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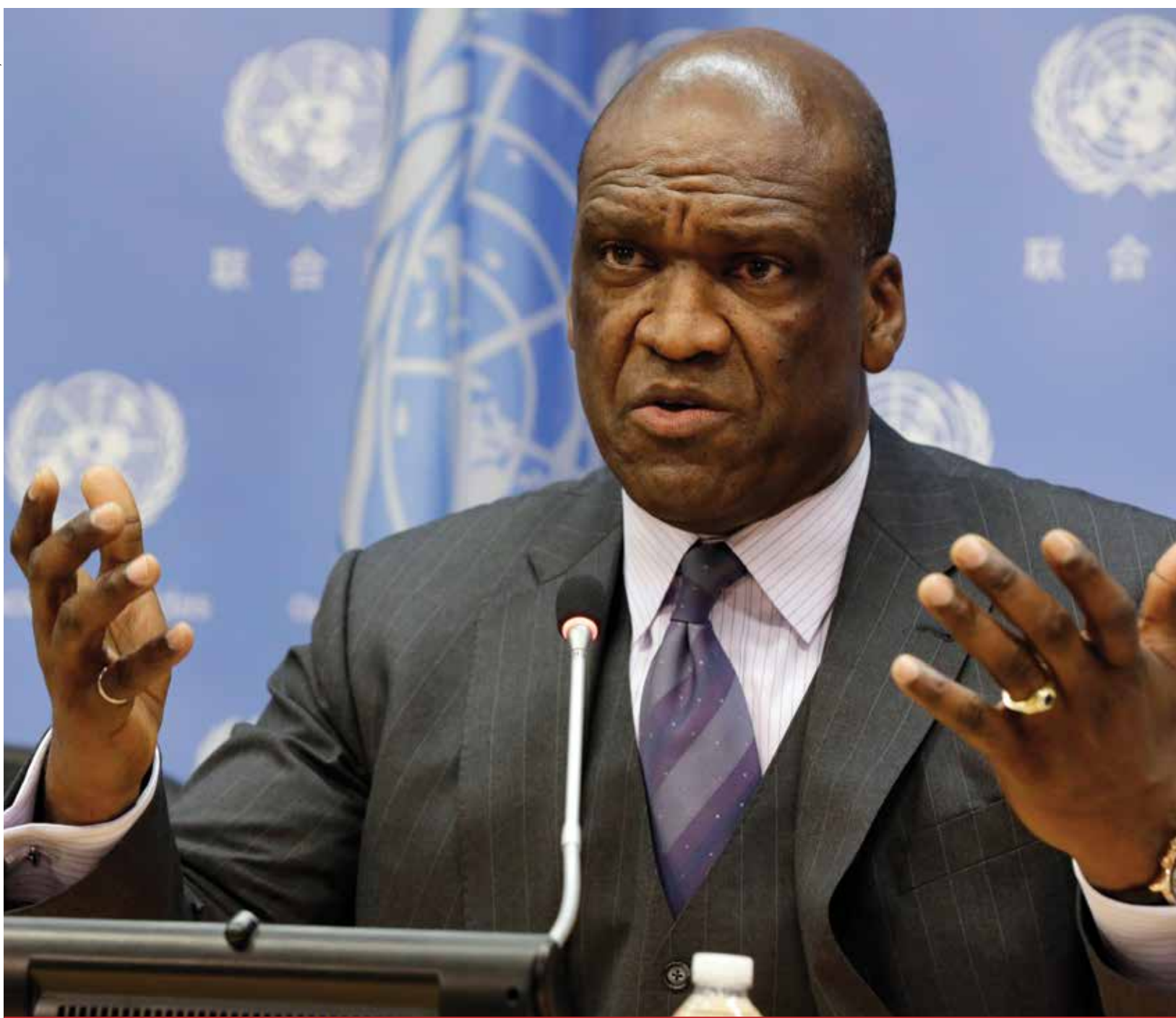
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ARCHITECT

# Dialogues to share knowledge about the city, 'insights into the future'

**TIAGO** Saldanha Quadros, a Macau-based architect and a visiting professor at the University of St Joseph, is launching a book that explores ways to build a better city. "Macau Sessions. Dialogues on Architecture and Society" will be launched on October 10 in Albergue SCM, as part of a larger event organized by the non-profit cultural organization Babel, (see article below). The English-language book consists of interviews conducted with nine figures in the fields of architecture and urbanism, which examine the key issues and ambitions underscoring Macau's growth.

**Macau Daily Times (MDT) – What ideas lay behind the creation of this book?**

**Tiago Saldanha Quadros (TSQ) –** We started the creative process behind this book back in 2013 and our goal was to collect, archive and share existing knowledge about Macau in the field of architecture and urbanism. This work was done from a contemporary perspective and reflected the growth of the territory in the last few decades. The interview-style format that comprises its structure is exactly to do with the idea of dialogue, since dialogue, by definition, allows the sharing of thoughts and ideas in a very short time. It was inspired by Hans-Ulrich Obrist, a



Swiss art curator that has been developing work that he calls "Interview Project". This book follows exactly this methodology, gathering nine "talks" with people with different backgrounds, experiences and expertise.

**MDT – What is the target audience for this book?**

**TSQ –** The book is built in a way that its content, although complex, is accessible to a wide range of people. Using the English language for the text was also a way of widening the field. In Macau, we find people from

very different places and the English language becomes a simple way of communicating between these people.

Naturally, all these interviewees are researchers and scholars who have worked on science-based projects, but we think that more than sharing all this work with the local scientific community, we want to share it with all citizens. It is also important to add that this book is illustrated with images from the young photographer and artist Ieong Man Pan that were all completed specifically for the book and to communicate

with readers once they have investigated the topics.

**MDT – Is it also a reflection on what has been done in this field in a way of encouraging the planning of the future?**

**TSQ –** Of course that dimension is there. This compilation is not a mere collection of scientific work, although that is also important, since most of the time, all these research findings are scattered around the world. Above all however, these nine participants shared concerns about the present situation of

the territory and shed new insights into the future. That is very important.

**MDT – Lately we have been seeing an apparent growth in interest for these topics. We have heard about the requalification of the Inner Harbor area and the Hotel Estoril revamp, among other issues. Does this book address any of these topics?**

**TSQ –** It aims to promote a broader view of the city and territory so it is not exactly focused on particular aspects. Instead, the opinions expressed by the researchers, can also be incorporated into the discussion of those topics. I can give you the example of the work of the Professor Werner Breitung, that specializes in the problem of the "borderlines" and "city limits", addressing the inner harbor facing the cross-border neighbor Zhuhai and the need of both areas to relate in a different way.

**MDT – Where can the book be bought?**

**TSQ –** It will be launched on Saturday as part of a wider program called the Macau Architecture Promenade. It will then be made available at several local bookshops, including the Portuguese bookshop and others, namely the ones that offer English-language books. **RM**

## Month-long event celebrates architecture

**MACAU** Architecture Promenade" (MAP) is the newest project from the nonprofit cultural organization Babel. With October being the International Month of Architecture, the organization is holding a series of activities from October 10 to November 1.

According to a press re-

lease issued by the organizers, MAP aims to be a month-long celebration of architecture and its relationship with other art in the public space. MAP will also celebrate urban culture, experimentation and innovative practices in order to inspire new ways of thinking about the city.

The event's program includes three exhibitions and shows, three talks and book presentations, six film screenings, as well as more than ten workshop sessions, and four urban interventions in public space.

MAP offers access to the architecture and heritage of Macau through guided

visits to selected buildings and old quarters, which are to be conducted by specialists of architecture, heritage, city development, local festivities and religious architecture.

The educational aspect and learning opportunities for people of all ages is one of the main goals of MAP, which led Ba-

bel to contact more than twenty organizations – from universities and kindergartens, to museums and cultural associations, in both private and public sectors – in the hope of collaborating so that this program could succeed.

Some of the biggest highlights of the program

include: a book launch by local architect Tiago Quadros for his work "Macau Sessions: Dialogues on Architecture and Society"; an exhibition titled "Treeplets" by João Ó and Rita Machado, to be held at the University of Macau lakeside; and "playLAND", an intervention in the public space to take place at the Macau Science Centre.

MAP will kick-off on October 10 in the Albergue SCM at 6 p.m.

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# Ng allegedly involved in bribery case, ex-UN General Assembly head arrested

A federal investigation has begun regarding allegations that Ng Lap Seng bribed U.N. officials. The allegations are part of a larger investigation into bribery by Chinese individuals. Under the investigation, former United Nations General Assembly President John Ashe was arrested.

Mr Ashe is being accused of accepting more than USD1 million in bribes from Ng Lap Seng and other businesspeople. Prosecutors say Ashe accepted payoffs from developer Ng and an associate to help convince the international body to build a multibillion-dollar conference center in Macau.

In a separate scheme, Ashe

## UN CONNECTIONS DELETED ON WEBSITE

**THE SUN** Kian Ip Group Foundation website was established in August. Last week, the WSJ contacted the person whose email account registered Ng Lap Seng's foundation's website and asked about the arrest. After the contact was made, the website began to erase text, contact information and photographs of foundation events featuring U.N. officials. The website designer Christian Batres told the WSJ he had taken pages down while "all this stuff is going on" because he hadn't communicated with Mr Ng about the best way to proceed.



took bribes to promote Chinese business in Antigua. Ashe also served as the Caribbean country's representative to the UN. As part of the alleged scheme, the promoters paid to have Antigua's prime minister flown to the U.S. to accept an award, prosecutors said.

The investigation is being led by the office of Preet Bharara, a U.S. attorney based in Manhattan, along with the FBI.

Ng Lap Seng, who also goes by the name David Ng, is the chairman of the Sun Kian Ip Group, a privately held company largely based in Macau (where it is building the large-scale residential development Windsor Arch) that has a foundation arm in New York City. Mr Ng is also a member of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference (CPPCC) as well as a member of Macau's Eco-

nomie Development Committee. According to Bloomberg, he has a personal net worth of about USD1.8 billion.

Both individually and through his foundation (the Sun Kian Ip Group Foundation), Ng Lap Seng has worked with the United Nations Office for South-South Cooperation, an official arm of the U.N. that focuses on partnerships among developing countries.

In August, the U.N. department sponsored a forum on "South-South Cooperation for Sustainable Development" in Macau. More than 200 delegates from 50 countries took part in the event, where the majority argued for the creation of a permanent south-south office in Macau.

