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the answer" to  
North Korea, after  
it upped the stakes  
in its standoff with  
Washington by  
calling for more  
weapons launches in  
the Pacific. Trump's  
morning tweet  
followed a highly  
provocative North  
Korean missile test  
Tuesday that flew  
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foreign fishing boat for  
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to deter illegal fishing.

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and India may have  
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to haunt a government  
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that came under fire  
earlier this month  
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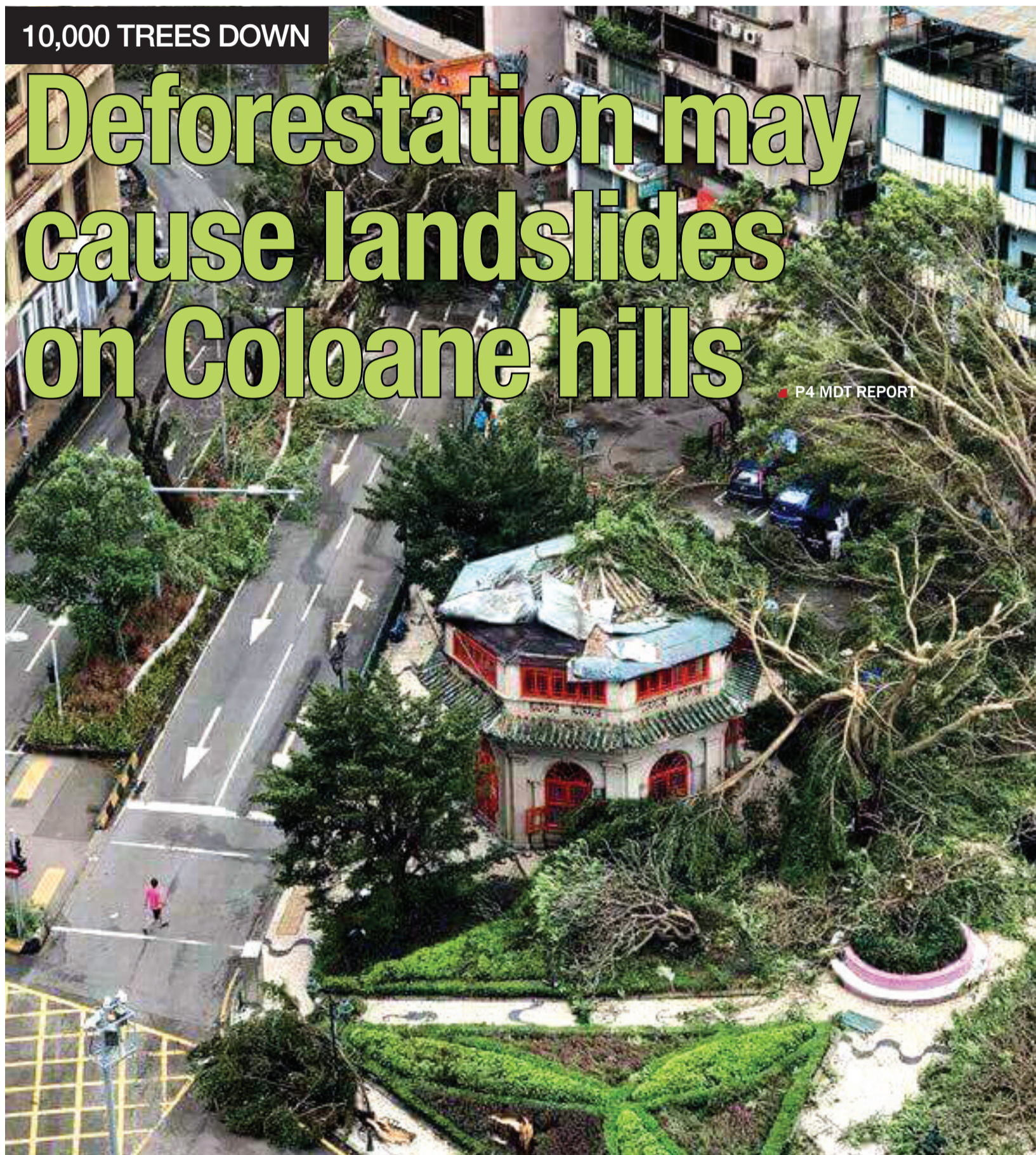
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## INTERNATIONAL SCHOOLS

## School year to start without delays

**T**HE new academic year will start without any delays for the vast majority of Macau schools. This information was provided to the Times following direct contact with some school institutions.

Although all admit to having suffered extensive damage due to the passage of the Typhoon Hato last week, all of them offered the same reply: the planned start date at the beginning of the new month will be met with guarantees of safety for students, teachers and staff.

Contacted by the Times, the principal of The International School of Macao (TIS), Howard Stribbell said "the school year will begin on time," adding nevertheless that typhoon Hato caused "extensive damage to the trees on the campus," damage that extends also to "the outside of the building, but it will not affect classes."

Stribbell also noted that a few windows at the school were broken but that such damage did not occur, "in classrooms or essential instructional areas."

Although the school is starting on time, students can expect some changes to their daily activities as some areas at the school, such as the outdoor basketball courts, outdoor classroom, and two playgrounds, will be closed either for safety reasons or to aid in the clean up procedures.

Ready to start from today is also D. José da Costa Nunes Kindergarten. The President of the Association for Macanese Education, Miguel de Senna Fernandes, who is also responsible for the kindergarten management, told the Times that there was "few damage to the exterior areas," "everything is under control," and the damage will not affect the year's start date.

The Macau Portuguese School (EPM) also acknowledged damage to its facilities. The school board mentioned immediately after the passage of Hato that the damage was extensive in some areas of the school.

Nevertheless, Zélia De Oliveira Baptista, vice president of the school's board of directors told

the Times that their school year, "will start as originally planned on September 6," adding that the "[damage] has been minimized and only [requires] one last cleaning and the fixing of two small garden areas."

As for the walls that were knocked over during the typhoon, "they have started to be rebuilt already. But since the students do not have access to those areas, it does not prevent classes from starting," Baptista said, adding that this week the school would meet with the people who are responsible for running the canteen in order to evaluate the situation regarding the meal supply [to students]."

The vice president also noted that in case of any problems regarding canteen services, "parents will be informed about it in good time."

## Students can expect some changes to their daily activities for safety reasons

In Taipa, the director of The School of Nations (SON), Vivek Nair, informed in a statement: "The School has itself been spared from major damage. We have had some minor window damage, and a little flooding in some areas that have mostly been taken care of already."

"We are preparing in full swing for the start of the academic year."

According to the same statement, "the devastation in the surrounding [area] are of much more concern. Further out, the reports of suffering and damage in older



Rebuilding a wall at EPM

parts of Macau are heartrending. We, at the School, see it as our responsibility to support the efforts of the government as well as other agencies to help our community get back on its feet as soon as possible." Nair expressed hope that all in the SON community are well and have sustained minimum damage.

As for the public schools, Escola Primária Luso-Chinesa da Flora and Escola Oficial Zheng Guanying have informed that everything is ready to kick off, as planned, by tomorrow.

As per reports by the Times, the local schools contacted confirmed the statement by the Education and Youth Affairs Bureau (DSEJ), made earlier this week, that "90 percent of the schools are in conditions to start classes as scheduled."

According to the same statement, only eight out of 77 Macau schools will not be able to open their doors due to serious consequences of Typhoon Hato. Among these are: Escola Primária Luso-Chinesa do Bairro Norte, Escola Luso-Chinesa de Coloane, Sheng Kung Hui

Escola Choi Kou (Macau) (Kindergarten), Colégio Diocesano de São José 5 (K1 level only), Escola Madalena de Canossa and Escola de Santa Teresa.

The DSEJ took the opportunity to remind parents and guardians that in the event of problematic situations on Macau roads on the first day of classes, the Transport Bureau (DSAT) may decide to change some of the bus routes. Parents and school children are advised to leave the house earlier and take into account the latest notices from DSAT.

# Health Bureau investigating death of toddler

**T**HE Health Bureau (SSM) is investigating the cause behind the sudden death of a 14-month-old boy on August 29, the SSM informed in a statement.

This statement comes in reply to the news aired on several media outlets yes-

terday, which informed of the sudden death of the child after being treated for a fever in a medical clinic near his home.

According to the information from several Chinese language press outlets that cite the parents of the child, he

showed signs of the fever in the morning and was taken to the clinic where he was checked and medicated. Later that day, after returning home, the mother said he had recovered a little from the fever with a lowered temperature, but that evening

after he had gone to bed, his mother discovered he was not breathing. She then called the emergency services.

In the statement, the SSM sought to clarify that for the time being there is no knowledge of any legal claim of "medical mal-

practice" brought by the parents against the medical clinic.

The SSM also informed that the child was pronounced dead after an unsuccessful resuscitation performed in an unidentified hospital unit.

The Health Bureau also

said that according to the current law regarding medical malpractice, if the parents suspect such malpractice might have occurred, they can apply for an independent expert report to be submitted to the Medical Error Expert Committee. **RM**

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**T**HE Legislative Assembly election will be held, as planned, on September 17, the Electoral Affairs Commission for the Legislative Assembly Election (CAEAL) announced at a press conference yesterday.

"The situation has basically reached a stable condition, and the relief works are being conducted orderly. As for the voting stations, we learnt that they were not greatly affected [by the typhoon]. The secretary division contacted schools and [learnt] that they can fix the damages in the short term, with a few exceptions. In other words, the schools can provide the commission places for voting stations," said Tong Hio Fong, Chairman of the Electoral Affairs Commission.

At least one prominent member of Macau society earlier this week called for a postponement of the election, namely lawmaker Angela Leong. She said that voters were too preoccupied with disaster relief efforts to think about the election and therefore any elected lawmakers after September 17 might have their legitimacy doubted.

But Tong remarked that, "even if it is postponed by one week, the time will be really short [because] there are a series of holidays at the end of September and

# Election will be held September 17, as planned

beginning of October."

After the election, there will be a series of legal procedures that need to be completed. Moreover, there will be a possibility of administrative appeal regarding the election, or appeals to the Court of Final Appeal, according to Tong. "[We] believe that it will be difficult for the new AL to start working on October 16 [if the election is postponed]," he said.

The Electoral Affairs Commission will keep a close watch on the weather, and will prioritize the public's safety accordingly.

"If a serious disaster occurs on the Election Day, [...] the Chief Executive will re-schedule the election to be held within the next 30 days," Tong explained.

"Under the current conditions, we still consider that there is an opportunity to conduct the voting process on September 17. We maintain this date as the voting day for the election."

Tong said he had no concerns about voters' attitude towards participating in the election, despite the grief that the public mi-

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Tong Hio Fong (front)

ght be enduring.

"Voters vote according to their own personal will. The commission will always call on voters to

exercise their right to vote," the CAEAL chief said.

Earlier this week, the CAEAL notified a Portuguese newspaper

that they would be required to remove an online interview from their website, as it contained an interview with a single election candidate and was considered to be "propaganda."

