, 9.45 pm

Director: Ridley Scott

Starring: Matt Damon, Jessica Chastain, Kate Mara

Language: English (Cantonese)

Duration: 141min



## DARK PLACES

ROOM 2

2.30, 4.30, 9.30 pm

Director: Gilles Paquet-Brenner

Starring: Charlize Theron, Nicholas Hoult, Chloe Grace Moretz

Language: English (Cantonese)

Duration: 113min

## OFFICE

ROOM 2

7.15 pm

Director: Johnnie To

Starring: Chow Yun-Fat, Sylvia Chang, Eason Chan, Tang Wei

Language: Cantonese (Cantonese/English)

Duration: 117min

## HOTEL TRANSYLVANIA 2

ROOM 3

(2D) 2.30, 4.15, 7.45 pm

(3D) 6.00 pm

Director: Genndy tartakovsky

Language: Cantonese (Chinese/English)

Duration: 89min

## THE INTERN

ROOM 3

9.30 pm

Director: Nancy Meyers

Starring: Robert De Niro, Anne Hathaway

Language: English (Cantonese)

Duration: 121min

## MACAU TOWER

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## THE MARTIAN

2.30, 4.45, 7.15, 9.30 pm

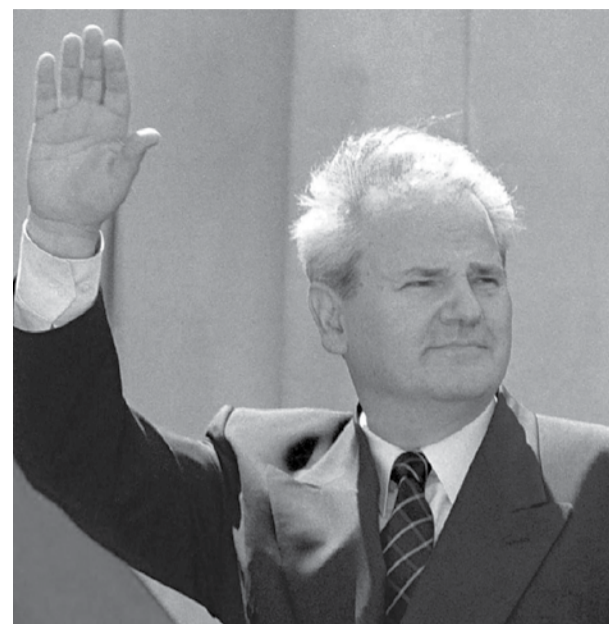
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## this day in history

**2000 MILOSEVIC QUILTS, STREET CELEBRATIONS CONTINUE**

Slobodan Milosevic, President of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia has resigned, following mounting pressure to quit over allegations of vote-rigging.

The Yugoslav Constitutional Court, which only yesterday morning annulled the 24 September presidential elections, now admits Vojislav Kostunica was the true winner.

The Yugoslav army has also publicly withdrawn its support for Mr Milosevic, allaying opponents' fears he might still be able to stage a military comeback.

Mr Kostunica met the former president who is reported to have shaken his hand and congratulated him on his victory.

Mr Milosevic's resignation was officially declared to the Yugoslav people in a televised address at 2230 local time.

Standing before a Yugoslav flag, he wished "success to all citizens of Yugoslavia", and spoke of his intention to spend time with his family.

But he appeared defiant in the face of those happy to see the back of him when he said he would eventually help his party regain force and "contribute to future prosperity".

Yesterday it is estimated over half a million Serbs descended on the capital of Belgrade in a protest against election rigging that ended in Mr Milosevic's capitulation.

Tonight many were still on the streets celebrating what has so far been a relatively peaceful transition.

Mr Kostunica has urged the Serbian people to drive Mr Milosevic away, but "not with the violence with which he used on us for so many years".

Already, war crimes investigators are pressing for Mr Milosevic's immediate extradition to the Hague to face trial for war crimes.

Speaking in Kosovo, Carla Del Ponte Chief Prosecutor, War Crimes Tribunal said:

"I truly believe that this is the only solution if there is to be a true and lasting peace in the Balkans and if the people of Yugoslavia are to enjoy a democratic existence."

But in Belgrade, ordinary Serbs for the present are more interested in rebuilding their lives after years of economic hardship and war.

Asked what should happen to Mr Milosevic now that he was no longer in power, one woman simply said:

"Actually for me I don't care about him. I care about me, my family and my future."

