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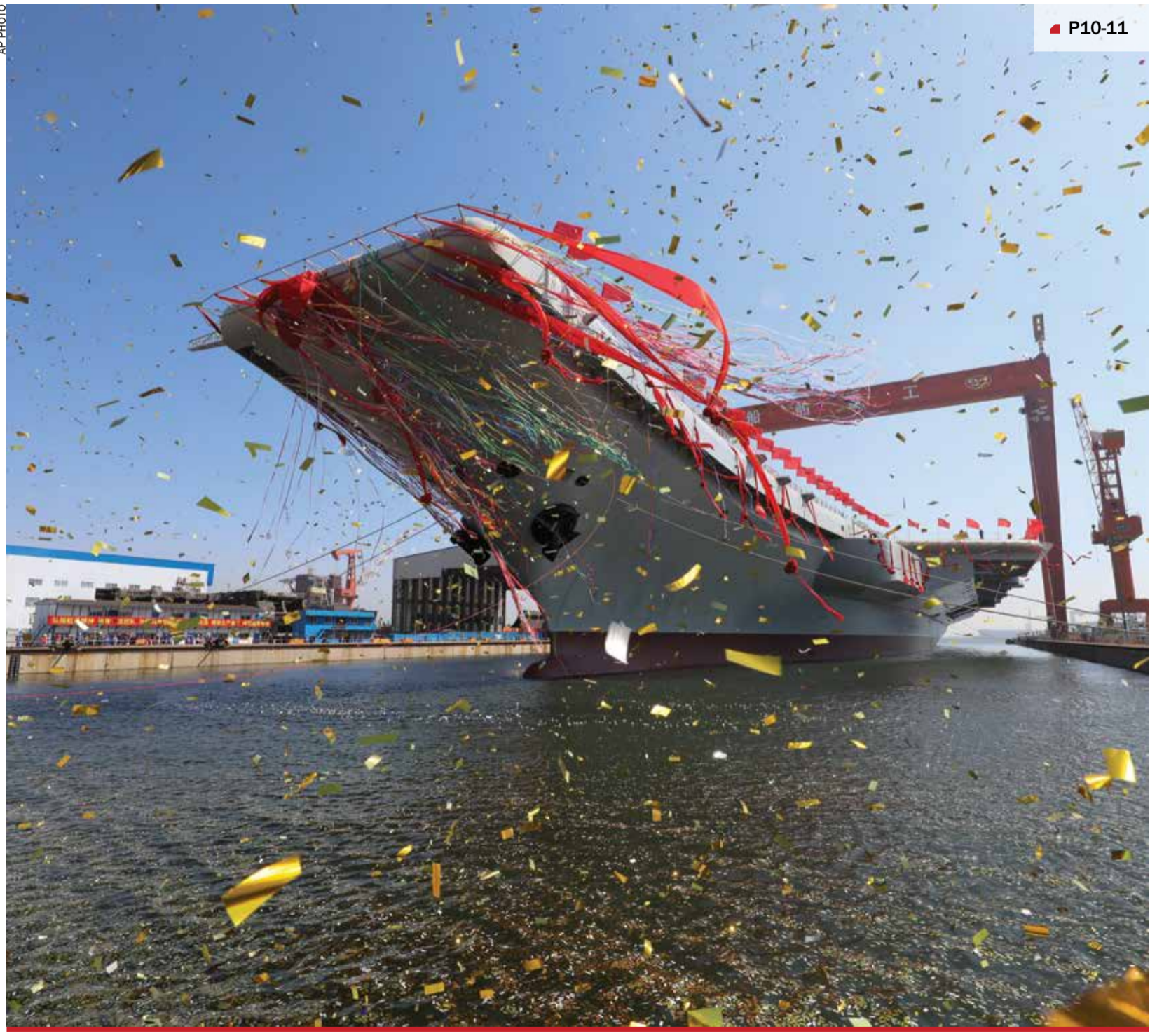


JAPAN Disaster reconstruction minister Masahiro Imamura has resigned over his remark that “it was good” that the March 2011 quake and tsunami had hit northern Japan instead of areas closer to Tokyo.

THAILAND Police yesterday arrested a taxi driver accused of raping a Brazilian woman, saying the suspect had a criminal record and had already confessed to the crime. The 22-year-old victim arrived at Don Muang airport from Malaysia and had asked to be driven to central Bangkok. Instead she was driven to the outskirts of the city, where she was beaten and raped.

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Renato Marques

THE real challenge of time management resides in ourselves as “time management is a [matter] of choice,” said Valérie Hotton, co-founder of Care Consulting company and guest speaker at the France Macau Business Association (FMBA) breakfast meeting event yesterday. Complementing this idea was her partner Frédérique Blanchard who said, “at the end of the day, it is a question of mindset.”

These were two of the speeches’ main points, delivered by the two specialists in coaching and training. Hotton and Blanchard were invited by FMBA to talk on the issue of time management and how to approach daily issues that impede this in both work and private life.

“Time is a very unique [factor]. Different people address time in a very different manner. Some will say they ‘never have time for anything’ others that ‘there is plenty of time’ for everything.” This idea was voiced by Blanchard at the beginning of the event, to the interest of its attendees around the breakfast table at Sofitel Macau at Ponte 16.

Hotton added that this idea comes down to the need to “allocate the right time to the right thing,” setting the necessary priorities for your own daily life. Otherwise, “the environment surrounding you will decide for you,” she cautioned.

In Hotton’s opinion, the choice of time allocation is a very emotional process that

Time management ‘is a question of choice and mindset’



Valérie Hotton (left) and Frédérique Blanchard

has to do with how “guilty” you feel about the time you spend at work, with family, or for yourself. Blanchard said this principle is exemplified by the “filling the jar” analogy – namely, about how “full” life can seem, and which priorities should be the “first pebbles to go inside.”

The talk also addressed ways of minimizing time wasters. “In the end it’s all about creating the right mindset, setting priorities, planning ahead and improving communication,”

said Hotton. He remarked that people often perceive the same event in different ways and that such “misinterpretation” and “lack of communication” often leads to discomfort and unhappiness, especially at the workplace.

When questioned by the Times about meeting times and day planning, both specialists agreed that more important than setting strict rules and tight schedules is to “make good use of the time.”

“When you know that you have a meeting and you know that you will be on time and maybe have 20 minutes before, you should think about what can you do during this time and use the time and plan [accordingly],” said Blanchard. Adding to this, Hotton remarked, “because you planned and you have a clear mind, because you know you are on time, your mind will be available to do something efficient.”

In response to a question on the need for people to disconnect from work during their free time or holidays, especially in relation to the growing trend in Macau society for employees to “be always available,” Blanchard said, “in fact I think there is a counter-trend to that in a

way because we are reaching a kind of a limit for that and people are more aware now that being ‘too efficient’ leads to ‘burnout,’” adding, “there is a counter-trend to that [old mentality] of the crazy pace and rushing everything. There are companies now that ask their workers to leave their working phones in the office or [setting rules that] disallow them from replying to emails when they are on holidays because they realized they had too many ‘burnouts.’”

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VALÉRIE HOTTON

“I guess [whoever is setting these rules] needs to be re-trained and they will become aware quickly that this practice doesn’t go in a good direc-

tion,” Blanchard concluded.

Hotton expressed the belief that the issue also has to do with technology and the way we work nowadays, as compared with the past. “We don’t need to have a desk, we can work at home or in transit so it is difficult to erect a barrier between work and leisure. But again it goes back to your mindset and state of mind. It is important to be the pilot of your time and explain to others that it’s important to have a separation,” she noted. “What is difficult [to manage] is when the rules are not clear and every time you feel very depressed because you have lots of pressure.” She concluded by saying, “this needs to be addressed and explained [to the bosses who overload workers] that in order to be efficient, people need to have a proper rest and ‘time to breathe’.”

In a talk with the Times, both specialists agreed that time management should be taught from young age “as we know that even students nowadays have a lot of pressure and duties,” Hotton noted.

“Everybody should learn how to set their priorities no matter what age. It is never too late to learn this,” concluded Blanchard.

CRIME

39 people arrested during police anti-drug operation

THIRTY-NINE people were arrested earlier this week for attending two drug related parties occurring at a Karaoke venue located on the Avenida da Amizade.

Quantities of three kinds of drugs worth MOP30,000 on the market were seized.

The Judiciary Police (PJ) revealed that the group of 39 people consisted of 25 men and 14 women from Hong Kong, Macau and main-

land China, with ages varying from 20 to 60 years old.

The 45-year-old local woman who managed the Karaoke venue was among those arrested.

PJ also disclosed some of the occupations of the suspects: Supervisors of casino rooms, gaming junkets, real estate developers, casino public relation officers, nurses, models, businessmen, electricians, renovation workers, and the unemployed.

However, the two parties were unrelated to each other, as were the suspects.

A mainland man, aged around 30 years old, surnamed Wang, who is suspected of being the drug dealer, was working for the venue.

Another mainland man, aged 31 years old and surnamed You, was found to have illegally entered Macau. Reportedly, Wang ordered the drugs when he was asked to by the karaoke custo-

mers. Wang then bought drugs for MOP3,000 after contacting drug dealers through a smartphone application.

In turn, You used MOP9,000 to buy the drugs to supply the users.

According to PJ, the karaoke manager said that she tried stopping people from using drugs after she became aware of their consumption, but she was unsuccessful.

PJ is still investigating the source of the drugs.

NEWBORN BABY FOUND NEAR TRASH RECYCLING SPOT

YESTERDAY MORNING, a newborn baby boy was found in a trash recycling spot located at the junction of Avenida do Dr. Francisco Vieira Machado with Travessa 1º de Maio. According to a report by TDM, the Public Security Police force (PSP) was informed of this yesterday at 4.46 a.m. Employees of a cleaning company, while collecting trash near the place, found a blue backpack which contained the boy, who still had his umbilical cord

and was wrapped in towels. The cleaning company staff reported this to the police. The Fire Service Bureau was also called to the site, with officers sending the infant to Centro Hospitalar Conde de São Januário (CHCSJ). Following a medical check-up, the infant showed no signs of life threatening conditions, and was later been transported to the pediatric ward for further observation. The Judiciary Police has already taken over the case for further investigation.

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Shanghai approves issuing residence permits to domestic employees

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SHANGHAI publicly announced its first issuance of a residence permit designed for foreigners providing housekeeping services in the city's Pudong area.

Although statistics from the Shanghai Exit-Entry Administration Bureau indicated that more than 20 migrant house workers have received such permits in Shanghai, this is the first case authorities have made public.

The woman from the Philippines is the first in the affluent Pudong district in which over 300 Fortune 500 companies are situated.

Shanghai, which is home to the China Pilot Free Trade Zone, initiated measures in 2015 that allowed high-level professionals with permanent resident permits or work permits to apply for a residence permit for their foreign housemaid.

Such applications should include documents such as an employment contract, financial support statement, personal insurance and a health certificate.

As cited in Chinese reports,



Liu Chen, a Chinese American and president of Shanghai Affinity Biopharmaceutical Co Ltd based in Pudong, applied for a one-year residence permit for a domestic worker he hired on March 14.

The woman from the Philippines was granted the permit on March 31.

"He had worked for many years in Hong Kong, where the housemaid worked for his family. So he was delighted that the family could bring her along to Shanghai thanks to the new

policy," said Chen Lijun, deputy director of the exit-entry administration office under Pudong district police.

A housemaid who will be employed by a skilled professional can enter China either with a tourist visa and go to a local exit-entry administration office for a residence permit, or apply for such a permit at Shanghai's port of entry.

In Macau, a non-resident permit is issued to employees who are specialized workers, domestic workers and non-specialized workers.

The Times sent a query to the Labor Affairs Bureau (DSAL) to ask whether the region would also move towards a similar policy of issuing a residency permit to such workers.

The bureau stressed that the importation of foreign workers is only endorsed on a temporary basis, adding that it always sought to ensure that local residents are given priority for sustainable employment prior to the approval of the importation of

non-resident workers.