"The candidate will have to be [held] responsible and fined [for the interview], and the press needs to delete the article," said Tong.

The candidate involved in the case has already been forwarded to the Public Security Police (PSP).

The commission head also noted that whoever reads the report would be able to distinguish news from propaganda, further indicating that the report obviously violates the election regulations.

"We respect the freedom of the press. But if the candidate conducts propaganda through this method, we consider it as going against the election regulations," said Tong.

Until yesterday, the Electoral Affairs Commission received the 54 reports regarding propaganda, with 11 cases forwarded to PSP.

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As Typhoon Hato reportedly damaged or uprooted as many as 10,000 trees, with over 4,000 of those needing to be destroyed, some experts have called for an immediate response in the form of planting trees before the autumn season.

Information from the Civic and Municipal Affairs Bureau (IACM) noted that around 70 to 80 percent of the trees were already treated by the department, and it has collected some 15,000 tons of broken tree branches.

Since most of the city's trees were imported and not naturally grown inside the MSAR, the taproots of the trees are not as developed or deep when compared to trees that grew here from a seed. These inserted trees thus acquire more lateral roots than taproots.

Landscape architect António Saraiva suggested that the damages could be transformed into an opportunity to diversify tree species, as the city could choose certain species that will withstand typhoon weather conditions.

The agronomist proposed, in an interview with Ponto Final, that the planting of new trees should be conducted in a permeable floor area, not one blocked by cement and pavement, so that the roots can extend and provide more stability to the trees and resistance against strong gusts of wind.

According to him, replanting should start soon, as summer and spring are the best seasons for planting. He noted that there were several trees that were previously grown in vases, which can be transplanted into the needed locations.

Echoing the sentiments, Karen Tagulao, professor at the Institute of Science and Environment, told the Times that the region could choose trees with more complex root systems, similar to mangroves.

Tagulao explained that since mangroves have deeper roots on coastal areas compared to



## City in need of sturdier tree species after Hato

what is seen on the surface, the city should aim to plant more of such shrubs to assist the coastline of Macau.

"These shrubs are also efficient as a natural barrier against storm surge. So I really recommend to plant more mangroves to help the coastal line of Macau," she said, adding that there are several coastal areas of Macau, particularly in the Inner Harbor area, which was one of the places most severely damaged by Typhoon Hato.

David Gonçalves, an associate professor at the University of Saint Joseph's Institute of Science and Environment, said that trees provide a number of benefits in urban environments, including aesthetic, cultural, economic, environmental and climatic, as well as have an impact in reducing air, noise and water pollution.

"The destruction of a significant number of trees in Macau by Hato will certainly reduce some of these benefits," he told the Times last night.

"However, the extension of the impact will depend on a number of factors, like the proportion, size, location and types of

trees that were destroyed, the restoration plan, among other factors. To properly predict the extent of the impact would

## Deforestation may increase risk of more disasters

THE two typhoons to strike Macau last week have resulted in a partial deforestation of parts of the territory - most prominently in Coloane, after thousands of trees were felled - potentially increasing the threat of further environmental disasters.

The link between deforestation and natural disasters is well-documented.

In total, the Civic and Municipal Affairs Bureau estimates that as many as 10,000 trees may have been damaged or uprooted by the two storms, with many of them in the hilly areas of Coloane.

Known as "vegetative cover", trees in hilly areas play a vital role of water absorption during

heavy rains and flooding scenarios. Heavy rains exert stress on soil particles that can create the conditions for landslides.

Deforestation has been damaged or used as a partial explanation behind successive landslides in the Philippines, India, Haiti and other countries.

David Gonçalves, an associate professor of environmental sciences, said yesterday that some studies show that proper plantation of trees can reduce the propensity for landslides by as much as 70 percent.

With thousands of damaged trees in the MSAR and around one-third of them being located in the hilly and sparsely populated areas of the territory's sou-

[require] a deeper assessment of these factors."

Regarding the typical practice of importing trees, Gonçalves said that it was a normal practice but city authorities ought to consider which regions the trees are being imported from.

"It is normal that young and recently implanted trees are more susceptible to be knock down by strong winds as their root system is less developed," he said. "What should be assessed is whether the trees that have been planted in the urban environment of Macau throughout the years are the most appropriate to resist typhoons. Species native from typhoon areas are likely to be more resistant than species that have evolved in areas not subject to typhoons."

Commenting on the impact of the damage to the city's environment, Tagulao expressed her main concern: the region's air quality. "Trees are natural filters so we really need trees to help the city's air quality and pollution."

Although these thousands of trees can still be replanted, the expert noted that growth recovery might take a lot longer.

th, any future rains during this typhoon season could lead to further natural disasters.

Karen Tagulao, professor at the Institute of Science and Environment told the Times yesterday that although much of the urbanized parts of the city are not at risk of landslides, there was some cause for concern in the hilly areas of Coloane and Taipa.

The Meteorological and Geophysical Bureau has warned through its website of a "low pressure system" over the northern Philippine island of Luzon that may develop into a tropical storm and enter the South China Sea.

Weather monitoring application Windy.com shows that a third typhoon, on a scale similar to Typhoon Pakhar, may form over the next few days and approach the Pearl River estuary by the early hours of Sunday morning. **DB/LV**

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## GAMING | JAPAN

# Competition on the rise as municipalities vie for first casino

**C**OMPETITION is on the rise as Japan moves closer to a regulatory framework that will allow one of its cities to host the country's long-awaited first integrated casino resort.

Back in December, Japan paved way for investment in resorts after its parliament passed a bill to legalize the operation of casinos.

Currently, three sites are reportedly lobbying hard to host the tourism attraction, including Rinku Town in Izumisano, Osaka Prefecture; Wakayama Marina City in Wakayama Prefecture; and the most talked-about, Yumeshima – an artificial island in Osaka Bay.

Osaka Prefecture was already proposed back in 2012 as a possible casino site.

As cited in The Japan Times, Izumisano municipal official Yoshihiko Matsushita said to panel members at a public hearing in Osaka earlier this month that problems could occur if the host city's residents do not agree with the establishment of a casino in their city.

Yet the official also recalled that the three competing cities have spent many years talking to residents and conducting symposiums on casino resorts, along with setting up integrated resort bid committees.



Rinku Town in Izumisano is lobbying as hard for consideration, noting that the town is located across the bay from Kansai airport in southern Osaka, ideal for tourists arriving by plane.

Meanwhile, Yumeshima has already begun attracting investors from gaming operators in Macau, including Melco Resorts, which pledged to spend "whatever it takes"; MGM Resorts International; and Las Vegas Sands Corp. which put the price tag on a casino of up to USD10 billion.

Political and business leaders

have also touted Yumeshima as the ideal city to host a casino resort.

Efforts are also accelerating for Wakayama Prefecture, a 45-minute drive from Kansai airport, and some 70 minutes from downtown Osaka.

The prefecture believes that it is capable of attracting some six million foreign visitors to Kansai airport, and that it could immediately commence facility construction once awarded a license.

The prefecture also suggested that casino licenses should be awarded with consideration of

regional economics.

As the competition continues to heat up, the government is expected to only approve two or three integrated resorts at first. According to the report, the odds currently favor at least one of those being in Kansai.

Late last month, a government panel was appointed to recommend detailed rules and regulations on how licensed casino resorts would be selected, operated, and monitored. The panel presented its report to Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe.

## HK lawmaker denied entry to Macau

Hong Kong democratic lawmaker Helena Wong Pik Wan was denied entry to Macau upon arriving in the territory to attend an event organized by the University of Macau. The Macau immigration department rejected Wong's entry on grounds that she poses threats to Macau's internal security. According to Wong, she has visited Macau multiple times during her term as a Hong Kong lawmaker. She criticized the Macau government for its poor administrative efficiency, and the Public Security Police for lacking the ability to provide sufficient information. Wong claimed that she would send a letter to Macau's chief executive, Chui Sai On, and to the Liaison Office in relation to this incident.

## Engineer suggests speakers in Inner Harbor

Local engineer Chan Kuai Son has suggested installing high frequency speakers in the vicinity of the Inner Harbor in order to sound an alarm during typhoons. In a TDM radio show, Chan explained that if the city's authority could issue warnings for powerful storms and flooding, residents could in turn hear the alarm through speakers. Chan noted that flooding in the Inner Harbor area can be predicted when a typhoon strikes. Chan also suggested building stronger barriers in Macau's parking lots to decelerate the incoming flood water, thus giving enough time for people to escape.

## DSSOPT studying new window standards

The deputy chief of the Land, Public Works and Transport Bureau (DSSOPT), Cheong Ion Man, has revealed that the authority is conducting research on technological requirements and standards for window and other glass placed in the facades of buildings. The details will be drafted later, according to Cheong. The deputy director also stated that the authority is considering giving authorization to parking lot management companies to restrict the usage of parking lots during storms and typhoons.

Regina Garcia Cano,  
Las Vegas

## LAS VEGAS

## Long-mothballed casino-hotel sold for USD600m

A long-mothballed, unfinished casino-hotel on the Las Vegas Strip sold for USD600 million on Tuesday, eight years after construction halted on the 63-story tower amid the recession.

A partnership led by New York-based real estate company Witkoff bought the Fontainebleau Las Vegas, a hulking bluish tower that was 70 percent finished when construction stopped and has since served as a training site for firefighters.

"[The property] is one of the best physical assets in the country, which is one of the reasons we were attracted to it," Witkoff's chairman and CEO Steve Witkoff said in a statement.

He added that the

company wants to "unlock" the property's growth potential, though he didn't say exactly what will be the fate of the nearly completed tower on the north end of the Las Vegas Strip.

The site near the Circus Circus and SLS casino-resorts, as well as the Las Vegas Convention Center, has been dormant since 2009, about two years after privately held Fontainebleau Resorts LLC began work on the \$2.9 billion, 3,900-room project.

Business magnate Carl Icahn and his firm, Icahn NV Gaming Acquisition LLC, bought

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The partially completed Fontainebleau Las Vegas, the blue building on the left, is seen along the city skyline

the property out of bankruptcy in 2010 for \$150 million.

The property is away from the heart of the Strip and near another halted casino-resort project. Should Witkoff choose to open the pro-

perty as a casino-resort, its location will influence how quickly it becomes profitable.

"Properties that are closer to MGM properties and Caesars properties tend to do better on average daily rates,"

said Alex Bumazhny, gambling analyst with Fitch Ratings. "Fontainebleau is a little bit outside of critical mass. SLS [...] struggled to ramp up to profitability arguably because of its location."

He added that the success of the property also will depend on how long its owners can support losses until it becomes profitable, and whether there's a hiccup in the economy.

"They probably want to open sooner rather than later to catch the current wave of the good economy," Bumazhny said. **AP**

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## Another two face prosecution over rumors

**T**wo local women, aged 19 and 63 years old, have been presented to the police for spreading rumors related to the typhoon, according to a statement released by the Judiciary Police (PJ).

On August 27, one of them received a message on her WeChat account saying that the Macau government had completely blocked information regarding five dead people who had been found in a parking lot located in Fai Chi Kei.

