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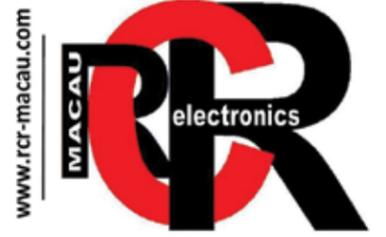
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# Lantern-making showcase hopes to stir participants' creativity

Lynzy Valles

**A**LBERGUE SCM launched "Little Rabbit Lanterns – An exhibition by Carlos Marreiros and Friends Part 13" with its Mid-Autumn Festival party on Thursday.

The event featured music performances, festive delicacies such as mooncakes, riddle games and offerings of limited-edition traditional rabbit lanterns.

The festival also featured a Chinese calligraphy demonstration, titled "Master Choi Chun Heng Chinese Calligraphy Art Exhibition".

The Little Rabbit Lanterns exhibition was also a celebration of the 68th Anniversary of the People's Republic of China.

Showcasing 29 different lanterns, the works were created by artists and designers from different sectors.

Architect André Lui, who also participated in the exhibition,

told the press that he hoped to keep the lantern-making tradition alive in the region.

Lui depicted the Guia Lighthouse in a lantern he created a few years ago, and said he chose the lighthouse as his subject because it is "one of the landmarks in Macau."

"Some years ago, because of the heritage protection [issues], there were some problems with this landscape, so I chose this subject for my design," he explained.

The architect remarked that his creation is personally significant as it enables him to express his feelings towards the traditional architecture and heritage of Macau. "I think lantern-making is a good tradition to keep," he added.

Carlos Marreiros, director of Albergue SCM as well as of the exhibition, said that the event was, as usual, open to participants of all kinds, even those who are not designers and ar-



tists by profession.

"This is the idea; to take the stress out of the modern, complicated life. [I] want to prove to people that the attitude to be creative and love arts can be

inside everybody," said Marreiros.

Albergue SCM has celebrated Moon Lantern Festival and the Mid-Autumn Festival since 2009.

The exhibition combines traditional Chinese techniques with modern creativity.

This year's edition also features students' works from the Macau Creative Lantern Workshop, which teaches the craft of Chinese lantern-making.

Marreiros recalled that traditional lanterns became a symbol of Macau after the pavilion representing Macau in the Shanghai world expo in 2010.

"I had to think of something extravagant [that would] arouse sympathy among the visitors," he said. "My focus was on something that [...] could reflect Macau."

The architect noted that, lantern-making was halted in China over the past hundred years, adding that Macau fought to keep the tradition.

"In Hong Kong it was substituted by plastic [but] Macau kept [the tradition], so it's ours. If we don't fight for it to be ours, it'll never be ours."

When asked about the significance of creating rabbit lanterns, Marreiros said that the lanterns are also a way for the public to express themselves, noting that lantern-makers are free to create abstract lanterns instead of particular models.

## CCM to stage an adaptation of Shakespearean play

**T**HE Macau Cultural Centre (CCM) is set to present *Le Songe*, an adaptation of Shakespeare's classic play "A Midsummer Night's Dream", produced by the renowned Monte-Carlo Ballet.

A signature piece featuring the work of acclaimed French choreographer Jean-Christophe Maillot, the ballet will be staged in two shows on November 3 and 4 at CCM's Grand Auditorium.

"Raucous, witty and sensual," the comedy confronts the audience with a wave of their maddest desires in a dreamlike ballet merging the imaginary ambiances of three contrasting worlds, depicting three diverse love stories and musical dimensions.

*Le Songe's* plot is deliberately set to the music of three creative composers so that the performan-



ce will carry the audience from Mendelssohn's clarity and grace, to Daniel Teruggi's sensual passion and on to Bertrand Maillot's comic scape.

Established in 1985, the Monte-Carlo Ballet has been led by Maillot since 1993. The choreographer turned the company into an international touring troupe as the principality became a home for dancers and a popular arts destination for audiences.

CCM added in a statement that it is promoting various activities tied to the performance, including a dance workshop hosted by the Monte-Carlo Ballet where enthusiasts can learn some of the company's training methods. A pre-performance talk will be held on the opening day.

Tickets for *Le Songe* by the Monte-Carlo Ballet will be available at CCM's box office and Macau Ticketing Network outlets.