Courtesy BBC News

## IN CONTEXT

Mr Milosevic was extradited to the Hague in 2001. He is the first head of state to be tried at the International Criminal Court.

He was put on trial for war crimes in Kosovo, Croatia and Bosnia, and for genocide in Bosnia.

Serbia's economy was crippled by nearly 10 years of war and sanctions. It was politically isolated until Milosevic was ousted from power.

Milosevic was Yugoslav president for 13 years during which time he espoused a passionate brand of ethnic Serb nationalism.

Some 250,000 people died in the 1992-1995 Bosnian war and about 20,000 people lost their lives in the 1991 Croatian war.

Milosevic died in a cell at the UN War Crimes Tribunal before the court reached its final verdict. The post mortem examination revealed he had died of a heart attack. His supporters claimed it had been triggered by the wrong medication.



YOUR STARS

Aries Mar. 21-Apr. 19 Indulge your highest impulses today -- go out to an art gallery or try an avant-garde concert.

Taurus April 20-May 20 You need to stretch yourself out somewhat and really meet others head-on.

Gemini May 21-Jun. 21 Try to let go of your preconceptions today -- even more so than on other days!

Cancer Jun. 22-Jul. 22 You need to show that you can help people today -- even to those you help out almost every day!

Leo Jul. 23-Aug. 22 You feel incredibly giving today -- even more so than usual -- and you may find that you're scoring triple points for all your karmic offerings.

Virgo Aug. 23-Sept. 22 You need to adjust to circumstances today -- and they are changing quickly!

Libra Sep.23-Oct. 22 You need to check out some big-picture ideas today -- otherwise, who knows how long this ridiculous problem will persist?

Scorpio Oct. 23 - Nov. 21 You get some news today -- but it sounds too good to be true!

Sagittarius Nov. 22-Dec. 21 Your friendships are highlighted today -- and it's a great time to meet new people!

Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 19 You need to speed things up today -- even if you don't know why.

Aquarius Jan. 20-Feb. 18 Someone new makes life a little sweeter for you today, so make sure to let them know you're grateful!

Pisces Feb.19-Mar. 20 You need to think carefully -- especially if you're in a tricky negotiation of some kind.

THE BORN LOSER by Chip Sansom



SUDOKU

Sudoku puzzles categorized by difficulty: Easy, Easy+, Medium, and Hard. Each category contains a 9x9 grid with some numbers pre-filled.

WEATHER

Weather forecast table with columns for MIN, MAX, and CONDITION. It lists weather for various cities in CHINA and the WORLD.

CROSSWORDS

ACROSS: 1- Comfortable; 7- Some VCRs; 11- Far out; 14- Bank executive; 15- A Chaplin; 16- Vane dir; 17- More gruesome; 18- Wagnerian?; 20- Tie or draw; 22- Soul; 23- Lingus (Irish carrier); 24- mo replay; 25- Mideast capital; 27- Jokes; 29- Cross; 31- Lash mark; 32- Come out; 35- Cut down; 37- Pothook shape; 38- Attractive; 41- Roadster; 44- Long time; 45- Less cluttered; 49- Corrida cries; 51- Oklahoma city; 53- Liver fluid; 54- Puzzled; 56- Locka, Florida; 59- Shamus; 60- Psalms interjection; 61- Baseball; 63- Boat having three hulls; 66- Did penance; 67- Some MIT grads; 68- Pro (proportionally); 69- Like a dog; 70- Banned insecticide; 71- Morales of "NYPD Blue"; 72- Builds;

DOWN: 1- Improper use of words; 2- Two wrestlers on the same side; 3- Blow up; 4- Related by blood; 5- Sows; 6- Swashbuckler Flynn; 7- It's over your head; 8- One with a beat; 9- "Wheel of Fortune" buy; 10- Mother of Isaac; 11- Unemployed person?; 12- Creatures; 13- Pours off leaving sediment; 19- Again; 21- In place of; 25- Kit item; 26- Newsmen Newman; 28- Lady of Sp.; 30- Muscat resident; 33- Student stat; 34- Fencing swords; 36- U-turn from SSW; 39- Ages and ages; 40- Chatter; 41- Proceeded without effort; 42- Changed; 43- Down-to-earth type; 46- Of great size; 47- Rudimentary component; 48- Slopes backward; 50- Close with force; 52- 1950 film noir classic; 55- Chicago hub; 57- Position; 58- Communion table; 61- B'irth; 62- Vanished; 64- Tafari (Haile Selassie); 65- loss for words;