According to a Wall Street Journal report, public documents, property records and website domain records "show a network of con-

## Ng Lap Seng has worked with the United Nations Office for South-South Cooperation

nections between Mr Ng's foundation and other organizations focused on the developing world as well as the U.N." It also revealed that based on a search of public records, Mr Ng's foundation is not registered with major foundation databases, nor does it appear to have public tax filings.

Alex Spiro, a lawyer for Ng, said that his team's legal stance is that his client has "committed no crime". Another lawyer for Ng, Kevin Tung, claimed last week that he was not aware of any connection between Mr Ng's current case and the U.N.

Ng, a 68-year-old Macau real estate developer and billionaire, was detained in New York in September after he failed to comply with U.S. prosecutors in their questions pertaining to an overseas bribery investigation.

He has been held, along with his assistant Jeff C. Yin, in a Manhattan federal jail since their arrest on Sept. 19 on suspicion of lying about the intentions of using the USD4.5 million brought into the U.S. between July 2013 and September 2015. Ng declared that the money was for buying art, antiques or real estate, or would be used for gambling. Ng and his assistant have each been charged with one count of conspiracy.

Ng's name came to light earlier this year as part of a lawsuit against Sheldon Adelson, the 82-year-old billionaire and chairman of Las Vegas Sands Corp. Adelson claimed not to know Ng, and to have had no dealings with him. **MDT/Agencies**

## NG'S WOULD BE LEGACY: A UN CENTER IN MACAU

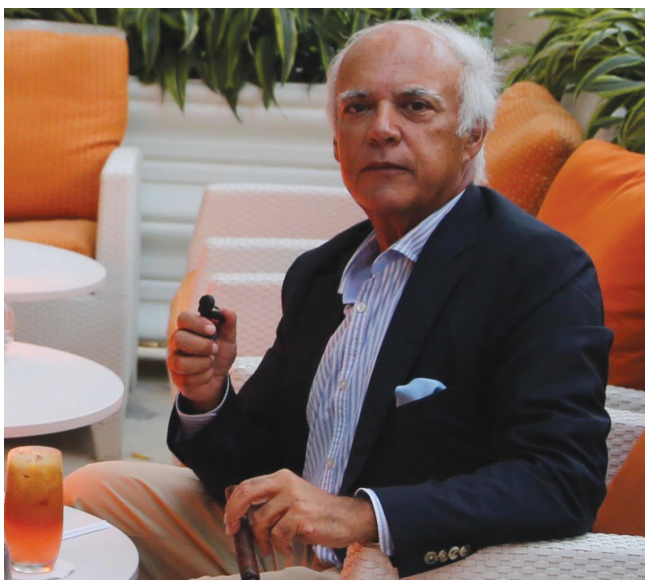
**ACCORDING TO** court documents, Ashe used his position to push the U.N. to promote a conference center in Macau being developed by Ng. The UN Macau Conference Center was to be Ng's legacy and would function as a sort of satellite operation for the world body, according to prosecutors. Some of the bribe money was allegedly used to pay for Ashe's family vacation and to construct a basketball court at his home

in Dobbs Ferry, New York. He opened two bank accounts to receive the funds and then underreported his income by more than USD1.2 million, officials said. The businesspeople flew Ashe, his wife and their two children first-class to New Orleans and put the family up in an \$850-a-night hotel room. In all, six people, including another diplomat, Francis Lorenzo from the Dominican Republic, were ensnared in the probe.

**RETIRED** banking executive José Manuel Brás Gomes, 69, died yesterday in Lisbon, after prolonged illness, the family told the Times.

A well-known and charismatic figure in town, Mr Gomes worked for BNU/CGD from the time he first set foot in Macau back in March 1982 to lead the public relations and marketing operations of the Portuguese bank. In 1992, he was appointed director of private banking at BNU, a position he held till 2010 when he moved to the local branch of CGD, as general-manager. José Brás Gomes retired

PAULO TAIPA



## José Brás Gomes dies at 69

in 2013 remaining as senior adviser to the board of BNU.

Among other public engagements over the years, Mr Gomes was a member of the electoral college that chose the first Chief Executive, Edmund Ho, in 1999.

In the local community, he was particularly popular also because of his role at the Clube Militar where he served for years as vice-president of the board. At the club, he was a constant, amicable presence among fellow

members and patrons.

"José Manuel was one of the most charismatic members of the Portuguese community, at the same time kind and discreet," a close friend told the Times. "That's why we, in the inner circle of friends, used to call him 'the prince'," he added.

Another known aspect of Mr Gomes life was his passion for Benfica. He was a member of the great Lisbon club for over 50 years, and consequently a recipient of the "Golden Eagle" medal.

"His club won in Madrid for the first time in more than 30 years last Wednesday and the center-right political platform he openly supported won the elections on Sunday, so probably he had a great last full-week in this world," another friend said.

José Manuel Brás Gomes was born on January 6, 1946 in Lourenço Marques (Maputo) but shortly after his family moved to Lisbon. He returned temporarily to Africa in the late 1960s, after being drafted to serve as a lieutenant in the Portuguese Army during the colonial war. **PC**



# Bad driving leads to accidents

A seven-seater van crashed into a sushi takeaway yesterday morning after its driver shifted a wrong gear while parking his car outside on a street close to the Tap Seac Square.

According to the description provided during a police press conference yesterday, the crash smashed the store's glass door, leaving the female storekeeper in her twenties wounded by the shreds. The female driver, however, remained unscathed.

In a separate accident that occurred in the afternoon, another 62-year-old female driver caused minor injuries to three pedestrians in the northern Areia Preta neighborhood, after she reportedly accidentally stepped on the accelerator. Her van charged into the vehicles parked outside a car maintenance shop immediately after leaving the parking lot. The driver passed the breathalyzer test.

Separately, the Judiciary Police detained one croupier and four mainlanders after a casino

on Cotai Strip reported their collaborative embezzlement to the authorities on Sunday. The embezzlement has since resulted in a loss of at least HKD3.4 million.

The dealer, bearing the surname Kwan, aged 38, who appeared on the casino's payroll in 2012, has been teaming up with the other four suspects ranging from 29 to 41 in age to conduct the theft since early last month, according to the police.

It was said that she would deliberately distribute extra chips and money to the suspects while guaranteeing that they would win at the gaming tables, in a total of 48 attempts lasting from September 7 to October 4.

Upon receiving the report, the police rushed to the venue and arrested the five suspects in the act. The theft reportedly compromised the gaming operator of at least HKD3.4 million and the dealer, allegedly a gambling addict, received 30 percent of the total stolen as remuneration. **AU**



## Gov't to turn Mong Ha into cultural district

**T**he government has announced that it wishes to create a designated cultural exhibition area in the Mong Ha district.

The area includes 12 Portuguese-style villa homes, four of which are independent units located on Rua Francisco Xavier Pereira and comprise a total area of around 7,200 square metres.

"The government officials who lived there returned to Portugal after the handover. They [the homes] have been idle for 16 years now," Alexis Tam, the secretary for Social Affairs and Culture, told TDM. "We believe that if we renovate them, they can be used again."

The structure of the houses remain intact and the government believes that they

would not be too difficult to restore. In addition, the houses are currently public property, so there are no ownership issues involved.

"We hope to turn them into a tourist attraction to enable visitors to experience the life of Portuguese people in the past, as well as the life of Macau people at present," Mr Tam said. "These are very good tourist resources and [can eventually become] tourist products."

The details for the plan will be unveiled by the end of the year.

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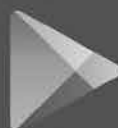
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# Lusofonia Festival aiming more with less

**T**HIS year's Lusofonia Festival will take place from October 23 to 25 and will have a smaller budget, but the Civic and Municipal Affairs Bureau (IACM) expects that the party will be as lively as in previous years. Held at the Taipa Houses-Museum and Carmo Area in Taipa, the festival, will feature folk arts and culinary booths from ten Portuguese-speaking countries.

In a press conference held yesterday, Ma Kam Keong, a member of the IACM's Administration Committee, said that the event's budget was downsized to MOP2.4million, MOP400,000 less than in 2014. A smaller budget, according to Ma, does not imply a smaller programme, since the number of activities was upsized.

Now entering its 18th year, the Portuguese Speaking Communities Cultural



Ma Kam Keong

Festival will present, as usual, a series of music concerts, sports competitions, stage performances, and gastronomy, among many other cultural and recreational activities.

The typical fair-style decorations and booths, organized and hosted by members of ten different Portuguese-speaking communities, will also be present, showcasing the cultural, economic and tourist attractions of Angola, Brazil, Cape Verde, Guinea-Bissau, Goa, Daman and Diu, East Timor, Macau, Mozambique, Portugal, and São Tomé and Príncipe.

Questioned by the journalists, Mr Ma mentioned that the festival has been

growing in number of visitors, increasing from 17,000 in 2013 to 20,000 in last year's edition. He also expressed his expectations about this year's festival, explaining that "if the weather helps, we expect a similar figure".

The IACM member was asked why there were no local-based Lusophone associations at the press conference. Ma justified their absence with the fact that "they hold different positions alongside their full-time jobs, so they could not be here today."

As for the musical highlights, on Friday the Carmo amphitheater will present Mariene de Castro, from Brazil, Master Jake, from Angola, and Bitori Nha Bibinha, from Cape Verde. On Saturday, the stage will be occupied by the Portuguese band Virgem Suta, Mozambique's Massukos, and East Timor's D'Voices Talik Murak.

For the closing evening, the programme highlights the Binhan Quimor & Star Candinha, from Guinea-Bissau, Versatyle, from Goa, e Mezô Dance, directly from São Tomé and Príncipe.

According to the program the Festival will occur between 7 p.m. and midnight on Friday, and between 12 p.m. and midnight on the following evenings. **RM**

## Authorities following case of elderly injured in sports event

**T**HE Secretary for Social Affairs and Culture, Alexis Tam, commented on the case in which an elderly woman became seriously injured after falling during an activity included in the "Sports for All Day 2015" in September. Mr Tam said that he has since issued instructions to enhance safety measures during these kinds of events. Although he believes that the situation was a purely an accident, he mentioned that the Macau Sport Development Board (ID) and the associations involved in the organization of the event are following the case, even though it remains under police investigation.

According to several reports and sources, the 64-year-old woman had fallen from a staircase and is currently hospitalized and in a serious condition.

