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LOCAL residents lack awareness of how international policies could impact Macau and its economy, said Agnes Lam, president of Macau Civic Power, yesterday.

Speaking on the sidelines of the organization's roundtable yesterday at Macau Art Garden, Lam said controversial policies and administrative orders – particularly by newly elected U.S. president Donald Trump – could cause further friction between Washington and Beijing.

The scholar questioned whether such tensions would affect the gaming industry and bemoaned the MSAR's lack of a mechanism to inform concerned residents about how the territory might be affected in the future.

Citing her belief that controversial administrative orders, such as the travel ban to some Muslim countries, could affect residents, Lam said, "We don't see them [local government officials] doing anything publicly or making public announcements."

"We have an American interest here so people will kind of [question whether] we are going to be affected. I think all these kinds of international affairs in the news [are] somewhat affecting Macau," the scholar told the Times.

Lam also doubts that the region is sufficiently prepared for crisis management, as she believes that residents are

Macau residents lack global political awareness



Agnes Lam (second from left)

not well-informed about international affairs.

"The government, officials [or] public announcements - we don't see that they are doing anything publicly."

The group also discussed whether the region is actively promoting the diversification of the region's economy and whether it focuses on promoting the cultural industry.

The civil organization president argued that although the region's gross gaming reve-

nue has improved, the industry – on which Macau's economy is heavily dependent – may not always be a reliable source of economic growth.

"In that case, we need to be well prepared if anything happens. We need to have some kind of mechanism to deal with that kind of economic crisis," she said.

The president also argued that the reliance on gaming revenue could compromise attention that should be

given to "community economy."

"Those small [companies] are important, because when something happens - when investors go away, we need to rely on local businesses. [But] are local businesses strong enough to support the local economy?"

The scholar further stressed that the MSAR needs a mechanism to access information on how the society would be affected by international

policies.

"We don't have the mechanism to access the information. Is the government doing any kind of control or preparation? We don't have that."

Citing the assassination of Kim Jong Nam, Lam asked whether the killing has anything to do with the territory's internal security, since Kim lived in Macau, and whether police authorities have enough manpower to "work on that area."

Are local businesses strong enough to support Macau's economy?

AGNES LAM

"Do we have a threat? Are we in some kind of danger? We don't know."

Lam stressed that residents lack interest in global affairs, noting that the local citizens view such matters as soap operas and dismiss political tensions.

Yet she gave the government the benefit of the doubt, saying, "Maybe the government doesn't want to make the public feel they are in danger or anything, so they don't tell."

Jason Chao to quit ANM, will launch civil platform in April

JASON Chao, vice president of the New Macau Association (ANM), has resigned from his post and withdrawn his membership from the association, citing plans to launch a new civil platform dedicated to promoting and monitoring election fairness.

Following Chao's announcement of his resignation via Facebook last Thursday, he answered questions on the matter at an ANM press conference the following day regarding Taishan's nu-

clear power plant.

"Last night, I formally notified all members of the New Macau Association about my decision to leave the New Macau Association on the 31st of March this year," he confirmed.

The night before the press conference, Chao wrote on Facebook that ANM and the region's civil society had undergone a transformation in the past 11 years.

"A decade ago, it was hard to imagine that Macau would not be short of

Chao plans to promote and monitor election fairness

political critics and protest organizers. However, I hope Macau civil society will move forward not in the absence of values," the former vice president said.

Chao, who also co-founded LGBT rights group Rainbow of Macau, confirmed that he would not run for the next Legislative Assembly election.

He added that his personality and physical condition makes him unsuitable for a lawmaker position.

The activist said he will cut ties with the association to avoid any conflict of interest with his plans for the platform, which is slated for an April release.

"After evaluation and careful consideration, I



Jason Chao

decided to leave the New Macau Association because I will start a new project in early April [...] about the promotion and monitoring of election fairness in Macau," Chao revealed to the press.

"To keep the new project credible, and to detach myself from all possible conflicts of interest, I have to disassociate myself from all political

groups that would run for the legislature."

Chao noted that Macau is in need of a more vibrant civil society.

"We cannot deny the fact that the civil society of Macau has been very weak in comparison with our neighboring regions."

Chao will organize a second press conference today at 1 p.m. to further discuss his resignation.

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Daniel Beittler

A Tibetan artist who was due to perform a live painting session during the Lilau Square events yesterday has allegedly been barred from entering the Macau SAR.

Tashi Norbu was allegedly refused entry to Macau and "left in limbo" in Hong Kong, preventing him from attending the organized painting of "Fire Rooster" – the painting's title and the year's symbol for both the Chinese and Tibetan calendars.

The painter - who is of Tibetan descent, though a Belgian national living in the Netherlands - had been allowed to attend an event at the iAOHiN Gallery in April last year, where his artwork was exhibited as part of the "Tibet Revealed" exhibition.

According to a statement issued by iAOHiN curator Simon Lam, Tashi said: "I was planning to show my art, a language and medium I have studied for my whole life. [...] It is sad that I am banned to be present and perform my art and skills in Macau."

According to Lam, Tashi was also detained for about an hour while leaving and entering Macau last year, while this was not the case in Hong Kong.

The Public Security Police Force (PSP) has declined to provide details on the decision, citing privacy concerns. A PSP repre-

Tibetan artist barred from entering MSAR



Artist Tashi Norbu pictured in April last year when exhibiting in Macau

sentative further stated that there is no list regulating who may or may not enter the territory, implying that immigration officials made the decision independently.

"The police cannot confirm any particular case given the privacy law. In all cases, it acts according to the law. Law 4/2003/Article 4 lists the reasons why a person might be denied entry," noted

the PSP in reply to an enquiry from the Times.

According to the law, non-residents of the MSAR can be refused entry if they have been previously sentenced or if there is a "strong indication" that are prepared to commit a crime, or if there are doubts about their intent to return, their subsistence during their stay or the authenticity of their travel document.

Tashi was not refused entry to Hong Kong where, according to the latest information, he is currently staying.

The PSP said that the person in question would have been issued with a statement explaining the decision of immigration, as is standard procedure.

According to the statement issued by Lam, "no specific reason was given for the denial of entry to Macau, but Norbu acknowledged that he might be considered a controversial painter by Beijing." He has previously painted burning Tibetan monks and spiritual scenes with the Dalai Lama and Tibetans in exile.

"I am personally very disappointed with authorities' attitude to art and seeing it as a threat, banning what is nothing else than pure art performance," stated Lam. "Censorship is simply wrong, and in this case it simply cannot be justified as Tashi has been allowed to perform in Hong Kong last week without any problems."

Representatives of cultural authorities in Macau usually attend

large-scale or international exhibitions in Macau, in line with the government's objective of promoting culture as an economic alternative to gaming.

Last year's exhibition at iAOHiN was noticeably absent of government representation, possibly due to some of the controversial artworks on show.

The artist acknowledged he might be considered a controversial painter

The most controversial of the works on display was by Australia-based Tibetan exile Karma Phuntsok, which appeared to depict the Chinese military crackdown during the Lhasa Uprising in 1952. Karma did not attend the exhibition.

The Times interviewed Tashi last year, learning of his unique artistic style that blends traditional, religious Tibetan artwork with contemporary "mainstream" icons. In honor of his visit last year, Tashi brought with him an unfinished painting including portrayals of the Grand Lisboa casino and the Macau Tower.

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MIGUEL DE SENNA FERNANDES

Multiculturalism not enough, Macau needs to go further

Daniel Beitler

MIGUEL de Senna Fernandes, a lawyer and leader of the Macanese community, argued during a talk yesterday that beyond multiculturalism, Macau needs to promote cross-cultural dialogue and challenge cultural self-segregation in order to be truly unique.

Senna Fernandes, president of the board of the Macanese Association, made the argument during his presentation, titled "Bridging cultural differences."

It was held at the historic mansion located in Lilau Square – which Senna Fernandes remarked was a fitting place for a discussion on multiculturalism – as part of a series of publicity events ahead of the potential HKD250 million sale of No.37 and 49 Largo do Lilau.

"What is so special about Lilau?" he asked during the talk.

"Maybe it is a symbol of history and romance that holds meaning for the Portuguese and Chinese [communities]. [The place] has been the inspiration for many literature works and songs. It is a place where mostly the Portuguese would live in high concentration. [...] Many famous Portuguese and Macanese families used to live



Simon Lam and Miguel de Senna Fernandes (right)

here, or very nearby. The Chinese would come here to collect water from the well, particularly the old ladies, which is why it is sometimes known as 'The Old Ladies' Well'."

"Lilau therefore has a history of cultural confluence between the two communities," he concluded.

For the most part, the Portuguese and Chinese lived together peacefully for centuries, undisturbed by each others' presence, according to Senna Fernandes. This unwritten agreement was founded on principles such as friendship

and mutual respect.

However, there were several episodes in Macau's history when the cross-culture relationship was less harmonious. Examples include the Chinese armed insurrection and subsequent killing of Portuguese governor João Maria Ferreira do Amaral in the mid-19th century, as well as the more recent 1-2-3 Incident in 1966 when months-long tensions ignited

riots and police repression.

Senna Fernandes yesterday warned against retaining the "prejudice of the past" and cited episodes of Macau's history that "we still don't want to discuss."

"Ninety-four percent of the population is Chinese. So what makes Macau different [from other places]? It's the remaining six percent. This six percent means something for

Macau, and the Central Government knows this."

Senna Fernandes' solution is to accept and embrace these uncomfortable parts of Macau's history, no matter what transpired. He said that greater cultural intermixing is required to help bridge the cultural differences between the MSAR's two most influential communities.

Lilau has a history of cultural confluence between the two communities.

MIGUEL DE SENNA FERNANDES

"For centuries in Macau, the Portuguese would live side by side with the Chinese, yet they would rarely mix. You have the Macanese, but they are the exception to this 'multiculturalism with walls'," he explained.