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TENNIS

# Bouchard retires from opening match at China Open

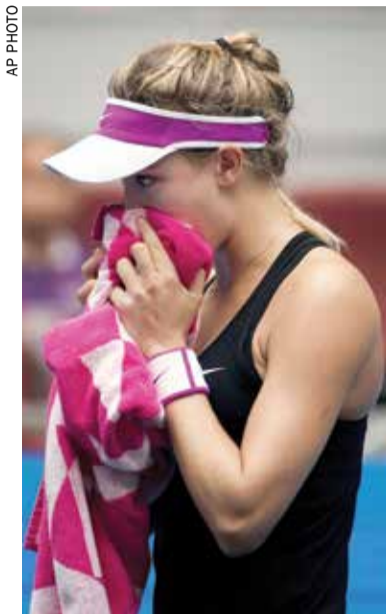
A teary-eyed Eugenie Bouchard retired from her opening match against Andrea Petkovic at the China Open due to dizziness yesterday, her first match since falling at the U.S. Open last month and suffering a concussion.

Bouchard slipped in the locker room after her third-round win against Dominika Cibulkova at the U.S. Open, falling backward and landing hard on the back of her head. She was forced to withdraw from the tournament, as well as subsequent tournaments in Tokyo and Wuhan.

The Canadian was trailing 6-2, 1-1 against Petkovic when she decided to call it quits.

"I just asked her what happened, and she told me that she felt very dizzy," Petkovic said after the match. "Then I asked if it was the same, if it still was the concussion. She said, 'Yeah, it tends to come back when she gets physically very active.'"

It's been a difficult year for



Eugenie Bouchard

the Canadian following her breakout season in 2014 when she reached the Wimbledon final and the semis at the Australian and French Open. Her record in 2015, meanwhile, is just 12-17 and her ranking has fallen all the way from No. 5 to No. 38.

Bouchard's retirement came on the heels of four other withdrawals in the women's draw on Sunday, including top-seeded Simona Halep, who retired from her match against Spain's Lara Arruabarrena with a recurring Achilles injury.

Defending champion Maria Sharapova and world No. 1 Serena Williams also withdrew before the tournament began, citing injuries.

In women's second-round matches yesterday, U.S. Open runner-up Roberta Vinci of Italy defeated Alison Van Uytvanck of Belgium 6-2, 6-2, Madison Keys of the United States rallied to beat Kateryna Bondarenko of Ukraine 3-6, 6-1, 6-0, and seventh-seeded Carla Suarez Navarro ousted Puerto Rico's Monica Puig 7-6 (1), 6-2.

In a first-round match, Switzerland's Belinda Bencic outlasted Madison Brengle of the United States 6-7 (4), 6-4, 6-3.

In the men's draw, eighth-seeded Jo-Wilfried Tsonga of

France was upset by Austria's Andreas Haider-Maurer 7-6 (4), 6-2.

Tsonga said afterward that he, too, felt dizzy during the match and he was asked if the heavy pollution in Beijing yesterday had affected his play. According to the U.S. Embassy's air quality measurements, the PM 2.5 reading hit 292 in the late afternoon, which is considered "very unhealthy" on the index.

"I don't know. You know, nothing in me can calculate if it's enough oxygen for me or not," he said. "Today I had an opponent, he was just better than me today."

In other first-round matches, Belgium's David Goffin, the seventh seed, defeated Italy's Andreas Seppi 6-2, 6-3, Fabio Fognini of Italy beat Slovakia's Martin Klizan 6-2, 6-1, and Chinese wild card Zhang Ze, ranked No. 219 in the world, beat 70th-ranked Denis Istomin of Uzbekistan 6-3, 1-6, 6-3. AP

RUGBY

# England probed for approaching official during World Cup game



England's Will Carling, centre white jersey, is caught by Australia's Michael Lynagh, centre right

Organizers of the Rugby World Cup are investigating whether a member of England's coaching team approached a match official during the team's loss to Australia on Saturday that knocked the host nation out of contention.

World Rugby says the alleged incident would breach a protocol prohibiting coaches approaching officials during a match or at halftime. The statement released yesterday did not specify the England coach in question.

England lost the game 33-13 at Twickenham to become the first host nation to be eliminated from the pool stage. The bad news kept coming for England on Monday, with the team dropping to No. 8 in the world rankings — matching its lowest-ever position.