Speaking during a flag presentation ceremony on Monday, the ID president, José Tavares, mentioned that he had already visited the elderly at the hospital and is in close contact with her family. He also clarified that the event where the incident occurred is covered by insurance. **RM**

**A shorter budget that does not imply a shorter program.**

MA KAM KEONG  
IACM

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**I**T'S not too late to find stock-market bargains in Macau after an index of the city's casino operators surged more than 10 percent in two days, according to the industry's top-ranked analyst.

Galaxy Entertainment Group Ltd., the Hong Kong-listed firm controlled by billionaire Lui Che-Woo, looks particularly attractive amid signs that Chinese authorities have stopped tightening restrictions on visits to the gambling hub, said Jamie Soo, an analyst at Daiwa Securities Co. Galaxy is also set to benefit from its investment in Cotai when a new ferry terminal opens in 2016, he said in a phone interview on Monday.

"At these share price levels, the Cotai-ready operators - specifically Galaxy - look undervalued," said Soo, whose calls on Macau casinos over the past year delivered the best returns among peers tracked by Bloomberg. His HKD29 a share price target for Galaxy implies a gain of 27 percent.

Soo, who stood out for his bearish views on Macau casinos over much of the past year, upgraded Galaxy, Sands China Ltd. and Melco Crown Entertainment Ltd. last month as valuations plunged to the lowest levels since 2012. The stocks - battered by China's anti-graft campaign and slowing economic growth - are now bouncing back after mainland visitors surged during the Golden Week holiday and investors speculated Beijing will introduce policies this year to support Macau's economy.

The BI Macau China Gaming Market Competitive Peer Group Index jumped 10.8 percent in the past two days, paring its drop this year to 46 percent. It gained another 6.2 percent yesterday in its best three-day rally since 2011. The gauge's enterprise value is 9.7 times earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortization, or EBITDA. The ratio fell to a three-year low of 8.9 on Oct. 1.

Shares started surging on Friday after Li Gang, director of the Chinese government's local liaison office, hinted that China will introduce more policies this year to support the city's economy. The gains extended into Monday as official data showed visitors from China,



A pedestrian holding an umbrella walks past a screen displaying the Hang Seng Index figure

## Top analyst says it's not too late to buy into rally

who account for more than two-thirds of the total, rose 22 percent to 276,557 on Oct. 1 and Oct. 2, the first two days of the nation's weeklong holiday, a traditionally peak season. That compared with a growth rate of 4.3 percent for the same period in 2014.

J.P. Morgan analyst DS Kim echoed that call in a report Monday, noting that betting from mass-market gamblers rose in the third quarter for the first time in a year and a half.

"We do believe these stocks have reached an inflection point and that it is time to start building positions for the quarters ahead," Kim said.

Not all the casinos are worth buying, according to Soo. Gross gaming revenue, which sank for a 16th straight month in September, will probably drop 34 percent for all of 2015 and another 5 percent next year, he predicted last month, calling

his forecasts "the lowest on the street." Soo has underperform ratings on Wynn Macau Ltd. and MGM China Holdings Ltd., with a hold on SJM Holdings Ltd.

Even if China's government does take steps to bolster Macau's economy, there's no guarantee that the support will translate into more revenue for

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JAMIE SOO

casinos, said Pauline Dan, the head of Greater China equities at Pictet Asset Management Ltd.

"In order for them to become attractive for me as an investor, I'd like to see their prices go lower," Dan said.

Taipa's Pac On Ferry Terminal will open by mid-2016, the Times reported last month, citing the Marine and Water Bureau. The terminal will be five times the size of the existing Peninsula-based ferry terminal, Soo said, and will help fuel a rebound in gross gaming revenue in Cotai from the second half of next year.

Galaxy in May opened its USD3.1 billion second-phase expansion of a resort and an adjacent revamped property in the Cotai area, marking Macau's first casino projects in three years. The company received 71 percent of its second-quarter casino revenue from

its business on the Cotai Strip, according to Bloomberg Intelligence. Galaxy has the newest high-end offering in Cotai, while Sands has the biggest gaming table capacity in the area and control of the Cotai ferries, according to Soo.

"We are still cautious on Macau as a whole but believe that the worst is over soon for Cotai," he said. "The scheduled opening of the Taipa ferry terminal would mark the inflection point."

Shares of U.S.-listed casino companies that operate in Macau rose Monday in New York. Las Vegas Sands Corp., the world's largest casino operator, gained 7.4 percent to \$43.89, while Melco Crown Entertainment added 9.1 percent to \$16.92. MGM Resorts International advanced 2.6 percent to \$20.30, while Wynn Resorts Ltd. rose 2.2 percent to \$64.89. **MDT/Bloomberg**

## HK-traded Chinese stocks swing on automakers, brokerages

Kana Nishizawa

**C**HINESE stocks in Hong Kong swung between gains and losses as casino operators rallied with automakers, while brokerages fell.

The Hang Seng China Enterprises Index added 0.3 percent to 9,909.10

as of 2:40 p.m. in Hong Kong, after sliding as much as 0.3 percent. BYD Co. and Geely Automobile Holdings Ltd. climbed, building on last week's advance after a tax cut on passenger-vehicle purchases. Sands China Ltd. and Wynn Macau Ltd. jum-

ped at least 5.8 percent after JPMorgan Chase & Co. raised its ratings on the gaming companies. GF Securities Co. fell 2 percent, leading losses on the Chinese equity gauge.

"People may expect mainland markets to go up after the long holiday

but stocks in Hong Kong have rebounded very strongly in recent days," said Dickie Wong, executive director of research at Kingston Financial Group Ltd. "After the recent rebound it's time to take profit. But the overall market sentiment has been improving."

The Hang Seng Index slipped 0.2 percent. Mainland markets are shut until Oct. 8 for National Day holidays. The Hang Seng China Enterprises Index is trading at 7.3 times estimated earnings, less than half the global average, after tumbling as much

as 39 percent from this year's peak on renewed concerns about China's economy. The nation's growth will slow to 6.8 percent this year, below the government's goal of 7 percent, according to the median of economist estimates compiled by Bloomberg.



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## AUTO INDUSTRY

# Toyota shows self-driving technology being readied for 2020

Yuri Kageyama, Tokyo

**T**OYOTA unveiled its vision for self-driving cars in a challenge to other automakers as well as industry newcomer Google Inc., promising to start selling such vehicles in Japan by 2020.

Toyota Motor Corp. demonstrated on a regular Tokyo freeway yesterday what it called the "mobility teammate concept," meaning the driver and the artificial intelligence in a sensor-packed car work together as a team.

In the demonstration, a Lexus drove itself within the 60 kpm speed limit for about 10 minutes, changing lanes, braking and steering. The human at the wheel did nothing except turn on a button to kick in the technology.

Toyota's plans are part of a larger Japanese government initiative to pioneer automated driving in time for the 2020 Tokyo Olympics.

It also marks a shift for Toyota, which has been working on such technology since the 1990s but with great caution, warning that the idea of a driverless car was unrealistic, even dangerous.

With the advancement of sensors and telecommunications, such technology has been increasingly catching on, particularly as a safety measure in hard to execute maneuvers such as parking.

"Our goal is to offer the freedom of movement to everyone, including the elderly and

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Chief Safety Technology Officer of Toyota Motor Corp. Moritaka Yoshida

the disabled," said Chief Safety Technology Officer Moritaka Yoshida.

But he acknowledged that the technology was not yet ready to be used on roads with pedestrians and bicyclists.

Along with curbing emissions with plug-in hybrids and fuel cell vehicles, self-driving

technology is a focus of research for the auto industry. Both will be highlighted in the upcoming Tokyo Motor Show, which opens to the public later this month.

Google is also testing and refining self-driving technology, putting pressure on the auto industry to innovate.

Toyota demonstrated another futuristic automated technology called Intelligent Transportation System, which it has been testing on roads in the Toyota city area and Tokyo.

The system will be offered as an option in three models going on sale in Japan later

this year, including the Crown luxury model.

Tests are starting in the U.S., but sales plans are not yet decided.

A vehicle equipped with that technology communicates with sensory-transmission equipment at street corners that detects oncoming cars, as well as pedestrians, and warns the vehicle through data transmission. The warning appears as an image on the dashboard, and the car beeps. It is useful in alerting drivers to cars and pedestrians popping out from blind spots.

The technology can also be used for cars to communicate with each other, and fine-tune cruise control, so that the car in the back responds more quickly if two cars driving on the same street are equipped with this technology.

Toyota officials said the technology has tremendous potential to reduce accidents, although it is unlikely to have much of an effect in the beginning because the transmission sensors are installed in only 20 places, including 15 in Toyota's headquarters area.

The plan is to expand that to 50 places in Japan by spring 2016, according to Toyota.

Nissan has also demonstrated car-detection technology on Yokohama roads, but using a different beaming technology. Toyota's new transmission system uses a different standard that will be open for use by all automakers in Japan. In Japan, accidents at intersections account for about 40 percent of all traffic accidents. **AP**

## corporate bits

### STUDIO CITY'S 'STAR EXPERIENCE' OFFER



Melco Crown announced that it is set to offer a pre-opening promotional package to Studio City visitors called the "Star Experience."

The promotional package includes an overnight stay for two in the Star Tower, two tickets to ride the iconic figure-of-eight Ferris wheel, and a pair of tickets to the Batman Dark Flight Adventure – the world's first ever Batman 4D flight simulation.

The package also includes a buffet breakfast and access to the pools and gym at the resort. Located in Cotai, Studio City is Melco Crown Entertainment's USD3.2 billion Hollywood-inspired property and has been described by the company as a "next-generation leisure and entertainment destination."

Prices for the promotional package start from HKD1,698, and the package will remain available until the official launch of Studio City on Oct. 27.

### VENETIAN MACAO PREPARES FOR GOLFING INTEREST



Shops at the Venetian Macao are anticipating increased interest in golfing equipment and apparel. The Venetian Macao Open kicks off on Oct. 15 and is set to inspire golf fans to play their own rounds. The one million-square-foot indoor mall at The Venetian Macao has more than 350 stores featuring world-renowned brands including the golfing specialist Honma as well as Ashworth, J. Lindeberg, Munsingwear and Lacoste, all of which carry golfing apparel.

Supported by The Venetian Macao for the fourth consecutive year, the golf tournament returns to Macau and will take place from October 15 to 18. The tournament will invite a range of famous names to the city including China's two most decorated golf stars, Zhang Lian-wei and Liang Wen-Chong.