"DSAL handles the importation of foreign labor forces rigorously, and only allows the importation of non-resident workers on a temporarily basis when the local labor force is insufficient or when there is no suitable labor forces available," the bureau's reply stated.

"In addition, according to Law no. 21/2009 'Law for the Employment of Non-resident Workers', non-resident workers do not enjoy the right of residence in the Macau SAR," DSAL briefly added.

■ The scheme is one of the measures Shanghai has unveiled since July 2015 in a bid to attract talented foreigners

The Times also contacted Macao Trade and Investment Promotion Institute (IPIM), but a spokesperson only noted that they have no further information in relation to Shanghai's policy.

Shanghai further relaxed its policies in December 2016 to allow high-level experts from Hong Kong, Macau and Taiwan to apply on behalf of a housemaid.

The permission for foreign housemaids is one of the mea-

asures Shanghai has unveiled since July 2015 in a bid to attract talented foreigners as it tries to convert itself into a global technological innovation hub by 2030.

The application is open to all foreign experts with a master's degree or above, or those employed by an enterprise in Zhangjiang or the Shanghai Free Trade Zone, institutions of higher education, or scientific research.

Experts in professional areas who are listed by the Shanghai Municipal Human Resources and Social Security Bureau are also eligible to apply as they are deemed to contribute to the city's progress in scientific and technological innovation.

Meanwhile, China kicked off a series of changes to the rules regarding permanent residence for foreigners.

As cited in a report by the Chinese news agency Xinhua, foreigners' identity cards will be similar to those of Chinese citizens', as this will now be embedded in the chips in the machine-readable cards, to be used across railways, airlines, insurance agencies, hotels and banks.

Approved by the Central Leading Group for Deepening Overall Reform, the reform plan serves the nation's talent development strategy, which is to attract more innovative and entrepreneurial talent, and responds to social concerns, according to a Ministry of Public Security (MPS) official.

Statistic shows that 1,576 foreigners became permanent residents in China in 2016, an increase of 163 percent from the previous year.

SCHEME FOR 'HIGH LEVEL FOREIGN PROFESSIONALS'

LATE LAST year Shanghai introduced a scheme that will allow "high level foreign professionals" – including Hong Kong and Macau residents – to apply for a Shanghai Residence Card. These residents will be able to apply for the local hukou, however, it requires them to give up their Hong Kong and Macau ID cards. To entice the talents of these individuals, Card

B allows returning Chinese and "special talent" residents from Hong Kong and Macau to apply for subsidies from a special fund to pay for their life and work needs in the city. Card B foreigners are also eligible to participate in the local housing provident fund for buying or renting a residence and paying property management fees, as local residents do.

MGM celebrates anniversary with exhibition, culinary

LOCAL gaming operator MGM Macau is celebrating its tenth anniversary and the opening of MGM Cotai with the art exhibition "A Golden Way of Life - Très'Ors", which showcases over 250 gold creations and artifacts. The oldest among these exhibited pieces dates from the 17th century. The celebrations will be complemented with a Le French GourMay culinary program along the theme of Champagne.

Golden treasures abou-

nd in the art exhibition, which will take place at MGM Art Space from now until September 3. The exhibition's name is a play on the French word "trésors," which translates to "treasures," whereas "très ors" literally means "very gold," which fittingly sums up what can be expected from the exhibition – a treasure trove of golden delights.

Curated by Anne Camilli from Le Musée à la Carte and Gilles Bonneville of Maecena, the exhibi-

tion includes classic and contemporary art works, religious artifacts, vintage furniture pieces, fashion and accessories, precious watches and jewelry, and objects from everyday life which are remarkable not only for their value, but also for their creativity, cultural importance, workmanship, and history.

The exhibition is divided into six zones which focus on gold creations within specific genres such as Gold Materials, Sacred Gold and Gold &

Art. Some of the highlight pieces include the Chasuble Angélique made with gold and silver laminated stitching during the 19th century, remarkable religious pieces from the Musée Notre-Dame de Fourvière in Lyon, Ossip Zadkine's sculpture "La Jeune Fille à la Colombe" (Young Girl with a Dove) from the 1930s, and contemporary artist Hélène Tran's "Kiss me forever Julien Doré" – a tribute to the French singer whose last name means golden.



The exhibition features luxurious tableware and vases by Leonard Bernardaud, and crystal ware decorated with 24-karat gold or platinum by Crystal Saint-Louis.

China sentences US citizen for stealing state secrets

US businesswoman Phan Phan-Gillis was found guilty on Tuesday of stealing Chinese state secrets two decades ago, according to her lawyer, Shang Baojun. This verdict comes as mutual suspicions of spying between the world's biggest economies grow.

Two years ago, in spring, Phan Phan-Gillis, more commonly known as Sandy, was visiting China as part of an American trade delegation when she was seized by Chinese security officials while attempting to cross from the city of Zhuhai to Macau. According to the Financial Times, Phan-Gillis was sentenced at a secret trial to three and a half years in prison for espionage activities alleged to have taken place between 1995 and 1998. News of her sentencing has not been reported in China. Born in Vietnam to an ethnically Chinese family, Phan-Gillis moved to the US and eventually settled in Houston, Texas. There, she worked as business liaison between China and the US, advising Chinese and American businesses seeking customers and investment from both countries. After being detained, she was taken to Nanning, the capital of the Guangxi autonomous region several hundred kilometers away, where she was eventually tried and sentenced. Phan-Gillis's lawyer, said his client remained hopeful that she would be deported rather than serve her sentence in China.

"This is only the first trial, we have to



This undated photo provided by Jeff Gillis shows his wife, Phan Phan-Gillis

wait to receive the official verdict and see after the period of appeals is over whether she will be able to leave the country," he told the Financial Times. "If she is deported [back to the US], then I think Sandy will be able to accept this sentence."

According to her family, Phan-Gillis was a business consultant who traveled regularly to China and who also served as president of the Houston Shenzhen Sister City Organization.

Yacht travel scheme gathered minimal interest

THE recently-launched individual visa scheme for yacht travel between Macau to Zhongshan, launched by the government in cooperation with mainland authorities, is underperforming and has failed to attract much interest.

At the Macao Water customer liaison group meeting on Tuesday, director of the Marine and Water Bureau (DSAMA), Susana Wong, revealed that the highly promoted scheme was only used by seven yachts over the past five months. The scheme was intended to be introduced as a new option to promote Macau's tourist diversification.

The director of DSAMA explained that the reason given for the project's lackluster performance is that the customs and docking fees are too high, which discourages travelers.

"Only one or two applications have been received so far. The problem is that the deposit [fee] for local yachts to enter Zhongshan is too high. Also the parking and



The Coloane berth was revamped under the new scheme

customs fees are quite expensive," said Wong to TDM.

However, while Wong acknowledged that the scheme was currently underutilized, Wong said she is working together with mainland authorities to reduce the costs of the plan in order to attract more interest from people. So far, no local yachts have undertaken any trip in the opposite direction.

The plan was finally launched in November last year, and had already suffered a delay of almost one year due to the need

for work to be completed in the docking point at Zhingshan's Keppel Cove.

In order to implement the yacht sailing project the MSAR government built 120 berth points in both Coloane and Fisherman's Wharf area in addition to two immigration control check-points in each location.

A transfer ferry was also put in place at the Coloane berthing point to be used as transfer boat from the yacht berthing point to the Coloane Village Pear checkpoint. RM

Macao Water liaison group meets to discuss water seepage

THE Macao Water customer liaison group met this week with high-ranking officials from the company and government to discuss water seepage incidents in the region, specifically in relation to the old buildings, Macao Water informed.

The meeting addressed the problem of the increasing number of aging buildings, which has had a significant impact on the rate of pipeline leakages and water seepage problems.

The problem, which was said to have been seriously investigated, has been affecting many people, especially in old areas of the city. It has been brought several times to the plenary session of the Legislative Assembly (AL), especially by lawmaker Mak Soi Kun.

At the conclusions of the meeting, Macao Water representatives said, "It is evident that recently there are different levels of leakage and damage



problems to pipelines in buildings caused by poor facility maintenance. Ultimately, water is wasted and both water quality and environmental hygiene have been affected, thus causing inconvenience to the daily life of the citizens."

Representatives from the Macao Association of Concrete Inspection, Maintenance and Waterproofing and The Macao Association of Buildings Diagnosis also participated in the meeting to explain water seepage detection technology and

related services.

On the sidelines, the Executive Director of Macao Water, Nacky Kuan admitted to the media that the new water supply plant (to be built at Seac Pai Van, Coloane) suffered a delay at the beginning of the construction due to a land concession issue. However, he added that this initial delay would not in any way affect consumers as the company says that the completion date will be in line with the original plan's forecast of the end of 2019.

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Melco helps local SMEs improve performance



Mr. Walter Yau, Head of Department, Conventions and Exhibitions and Economic Activities Development, Macao Economic Services (fourth from left) attended Melco's Vendor Experience Tour recently.

MELCO Resorts & Entertainment Limited (Melco) organized a Vendor Experience Tour at Studio City for 40 representatives of local SMEs in Food & Beverage followed by a business matching session.

Melco's food and beverages department managers started by introducing Melco's operations, hygiene and safety requirements within the catering process to the SME representatives.

Mr Walter Yau, Head of Department, Conventions and Exhibitions and Economic Activities Development, Macao Economic Services, attended the event and spoke about Government policy on developing local SMEs. Mr Yau said that "more than 90% of local enterprises consist of small and medium ones." In his words, these SMEs play an important role in promoting a diversified and sustainable economy for Macau. "We believe that close cooperation will bring more business opportunities for SMEs, as well as help Macau move towards a moderately

diversified economy," he added.

In conversation with the Times, Mr Theo Cheng, General Manager of Cheng Chong Kei Frozen Food Company Ltd, revealed that his company has been working with Melco for ten years, since 2007. Mr Cheng's company mainly provides Melco with frozen goods and seafood. "When working with the gaming operator, the operation process is more stringent," said Mr Cheng, who then explained to the Times what happens when Melco calls for tenders. The whole process was said to be more formalized, involving more electronic transactions. Being a food supplier for Melco, Mr

Being a food supplier for Melco, Mr Cheng's company has also expanded its own horizons

Cheng's company has also expanded its own horizons in terms of product variety in part due to Melco requiring the company to search for new products. Collaborating with the gaming operator also helped the supplier improve its business performance in terms of revenue. According to Mr Cheng, each of Melco's properties, which were opened in different years, have contributed towards significant growth in CCK's income. "Business has increased a lot," revealed Mr Cheng, adding that "probably close to three-fold."

After working with Melco, CCK's food hygiene processes have greatly improved as the gaming operator sends staff to CCK to undertake regular food safety inspections.

Besides the above advantages, the SME has also seen an expansion in its facilities and staff. "Our hardware facilities grew by 50 percent, mainly warehouses, machines, and vehicles," enumerated Mr Cheng.

Such SMEs support over 50 dining outlets Melco Resorts & Entertainment Limited has

in Macau, supplying more than 11,000 average daily food covers.

The General Manager of Fábrica de Farinha Kam Kei, Mr. Ng Kam Soi told the Times his story of working with Melco. "In the beginning, our food hygiene systems did not meet their requirements because we were more based around family production. Then they taught us precisely how to fulfill the hygiene requirements so that our business could continuously grow, and they kept fueling our business," said Mr Ng, who noted that after Melco's unfailing help teaching them how to improve food safety, his company has gradually built up a completely automated manufacturing line. "As production kept increasing, our factory expanded from 5,000 square foot to 30,000 square foot," said Mr Ng. When talking about his company's history before working with Melco, Mr Ng said that the company used to be mainly driven by human capital back then.

The business growth of Mr Ng's company is particularly inspiring. "At the very least, our business has increased



SME representatives participated in a business matching session. Suitable SMEs were approved on site to allow them to bid on the Company's upcoming projects.