After receiving the message, the woman forwarded the message to the second one, who, as she claimed, was the only person she sent the message to. The second woman then forwarded the message to other WeChat friends.

The latest case is the second of its kind to take place in Macau.

Earlier, on Monday, two local siblings, a 73-year-old man and his 68-year-old sister, were also interrogated by the police for sending the aforementioned message to other people. Their case was referred to the PJ for further investigation.

The authority noted this week that spreading fake information might violate the law, though specifics were not provided.

It called on the public not to resend information relating to Typhoon Hato without first confirming the authenticity of the facts, in order to avoid unnecessary panic and chaos.

## DSEC: Earnings across key sectors grow 2.65 percent

**T**HE Statistics and Census Service (DSEC) has released the results of its latest Survey on Manpower Needs and Wages, covering the second quarter of 2017. The average year-on-year growth rate of earnings in four key sectors highlighted by the report was about 2.65 percent.

The results show that employment figures at the end of the second quarter in the sectors of "wholesale and retail trade" (38,110) and "transport, storage and communications" (11,538) grew the fastest year-on-year, each rising by 6.1 percent.

The average earnings (excluding bonuses) for full-time employees in these sectors was MOP13,050 and MOP20,460 respectively, up by 3.6 percent and down by 1.2 percent respectively.

"Security activities" registered a total of 10,760 people employed at the end of the second quarter, down by 1.7 percent year-on-year, while "public sewage and refuse disposal" had 866 persons on payroll, marking a 3.8 percent increase.

Average earnings for these two sectors were up by 4.4 percent to MOP12,960 and 3.8 percent to MOP18,150 respectively.

In the second quarter of 2017, the



recruitment rate (6.6 percent) in retail trade rose by 1.3 percentage points year-on-year while the vacancy rate (6.3 percent) fell by 2.1 percentage points, suggesting that some of the vacancies had already been filled.

The vacancy rate (6.8 percent) in transport, storage and communications dropped by 1.6 percentage points year-on-year, while the turnover rate (5.2 percent) and the recruitment rate (5 percent) rose by 1 and 0.4 percentage points respectively, indicating an easing in demand for human resources in this sector.

As for security activities, the vacancy

rate (8.5 percent) and the recruitment rate (3.8 percent) fell by 2 and 0.6 percentage points respectively, while the turnover rate (3.9 percent) went up by 0.2 percentage points.

In terms of recruitment prerequisites, the majority of the vacancies in security activities (75.6 percent), transport, storage and communications (53.9 percent) and wholesale and retail trade (47 percent) required only junior secondary education or lower.

As for language skills, 86 percent and 51.6 percent of the vacancies in retail trade required knowledge of Mandarin and English respectively.

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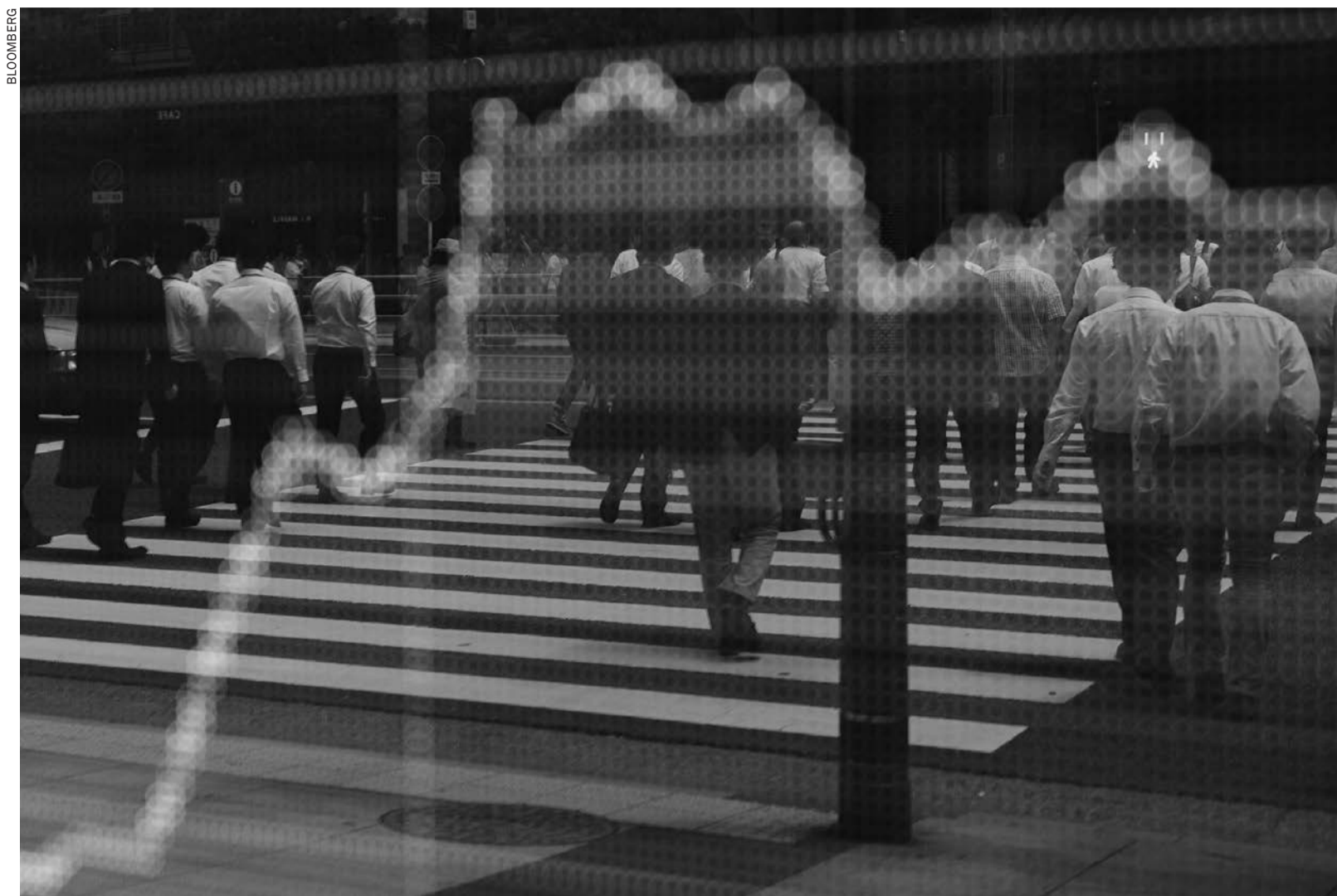
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# Stocks rebound as Korean fears abate; gold steady

Samuel Potter

**E**UROPEAN stocks followed most Asian equities higher as tensions surrounding North Korea eased. The yen dropped as demand for safe-haven assets began to fade, although gold and the Swiss franc held Tuesday's gains.

Every sector of the Stoxx Europe 600 Index advanced after President Donald Trump's measured response to North Korea's missile

launch and comments from Kim Jong Un suggested the situation won't escalate. Equity indexes in Japan, Hong Kong and South Korea rose, while U.S. stock futures were also green. Most bonds fell as the risk-off mood ebbed. The euro weakened as data showed German inflation accelerating, and the dollar rose as Goldman Sachs Asset Management called the greenback "very, very attractive."

Kim said yesterday the missile was fired in protest at annual mi-

litary exercises between the U.S. and South Korea. Coupled with Trump's tempered remarks - the president said the U.S. will consider "all options" in its response to the provocation - investors judged the standoff is unlikely to intensify, helping to underpin risk assets.

"We've seen the typical reaction that you would expect yesterday, with the safe-haven assets like the yen gaining and the Korean won obviously weakening and equity markets in this region selling

off," Khoo Goh, Australia & New Zealand Banking Group Ltd.'s head of Asia research, said in a Bloomberg Television interview. "What's interesting is that the reaction has been fairly muted and a lot of the moves have largely reversed and I think it's a case now where what's happening with North Korea is not necessarily new."

**US GDP:** The U.S. updates second-quarter GDP and core price data yesterday, while the ADP Re-

search Institute's monthly report on hiring trends is the same day. The August payrolls report is on Friday. Currency traders will be looking for a statement of independence from South African Reserve Bank Governor Lesetja Kganyago when he speaks on the central bank's role.

**STOCKS:** The Stoxx Europe 600 Index rose 0.7 percent as of 8:03 a.m. in New York, the largest advance in more than a week. The U.K.'s FTSE 100 Index rose 0.4 percent, the biggest advance in more than a week on a closing basis. Germany's DAX Index rose 0.6 percent, the largest advance in more than a week. Futures on the S&P 500 Index rose less than 0.05 percent.

**Currencies:** The Bloomberg Dollar Spot Index rose 0.2 percent, the largest advance in more than a week. The euro declined 0.4 percent to USD1.1929, the biggest fall in more than a week. The British pound climbed 0.1 percent to \$1.2926.

**BONDS:** The yield on 10-year Treasuries climbed one basis point to 2.14 percent. Germany's 10-year yield increased two basis points to 0.36 percent. Britain's 10-year yield gained two basis points to 1.025 percent, the largest advance in more than a week.

**COMMODITIES:** West Texas Intermediate crude dipped 0.6 percent to \$46.15 a barrel, the lowest in almost six weeks. Gold rose less than 0.05 percent to \$1,309.52 an ounce. Gasoline for September delivery rose 5.7 percent to \$1.8845 a gallon.

**ASIA:** The Topix index rose 0.6 percent at the close in Tokyo and the Kospi index added 0.3 percent. Australia's S&P/ASX 200 Index was flat. Read here why the Aussie equity market can't catch a break. The Hang Seng Index in Hong Kong climbed 1.2 percent, while the Shanghai Composite Index fluctuated before edging lower. The MSCI Asia Pacific Index rose 0.1 percent. The Japanese yen fell 0.3 percent to 110.09 per dollar. **Bloomberg**

## AUTOMAKER

## Hyundai resumes production in China after supply disruption

**H**YUNDAI Motor Co. said it resumed production at factories in China yesterday following a shutdown that stemmed from a dispute between Beijing and Seoul over a U.S. missile defense system.

The shutdown, started last week when Hyundai did not pay a parts supplier that refused to provide fuel tanks in respon-

se, was the latest in series of challenges that have beset South Korea's largest automaker in the key market, since a diplomatic row erupted in spring over South Korea's decision to deploy a U.S. missile defense system.

The supplier resumed providing fuel tanks Wednesday, Hyundai spokesman Sohn Yong said, allowing its China plants

to return to production gradually. The company is still in talks with the supplier to resolve the payment issue.

Beijing Hyundai Motor Co., the South Korean company's joint venture with BAIC Motor Corp., has three plants in Beijing and one in Changzhou. Assembly lines at the four plants were forced to stop when the components ran

out since mid-last week and they came to a full stop as of Tuesday. Its fifth factory in Chongqing, set to start production next month, was not affected.

Hyundai was unable to pay the local supplier after its sales in China plunged due to the tension between Beijing and Seoul over the missile defense system.

Hyundai reported the lowest quarterly profit



since 2010 after its China sales plunged 64 percent during the April-June quarter from a year earlier.