In 2014, the Venetian Macao Open was won by India's Anirban Lahiri, who secured a prize of USD900,000. This year, the tournament will offer its largest prize to date of USD1,000,000.



# PRC wins long-sought Nobel Prize in one of the sciences

Didi Tang, Beijing

**F**OR decades, China has yearned for a Nobel Prize in science. Now, a little-known researcher who helped develop a malaria medicine in a secret military project to assist Vietnam in its war against the U.S. has finally won Beijing that honor.

Tu Youyou (pronounced "TOO yoyo"), 84, who shared a medical Nobel for her work in isolating an anti-malaria medicine inspired by an ancient Chinese remedy, also became the country's first woman to win any Nobel prize.

Until the announcement, Tu had never achieved much public acclaim in China for her part in the 1971 discovery, and never was accepted into the country's prestigious national academy of science despite several attempts. But her breakthrough with the Nobel has drawn jubilant congratulations, sent her name trending on social media and drawn praise for the country's medical research.

Premier Li Keqiang congratulated Tu for winning the award, as did Vice Premier Liu Yandong, who is in charge of China's education, science and research.

The award also has revived memories of a time when collective action was paramount in China, and has raised questions about how much the single researcher should be credited for work that was part of a massive government project.

Tu appeared on state broadcaster CCTV to say the award was a "great honor," while declining to take all of the credit for her work in discovering artemisinin and dihydroartemisinin, extracted from sweet wormwood, or *Artemisia annua*.

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Chinese pharmacologist Tu Youyou posing with her trophy after winning the Lasker Award, a prestigious U.S. medical prize, in New York

**Tu was recruited by the gov't to work on a secretive military project in 1969 to find anti-malaria drugs**

"The successful finding of artemisinin is the collective achievement of the research team, and it is a collective ho-

nor for all Chinese scientists," Tu said.

As a junior researcher, Tu was recruited by the Chinese government to work on a secretive military project in 1969 to find anti-malaria drugs.

Known as Project 523, it was launched two years earlier at the request of North Vietnam, which was at war with the United States but losing its soldiers to the disease.

The project also coincided with China's Cultural Revolution, when intellectuals were belittled and education and research trampled on.

Tu and her teammates combed through ancient medi-

cine books, herbal therapies and folk remedies before they compiled 640 medical treatments.

The team conducted research on more than 200 of the herbal medicines and later focused on sweet wormwood — a remedy cited originally in a Chinese text by the fourth century pharmacist Ge Hong. They found that a compound extracted from the wormwood was effective in treating malaria.

The team later purified the compound in crystal forms, which came to be known as artemisinin.

As a group leader, Tu got to report on the findings, which

were deemed collective work without having credit assigned to individual researchers.

In 2007, two researchers at the U.S. National Institutes of Health delved into the history of the discovery of artemisinin and concluded that the major credit should go to Tu, who realized that high-temperature extractions could damage the active ingredient and switched instead to ether extraction at lower temperatures.

Tu also was credited with ensuring that the extract was neutral and not acidic, which was more effective in fighting malaria, according to a 2011 article by Louis Miller and Xinzhuang Su in the journal *Cell*.

In 2011, Tu was honored with the Lasker-DeBakey Clinical Medical Research Award for discovering artemisinin.

At the time, it drew disagreements from some Chinese scientists, who thought that the discovery of artemisinin was teamwork and that other researchers were unfairly ignored for their contributions.

Three scientists, including Rao Yi of Peking University, also conducted a review of documents, files and publications related to Project 523. They concluded that Tu's proposal for ether extraction was indeed a critical step, but also named other researchers whose contributions to the eventual finding was significant — including those who helped purify the active molecule.

Tu also had thanked her colleagues when she accepted the Lasker award four years ago.

"For this, I would also like to express my great appreciation and thanks to my Chinese colleagues who made significant contributions to the discovery and clinical application" of artemisinin, she said. **AP**

**A** clothing and shoe industry group is calling for the U.S. government to put Chinese e-commerce giant Alibaba's Taobao site back on its list of "Notorious Markets" for counterfeit goods.

The American Apparel and Footwear Association said yesterday that "counterfeits remain rampant" on Taobao three years after it was taken off the list.

The group urged the U.S. Trade Representative to return Alibaba to its list of online and physical

HONG KONG

## US group wants Alibaba site back on 'notorious' fakes list

marketplaces that reportedly engage in or facilitate substantial copyright piracy and trademark counterfeiting.

Fakes have been a long-running problem for Alibaba Group. Taobao was first added to the list in 2011 and removed a year

later after the company worked with trademark owners to clean up the site.

"Our members face enormous difficulty working with Taobao in solving the problem of counterfeits, meanwhile illegal merchandise continues to pro-

liferate," the association's president, Juanita Dugan, said in a statement.

"The sheer volume of counterfeits on the site as reported by our members, along with the company's unwillingness to make serious reforms" is behind the group's deci-

sion to call for Taobao's reinstatement to the list, she said.

Members have complained about "the slow, sluggish, and confusing systems Taobao uses to process takedown requests" for offending listings, the group said. It represents

brands such as American Eagle, Jockey, Macy's and Abercrombie and Fitch

Alibaba said in a statement that it's ready to discuss problems with the group, "however for months they have refused to meet with us."

Earlier this year, French luxury products group Kering SA, which owns Gucci and Yves Saint Laurent, filed suit in a New York Court against Alibaba, accusing it of profiting from sales of counterfeits despite its pledge to combat fakes. **AP**



# BMS paying USD14.6M to settle SEC charges on payments in China

Marcy Gordon, Washington

**B**RISTOL-MYERS Squibb will pay USD14.6 million to settle charges from U.S. regulators that its joint venture in China gave cash and other benefits to government health care providers to boost drug sales.

The Securities and Exchange Commission announced the settlement of civil charges yesterday with the company, one of the largest drugmakers in the world. Bristol-Myers Squibb, based in New York, makes and sells prescription and over-the-counter medicines worldwide.

The SEC says sales personnel at the company's joint venture plied staff at hospitals owned or controlled by the Chinese government with cash, jewelry, meals, travel and entertainment to secure and expand prescription drug business. The agency says the joint venture, of which Bristol-Myers Squibb is majority owner, inaccurately recorded the cash and gifts as legitimate business expenses in its books. The payments allegedly were made between 2009 and 2014.

Bristol-Myers Squibb was the latest multinational drugmaker to be sanctioned for business practices in China. In China's health system, low salaries and strained budgets have driven doctors, nurses and hospital administrators to make ends meet by accepting money from patients, drug suppliers and others.

Many blame a system in which China's hospitals are nearly



all state-run but get too little money from Beijing. Most of the country's doctors are hospital employees and are barred from adding to their income by taking on second jobs.

The ruling Communist Party has promised higher health spending as part of efforts to spread more of China's prosperity to its poor majority. But with a population of 1.3 billion, the cost of a full-scale overhaul is daunting.

Britain-based GlaxoSmithKline Drug maker GlaxoSmithKline was fined \$492 million by a Chinese court in

September 2014 for bribing doctors in China. It was the biggest such penalty at the time imposed by a Chinese court.

Eli Lilly & Co. agreed to pay \$29.4 million in 2012 to resolve SEC allegations of corrupt business practices by its overseas partners in China, Brazil, Poland and Russia. Also in 2012, Pfizer Inc. agreed to pay \$60 million to settle SEC allegations that its employees bribed doctors and other health care personnel in China as well as Italy, Russia, Croatia and other Eastern European countries.

In the latest settlement, the SEC alleged that Bristol-Myers Squibb failed to take action in response to red flags indicating the payment of bribes by sales staff in the joint venture, including notations in internal audits of the Chinese joint venture.

The drugmaker neither admitted nor denied wrongdoing in the settlement of alleged violations of the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act. The law prohibits bribery of foreign government officials or company executives to secure or retain business.

The company is returning \$11.4 million in profits plus \$500,000 in interest and paying a \$2.75 million civil penalty. It also agreed to report to the SEC for two years on its progress in improving compliance with the anti-bribery law.

"We have resolved this matter with the United States Securities and Exchange Commission, and are committed to the highest standards of business integrity, vigilance and ethics across our organization," Bristol-Myers Squibb said in a statement. **AP**

## SINGAPORE

# 4 renal patients die in hospital from hepatitis C

**A**top public hospital in Singapore said yesterday that four of its patients died after a new renal ward was hit by an outbreak of hepatitis C, likely from intravenous treatment.

The Singapore General Hospital apologized "unreservedly" for the deaths, a startling and rare tragedy for a nation that prides itself on its efficiency and high-quality health care.

The hospital is the largest and oldest government hospital in Singapore. The country's founding leader, Lee Kuan Yew, who died earlier this year, spent his last days on life support in its intensive care unit.

The hospital said in a statement that

22 patients with renal disease who were hospitalized between April and June this year were diagnosed with hepatitis C infections. The infections became known after doctors observed an unusual cluster of seven cases in four weeks and involved the infection control team.

Four of the patients died, "and while they were very ill with other serious conditions, we are not able to rule out the possibility that hepatitis C virus infection could have been a contributing factor," the hospital said.

Hepatitis C causes chronic liver cancer and is mainly transmitted through blood-to-blood contact associated with intravenous drug use, poorly sterilized

equipment and transfusions.

The hospital said an initial investigation indicated that the source of infection may have been intravenous injectable agents. It said it has since taken precautionary measures.

There have been no related hepatitis C cases after the identified period, and the hospital is still contacting 411 patients who were admitted to affected wards from January to June this year for screening.

Three other deaths were not linked to the infections, and one recent death is still under review, the statement said. All cases were reviewed by a committee set up by the Ministry of Health

and chaired by an external senior hepatologist.

"Patient safety is non-negotiable," the hospital's chief executive officer, Ang Chong Lye, said in the statement. "What happens to our patients is always our responsibility. We will spare no effort in reviewing our processes and examining all possible sources of infection to prevent recurrence."

Health Minister Gan Kim Yong said he hopes that another committee that has been set up to review the deaths will "provide added assurance that there is an objective and critical review" of the hospital's internal findings. It has two months to submit its report. **AP**



## SOUTH EAST ASIA

# Neighbors turn up the heat on Indonesia over forest fires

Annabelle Liang, Vijay Joshi,  
Singapore

**F**OR weeks now, the quality of life in parts of Southeast Asia has been left to sheer chance — the direction of the wind. Every day, it alone determines which city will be shrouded by peaty white smoke blowing from burning forests in Indonesia.