MACAU GRAND PRIX

## Organizers conduct rescue training drill with FIA

**T**HE Macau Grand Prix Organizing Committee (MGPOC) conducted a rescue training drill over the weekend with the Fédération Internationale de l'Automobile (FIA) at the Macau Grand Prix Building. The drill aimed to ensure that all rescue team members were trained to the highest internationally-recognized standards.

The Extrication Consultant for this year's event, Jean-Jacques Issermann, and FIA medical delegate, Jacques Tropenat, provided professional instruction, shared their experience and gave demonstrations.

The MGPOC said in a statement yesterday that the course content included car accident



simulation training, rescue practice and assessment. More than 80 doctors, nurses and firemen participated and received certificates from the FIA upon passing the course examination.

The committee added that since 2007, all rescue personnel at the event have been Macau residents. Since then, the MGPOC and the

FIA have jointly organized annual courses to provide professional training for rescue personnel, ensuring they are equipped with sufficient knowledge and ability to provide timely medical intervention and rescue services. To date, more than 500 participants have taken this course and worked at the Macau Grand Prix.

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**M**ACAU casino shares slumped amid growing concern that business during Golden Week may not live up to optimistic projections due to fewer-than-expected tourists to the gambling hub.

Streets downtown yesterday were unimpeded by tourists, even though police were deployed at the main thoroughfares. There were no major queues for taxis. Rickshaw drivers were unsuccessfully touting for tourists.

Casino operators were the two worst performers on Hong Kong's Hang Seng Index as data on Friday showed tourist arrivals from mainland China fell 1.1 percent in the first five days. That compares with a 7.3 percent jump in the year-earlier period.

Galaxy Entertainment Group shares fell 1.9 percent, while Sands China dropped 2.7 percent, the biggest decline since June 1, at the close in Hong Kong.

"Casinos, shops and restaurants inside the resorts were not crowded in the last few days. It's just like a regular Saturday night performance, definitely not a 'Golden Week'-type busy," said Ben Lee, a Macau-based managing partner at Asian gaming consultancy IGamiX. "We are scrambling to find out what happened."

The VIP betting volume is expected to decline slightly during Golden Week from a year ago, while mass gaming revenue may increase at low single-digits, based on the business performance in the first half of the holiday, he said.

Bookings at hotels, junkets

# Casinos drop as Golden Week visitor numbers disappoint



Taxi queues were almost nonexistent yesterday afternoon...



... and rickshaw drivers were touting for tourists

flush with high rollers and brand-new entertainment options were seen to help make Golden Week the most lucrative in at least the past decade for the world's biggest gaming hub.

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BEN LEE  
IGAMIX MANAGING PARTNER

The weaker-than-expected data for the first half of the week may be due to a longer Golden Week period this year that is spreading arrivals across more days, said Vitaly Umansky, analyst at Sanford C. Bernstein & Co.

The Macau Tourism Office had forecast the number of tourists this week to increase by as much as 5 percent from about 1.2 million visitors last year. According to data made available yesterday, around 844,000 visitors have arrived, 76 percent of them from mainland China.

Melco Resorts & Enter-

tainment Ltd. "is happy with" the gaming revenue for the first five days of the Golden Week, Chief Executive Officer Lawrence Ho said on Bloomberg TV on Friday. The numbers

for this year compare with a higher base for 2016, he said.

There's expectation things will improve even though the number of tourists in the first few days shows it's

not a good start. JPMorgan Chase & Co. analyst DS Kim said that he's maintaining his outlook for a growth of 25 percent to 30 percent in gaming revenue for the week. **MDT/Bloomberg**

## ONE SHOT NEWS



The bike-sharing trend is booming in many Chinese cities. Neighboring Zhuhai is no exception, with thousands of people using shared bikes for short distance trips. Users can hop on a bike by scanning a QR code. After they reach their destination, they can leave the bike anywhere, as all bikes are equipped with GPS-tracking devices.

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## Tea Culture House closed until Oct. 19

The Cultural Affairs Bureau said in a statement that the Macau Tea Culture House will be closed, from today, for maintenance works. It will reopen to the public on October 19. Located in the Lou Lim Ioc Garden on Avenida do Conselheiro Ferreira de Almeida, the Macau Tea Culture House is normally open daily from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m., except on Mondays.