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FOOTBALL | EUROPEAN ROUNDUP

# Arsenal beats Manchester United 3-0, Bayern routs Dortmund

**M**ANCHESTER United conceded three goals in the first 20 minutes for the first time in the 23-year history of the Premier League, Liverpool fired its manager and Zlatan Ibrahimovic became Paris Saint-Germain's all-time leading scorer in the French league on Sunday.

In Germany, Bayern Munich reasserted its current dominance by routing Borussia Dortmund while Real Madrid failed to take top spot in the Spanish league.

**ENGLAND**

Brendan Rodgers was fired as Liverpool manager after a 1-1 draw at Everton and Alexis Sanchez's first-half double inspired Arsenal to a 3-0 win over Manchester United, ending a chaotic weekend in the English Premier League.

Staying unbeaten in Merseyside derbies failed to prevent Rodgers paying the price for Liverpool's slump since almost winning the league title in 2014.

Liverpool's announcement overshadowed a dominant performance by Arsenal, as the London club knocked United off the top of the standings.

Arsenal scored all three of its goals in the first 20 minutes, with Sanchez taking his personal haul to six goals in three games with a deft backheel flick and a pile-driver from the edge of the area.

It meant Manchester City regained first place thanks to its 6-1 win over Newcastle on Saturday.

Arsenal moved into second place, above United on goal difference, and to within two points of City.

Also Sunday, Tottenham drew 2-2 at Swansea.

**GERMANY**

Robert Lewandowski scored twice as Bayern Munich rou-



Arsenal's Alexis Sanchez, left, scores the opening goal of the game past Manchester United's goalkeeper David de Gea who lies on the ground during the English Premier League soccer match between Arsenal and Manchester United at Emirates stadium in London

ted previously unbeaten Borussia Dortmund 5-1 to open up a seven-point lead after eight Bundesliga matches.

Thomas Mueller also scored twice after Dortmund had started brightly. Bayern's attacking midfielder opened the scoring in the 26th minute when Jerome Boateng sent him through with a long ball over the top, and he claimed his second from the penalty spot in the 35th, after Henrikh Mkhitaryan brought down Thiago Alcantara.

Pierre-Emerick Aubameyang pulled one back a minute later but Lewandowski scored seconds after the break to end any hopes his former side had of a comeback.

Mario Goetze, another former Dortmund player, set up Lewandowski's second in the 58th — the striker's 12th in four games across all compe-

titions — and then completed the scoring in the 58th.

It was Bayern's eighth consecutive win to start the season, equaling the club's own record of 24 points with a plus 24 goal difference from the 2012-13 season.

**SPAIN**

Atletico Madrid substitute Luciano Vietto scored a late goal to snatch a 1-1 draw against crosstown rival Real Madrid, denying Rafa Benitez's side the chance to reclaim the Spanish league lead.

Karim Benzema gave Madrid a great start with his league-leading sixth goal to quiet the Vicente Calderon crowd just nine minutes into the match, and goalkeeper Keylor Navas protected that advantage by saving Antoine Griezmann's penalty in the 22nd minute.

But as Madrid settled on de-

fending instead of seeking a second goal to seal the win, Atletico titled the action toward Navas' net and Vietto poked in a cross from fellow substitute Jackson Martinez that the goalie couldn't handle in the 83rd.

Still unbeaten, Madrid squandered the opportunity to overtake Villarreal at the top of the standings after the leader lost 1-0 at Levante earlier.

**FRANCE**

A day after celebrating his 34th birthday, Zlatan Ibrahimovic became Paris Saint-Germain's all-time leading scorer as he netted twice in a 2-1 win over bitter rival Marseille in the French league Sunday.

With 110 goals for PSG in all competitions, Ibrahimovic surpassed Pedro Pauleta's record of 109 goals that the former Portugal forward

amassed in 211 games from 2003-2008. Ibrahimovic, who joined PSG in 2012, scored both his goals from the penalty spot to reach the milestone in just 137 games. He received a standing ovation when he was substituted in the 70th minute.

The win lifted unbeaten PSG five points clear of second-place Angers, with struggling Marseille already lagging 15 points behind after just nine games.

**ITALY**

Fiorentina eased to a 3-0 win over 10-man Atalanta to move into sole possession of top spot in Serie A after Inter Milan drew 1-1 at Sampdoria.

Atalanta was down to 10 men in the fifth minute when Gabriel Paletta was sent off and Josip Ilicic fired Fiorentina in front from the penalty spot. Borja Valero and Joan Verdu secured the points.

Fiorentina was two points ahead of Inter and three ahead of Lazio, which beat Frosinone 2-0. Roma was a point further back after winning 4-2 at Palermo.