Like neighbors who must tolerate the bad habits of the family next door, Malaysia, Singapore and Thailand have endured the annual problem of smoke that stings the eyes, irritates the throats and shuts down schools and airports. Now their patience is wearing thin, and harsh words are flying across the borders in a departure from region's non-confrontational etiquette.

"We all see it, breathe it; and there is no hiding," former Singapore Prime Minister Goh Chok Tong wrote on Facebook.

Some days, the smoke is so bad that the gleaming skylines of Singapore and Kuala Lumpur disappear in an all-encompassing grayness. More than 7,000 schools in peninsular Malaysia were shut on Monday and Tuesday, forcing some 4 million students to stay home. Fifteen final races of the Swimming World Cup meet in Singapore were canceled last week. Tourists are staying away. Respiratory problems are on the rise.

Some have tried to make light of the situation, including wedding couples in Singapore who have commissioned haze-themed photo shoots against

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Tourists are silhouetted as they view Singapore's popular tourist destination, Sentosa, as seen through the haze in the background

famous backdrops.

"Indonesia needs to keep to its commitments. Regionally, countries are getting fed up that Indonesia is not coordinating this very well," Reuben Wong, a political science professor at the National University of Singapore, told The Associated Press.

Scientists predict the haze this year is on track to surpass 1997 levels when pollution soared to record highs in an environmental disaster that cost an estimated USD9 billion in health costs and lost revenue. A bad bout of haze resembles wintry fog, but laced with tiny particles of ash that are particularly harmful to the elderly, children and those with chronic heart and lung conditions.

According to the Indonesian National Institute of Aeronautics and Space, a total of 1,687 fires are burning in Sumatra, a giant island that runs parallel to

the western coastline of Malaysia and surrounds Singapore, and in Kalimantan, a province on Borneo island, which is also occupied by Malaysia's Sarawak and Sabah states. Sometimes the wind carries the smoke far north across Malaysia into southern Thailand.

The culprits are well known. Big corporations set fire to forests every year to clear land speedily so the peaty soil can be planted with rows upon rows of trees that will be eventually harvested for paper pulp and palm oil. Oil palm plantations earned revenue of \$18.5 billion in Indonesia last year.

"For them, burning the forest is the fastest, cheapest and most profitable method instead of clearing with heavy equipment," said Raffles Brotestes Panjaitan, the director of forest fire control in Indonesia's Ministry of Environment and Forestry. "Our regulation is clear

— no burning of forests — but they violate the law for the sake of profits."

He told the AP that the intentional burning, especially on peat land, and the absence of rain because of the El Nino effect have worsened the fires this year. He described the burning ground as a vast smoldering stove with coal burning up to 10 meters (33 feet) deep.

The Indonesian government says more than 191 individuals and 47 corporations are under investigation. The license of one company has been revoked and three others suspended, and 72 people have been arrested. The government has also deployed some 22,146 soldiers, policemen and fire personnel in six provinces to fight the fi-

## The Indonesian govt says more than 191 individuals and 47 corporations are under investigation

res, with aircraft conducting water-bombing and cloud-seeding operations. Another 6,000 soldiers are expected to be deployed soon.

In September 2014, Indonesia ratified a regional agreement under which it promised to take steps to ease the problem through its own efforts and

with international cooperation, or be held liable for the impact of haze on its neighbors.

But a long-term solution is not around the corner.

Indonesian President Joko Widodo has pleaded for the patience, saying the haze is "not a problem that you can solve quickly." He added: "You will see results soon, and in three years, we will have solved this."

The crisis led to a diplomatic spat of sorts when Vice President Jusuf Kalla said neighboring countries "already enjoy 11 months of clean fresh air from Indonesia" and shouldn't complain about one month of haze.

K. Shanmugam, a Singapore Cabinet minister, called the comment "shocking."

"How is it possible for senior people in the government to issue such statements, without any regard for their people, or ours, and without any embarrassment, or sense of responsibility?" he wrote on Facebook.

In Malaysia, a deputy minister suggested the government should seek compensation from Indonesia for financial losses, saying Malaysian street vendors saw their businesses plummet 30 percent in a month.

"It is ridiculous for them not to solve this problem," Chew Mei Fun told national news agency Bernama. "Children can't go to school. At the same time, nobody will come to visit Malaysia."

But while the fires are burning in Indonesia, its neighbors do share some responsibility. Some of the oil palm plantations conducting slash-and-burn work are owned by Malaysian and Singaporean companies, according to research by the nonprofit Centre for International Forestry Research.

"There are no easy solutions," said Heng Yee Kuang, an associate professor of international relations at the Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy in Singapore. "There needs to be better data collected on who is actually causing the forest fires." **AP**

## BANGLADESH

# Christian pastor survives knife attack at home

**A** Bangladeshi pastor survived an attempt on his life by three men who came to his home pretending to want to learn about Christianity, police and the victim said yesterday.

The attempt follows two killings of foreigners last week in the predominantly Muslim country grappling with violence claimed by hard-line Islamic groups.

The Islamic State group claimed it had carried out last week's attacks on a Japanese agricultural worker and an Italian aid worker. The IS claim has been rejected by Bangladesh's government, which accused the opposition of trying to destabilize the country.

On Monday, the Rev. Luke Sarker, 52, suffered minor injuries when three men

attacked him with a knife at his home in the northwestern district of Pabna.

Sarker, the pastor of Faith Bible Church, said the men had phoned him about two weeks ago saying they wanted to visit him to learn about Christianity.

After they arrived at his home on Monday, the men suddenly attacked him with a knife and tried to slit his throat, Sarker said by telephone. But as he shouted, his wife came to his rescue and the men fled. Police later recovered a motorbike from outside his home.

Police arrested a member of the Islami Chhatra Shibir, the student wing of the opposition Jamaat-e-Islami political party, related to the attack on the pastor. Obaidul Islam was detained in a raid at

his home at Ishwardi in Pabna, local police official Biman Kumar said.

"We are questioning him," Kumar said.

Meanwhile, police said they have arrested two suspects in Saturday's attack on Japanese agricultural worker Kunio Hoshi in northern Bangladesh.

Local businessman Humayun Kabir Hira and opposition Bangladesh Nationalist Party activist Rashedunnabi Khan Biplob were produced before a magistrate and arrested, said local police Chief Rezaul Karim.

Biplob, Hira and three others were detained soon after the killing but were not initially named as suspects. The others are still being questioned but so far are not considered suspects, Karim said.

Hira owned a fishery near the farm where Hoshi was producing high-yielding grass as cattle feed and had helped the Japanese man lease the land he was farming, Karim said.

Foreign Minister A.H. Mahmood Ali brushed aside the Islamic State allegations while briefing foreign diplomats yesterday.

"We don't have any proof (about IS claim). we don't have any credible information. The U.S. is also working to verify the claim," the United News of Bangladesh agency quoted the minister as saying.

Robert Gibson, British high commissioner to Dhaka, said that they discussed the overall situation. **AP**






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# United States, 11 Pacific Rim countries reach trade deal

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**T**HE United States and 11 other Pacific Rim countries reached a contentious trade pact that cuts trade barriers, sets labor and environmental standards and protects the intellectual property of multinational corporations. Now each country must sell the deal to skeptical lawmakers.

The pact, known as the Trans-Pacific Partnership, aims to encourage trade between the United States, Australia, Brunei, Canada, Chile, Japan, Malaysia, Mexico, New Zealand, Peru, Singapore and Vietnam. Together, the countries account for 40 percent of world economic output. Trade unions and other critics say the deal will expose workers to more foreign competition and cost jobs.

For President Barack Obama, sealing the trade deal after marathon talks over the weekend in Atlanta is a major victory on a centerpiece of his international agenda. It is also a welcome boost for Japan's Prime Minister Shinzo Abe and his efforts to jolt one of the world's biggest economies out of two decades of stagnation.

"This partnership levels the playing field for our farmers, ranchers, and manufacturers by eliminating more than 18,000 taxes that various countries put on our products," Obama said in a statement Monday. "It includes the strongest commitments on labor and the environment of



U.S. President Barack Obama, center, speaks during his meeting with leaders of the Trans-Pacific Partnership countries, in Beijing

any trade agreement in history, and those commitments are enforceable."

The deal has been negotiated for a decade and has faced opposition in many countries. It was unpopular with protected industries such as textiles, agriculture and autos in Japan, the United States and other nations. Medical groups were concerned by a U.S. push to extend the patents of drugs that would limit access to life-saving medicines in poor countries. Opponents also feared that procedures for resolving disputes between corporations and governments could undermine the sovereignty of states.

Business risk consultancy Eurasia Group said it expects every country to eventually approve the deal despite it being contentious. It said Canada's upcoming election is a key hurdle as Canadian participation will be in doubt if Prime Minister Stephen

Harper is not re-elected.

"The deal is politically charged in many of the participating countries, but now that it is struck, we expect it to be ratified across the board," said Eurasia Group's Sean West in a report.

Alan Bollard, executive director of the 21-nation Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation group, said the trade agreement can still go into effect even if parliaments in some countries refused to ratify it. Countries that were not part of the negotiations, such as South Korea, might also join up later.

Eurasia forecasts that the pact will add \$285 billion to the combined gross domestic product of the 12 countries by 2025 and increase exports within the bloc by \$440 billion. In percentage terms, Vietnam gets the biggest boost in GDP while in absolute terms Japan has the most to gain, it said. China, which is not part of the agreement, would lose

some trade opportunities.

Referring to China, Japan's Prime Minister Shinzo Abe told a news conference in Tokyo yesterday that the agreement is a new trade system that strengthens the economic rule of law for the member countries that share principles such as democracy, basic human rights and freedom.

"If China joins the system in the future, it would greatly contribute not only to Japan's national security but also the stability of the Asia Pacific region," he said.

In the U.S., Obama has pursued the pact against the objections of many lawmakers in his own Democratic Party and instead forged rare consensus with Republicans.

Obama has cast the agreement as good for Americans workers and crucial to countering China and expanding U.S. influence in Asia.

The president has to wait 90

days before signing the pact, and only then will Congress begin the process of voting on it. As a result, a vote likely will not happen until well into 2016, where it is likely to get ensnared in the politics of a presidential election year. Congress can only give the deal an up-or-down vote. It can't amend the agreement.

Peter Petri, a professor of international finance at Brandeis University, says he doesn't expect the deal to lead to any U.S. job gains. But he forecasts it will boost U.S. incomes by \$77 billion a year, or 0.4 percent, by 2025, mostly by creating export-oriented jobs that will pay more, even as other jobs are lost.