"What we need is 'interculturalism' because this would make Macau truly different. [...] If the Portuguese want to live here, they need to mingle and integrate."

Senna Fernandes called for Macau residents to open their minds to other people, cultures and languages.

PATUÁ REVIVAL UNLIKELY

MIGUEL DE Senna Fernandes, president of the board of the Macanese Association and a member of Macau's Patuá theater group "Dóci Papiacám di Macau" ("Sweet Language of Macau"), also stressed yesterday the importance of preserving the dialect as a link to Macau's past. However, despite the group's efforts to revive the rarely-spoken dialect, Senna Fernandes

admitted yesterday that he doubts that Patuá can survive without a critical mass of speakers. "Its purpose for me [then] is to make people laugh and bring them joy," he said. "The expressions are humorous, so even the young people can enjoy learning and speaking the language [...] the youngest member of [the theater group] is only 12 years old."

New iAOHiN gallery showcases Polish, Baltic amber

A new Gallery, located on the corner of Lilau Square near the Mandarin's House, opened its doors yesterday. The gallery showcases amber jewelry hailing from Poland, the Baltic area and Mexico, according to organizers.

Nancy Chui, the founding director of a Hong Kong-based company that seeks to promote the use of amber in jewelry across the Asia-Pacific region, collaborated with iAOHiN organizers to launch the store.

She told the Times that although amber is generally popular in Asia, it is rarely used in design across the region.

Through Chui's work with the Hong Kong Design Institute, she hopes "to promote amber [in both Hong Kong and Macau] so jewelry students and locals can start to use it in their work."

"We are here with the purpose of bringing amber knowledge to Macau," added Chui.

Chui's company, Amberozia Limited, currently operates four retail shops in Hong Kong. iAOHiN Amber Gallery is its first foray into the MSAR.

The company aspires to be the Asia-Pacific region's leading amber specialist.



Sands China Cotai park to open soon

A park designed and built by Sands China Ltd has been constructed next to the Sheraton Grand Macao Hotel in the Cotai area and will be opened to the public following approval from authorities.

Donna Campbell, director of public relations at Sands China, informed

the Times last week that the park is permanent and will be open to the general public as well as guests at Sands China resorts.

"It has been designed, built and will be maintained by Sands China Ltd.," Campbell wrote in a statement. "It has been completed, and following the

normal statutory inspections and licensing, will be opened shortly thereafter."

"This is a facility that will be open to the general public, who are free to visit and enjoy the facility, which has a fantastic view back towards The Parisian Macao and in the

forefront, the magnificent Eiffel Tower replica," continued Campbell.

The park is built on a strip of land owned by Sands China, south of the Sheraton Grand Macao Hotel. It is located opposite the Eiffel Tower replica, which is separated from the park by Estrada do Istmo. **DB**

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Nova Park, Taipa

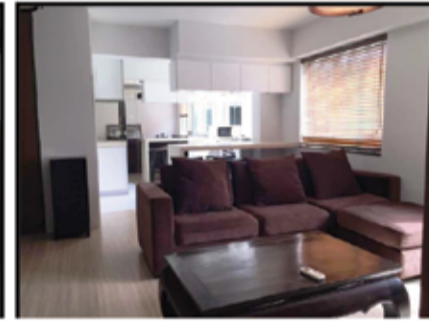
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Millennials key drivers for innovation

Lynzy Valles

IN this era of digital disruption, consumers - particularly millennials - are making demands for the continued innovation of products and experiences.

At a talk last week by the French Macau Business Association titled "Connected Consumers: Innovate or Die", Anson Bailey, head of Consumer Markets of KPMG China, stressed that some companies - predominantly traditional firms - still fail to innovate, thus risking extinction.

"Today the speed of change is so rapid that companies are going to get left behind if they stay in the same place," he said.

As long-established companies are much more conservative than startups or young entrepreneurs, they are more likely to be risk-averse and consequently fail to innovate.

The consumer market expert believed that the challenge traditional firms face today is



Anson Bailey

anticipating the market's movements, and observed that such firms are still operating on old technological platforms - refusing to take advantage of new platforms that have since been made available.

"They have the technology but they simply did not use it," Bailey said regretfully, citing the downfall of Kodak.

"I think it's a big issue. I

think there are a lot of traditional companies who still make good money, but they simply they don't see the signs," he argued.

"They are not monetizing the consumers and so when they realize that they need to do something, they have missed the boat," he continued.

Meanwhile, Bailey stressed in his presentation that millennials play a significant role in the innovation of products and services, particularly in China.

The expert said a significant number of brands and retailers have engaged external firms to communicate through and make use of social media platforms on their behalf, in order to connect with tech-savvy millennial consumers.

Due to millennials' short attention span, Bailey added that retailers need to ensure that they can connect and demonstrate their proposition in a very succinct matter.

A report published by KPMG, one of the Big Four

auditor firms, titled "China's Connected Consumers 2016", revealed that China is leading in global online spending, which amounts to 48.5 percent versus a global average of 27.9 percent.

Bailey further stressed that this era is seeing technology advancing in mobile phones yet argued that brands should ensure they have a strong physical presence such as pop-up shops where consumers can "touch, feel and experience the products."

Meanwhile, the Times also questioned whether Macau is failing to keep up with global trends or innovations such as the use of Uber, noting that the region still has no jurisdiction over ride-sharing.

According to Bailey, the government is sometimes slow to regulate. Yet he stressed that matters such as the Uber case are consumer-driven.

"So companies like Uber would not be around if it weren't for the consumer. There is a consumer demand [and] it is very difficult to stop that momentum building up," the expert explained.

"Such companies have proved to be a popular choice for consumers because it's about convenience, and use of technology platforms," he concluded.



CE participates in Guangdong-Macau discussions

At a high-level Guangdong-Macau meeting on Friday, Chief Executive Chui Sai On said Macau's participation in the development of the Central Government's "Belt and Road" initiative would complement Guangdong-Macau ties. The meeting - also attended by the Secretary of the CPC Guangdong Provincial Committee, Mr Hu Chunhua, and the Governor of Guangdong, Mr Ma Xingrui - focused on methods to strengthen trade and investment between both places.

Thirteen suffer food poisoning at MGM

According to statement issued by the Health Bureau, 13 people have been contaminated with food poisoning after eating out in a restaurant at MGM Macau. The group was dining at Rossio restaurant on February 16 before they developed symptoms including vomiting, diarrhea and fever. The Civic and Municipal Affairs Bureau, the Food Safety Center and MGM have pledged to follow up with the case. "At MGM, food quality and safety of guests are of paramount importance," the gaming operator stated.

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KIM JONG NAM MURDER

VX poison caused paralysis, quick death



A hazmat crew scan the decontamination zone at Kuala Lumpur International Airport 2 in Sepang

Eileen Ng

MALAYSIA'S health minister said yesterday that the dose of nerve agent given to North Korean ruler Kim Jong Un's exiled half brother was so high that it killed him within 20 minutes and caused "very serious paralysis."

Kim Jong Nam died Feb. 13 at Kuala Lumpur's airport in what Malaysian police say was a well-planned hit by two women who wiped a liquid on Kim's face. Police revealed Friday that the banned chemical weapon VX nerve agent was used to kill Kim, raising the

stakes in the case.

Health Minister Subramaniam Sathasivam said the dose of VX given to Kim was so high that he showed symptoms within minutes. Kim fainted at the airport clinic and died in the ambulance while en route to a hospital, he said.

"VX only requires 10 milligrams to be absorbed into the system to be lethal, so I presume that the amount of dose that went in is more than that," he said at a news conference. "The doses were so high and it did it so fast and all over the body, so it would have affected his heart, it would have affected his lungs, it

would have affected everything."

Asked how long it took for Kim to die after he was attacked, Subramaniam said, "I would think it was about, from the time of onset, from the time of application, 15-20 minutes."

Malaysia hasn't directly accused the North Korean government of being behind the attack, but officials have said four North Korean men provided two women with poison to carry it out. The four men fled Malaysia on the same day as the killing, while the women — one from Indonesia and the other Vietnamese — were arrested.

Experts say the nerve agent used to kill Kim was almost certainly produced in a sophisticated state weapons laboratory and is banned under an international treaty. But North Korea never signed the treaty, and has spent decades developing a complex chemical weapons program.

Kim was not an obvious political threat to his estranged half brother, Kim Jong Un. But he may have been seen as a potential rival in North Korea's dynastic dictatorship, even though he had lived in exile for years.

North Korea has denied any role in the attack.

Earlier yesterday, Subramaniam said the state chemistry depart-

ment's finding of the VX toxin confirmed the hospital's autopsy result that suggested a "chemical agent caused very serious paralysis" that led to death "in a very short period of time." The VX agent can lead to death very quickly in high doses, he said.

He said the final autopsy report would be submitted to police soon.

Subramaniam also said that there have been no reports of anyone else being sickened by the toxin, but that medical workers who attended to Kim would remain under observation for possible delayed effects.

Tens of thousands of passengers have passed through the airport since the apparent assassination was carried out. No areas were cordoned off and protective measures were not taken.

Early yesterday, more than a dozen officers in protective gear

swept the budget terminal where Kim was attacked and said they found no traces of VX.

Abdul Samah Mat, the police official leading the investigation, said the terminal was "free from any form of contamination of hazardous material" and declared it a "safe zone" after a two-hour sweep.

He also said a condominium on the outskirts of Kuala Lumpur that was raided by police last week had been rented by the four North Korean suspects who left the country. He said police were still testing a seized substance for traces of any chemicals.

Abdul Samah said the Indonesian woman who was arrested, Siti Aisyah, vomited in a taxi on the way from the airport after the attack but is fine now. He said that more tests were needed to determine if the two arrested suspects were given antidotes so the nerve agent wouldn't kill them.