Mr Ng Kam Soi



Mr Theo Cheng

ten-fold," exclaimed Ng, adding "Our business now is really doing well." Recalling the time when he started working with Melco, Ng pointed out that it was

As production kept increasing, Mr Ng's factory expanded from 5,000 sf to 30,000 sf

not easy meeting Melco's hygiene standards, but that Melco encouraged Ng's company not to give up on improving. The Vendor Experience Tour is an innovative concept created by Melco to provide local SMEs with procurement process information in their particular category. This is one of the many initiatives by Melco that enable more business opportunities and collaborations between Melco and the SMEs.

Yesterday's customized tour, held at Studio City, explained how products and services are received, stored and their final usage.

Wynn Palace delivers forecast-topping profit

Christopher Palmeri

A new casino in Macau paid off nicely for Wynn Resorts. The company founded by Steve Wynn reported first-quarter results that easily topped analysts' forecasts, benefiting from the new Wynn Palace in the Chinese gambling enclave and improvement in its home market of Las Vegas.

Shares in the local unit, Wynn Macau Ltd., gained as much as 5.1 percent in Hong Kong trading yesterday. The Bloomberg Intelligence index of Macau stocks rose as much as 3.5 percent while the Hang Seng Index gained 0.7 percent. Wynn shares rose as much as 4.4 percent to USD123.47 in extended trading.

Profit for Wynn Resorts excluding some items grew to \$1.24 a share, beating the 98-cent average of analysts' estimates. Revenue jumped by almost half to \$1.48 billion, the company said Tuesday in a statement, also topping forecasts.

Macau is bouncing back from a three-year slump triggered by a Chinese government crackdown on corruption that prompted high rollers to shun the casinos. Gambling revenue in the region rose 13 percent to \$7.92 billion in the first quarter, the strongest growth since a recovery began last August.

"You can see the numbers, business is good for us," Wynn said on a conference call, adding that he saw a "resurgence of activity at the top end in China."

Wynn Macau's adjusted property earnings increased 53 percent to \$293 million, above the consensus of \$254 million reported by Union



Gaming. The Wynn Palace reported earnings of \$112 million.

Wynn in particular benefited from the return of VIP players, who generated a larger increase in revenue in the quarter than mass-market bettors industry wide.

Wynn Resorts got off to a slow start with the \$4.2 billion Wynn Palace, which opened in Macau last August. Construction around the resort impeded access, executives said last year.

A new casino under construction in Boston will cost \$2.4 billion, the company said Tuesday, up from the original \$1.6 billion projection in 2014. Additional meeting space and higher-than-expected bids contributed to the increase, the executive said.

The 75-year-old entrepreneur said the board approved plans to spend \$400 million

to \$500 million building a lake and meeting center behind Wynn's Las Vegas casinos. Construction could begin in December. Wynn said he was holding off on a planned 2,000-room hotel on the property until he sees how the first wave of additions perform.

■ A new casino under construction in Boston will cost USD2.4b

The CEO is convinced new attractions in Las Vegas, such as the planned move of the Oakland Raiders football team, will enhance the city's long-term appeal as a tourist destination. "This town is a real safe bet," he said. **Bloomberg**

WYNN RESORTS DIRECTOR AWARDED SHARES

WYNN RESORTS director Ray R. Irani, was awarded 2,152 shares worth USD249,955 on

April 20. Irani, aged 82, has served as a director of the company since October 2007.

EDUCATION

Nobel laureate gives talk on enhancing effectiveness of science education

NOBEL laureate Carl Edwin Wieman gave a lecture on Tuesday titled 'Taking a Scientific Approach to Science Education' in the auditorium of the University of Macau's Wu Yee Sun Library after he was conferred the Doctor of Science honoris causa in physics.

In his talk, Wieman stated that it is imperative to provide high-quality science education for all students, highlighting that the goal of a scientific education should be to help students "think like a scientist, rather than making them become scientists."

In this vein, Weiman emphasized that the mission of scientific education is to assist students in making better decisions and choices.

He mentioned that students need to be able to develop a "mental organizational framework," in which scientific concepts and selection criteria are clearly established. Such a framework can help students distinguish between problems that need to be solved and those that are irrelevant.

Questioned by the Times about what current difficulties the science field is facing in regards to teaching

methods, Wieman said, "the challenges are mostly just historical and tradition." "We're trying to change the basic culture and historical perspective and that always takes a long time even when you've got really good research."

During his talk, the scholar presented research conducted by his group which demonstrates that not all traditional methods of teaching are effective.

"You have [to get] them [students] thinking, practicing and giving targeted feedback to help them improve," he added.

UM rector Wei Zhao mentioned in his opening speech that Wieman is a visionary scientist who has initiated groundbreaking research projects, having started many programs over the past decades to improve the effectiveness of science education.

The rector noted that the talk is essential for university students to learn how to study with a scientific mindset.

Teachers and students from local secondary schools also attended the talk.

Wieman served as the associate director for science of the White House's Office of



Carl Edwin Wieman

Science and Technology Policy and is the chair of the Board on Science Education in the National Academy of Sciences, in addition to being the founder and chairman of PhET scientific simulation program.

The program provides an extensive simulation package in order to improve the way that physics, chemistry, math, biology and earth science are being taught in educational institutions.

Yesterday, the scholar also participated in an international academic symposium titled 'STEM Education Mini-Symposium: Building a New Culture for STEM Education in Asia', at the university's Anthony Lau Building.

Experts and scholars from the United States, Singapore, mainland China, Hong Kong, and Macau conducted an in-depth discussion on STEM education. **LV**

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SJM INAUGURATES JAI ALAI AVENUE



Jai Alai Avenue was inaugurated on Monday at the Jai Alai Complex, showcasing over 60 famous cosmetics and fragrance brands.

At its 30,000 square foot sight, a significant number

of the brands are being introduced to Macau for the first time including Givenchy, Whoo, Balmain Paris Hair Couture, Canvas Beauty, La Bioesthetique, Adore, Odile Lecoïn, B.

C.A.D, Bielle and IDS.

In addition, Jai Alai Avenue offers four decorated "Beauty Rooms" where cosmetics brands can promote new products and share beauty tips with customers.

The brands will regularly host classes and talk series on beauty and skincare for customers, according to a press statement issued by Sociedade de Jogos de Macau (SJM).

The newly opened Jai Alai Avenue is part of SJM's Jai Alai Complex, which upon completion will bring a leisure and entertainment complex to Macau, comprising a casino, hotel, restaurants, cosmetics and beauty center, and other retail facilities along with an exhibition space for art and culture.

'WISE BRO. DESSERT' OPENS IN MACAU



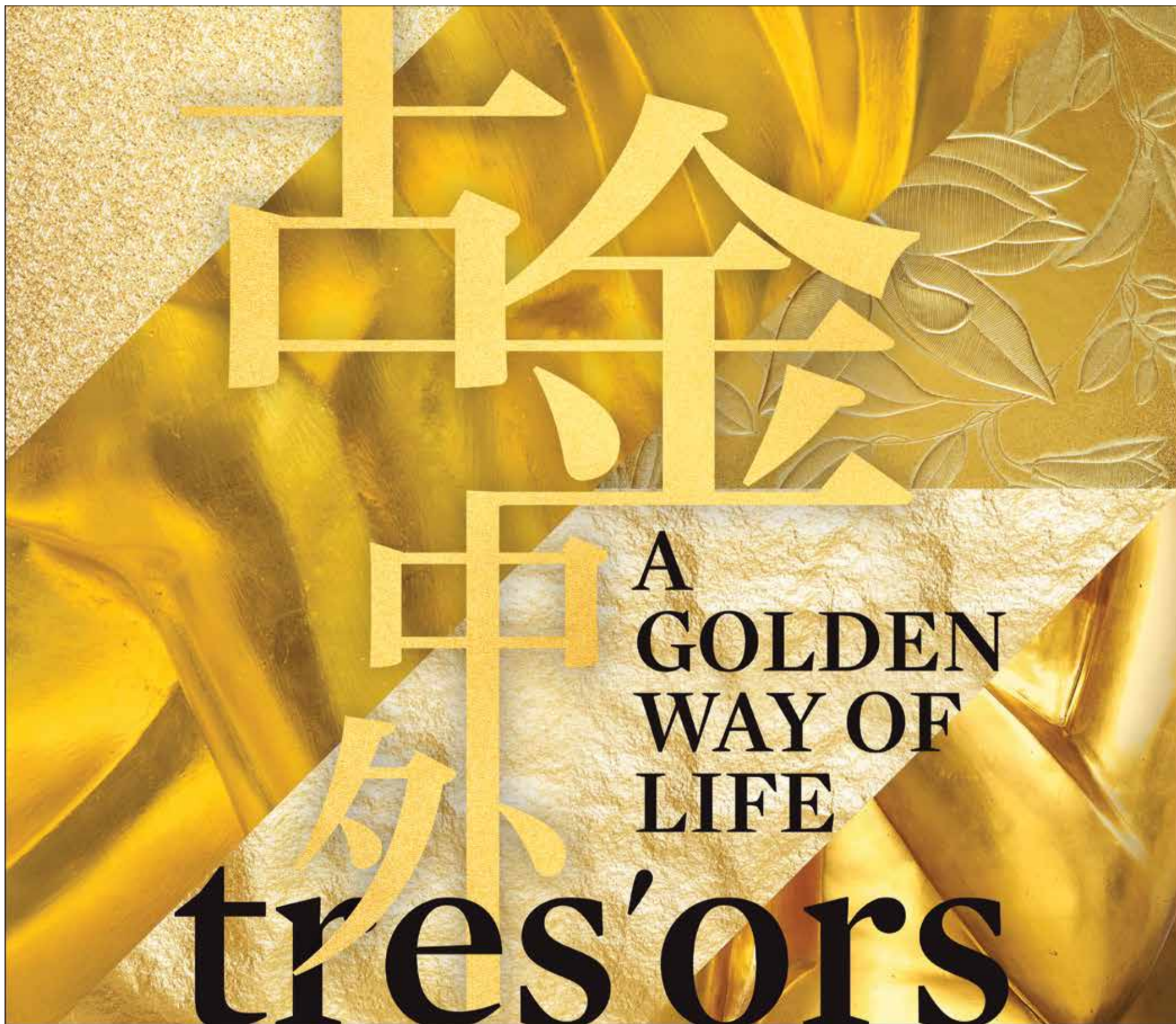
"Wise Bro. Dessert" has launched its flagship store in Macau and held the opening ceremony at Avenida de Almeida Ribeiro on April

25. The store originated in 2014 from the Hong Kong-based star dessert brand "Cong Sao Dessert" with 13 years' experience in dessert

making.

"Cong Sao Dessert" and "Wise Bro. Dessert" have a total of 38 stores across Hong Kong and Mainland China, including Shanghai, Ningbo, Suzhou, Harbin, Wuhan, Shenzhen, Zhuhai, Sanya.

"Wise Bro. Dessert" has specially launched 44 types of products in the Macau market based on the demand and unique food culture of Macau, with a selection of Longan Sorbet, Durian Pancake, Steamed Egg White with Almond Tea, Mango Milk Shake Custard as signature products. These specialized flavors are offered in addition to traditional flavors such as Sweet Tofu, Walnut Soup, and other traditional desserts to meet the varying preferences of customers in Macau.