A key target for opponents was drug companies' efforts to protect some of their products from cheaper foreign competition.

U.S. drugmakers wanted 12 years of protection from competitors for biologics, which are ultra-expensive medicines produced in living cells. Critics say blocking competition from near-copies drives up drug prices and makes them too expensive for people in poor countries.

Drug companies didn't get the dozen years they wanted; they got about eight years of protection.

Judit Rius Sanjuan, legal policy adviser to Doctors Without Borders, said in a statement that the pact "will still go down in history as the worst trade agreement for access to medicines in developing countries."

Critics also worried that the deal would enable multinational companies to challenge national laws in private tribunals on the grounds they inhibit trade, undermining public health and the environment.

The trade ministers gathered in Atlanta said the pact has safeguards that prevent "abusive and frivolous claims and ensure the right of governments to regulate in the public interest." **AP**

## EMISSIONS SCANDAL

# For Volkswagen, costs of cheating will be piling up

David McHugh & Pan Pylas,  
Frankfurt

**F**OR Volkswagen, the cost of its cheating on emissions tests in the U.S. is likely to run into the tens of billions of dollars and prematurely end its long-sought status as the world's biggest carmaker.

As well as fines from governments, Volkswagen faces the massive expense of recalling up to 11 million cars globally.

Already the company has set aside 6.5 billion euros (USD7.3 billion) to cover the fines and recalls — but it's a fair bet that's only the start. Some experts esti-



A Volkswagen logo is seen on a freight car at the VW factory in Zwickau, Germany

mate the bill could ultimately be five times as large.

Beyond initial charges, the company is expected to suffer a drop in sales. And the damage to the

brand's image could take years to heal.

"This is damaging stuff that goes way beyond negligence and incompetence," said Jeremy Robin-

son-Leon, principal and chief operating officer at New York-based PR firm Group Gordon. "The issue here is fraud and pretty brazen fraud at that."

The costs of fines, lawsuits and recalls are hard to estimate but have the potential to snowball.

Marc-Rene Tonn, an analyst at Warburg Research, says they could ultimately exceed 35 billion euros (\$39 billion).

Perhaps the worst news for Volkswagen relates to the erosion of its brand — the intangible value of built up over decades.

The scandal has wiped \$10 billion off the value of

Volkswagen's \$31 billion brand, according to Brand Finance, a London-based firm that values corporate names by estimating what a company would have had to pay to license it if it didn't already own it. The damage could be worse than that suffered by Toyota over unintended vehicle acceleration.

Volkswagen's carefully tended brand means it has been able to charge more for the equivalent vehicle than competitors — a key driver of profit in the highly competitive market for basic transportation. Morgan Stanley estimated that weaker pricing could

cost up to 4 billion euros in lost earnings next year.

Rebuilding trust will take time and money, including advertising.

Ioannis Ioannou, assistant professor of strategy and entrepreneurship at London Business School, said one thing Volkswagen could do is to invest in emissions testing in collaboration with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

"Recovery will not be quick and will take time," he said. "Volkswagen must be prepared to heavily invest in this recovery to bring back the trust and integrity it needs to survive." **AP**



Karl Ritter & Malin Rising,  
Stockholm

## NOBEL PRIZE

Kajita, McDonald win physics  
award for neutrino work

**T**AKAAKI Kajita of Japan and Arthur McDonald of Canada won the Nobel Prize in physics yesterday for discovering the “chameleon-like” nature of neutrinos, work that yielded the crucial insight that the tiny particles have mass.

The Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences said the two researchers had made key contributions to experiments showing that neutrinos change identities as they whiz through the universe at nearly the speed of light.

Neutrinos are minuscule particles created in nuclear reactions, such as in the sun and the stars, or in nuclear power plants. There are three kinds of neutrinos and the laureates showed they oscillate from one kind to another, dispelling the long-held notion that they were massless.

“The discovery has changed our understanding of the innermost workings of matter and can prove crucial to our view of the universe,” the academy said.

Kajita, 56, is director of the Institute for Cosmic Ray Research and professor at the University of Tokyo. McDo-



Takaaki Kajita of Japan and Arthur McDonald of Canada

nald, 72, is a professor emeritus at Queen's University in Kingston, Canada.

The winners will split the 8

million Swedish kronor (about USD960,000) prize money. Each winner also gets a diploma and a gold medal at the pri-

ze ceremony on Dec. 10.

Kajita and McDonald made their discoveries while working at the Super-Kamiokande detector in Japan and Sudbury Neutrino Observatory in Canada, respectively.

Kajita showed in 1998 that neutrinos captured at the detector underwent a metamorphosis in the atmosphere, the academy said. Three years later McDonald found that neutrinos coming from the sun also switched identities.

McDonald told a news conference in Stockholm by telephone that the eureka moment was when it became clear that his experiment had proven with great accuracy that neutrinos changed from one type to another in traveling from the sun to Earth.

Asked how he felt when he realized Tuesday that his work was suddenly going to receive the world's focus, McDonald said, “It's a very daunting ex-

perience, needless to say.”

McDonald said that scientists would still like to know what the actual mass of the neutrino is. And experiments are looking at whether there are other types of neutrinos beyond the three clearly observed.

The University of Tokyo said in a statement congratulating Kajita that he was one of the students of 2002 Nobel physics winner Masatoshi Koshihara, who also has contributed to Japan's neutrino research.

On Monday the Nobel Prize in medicine went to scientists from Japan, the U.S. and China who discovered drugs that are now used to fight malaria and other tropical diseases.

The prize announcements continue with chemistry today, literature tomorrow, the Nobel Peace Prize on Friday and the economics award next Monday. **AP**

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## Offbeat

## SKELETONS, SKULLS UNDER AFGHANISTAN'S PRESIDENTIAL PALACE

Afghanistan's president palace says skulls and bones belonging to two bodies have been uncovered beneath a kitchen during renovation work on the palace grounds.

The gender, cause of death and identity of the skeletons are a mystery.

Yesterday's palace statement says the remains have been sent for forensic examination. It also says that a commission, including representatives of the Afghan Independent Human Rights Commission and Physicians for Human Rights, has been set up to identify the bodies.

Afghanistan has had a long history of unearthing mass graves of unidentified victims of war, many linked to former warlords.

In 2002, around 2,000 bodies were found in a mass grave in northern Afghanistan, believed to be Taliban fighters killed after being taken prisoner during fighting that overturned their six-year regime.

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13:00	TDM News (Repeated)
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14:30	RTPi Live
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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	Miscellaneous
01:10	TDM News (Repeated)

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## 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

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01 OCT - 14 OCT

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2.30, 4.45, 7.15, 9.30 pm

Director: Ridley Scott

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## this day in history



## 2001 US LAUNCHES AIR STRIKES AGAINST TALEBAN

The United States has begun its military campaign, Operation Enduring Freedom, against al-Qaeda and the Taliban in Afghanistan.

Cruise missiles and bombers have targeted the airports of Kandahar and Kabul and terrorist training camps near Jalalabad.

The attacks which began around 1630 GMT were quickly followed by a public broadcast from President Bush who promised a "sustained and relentless" campaign.

The Taliban has condemned the strikes and says it shot down a plane, a claim denied by the Americans.

Up to 50 cruise missiles are reported to have been launched from submarines in the Arabian Sea.

The US also flew in B52 bombers stationed on the island of Diego Garcia, and B2 Stealth bombers direct from the US itself.

Tony Blair confirmed the initial strikes involved a British contribution by HMS Illustrious and a small number of submarines.

They form part of a US-British naval coalition gathered in the region within striking distance of Afghanistan, including two US aircraft carriers.

Speaking at a news conference, US Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld, said key targets would be terrorist training camps and Taliban communications, fighter planes and air defence installations.

But the Pentagon says it will be mounting operations from the air and the ground, and defence experts say special forces are likely to be used soon into the campaign.

In his broadcast, George Bush underlined America's commitment to pursue terrorism in light of the events of 11 September.

He warned there was "no neutral ground" and that any government sponsoring terrorism would be taking a "lonely path at their own peril."

The US administration has repeatedly rejected Taliban offers to bargain over the fate of its guest, Saudi-born militant Osama Bin Laden.

The al-Qaeda leader, who is accused of plotting the 11 September attacks, also released a speech to time with the strikes.

In a message delivered to Al-Jazeera television, an Arabic news channel, he sought to portray the bombing as part of a wider war of two sides, the "side of faith, and the side of infidelity".

Tony Blair pledged Britain's commitment to the campaign and stressed it would be fought on three fronts - military, diplomatic and humanitarian.

Courtesy BBC News

## IN CONTEXT

The strikes were the first retaliatory response to the 11 September 2001 terror attacks in which nearly 3,000 people died. The key objectives were to stop Afghanistan from remaining a terrorist haven and to find Osama Bin Laden.

Within three months, the Taliban were effectively ousted.

With help from the Northern Alliance, an army of rebel Afghan factions, coalition forces have been hunting down al-Qaeda militants, but Bin Laden has not been found.

A US-friendly Afghan administration is in place until 2004.

International forces are helping to maintain order in Kabul, but warlords maintain powerbases in the regions.

Human rights abuses are high and heroin production is up. Estimates of civilian deaths in Afghanistan vary between several hundred and several thousand.



YOUR STARS

**Aries**  
Mar. 21-Apr. 19  
You need to explore your world — your fierce, fiery energy demands it! See if you can push yourself out into new places and make new discoveries. A romantic partner may cross paths with you.

**Gemini**  
May 21-Jun. 21  
You can't just sit around all day — you need to step up and do something fun! Your energy is perfect for parties, social engagements and anything that involves taking action in some way.

**Leo**  
Jul. 23-Aug. 22  
You can't believe how ridiculous your peers are being. It could be friends, colleagues or even just strangers on the train, but the pettiness that surrounds you cannot be believed. Rise above it all!

**Libra**  
Sep.23-Oct. 22  
You need to do more than just hang out doing the same old thing — it's time for you to expand your world! Your great social energy should help you to make cool discoveries and meet new people.

**Sagittarius**  
Nov. 22-Dec. 21  
You get some happy news early today that should keep a smile on your face at least through tonight. With energy like yours, it could come from almost any aspect of your life, so prepare for anything.

**Aquarius**  
Jan. 20-Feb. 18  
Things are definitely on the upswing today, and you may be able to expand into new territory or find a new way to make the most of your assets. It's a great time to make new moves!