An antidote, atropine, can be injected after exposure and is carried by medics in war zones where weapons of mass destruction are suspected. **AP**

SUSPECT SAYS SHE GOT USD90 FOR A PRANK

THE INDONESIAN woman who is one of the suspects in the killing of North Korean ruler Kim Jong Un's half brother said she was paid \$90 for what she believed was a prank, an Indonesian official said Saturday. Siti Aisyah also told au-

thorities she did not want her parents to see her in custody, Andriano Erwin, Indonesia's deputy ambassador to Malaysia, said one day after Malaysia revealed that VX nerve agent was used in the bizarre killing at Kuala Lumpur's airport.

THE University of Macau (UM) on Friday launched the Centre for Chinese History and Culture, a new research center to promote the influence of Chinese history and culture in Portuguese-speaking countries.

The UM said in a statement that the new center is also intended to enhance local residents' understanding of the same topics.

EDUCATION

UM launches research center for Chinese history

Sonia Chan, Secretary for Administration and Justice, commented that the new center will enable UM to consolidate its resources and maximize its strengths in order to contribute to the study of the field.

Xue Xiaofeng, deputy director-general of the

Liaison Office of the Central People's Government in Macau, remarked that Macau's culture shares an origin with mainland Chinese culture, Lingnan culture and Xiangshan culture.

Xue added that since its establishment as a trading port, the MSAR has

been an important hub for economic and cultural exchange between mainland China and the Western countries. Macau, as a city where Chinese and Western cultures coexist in harmony, is highly significant from a research perspective.

Xue expressed his ho-

pes that the center could provide courses in Chinese history and geography for local primary and secondary schools.

The Ministry of Education has designated the center as a key platform for the research of humanities and social sciences. UM said it would jointly

develop this state-level research platform with Tsinghua University and East China Normal University.

At the ceremony, representatives of the three universities signed a letter of intent under the witness of some 100 guests. The universities will collaborate to promote academic exchange and research activities on Chinese history and culture.

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SANDS RESORTS HOLDS SALES APPRECIATION AWARDS DINNER



Sands Resorts Macao hosted its annual Sales Appreciation Awards gala dinner on Thursday at The Parisian Macao to recognize its leisure, MICE, airline and media partners' contributions to its success throughout 2016.

Sands Resorts Macao said this year's event, titled "The Legends Awards", is part of its business philosophy of

acknowledging and rewarding the trade partners of its integrated resorts.

The "Legends" theme was chosen as a timeless symbol of both Chinese and Western mythology to emphasize attributes such as strength, courage, ambition and achievement.

The "Trade Partner of the Year, Online Market" award went to Booking.com B.V and "Trade Partner of the Year, Leisure Market" was given to China International Travel Service Ltd, Head Office. China Travel Service Gongbei Port Guangdong Co., Ltd. was awarded the "Trade Partner of the Year, MICE Market" award.

MASERATI LAUNCHES NEW CAR IN MACAU



Around a hundred guests gathered at Galaxy Macau "China Rouge" on Friday evening for the unveiling of the Maserati Levante SUV and the Maserati Ghibli 2017.

Galaxy Entertainment Group said in a statement that the Maserati Levante represents a new chapter in Maserati's iconic history. Levante offers outstanding performance capabili-

ties on and off the road with comfort, Italian style, high-tech features and all-weather handling even on snow and ice.

The Maserati Ghibli 2017 is described as a masterful combination of style, power, sports handling and comfort. There will also be Luxury and Sport packages to highlight the Ghibli's various capabilities.

WATSONS HK TO DISTRIBUTE HOLLAND & BARRETT



Celebrated British health food and supplements brand Holland & Barrett is hitting the streets of Hong Kong through a distribution deal with Watsons.

The launch follows recent Watsons research in 2016 showing that more than half of Hong Kong people rank their health as either poor or fair. Concerns vary by age group and gender, and range from stress and poor sleep to concerns about body shape, hair and skin quality, allergies and intestinal pro-

blems.

More than 70 percent of Hong Kong people already buy or are considering vitamins or supplements. This figure rises to 90 percent among women under 30, showing that young customers are concerned about health.

More than 150 Holland & Barrett products are now available at Watsons Hong Kong. They include supplements for bone and joint health, digestion, sports nutrition and children's vitamins.

Guards become first Sands casino workers with union contract

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SECURITY officers at a Pennsylvania casino have become the first to ratify a union contract under billionaire casino magnate Sheldon Adelson.

Security personnel at the Sands Casino Resort Bethlehem last week agreed to a three-year deal with Las Vegas Sands Corp., The (Allentown) Morning Call reported.

The officers are the only union members at Las Vegas Sands, which has more than 50,000 employees worldwide at casinos in Las Vegas, Singapore and Macau. They are part of the International Union, Security, Police and Fire Professionals of America.

The 146-member local approved a deal that gives security guards immediate raises of 8 percent, a seniority structure and a greater say in work rules at the casino in Bethlehem, according

to International Union President David Hickey. The vote was 70-6.

"These guys are making history today," Hickey said. "They've hung in there through some hard times to get here. They have a right to be proud."

Sands guards first voted to unionize in 2011, but the casino company founded by Adelson fought the decision. Negotiations on an initial contract began nearly a year ago.

"The first contract is always the hardest, but we're pretty happy with what we got," said George Bonser, a recently retired Sands guard who helped lead the unionization effort.

Sands has remained largely free of unions by offering competitive wages and benefits to its workers, and by fighting attempts to organize, the newspaper reported.

Sands officials did not respond to a request for comment. **AP**

AIA, Manulife said to bid for SCB's Thai Life insurance unit

AIA Group Ltd. and Manulife Financial Corp. are among bidders for Siam Commercial Bank Plc's life insurance operations in what could be the biggest-ever acquisition of a Southeast Asian insurer, people with knowledge of the matter said.

Thai billionaire Charoen Sirivadhanabhakdi is partnering with Singapore's Great Eastern Holdings Ltd. on a non-binding offer, while Hong Kong tycoon Richard Li's FWD Group and, separately, Prudential Plc have also bid, according to the people. Bidders for SCB Life Assurance Plc are expected to be shortlisted this month, said one of the people, who asked not to be identified because the process is private.

A deal could give the life insurance business a valuation of at least USD3 billion, people with knowledge of the matter said in April. Siam Commercial, Thailand's third-largest lender, has been considering selling a stake in the operations as well as gran-

ting access to sell insurance products through its branches, the people said at the time.

Global insurers have been seeking ways to expand their reach selling products via lenders with large Asian branch networks. German's Allianz SE announced a 15-year agreement last month to distribute products through Standard Chartered Plc's outlets in Asia. Sampo Holdings Inc.'s so-called bancassurance agreement last year gives the Japanese firm access to CIMB Group Holdings Bhd. branches in Southeast Asia.

A deal for the SCB unit - at a \$3 billion valuation - could be bigger than Li's \$2.1 billion acquisition of ING Groep NV insurance units in 2013 that created FWD Group, according to Bloomberg-compiled data. Li's deal for operations in Hong Kong, Macau and Thailand is the largest insurance purchase that includes Southeast Asian assets, the data show. **Bloomberg**

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SANDS CHINA NEWS

Sands China Supports Macau Holy House of Mercy's Welfare Shop for Fifth Consecutive Year

Company provides relief to disadvantaged families during Chinese New Year

A group of 40 Sands China Care Ambassadors volunteered their time Feb. 4 at Macau Holy House of Mercy's Welfare Shop, helping distribute around 350 food hampers to disadvantaged families, sending them New Year's blessings for the Year of the Rooster.

The event marks the fifth consecutive year of Sands China's support, which also included a donation of MOP 300,000 to help needy families facing financial hardships. The food hampers contain staple items like rice, noodles, biscuits, canned food, cooking oil, toothpaste, shower gel, and others.

Several thousand households from disadvantaged neighbourhoods have received food and essentials through the Welfare Shop's monthly distribution since it was launched in 2013 to help provide relief against the rising cost of living. Sands China has been a major sponsor, contributing a total of MOP 1.4 million since 2013, enough to provide nearly 1,500 food hampers.



Sands China Care Ambassadors gather outside Macau Holy House of Mercy's Centre for the Rehabilitation of the Blind at Fai Chi Kei Feb. 4, in preparation for distributing food hampers to disadvantaged families through the centre's Welfare Shop. It's Sands China's fifth consecutive year supporting the initiative.



Sands China Care Ambassadors help distribute food hampers to disadvantaged families Feb. 4 through Macau Holy House of Mercy's Welfare Shop, spreading blessings and good cheer for the Year of the Rooster.

Sands China President Dr. Wilfred Wong presented a cheque for MOP 300,000 Feb. 4 to Macau Holy House of Mercy President Antonio José de Freitas, member of the Fraternity's Board of Trustees Bruno Nunes, and President of the Supervising Committee José Ricardo das Neves. Winnie Wong, vice president of corporate communications and community affairs for Sands China Ltd.; Leong Heng Kao, president of the General Union of the Neighbourhood Associations of Macau; and Lee Chong Cheng, vice president of the board of directors of the Federation of Macau Workers Associations, were also in attendance.

The Sands China Care Ambassador programme aims to give Sands China employees an opportunity to serve the local community by organising community activities and initiatives that work toward creating a better Macao. With a current membership of more than 1,500 volunteers from across all Sands China properties - Sands Macao, The Venetian Macao, The Plaza Macao, Sands Cotai Central and The Parisian Macao - the Sands China Care Ambassadors have contributed more than 10,000 hours of voluntary community service in over 100 activities since the programme was founded in August 2009. Sands China Ltd. considers initiatives like its support of Macau Holy House of Mercy's Welfare Shop as central to its commitment toward social causes and community involvement.



Sands China President Dr. Wilfred Wong presents a cheque for MOP 300,000 to Macau Holy House of Mercy's Welfare Shop Feb. 4. Since 2013, the company has donated MOP 1.4 million to help provide disadvantaged families with relief against the rising cost of living.