## IFT hosts photography exhibition

The Institute for Tourism Studies (IFT) has invited local artist Tang Kuok Hou to host an exhibition, titled "Photosynthesis II", at the IFT Café until December 31. The exhibition will showcase photography of the city by night. IFT said the "Photosynthesis" series represents Tang's observations of society by exploring the relationship between urban dynamism and artificial light sources. The institute has been collaborating with artists and organized exhibitions in recent years to give local artists a platform to showcase their works. The IFT Café at Anim'Arte Nam Vas is one of these platforms.

## Gov't palace to open to public on October 21, 22

The Government Headquarters will hold public Open Day sessions on October 21 and 22. The sessions, which will run from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., will include a series of performances and thematic flower displays. Members of the public can visit the Protocol Palace – including the Multi-purpose Room, the Lotus Room, the Grand Hall on the upper floor, the Green Hall, the Yellow Hall and the Blue Hall – and part of the garden. Selfie sticks, pets, umbrellas, food and beverages are prohibited on the premises.

# US gov't finds Macau has made no progress toward democracy

Daniel Beitter

**T**HE Congressional Executive Commission on China (CECC), an independent agency of the U.S. government, has published the 2017 version of its Annual Report on China and its dependencies, finding that the Macau SAR has made no progress toward building "an electoral system based on universal and equal suffrage."

However, the Macau government says it disagrees with the evaluation and that the claims made in the report are "groundless and baseless."

The CCEC expressed concern in its report over laws poised to take effect in Macau that restrict the ability of political candidates to stand for office. It also highlighted the oppressive rules enforced by electoral authorities in the run-up to the September 17 legislative election, and a lack of clear and proper documentation of the relevant prohibited activities.

"Macau's Basic Law does not provide for elections by 'universal suffrage,' though its provisions ensure the applicability of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (ICCPR) in Macau and guarantee Macau a 'high degree of autonomy' within China," the report noted.

"During the 2017 reporting year, the Commission did not observe progress [...] in line with the ICCPR, as recommended by the UN Human Rights Committee."

The U.S. agency further questioned the delegation of authority to the Legislative Assembly Electoral Affairs Commission, a government entity, to determine who may qualify as a candidate to legislature.

The issue stems from a December 2016 revision to the Legislative Assembly electoral law, which now requires all candidates and legislators to swear allegiance to China and the MSAR. It followed an interpretation of Hong Kong's Basic Law, handed down by mainland authorities, following the oath-taking scandal late last year.

As a consequence, the Electoral Affairs Commission has been empowered to use its discretion in determining a candidate's eligibility, partially on the basis of whether it believes an oath was taken sincerely.

But the revision to the electoral law did not pass without vocal objections. Legal experts and pro-democrat lawmakers criticized the amendment and said that it endangered the already fragile state of democracy in the city.

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According to the CCEC report, critics emphasized the problematic "lack of clearly defined criteria that would prove a candidate's disloyalty to Macau or the Basic Law."

## Local authorities said the report made 'groundless and baseless claims' and should not comment on Macau's internal affairs

The Electoral Affairs Commission's strict interpretation of what constituted election propaganda, as well as how and when to apply penalties to electoral law violators was also included in the report. Citing the Macau Portuguese and English Press Association, the CCEC said, "due to the law's broad definition of 'electoral propaganda,' election reporting could be penalized under the revised law."

Such a case transpired in late August, when bilingual newspaper Plataforma was instructed to remove an article from its website as, according to the Electoral Affairs Commission, it included "electoral propaganda." Plataforma responded by accusing the commission of

confusing the concepts of propaganda and the right to inform.

The CCEC also highlighted a deteriorating situation over the admittance of Hong Kong journalists, lawmakers and political activists in 2017.

"Macau's Internal Security Framework Law allows authorities to refuse entry to non-residents 'considered inadmissible or who constitute a threat to the stability of internal security,' but does not define inadmissibility or what would pose a threat to Macau's security," the report read.

The CCEC surmised that the refusal to admit certain non-residents had mostly occurred at sensitive times for the Macau government, such as in the aftermath of Typhoon Hato, the Legislative Assembly election last month and during visits to the city by high-profile mainland officials, such as Chinese Premier Li Keqiang.