**Taurus**  
April 20-May 20  
Pay attention to finances today — things are a little troubling, maybe, but you can see yourself through this time if you are attentive. The situation hasn't reached its limit quite yet!

**Cancer**  
Jun. 22-Jul. 22  
Even if it makes you feel like a jerk, you need to take care of your own needs first today. That might not be as easy as it sounds, actually, so if you have to work at it, don't worry too much.

**Virgo**  
Aug. 23-Sept. 22  
Your daredevil side comes out today and shows the world what you are capable of. You may find that you can pull off stunts that others would shy away from — even you, on any other day!

**Scorpio**  
Oct. 23 - Nov. 21  
An impulse buy may seem inadvisable right now — but that just means that you need to ignore your advisers! You can't help yourself, but you may be able to at least get a good deal.

**Capricorn**  
Dec. 22-Jan. 19  
You may almost lose faith today, but see if you can keep pushing even if all looks lost. Your energy demands focus and commitment, and when you deliver, you can snatch victory from the jaws of defeat.

**Pisces**  
Feb.19-Mar. 20  
You're feeling pretty sure of yourself right now — so much so that you might just need to get a reality check! One of your closest friends or oldest coworkers can set you straight if you need realignment.

THE BORN LOSER by Chip Sansom



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Tianjin	17	26	cloudy/smoggy
Urumqi	5	16	clear
Xi'an	13	22	overcast/cloudy
Lhasa	6	22	clear
Chengdu	14	27	drizzle
Chongqing	19	25	overcast
Kunming	16	22	shower
Nanjing	19	22	shower
Shanghai	20	23	overcast/drizzle
Wuhan	19	23	moderate rain
Hangzhou	19	23	drizzle
Taipei	24	29	overcast/drizzle
Guangzhou	24	28	moderate rain
Hong Kong	26	29	drizzle/cloudy
WORLD			
Moscow	-1	6	sleet/drizzle
Frankfurt	14	23	drizzle
Paris	10	20	drizzle
London	8	17	moderate rain
New York	14	21	clear/overcast

CROSSWORDS

**ACROSS:** 1- Not fooled by; 5- High-ranking NCO; 9- Surrender; 13- Russian refusal; 14- Anatomical passages; 16- Utah city; 17- Vintner's prefix; 18- Actress Shire; 19- Taylor of "Mystic Pizza"; 20- Wood strips; 22- Dealer in foodstuffs; 24- Reconstruct; 27- Son of \_\_\_; 28- Source; 29- Qualified; 33- Country singer Tucker; 34- 1982 Disney film; 35- Moderately cold; 36- Sun Devils' sch.; 37- Gesture of indifference; 38- Heston's org.; 39- Head of France; 41- Walked; 42- Take \_\_\_ for the worse; 44- Building; 46- Brought about; 47- Gyro meat; 48- Hard to find; 49- Environment; 52- Type of shirt; 53- Adam's third son; 57- Poultry enclosure; 58- Atty.-to-be exams; 60- Calamitous; 61- Hole-making tools; 62- Ancient Greek colony; 63- Novelist Seton; 64- Account; 65- River of Flanders; 66- 365 days;

**DOWN:** 1- Lennon's lady; 2- TV's "Science Guy"; 3- X; 4- Study of diseases of the ear; 5- Fingerless hand cover; 6- Lesley of "60 Minutes"; 7- Hair goops; 8- Part of TNT; 9- Pertaining to the colon; 10- Guitarist Clapton; 11- Strike out; 12- Islamic chieftain; 15- Droopy; 21- 1998 Sarah McLachlan hit; 23- Toupee, slangily; 24- Take turns; 25- Rubber; 26- Memorandum; 27- Audibly; 29- \_\_\_ the side of caution; 30- Additional pay; 31- Mr. Moto portrayor; 32- Gnu cousin; 34- Pulsate; 37- Incentives; 40- Obscuration of light; 42- Swiss river; 43- Third day of the week; 45- \_\_\_ kwon do; 46- Roman general; 48- Knot again; 49- Future doc's exam; 50- Caucus state; 51- Hang loose; 52- Makes brown; 54- \_\_\_ kleine Nachtmusik; 55- \_\_\_ Little Tenderness; 56- Get wind of; 59- Salty sauce;

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## RUGBY

# Springboks take a humble approach ahead of World Cup game vs USA

OF the four countries in action today, only two-time champion South Africa has a realistic chance of progressing to the Rugby World Cup quarterfinals.

Don't expect that to take any heat out of the contests when the Springboks bid to seal top spot in Pool B with a win over the United States at the Olympic stadium and Georgia takes on Namibia in Pool C.

The Georgians rested several key players against defending champion New Zealand last Friday, although with inspirational skipper Mamuka Gorgodze leading the way they gave the All Blacks a torrid time despite the 43-10 score. They're back to full strength against the last-place Namibians.

The South Africans have selected a nearly full-strength lineup to play the winless Americans — they aren't taking any chances after being upended by Japan in the first weekend of the tournament, a shocking loss that ranks as the biggest upset ever at the World Cup. Veteran flanker Schalk Burger, a former world player of the year and World Cup champion, is set to equal John Smit's South Africa record of 17 RWC appearances.

"You have to stay humble and respect every single opponent," Springboks coach Heyneke Meyer said, reflecting Monday on the main lesson of the tournament to date. The U.S. Eagles "have shown they are a world-class team, they're very difficult to play against, very physical, a lot of big, strong forwards and great runners in midfield."

The top two teams in each pool advance to the quarterfinals, and there's a consolation prize for the teams which place third — automatic qualifi-

AP PHOTO



Japan's Karne Hesketh, right, scores the winning try against South Africa

cation for the 2019 World Cup in Japan.

The U.S. Eagles only have a short turnaround between their third and fourth games, so they're following the lead of some other Tier Two countries by leaving a core group of first-choice players out against the top-tier nation so they can focus on chasing a win in their last game against Japan on Sunday.

Meyer didn't want to take any risks against the Americans, making only two changes to the starting lineup that beat Scotland 34-16 over the weekend. He didn't want to gamble on the fitness of some

key players, either, so he left veteran lock Victor Matfield, prop Jannie du Plessis and flying winger JP Pietersen out of the 23-man squad for South Africa's last pool game.

"Victor and Jannie were a 50-50 call but you want to go with guys who are high percent fit. To look past this game would be arrogant and we don't want to do that," Meyer said.

The South Africans were comprehensive 64-15 winners in the last head-to-head at Montpellier in 2007, the year they went on to win the World Cup. Burger and winger Bryan Habana played for the Springboks in that game.

Scrumhalf Fourie du Preez will lead the Springboks for the second time and Morne Steyn to the reserves bench,

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COACH, SOUTH AFRICA

giving him potentially his first cap for the tournament.

After losing 26-16 to Samoa and 39-16 to Scotland, U.S. coach Mike Tolkin wants to keep most of frontline starters fresh for the Japan match.

South Africa-born scrumhalf Niku Kruger will make his World Cup debut in a team led by No. 8 Samu Manoa.

Lou Stanfill, who faced the Springboks at the 2007 World Cup, hasn't ruled out a repeat of Japan's "massive upset."

"At any point of contact one person can lose," Stanfill said, "and we're planning on not being on that losing end."

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## GOLF

# Mickelson brings experience and emotion to Presidents Cup

**P**HIL Mickelson studied the line of the putt from both sides, and then he stood over an imaginary golf ball about halfway to the hole and gently swung his putter to make sure he had the right read.

And it wasn't even his shot. "The first part is going to slide to the right," he told Presidents Cup rookie Chris Kirk, "and then it's going to try to move back to the left."

Kirk narrowly missed the putt, and Mickelson winced.

This was more than just one of his money games yesterday at a big event. Mickelson had yet another rookie under his wing, relishing in his role as the guy who has played the Presidents Cup as many times as the U.S. captain (Jay Haas) and two of his assistants (Fred Couples and Steve Stricker).

"His experience is huge," Jimmy Walker said. "He's playing with Chris Kirk and he's telling him things throughout — the history of his play, little tidbits here, something that might help Chris down the road in the next couple days. So I think that's what really helps."

The history of Mickelson in the Presidents Cup is extensive.

He has never missed one since it began in 1994, and this might be the most special of all. He was 30th in the U.S. standings and needed a captain's pick to join the Americans at the Jack Nicklaus Golf Club Korea. Haas sought the opinion of the players who qualified, and it became an easy choice.

"Across the board, the players were all in when we were tex-

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Phil Mickelson

ting and talking to them," Haas said. "The captains, certainly, were all about Phil. ... You could say, 'Well, his play didn't warrant being a consideration' and all that. But I don't know that you can put a value on what he means to the players and the demeanor he brings into the

team room."

He showed that much at the first team dinner Monday night.

Mickelson dressed for the occasion in flag pants, which look like pajama bottoms with a Stars & Stripes pattern.

"I asked him if he was cooking because it looked like some-

thing a chef would wear," Walker said. "American flag pants. It was great."

For all the incessant trash talking, side bets and laughs, there is a serious side to this Presidents Cup for Mickelson. He is proud of his streak — his 21st consecutive time playing in the Presidents Cup or Ryder Cup — he was as much a player's pick as a captain's pick.

"That meant more to me than anything, and I'm appreciative of the chance to have felt how that feels to be wanted by the other players," Mickelson said. "And it was very emotional for me when I found out. It makes me just want to play hard and so anything I can to help us succeed."

That hasn't been a problem for the Americans in the Presidents Cup. They haven't lost this match against the International team (players from everywhere outside the United States except for Europe) since 1998 at Royal Melbourne, and they have won every time since a tie in South Africa.

Mickelson became the first American to go 0-5 in South Africa in 2003, a forgettable year in which his wife nearly died giving birth to their third child and Mickelson failed to win a PGA Tour event for only the second time in his career. Jack Nicklaus was the captain

of that U.S. team, and he marveled later about how Mickelson remained upbeat all week despite not winning a match.

"He is the Alpha dog," Zach Johnson said. "He does have kind of that mentality of, 'You know what? I've done it and I know what it's about.' But there's also a significant selflessness there. In other words, he knows he's just 1-12th of the team. When you have a leader that gets that, that's pretty awesome."

Mickelson doesn't see it that way. He just wants to win points.

He has a 20-16-11 record, tied with Tiger Woods for the most points contributed at the Presidents Cup. He doesn't see his role much differently now, even though he is being looked upon as much as an inspiration and as a Hall-of-Famer with 45 victories worldwide.