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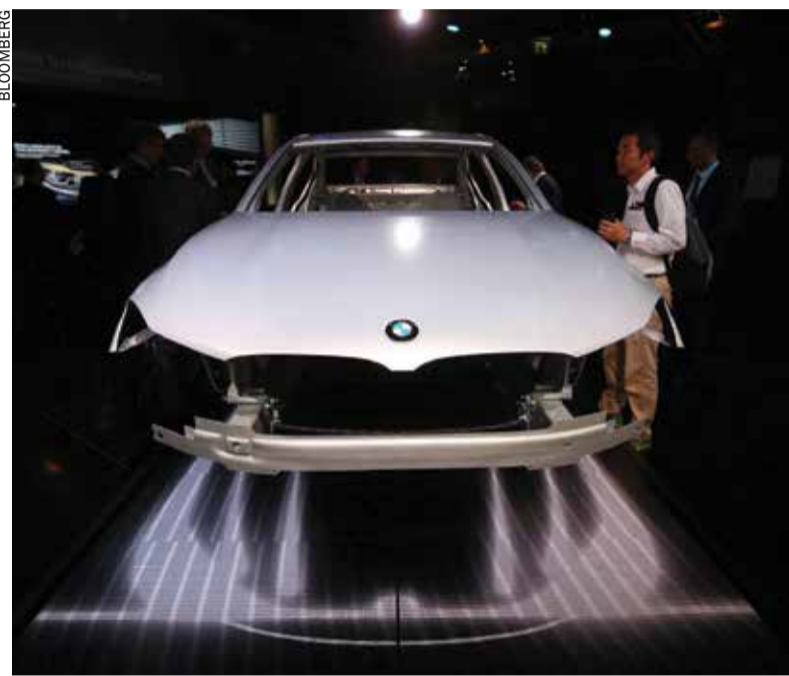
INNOVATION

BMW invokes fear factor to rally staff in pivot to electrics

INSIDE a bright auditorium at an abandoned airfield near Munich, rows of men and women gaze at images flashing by on a giant screen: a Mercedes sedan; Porsche and Jaguar SUVs; the face of Elon Musk. “We’re in the midst of an electric assault,” the presenter intones as the Tesla Inc. chief’s photo pops up. “This must be taken very seriously.”

The audience is composed of BMW AG employees flown in for a combination pep rally/horror film intended to make them afraid—very afraid—about the future of the industry. The takeaway: The market is shifting in ways that were unimaginable just a few years ago, and BMW must adapt. The subtext is a recognition that the company has gone from leader to laggard. For years, it set the benchmark in luxury, but it needs to hit the accelerator to fend off resurgent rivals such as Mercedes-Benz and new competitors like Tesla. “BMW is falling behind in electrics,” says Ingo Speich, a fund manager at Union Investment, which owns almost 1 percent of the company.

Since January, the carmaker has cycled 14,000 engineers, marketers, and factory managers—about 10 percent of its workforce—through day-long events to prepare them for a time when customers may order a robo-taxi by app instead of buying a car. In a temporary building at a BMW test track, they participate in workshops and discussions of car-sharing apps, laser sensors, and batteries. In the corners, BMW shows off the vehicles it sees as key to its future: a self-driving iNext with a retractable steering wheel; a Rolls-Royce whose roof and sides swing open



to allow a comfortable exit; a Mini designed for sharing that changes colors to suit the driver’s mood. “It’s easy to fall into a closed way of thinking,” says Jutta Schwedtle, a session leader who works in market research. “This helps push people out of that.”

The training effort, pushed by Chief Executive Officer Harald Krueger, comes amid concerns he’s not doing enough to address the challenges. Although BMW continues to post record revenue and profits, it lost the sales crown to Mercedes last year, and high-profile executives at the vanguard of new technologies have departed: Two leaders

of its electric initiative moved to a Chinese e-car startup, and top designers have decamped for rivals as the German company has become less daring with new models. It’s struggled to build interest in a revamped version of its high-end 7-Series sedan, and the styling of the 5-Series is meek in contrast to an aggressive makeover at Mercedes. “We’re either part of this shift, or it goes on without us,” says Wolfgang Ober, who presented workshops on ride-hailing giants such as Uber Technologies Inc. and China’s Didi Chuxing.

BMW was an early convert to electric cars, introducing its first

standalone battery-powered model, the i3 compact, in 2013 and the plug-in hybrid i8 coupe a year later. Lately, though, it’s focused more on under-the-hood conversions of existing vehicles, and sales of its electrics have trailed the likes of Tesla and the Nissan Leaf. BMW is planning only two new battery-powered cars by the end of the decade, and its first self-driving model isn’t due until 2021. Tesla, which is gearing up to challenge BMW’s bread-and-butter 3-Series, already offers “auto-pilot,” and Mercedes this fall will introduce an upgraded S-Class sedan that it says can self-navigate anything from country lanes to autobahns at speeds exceeding 120 miles per hour. “BMW has lost its leadership in innovation,” says Jürgen Pieper, an analyst at Bankhaus Metzler in Frankfurt. “It’s not brave enough to get into pioneering projects and do something really new.”

That heightens the importance of the iNext, a low-slung,

■ The market is shifting in ways that were unimaginable just a few years ago, and BMW must adapt

copper-colored sedan with butterfly doors on view at the pep rally. Under bright spotlights, attendees peer at the prototype, its kidney-shaped grille jutting forward, looking a bit like rabbit teeth. The self-driving electric will replace the 7-Series as the company’s flagship in 2021, Krueger decreed last year. Nonetheless, BMW will rely on the 7-Series and other traditional gas guzzlers for many more years to finance the transition.

The rally begins with a recorded presentation from Krueger viewed with virtual-reality goggles—an extravagance intended to stress the importance of adopting new technologies. The virtual Krueger exhorts participants “to put all your effort and energy” into the transformation. After a lunch of smoked haddock, semolina dumplings, and kale, the energy falters. Staffers sitting on unstable foam cubes in a stuffy room for a session on autonomous cars have no questions when Q&A time rolls around—even though their jobs may depend on understanding such systems. Still, Michael Manz, who develops sensors for self-driving cars, says the event is helping him better grasp BMW’s mission and created a renewed camaraderie. “We were reminded of what we’re trying to achieve,” he says, sipping a pomegranate iced tea between sessions. “It gets us focused on where we’re going.”

Bloomberg

Lotte regrouping to holding company to move past family feud

Sohee Kim

LOTTE Group plans to divide four of its key businesses into operating and holding units in a move that will slash the number of cross shareholdings and extend its chairman’s grip on the hotels-to-retail conglomerate rocked by a year-long family feud and a corruption trial.

Lotte Confectionery Co. will absorb the investment companies created when the South Korean group’s listed shopping, food and beverage units are each split into operating and holding companies under a plan to be presented for shareholder approval Aug. 29, Lotte Group said yesterday in a statement. The confectionery unit’s investment company would then

merge the holdings entities into a single business, effective Oct. 1, according to the filing.

The single holding company structure and cutting cross shareholdings to 18 from 67 could give more clout to Shin Dong-bin, the 62-year-old chairman and younger son of the founder, by making it harder for his elder brother and rival, Shin Dong-joo, to win over enough shareholders to gain control. Lotte has faced criticism from the government for a proliferation of cross shareholdings that allowed family members to exert excessive control relative to the number of shares they owned.

“The restructuring plan will allow Shin Dong-bin to have larger stakes in the holding company than his older brother,”

Park Ju-gun, president of corporate watchdog CEOScore, said by phone yesterday. Park estimated the chairman’s stake in the new holding company will be about 10 percent.

Shin Dong-bin holds about 9.07 percent in Lotte Confectionery, while Shin Dong-joo holds 3.96 percent, according to regulatory filings.

Trading in shares of Lotte Confectionery and the three other units: Lotte Shopping Co., Lotte Food Co. and Lotte Chilsung Beverage Co. was halted yesterday before the restructuring plan was announced. Combined, the four companies had a market value of about \$12 billion as of Tuesday’s close in Seoul.

The Shin sibling rivalry isn’t Lotte’s only challenge. With almost twice the

revenue of Coca Cola Inc., Lotte Group has seen its operations in China suffer from economic retaliation after the company allowed U.S. anti-missile batteries to be deployed on land it provided in South Korea. Shin Dong-bin is also among Lotte executives who have been indicted on corruption charges.

Read more on Shin Dong-bin’s indictment on bribery charges here.

In 2015, Shin Dong-bin prevailed in a coup attempt by his older brother and their father. The plan backfired as the father, who was then chairman, got sidelined to an honorary position and the eldest son was stripped of group positions. Shin Dong-joo, 63, has since attempted multiple challenges to his younger



Shin Dong-bin, chairman of Lotte Group, center, arrives at the Seoul Central District Court

brother’s authority, but to little avail.

In spite of the indictments, family feud and pressure from China, investors have been sticking with the chaebol. Over the past two weeks as of Tuesday’s close, shares of Lotte’s listed affiliates had climbed about 15 percent, adding about \$1.6 billion to the group’s

market value.

A reorganization could also unlock value and pave the way for an initial public offering of Hotel Lotte Co., a move that was delayed after prosecutors began an investigation of the company in June 2016. The hotel unit IPO is likely to take place in 2019, the Lotte official said March 24. **Bloomberg**

World Bank increases aid to Cape Verde

THE World Bank has increased from the amount of aid to be granted to Cape Verde over the next three years from US\$42 million to US\$90 million, announced Finance Minister Olavo Correia, who travelled to Washington to attend meetings of the Sprig meetings of the World Bank and the International Monetary Fund (IMF).

Correia was given news of the extended funding at a meeting with the new director of the World Bank group of which Cape Verde is a part, Seydou Bonda, according to the Cape Verdean press.

The Cape Verdean Finance Minister also met with the regional director of the International Finance Corporation, Vera Songwe, newly appointed as the executive secretary of the UN Economic Commission for Africa, to discuss the IFC's continued support to the Cape Verdean private sector.

Correia also met with other partners of Cape Verde, including the OPEC Fund for International Development, with which he analyzed partial financing of the cruise ship terminal on the island of São Vicente. **MDT/Macauhub**

China donates USD146m to build infrastructure in São Tomé and Príncipe

CHINA will donate USD146 million to São Tomé and Príncipe for construction of infrastructure under bilateral economic cooperation, said on Tuesday in São Tomé Prime Minister Patrice Trovoada.

The prime minister said that the donation aims to support São Tomé and Príncipe in the construction of infrastructure projects, and gave as examples the modernization works of the international airport of São Tomé and building a deep water port.

"The airport is key to the development of São Tomé and Príncipe," said Trovoada, announcing China's interest in being involved in projects aimed at "developing the São Tomé economy," under agreements signed recently in Beijing.

Trovoada also noted the need to expand the facilities of the local airport to receive large aircraft from Chi-

na, following the agreement between the two countries aimed at "transforming the archipelago into a destination for Chinese tourists."

In addition to the amount to be donated, the prime minister said that economic cooperation with China includes lending through opening lines of credit on preferential terms for public and private companies in São Tomé and Príncipe.

The airport is key to the development of São Tomé and Príncipe.

PATRICE TROVOADA

"We also aim to promote and encourage the Chinese priva-



São Tomé, the capital of São Tomé and Príncipe

te sector to invest in tourism, renewable energy, trade and infrastructure," Trovoada said, adding that a Chinese team should arrive within days in São Tomé and Príncipe to carry out a study on tourism in the country.

As well as announcing that China has decided to pardon an old debt of US\$28 million, Trovoada also said China had provided 200 annual internships

and scholarships for students and professionals from São Tomé and Príncipe.

São Tomé and Príncipe and the People's Republic of China a week ago in Beijing signed a general cooperation program and several sector agreements following the visit by Prime Minister Trovoada to Beijing after the re-establishment in December 2016 of bilateral diplomatic relations. **MDT/Macauhub**

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Christopher Bodeen, Beijing

CHINA has launched its first aircraft carrier built entirely on its own, in a demonstration of the growing technical sophistication of its defense industries and determination to safeguard its maritime territorial claims and crucial trade routes.

The 50,000-ton carrier was towed from its dockyard just after 9 a.m. yesterday following a ceremony in the northern port city of Dalian, where its predecessor, the Soviet-built Liaoning, also underwent extensive refurbishing before being commissioned in 2012, the Ministry of National Defense said.

Development of the new carrier began in 2013 and construction in late 2015. It's expected to be formally commissioned sometime before 2020, after sea trials and the arrival of its full air complement.

Vice chairman of China's Central Military Commission and Communist Party Central Committee member Fan Changlong presided over the launch, which came just three days after the anniversary of the People's Liberation Army Navy's symbolic founding in 1949.

China launches first domestically



A newly-built aircraft carrier is transferred from dry dock into the water at a launch ceremony at a shipyard in Dalian in Liaoning Province, yesterday

Also attending was navy commander Vice Adm. Shen Jinlong, a former commander of the South Sea Fleet

responsible for defending China's claim to virtually the entire South China Sea.

Reports of the launch said

a bottle of champagne was broken across the ship's bow and other craft in the port sounded their horns in celebration.