Beijing opposed Seoul's decision to deploy the U.S. missile defense system known as THAAD. South Korea says the sys-

tem is aimed at deterring North Korean aggression but China is worried that its powerful radars would peer into its territory.

During the first half of this year, Hyundai sold 321,000 vehicles in China, down 42 percent from a year earlier. **AP**

## OBITUARY

# Hong Kong businessman and socialite David Tang dies



relatively young age," Venters said.

He also caused a stir by opening the members-only China Club in 1991 on the top floors of the old Bank of China building in Hong Kong's financial district, expanding it to Beijing and Singapore and also opening the China Tang restaurant in the Dorchester.

Tang was best known for starting the Shanghai Tang luxury brand in 1994, which pioneered the use of Chinese retro design themes as fashion motifs, and later sold it to the Swiss luxury goods company Richemont.

Tang enjoyed a reputation as the best-connected person in Hong Kong. He mingled with a vast list of the rich and famous including the late Princess Diana, whom he once hosted at the China Club, and supermodel Kate Moss, with whom he was often photographed at parties.

In a 2007 interview with The Associated Press, he was asked how he came to know so many notable people. "You mean how did they know me," he shot back with a laugh.

He has famously recounted how he sent off to school in

Britain at the age of 13 barely able to speak a word of English. But he ended up graduating with a philosophy degree and cultivated an arch British accent.

Last year he weighed in with his frank views on Hong Kong politics, lashing into the city's then-leader Leung Chun-ying over his leadership and fretting about the future of his home city under Communist rule.

"There are many more things which need fixing, and most of them could not be achieved given the standoff between the pan-democrats representing the majority of ordinary people, and the establishment, so-called, hugging most of our somnambulant tycoons, and that elephantine Communist Party in China," he said in a speech.

Tang is survived by his wife, British-born Lady Lucy Tang, and two children from a previous marriage. **AP**

## Tang's hotel for Macau and a lecture on luxury

Paulo Coutinho

**I**N the early days of Macau's gambling liberalization, Sir David tried to join the race with a hotel at Studio City (then, not owned by Melco), named after him: Tang Hotel.

In an exclusive interview with MDT, in March 2012, David Tang explained that, "I was going to get involved in [a project] with [Asia media mogul] Peter Lam, but in fact he had a bit of an argument with his partner [David Friedman], so actually I retired from the project." Those were the early years of the revamping of the local gaming industry, when Tang's project didn't materialize.

Ten years later, Sir David was convinced that "Macau needs to turn down the vulgarity," he told the Times at a dinner-lecture promoted by BBAM, which filled a city hotel ballroom. In his lecture on "The Misunderstandings of Luxury," he recalled a bygone era. "I still remember the Macau that enchanted Austin Coates," the Bela Vista hotel, the Praia Grande sea-side



Sir David Tang (left) in Macau in March 2012

promenade with its skyline of colonial buildings and Mediterranean flair. That was "genuine and unique."

However, Tang then said that he would still gaze with admiration at the Church of Mother of God's façade. "That is exactly how all churches should be: without what's inside."

Looking at the huge development of the city and the gaming industry, he ironically noted that, "You can have kitsch, all right, but... not ALL kitsch," while gesture drawing the contours of

the lotus-shaped Grand Lisboa tower. Sir David considered that "gambling is in itself a luxury," adding that "I myself am a gambler, but I will not gamble in Macau, I don't like the odds here!"

In May 2016, Sir David threw another blow at Macau, considering the 'Las Vegas of the East', probably, one of the "worst cities in the world," along with Cancun and Dubai, in his FT's chronicle: "Macau must win the accolade of a city whose charm evaporated overnight when it was returned to Chinese sovereignty."

Kelvin Chan, Hong Kong

**D**AVID Tang, a flamboyant and outspoken socialite and entrepreneur who founded the Shanghai Tang fashion brand, has died. He was 63.

The Financial Times newspaper, for which he wrote a popular tongue-in-cheek advice column, reported Tang's death in a story yesterday. Tang had fought a long battle with cancer and died Tuesday night at the Royal Marsden Hospital in London with his wife Lucy at his bedside, the newspaper said.

"David Tang was a remarkable man of many talents whose charm, erudition and wit were ever present," the article quoted the newspaper's editor, Lionel Barber, as saying. "He will

be sorely missed."

The Hong Kong-born, British-educated Tang was a businessman who also operated private clubs and restaurants and held exclusive distribution rights to Cuban cigars in Asia. Tang was knighted in 2008 for his charitable work in both Britain and Hong Kong, the same honor his grandfather, businessman and philanthropist Tang Shiu-kin, also received.

He was planning to throw a farewell bash on Sept. 6 at London's luxury Dorchester hotel after learning he only had a few months left, according to Ewan Venters, chief executive of luxury department store Fortnum & Mason.

"Personally, I think the world is a little duller for the loss of David and at such a



## Group protests Ai Weiwei art installation in New York City

**C**HINESE artist and activist Ai Weiwei is getting some local opposition to his planned public art project in New York City.

The New York Times reports the Washington Square Association is

protesting Ai's proposed installation in the park's archway.

The association's president says the "installation sets a dangerous precedent that one of New York City's most recognized monuments and pieces of

art can be decorated and co-opted for four months at a time."

Community members say it will disrupt the annual holiday tree lighting.

Ai's city-wide art installation opening in October is entitled "Good Fences

Make Good Neighbors." It was commissioned by the Public Art Fund and focuses on borders and immigration.

The Fund plans to meet with the community board Sept. 6 to respond to questions.

## BRICS

# China, India rivalry looms over summit

Louise Watt, Beijing

**C**HINA and India may have ended a tense border standoff for now, but their longstanding rivalry raises questions about the possibility of meaningful cooperation at an upcoming summit of major emerging economies.

The annual summit of the BRICS grouping encompassing Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa gets under way this weekend in the southeastern Chinese city of Xiamen, hoping to advance its vision of an alternative to the Western dominance of global affairs.

The leaders of all five nations are expected to attend, offering the best opportunity for Chinese President Xi Jinping and Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi to talk since the border tensions flared in June. While both their countries view BRICS as a significant forum for progress, their rivalry for global influence and fears of containment by the other threaten to overshadow those aspirations.

The two countries' militaries are "prowling the same spaces" along their land borders, in the Indian Ocean and western Pacific Ocean, said Sreeram Chaulia, dean of Jindal School of International Affairs in the Indian city of Sonapat. Even beyond the region, they are vying in Africa and Latin America "for the leadership of the developing world," Chaulia said.

"There is a contest, whether it is acknowledged or not, and it is because of the ambitions of both nations to be superpowers and to be inheriting the Asian century," Chaulia said.

Attempting to start the BRICS summit off on a positive note, Beijing and Delhi this week announced a resolution of their most



Narendra Modi (left) talks with Xi Jinping at the BRICS summit in Goa, last year

protracted and potentially explosive border standoff in years. The saber-rattling had raised fears of renewed conflict between the nuclear-armed Asian giants, who fought a bloody border war in 1962 and remain locked in disputes over extensive chunks of territory along their border.

Yet, while India's Ministry of External Affairs said that troops were leaving the face-off site, China's official response avoided any mention of Chinese concessions or the fact that troops from both sides will continue patrolling in the area.

"The attempt is to paint India as the aggressor," said Sriparna Pathak, an assistant professor in international relations at Assam Don Bosco University in the northeastern Indian state of Assam. "Clearly, China wants to somehow portray itself as the winner in a conflict which India had started and has now ... been forced to withdraw by China."

Other sources of distrust include:

— Indian fears of Chinese encroachment in the Indian Ocean.

China announced Friday it had carried out military drills in the western Indian Ocean, advertising its growing presence there. China is also cooperating with Pakistan, Sri Lanka and other coastal nations on port access, including for its navy.

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SREERAM CHAULIA  
SCHOLAR

— Indian wariness about the motives behind Beijing's flagship "One Belt, One Road" infrastructure initiative, which includes a key component in Pakistan — India's archrival but one of China's staunchest allies. That adds to Indian frustration over lopsided trade that saw China record a trade surplus of about USD40 billion with India last year.

— China has thwarted attempts by India to gain permanent membership on the U.N. Security Council and join the Nuclear Suppliers Group, or to label Pakistani militant Masood Azhar a terrorist.

— Beijing resents India's providing a base for the Dalai Lama, and complained bitterly when the exiled Tibetan spiritual leader was permitted to visit an Indian region claimed by China earlier this year.

— Beijing fears what it sees as a U.S.-led encirclement of China by Washington's allies and neighbors, including India and Japan. Modi has sought to balance relations between China and the U.S., along with others such as Russia and Japan, but Beijing continues to view New Delhi as an upstart rival.

Given the recent hostility between China and India, "the air between the two even at the upcoming BRICS summit will not be a calm one," although they will likely seek to maintain appearances so as not to be portrayed as the spoil sport, Pathak said.

Still, the BRICS grouping holds considerable allure for both countries, underscoring their support for regular meetings over the past decade to discuss economic concerns and issues such as climate change.

Some observers see a multilateral arena like BRICS as being one of the few places where the wor-

ld's two most populous countries can work together despite tensions.

"There is competition and mistrust but also some maturity where they are able to convert these face-offs into face-saving solutions," said Chaulia. He said it was "quite feasible" to put aside "bilateral bad blood" and have worthwhile cooperation at BRICS.

"Both countries cannot hold the other three, as in South Africa, Russia and Brazil, hostage to our narrow nationalistic rivalries," he said.

The recent border standoff has shown that BRICS now needs to establish a method for sorting out "problems and contradictions" between China and India when they arise, said Zhang Yansheng, chief research fellow at the Beijing think tank China Center for International Economic Exchanges.

The summit is "a great opportunity to communicate face-to-face and exchange views on the two countries' problems and contradictions and the solutions to them," Zhang said.

The timing of the summit is also significant, coming as the U.S. under President Donald Trump appears to be abandoning the traditional global order, said Alka Acharya, professor at the Centre for East Asian Studies at Jawaharlal Nehru University.

Both China and India see BRICS as "a very significant platform, particularly this time when the West is disengaging from globalization as it had operated until now," Acharya said.

Yet, she added, "unless China and India cooperate, this is not going to produce very good results. So this is something I think is realized at the highest levels." **AP**

## Britain's May says Beijing should increase pressure on N. Korea

**B**RITISH Prime Minister Theresa May urged China yesterday to do more to pressure North Korea to give up its nuclear and missile development.

The British leader's comments, made while she was en route to Japan, were in response to North Korea's launch of a ballistic missile over Japan on Tuesday. The missile launch, which was met with wide condemnation, came less than a month after the U.N. Security Council imposed its toughest-yet sanctions on the North.

May told reporters on her plane that "we see China as being the key" in the effort to bring pressure on North Korea, according to the British newspaper The Guardian.

In Beijing, Chinese Foreign Ministry spokeswoman Hua Chunying rebuffed May's remarks, saying that unlike its critics, Beijing sought not only to impose sanctions on North Korea but also to promote talks aimed at preserving peace on the peninsula.