Four-time defending champion Juventus recorded only its second league win of the season as it came from behind to beat bottom side Bologna 3-1, but there was more misery for AC Milan which was thrashed 4-0 at home by Napoli. AP

## Chelsea gives public backing to Mourinho

**C**HELSEA has taken the unusual step of publicly endorsing its belief in manager Jose Mourinho following the team's disappointing start to the season.

Chelsea released a statement yesterday, saying that Mourinho "continues to have our full support" and he is "the right manager to turn this season around and that he has the squad with which to do it."



Chelsea's manager Jose Mourinho, right, and Newcastle United's manager Steve McClaren

In a dreadful start to the defense of its title, Chelsea is 16th in the 20-team Premier League after winning two of its first eight games. The Blues lost 3-1 at home to Southampton on Saturday.

Chelsea has also lost one of its first two group games in the Champions League.

On Sunday, Liverpool fired manager Brendan Rodgers and Dick Advocaat resigned as Sunderland manager. AP

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**World Views**

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**WHEN YOU CAN'T SEE SINGAPORE, IT LOOKS LIKE BEIJING**

Singapore is starting to look like Beijing or New Delhi. That's because you can't see it through the haze. Smog has disrupted outdoor events, forced schools to close and sent commuters running for their surgical masks.

Singaporeans know why. Every year during the dry season, farmers and plantation companies light fires on the Indonesian islands of Sumatra and Borneo to clear land for farming and the production of paper and palm oil. Wind carries the smoke across the Malacca Strait and the South China Sea.

An especially bad episode in 1997 caused regional outrage and an estimated USD9 billion in economic damage. Nearly two decades later, in 2013, air pollution readings in Singapore and Malaysia topped 400 and 700, respectively. (Anything above 301 is considered hazardous.) An El Nino weather pattern this year has raised fears that smoggy skies could persist into 2016.

On paper at least, regional governments have finally heeded calls to do something about the problem. Last year, Indonesia ratified an agreement that calls on countries to combat burning and share information. In May, the government extended a moratorium on clearing forests and peat land. Local laws are tough: Anyone responsible for setting fires can be sentenced to 15 years in jail and fined up to \$350,000. Singapore, where several big paper and palm-oil companies are headquartered, has established fines of up to \$2 million for corporations that enable or condone burning that pollutes the city-state.

Businesses have begun to regulate themselves. Many have adopted zero-deforestation pledges, while industry groups have established certification for sustainably produced palm oil, which is sold at a premium.

The challenges are obvious, of course. Many of these measures will require time to have an impact. Under Indonesia's decentralized system, instituted in 2001, the central government in Jakarta has little sway at ground level, where local officials often profit from existing arrangements. Enforcement is weak.

Small-scale farmers may be responsible for much of the burning. Chasing down and arresting peasants would be time-consuming and fruitless. Indonesian authorities would be better off educating farmers about the dangers of burning and helping them pay for more expensive, alternate land-clearing techniques.

That hardly means the government is helpless, though. As bad as the air may be in Singapore or Kuala Lumpur, it's positively apocalyptic in places like the Indonesian province of Kalimantan, on Borneo, where a pollution index reached nearly 2,000 last month. The authorities could try encouraging local watchdog groups by increasing rewards for whistleblowers.

Prosecutors need to deter would-be scofflaws by winning more high-profile cases like one that recently resulted in a \$25.6 million fine against the palm-oil company PT Kallista Alam, for setting fires in Aceh province. At the very least, the central government could help identify offenders by more readily supplying concession maps for a regional monitoring system, and speeding up plans to consolidate conflicting land-use maps into a single, accepted version.

Companies could do more, too. Even if they adhere to strict standards themselves, they face no penalties for failing to scrutinize how their suppliers conduct business, or how the land they buy was cleared.

Most effective of all might be a strategy to target these companies' funding. Banks, sovereign wealth funds and private-equity investors could encourage better behavior by restricting their loans and investments to companies that adhere to environmental, social and governance standards that can be independently audited. Singapore's Monetary Authority could have an immediate impact by establishing stewardship codes to guide investment decisions by local banks and government-linked entities.

Customers also have a role to play. They can demand better labeling of products using palm oil -- everything from lipstick to pizza dough -- to highlight those using sustainable producers. More countries could follow the lead of the Netherlands and the U.K., which intend to import only sustainably-sourced palm oil.

At some point, this year's haze will give way to blue skies. Only sustained pressure, from several angles, will keep it from returning.