Like the 60,000-ton Liaoning, which was purchased from the Ukraine, the new

MDT EXPLAINS

Why new carrier is significant

CHINA launched the navy's second aircraft carrier, its first to be entirely homebuilt.

While the 50,000-ton ship still needs considerable work before commissioning, analysts say its launch telegraphs China's ambitions to become the region's most powerful and influential country. That's an alarming prospect to others.

Here's a look at how the new carrier came into being and what impact it is expected to have.

CARRIER SHOWS CHINA'S MILITARY PROGRESS

China's carrier program got off the ground with the purchase of the Varyag, an incomplete carrier begun during the 1980s and then inherited by Ukraine after the breakup of the former Soviet Union. Beijing bought the ship in 1998 and towed it to China, where it underwent years of extensive refurbishing before being commissioned as the Liaoning in 2012. It was originally descri-

bed as being mainly for training and research but last year was declared combat-ready. Development of the new carrier began in 2013 and moved into high-gear in 2015. Based on the same original Soviet design, its construction is believed to have benefited greatly from lessons learned in fitting-out the Liaoning. Both ships suffer some of the limitations inherent in the design, including a ski jump-style launching system that limits the amount of fuel and bombs its Chinese J-15 fighters can carry. Michael Chase of the U.S. think tank RAND Corporation said the carriers reflect the progress China's has made in shipbuilding and other defense industries, and future carriers will be even more sophisticated, particularly in their propulsion and aircraft launch systems.

CARRIER AT HEART OF CHINA'S MILITARY AMBITIONS

China had long said it needs aircraft carriers to

protect its shoreline and other maritime interests. That's seen as reflecting Beijing's desire to put teeth behind its increasingly assertive claims to territory in the East China and South China seas, while establishing itself as the region's most powerful and influential nation and challenging America's global influence and leadership. Carriers also factor into China's threat to use force to gain control over self-governing Taiwan, from which it separated amid civil war in 1949. Carriers could be deployed to intimidate the island's government and 23 million residents, something it apparently attempted earlier this year when it sailed the Liaoning through the Taiwan Strait. Fueled by a fast-growing defense budget that is now the world's second biggest after the U.S., China's navy has also been acquiring destroyers, nuclear submarines and other ultramodern vessels. Its air force is meanwhile rapidly introducing fourth-



Varyag, a missile cruiser, arrives at a naval base in Qingdao, east China's Shandong Province (2012)

generation fighter jets and has produced prototypes of two different kinds of fifth-generation stealth fighters.

CARRIER RAISES CONCERNS AMONG NEIGHBORS

Apart from Taiwan, Chinese carriers are seen as a threat primarily by China's historical rivals Japan and India. Beijing and Tokyo have long feuded over a collection of tiny uninhabited islands in the East China Sea and China in recent years increased the presence of

its navy and coast guard in the area while repeatedly sending military planes to patrol the nearby airspace. Many Chinese consider the dispute to be a legacy of Japan's brutal invasion and occupation of much of their country during the 1930s and 1940s, memories of which are kept fresh by state propaganda and the education system. India has looked on nervously as the Chinese navy expands its presence in its traditional sphere of influence, the Indian Ocean. That includes the

development of ports and airports with potential military uses in Pakistan and elsewhere, along with China's first overseas military base in the Horn of Africa nation of Djibouti. Chinese carriers are seen as less threatening to the region's leading military power, the U.S., although American officials have called for more transparency from Beijing about how it intends to use the ships. Rather than a military threat, the carriers are more of an indirect challenge to U.S. influence in the region. **MDT/AP**

- made aircraft carrier



carrier is based on the Soviet Kuznetsov class design, with a ski jump-style deck for taking off and a conventional oil-fueled steam turbine power plant. That limits the weight of payloads its planes can carry, its speed and the amount of time it can spend at sea relative to American nuclear-powered carriers.

The main hull of the new carrier has been completed and its power supply put into place. Next up are mooring tests and the debugging of its electronic systems, the De-

fense Ministry said.

China is believed to be planning to build at least two and possibly as many as four additional carriers, with one of them, the Type 002, reported to be already under construction at a shipyard outside Shanghai. They are expected to be closer in size to the U.S. Navy's nuclear-powered 100,000-ton Nimitz class ships, with flat flight decks and catapults to allow planes to launch with more bombs and fuel aboard.

Along with their role in

protecting China's maritime interests, Chinese naval strategists see the carrier program as "about having naval power commensurate with China's international status, to impress both external and domestic audiences," said Michael Chase, an expert on the Chinese military at U.S. think tank the RAND Corporation.

The new carrier "is likely to be seen as further evidence of China's desire to become the most powerful and influential country in the re-

gion," Chase said. That will be especially worrying to Indian security analysts who are already concerned about Beijing's ambitions in the Indian Ocean, he said.

India, along with Japan and Taiwan which also view Chinese carriers as threats, will likely respond by building new submarines and anti-ship missiles, said Ian Easton, a research Fellow at The Project 2049 Institute in Arlington, Virginia.

■ The new carrier 'is likely to be seen as further evidence of China's desire to become the most powerful and influential country in the region'

China's "expansionist behavior in the South China Sea and its aggressive efforts to undermine the security of Taiwan and Japan, in particular, have translated into a situation where few countries now trust that Beijing has benign motives," Easton said.

China claims Taiwan as its own territory to be brought under control by force if necessary, and was seen as advertising that threat when it

sailed the Liaoning through the Taiwan Strait earlier this year.

According to Chinese reports, the new, as yet unnamed, carrier will carry 24 Shenyang J-15 fighters, based on the Russian Sukhoi Su-33, along with 12 helicopters for anti-submarine warfare, airborne early warning and rescue operations. That compares to 85-90 fixed wing aircraft and helicopters carried by a Nimitz-class carrier.

The new carrier is part of an ambitious expansion of the Chinese navy, which is projected to have a total of 265-273 warships, submarines and logistics vessels by 2020, according to the Washington, D.C.-based Center for Naval Analysis. That compares with 275 deployable battle force ships presently in the U.S. Navy, China's primary rival in the Asia Pacific.

The U.S. operates 10 aircraft carriers, has 62 destroyers to China's 32, and 75 submarines to China's 68. The U.S. Navy has 323,000 personnel to China's 235,000.

China has offered little information about the roles it expects its carriers to play, although its planning appears to be evolving as it gains more experience. The Liaoning was initially touted mainly as an experimental and training platform, but in December was declared to be combat-ready and has taken part in live-firing exercises in the South China Sea, where tensions have risen over China's construction of man-made islands complete with airstrips and military structures. **AP**

HONG KONG

Police arrest two disqualified lawmakers over oath fracas

Kelvin Chan, Hong Kong

HONG Kong police yesterday arrested two pro-independence lawmakers who were disqualified in a dispute over their oaths, in the latest round of legal action against activists involved in the Chinese territory's pro-democracy movement.

Sixtus Leung and Yau Wai-ching of the Youngspiration party were arrested and questioned at a police station for several hours before being released on bail.

They told reporters they were charged with unlawful assembly and attempted forcible entry

and must report to court tomorrow.

The two young activists angered Hong Kong's Beijing-backed government when they used their swearing-in ceremony in October to stage an apparent protest by inserting anti-China insults into their oaths.

Their attempts to enter the legislature during subsequent sessions to take their oaths properly descended into chaos when they were barred from the chamber while awaiting a court ruling, which later disqualified them from office.

Leung and Yau were part of a new wave of lawmakers advocating

greater separation from the mainland who were newly elected to office last year amid a rising tide of anti-China sentiment in Hong Kong, where fears are rising that Beijing is tightening its grip on the semi-autonomous city.

Three former assistants were also arrested. Leung said the charges, which relate to events on Nov. 2, were "ridiculous."

On that day, they scuffled with guards as they barged into the chamber, leaving the council session in disarray.

"We are still lawmakers at that time when we wanted to get into the

chamber. Why is it unlawful?" he said.

The two said the charges were politically motivated.

"We are not afraid of this suppression and we will persist in our beliefs," Yau said.

The Hong Kong government is pursuing cases against a number of other activists.

Last month police arrested nine people, including university professors, former student leaders and lawmakers, on public nuisance charges for their involvement in the "Umbrella Movement" protests. The 79-day movement ended more than two



Sixtus Leung, left, and Yau Wai-ching speak to the media outside a police station after being released on bail yesterday

years ago after protesters failed to win concessions over electoral curbs.

The government is also trying to disqualify four other pro-democracy lawmakers who it says took their oaths improperly.

Individual cases inclu-

de another lawmaker charged earlier this month with desecrating the Chinese and Hong Kong flags after he inverted some of the desks of pro-government members during one of the chamber's chaotic sessions last year. **AP**

Deadly ambush raises fears of rebel resurgence in India

Nirmala George & Ashwini Bhatia, Palampur

WOMEN wailed as Indian soldiers carried a flag-draped coffin holding the body of one of their colleagues killed this week in a deadly ambush by autonomy-seeking Maoist rebels.

The attack, which killed 25 soldiers, has raised fears that the five-decade insurgency is seeing a revival. This year is already one of the bloodiest in recent years, with 72 soldiers killed in the rebel heartland of Chhattisgarh. By comparison, 36 were killed during all of last year.

"You let him die," Kumar's 15-year-old daughter cried to the soldiers carrying the body of her father to his home in the northern hill town of Palampur on Tuesday night [yesterday, Macau time]. "Why didn't you do something?"

Indian soldiers have been battling the rebels across several central and northern states since 1967, when the militants — also known as Naxalites — began fighting to demand more jobs, land and wealth from natural resources for the country's poor indigenous communities. The government has said the insurgents, inspired by Chinese revolutionary leader Mao Zedong, pose the country's most serious internal security threat.

Before this year, the deadliest Maoist attack was in 2010, when rebels killed 76 soldiers in Chha-

tisgarh, one of India's poorest states despite vast mineral riches. Rebel attacks in other Indian states are less frequent, but also sometimes result in casualties.

Analysts said Prime Minister Narendra Modi's government is slipping in its commitment to fight the rebels, and that authorities should be deploying more police and paramilitary troops while simultaneously focusing on boosting economic development for poor villagers who may be moved to support the rebels.

"It's as if no lessons have been learned from similar attacks in the past," said Ajai Sahni, a security analyst in New Delhi.

The troops attacked on Monday had been having lunch along a partially built road cutting through scrubland, taking a break from scouting the area ahead of a construction team, when they were ambushed by about 300 armed rebels, touching off a three-hour gunbattle.

■ The military retaliation was slowed by the fact that the Maoists were using villagers as human shields



Women grieve as they await the arrival of the body of Indian paramilitary soldier Sanjay Kumar at his home in Palampur, about 40 kilometers south of Dhamsala

"I find it incomprehensible that the Indian state cannot deploy enough soldiers to protect 70 kilometers of road within the country," Sahni said.

Facing a resurgence in the rebellion, the government should change its standard deployment and surveillance tactics, he said. Authorities also need to improve living standards for local villagers, noting that none had warned the troops about the presence of hundreds of armed rebels moving through the region.

Years of neglect — marked by a lack of jobs, school and health care clinics — have helped

to isolate the local villagers, making them open to overtures by the rebels, who speak their tribal languages and have promised to fight for a better future with more education and job opportunities.

The "government needs to reduce the economic deprivation, which has led to an alienation of the local people," Lt. Gen. (Ret.) Raj Kadyan, a defense analyst, told India Today television channel.

Other analysts noted that Monday's attack occurred when the soldiers deviated from the standard operating procedures by sit-

ting as a group for lunch, without anyone standing watch, as reported by soldiers who survived the attack.

One survivor said they'd first been approached by villagers, whom the rebels then followed.

"We thought it was a group of villagers coming toward us, when the rebels began firing from behind," said Sher Bahadur, who was among six soldiers injured.

The rebels then opened fire from another flank, at which point the soldiers retaliated, killing or injuring an unknown number, he said. When paramilitary reinforcements arrived, the rebels scattered and fled back into the wild, carrying the bodies of the fallen militants with them.