The content of the report has

riled the Macau SAR government, which on Friday issued a statement expressing its "strong opposition" to the CCEC findings.

"The 2017 annual report contains groundless and baseless claims, and made inappropriate comments about Macau's internal affairs," the local government said in the statement without clarifying the actual inaccuracies.

"Macau's internal affairs are a domestic matter for China: foreign countries have no right to interfere in China's domestic affairs," the statement continued, echoing similar sentiments released by mainland authorities in previous years.

"Since the return to the motherland, the Macau SAR has been strictly implementing the principle of One country, two systems and the Basic Law, making significant achievements in various fields, that have been widely recognized by the international community."

### REPORT QUESTIONS 'INTERFERENCE' IN HK

**A MAJOR** finding in this year's Congressional Executive Commission on China (CECC) report concerned what U.S. administrators see as diminishing political autonomy in Hong Kong. Drafters of the report noted that "the long-term viability of the 'one country, two systems' model in Hong Kong is increasingly uncertain given central government interference." The assessment makes reference to the judicial interpretation

handed down by Beijing during last year's oath-taking scandal, which prevented two elected lawmakers from taking office. Other recent developments highlighting the erosion of Hong Kong's political autonomy included the subsequent, retrospective disqualification of other lawmakers, the harsh sentencing of Occupy protestors last month, and general fears over the safeguarding of press freedom.

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**T**HE value of works in the construction sector decreased by 13.9 percent year-on-year to MOP79.38 billion in 2016, according to data released by the Statistics and Census Service (DSEC).

The government department attributes the decrease to the number of completed large-scale resorts and other entertainment facilities by the summer of that year, as well as a decrease in private residential projects.

Total revenue from the construction sector amounted to MOP81.15 billion, down by 13.1 percent year-on-year. Gross value added, (which measures the sectoral contribution to the economy) totaled MOP19.48 billion, down by 17.2 percent.

A total of 2,920 establishments were operating in the construction sector last year, an increase of 170 year-

CONSTRUCTION

# Value of works dipped last year as resorts completed

on-year. Of this, 1,272 establishments were involved in construction projects and 1,648 were undertaking renovation projects. The total number of people engaged in the sector decreased by 5,645 to 45,316.

Around 1,400 construction projects were carried out with permits in 2016, according to DSEC, up by 55 year-on-year. By category, the number of public works projects (542) rose by 71, while the number of private construction projects (890) fell by 16.

The value of construction

works completed by the private sector decreased 18.7 percent year-on-year to MOP64.38 billion, of which the value of construction of hotels and entertainment facilities (MOP47.93 billion) and private residential buildings (MOP11.15 billion) decreased by 21 percent and 29.1 percent, respectively.

On the other hand, public sector construction value increased by 18.2 percent year-on-year to MOP12.03 billion, of which public housing construction (MOP2.26 billion) and health projects (MOP2.17 billion) rose by

3.9 percent and 78.3 percent, respectively. The latter's surge was driven by the foundation works of the under-construction Islands Hospital.

Analyzed by location, 1,091 construction projects were carried out in the Macau peninsula, with the value of works up more than 40 percent to MOP20.03 billion. 63 projects were carried out in Cotai with the value increasing by 24.6 percent to MOP41.5 billion. 98 were carried out in Coloane, with the value increasing 38 percent to MOP7.55 billion.



FOOD & BEVERAGE

# Aux Beaux Arts revamps menu with French classics

**M**GM Macau's only French restaurant, Aux Beaux Arts, has revamped its menu, introducing its new chef Mario Gil.

The restaurant serves chic brasserie-style French cuisine in an environment reminiscent of 1930s Paris, yet this time, it also aims to create a more welcoming ambience along with its value-for-money menu.

Aux Beaux Arts kicked off its new menu recently. The new menu recreates the taste of conventional French classics for guests and boasts a range of "A Partager" (to share) platters including Seafood Flambé, which features a flamed Croizet Cognac, and Assorted Grill of meat from the US and France.

One of the restaurant's specialties is its 'Braised Beef Short Rib,' as the tenderness of the beef is crafted by a special cooking method that requires two days to complete.

Aux Beaux Arts' chef, Gil, told the press that the revamp of the menu is more aligned with the culture of the French restaurant.