Chinese paramilitary policemen build a fence near a concrete marker depicting the North Korean and Chinese national flags with the words "China North Korea Border"

ANALYSIS

Will China be North Korea's Trump card?

Eric Talmadge, Tokyo

CHINA'S announcement that it has suspended North Korean coal imports may have been its first test of whether the Trump administration is ready to do something about a major, and mutual, security problem: North Korea's nukes. While China is Pyongyang's biggest enabler, it is also the biggest outside agent of regime-challenging change — just not in the way Washington has wanted.

Judging from Trump's limited comments so far, and the gaping chasm between Washington's long-held focus on sanctions and punishment and Beijing's equally deep commitment to diplomatic talks that don't require the North to first give up its arsenal, a deal between the two won't come easily.

But if Beijing is indeed sending a signal to Trump about Pyongyang, its opening bid was a big one. North Korea's coal exports to China totaled USD1.2 billion last year, according to Chinese customs. U.S. officials say that represents about one third of the North's total export income.

For Kim Jong Un, that's going to hurt.

In a bitter critique, the North's official media on Thursday likened the decision by Beijing to an enemy state's move "to bring down" their social system and, in a tone it normally reserves for Washington, Tokyo or Seoul, accused Beijing of "dancing to the tune of the U.S." It was one of the most biting attacks the North's media has ever made against China.

Trump, meanwhile, has often appeared to be more interested

in bashing China than dealing with it. He has accused Beijing of not helping at all with the problem, and at the height of his bombast last year on the campaign trail, claimed China has "total control over North Korea."

"China should solve that problem," he said. "And if they don't solve the problem, we should make trade very difficult for China."

Trump has vowed to "deal with" North Korea, and his administration is conducting a broad-ranging policy review, including how to make sanctions bite. Negotiations haven't been ruled out, said a U.S. official who wasn't authorized to discuss internal deliberations and demanded anonymity.

Unofficial talks between North Korean government officials and former U.S. officials tentatively scheduled for early March in New York were called off after the U.S. government decided Friday against issuing visas, according to a person familiar with the decision who was not authorized to speak for the U.S. government and discussed the matter on condition of anonymity.

The State Department declined to comment Saturday, saying it does not discuss individual visa cases.

Although the U.S. government was not due to participate in the dialogue, and such unofficial talks have little bearing on official U.S. policy, allowing them to proceed could have signaled the Trump administration's openness to U.S. engagement with North Korea, whose delegation was due to be led by Choe Son Hui, director of the U.S. affairs

department in North Korea's Foreign Ministry.

It was not immediately clear why the U.S. government nixed the dialogue — a decision first reported by the Wall Street Journal. But the decision came after Malaysian authorities announced earlier Friday that the exiled half brother of North Korean leader Kim Jong Nam had been assassinated using VX nerve agent — a killing which is widely suspected to be the work of North Korea.

China knows the impact of a N. Korean implosion - economic chaos, flows of refugees into its border - are far bigger problems for it than for the U.S.

Trump's basic position on North Korea reflects a dusty old chestnut in Washington: that China can, and should, force Pyongyang to abandon its nuclear weapons but has instead, recklessly and shortsightedly, become North Korea's great enabler because it fears South Korea, an American ally that hosts U.S. troops, controlling everything right up to its border. That is, after all, why China fought the U.S. in the Korean War.

But the pervasive Chinese economic engagement with the North that so aggravates sanctions' advocates in Washington has dramatically advanced the growth of a gray-zone market system, the swelling of an increasingly influential merchant class that is not utterly beholden to Kim Jong Un or his ruling party and shifts in popular attitudes and social relationships that could be extremely destabilizing for the entrenched North Korean status quo.

Beijing is no buddy of the Kims. And both sides know it.

Though they fought on the same side in the 1950-53 Korean War, which cost China hundreds of thousands of lives, neither side trusts the other or harbors any illusions their relationship is, or ever was, anything like a friendship.

On the flip side, protecting stable trade relations with a prosperous Seoul is far more important and profitable for Beijing than its dealings with the Kims' northern dynasty. That trade serves to keep Pyongyang in check and also undermines the assumption that a reunited Korea would have the same motivations to remain the stalwart ally of Washington that Seoul now is.

It's also not a given the Korean public would continue to support the idea of hosting U.S. troops at all since their only purpose post-unification would, indeed, be to threaten China. There is considerable popular opposition in the South to the U.S. bases there even with the North intact and growing stronger.

Exasperated U.S. policymakers

like to say there are no good options with North Korea.

China could make the same complaint. Beijing is as painfully aware that its influence over Pyongyang has limits as Washington is aware that its military superiority alone cannot solve the problem.

China also knows the impact of a North Korean implosion — regional economic chaos, huge flows of refugees into its relatively poor northeast, which already has a sizable ethnic Korean minority — are far bigger problems for it than for the U.S. and far more likely than a last-breath, suicidal nuclear attack by Pyongyang on Washington.

Seen in that framework, it isn't surprising that China has half-heartedly gone along with U.N. resolutions on the North's nuclear program while advocating for enough security on the peninsula for U.S.-North Korea diplomacy to be a viable option. Its suspension of coal imports was done to comply with an import cap that was part of sanctions it agreed to last year — when Trump was still a private citizen.

But Beijing is also clearly tired of being scapegoated by Washington.

Repeated, self-righteous demands from the White House for China to take sole ownership over what Beijing considers to be a mess Washington created by rushing across the 38th parallel and on to the Yalu River when the North Korean army was in full retreat nearly 70 years ago almost guarantee it won't.

At least not in the way that Washington wants. **AP**

Tsang first to qualify as candidate in race to run HK

HONG Kong's former financial chief John Tsang received 160 nominations from a 1,200-member committee to formally qualify as a candidate in the race for the city's top job.

Tsang submitted his nomination form for the chief executive election Saturday morning to the city's returning officer, becoming the first contender to do so. He decided to send in the form as soon as he met the minimum requirement of 150 nominations instead of waiting for the March 1 deadline, Tsang told reporters after making the submission.

"At yesterday noon, I had slightly over 100 nominations," Tsang said. "We continued to work very hard in the afternoon to secure enough nominations."

Carrie Lam, the city's former chief secretary, is widely seen as the frontrunner after the Standard newspaper reported that she was endorsed by senior



John Tsang

Communist Party leaders. Beijing's influence over the March 26 election is feeding concerns about the central government's encroachment on Hong Kong's affairs, sentiments that sparked protests in 2014.

Candidate Regina Ip, often characterized in the local media as a pro-Beijing lawmaker, said central government leaders were "insecure" and that she had re-

jected offers of top appointments to Chinese national bodies in exchange for her dropping out of the leadership race, according to an interview with Cable News.

On Feb. 5, Zhang Dejiang - the Communist Party's No. 3 leader - told Hong Kong business executives and political leaders during closed-door meetings in neighboring Shenzhen that Lam was the preferred choice,

the Standard reported, without saying where it got the information.

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Lam acknowledged in an interview with Bloomberg that perceptions of Beijing's endorsement had dented her image, even as she continued to canvas for support among the election

committee. "It is demonstrated by the so-called popularity polls," Lam said. "I just don't see what I have done wrong in the last two or three weeks, but my poll seems have come down a bit."

Lam trails Tsang by 14 percentage points in a South China Morning Post poll of 1,018 adults released Feb. 10, compared with 4.4 percent a month earlier. Still, 66 percent believed Lam would win the job, a 20-point increase from the previous poll, compared with 18 percent for Tsang.

On Feb. 23, 30 lawyers from the legal subsector in the election committee issued a statement outlining their "deep concerns" after the South China Morning Post reported that former chief executive Tung Chee-hwa told a closed-door meeting that Beijing wouldn't approve the winner of the March 26 election if it deemed him or her unacceptable. Tung said that Beijing didn't trust Tsang and that Lam was more capable.

"Such action undermines the fairness of our chief executive's election and shows a callous disregard for the aspirations of most Hong Kong people to have free and fair elections without ignorant and insensitive interference," it said. **Bloomberg**

Regulator: China needs to rein in risky stock behavior

Joe McDonald, Beijing

CHINA needs to do more to stop risky behavior in its stock market, a regulator said yesterday, following a 2015 collapse in share prices and complaints investors are engaged in a dangerous new round of speculative buying.

Regulators need to stop "blind expansion" by financial firms, the deputy chairman of the China Securities Regulatory Commission, Li Chao, said at a news conference.

People in financial industries have warned insurance companies and others are making dangerously aggressive investments in stocks and real estate. On Friday, the chairman of a life insurer was banned from the industry for violating limits on investing.

Regulators need to "increase the intensity of supervision" and "seriously deal with illegal acts," said Li.

China's stock market is one of the world's biggest but prices are volatile and complaints of insider trading and other abuses are common. The markets are largely sealed off from glo-



China Securities Regulatory Commission Deputy Chairman Li Chao

bal capital flows but Beijing is gradually easing barriers to foreign investors owning Chinese stocks.

In 2015, share prices surged and then collapsed, wiping trillions of dollars off stock value and battering small investors.

That was a "hard lesson" that regulators need to improve their ability to keep track of what brokers and investors are doing, Li said.

Regulators plan this year to "fully implement compliance and risk control" and "standardize the investment banking business," he said.

Markets have stabilized since the crash, allowing

companies to resume raising money in stock offerings, said the agency's chairman, Liu Shiyu. He said 248 companies raised 163 billion yuan (USD24 billion) last year.

Liu was appointed in February 2016 after his predecessor was fired following the market plunge.

At the same time, said Li, regulators imposed more than 200 administrative measures last year against securities firms, fund managers and others who were found to be acting improperly.