State officials said the military retaliation was slowed by the fact that the Maoists were using villagers as human shields. Federal Home Minister Rajnath Singh described the killings as "cold-blooded murder" carried out in an attempt to destabilize the state government.

"It's a desperate attempt to block development in the state," Singh said, suggesting the rebels were trying to stop roads from being built to improve transportation and access for villagers and thus diminish the rebels' influence. He said the government would not be deterred.

"The government will take this strike as a challenge," he said.

The tough talk and promises of military retribution offered little comfort to the mourners at Kumar's funeral Tuesday night.

His brother said Kumar was brave in facing the rebel danger.

"He used to say that every time he went on an operation in the jungle, he didn't know if he would come back alive," said Vijay Kumar. "His fears have become a reality with this attack." AP

SOUTH Korean presidential front-runner Moon Jae-in outraged persecuted sexual minority groups by saying during a television debate that he opposes homosexuality, something his supporters say he had to do to win office in the deeply conservative country.

Moon, a liberal candidate and former human rights lawyer, made the comments while responding to a conservative presidential candidate who argued gay soldiers were weakening the country's military.

Gay rights advocates, some of whom were dragged away after approaching Moon following a speech at the National Assembly in Seoul on Wednesday, see Moon's words as hate speech. Police said 13 activists were detained at the scene of Moon's speech on suspicion of violating laws that ban protes-

SOUTH KOREA

Presidential hopeful accused of anti-gay comments



A protester holding a rainbow flag, approaches presidential candidate Moon Jae-in from the Democratic Party, left

ts inside the gates of the legislature.

Moon's supporters defended his comments as in line with many South Koreans' views. Moon's camp didn't immediately respond to the criticism by gay rights activists.

Sexual minorities are harshly stigmatized in

South Korea and struggle with political visibility because a powerful Christian lobby keeps politicians from passing anti-discrimination laws. Among the five candidates who participated in the debate, only Sim Sang-jung, representing the minor Justice Party,

openly advocates gay rights.

After the conservative candidate, Hong Joon-pyo, argued that gay soldiers were weakening the country's military, Moon said he agreed.

Hong then asked Moon whether he opposed homosexuality, to which Moon replied, "I oppose." When Hong double-checked, Moon said, "Of course."

Hong represents the party of ousted President Park Geun-hye, who was arrested last month and now faces the prospect of a prison term over corruption charges.

He recently angered female voters over revelations in a 2005 memoir that he assisted a friend in a failed date rape attempt as a teen. The in-

cident involved mixing the woman's drink with a livestock stimulant, Hong wrote.

A watchdog has recently accused South Korea's military of hunting down and prosecuting gay servicemen. That raised worries of more discrimination and hate crimes against sexual minorities.

Moon later in the debate said that he opposed "discrimination based on homosexuality," but was also against legalizing same-sex marriage.

"Moon needs to offer an apology and a correction of his comments made on live television," said Jung Yol, a gay rights activist. "What he said was clearly hate speech, and since he is the candidate favored to win the election, his words can influence how

people think."

Lawyers for a Democratic Society, a group of South Korean human rights lawyers to which Moon once belonged, issued a statement denouncing the comments by Moon and Hong, saying the candidates revealed their ignorance on human and constitutional rights.

"We cannot look away from the issue as the candidates' comments could encourage hate speech and discrimination against social minorities across the society," the statement said.

South Korea's Constitutional Court formally removed Park from office on March 10. That triggered a 60-day presidential race. Opinion surveys favor Moon to win the May 9 election. AP

Foster Klug, Seoul

IN a defiant bit of timing, South Korea announced yesterday that key parts of a contentious U.S. missile defense system have been installed a day after rival North Korea showed off its military power.

The South's trumpeting of progress in setting up the Terminal High-Altitude Area Defense system, or THAAD, comes as high-powered U.S. military assets converge on the Korean Peninsula and as a combative North Korea signals possible nuclear and missile testing.

North Korea conducted live-fire artillery drills on Tuesday, the 85th anniversary of the founding of its million-person strong Korean People's Army. On the same day, a U.S. guided-missile submarine docked in South Korea. And the USS Carl Vinson aircraft carrier is also headed toward the peninsula for a joint exercise with South Korea.

The moves to set up THAAD within this year have angered not only North Korea, but also China, the country that the Trump administration hopes to work with to rid the North of nuclear weapons. China, which has grown increasingly frustrated with its ally Pyongyang, and Russia see the system's powerful radars as a security threat.

South Korea said in a statement that unspecified parts of THAAD were installed. The statement said that Seoul and Washington have been pushing to get THAAD quickly working to cope with North Korea's advancing nuclear and missile threats. According to Yonhap news agency, the parts include two or three launchers, intercept missiles and a radar.

About 8,000 police officers were mobilized, and the main road leading up to the site in the country's southeast was blocked earlier yesterday, Yonhap reported. About 200 residents and protesters rallied against THAAD in front of a local community center, some hurling plastic water bottles.

On Tuesday, North Korea conducted what it called its largest ever combined live-fire drills, near the east coast port city of Wonsan.

North Korea's official media reported that leader Kim Jong Un personally observed the exercises, which involved the firing of more than 300 large-caliber artillery pieces and included submarine torpedo-attacks on mock enemy warships.

Along with sending U.S. military assets to the region in a show of force, President Donald Trump is leaning

US sets up missile defense in S. Korea as North shows power

on China to exert economic pressure on its wayward ally. Chinese President Xi Jinping, who spoke to Trump on Monday, is urging restraint from both Pyongyang and Washington.

In Washington, top Trump administration officials are due to brief the entire U.S. Senate today [Macqu time]. A rapid tempo of North Korean weapons testing in the past year has pushed Kim Jong Un's authoritarian nation closer to developing a nuclear-tipped missile that could reach the U.S. mainland.

Republican Sen. Lindsey Graham voiced confidence that Trump won't allow North Korea to reach that point. Graham, a defense hawk who dined with Trump on Monday night, said the North should not underestimate the president's resolve.

The USS Michigan, a nuclear-powered submarine, arrived Tuesday at the South Korean port of Busan for what was described as a routine visit to rest crew and load supplies. The U.S. 7th Fleet said two American destroyers were conducting simultaneous maritime exercises with naval ships from South Korea and Japan.

North Korea routinely accuses the United States of readying for an invasion, and threatens pre-emptive strikes to stop it. An unnamed North Korean Foreign Ministry spokesman said the U.S. administration's policy to maximize pressure on North Korea was "little short of lighting the fuse of total war," the state news agency reported Tuesday.

The streets of Pyongyang, however, were quiet for Tuesday's anniversary, which was overshadowed by April 15 celebrations for the birthday of the nation's late founder Kim Il Sung, and were marked by a missile test the following day.

The Trump administration is also upping the ante diplomatically.

On Friday, Secretary of State Rex Tillerson will chair a special meeting of the U.N. Security Council.

Tillerson will be "very vocal" about nations enforcing sanctions on North Korea, State Department spokesman Mark Toner said. Trump said Monday the council must be prepared to impose stronger sanctions.



A South Korean army's K1A2 tank fires during S.Korea-U.S. joint military live-fire drills at Seungjin Fire Training Field in Pocheon

US deployment claims another victim: Hyundai Motor



HYUNDAI Motor Co. reported yesterday more than a 20 percent drop in its first quarter profit as the anti-Korean sentiment in China sparked by the deployment of the U.S. missile defense system battered the Korean carmakers' sales in its biggest auto market.

The company said its January-March net profit was 1.3 trillion won (USD1.2 billion), down 21 percent from 1.7 trillion won a year earlier.

Its profit slide was smaller than what analysts expected. FactSet, a financial data provider, said the market consensus was 1.22 trillion won.

Sales rose 5 percent to 23.4 trillion won (\$20.8 billion). Operating profit fell 7 percent to 1.3 trillion won.

The biggest drag in earnings was the U.S. missile system that triggered China's anger and hurt Korean businesses in the world's most populous country.

Hyundai Motor, the maker of Tucson sports utili-

ty vehicles and Sonata sedans, said it sold 206,000 cars in China during the first three months, down 14 percent from a year earlier.

In January and February, Hyundai appeared to have been on track for sales recovery in China. That changed when South Korea's Defense Ministry signed an agreement with Lotte Group in late February to use its golf course in the southwest to deploy the missile defense system, known as THAAD. In March, Hyundai saw a sharp fall in its China car sales.

"Such sales fall is not due to the internal factor as you know. It is the result of the anti-Korean sentiment that flared up within China since late February and some rivals that launched marketing to exploit the anti-Korean sentiment," said Koo Zayong, a vice president at Hyundai Motor.

South Korea and the U.S. say THAAD is a deterrent against North Korean aggression, but China opposed it because it worries that its powerful radars could peer through its territory.

China has shown its displeasure in other areas too. The once-steady inflows of Chinese tourists to South Korea withered, and Lotte was ordered to stop operations of its big discount chains in China, which cited safety violations. Instances of anti-Korean sentiments also emerged on Chinese social media and some South Korean schools canceled their trips to China.

Hyundai's performance in the U.S., its second-biggest market, also dropped 3 percent, outweighing growth in Western Europe and India.

Hyundai Motor was also hit by massive recalls it estimated to cost around 200 billion won (\$178 million) during the first quarter. Earlier this month, Hyundai and Kia recalled 1.4 million cars in U.S., Canada and South Korea due to possible engine failures. **AP**



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Trump with daughter Ivanka

ALL IN THE FAMILY

Trump's potent mix of blood, business

Nancy Benac, Washington

NOT since John F. Kennedy appointed his brother Bobby to be attorney general and his brother-in-law as director of the Peace Corps has a president leaned so heavily on his family. Even Donald Trump's 5-year-old granddaughter Arabella has pitched in. As the administration nears its 100-day mark, Trump has established a White House operation with such an unusual commingling of blood, business and government that it has surprised even his own family.

Ivanka Trump, who once said she'd stick to the role of daughter, now has a West Wing office and the title of assistant to the president after she discovered that "having one foot in and one foot out wouldn't work." Her effort to walk a fine line has not always been easy. During an appearance yesterday [Macau time] at a women's empowerment conference in Germany, she drew hisses and groans as she defended her father's track record.

Her husband Jared Kushner is a senior adviser to the president with a bulging and growing portfolio that includes everything from brokering Mideast peace to restructuring the federal government.

And there was the president's son Eric, in the unofficial role of spokesman, declaring his father would stand up to North Korea's provocations. In an interview, at the White House Easter egg roll no less, saying on behalf of the president: "You don't want there to be death and destruction and turmoil around the world but, again, you

have to have massive backbone when it comes to dealing with awful, awful dictators."

Another Trump son, Don Jr., enhanced his profile during the campaign and early months of his father's presidency to such an extent that there is speculation he'll make his own run for office. And he's leaving that door open, saying the New York governor's seat could be a tempting destination at some point.



Jared Kushner, right, Trump's son-in-law and senior adviser

The president's wife, Melania, meanwhile, has been a largely distant presence so far, remaining in New York for the most part while their 11-year-old son Barron finishes out the school year. But she is gradually spending more time in Washington and did give her husband a gentle nudge to put his hand on his heart during the playing of the national anthem at the Easter egg roll.

Little Arabella chimed in to the Trump team effort by charming Chinese President Xi Jinping by singing a tune in Mandarin during the leaders' recent meeting at Mar-a-Lago.

There are both pros and cons in staffing up from within one's own family, as Trump is learning.

The family dynamic has added extra intrigue to the jockeying between rival power centers that is typical in the early days of any White House. The more moderate contingent led by Kushner and Ivanka Trump appears to be ascendant in recent days over those allied with senior strategist Steve Bannon, the former media executive and radio host who's a favorite of conservatives.

Princeton historian Julian Zelizer says family members may be able to give a president a tough assessment that other staff members would shrink from providing, but they also can become "so enmeshed in the identity of their family and protecting their father that they can't give honest advice or can't even see problems as they emerge."

Ivanka Trump has been criticized for not speaking out more forcefully when she disagrees with her father. But that doesn't necessarily mean she's not making her views heard.