He assured that while the restaurant offers



Chef Mario Gil

dishes at a competitive price, it maintains its quality of products and services offered to guests.

Questioned how the restaurant would differ from the increasing number of French cuisine offerings in the region, the chef noted that although the restaurant still accommodates its affluent guests in its private room, Aux Beaux Arts also maintains its brasserie concept.

"We don't have a fine dining approach. It's price friendly and value for money. We try to represent brasserie," he said.

"The menu is easier to read and understand. It's not too confusing,

and what you read is what you get but you get really good quality," Gil assured.

The chef is also confident that the region would turn into a gastronomic city with the increasing high quality offerings of the region's Food & Beverage sector.

The French restaurant has an open Wine Cellar for private gatherings, an area of the restaurant which houses a collection of more than 10,000 wines.

Aux Beaux Arts is also offering a three-course "le Diner" menu where guests are able to select one appetizer, a main dish and a dessert from the a-la-carte menu. LV

# Golfers Zhang and Liang to compete in Macao Open

**C**HINESE golfers Zhang Lianwei and Liang Wencong will join defending champion Pavit Tangkamolprasert at the 2017 Macao Golf Open that will take place at the Macau Golf & Country Club from Oct. 19 to 22, announced the organizers last week.

Zhang is a two-time winner of the Macao Open (2001 and 2002) and the only player ever to defend his title in the tournament's 18-year history.

Zhang who is playing regularly on the European Senior Tour now, has recorded an impressive run of results this summer, which includes three top 15 finishes.

"I am delighted and honored to play at the Macao Open once again. This tournament started a few years after I turned professional and it played a big part in the development of my professional career," said Zhang, who won on both the European Tour and the European Senior Tour, following respective victories at 2003 Caltex Masters and 2016 Wales Senior Open.

Liang has been spending the majority of his time on the Asian and Japan Tours in

recent years. An Order-of-Merit winner on both tours, and a winner on the European Tour, Liang is the only player from China to have competed in all four Majors, with his best showing a tied-eighth finish at the PGA Championship in 2010.

Liang has competed in Macau for the past four years and his best showing came in his debut year in 2013 when he finished in tied-11th place. "I am very much looking forward to returning to play at the Macao Open. The event very much feels like a home event to me given its proximity to my home town, and the friendliness of all the staff and volunteers there," Liang commented. "The playing field in Macau is ways of top quality and I enjoy competing there very much. The tournament is a regular on my schedule now, and I will look to another good run there this time round," he added.

The four-day tournament will continue to be jointly organised by Sports Bureau of Macao SAR Government and the Golf Association of Macau. It is sanctioned by the Asian Tour, and promoted by IMG. MDT/Xinhua

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#### Cheoc Van, Coloane

(Ref: 17060651)  
6,222sq. ft. HKD 79,800

Combining dazzling sea views, stylish interiors and cavernous comfort, this multi-storey property is a rare find in Macao. In the lower ground floor sits a private swimming pool alongside a large entertainment area that is perfect for entertaining guests during a hot Macau summer. On the ground floor, you'll find a jazzy living space with the perfect amount of natural light entry. If you can take the elevator up to the 1st floor, you'll find two kitchens (yes, two)



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(Ref: 17075528)  
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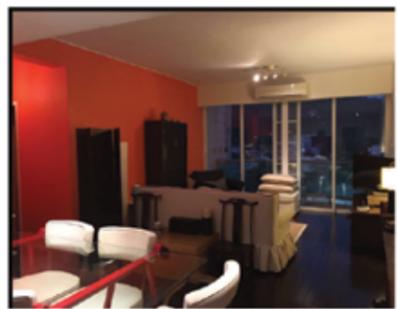
### For Sale



#### Va Nam, Taipa Village

(Ref: 17085531)  
680sq. ft. HKD 4.42M  
Rate: HKD 6,500sq ft

Top floor apartment Taipa Village. Fully renovated 4 years ago from a small two bedroom property to a large one bedroom. The bedroom has ample space for king bed and lots of storage, two fabulous windows giving lots of natural light into the room. Lovely shower room with walk in shower unit with sliding doors, and plenty of under counter storage, great water pressure and hot water on demand. Living room and dining area has been well furnished and has a great balance with bi-fold doors installed