**THE VILLAGER IN SOUTHERN PHILIPPINES KILLS 4 IN DOWRY FEUD**

A distraught villager shot and killed his father-in-law and three children yesterday over a dowry feud in the southern Philippines. The attack happened after midnight in the remote town of Bangui in Sulu province, a group of islands in the country's southernmost region, police said.

The attacker was abandoned by his wife, prompting him to demand that her family return the

dowry he had given her parents, but the parents failed to immediately comply. The attacker and two other gunmen escaped.

Clan feuds have often turned violent in Sulu, where poverty, large numbers of unlicensed firearms and weak law enforcement have combined to foster lawlessness and a decades-long Muslim rebellion.

Station	Air quality
Roadside	5-25 Good 
High Density Residential Area	30-50 Good 
Ambient	25-45 Good 

SOURCE: D5IMG

HIMALAYAN CRISIS

**Nepal's three main parties discuss formation of new government**



Nepalese protesters try to clash with policemen after burning a copy of the new constitution during the protest organized by splinter of the Maoist party

**L**EADERS of Nepal's three main political parties discussed formation of a new government yesterday following the adoption of a new constitution last month.

Narayankaji Shrestha of the United Communist Party of Nepal-Maoist said the parties are attempting to form a government with representation from the major political parties in parliament. He said they were unable to reach agreement but negotiations would continue.

Parliament is likely to vote next week on a prime minister to lead a new government. The constitution adopted on Sept. 20 by an overwhelming majority in the Constituent Assembly says a new government needs to take over soon, to be followed by vote on a new president to succeed Ram Baran Yadav, the first

president since the Himalayan nation was declared a republic.

Khadga Prasad Oli of the Communist Party of Nepal-United Marxist Leninist is expected to be the new prime minister.

Current Prime Minister Sushil Koirala and Oli's party formed a coalition government in 2014 after the two parties together won nearly two-thirds of the seats in parliament. Koirala, the leader of the larger party, became the first prime minister and it was believed that Koirala and Oli would swap after the constitution was adopted.

Nepalese unhappy with the new constitution have been protesting in the southern border area.

But the main group protesting against the new constitution in Nepal has agreed to sit

down for talks with the government in the first step toward easing the lingering crisis in the Himalayan nation.

United Democratic Madhesi Front said in a statement yesterday that they had selected a four-member team to hold talks with the government. The front is the main group leading protests in southern Nepal that have left more than 45 people dead and have stopped the flow of fuel and supplies to the country's north, including the capital.

They said they will continue their protests, including blocking highways and border points with India.

The ethnic Madhesis are upset that the new constitution divides Nepal into seven new states, with some borders slicing through their ancestral homeland in the southern plains. Madhesis, along with several other small ethnic groups, want the states to be larger and to be given more autonomy over local matters.

The Madhesis live in the southern border areas of Nepal and have close cultural ties with India, which has been supporting them and imposed an unofficial blockade, stopping the flow of oil and other essential supplies over the border. **AP**

**THE DECISIVE MOMENT**



Umbrella movement. Visitors walk under umbrellas on display over Cheonggye stream during a campaign to raise donations to help underprivileged children in Seoul, South Korea.

**WORLD BRIEFS**



**BANGLADESH** Police say they are questioning four people in connection with the second killing of a foreigner in Bangladesh last week — a Japanese agricultural worker described by his neighbors as a friendly farmer who occasionally joined gatherings at their village mosque. **More on p13**



**MALDIVES** A human rights lawyer says the imprisonment of former Maldives President Mohamed Nasheed symbolizes a turn toward autocracy and extremism by a Muslim nation with the world's highest per-capita level of recruitment to the Islamic State group. Amal Clooney (pictured) is part of an international legal team that vowed to apply "relentless" pressure on the Maldives government until Nasheed is freed.



**INDONESIA** Rescuers said they have found yesterday the wreckage of a small plane carrying 10 people that went missing on a domestic flight three days ago. The DHC-5 Twin Otter plane lost contact with air traffic controllers 11 minutes after taking off in good weather Friday from Masamba in South Sulawesi province.

**PACIFIC RIM** The United States and 11 other Pacific Rim countries have agreed to an ambitious and controversial trade pact that cuts trade barriers, sets labor and environmental standards and protects multinational corporations' intellectual property. The agreement on the Trans Pacific Partnership was reached after marathon negotiating sessions in Atlanta through the weekend. Congress will have 90 days to review the agreement.