On Friday, the country's insurance regulator said the chairman of Foresea Life Insurance Co., Yao Zhenhua, was banned from the industry for 10 years. The agency said Foresea, part of Yao's Baoneng conglomerate, risked too much of its assets on investments in stocks and real estate.

In December, another insurer, Evergrande Life, a unit of China Evergrande Group, was banned from the stock market. Regulators said it engaged in frequent speculative trading and ordered it to improve risk management. **AP**

Former Xi colleagues promoted in economic team revamp

CHINA chose former associates of President Xi Jinping to lead the commerce ministry and top economic planning body, shaking up his economic team as trade tensions rise with the U.S.

He Lifeng was appointed director of the National Development and Reform Commission, which sets macroeconomic policy, according to a statement released after the standing committee session of the National People's Congress on Friday. Zhong Shan will lead the Ministry of Commerce, it said.

He was the third-highest ranking member of the NDRC, overseeing Xi's signature "One Belt, One Road" initiative to build an intercontinental web of infrastructure and trade links with China. Before moving to NDRC, He was deputy party chief of the northern

port city of Tianjin.

He's ties to the president date back to the mid-1980s, when he ran the fiscal affairs of Xiamen while Xi was deputy mayor of the southeastern port. He was among a handful of guests invited to the low-key wedding in 1987 when Xi and People's Liberation Army singer Peng Liyuan tied the knot, according to a person familiar with the matter.

Zhong served as the Ministerial-level international trade representative and vice commerce minister before the promotion. He previously oversaw international trade negotiations and anti-monopoly investigations.

Zhong became deputy governor of Zhejiang province in 2003 and worked under Xi, the then-party chief. In 2008, he went to Beijing to assume the post of vice commerce minister,

and then added a new role of China's trade representative in 2013.

In another move, Ding Xuedong, chairman and chief executive officer of China Investment Corp., the nation's USD810 billion sovereign wealth fund, has stepped down, according to a person familiar with the matter. He left for another job, said the person, who asked not to be identified discussing personnel issues.

China's exports have remained subdued as soft global demand weighed on sales. Last year, the country's trade surplus decreased for the first time since 2011. In the meantime, it has faced increasing trade disputes across the globe, and failed to obtain "market economy status" from developed countries 15 years after joining the World Trade Organization. **Bloomberg**



Saudi Arabia's King Salman (left) stands next to Malaysia's King Muhammad V

Saudi king begins tour of Asia

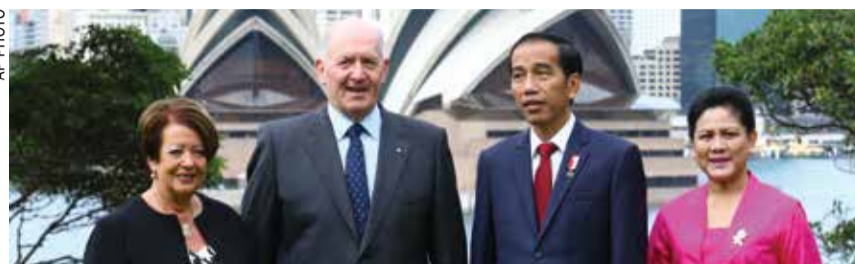
Saudi King Salman has arrived in Malaysia to kick off a multi-nation tour aimed at boosting economic ties with Asia. The official Saudi Press Agency reported yesterday that the monarch's tour will also take in Indonesia, Brunei, Japan, China and the Maldives. Salman will also visit Saudi Arabia's neighbor Jordan before returning home. OPEC kingpin Saudi Arabia is the world's largest oil exporter, with much of its crude destined for customers in Asia. The kingdom is eager to attract investment as it diversifies its economy, including for its upcoming initial public offering of part of state oil giant Saudi Aramco.

PHILIPPINES

Offensive continues amid threat to behead German

The Philippine military says troops are pressing efforts to eradicate Abu Sayyaf militants, who have threatened to behead a German hostage by a ransom deadline that has lapsed. Military spokesman Brig. Gen. Restituto Padilla said yesterday that troops were continuing operations to rescue foreign and local hostages, including German hostage Jurgen Gustav Kantner, believed to be held by the militants in the jungles of southern Sulu province. Kantner said in a video that circulated online earlier this month that the militants have threatened to behead him by mid-afternoon of yesterday if a ransom were not paid. There was no immediate sign whether the militants pushed through with their threat to kill him. President Rodrigo Duterte's adviser, Jesus Dureza, made a last-minute appeal to the militants to spare Kantner.

Australia, Indonesia agree to restore full military ties



Indonesian President Joko Widodo (second from right) and his wife Iriana (right) pose with Australia's Governor-General Peter Cosgrove and his wife Lynne

Chelsea Mes, Jason Scott

AUSTRALIAN Prime Minister Malcolm Turnbull and Indonesian President Joko Widodo agreed to restore full military cooperation at a meeting between the two leaders in Sydney yesterday.

Indonesia moved to suspend all military partnerships between the two countries last month, citing technical issues. Australia's Defense Minister Marise Payne said that concerns were raised in late 2016 by an Indonesian national armed forces officer over teaching materials and remarks at an army language training facility in Australia.

"President Widodo and I have agreed to the full restoration of defense cooperation, training exchanges and activities," Turnbull said in a joint statement from the leaders.

Widodo, also known as Jokowi, is

on his first visit to Australia. He and Turnbull agreed to enhance maritime cooperation between the countries. "I've assured the president of Australia's commitment to Indonesia's sovereignty and territorial integrity," Turnbull said.

Jokowi said a "robust relationship" can be established between Australia and Indonesia "when both countries have mutual respect for each other's territorial integrity, non-interference into the domestic affairs of each other and the ability to develop a mutually beneficial partnership."

Jokowi and Turnbull are seeking to strike a balance between China — a major trading partner for both, and the U.S., which has for decades been the dominant military presence in Asia.

While Indonesia has sought to stay neutral in disputes between its neighbors and China over the nearby South China Sea, it's become increa-

singly cautious over Chinese expansion in the region.

Incursions by Chinese fishing boats and its coast guard, along with public comments by senior Chinese officials about access to waters near the gas-rich Natuna Islands, prompted Jokowi to tell a Sydney newspaper in November that the islands are "our territory" and there would be "no compromise on sovereignty."

Australia and Indonesia are in talks for a comprehensive economic partnership to cut tariffs and promote trade, which Turnbull and Jokowi said they expect to be completed by the end of the year.

The two leaders announced Indonesia will lower tariffs on Australian sugar to 5 percent, while Australia will eliminate tariffs on pesticides and herbicides coming from Indonesian suppliers.

Jokowi said he discussed "key issues" on trade with Turnbull, including removal of barriers and tariffs on Indonesian products such as paper and palm oil.

"The potential for us to expand our economic relationship is very clear," Turnbull said. "We are both committed to concluding a high-quality, bilateral free-trade agreement, the Indonesia-Australia Comprehensive Economic Partnership, by the end of this year." **Bloomberg**

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Swedes puzzle over Fox News' Swedish 'security advisor'

Jennifer Peltz, New York

A trans-Atlantic wave of puzzlement is rippling across Sweden for the second time in a week, after a prominent Fox News program featured a "Swedish defense and national security advisor" who's unknown to the country's military and foreign-affairs officials.

Swedes, and some Americans, have been wondering about representations of the Nordic nation in the U.S. since President Donald Trump invoked "what's happening last night in Sweden" while alluding to past terror attacks in Europe during a rally Feb. 18. There hadn't been any major incident in Sweden the previous night.

Then, Fox News commentator Bill O'Reilly convened an on-air faceoff Thursday over Swedish immigration and crime between a Swedish newspaper reporter and a man identified on screen and verbally as a "Swedish defense and national security advisor," Nils Bildt.

Bildt linked immigration to social problems in Sweden, lamented what he described as Swedish liberal close-mindedness about the downsides of welcoming newcomers and said: "We are unable in Sweden to socially integrate these people," arguing that politicians lacked a systematic plan to do so.

But if viewers might have taken the "advisor" for a government insider, the Swedish Defense Ministry and Foreign Office told the newspaper Da-



Bill O'Reilly of the Fox News Channel program "The O'Reilly Factor," poses for photos in New York

gens Nyheter they knew nothing of him. Calls to Swedish officials Saturday weren't immediately returned.

Bildt is a founding member of a corporate geopolitical strategy and security consulting business with offices in Washington, Brussels and Tokyo, according to its website. His bio speaks to expertise on defense and national security issues, saying his experience includes serving as a naval officer, working for a Japanese official and writing books on issues ranging from investment and political climates to security issues in working in hostile

environments.

But security experts in Sweden said he wasn't a familiar figure in their ranks in that country.

"He is not in any way a known quantity in Sweden and has never been part of the Swedish debate," Swedish Defence University leadership professor Robert Egnell said by email to The Associated Press on Saturday. He and Bildt — also known then as Nils Tolling — were in a master's degree program in war studies together at King's College London in 2002-2003, and Bildt moved to Japan soon after, he said.

The executive producer of "The O'Reilly Factor" said Bildt was recommended by people the show's booker consulted while making numerous inquiries about potential guests.

"After pre-interviewing him and reviewing his bio, we agreed that he would make a good guest for the topic that evening," executive producer David Tabacoff said in a statement.

The network said O'Reilly was expected to address the subject further on Monday's show.

Bildt didn't respond Satur-

day to email inquiries; a person who answered the phone at his company agreed to relay one. He told Dagens Nyheter on Friday that he was a U.S.-based independent analyst, and Fox News had chosen its description of him.

"Sorry for any confusion caused, but needless to say I think that is not really the issue. The issue is Swedish refusal to discuss their social problems and issues," he added in a statement to the news website Mediate, explaining his profession as being an independent political adviser.

He is not in any way a known quantity in Sweden and has never been part of the Swedish debate.