#### Hellene Gardens, Buttercup Court, G Unit

(Ref: 17055520)  
1,663sq. ft. HKD 7.98M  
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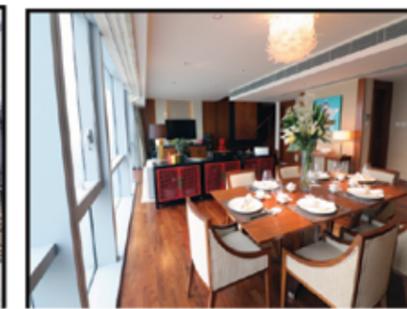
Stunning apartment with open view across towards the back of Hac Sa Beach. Renovated five years ago to a very high standard. The owner opened up the kitchen making a wonderful entertainment area for both living and dining, off the living room is a great size balcony for Al Fresco dining. Further renovations not required.



#### Cheoc Van, House912 Coloane

(Ref: 17065524)  
5,972sq. ft. HKD 98M  
Rate: HKD 16,409sq ft

This magnificent property is newly renovated, and has unobstructed sea views from all 5 floors. Both the interior and exterior of the property brandishes stylish and contemporary designs with a mix of beautiful light colours that accentuates the spaciousness and abundance of natural light. An exclusive lap pool and Jacuzzi comes ready to be enjoyed, as well as a state of the art kitchen.



#### Mandarin Residences Serviced Duplex

(Ref: 17065522)  
3,487sq. ft. HKD 88M  
Rate: HKD 25,236sq ft

The property comes tastefully designed with elegant, high-grade furnishing and floor-to-ceiling windows that provides a breath-taking panoramic view of the sea and Macau. The modern galley kitchen on the first floor comes fully-fitted with high-grade and stylish appliances from Miele and plenty of space, and the private study room offers the quiet that you need to complete your business affairs.

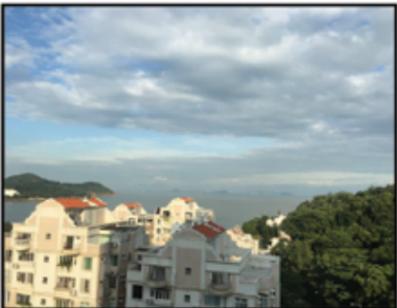


#### Old Taipa, Nam Long (I Unit)

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#### Va Fat, Taipa Village

(Ref: 17085533)  
6,661sq. ft. HKD 4.25M

Lovely apartment on the third floor of a five storey building in Taipa Village. Renovated 3 years ago the apartment has two good size bedrooms and separate walk in shower room. The apartment has been well maintained and managed by JML of the last eight years, historical maintenance data available on request. The main bedroom has ample space for double bed and plenty of storage. Great shower room with walk in shower unit and ample under counter storage, great water pressure and hot water on demand. Living room is small but nicely furnished with a small balcony

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# Yahoo: 3 billion accounts breached in 2013. Yes, 3 billion

**Y**AHOO has tripled down on what was already the largest data breach in history, saying it affected all 3 billion accounts on its service, not the 1 billion it revealed late last year.

The company announced last week that it has sent emails providing notice to additional user accounts affected by the August 2013 data theft.

The breach now affects a number that represents nearly "half the world," said Sam Curry, chief security officer for Boston-based firm Cybereason, though there's likely to be more accounts than actual users.

"Whether it's 1 billion or 3 billion is largely immaterial. Assume it affects you," Curry said. "Privacy is really the victim here."

Yahoo first disclosed the breach in December. The stolen information included names, email addresses,

phone numbers, birthdates and security questions and answers.

Following its acquisition by Verizon in June, Yahoo says, it obtained new intelligence while investigating the breach with help from outside forensic experts. It says the stolen customer information did not include passwords in clear text, payment card data or bank account information.

Yahoo had already required users to change their passwords and invalidate security questions so they couldn't be used to hack into accounts.

The disclosure is also a huge embarrassment for Verizon, which has just started running TV ads for

its new subsidiary Oath, which will consist of Yahoo and AOL services.

Verizon spokesman David Samberg said the company has no regrets about buying Yahoo, despite the latest revelation.

Companies often don't know the full extent of a breach and have to revise statements about how it affects customers years later, said Ben Johnson, co-founder and chief technology officer for Obsidian Security, based in Newport Beach, California. Johnson said Yahoo might never know exactly what was accessed.