"We also noted that some countries stabbed in the

others' back while shaking hands with them," Hua said at a regular briefing with reporters.

"Those countries just sit back and leave others to find a way out. We don't think that is an appropriate attitude of a responsible country," Hua said.

May arrived yesterday in Japan for a three-day visit that is expected to focus on Brexit, trade and security.

She started her visit in Kyoto, the ancient Japanese capital, where she attended a traditional tea ceremony

and had dinner with Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe.

During their dinner, May and Abe discussed North Korea's missile launch and agreed to cooperate in urging China to step up pressure on the North, according to Japan's Foreign Ministry.

May's official meetings with Abe and other Japanese officials are scheduled for today in Tokyo.

It is May's first visit to Japan since becoming prime minister in July 2016.



Tea time. British Prime Minister Theresa May takes part in a tea ceremony with Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe

A delegation of British business leaders is accompanying May. A statement from her office said the delegation would showcase "the shared confidence in the U.K.-Japan economic relationship as we leave the EU, and the potential for future growth."

Some Japanese companies with factories in the United Kingdom are worried about their ability to export to the rest of Europe after Brexit. Britain voted to leave the European Union in June 2016, and triggered the formal two-year exit process in March. **AP**

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People filled a square to watch a televised news broadcast of the test-fire of an inter-continental ballistic rocket Hwasong-12, yesterday, in Pyongyang

## ANALYSIS

# Will North Korea make missiles over Japan the new normal?

Kim Tong-Hyung, Seoul

**T**HE language from North Korea on Wednesday is as familiar as it is chilling, a declaration to the world to expect more missile tests. But there are important clues about North Korea's ambitious push to send its missiles farther into the Pacific Ocean in an attempt to make them an accepted part of life in the region, as leader Kim Jong Un expands the weapons program he sees as his country's best chance of survival against encircling enemies.

By firing a missile over Japan and putting the Asia-Pacific, including Guam and its major U.S. military base, on notice for more tests, North Korea may have won itself greater military space in a region dominated by enemies. It's still too early to see if Kim can create new rules without crossing a line that the United States won't tolerate.

Here's a look at the possible meaning of Kim's comments carried by state media after North Korea sent a missile potentially capable of carrying a nuclear bomb over Japan on Tuesday:

## WHAT NORTH KOREA SAID

Because North Korea's "current ballistic rocket launching

drill ... is the first step of the military operation ... in the Pacific and a meaningful prelude to containing Guam, (which is an) advanced base of invasion, he (Kim) said that it is necessary to positively push forward the work for putting the strategic force on a modern basis by conducting more ballistic rocket launching drills with the Pacific as a target in the future."

## WHAT IT MAY MEAN

This refers to North Korea's attempt to strengthen its weapons capabilities and use them to test its bargaining power against the United States. To this end, North Korea is signaling that it may soon turn the Pacific Ocean into its own ballistic missile training ground and make its launches over Japan an accepted norm.

This might have been Kim's plan all along as he sought what to do next after North Korea's weapons development reached a point where it could test intercontinental ballistic missiles meant to reach deep into the U.S. mainland. North Korea threatened earlier this month to fire a salvo of Hwasong-12s — the same missile it sent over Japan on Tuesday — to create "enveloping fire" near Guam.

The U.S. territory of Guam is

home to key military bases and strategic long-range bombers that North Korea finds threatening. Still, it's unclear whether the North will ever act on its threat to fire missiles at the "advanced base of invasion." This could risk triggering a military retaliation from the United States if something goes wrong. But the threat and the subsequent launch Tuesday may have won North Korea space to stage more weapons tests because anything less than targeting Guam would draw a sigh of relief from the United States.

"There were times when even a short-range ballistic missile launch drew a heated response and sanctions from the international community, but the world didn't do anything about North Korea's short-range ballistic missile launches on Saturday" ahead of Tuesday's longer launch, said Du Hyeogn Cha, a visiting scholar at Seoul's Asan Institute for Policy Studies. "North Korea will try to do the same with midrange ballistic missile launches in the Pacific, making them part of the new normal."

## WHAT NORTH KOREA SAID

Kim Jong Un "sternly" said that "the drill conducted by

the [North's] Strategic Force is a curtain-raiser of its resolute countermeasures" against joint military exercises being conducted by the U.S. and South Korea.

## WHAT IT MAY MEAN

Before Tuesday's launch, it appeared North Korea was backing away from its threat to fire missiles toward Guam. Some took this as a sign that it was willing to talk and wouldn't let things get too tense during the annual joint military drills between Washington and Seoul that run through yesterday.

Tuesday's events killed such optimism. Most experts now say North Korea will likely continue its torrid pace of weapons tests until it perfects ICBMs and submarine-launched ballistic missile systems, and that it probably won't show serious interest in talks before then.

Kim is clearly seeking a real nuclear deterrent against the United States and likely believes that will strengthen his negotiating position when North Korea returns to talks. And if it does, North Korea will likely demand a halt of the U.S.-South Korean drills and perhaps the withdrawal of U.S. troops from the Korean Peninsula in any talks involving a morato-

rium on its missile launches, said Koh Yu-hwan, a North Korea expert from Seoul's Dongguk University.

North Korea condemns the annual U.S.-South Korea war games as rehearsals for an invasion, and Washington and Seoul faced calls to postpone or downsize this year's drills to ease tensions.

There might also be a simpler reason Kim attributed Tuesday's launch to the drills.

China, North Korea's only major ally, has been calling for a "dual suspension" in which the North stops its nuclear and missile tests and Washington and Seoul halt their military exercises to lower tensions and lead to talks. By publicly linking the launch to the drills, Kim is attempting reduce the possibility that Beijing supports more punitive measures against North Korea at the United Nations over the launch, Cha said.

## WHAT NORTH KOREA SAID

Kim Jong Un said his nation has drawn a lesson "again that it should show action, not talk, to the U.S. imprudently denying the [North's] initiative measure for easing the extreme tension" and stressed that it will continue to watch America's demeanor toward the North and decide its future actions accordingly.

## WHAT IT MAY MEAN

The problem here is that Washington won't be very interested in displaying the kind of "demeanor" that North Korea is likely to want.

A U.S. military solution to North Korea's missile tests is also unlikely. Making a highly difficult intercept of North Korean missiles would be a tough call because failure would seriously dent the credibility of the expensive U.S. missile defense system.

So the question is whether North Korea will put some checks on itself as it seeks to expand its weapons tests in the Pacific. Some experts believe the next North Korean launches will be bolder unless Washington makes serious concessions.

But Hwang Ildo, a professor at Seoul's Korea National Diplomatic Academy, disagrees, saying North Korea probably won't risk infuriating the United States. He says the North Korean threat toward Guam is more about winning greater freedom of military action than about deterring flyovers of U.S. bombers or stopping the U.S.-South Korean war games.

"The North's intention was to push the boundaries of its military presence farther from the Korean Peninsula and Japan and into the wider Pacific, and they practically drew the line at Guam with their missile threat," he said. **AP**

## UNITED NATIONS

# Security Council 'strongly condemns' North Korea missile test

**T**HE U.N. Security Council strongly condemned North Korea's launch of a ballistic missile over Japan yesterday [Macau time], reiterating demands that Pyongyang halt its ballistic missile and nuclear weapons programs.

After an emergency meeting on the missile test, the U.N.'s most powerful body called North Korea's actions "outrageous," saying it was deliberately undermining peace and stability in the region. The council called for North Korea to take "immediate, concrete actions" to "reduce tensions in the Korean Peninsula and beyond."

The missile flight came less than a month after the council imposed its toughest yet sanctions on North Korea, and it's not immediately clear whether any further actions could follow.

"We'll be talking about next steps starting now," Japanese Ambassador Koro Bessho said after the meeting.

For now, he said, the statement sends the North a strong message "that the international community will not accept its reckless behavior."

North Korea isn't on the 15-member council. While the meeting was underway in New York, Pyongyang's official Korean Central News Agency said leader Kim Jong Un expressed "great satisfaction" with the launch and called for more ballistic missile tests targeting the Pacific Ocean.

Going into a closed session that evolved into an open meeting, ambassadors from several countries said they wanted to discuss how to respond, but first of all to show that the international community was united in

firmly rebuking the missile test. The missile — designed to carry a nuclear payload — traveled almost 2,700 kilometers into the Pacific and triggered alert warnings as it soared over northern Japan.

"It is time for the North Korean regime to recognize the danger they are putting themselves in," said U.S. Ambassador Nikki Haley, whose country has traded threats with North Korea in recent weeks. "The United States will not allow their lawlessness to continue, and the rest of the world is with us."

Still, the discussion was a reminder that members have different approaches to the issue.

Chinese Ambassador Liu Jieyi called on all parties to "avoid any rhetoric or action that might exacerbate tension" on the Korean Peninsula.

Both he and his Russian coun-



Nikki Haley, U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations speaks with Japan's Ambassador Koro Bessho (right)

terpart noted their countries had previously proposed a suspension of both North Korean nuclear and missile development and of joint U.S.-South Korean military exercises, which are currently underway.

"The exercises being conducted must be scaled down," Russian Ambassador Vassily Nebenzia said. "There is an urgent need to create an atmosphere of trust among states in the region."

The Pyongyang news agency said Tuesday's missile launch was a "muscle-flexing" response to the war games, which the North views as rehearsals for an invasion. North Korea had requested a Security Council

meeting about the exercises last week.

The Security Council said it was committed to a peaceful, diplomatic and political solution to the situation and called for strict implementation of its existing sanctions.

The latest sanctions include a ban on North Korean exports of coal, iron, lead and seafood products, together worth over USD1 billion for a country with total exports valued at just \$3 billion last year. The U.S. had suggested in July that the council could do more, including restricting oil to the North Korean military and boosting air and maritime restrictions. **AP**

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**H**ARVEY'S floodwaters began to drop across much of the Houston area and the sun peeked through thinning clouds yesterday in the biggest glimmer of hope in days for the besieged city. But as the crisis eases, the storm could begin to give up its dead.

"We have good news," said Jeff Lindner, a meteorologist with the Harris County Flood Control District. "The water levels are going down. And that's for the first time in several days."

The number of confirmed deaths rose to 20 when authorities reported that two men drowned on Monday. One of them drove around a barricade and into standing water, while the other tried to swim across a flooded road.

Authorities expect the toll to rise as the waters recede and they are able to take full stock of the death and destruction wrought by the hurricane.

Many thousands of homes in and around the nation's fourth-largest city were still swamped and could stay that way for days or longer. And some Houston-area neighborhoods were still in danger of more flooding from a levee breach. Officials said 911 call centers in the Houston area were still getting more than 1,000 calls an hour from people seeking help.

Nevertheless, forecasters said the rain is pretty much over for the Houston area, and the water is already back within its channels in some places.

Also, the water in two reservoirs that protect downtown Houston from flooding was likely to crest at levels slightly below those that were forecast, officials said.

As for Harvey, it rolled ashore yesterday for the second time in six days, hitting southwestern Louisiana close to the Texas state line as a tropical storm with winds of 45 mph.