ROBERT EGNELL
SCHOLAR

Trump's initial remark about "last night in Sweden" stirred a burst of social media mockery, while Trump explained on Twitter that he was referring to a Fox News piece on immigration and Sweden that he'd seen the night before.

Trump and his supporters, though, saw vindication when a riot broke out last week after police arrested a drug suspect in a predominantly immigrant suburb of Stockholm. Cars were set on fire and shops looted, and one policeman was slightly injured.

Trump took to Twitter again last week to declare that large-scale immigration in Sweden was "NOT!" working out well, upsetting many Swedes. AP

Protests erupt after Kyrgyzstan arrests opposition leader

HUNDREDS of people protested yesterday in Kyrgyzstan after authorities detained a prominent opposition leader on fraud and corruption charges that his supporters say are politically motivated.

Omurbek Tekebayev was arrested yesterday morning after arriving at the Central Asian country's main airport outside the capital Bishkek on a flight from Vienna.

About 300 people gathered in front of the State Committee for National Security, or GKNB, in Bishkek, later in the day to call for Tekebayev's release.

"The detention of the famous politician Tekebayev at night in the airport looks like the detention of a terrorist," former Kyrgyz President Roza Otunbayeva told journalists.

The GKNB said the

charges against Tekebayev are related to his time as deputy prime minister when he allegedly received a \$1 million bribe from a Russian businessman.

Tekebayev, the leader of Kyrgyzstan's Ata-Meken party, has vigorously denied the charges and returned from abroad despite knowing he could face detention. Members of Ata-Meken at the protest said his arrest was

illegal due to procedural violations.

Kyrgyzstan has opened a string of criminal cases against opposition figures in recent months that critics allege are politically motivated.

The largely Muslim nation, a former Soviet republic, is set to hold presidential election elections in November. Incumbent President Almazbek Atambayev is barred from standing for another



Kyrgyzstan's former President Roza Otunbayeva

term but recent constitutional changes conferring greater powers on the prime minister have promp-

ted speculation that he may seek to retain much of his power by switching to that post. AP

EU lawmakers, in unusual move, pull the plug on racist talk



Members of European Parliament hold signs during a plenary session in Brussels

Lorne Cook, Brussels

WITH the specter of populism looming over a critical election year in Europe, the European Parliament has taken an unusual step to crack down on racism and hate speech in its own house.

In an unprecedented move, lawmakers have granted special powers to the president to pull the plug on live broadcasts of parliamentary debate in cases of racist speech or acts and the ability to purge any offending video or audio material from the system.

Trouble is, the rules on what is considered offensive are none too clear. Some are concerned about manipulation. Others are crying censorship.

"This undermines the reliability of the Parliament's archives at a moment where the suspicion of 'fake news' and manipulation threatens the credi-

bility of the media and the politicians," said Tom Weingaertner, president of the Brussels-based International Press Association.

After Britain's decision to leave the European Union, the rising popularity of anti-immigrant candidates like Geert Wilders in the Netherlands or far-right Marine Le Pen in France is worrying Europe's political mainstream. Le Pen, who is running for the French presidency this spring, has promised to follow Britain's lead.

At the European Parliament, where elections are due in 2019, many say the need for action against hate speech, and strong sanctions for offenders, is long overdue.

The assembly— with its two seats; one in the Belgian capital of Brussels, and the other in Strasbourg in northeast France — is often the stage for political and sometimes nationalist

theater. Beyond routine shouting matches, members occasionally wear T-shirts splashed with slogans or unfurl banners. Flags adorn some lawmakers' desks.

Yet more and more in recent years, lawmakers have gone too far.

"There have been a growing number of cases of politicians saying things that are beyond the pale of normal parliamentary discussion and debate," said British EU parliamentarian Richard Corbett, who chaperoned the new rule through the assembly.

"What if this became not isolated incidents, but specific, where people could say: 'Hey, this is a fantastic platform. It's broad, it's live-streamed. It can be recorded and repeated. Let's use it for something more vociferous, more spectacular,'" he told The Associated Press.

In a nutshell, rule 165 of the

parliament's rules of procedure allows the chair of debates to halt the live broadcast "in the case of defamatory, racist or xenophobic language or behavior by a member." The maximum fine for offenders would be around 9,000 euros (\$9,500).

Under the rule, not made public by the assembly but first reported by Spain's *La Vanguardia* newspaper, offending material could be "deleted from the audiovisual record of proceedings," meaning citizens would never know it happened unless reporters were in the room. Weingaertner said the IPA was never consulted on that.

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RICHARD CORBETT
EU LAWMAKER

A technical note seen by the AP outlines a procedure for manually cutting off the video feed, stopping transmission on in-house TV monitors and breaking the satellite link to halt broadcast to the outside world. A videotape in four lan-

guages would be kept running to serve as a legal record during the blackout. A more effective and permanent system was being sought.

It is also technically possible to introduce a safe-guard time delay so broadcasts appear a few seconds later. This means they could be interrupted before offending material is aired.

But the system is unwieldy. Lawmakers have the right to speak in any of the European Union's 24 official languages. An offending act could well be over before the assembly's President Antonio Tajani even has a chance to hit the kill switch. Misunderstandings and even abuses could crop up.

During a debate in December, Gerolf Annemans, from Belgium's Flemish independence party *Vlaams Belang*, expressed concern that the rule "can be abused by those who have hysterical reactions to things that they qualify as racist, xenophobic, when people are just expressing politically incorrect views."

Even those involved in the move acknowledge that it's a sensitive issue.

Helmut Scholz, from Germany's left-wing *Die Linke* party, said EU lawmakers are elected — indeed the EU parliament is the bloc's only popularly elected institution — and must be able to express their views about how Europe should work.

"You can't limit or deny this right," he said.

He worries about fake news too, but of the kind made from selective extracts of debates.

"If you are following the whole debate that is one thing, but if you have certain media who are taking out individual sentences you could falsify the whole issue," he said.

Still, Nazi rallying cries and racist obscenities are relatively rare but not unheard of.

"We need an instrument against that, to take it out of the record, to stop distribution of such slogans, such ideas," Scholz said.

RUSSIA

Opposition figure freed; vows fight for human rights

A convicted Russian opposition activist who says he was tortured in prison was freed yesterday and has vowed to keep up the fight for human rights in Russia.

Ildar Dadin was released from his jail in the remote Altai region in southern Siberia after Russia's Supreme Court annulled his 2½-year sentence last week because of procedu-

ral violations.

"I will continue to fight with this false regime so that human rights will be observed like in the civilized world. I don't understand how you can be a human one day and not the next," Dadin said on being released, Russia's *Novaya Gazeta* newspaper reported.

Dadin was convicted in December 2015 of

breaking strict new legislations regulating public demonstrations. He is the only person to have been convicted under the legislation that was passed by Russia in 2014. Human rights groups described Dadin as a political prisoner who was only involved in nonviolent protests.

Dadin said last year that he was tortured by prison guards who carried out

group beatings and threatened to rape and kill him. Russian officials denied that torture had occurred but Dadin was transferred to a new prison shortly after the allegations were made public.

Dadin's wife, Anastasia Zotova, suggested last week that the couple may have to move abroad out of fear of new prosecutions. AP



Russian opposition activist Ildar Dadin (center)



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Offbeat

THORNY SKATE WILL NOT BE ADDED TO ENDANGERED SPECIES LIST



The thorny skate's population may have declined, but not by enough to justify listing it under the Endangered Species Act, the U.S. federal government has ruled.

Environmental groups had argued that the bottom-dwelling fish's population loss in the northwest Atlantic Ocean was considerable enough to afford it protections set aside for endangered animals. But the National Marine Fisheries Service disagrees.

Documents published in the Federal Register on Friday state that the fisheries service has concluded the thorny skate is "not currently in danger of extinction" in all or a significant piece of its range. The service said the fish is also not likely to become in danger of extinction soon.

The agency agreed with the petitioners that surveys of the skate have declined over time. Recent catch surveys show less than 5 percent of the peak they reached in the 1970s, the report stated.

However, the skates "remain numerous throughout the greater portion of their range, numbering in the hundreds of millions," the report stated.

The thorny skate ranges from Greenland to South Carolina. Animal Welfare Institute and Defenders of Wildlife called on the federal government to offer the fish Endangered Species Act listing, which could've led to habitat protection or new fishing restrictions.

The skates live in the Gulf of Maine, a key commercial fishing area, and the call to protect them generated some resistance from fishing groups.

Tara Zuardo, an attorney for Animal Welfare Institute, said Saturday that the group is disappointed by the government's ruling, and disagrees that the skate is not being subjected to overfishing.

"Climate change and other factors continue to impact this species," Zuardo said.

Fishermen have been prohibited from harvesting the thorny skate commercially since 2003. The fish are sometimes taken as bycatch in other fisheries, including by vessels that seek cod and some that seek other skates.

Skates have commercial value as bait as well as food, with the meat frequently appearing as "skate wing" on menus. It tends to be a little less expensive to consumers than other kinds of fish. AP

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ROOM 1

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Duration: 137min

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ROOM 2

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Director: Chad Stahelski

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Duration: 146min

A CURE FOR WELLNESS

ROOM 3

2:30, 9:15pm

Director: Gore Verbinski

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Language: English (Chinese)

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KANCOLLE THE MOVIE

ROOM 3

5:15pm

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Duration: 91min

RESIDENT EVIL: FINAL CHAPTER

ROOM 3

7:45pm

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THE SPACE BETWEEN US

ROOM 1

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Duration: 98min

this day in history



1963 ARGOUD CHARGED OVER DE GAULLE PLOT

Antoine Argoud, President De Gaulle's arch enemy and a former colonel in the French Army, has been charged with an assassination attempt on the president two years ago.

Argoud was, until now, the only active member of the Algerian Secret Army (OAS), an organization opposed to Algerian independence that has used violent methods to promote its cause.