"The fact is attackers are having field days and the problem is only going to get worse," he said. **AP**



# Singapore, Thailand weigh e-payment alliance in digital push

Chanyaporn Chanjaroen

**S**INGAPORE and Thailand are in discussions about connecting their national digital payment systems to forge an unprecedented regional alliance, as officials step up efforts to curb the use of cash.

The link would bring together Southeast Asia's first national digital-payment platforms, Singapore's PayNow and Thailand's PromptPay, said Naphongthawat Phothikit, director of payment systems policy at the Bank of Thailand.

"The Monetary Autho-

rity of Singapore and the Bank of Thailand are exploring the possibility" of a link between the two networks, Naphongthawat said in an interview in Bangkok. Discussions are at a preliminary stage, and it's too early to talk about details or a timeline, he added.

The prospective tie-up is the latest effort by Asian nations to modernize the payment process. Governments from India to Indonesia are prodding citizens to pay via cards, mobile devices and Internet-based channels, all of which are viewed as more efficient and traceable

than physical notes and coins.

The discussions with the Thai central bank on possible collaboration to connect e-payment systems are still at a preliminary stage, a spokesperson for Singapore's monetary authority said, adding that the two sides in July signed an agreement to cooperate on financial technology.

"Initiatives to enable faster and more efficient cross-border financial services within Asean is a positive development for the industry," the spokesperson said. "MAS encourages more of such

cross-border engagements, premised on common standards, to create a seamless and inter-operable digital experience for the Asean community."

For now, cash remains the dominant mode of payment in much of the region. Some 57 percent of 4,000 consumers in seven Asian markets said they rely on notes and coins, a PayPal Holdings Inc. survey shows. In contrast, digital transactions are prevalent in much of Europe.

The Bank of Thailand oversaw the January roll out of the PromptPay service by the nation's banks.

It now has 24 million registrations via national identity cards, equivalent to about a third of the Thai population, Naphongthawat said.

PayNow, introduced by the city-state's banking association in July, has over 500,000 registrations, according to a Monetary Authority of Singapore release on Aug. 29.

Both networks allow peer-to-peer transfers via banks and enable payments to be made using recipients' mobile phone or national identity card numbers.

Thailand's priority is to encourage the wider adoption of modes of payment such as credit cards and mobile-based wallets, Naphongthawat said in the late September interview.

Digital-based payment

transactions - including electronic fund transfers, e-wallets, credit cards and mobile and online banking - have grown about 30 percent annually for the past five years, he added.

Southeast Asia's banks are girding for a competitive onslaught amid aggressive expansion plans by China's giant financial technology firms, such as Ant Financial, the payments affiliate of billionaire Jack Ma's Alibaba Group Holding Ltd.

Thai banks have an incentive to bolster digital payments "to ensure they can compete with potential challengers from abroad, including the likes of Alipay and WeChat, which currently serve only Chinese tourists in Thailand," Naphongthawat said. **Bloomberg**

## corporate bits

### LOCAL SMES GRADUATE FROM SANDS PROCUREMENT ACADEMY



Sands China Ltd. held a ceremony last week for the first group of local SME suppliers to graduate from the Sands Procurement Academy.

The event was held at The Venetian Macao's Adelson Advanced Education Centre and was co-organized with the Macao Chamber of Com-

merce and the Macau Productivity and Technology Centre.

The gaming operator said in a statement that the Sands Procurement Academy is part of the company's F.I.T. programme for local SME suppliers, which was launched in April.

As part of its ongoing commitment to local SMEs, Sands China inaugurated the academy in June to help suppliers develop and share business expertise.

The academy provides local SMEs with tailor-made practical training modules on a weekly basis. The first round was completed at the end of July, with the second scheduled to begin in mid-October.

The first round attracted over 40 local SME suppliers, of which 38 have completed and graduated from the six modules.

### MELCO HOLDS OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH AND SAFETY WORKSHOP



Melco Resorts & Entertainment held a workshop at its City of Dreams resort to instruct

some 40 local small and medium enterprise (SME) representatives on occupational health

and safety, according to a statement from the company.

The workshop included an introduction to the city's Occupational Safety and Health Charter, delivered by Jacky Tam (pictured), a senior technician at the Occupational Safety and Health Department of the Labor Affairs Bureau.