But it was "spinning down" and was expected to weaken into a tropical depression sometime yesterday, National Hurricane Center meteorologist Dennis Feltgen said. A tropical depression has winds of 38 mph or less.

From there, the remnants of the hurricane are expected to move from Louisiana into Mississippi, Tennessee and Kentucky in the next few days, with flooding possible in those states.

"Once we get this thing inland during the day, it's the end of the beginning," Feltgen said. "Texas is going to get a chance to finally dry out as this system pulls out."

The reprieve from the rain in Houston was welcome.

Eugene Rideaux, a 42-year-old mechanic who showed up at Osteen's Lakewood Church to sort donations for evacuees,

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## Floodwaters drop across much of Houston; death toll at 20

said he had not been able to work or do much since the storm hit, so he was eager to get out of his dark house and help.

"It's been so dark for days now, I'm just ready to see some light. Some sunshine. I'm tired of the darkness," Rideaux said. "But it's a tough city, and we're going to make this into a positive and come together."

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The dead include a former football and track coach in suburban Houston and a woman who died after she and her young daughter were swept into a rain-swollen drainage canal in Beaumont. The child was rescued clinging to her dead mother, authorities said.

Meanwhile, the Texas community of Port Arthur found itself increasingly isolated as Harvey's rains flooded most major roads out of the city and swamped a storm shelter. Motiva Enterprises closed its Port Arthur refinery, the largest in the nation, because of flooding.

When Harvey paid its return visit to land overnight, it hit near Cameron, Louisiana, about 45 miles from Port Arthur.

Jefferson County sheriff's De-

puty Marcus McLellan said he wasn't sure where the 100 or so evacuees at the civic center in Port Arthur would be sent. Most were perched on bleacher seats to stay dry, their belongings left mostly on the floor under about a foot (30 centimeters) of water, he said.

Port Arthur Mayor Derrick Freeman posted on his Facebook page: "city is underwater right now but we are coming!" He also urged residents to get to higher ground and to avoid becoming trapped in attics.

In the Houston area, Harvey's five straight of rain that totaled close to 52 inches, the heaviest tropical downpour ever recorded in the continental United

States.

Harris County Judge Ed Emmett said 30,000 to 40,000 homes, perhaps more, may have been damaged.

"It could be more," he told Houston's KTRK-TV. "We just don't know. A number are irreparable. We've got some difficult months and perhaps years ahead."

Some 13,000 people have been rescued in the Houston area, and more than 17,000 have sought refuge in Texas shelters. With the water still high in places and many hard-hit areas still inaccessible, those numbers seemed certain to increase.

About 195,000 people have

filed for financial assistance, and about USD35 million in direct aid has been distributed — numbers expected to climb dramatically in coming days and weeks, the chief of the Federal Emergency Management Agency said.

"This is going to be an incredibly large disaster," Brock Long said in Washington. "We're not going to know the true cost for years to come. [...] But it's going to be huge."

Harvey initially came ashore as a Category 4 hurricane in Texas on Friday, then executed a U-turn and lingered off the coast as a tropical storm for days, inundating flood-prone Houston. **AP**

## Horror: Shivering girl, 3, clinging to drowned mom

**A**UTHORITIES found a shivering 3-year-old clinging to the body of her drowned mother in a rain-swollen canal in Southeast Texas after the woman tried to carry her child to safety from Harvey's floods.

Beaumont police yesterday identified the mother as 41-year-old Colette Sulcer and said her daughter was being treated for hypothermia but doing well.

Capt. Brad Penisson of the fire-rescue department in Beaumont said the woman's vehicle got stuck Tuesday afternoon in the flooded parking lot of an

office park just off Interstate 10. Squalls from Harvey were pounding Beaumont with up to 5 centimeters of rain an hour at the time with 60 kph gusts, according to the National Weather Service.

Penisson said a witness saw the woman take her daughter and try to walk to safety when the swift current of a flooded drainage canal next to the parking lot swept them both away.

The child was holding onto the floating woman when a police and fire-rescue team in a boat

caught up to them a half-mile downstream, he said. Rescuers pulled them into the boat just before they would have gone under a railroad trestle where the water was so high that the boat could not have followed. First responders lifted the child from her mother's body and tried to revive the woman, but she never regained consciousness.

The child was taken to the Christus St. Elizabeth Hospital in Beaumont, and was expected to be released Wednesday. Officer Carol Riley said the girl was doing "very well" and was chatty.

"Everybody at the hospital and the officers just fell in love with her," Riley said.

AP PHOTO

## SCOTLAND

Motorists, gawkers line up to see new bridge



**M**OTORISTS and gawkers jammed onto Scotland's new bridge over the Firth of Forth, anxious to see the new expanse on its first full day of operation.

Cars began trying out the Queensferry Crossing beginning at 2 a.m. By rush hour Wednesday, delays in both directions hampered movement on the new 1.35 billion pound bridge that links the Lothians and Fife. The bridge is

2,700 meters long.

Economy Secretary Keith Brown says travelers won't miss the "absence of the 'slap, slap, slap' that you get on the existing bridge."

The new crossing — the longest three-tower, cable-stayed bridge in the world — will be closed again Friday so some 50,000 pedestrians can cross it over the weekend. Queen Elizabeth II will visit the new expanse on Monday.

## UK

# Princes William, Harry honor Diana's charity work

Danica Kirka & Caroline Spiezio, London

**P**RINCES William and Harry yesterday visited a memorial garden dedicated to Princess Diana to pay tribute to their mother's charity work on the eve of the 20 anniversary of her death.

The royals, accompanied by William's wife, the Duchess of Cambridge, huddled under umbrellas in the pouring rain as they strolled through the Sunken Garden, which is planted with white flowers and dedicated to the princess at her former home, where she once would stroll by and ask the gardeners about their ever-changing displays.

William and Harry, who have both promised to carry on their mother's charity work, chatted animatedly with representatives from groups that Diana supported.

The princes then left the palace grounds to meet with members of the public, who braved the rain for hours for a chance to share memories of Diana with her sons.

The weeks before the anniversary

AP PHOTO



Britain's Prince William (right) and his wife Kate, Duchess of Cambridge are given a tour at the memorial garden in Kensington Palace, London, yesterday

of Diana's death have been met with reflection in Britain as the public remembers "the people's princess" and considers her contributions to the country and the monarchy.

Many brought flowers, which the

princes gathered and laid in front of the black and gold gates of Kensington Palace.

The flowers added to a fast-growing collection of items, including flags, burning candles and photographs, hanging on the gates to remember Diana.

"I still get upset, I can't even watch the funeral, it just brings it all back. It really upsets us and no, the feelings haven't diminished and she's too much of an important person to forget about," said Maria Scott, 46, who was among those waiting for the princes at the palace gates.

Fans from as far as Australia have posted homemade signs with messages — one read "Her work carries on through her loving sons," while another said "20 years on and we still miss you."

William and Harry stopped to admire the public's makeshift memorial, smiling while pointing at photos of their mother and reading fans' messages from around the world.

The 36-year-old princess died in the early hours of Aug. 31, 1997. **AP**

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## what's ON



DREAM WITH LOVE - PHOTOGRAPHY EXHIBITION  
TIME: 10am-7pm (Last admission 6:30pm, closed on Mondays)

UNTIL: August 31, 2017

VENUE: Taipa Houses Museum

ADMISSION: Free

ORGANIZER: Taipa Village Cultural Association

ENQUIRIES: (853) 2857 6116

KISS AFRICA – MACAU + LUSOFONIA: RECENT WORKS BY EUGÉNIO NOVIKOFF SALES

TIME: 3pm to 8pm

UNTIL: September 3, 2017

VENUE: Albergue SCM

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CONSTELLATION - WORKS BY NICOLAS DELAROCHE

TIME: 10am-9pm

UNTIL: October 8, 2017

VENUE: Tap Seac Gallery

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BRAND STORY - POP-UP SHOP

TIME: 10am-8pm

UNTIL: October 1, 2017

VENUE: Macau Fashion Gallery

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RESTLESS NATURE BY TONG CHONG

TIME: 12pm-8pm

UNTIL: September 6, 2017

VENUE: Taipa Village Art Space, Rua dos Clerigos No 10, Taipa

ADMISSION: Free

ORGANIZER: Taipa Village Cultural Association

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REPRESENTING WOMEN THROUGH THE MAM COLLECTION - 19TH AND 20TH CENTURIES

TIME: 10am-7pm (Last admission at 6:30pm, closed on Mondays)

UNTIL: December 10, 2017

VENUE: Macau Art Museum

ADMISSION: Free

ORGANIZER: Cultural Affairs Bureau

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## Offbeat

## CLASS RING LOST ON CAPE COD 47 YEARS AGO RETURNED TO OWNER

A college class ring lost in the surf at a Massachusetts beach nearly half a century ago is back on the finger of its owner.

The Cape Cod Times ([bit.ly/2wl24so](http://bit.ly/2wl24so)) reports that Patrick O'Hagan lost the Class of 1969 Manhattan College ring while on his honeymoon in Dennis in 1970.

James Wirth was in ankle-deep water at low tide on a Dennis beach last month scanning with his metal detector when he found the corroded ring.

Tracking down the owner was easy, because O'Hagan's full name was inscribed on the ring, along with an "E" indicating he had studied engineering. Wirth returned the ring to O'Hagan at his Long Island, New York, home earlier this month.

O'Hagan's wife, Christine Kehl O'Hagan, says they were "thrilled" to get it back.

## TV canal macau



13:00	TDM News (Repeated)
13:30	News (RTPi) Delayed Broadcast
14:50	RTPi Live
19:10	The Brazilian (Repeated)
19:40	Soap Opera
20:30	Main News, Financial & Weather Report
21:00	Miscellaneous
21:30	Yes, Chef!
22:10	The Brazilian
23:00	TDM News
23:30	Miscellaneous
00:20	Main News, Financial & Weather Report (Repeated)
00:50	RTPi Live

## cinema



## CINETEATRO

30 AUG - 6 SEP

## CRAYON SHINCHAN MOVIE 2017

ROOM 1

2:30, 7:30pm

Director: Masakazu Hashimoto

Starring: Tamao Hayashi, Tôru Hotohara, Teiyû Ichiryûsai

Language: Cantonese

Duration: 107min



## THE ADVENTURERS

ROOM 1

4:30, 9:30pm

Director: Stephen Fung

Starring: Andy Lau, Shu Qi, Zhang Jingchu

Language: English

Duration: 131min



## THE DARK TOWER

ROOM 2

2:30, 4:15, 6:00, 9:45pm

Director: Nikolaj Arcel

Starring: Idris Elba, Matthew McConaughey, Tom Taylor

Language: English

Duration: 132min



## A DOG'S PURPOSE

ROOM 2

7:45pm

Director: Lasse Hallstrom

Starring: Josh Gad, Dennis Quaid, Brit Robertson

Language: English

Duration: 95min

## DANGAL

ROOM 3

2:30, 6:00, 9:00pm

Director: Nitesh Tiwari

Starring: Aamir Khan, Sakshi Tanwar, Fatima Sana Shaikh

Language: Hindi (Chinese & English)

Duration: 164min

## this day in history



## 1997 PRINCESS DIANA DIES IN PARIS CRASH

Diana, Princess of Wales, has died after a car crash in Paris.