He was found by police yesterday tied up and badly bruised in the back of a blue van in central Paris after a tip-off. He claims he was kidnapped from Munich, Germany, by the French secret service, known as Les Barbouzes (the Bearded Ones).

But the man who phoned police about Argoud's whereabouts claimed to be a member of the OAS.

He told the police: "Argoud has betrayed us. He has failed in all the tasks which he should have organised - especially the attempt on the life of President de Gaulle at the Petit Clamart last August. "You can pick him up now. He is very near you."

The blue van was found just yards from the Quai des Orfèvres, the French equivalent of Scotland Yard.

After a failed coup led by General Raoul Salan in August 1961, Argoud was captured and imprisoned in the Canary Islands.

But last March he escaped to Madrid dressed as a Spanish officer. Two months later, he made his way to Germany where he tried to drum up support for his cause among French Army units based there.

He has since courted the more moderate version of the OAS, the illegal National Resistance Council (CNR) led by former prime minister Georges Bidault and Jacques Soustelle.

Fifteen of Argoud's associates are already on trial at a military court in Paris for their part in the de Gaulle assassination plot.

Argoud himself was sentenced to death in absentia while he was on the run.

This sentence will be set aside in preparation for a new trial.

Courtesy BBC News

IN CONTEXT

The OAS was founded in 1961 and led by General Raoul Salan. It represented French settlers in Algeria and campaigned against independence in Algeria and France using terrorist means - including the attempted assassination in August 1961 of the French president General de Gaulle.

In March 1962 de Gaulle reached agreement with Algerian nationalists to give Algeria independence. General Salan was captured and jailed in April 1962 and the organisation gradually disintegrated.

Colonel Argoud argued that his trial in December 1963 was not legal because he had been taken back to France against his will.

But the trial went ahead and he was sentenced to life imprisonment.

He was released, along with other former OAS members, during a general amnesty in May 1968.

YOUR STARS

Aries Mar. 21-Apr. 19 The stars say to go and let 'er rip. Have you been holding back? Now is the time to unleash your full potential.

Taurus April 20-May 20 Emerson wrote, 'A foolish consistency is the hobgoblin of little minds.' And who wants a bunch of goblins running around in their head?

Gemini May 21-Jun. 21 Understanding leads to compassion, and that can be very dangerous, because it defuses anger and leads people into feeling (gasp!) sympathy for each other.

Cancer Jun. 22-Jul. 22 Part of you wants to be out in public, waving at the crowd and taking your bows. The other half wants nothing more than to be wrapped up in a fluffy bathrobe with a good book.

Leo Jul. 23-Aug. 22 Don't overdo it. Pushing yourself if you already feel like you're at the limits of your endurance isn't a good idea right now.

Virgo Aug. 23-Sept. 22 Kick it up a notch, why don't you? You've been running at a low hum, and it's an ideal time to go full throttle.

Libra Sep.23-Oct. 22 A complicated relationship might have a surprisingly simple solution once you put your mind to it. The trouble is, this person is equal parts help and hindrance, and you don't quite know what to do about it.

Scorpio Oct. 23 - Nov. 21 You don't want to be the power behind the throne. Bide your time, however. Someone needs you in that capacity, and even you have to admit that your talents match extremely well with such a position.

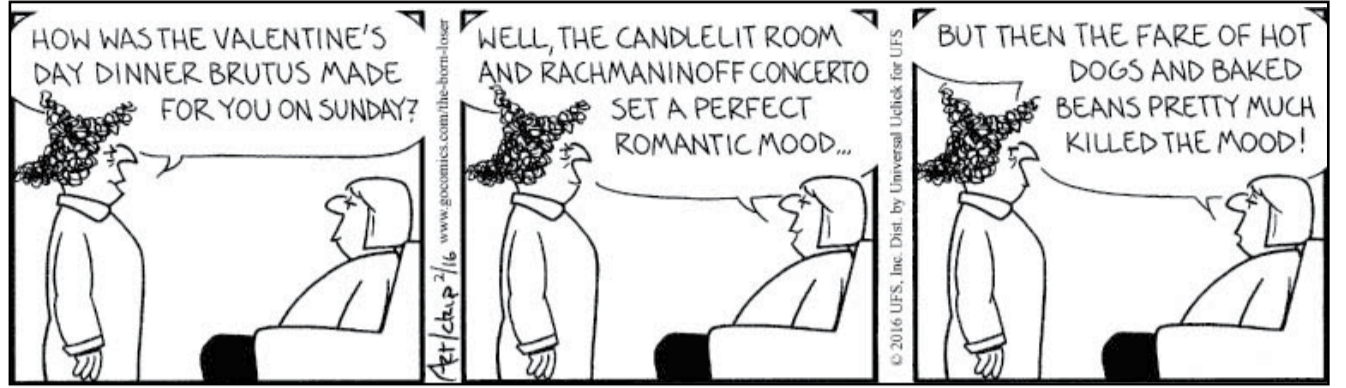
Sagittarius Nov. 22-Dec. 21 Just because you're a rebel doesn't mean that you'll never ever be any good. Just make sure you're actually a rebel with a cause, and not just playing devil's advocate for the heck of it.

Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 19 The stars have taken your natural industriousness and multiplied it, so if there's been anything exceptionally big on your agenda that you've put off tackling, now is definitely the time to address it.

Aquarius Jan. 20-Feb. 18 When you try to get you-know-who to pay up, the check could just come back marked insufficient funds. In other words, if someone has repeatedly proved untrustworthy, why are you keeping them?

Pisces Feb.19-Mar. 20 It's time for you to do something lovely and relaxing. Get outside and go for a nice walk. Take a yoga class. Better yet, go for a gentle swim.

THE BORN LOSER by Chip Sansom



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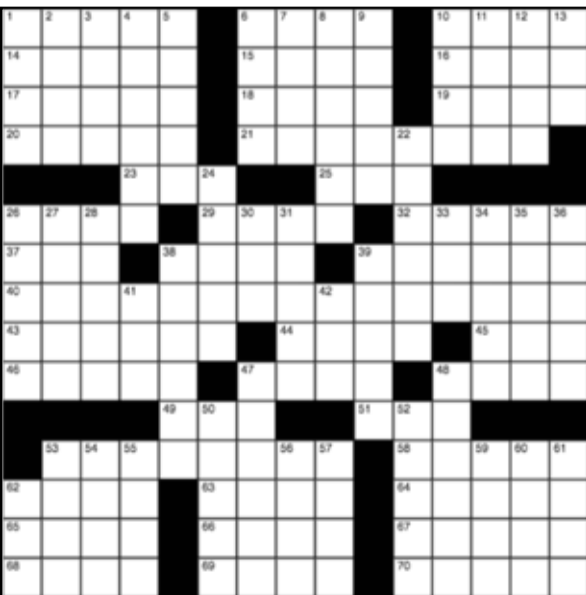
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ANALYSIS | ASIAN WINTER GAMES

Sapporo bid for Olympics worth a shot

Cao Jianjie

WITH the Asian Winter Games winding down without a glitch in Sapporo, it is time for the three-time host of the continental event to seriously consider a bid for the Winter Olympics.

Sapporo was the first Asian city to host the Winter Games, and its 1972 Olympic legacy still lasts to this day. Most of the Asian Games competitions, including Alpine skiing, snowboarding, ski jumping, biathlon and ice hockey, were held on renovated 1972 venues, winning a nod from the Olympic Council of Asia (OCA) President Sheikh Ahmad Al Fahad Al Sabah, who said Sapporo has all the facilities needed to hold the Winter Olympics for a second time.

Sapporo officials said they are considering a bid for 2026, but nothing officially has yet been decided.

"Our citizens' interest in bidding for the Winter Olympics is rising," said Sapporo mayor Katsuhiko Akimoto, also the chief organizer of the Winter Asiad.

The OCA president is warm to the prospect of a Sapporo bid for the 2026 Games, saying the city "is capable and ready." A successful bid would mean the IOC

returning to a city in Asia for a third straight time following PyeongChang in 2018 and Beijing in 2022.

The Japanese Olympic Committee has yet openly voiced its support for a 2026 bid, keeping in mind that Tokyo is hosting the Summer Olympics in 2020.

■ Sapporo was the first Asian city to host the Winter Games, and its 1972 Olympic legacy still lasts to this day

Sapporo's abilities in organizing big games have been recognized by the 2022 host. "I am impressed with their savvy, diligence and efficiency," said Wang Yanxiao, head of a six-member "learning team" sent by the 2022 organizing committee.

"We come to learn," added Wang, "especially in the areas of personnel management, tech support, venue design and construction, post-games use of faci-



A performance during the closing ceremony of the 2017 Sapporo Asian Winter Games yesterday in Sapporo

lities and venues, as well as media service."

Wang noted a deeply-rooted winter sports tradition in Sapporo. "In addition to natural resources, Sapporo has a great winter sports tradition and a perfect atmosphere, as well as a deep pool of winter sports per-

sonnel," Wang said.

Wei Jizhong, an OCA honorary life vice president, gave glowing marks to Sapporo. "People here are enthusiastic about winter sports, and they are very nice," said Wei.

"They are cheering for figure skaters from south Asia even

though they tumbled on the ice. Volunteers are very helpful, and 79 percent of tickets were sold out," he added.

Bidding applications for 2026 are expected to be due early in 2018 and the International Olympic Committee will decide a winner in 2019. **Xinhua**

Jim Armstrong, Sapporo

FOR Alpine skier Yohan Goult Goncalves, the chance to be East Timor's sole representative at the Asian Winter Games was too good to pass up, even if it meant missing the world championships.

Goult Goncalves could have taken part in the Alpine skiing world championships in St. Moritz, Switzerland but chose instead to travel to Japan to become East Timor's first athlete at the Asian Winter Games.

"It was more important to come here because East Timor is part of Asia," Goult Goncalves said in an interview last week with The Associated Press. "Timorese people feel closer to the Asian Games than any other event — even the Winter Olympics — so that's why I chose to come here."