"I would say not to conflate lack of public denouncement with silence," she said earlier this month.

During her appearance this week in Berlin, she said she's still "rather unfamiliar" with her new role as first daughter and presidential adviser but hopes to bring advice and feedback "back to both my father and the president — and hopefully that will bring about incremental, positive change."

Her husband, meanwhile, has traveled to Iraq with the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff and has been advising the president on relations with the Middle East, Canada and Mexico.

The extent of Ivanka Trump's sway with her father is suggested

by Eric Trump's recent comment that she likely weighed in before the president decided to bomb Syria in retaliation for a chemical weapons attack. Eric Trump told London's Daily Telegraph: "She has influence. I'm sure she said, 'Listen, this is horrible stuff.'"

The blurry line between the Trump family's business interests and its government connections is another unusual complication of this presidency. Even with sons Don Jr. and Eric tasked with running the Trump businesses while Kushner and Ivanka Trump tend to government affairs, the continuing public-private overlap has generated lots of questions about conflicts of interest.

The separation between business and government is "totally artificial," says Zelizer.

Eric Trump's admission to Forbes magazine in February that "nepotism is kind of a factor of life" in the Trump family didn't help dispel the impression of an insider's clan, although he stressed that "if we didn't do a good job, if we weren't competent, believe me, we wouldn't be in this spot."

For all the questions about Trump's reliance on family, some see it as a net positive.

The value of having a son or daughter on the inside "is honesty and love," says former George H.W. Bush administration staffer Doug Wead, author of books on presidential children and the 2016 campaign. "They care if your shirt-tail is hanging out. If your hair is messed up, they'll tell you. When everybody else is trying to hide from you, they're going to let you know."

The power — and peril — of Kushner's place in Trump World is hinted at by Washington graybeard Henry Kissinger in a write-up for Time's list of 100 most influential people. Kissinger said Kushner's broad education and business background "should help him make a success of his daunting role flying close to the sun." AP



Trump, accompanied by first Lady Melania, introduces their son Barron

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Offbeat

WORLD'S LAST MALE NORTHERN WHITE
RHINO GETS HELP FROM TINDER

The world's last male northern white rhino has joined the Tinder dating app as wildlife experts make a last-chance breeding effort to keep his species alive.

"I don't mean to be too forward, but the fate of the species literally depends on me," the rhino's profile says. "I perform well under pressure."

The campaign called "The Most Eligible Bachelor in the World," by a Kenyan wildlife conservancy and the dating app, focuses on the rhino named Sudan.

The 43-year-old and his last two female companions are unable to breed naturally because of issues that include old age.

OI Pejeta Conservancy and the app aim to raise USD9 million for research into breeding methods, including in-vitro fertilization, in an effort to save the species from extinction.

"We partnered with OI Pejeta conservancy to give the most eligible bachelor in the world a chance to meet his match," said Matt David, head of communications and marketing at Tinder. "We are optimistic given Sudan's profile will be seen on Tinder in 190 countries and over 40 languages."

The conservancy's website had crashed by mid-week.

Sudan lives at the conservancy, protected by guards around the clock, with the two females, Najin and Fatu.

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13:30	News (RTPi) Delayed Broadcast
14:50	RTPi Live
16:40	Documentary Serie
17:35	Revenge S1
18:20	Now Generation (Repeated)
19:10	Non-Daily Portuguese News (Repeated)
19:40	Soap Opera
20:30	Main News, Financial & Weather Report
21:00	TDM Talk Show
21:30	Castle S6
22:10	Now Generation
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Language: Cantonese (English and Chinese)

Duration: 119min

FAST & FURIOUS 8

ROOM 2

2:30, 9:15pm

Director: F. Gary Gray

Starring: Vin Diesel, Jason Statham, Dwayne Johnson

Language: English (Chinese)

Duration: 136min

THE BOSS BABY

ROOM 2

5:00, 7:30pm

Director: Tom McGrath

Starring: Alec Baldwin, Steve Buscemi, Jimmy Kimmel

Language: Cantonese (English)

Duration: 97min



BRAIN ON FIRE

ROOM 3

2:30, 4:30, 7:30, 9:30pm

Director: Gerard Barrett

Starring: Chloë Moretz, Richard Armitage, Jenny Slate

Language: English (Chinese)

Duration: 95min

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this day in history

1945 RUSSIANS AND AMERICANS
LINK AT ELBE

Russian and American troops have joined hands at the River Elbe in Germany, bringing the end of the war a step closer.

Statements have been released simultaneously in London, Moscow and Washington this evening reaffirming the determination of the three Allied powers to complete the destruction of the Third Reich.

According to a statement issued by Downing Street, the commanders of a United States division and of a Russian Guards division met at Torgau, south of Berlin on 26 April at 1600 hours local time.

In fact the first contact was made between patrols on 25 April when a first lieutenant and three men of an intelligence and reconnaissance platoon of the US division met forward elements of the Russian Guards division.

First Lieutenant Albert Kotzebue of the 3rd Battalion, 273rd Infantry, 69th Infantry Division took his men in a boat across the Elbe to be greeted by Lt Col Alexander Gardiev, Commander of the 175th Rifle Regiment of the 58th Guards Division, 34th Corps.

They made arrangements for the formal handshake in front of photographers at Torgau the following day.

By joining forces at Elbe, the American and Soviet troops have successfully cut the Germany army in two. However, The Times correspondent warns of the possibility of "a protracted period of mountain warfare".

The American and Russian military leaders have paid tribute to their troops. In Moscow 324 guns fired a 24 salvo in honour of "victory of the freedom-loving peoples over Germany".

General Omar Bradley, commander of the US 12th Army Group, praised the Soviet troops for their determination in forcing the Germans to abandon Russia and push them back to the Elbe River.

He went on to pay tribute to the American forces: "In 10 months you have advanced 1,120km (696 miles) from the invasion beaches. All this has been attained thanks to your courage, your spirit and initiative and thanks to your comrades who died in order to achieve this."

The British Prime Minister, Winston Churchill, said: "We meet in true and victorious comradeship and with inflexible resolve to fulfil our purpose and our duty. Let all march forward upon the foe."

President Harry Truman welcomed the news: "This is not the hour of final victory in Europe, but the hour draws near, the hour for which all the American people, all the British people and all the Soviet people have toiled and prayed so long."

Marshal Joseph Stalin spoke of the war still ahead: "Our task and our duty are to complete the destruction of the enemy to force him to lay down his arms and surrender unconditionally."

"The Red Army will fulfil to the end this task and this duty to our people and to all freedom-loving peoples."

Courtesy BBC News

IN CONTEXT

Three days later (30 April) Adolf Hitler committed suicide with his wife of only a few hours, Eva Braun, in the underground bunker from where he had been directing operations.

On 4 May a representative of Grand Admiral Karl Doenitz, Hitler's successor as chief of state and commander-in-chief of the armed forces surrendered the Netherlands, Denmark and north-western Germany to Field Marshal Bernard Montgomery at Luneberg Heath, south-east of Hamburg.

The six-year European phase of history's most destructive war ended on 7 May with Germany's unconditional surrender to Eisenhower at Reims. Victory in Europe Day was celebrated on 8 May.

However, the Soviets refused to accept the Reims agreement and insisted another peace deal was signed in Berlin on 8 May. As the Red Army was still fighting for control of Prague at the time, the ceasefire did not come into effect until 11 May.

YOUR STARS

Aries Mar. 21-Apr. 19 Getting through the day will be a bit of a battle...

Taurus April 20-May 20 You've recently been drawn toward a particular type of belief system...

Gemini May 21-Jun. 21 It may be vague, and it may not initially sound like what it is, but if you listen hard...

Cancer Jun. 22-Jul. 22 Something seems to have shifted between you and a dear one, and it's not an unhappy state of affairs...

Leo Jul. 23-Aug. 22 You've been subtly, but powerfully, changed. You're ready to take a chance again...

Virgo Aug. 23-Sept. 22 There's just no easy way to say this, so sit down, buckle up and listen: You've suddenly turned into a magnet...

Libra Sep.23-Oct. 22 If anyone knows how to read others, it's you. Your sign's reputation for being the very best mediator, negotiator and peacemaker didn't come about by accident...

Scorpio Oct. 23 - Nov. 21 Lots of little-known facts exist about your sign, mostly because you're so private that you don't tell most people all that much about yourself...

Sagittarius Nov. 22-Dec. 21 A startling situation will force you to show a side of yourself that few have ever seen: Your willingness to jump right in and defend someone you love...

Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 19 There's nothing like ambiance. It can make or break a situation - especially a tender situation that might be leading down an even more tender path...

Aquarius Jan. 20-Feb. 18 You love being an individual - almost as much as you love for other people to notice. So when it's time to shop, you don't typically head for the mall or anywhere else that everyone else goes.

Pisces Feb.19-Mar. 20 No matter where you are, keep tissues handy and warn your companions that you just might turn into a faucet at any given moment...

THE BORN LOSER by Chip Sansom



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Easy

9x9 grid for Easy Sudoku puzzle.

Easy+

9x9 grid for Easy+ Sudoku puzzle.

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9x9 grid for Medium Sudoku puzzle.

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9x9 grid for Hard Sudoku puzzle.

WEATHER

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

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ACROSS: 1- Roman holiday; 6- Indian state; 11- Alias; 14- Constellation containing Rigel; 15- Capital of Yemen; 16- Rainy; 17- ___ a time (singly); 18- Night noise; 19- Remote; 20- Clock pointer; 22- Sweatbox; 24- Unity; 28- Pot; 30- Canal site; 31- Island in the Bay of Naples; 32- Moves with care; 33- Tankard with a knob on the lid; 37- Sgt., e.g.; 38- Continental cash; 39- GI's address; 40- Gazelle; 43- Unit of magnetic field strength; 45- Royal; 46- Walk stealthily; 47- Negligent; 49- Compete; 50- Rest on the surface of a liquid; 51- Sleep like ___; 52- Hi-___ monitor; 53- Greeting; 56- Backs of feet; 61- ___ was saying...; 62- German industrial city; 63- Chilean pianist Claudio; 64- Common ID; 65- Shake awake; 66- Unite;

DOWN: 1- Egg ___ yung; 2- East ender?; 3- Sprechen ___ Deutsch?; 4- Get thee ___ nunny; 5- National songs; 6- Orgs.; 7- Beach blanket?; 8- ___ Cone; 9- Swiss river; 10- Conductors; 11- Dreadful; 12- "The Family Circus" cartoonist Bil; 13- Name on a razor; 21- Simile center; 23- Squabbling; 24- Goes into business; 25- Civil rights org.; 26- Belgian painter James; 27- Scot's refusal; 28- Stuffing for pillows; 29- Actor Omar; 31- Christmas song; 33- Big brass; 34- Terre ___, IN; 35- Big name in printers; 36- Snooped (around); 38- Ova; 41- ___ La Douce; 42- Nor's partner; 43- Cotton fabric; 44- Suitable; 46- Overly; 47- Like non-oyster months; 48- Red fluorescent dye; 49- Duplicate; 50- Monks; 51- Pub orders; 54- That, in Tijuana; 55- Baton Rouge sch.; 57- Before, before; 58- Go astray; 59- Time delay; 60- Litigate against;



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DIEGO Costa ended a seven-game goal drought in style to help Chelsea open up a seven-point lead in the Premier League with a 4-2 victory over Southampton yesterday.

The second-half double halted a barren run that began shortly after a reported dispute at the club as Costa was linked with a move to the financially-flush Chinese Super League.

Even as the goals dried up and the uncertainty about Costa's future persisted, manager Antonio Conte never doubted his striker's ability to make an impact in the title run-in.

"For the forward it's very important to score ... because the goal is your life," Conte said. "But for me I always said that I'm very pleased for his commitment, for his work for the team, because he's always working for the team."

Costa was heavily involved as early as the fifth minute at Stamford Bridge when he set up Eden Hazard's opener. After Gary Cahill restored Chelsea's lead, Costa scored two contrasting goals in the second half.