She was taken to hospital in the early hours of Sunday morning where surgeons tried for two hours to save her life but she died at 0300 BST.

In a statement Buckingham Palace said the Queen and the Prince of Wales were "deeply shocked and distressed".

Prince Charles broke the news of their mother's death to Princes William and Harry at Balmoral Castle in Scotland where the royal family had been spending the summer.

The accident happened after the princess left the Ritz Hotel in the French capital with her companion, Dodi Al Fayed - son of Harrods owner, Mohammed Al Fayed.

Dodi Al Fayed and the vehicle's driver were also killed in the collision in a tunnel under the Place de l'Alma in the centre of the city.

The princess' Mercedes car was apparently being pursued at high speed by photographers on motorbikes when it hit a pillar and smashed into a wall.

Mr Al Fayed and the chauffeur died at the scene but the princess and her bodyguard were cut from the wreckage and rushed to hospital.

The French authorities have begun a criminal investigation and are questioning seven photographers.

Tributes to the princess have been pouring in from around the world.

Speaking from his home in South Africa, the princess' brother, Lord Charles Spencer, said his sister had been "unique".

While it was not the time for recriminations there was no doubt the press had played a part in her death, the earl added.

Hundreds of mourners have gathered at the princess' London home, Kensington Palace and many have laid flowers at the gates.

Courtesy BBC News

## IN CONTEXT

Only Princess Diana's bodyguard, Trevor Rees-Jones, survived the crash.

Blood tests showed the driver, Henri Paul, had taken both drugs and a large amount of alcohol before the accident.

The royal family was criticised for its reserve during a time when there was an unprecedented national outpouring of grief.

Around one million people lined the streets to see the princess' funeral cortege as it made its way to Westminster Abbey in early September.

No charges were brought against the paparazzi who had been pursuing the princess' car.

But the behaviour of the press came under close scrutiny and the code governing the British media was tightened in December 1997.

An inquest into the princess's death was opened in the UK in 2004. It has been adjourned while the Metropolitan police, led by Lord Stevens, carry out an investigation into the crash.

Retired judge Lady Elizabeth Butler-Sloss will conduct preliminary hearings into the inquests in early 2007.

YOUR STARS

Aries

Mar. 21-Apr. 19

They love you, and you know that -- but you never expected this kind of devotion. Does this mean you're not really friends at all; that you're the guru to their devotee? If it does, you're most likely outta there.

Gemini

May 21-Jun. 21

At heart, you're basically a very social animal. You love nothing better than being with kindred spirits who understand you -- which isn't always easy to come by since you're much smarter than the average bear.

Leo

Jul. 23-Aug. 22

Just this once, don't automatically decide to fight with the authority figures in charge. Instead of going with your first inclination, try being nice. Consider compromising, even.

Libra

Sep.23-Oct. 22

Sure, you're tired of the drama. So you'll have a decision to make: A) Ignore it permanently, B) Delve in, get involved or C) Tarry around the fringes, and be honest about your curiosity.

Sagittarius

Nov. 22-Dec. 21

You're no stranger to good luck. Your attitude is so positive you can't help but attract it. You'll be even more of a magnet for it right about now, however, especially when it comes to your one-to-one relationships.

Aquarius

Jan. 20-Feb. 18

That old expression, if you ignore them, they'll go away? Well, that might not always hold true, but right now it just so happens to be quite accurate -- especially when it comes to a certain family member or friend.

Taurus

April 20-May 20

You've kept quiet for days now. You've even refused to discuss the situation under all but the most private of circumstances. Since you've come this far, another day should technically be a piece of cake.

Cancer

Jun. 22-Jul. 22

When was the last time you went shopping for yourself? And not for household necessities or groceries -- or for someone else? When was the last time you actually went out to buy yourself something.

Virgo

Aug. 23-Sept. 22

You've been shuffling through that pile of brochures for long enough. It's time to pick the one you like and really look it over. Whether it's Africa, Ireland or New York City, you need a change of scenery.

Scorpio

Oct. 23 - Nov. 21

There's absolutely nothing you wouldn't do for a dear one -- especially that particular dear one you're picturing right now. So even if they push your buttons tonight, you won't let that get in the way

Capricorn

Dec. 22-Jan. 19

You're going to be a very happy camper for the next couple of days, and it all starts now. Wanderlust has cast a spell on you -- the kind of spell that makes it impossible to say no to a trip, a class or a new experience.

Pisces

Feb.19-Mar. 20

Regardless of where you are when the urge strikes you to say exactly what's on your mind, you won't be able to stop yourself. Not even a little bit. So don't hold back and do it.

THE BORN LOSER by Chip Sansom



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WEATHER

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CHINA

Beijing	19	27	clear/overcast
Harbin	9	21	cloudy
Tianjin	20	30	clear/cloudy
Urumqi	17	28	shower/cloudy
Xi'an	16	23	cloudy
Lhasa	12	24	drizzle/shower
Chengdu	19	24	drizzle
Chongqing	25	32	shower/overcast
Kunming	17	24	shower
Nanjing	21	24	shower
Shanghai	24	27	overcast/shower
Wuhan	20	25	cloudy/overcast
Hangzhou	25	30	shower/cloudy
Taipei	27	33	overcast
Guangzhou	26	35	cloudy/thundershower
Hong Kong	28	33	cloudy

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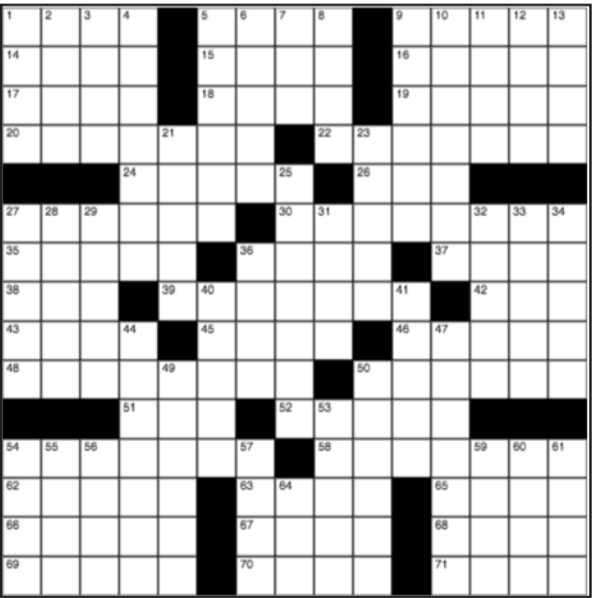
Moscow	11	22	clear
Frankfurt	13	27	drizzle
Paris	13	23	heavy rain/drizzle
London	10	16	drizzle
New York	19	25	clear

CROSSWORDS

ACROSS: 1- Smelting waste; 5- Young goats; 9- Fads; 14- Arias, usually; 15- \_\_\_ old cowhand...; 16- Beethoven dedicatee; 17- Tenn. neighbor; 18- Nothing special; 19- Swearword; 20- Japanese massage technique; 22- Damaged; 24- Worries; 26- Draft org.; 27- Low-frequency loudspeaker; 30- Highly regarded; 35- Santa's aides; 36- Manitoba native; 37- Seldom seen; 38- Mrs. McKinley; 39- Songbird; 42- Neither here \_\_\_ there; 43- Fish feature; 45- Swedish auto; 46- Corpulent; 48- Vacillant; 50- Indonesian cigarette; 51- Gal of song; 52- Wipe out; 54- Subjoin; 58- Erin; 62- Under way; 63- Golden Fleece ship; 65- Arrow poison; 66- Words of denial; 67- Stadium cheers; 68- Japan's first capital; 69- White as a ghost; 70- Mines; 71- English public school;

DOWN: 1- IRS IDs; 2- \_\_\_ Ness monster; 3- Jai \_\_\_; 4- Long-necked ruminant; 5- Where you're likely to get smacked; 6- Folding words; 7- \_\_\_ Kapital; 8- Winter fall; 9- Reject; 10- Four-time Indy 500 winner; 11- Encircle; 12- Latin being; 13- Bird feed; 21- Lock of hair; 23- Bony prefix; 25- Notched; 27- Place on a scale; 28- Blast from the past; 29- Racetracks; 31- Balkan native; 32- "Olympia" painter; 33- Uneven, as if gnawed away; 34- Jeter of the Yankees; 36- "The Godfather" Oscar nominee; 40- Sacred song; 41- More unfavorable; 44- Supple; 47- Direct route; 49- Make straight; 50- South African animal rug; 53- Appropriate; 54- Yemen's capital; 55- ET transports; 56- Two out of two; 57- Lawman Wyatt; 59- Med. school course; 60- Pianist Peter; 61- College bigwig; 64- Thor Heyerdahl craft;

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Thursday, 6:34 p.m.  
Japan v Australia  
H 1.87, D 3.66, A 5.9

## FOOTBALL | WORLD CUP

# Japan hosts Australia with spot for winners in qualifiers

A win for either Japan or Australia when they meet at Saitama north of Tokyo today means a place at the 2018 World Cup, with both teams keen to seal their spot with a game to spare.

If Japan, a point clear at the top of Group B above Saudi Arabia and Australia, wins then Japan does not need any points from a tricky trip to Saudi Arabia in the final group game on Sept. 5.

Despite sitting on top, the pressure has been building on Japan coach Vahid Halilhodzic after a series of uncertain performances. Just last week the national association denied reports that the Bosnian would be dismissed if the hosts fail to defeat Australia.

"I hear the recent criticism directed my way and it puts pressure on me but this is the kind of situation I like," Halilhodzic said. "The more I come under attack and the more criticism I face, the more determined I am to respond."

Japan is concerned over the fitness of Inter Milan fullback Yuto Nagatomo, but will otherwise be at full strength.

Both Japan and Australia received a boost on Tuesday when Saudi Arabia missed a chance to go top of the group and lost 2-1 away to the United Arab Emirates.

That result means the Socceroos are able to qualify for Russia if they manage to win in Japan. A draw would leave the team needing to defeat group struggler Thailand in Melbourne next week to be sure of a fourth successive World Cup appearance.

Australia coach Ange Postecoglou denies that there is any pressure.

AP PHOTO



Inter Milan's Yuto Nagatomo shoots during a Group K, Europa League soccer match between Inter Milan and Hapoel Beer-Sheva

"From the outside people look at it and see pressure, but for anyone involved, be it a coach or a player, you look forward to these occasions," Postecoglou said.

In Group A, the only matter to be settled is whether South Korea or Uzbekistan takes the second remaining qualification spot after Iran sealed the first in June.

Under former Real Madrid coach Carlos Queiroz, Iran is not only unbeaten in eight group games so

far, but has yet to concede a goal.

South Korea, aiming for a ninth successive World Cup appearance, has lost its last four games to Iran and a 3-2 defeat to Qatar in June was a third defeat in four qualifiers. It cost Uli Stielike his job as head coach, with the German being replaced by Shin Tae-yong.