Born in France, the 22-year-old Goult Goncalves is the son a French father and his mother is from East Timor, the tiny

Asian Winter Games are very topical in tropical East Timor



East Timor's Yohan Goult Goncalves skies during the alpine skiing men's giant slalom

former Portuguese colony between Australia and Indonesia.

He qualified for the world circuit in 2013 and had no trouble deciding which country to represent when it came to choosing between France and East Timor.

East Timor's National Olympic Committee was only established in 2007, and two athletes have competed at the Summer

Games in 2004, 2008 and 2012.

"My dream of representing Timor came when I was eight," Goult Goncalves said. "I wanted to go to the Olympics and I knew it was for Timor because I think it was important to show to the world that there is this country. I think that the contrast of having an athlete that skis but is from a country with no snow makes it special."

Now he has his sights set on qualifying for an Olympic return, this time closer to home in Pyeongchang, South Korea.

"I want to participate in more international events so people get to know Timor better," Goult Goncal-

ves said. Many of Goult Goncalves' family members live in Australia, where he has based himself for southern hemisphere winter training the past several years.

Goult Goncalves first hit the ski slopes in his father Pierre's backpack when he was a year old, and skied for the first time when he was three.

The country was colonized by Portugal in the 16th century and East Timor declared its independence in 1975. Indonesia invaded East Timor within weeks and a violent period followed.

In 1999, following intervention from the United Nations, Indonesia relinquished control of the territory and East Timor became a sovereign state on May 20, 2002. The coun-

try's political situation has become more stable in recent years.

"Right now it is pretty peaceful, the last civil war was in 2006," Goult Goncalves said. "Since then nothing major has happened so I hope tourists will come to Timor."

In 1974, Goult Goncalves' mother, Carolina, and her young siblings boarded a fishing boat in the capital Dili and set sail for Darwin, the remote capital of Australia's Northern Territory. Despite being overcrowded, the boat and its 500-plus passengers arrived safely, and the family was granted refugee status.

For now, Goult Goncalves said he is happy to be able to take his campaign to raise awareness of his country to the slopes.

"My uncles that still live in Timor fought during the occupation," Goult Goncalves said. "They were present and in the resistance so I think in my own way I am fighting for my country in a more joyful way." **AP**

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Views on Asia

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KOREA REUNIFICATION BET SHOULD BIN THE GERMAN BLUEPRINT

It's time to put the Korea reunification trade back on the table, but only after ditching the German blueprint.

With China suspending coal imports from North Korea, Pyongyang may have lost between a third and two-fifths of its export income.

One gauge of whether investors perceive the embargo to be harsh enough to destabilize the despotic Kim Jong Un and trigger political reintegration may be the performance of South Korean mutual funds tailored to do well in such an eventuality.

At first blush, they don't appear to be taking the prospect as seriously as they did in 2014, when there was some enthusiasm for the idea. Tiny to begin with, assets under management have shriveled to a combined USD65 million.

For the first time in two years, however, the biggest of the funds - Shinyoung Marathon Unification Investment Trust - is no longer lagging behind the Kospi Index. The fund's distance from the benchmark started to narrow in November, when the UN Security Council passed a resolution that put a cap on Pyongyang's coal exports. For the sanction to bite, China had to be on board. Now that it is, the embargo's bound to hurt.

It's hard to say if Beijing, increasingly rattled by North Korea's nuclear brinkmanship, is willing or able to engineer regime change. The People's Republic may only be aiming to recoup the leverage it lost after the daring assassination last week at a Malaysian airport of Macau-based Kim Jong Nam, believed to be Beijing's choice to someday replace his half-brother.

Analysts have long held that a combined Korean economy would gain from an influx of cheap labor. There would no doubt be a huge budgetary cost, which could be paid for by faster growth, especially from infrastructure investment in the resource-rich north. In other words, the model for reintegration would be similar to the unification of East and West Germany.

That cheery forecast ignores two crucial differences, however. First, the gap in East and West German life expectancy was just 1 to 1.5 years at the time of unification; it's almost a decade for the two Koreas. Bridging it will be very expensive, according to the Washington-based Center for Strategic and International Studies.

Second, it is by no means certain that integrating North Korea's estimated 24 million people with South Korea's 51 million will be a peaceful process. Even if it is, female fertility in the north, currently sufficient to keep the population from shrinking, could take a hit because of prolonged economic uncertainty. With South Korea already facing a demographic decline, that could only mean fewer workers to repay the debt needed to reunite the two nations.

It shouldn't be a surprise if unification, whenever it happens, ends up carving out a bigger opportunity for services like healthcare, education, telecom, banking and insurance than it does for electronics and auto exports.

The sight of Samsung Group Vice Chairman Jay Y. Lee in handcuffs should also serve as a reminder. If a unified Korea does manage to cut the chaebol down to size, the economy would automatically start moving away from export-oriented manufacturing.

Could it happen? With Beijing likely playing a key role in reunification and its financing, investors need to ask themselves just how comfortable China would be having a "Germany of Asia" as its next-door neighbor. Domestic consumption and services may be a safer bet.

THE POLITICIAN: OFFICIALS SHOULD HAVE SEX IN LUNCHEON

A politician in northern Sweden wants to list sex as an officially approved activity for civil servants during their daily paid lunchbreak.

Per-Erik Muskos of the city council of Overtornea on the Arctic Circle says he made "a serious and formal" proposal Monday to add sex to the list of acceptable activities, which also include going to the gym or getting a massage, as well as eating. He said Friday that benefits could include im-

proving employee morale and increasing the population of the town of about 4,500.

Muskos said the municipality's 550 employees are now assessing his proposal before it is discussed in the city council in a few months.

The 42-year-old lawmaker said negative reactions to his proposal came chiefly from "some elderly employees who find it embarrassing to talk about what happens in the bedroom."

Singapore said to consider giving traders their lunch break back



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Singapore stock traders may finally get their lunch break back. Singapore Exchange Ltd., which runs the city's equity market, is considering reinstating the midday intermission, according to people familiar with the matter. SGX in 2011 scrapped the break, which lasted from 12:30 p.m. to 2 p.m. every day, in an effort to boost trading.

The bourse is expected to have a public consultation on the issue in the coming weeks, the people said, asking not to be identified as the information is private. SGX will also propose a test that would widen the price increment at which shares are quoted to bring day traders back, according to the people.

When SGX cut the midday break, then-Chief Executive Officer Magnus Bocker said in January 2011 the move would make Singapore "one of the most accessible markets in Asia and in the world." Having continuous trading from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. could also boost volume by as much as 10 percent, Bocker said.

Many Asian stock markets have a midday break, including Hong Kong, mainland China and Malaysia.

The daily average value of shares traded on SGX this year has risen 6.4 percent, to USD809 million, compared with the average for 2016, according to data compiled by Bloomberg. While up from last year, it's down from the \$1.12 billion-a-day the market saw in 2013, the data show.

SGX said in an e-mailed res-

ponse to queries that it doesn't comment on speculation.

The exchange's tick-size proposal would reward brokers for making markets in less liquid stocks by widening the spread they earn when buying and selling shares, the people said. That could encourage trading in small-cap companies, they said.

If the plan goes ahead, it would be at least the third time in a decade that SGX has tweaked stock spreads. In 2011, it cut tick sizes to offer what it called "one of Asia's most cost-competitive trading environments." It made a similar move in 2007.

The U.S. in October started a two-year test that raised ticks for small-company stocks amid complaints from exchanges that liquidity has dried up. Japan Exchange Group in December 2014 said it was backtracking on tick cuts for some of the biggest companies less than six months after it was implemented because it failed to get the boost it sought.

SGX in 2015 cut the board lot size, or trading unit, investors needed to buy to 100 from 1,000 to help make higher-priced shares easier to invest. Last year, it consulted on having at least 10 percent of shares in the initial public offering of companies on its main venue to boost retail participation. **Bloomberg**

Station	Air quality
Roadside	50-70 Moderate
High Density Residential Area	50-70 Moderate
Ambient	50-70 Moderate

SOURCE: DSI/MG

WORLD BRIEFS



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INDONESIA-AUSTRALIA Indonesian and Australian leaders yesterday committed to free trade and closer naval cooperation. Indonesian President Joko "Jokowi" Widodo said the priority was the removal of all Australian barriers to the import of Indonesian palm oil and paper. In turn, Indonesia has agreed to reduce tariffs on Australian sugar and ease restrictions on cattle imports. **More on p12**

MYANMAR leader Aung San Suu Kyi has broken a month-long silence to describe the assassination of one of her top legal advisers as a great loss for the country. She spoke yesterday at a memorial ceremony for lawyer Ko Ni and Nay Win, a taxi driver who was killed as he chased the gunman in the Jan. 29 incident.



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IRAN's navy began an annual drill yesterday near the strategic Strait of Hormuz, its first major exercise since the inauguration of U.S. President Donald Trump, state television reported.

INDIA Police say at least 16 people were killed and 50 injured when a truck taking them to a Sunday church service overturned after hitting a concrete barricade on a highway in India's remote northeast.

EGYPT Officials say they are drawing closer to meeting all demands set by Russia on airport security to restore flights to Egypt. They say work has begun this week to install up to 16 fingerprint security gates for employees at two of Cairo airport's main terminals and to raise a potentially vulnerable stretch of the facility's perimeter fence at a residential Cairo suburb.

EU Lawmakers have granted special powers to the president to pull the plug on live broadcasts of parliamentary debate in cases of racist speech or acts and the ability to purge any offending video or audio material from the system. **More on p14**

THE DECISIVE MOMENT Xinhua/Luo Xiaoguang

This aerial photo taken on Saturday shows the construction site of Beijing's new airport. The new facility will be located in Beijing's southern Daxing district. It is expected to be completed in 2019. The airport will have a capacity of 100 million trips per year.