"If he wins all his points, he's a real good leader," Bubba Watson joked. "No, it's like having another assistant. He understands what it takes. He's had the experience. He's had the bad and the good. When he speaks, everybody listens."

Even when he's trying to bring some humor?

"He brings it all," Watson said. "And if it's not that funny, you just laugh because you feel bad for him." AP

## OLYMPICS

## Rio games cutting costs with Brazil deep in recession

**O**LYMPIC organizers, faced with the reality of a country deep in recession, are trimming costs to keep their budget balanced.

To keep spending in line, officials say they will cut back on printed material, reduce staffing at dozens of test events and trim costs for the opening and closing ceremonies of the Olympics and Paralympics in Rio de Janeiro.

"This is a very strict budget," said Sidney Levy, the organizing committee's chief executive officer. "There'll be no excess, but we are not going to compro-

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Children play in a water fountain next to Olympic rings at Madureira Park in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

mise the essentials."

Levy has said often over the last few months he will trim costs and cut non-essential purchases.

News of the budget austerity comes as

hundreds of journalists from around the world are in Rio this week visiting Olympic venues and talking with organizers about how the games will run when they open Aug. 5, 2016.

The organizing committee's budget remains at 7.4 billion reais (USD2 billion), which is for putting on the games themselves. It does not include building venues, subway lines and highways to help stage the games.

Operating income is from ticket sales, local sponsorships, merchandising and licensing with the largest contribution from the International Olympic Committee.

Brazil hosted the World Cup last year with year-long protests leading up to the event. Now the Olympics are causing a strain.

Brazil's currency has lost 70 percent of its value against the dollar in the last year and inflation is running at 10 percent. The economy is expected to remain in a steep recession through the games, and there are calls to impeach President Dilma Rousseff, partly driven by a \$2 billion bribery scandal involving state-run oil company Petrobras.

Olympic organizers face other problems.

The venues for sailing, rowing, canoeing, triathlon and open water swimming are heavily polluted with viruses and bacteria with only stop-gap measures possible to contain the problem. Organizers have said athletes are not at risk, though some athletes have openly questioned competing in the dirty water. AP

## SOCCER

## Albania plans tough security for Euro qualifier with Serbia

Albanian authorities are taking tough security measures for tomorrow's European Championship qualifier against Serbia, fearing a repeat of nationalist violence that marred the first leg. Police spokeswoman say about 1,500 agents will be in and around the stadium in Elbasan, 50 kilometers south of Tirana. Traffic will be banned near the venue, bars in the city center will be closed and fans will have to show identification and undergo searches before they are admitted. Last year's game in Belgrade was abandoned after a drone with an Albanian nationalist flag flew over the field, prompting a brawl among players and a pitch invasion. Albania was awarded the match by forfeit 3-0.



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Made in Macao

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FAMILY BUSINESSES — OUTDATED OR A SHOT AT DIVERSIFICATION?

According to a report published by IPIM in August 2008, 99% of businesses in Macao are SMEs and the majority of those are family businesses. That may be one of the very few pieces of data available which gives us some idea of the number of family businesses in Macao. At first glance, the data makes sense. Stroll down any street in Macao beyond the city centre, and you'll find numerous shops, stores and cafés which seem to have been there forever. We see grandparents sitting in these shops, and children running around while their parents manage the business and chat with regular customers. That is the scene I picture when I think of SMEs in Macao.

To determine the percentage of family businesses in Macao, I carried out a small survey in the course of my academic studies. The sample may not be enough to represent true reality, but should be enough to give us a ballpark figure. According to my survey, only around 10% of local SMEs are family businesses. Now, that was a big surprise. Have all those grandma and grandpa shops been replaced by international brands, pawn shops and new style coffee shops over night?

In some areas like San Ma Lo and NAPE, and even in Rua da Cunha, traditional family shops have been sold out or closed down and replaced by coffee shops. But we still see many family style businesses around town. So, why is it only 10% of SMEs in Macao turned out to be family businesses?

After chatting with small business owners, the culprit was identified. The Chinese term for family business “jiā zú qǐ yè” 家族企業 seemed to have been misleading. The term gives the picture of a business and a family like that of SJM and the Ho family — a large corporation run by a large family with multiple successors. Moreover, the many Hong Kong soap operas depicting business families with siblings and relatives fighting for control has given a negative connotation to the term. That's why, our humble SMEs, though owned and run by husbands and wives, and helped out by the younger generations, did not consider themselves “jiā zú qǐ yè”.

Another reason many family-owned or family-operated SMEs in Macao do not consider themselves family businesses is rooted in the perception local entrepreneurs have of family businesses. According to a successful serial entrepreneur in Macao, family-businesses are out-dated. He thinks that family businesses are traditional operations, complacent and lacking in innovation. That could explain why a number of our interviewees said that they are sole-proprietors. Even when the day-to-day operation depends on family members' participation, and it is the intent to have the next generation succeed the business, they do not want to be considered a family business.

In my opinion, family businesses are not out-dated, indeed, they should be those we look towards to diversify our economy. It is not the number of new ventures that drive the economic development of a place, but the number of growth firms. That being said, effort should be focused on growing existing firms instead of starting new firms: a family business that has been run for two or more generations has already established a strong foundation, giving the next generation a solid base from which to grow and expand.

Innovation is not just about starting a new company. Applying new ways of doing things and establishing new markets are innovations to expand the existing 'traditional' businesses. Successful examples like the well-known Macao brands Choi Heong Yuen and Koi Kei were new companies once, but were not innovative until the third generation applied new ways of doing things, growing the family businesses into what they are today. But souvenirs is just one industry; there must be other long surviving businesses with strong foundations that await the younger generation's innovation to expand so all family members can one day proudly call them “jiā zú qǐ yè”.

THE BUZZ IMF DOWNGRADES FORECAST FOR WORLD, EMERGING MARKET ECONOMIES

The International Monetary Fund is downgrading its forecast for global economic growth and says falling commodity prices and jumpy financial markets have raised global risks.

The IMF says the world economy will grow 3.1 percent this year, down from a July forecast of 3.3 percent and the slowest pace since the recession year 2009. The report is being released in advance of the IMF-World Bank

annual meetings this week in Lima, Peru.

The report predicts the United States will grow 2.6 percent this year, up from a July forecast of 2.5 percent. Emerging market economies, hurt by tumbling raw materials prices, will grow 4 percent.

The IMF left unchanged its forecasts for growth in the 19 countries that share the euro currency (1.5%) and China (6.8%).

OFF PHILIPPINES

Yacht missing with 2 Britons, American, Canadian, Filipino

AP PHOTO



Jim Gomez, Manila

A yacht carrying two Britons, an American, a Canadian and a Filipino disappeared while sailing in waters that were lashed by a storm last week, the Philippine coast guard said yesterday.

Philippine and Hong Kong authorities have dispatched search planes and alerted ships, but the yacht Europa has not been found in the South China Sea area where it last emitted a distress signal, Philippine coast guard spokesman Cmdr. Armand Balilo said.

The British Embassy in Manila confirmed two of its nationals were on board. “We are liaising urgently

with the local authorities concerning search and rescue operations and providing support to the families,” it said in a statement.

The 18.2-meter (60-foot) yacht left Hong Kong on Thursday and was supposed to arrive in Subic Bay northwest of Manila not later than Monday. An emergency position-indicating radio beacon on the boat was activated Saturday, indicating the vessel was experiencing difficulties, the Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club said in a statement.

Hong Kong's Maritime Rescue Coordination Centre dispatched a search plane and passing ships were asked to be on the lookout.

“No yacht, life raft or de-

bris was detected,” the club said.

The Hong Kong-registered boat was owned and skippered by Robin Wyatt with four crewmembers, who were all experienced sailors, according to the club. The Philippine coast guard identified Wyatt as one of the two Britons on board the Europa.

A tropical storm, Mujigae, blew out of the northern Philippines on Saturday and intensified at sea into a powerful typhoon before slamming into the southern Chinese province of Guangdong the following day. At least 10 people were killed in both countries, Chinese and Philippine authorities said.

More than 200 Filipino fishermen were reported missing in Mujigae's aftermath, including many who ventured out to sea from the northwestern Philippine provinces of Pangasinan and La Union despite warnings of rough sea conditions, Manila's Office of Civil Defense said.

Many sailed back safely after taking shelter somewhere and others were rescued but a few dozen fishermen remain missing, officials said. AP

Station	Air quality	
Roadside	10-30 Good	
High Density Residential Area	10-30 Good	
Ambient	10-30 Good	

SOURCE: DSMG

WORLD BRIEFS

**AFGHANISTAN** Fighting erupts anew in the embattled northern city of Kunduz after the Taliban attacked a police headquarters overnight and officials warned that food and other emergency aid cannot get through to the city.

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**NEPAL** The main group of protesters opposing the new constitution said its negotiations with the government failed to reach a resolution yesterday even as a punishing border blockade continued to squeeze the country. Laxman Lal Karna from the United Democratic Madhesi Front said talks with the government would resume today.

**INDIA** The chief cleric of Bangalore's main mosque says he has advised the heads of hundreds of mosques in India's technology hub to actively counter propaganda by extremist Islamic groups by reaching out to young people in colleges and on social media.

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**YEMEN** Attacks targeting exiled Yemeni officials and Saudi-led troops fighting in the country's civil war killed at least 15 people yesterday in the port city of Aden, authorities said. A new Islamic State affiliate claimed responsibility for the assault, which officials previously blamed on Yemen's Shiite rebels.

**INTERNET** Twitter launched a new feature called “Moments” that helps highlight the top stories being tweeted. The feature will showcase top stories being discussed, even if you don't follow the tweeters. It can be found by tapping a lightning bolt icon tab on the site or app. It will update the “Moments” throughout the day. The “Moments” are a mix of news and fluffy trending topics.

**SWEDEN** Takaaki Kajita of Japan and Arthur McDonald of Canada win the Nobel Prize in physics for discovering the “chameleon-like” nature of neutrinos, work that yielded the crucial insight that the tiny particles have mass. More on p15

THE DECISIVE MOMENT

AP Photo/Joshua Paul



Foggy days. A tourist boat passes by the Seri Wawasan Bridge covered by haze in Putrajaya, Malaysia yesterday. The haze, which has shrouded parts of Malaysia and Singapore for a month, also spread to Thailand, the first time it has reached hazardous levels so far north. Neighbors are turning up the heat on Indonesia (see p12).