Shin has called up English Premier League stars Son Heung-min of Tottenham Hotspur and

Swansea City's Ki Sung-yeung, although both have been recovering from injury.

Son, who played 70 minutes for Tottenham in Sunday's 1-1 draw with Burnley in London, declared himself fit but Shin declined to be drawn on whether the English-based players will start the game.

"It wouldn't be appropriate for some players if I said I have chosen starting members at this point because that implies I've al-

ready made up my mind even before they came here," Shin said. "People will find out about our starting members on the match day."

Uzbekistan can keep the pressure on South Korea with a win over last-place China in Wuhan. If the former Soviet republic can do so and then defeats South Korea in Tashkent on Sept. 5, then the Central Asians will qualify for a first-ever World Cup. **AP/Oddschecker.com**

## Top Billing in South America: Argentina vs. Uruguay

Friday, 7:00 a.m.  
Uruguay v Argentina  
H 3.46, D 3.52, A 2.25

LIONEL Messi is back for Argentina. And Luis Suarez is expected to return for Uruguay.

The two Barcelona teammates should be the focus Friday [7:00am] in South America's most high-profile World Cup qualifier.

With four rounds of qualifying remaining, Brazil has already advanced to Russia and leads the group with 33 points. The five-time

AP PHOTO



World Cup winners are followed by Colombia (24), Uruguay (23), Chile (23), Argentina (22) and Ecuador (20). Peru

and Paraguay have 18 points, and little chance to advance. Bolivia and Venezuela have been eliminated.

In addition to Brazil, three more teams will claim the remaining automatic berths, and one more South American

team could also reach Russia in a playoff.

Messi is back from a one-game ban for insulting a match official. It was originally four matches, but the Argentine soccer association appealed successfully.

That's good news for coach Jorge Sampaoli, who will be on the bench for his first official game in charge. Without Messi, Argentina lost to Bolivia 2-0 in its last qualifier in March.

Uruguay coach Oscar Tabarez also needs Suarez. He has a right-knee injury, which Tabarez said will be evaluated in the run-up to the match.

With or without Suarez, Tabarez knows "it will be a very, very difficult match."

Sampaoli replaced Edgardo Bauza in early June and has coached friendly wins over Brazil and Singapore. Sampaoli has left Juventus striker Gonzalo Higuain out of the side, going instead with Paulo Dybala, who is seen as Messi's heir on the national team.

Tabarez is remaking the Uruguay side, which has been about the same since finishing fourth in the 2010 World Cup and the 2011 Copa America. New faces include Federico Valverde, Mauricio Lemos and Gaston Pereiro. "It's not just another game coming up," Uruguay defender Diego Godin said. "It's a classic, and we know who we're playing."

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Made in Macao

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THE IMPORTANCE OF STOCKING UP ON FOOD

Macao was hard hit by typhoon Hato last week, and every social media has been flooded with discussions, comments, and reflections on this typhoon. Among these, I have noticed one thing arising from this disaster, which is a small but important issue: People in Macao are dangerously lacking in emergency food supplies.

On the day of the typhoon, most people were browsing the Internet for updates, and I was surprised to read on some discussion groups that quite a number of people shared that they were starving at home. Then, on the weekend, after the typhoon, families were claiming they had been surviving on a few packs of instant noodles for the last three days. Some even admitted that, if not for the volunteers who delivered food and water to them, they might have had nothing at all at home to eat or drink.

That made me wonder, why are we so unprepared? Not that I'm suggesting we should live like the apocalypse is coming, and keep shelves and shelves of food at home, but one would have thought having at least a few days' worth of food and beverage in cupboards is normal. This is not only a practice for unforeseeable disaster, but just for days when we feel too lazy to even go out for food. Apparently, this doesn't seem to be a practice for many, especially young families, in Macao. So, why don't we stock up for rainy days?

One of the most common answer I received was that "we do not cook at home". Macaoians have often made fun of the term "Mou Fan Ga Teng" 模範家庭 (model family), which usually creates an image of a happy family with two kids, always having meals at home together in a loving environment. The amusing part is that this term sounds the same as 無飯家庭 (no rice family), which quite obviously refers to modern families that do not cook at home. The number of the latter Mou Fan Ga Teng has been increasing as there are more families with both parents working, and there are more and more cafés and restaurants, making the idea of stocking up food at home less necessary.

However, there are a number of families that cook at home every day. This positive version of Mou Fan Ga Teng, usually has a housewife or a maid who goes to the market every morning to buy fresh ingredients to cook healthy meals for the family. Usually considering canned or preserved food unhealthy, the only food these families usually have in store is rice which they buy in bulk. Unfortunately, without electricity, they cannot cook rice.

There is a third group, mostly of young couples or young people who live alone, who do not seem to have the habit of stocking up food. Aside from the fact that it is easy to get food or groceries any time in Macao, the main reason they do not store food at home is because of a lack of space. The majority of apartments in Macao have a very small kitchen, and so the size of refrigerators is shockingly small for people who are accustomed to living in the West. Therefore, the idea of buying more groceries than needed for each day may not have occurred to many who do not have the space needed for storage.

So, after the near apocalyptic adventure, I guess whether we cook at home or not, or buy only fresh food from the market, or have limited space, there is a need to start the practice of stockpiling for an emergency.

THE JAPANESE OFFICIAL RETRACTS REMARK ABOUT HITLER'S INTENTIONS

Japan's deputy prime minister yesterday retracted a comment made a day earlier that seemed to suggest that Nazi leader Adolf Hitler had good intentions.

Taro Aso was speaking at a seminar for his faction in the ruling Liberal Democratic Party on Tuesday when he said: "I don't question a politician's motives; it is delivering results that matter. Hitler, who killed millions of people, was no good, even if his intentions had been good."

Aso said that remark was "inappropriate" and he would like to retract it and regretted having caused a

misunderstanding. He said he meant that Hitler was a bad leader with bad intentions.

The Simon Wiesenthal Center, a U.S.-based Jewish human rights organization, denounced the comment as "downright dangerous." An official at the center, Rabbi Abraham Cooper, said, "When will the elite of Japan wake up and acknowledge that they have a 'Nazi problem'?"

Aso is also the finance minister in Prime Minister Shinzo Abe's Cabinet and served as Japan's prime minister in 2008-2009.

Kevin Kwan: Americans will embrace 'Crazy Rich Asians' movie

Angela Chen, Hong Kong

KEVIN Kwan believes America will embrace the "Crazy Rich Asians" movie, which is based on his best-selling novel of the same name.

The Singaporean novelist was in Hong Kong recently to promote "Rich People Problems," the last book in his "Crazy Rich" trilogy.

His first book, "Crazy Rich Asians," released in 2013, is the story of an Asian-American girl, Rachel, accompanying her boyfriend, Nick, to Singapore for a wedding, only to learn about Nick's family wealth and power after stepping off the plane. The book provides a glimpse into the decadent and opulent lives of Asia's ultra-rich. Its popularity gave birth to a sequel, "China Rich Girls."

It didn't take long for Hollywood to notice the success of Kwan's books and buy the rights to make "Crazy Rich Asians" into a film.

Kwan served as an executive producer on the "Crazy Rich Asians" movie, and said it was a long time coming for Hollywood to make a romantic comedy with an all-Asian cast.

"I think it's huge," he said. "It's really the first time. [...] I'm sorry it hasn't happened earlier."

"People are really eager to see if Hollywood keeps its promise and rolls out this movie the way we want it to," he said.

Hollywood came under heavy criticism for so-called "white-washing" last year when Tilda Swinton was cast as a character that was originally Tibetan in "Doctor Strange" and Scarlett Johansson played the cyborg protagonist in the Japanese anime remake "Ghost in the Shell." More recently, British actor Ed Skrein was cast as a Japanese-American character in a reboot of "Hellboy." After a backlash, Skrein announced that he had withdrawn from the film.

Kwan said that for "Cra-



Singaporean novelist Kevin Kwan during an interview in Hong Kong

zy Rich Asians," he and the film's director, Jon M. Chu, insisted on an all-Asian cast.

"It's really been a dream come true, you know," Kwan said. "Because even from the very start, when Hollywood was first interested in adopting it, I was thinking, Michelle Yeoh would be perfect, Constance Wu would be perfect. All these people, the fact that the dream sort of all came together."

Wu, the breakout star from the sitcom "Fresh off the Boat," plays the unassuming Rachel, while Yeoh plays her boyfriend's disapproving mother. The dashing, rich Nick is played by newcomer Henry Golding. Others in the cast include "Hangover" star Ken Jeong and Harry Shum Jr. from "Glee."

With racial tensions on the rise in the United States, Kwan said he remains confident that Americans will embrace "Crazy Rich Asians."

"They have a history of multiculturalism in the industry, but over the last few years, it's really, I think, the corporatization

of Hollywood, the fact that it's owned by these big huge corporations, where they just want to see profit, profit, profit," Kwan said. "They take a lot less risks and a lot less artistic risks. But I think that's changing, it really is, because the audience is demanding it, not just the Asian audience, the American, white audience is demanding it."

When asked if his "Crazy Rich" trilogy glorifies the lives of the top 1 percent in Asia, Kwan's answer was a definitive "No."

"My books are satires, you know, they are really comedies of manners," he said. "So I think most of my readers, when they read it, I don't think they're really seeing this world through these rosy lenses. They're seeing the problems these rich people have. In a way, that's why I named the third book 'Rich People Problems.'"

"Rich People Problems" is available at bookstores now, and the "Crazy Rich Asians" movie is in post-production and slated for release in 2018. AP

Station	Air quality	
Roadside	155-185 Bad	
High Density Residential Area	140-170 Bad	
Ambient	140-170 Bad	

SOURCE: DSMG

WORLD BRIEFS



**QATAR** Though far-removed from the Gulf, East Africa has been shaken by the Arab diplomatic crisis gripping Qatar. In recent years both Qatar and the other energy-rich nations arrayed against it have made inroads in the Horn of Africa by establishing military bases, managing ports and showering friendly nations with foreign aid.

**SAUDI ARABIA** In Saudi Arabia, more than 1.7 million pilgrims are marking the start of the hajj pilgrimage by circling the cube-shaped Kaaba in Mecca and performing a series of rites that trace the footsteps of the Prophet Muhammad.

**ISRAEL** An Israeli drone company says the Defense Ministry has suspended some of its export licenses to one of its clients abroad.



**KENYA** Lawyers have made their closing arguments to Kenya's Supreme Court over a challenge by longtime politician Raila Odinga to Kenyan President Uhuru Kenyatta's re-election earlier this month.

**AUSTRIA** An Austrian court has rejected a Spanish extradition request for a Ukrainian oligarch suspected of money laundering and membership in a criminal organization, saying there was insufficient evidence for the application.



**BRAZIL**'s government has revised a decree that stripped protections from a reserve in the Amazon after environmental groups criticized the original order. The new decree still lifts the reserve designation from a gold- and copper-rich area larger than the Netherlands in two northern Brazilian states.