The striker's 50th Premier League goal was a header from Cesc Fabregas' cross and his next goal was the culmination of a mazy run through the defense that saw him exchange passes with Hazard and Pedro Rodriguez.

Those goals helped the league leaders nudge closer to regaining the trophy from Leicester, having had their advantage trimmed in recent weeks by Tottenham. Second-place Tottenham is now on the back foot as it prepares to play Crystal Palace on Wednesday.

But one potential obstacle to Chelsea's winning the title on the five-match final stretch remains the leaky defense that had been so sturdy earlier in the season. Both Southampton goals came from former Chelsea players, with Oriol Romeu and Ryan Bertrand making it 12 league games since Conte's side kept a clean sheet.



Diego Costa, right, scores a goal during the English Premier League soccer match between Chelsea and Southampton at Stamford Bridge

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Costa ends goal drought to help Chelsea open up 7-point lead

Romeu's canceled out Hazard's opener. Manolo Gabbiadini was left unmarked to bring down James Ward-Prowse's corner at the far post and strike at Thibaut Courtois. The goalkeeper parried the shot but the ball fell to Romeu for a simple tap-in. Chelsea was already 4-1 in front when Bertrand rose above Cahill to head in a cross from Cedric Soares.

"When you keep a clean sheet, it's a great achievement for your team," Conte said. "I think this situation we have to improve. We have to continue to work and try to improve our mistakes."

And yet the west London club seemed so relaxed about its advantage that captain John Terry had been brought on for his first league appearance since November and first since announcing he would be leaving at the end of the season.

It's likely that one of Terry's last acts of a 22-year association with Chelsea will be to lift the Premier League trophy. There could also be an FA Cup to collect if Arsenal can be overcome in the final. Conte gambled against Tottenham in Saturday's semi-final by starting without Costa and Hazard. It paid off at Wem-

bley and the effects were felt by Southampton as the refreshed duo unsettled the Southampton defense.

"My choices were right for the game against Tottenham and the game against Southampton," Conte said. "It's not easy to make these strong choices. I have squad full of great men and good players."

The contribution of Fabregas shouldn't be overlooked. It was the midfielder's long defense-splitting pass that was cutback to Costa into the path of Hazard for the opener. The former Arsenal playmaker also whipped in the

cross eight minutes into the second half that was nodded in by Costa. It was Fabregas' 103rd Premier League assist, overtaking former Chelsea midfielder Frank Lampard in a ranking that is topped by retired Manchester United great Ryan Giggs on 162.

Conte, after helping Chelsea recover from its loss to United in the previous round, now takes his team back to northern England to face Everton.

"We passed a big step, a big psychological step, after the defeat against United," Conte said. "Our answer was very good and for this reason I must be pleased." AP

JUDO

North Korea loses world judo event because of security risk

NORTH Korea will no longer host the judo world junior championships because of security risks amid rising political tension with South Korea and the United States.

"At present, this situation is alarming, and the outcomes are difficult to predict," the International Judo Federation said

yesterday after talks with North Korea's sports ministry.

Some national teams had refused to go to North Korea and others expressed concern about sending children there, the judo world body said.

The federation awarded the Oct. 18-22 championships to Pyongyang with conditions including

that there was "a stable international situation." The championships will instead be held in Zagreb, Croatia.

North Korea has increased missile tests in recent weeks, and American naval forces are preparing for joint training operations with South Korea.

"A number of countries, national federations and

individuals concerned, communicated with the IJF via formal or informal channels that they are worried about this event," the governing body said. "Some of them declined participation, others expressed concern regarding the participation of their children at this event."

Other issues cited were international flights to



Kim Jong Un militarist stance affects Korean athletes participation in world competitions

North Korea being canceled plus "safety and security of participants and their belongings, communications with the outside world, possibility of live

streaming."

The federation said it hoped to bring a future event to North Korea when the political situation was stable. AP

opinion

Girl About Globe

Linda Kennedy



SHANGHAI'S AUTO MOTTO: GO FEMINISM!

From G-strings at the Shanghai Auto Show to Pyongyang Pilates, this is my round up of global quirky events.

First, a new drink is to be launched called Fake News Ale. It's produced by a craft brewing company in Canada, has a cartoon of Donald Trump on the can and is marketed under the hashtag #MakeBeerGreatAgain. But what if you're neither male nor into ale? How about a Fake News Cosmopolitan, made with vodka Jared Kushner sourced during a Russia meeting? It's perfect. A Cosmopolitan is everything Trump ain't.

In North Korea, there were parades for Day of the Sun. Women wore traditional Korean outfits made of an obviously synthetic fibre, but they kept moving thereby avoiding the prospect of a nightie bomb. That many nylon outfits rubbing against each other would create a hell of a shock.

Next, there were North Korean female soldiers, goose-stepping with such calf flexibility interest grew in the possibility of a secret exercise phenomenon called Pyongyang Pilates. North Korean Military Fitness coming to a mat near you?

It also gave us the chance to be reminded North Korea has state-sanctioned hairstyles. Short for married ladies. Longer for single dames. After its missile tests, North Korea once again wields power using bangs.

At the Shanghai Auto Show, Scottish singer/songwriter Amy Macdonald performed with her guitar. Women at car beauty pageants (that's what they are) are usually there for their C or D cups, not their C or D chords.

Go Shanghai! This new take on a woman showing off her G-string comes two years after 'booth babes' were banned, due to the Chinese government telling the car show to keep things classy. It's feminism in the fast lane.

Staying at the auto show, there was surely a 'bums on seats' blow when a pure-electric sports utility vehicle was unveiled by Chinese carmaker Nio. This SUV is called the ES8. But it only has seven seats. We all know how much the number eight is revered in China, to the extent the 'e' in e-cars is as much for the eight as electric. Did the ES8 designers try really hard - and fail - to squeeze in extra bits of seat? Like me getting into certain pairs of jeans.

Lastly, which four-letter 'f' word might Hong Kong's MTR soon allow? Food? Or something more swearsy?

The answer, perhaps surprisingly, is the MTR is going to relax its position on swear words. It's proposing to update its bylaws, and the fine for cursing is set to go down from HK\$5000 dollars to HK\$2000.

Eating and drinking, though, will remain forbidden. Which means no cure for 'snack rage'. I'm not the only one. Can't be. Don't you get mad when people are eating food, perhaps particularly smelly cooked food, on the MTR?

Have you said anything? What happened? Were you left with egg on your face?

To close this transport bit, a taste of the luggage lunacy which apparently occurs frequently. Some of the things people try to take on the MTR are: washing machines, refrigerators, mattresses. Of course such behavior is ridiculous. And selfish. But if I were on a carriage where the air con had broken down, and there was fridge next to me, or standing on one of the new trains with those cold metal seats, and someone with a mattress were alongside, well, I'd like to say that I would eat my words - the ones used in the early description of such behavior being ridiculous and selfish - but that would be against the rules. I'd just swear in delight and try to make friends.

THE BEIJING TALKING WITH EUROPEAN SPACE AGENCY ABOUT MOON OUTPOST

Representatives of China and the European Space Agency are discussing potential collaboration on a human outpost on the moon and other possible joint endeavors, according to a spokesman for the European agency and Chinese media reports.

The secretary general for China's space agency, Tian Yulong, first disclosed the talks about the envisioned lunar base in Chinese state media. They

were confirmed yesterday by Pal Hvistendahl, a spokesman for the European Space Agency, or ESA.

"The Chinese have a very ambitious moon program already in place," Hvistendahl said. "Space has changed since the space race of the '60s. We recognize that to explore space for peaceful purposes, we do international cooperation."

China's rare milu deer return in victory for conservation

Louise Watt, Beijing

THE newborn fawn walks unsteadily among the trees that were once part of the Chinese emperor's hunting grounds, where more than a century before its forebears died out in their native China.

This April marks the start of the birthing season for the milu deer, which has long been famed as having the head of a horse, the hooves of a cow, the tail of a donkey and the antlers of a deer. As the herds across China grow each spring, they mark a rare conservation success story in a country suffering from pollution and other environmental challenges.

"Our protection of the milu is about protecting our living cultural heritage and natural heritage," said Guo Geng, vice director of the Beijing Milu Ecological Research Center, where they expect about 30 fawns this year. Known as Pere David's Deer in the West, the milu's significance to Chinese culture is embodied in its appearance in ancient Chinese poems and writings.

"But if, outside of books, they become extinct, then the next generation will be extremely regretful," said Guo.

Today, there are about 5,500 milu deer in China, with as many as 600 living in the wild in Hubei and Hunan provinces along the Yangtze River. How the species was spared from extinction is an unlikely tale spanning lifetimes and involving a French missionary, an English duke and a Slovak-born American zoologist.

The deer, which had roamed China's marshlands for thousands of years, were among the animals brought from around China to live within the emperor's hunting grounds in what is now the south of Beijing during the Yuan, Ming and Qing dynasties. The number of milu deer living in the wild waned due to loss of habitat, before finally dying out in 1900 in the hunting grounds, which were flooded and then overtaken by soldiers from the eight nations brought in to suppress the Boxer



A Milu deer licks a new born fawn at the center in Beijing



Dominic Bauquis at the Beijing Milu Ecological Research Center

Rebellion and who slaughtered the deer for food.

The first break for the species was decades earlier in 1865, when the French missionary, Father Armand David, introduced the species to the West, enabling it to make its way into European zoos. Then, in the same years the final milu deer were dying in China, the 11th Duke of Bedford, an English politician who had an interest in zoology and conservation, took note and gathered 18 on his estate in England to create what became the world's only surviving herd.

Fast forward to the 1980s, and Slovak-born American zoologist Maria Boyd had taken an interest in the milu deer. Boyd's late husband happened to be friends with an important source: the 14th Duke of Bedford, or the great-grandson of the man who saved the herd. In 1985, the duke tasked Boyd with reintroducing 37 deer to China, and she chose the spot where they had last been seen alive in their native country.

The late Boyd wrote an account documenting the

re-introduction, drawing on documents kept in five suitcases over the years, including the 9,290 British pound sterling invoice from Air France for the flight that transported the first batch of 22 deer. Her surviving partner is co-writing the book and expects it to be published in China this summer.

Boyd initially planned to stay in China only until the reintroduction project was completed, but was still living here when she died from cancer last year at age 72.

"She would not let the deer go," said her partner, Dominic Bauquis, from France.

Given her love for the milu and its "beautiful story" of surviving against the odds, Boyd had expected it to be picked as a mascot for the 2008 Beijing Summer Olympics, Bauquis said. It lost out to other animals, including the much more famous panda. When she died, Boyd was holding out hope for the 2022 Beijing Winter Olympics.

"The panda doesn't have such rich experience across the world," said Guo. AP

Station	Air quality	
Roadside	45-65 Moderate	
High Density Residential Area	45-65 Moderate	
Ambient	45-65 Moderate	

SOURCE: DSMG

WORLD BRIEFS



PHILIPPINES An international human rights watchdog is calling on Southeast Asian leaders to take a stand against the Philippines' war on drugs that has left thousands dead under President Rodrigo Duterte, the host of this week's regional summit.

SINGAPORE U.S. government attorneys are appealing a Chicago immigration judge's decision to grant asylum to a teenage blogger from Singapore. That means 18-year-old Amos Yee remains in U.S. custody.

USA President Trump is proposing "the biggest tax cut" ever even as the government struggles with mounting debt, in an effort to fulfill promises of bringing jobs and prosperity to the middle class. The top tax rate for individuals would drop by a few percentage points, from 39.6 percent to the "mid-30s," according to an official with knowledge of the plan. More on p15



IRAQ Paramilitary forces have captured Hatra, a 2,000-year-old historical site near the northern city of Mosul, where U.S.-backed forces have been battling the Islamic State group for months. The Shiite militias told state TV they captured the UNESCO world heritage site and were around three kilometers from a nearby town with the same name, without providing further details.



VATICAN Pope Francis has warned the powerful to act humbly or risk ruin, in a TED talk urging the world to show more solidarity with the poor and weak. Francis delivered a videotaped talk to a TED conference in Vancouver on "The Future You," the first by a pope. The Vatican released the video yesterday.