The workshop was supported by the Labor Affairs Bureau and the Macau Productivity and Technology Transfer Center.

It was followed by a business networking session that allowed SME representatives to introduce their products and services to Melco's Supply Chain Department.

Christopher Bodeen, Beijing

**SECURING** North Korea's missile launchers and nuclear, chemical and biological weapons sites would likely be a chief priority for China in the event of a major crisis involving its communist neighbor, analysts say, although Beijing so far is keeping mum on any plans.

Despite China's official silence, its People's Liberation Army likely has a "vast array" of contingency plans involving military options, said Dean Cheng, an Asia security expert at the Heritage Foundation think tank in Washington. The PLA and paramilitary People's Armed Police could also be deployed to deal with refugees and possible civil unrest, he said.

What's less clear is whether and under what conditions China would commit troops as an occupying force should North Korean leader Kim Jong Un's regime fall apart, Cheng said.

"We can hypothesize that they might, but, as the observation goes, those who know don't say and those who say probably don't know," he said.

With tensions between the U.S. and North Korea running high and relations between Beijing and Pyongyang at a historic low, questions are being raised about how China might respond in the event of a regime collapse.

The scene along the China-North Korea border in the wild mountains of northeast Asia provides some clues.

Despite a dearth of traffic and trade, construction crews are at work on a six-lane highway to the border outside the small Chinese city of Ji'an along the Tumen River, a corridor that could facilitate the rapid movement of tanks and troops.

Guard posts, barbed wire-topped fences and checkpoints manned by armed paramilitary troops mark the frontier along the border — signs of concern about potentially violent border crossers or even more serious security threats.

China's unwillingness to discuss its plans is likely a strategic choice by the notoriously secretive PLA, but potentially threatens unintended consequences were a major crisis to emerge, experts say.

"Each party has its own plans for action in the event of an emergency, but if they act individually without communicating with others, it raises the possi-

# Questions arise on China's plans as North Korea war talk rises

bility of misjudgment and unnecessary military conflicts," said Jia Qingguo, dean of the school of International Studies at elite Peking University.

"There has long been a danger in this respect. Someone must take control of North Korea's nuclear weapons," Jia said.

Coordination is also needed on the handling of civilians, particularly with those international agencies experienced in dealing with such crises, Jia said. Among the refugees may be tens of thousands released from North Korean labor camps who may need medical treatment for communicable diseases and malnutrition.

"Refugees are a huge issue that could involve a tremendously large number of people and potentially become a humanitarian crisis," Jia said.

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JIA QINGGUO  
SCHOLAR, PEKING UNIVERSITY

Asked about Chinese preparations for a North Korean crisis, defense ministry spokesman Col. Wu Qian offered assurance but no details at a monthly news briefing on Thursday.

"Dialogue and consultation is the only effective way to solve the problem concerning the Korean Peninsula, and the military option cannot be an option," Wu said. "The Chinese military has made all necessary preparations to safeguard national sovereignty and security and regional peace and stability."

U.S. officials say the Chinese have been reluctant to discuss planning for a major crisis, possibly to avoid offending Kim's



A submarine missile is paraded across the Kim Il Sung Square during a military parade in Pyongyang

notoriously tetchy regime. Partly in hopes of facilitating such discussions, the two sides signed an agreement during a visit to Beijing in August by the top U.S. military officer to establish a dialogue mechanism between their militaries.

Tellingly, the visit by Gen. Joseph Dunford, the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, also included the rare opportunity to observe a Chinese army drill near the Chinese city of Shenyang, roughly 200 kilometers (125 miles) from the border with North Korea. Although Dunford said China didn't appear ready to have conversations about responding to a North Korean crisis, senior administration officials say the sides recognize the need for communication on the matter and the topic has been broached in semiofficial talks between experts.

While Chinese officials have routinely said Beijing would not allow "chaos and war" to break out on its doorstep, official media have hinted that it might not respond if the North made an unprovoked strike on the U.S. or its allies and suffered a retaliation. That ambiguity serves to keep the U.S. and South Korea guessing, possibly tempering their own responses, said Cheng, the Asia security expert.

Beijing also doesn't want to

publicize any plans to avoid provoking Pyongyang, either by revealing doubts about the stability of Kim's regime or by exposing its deepest worries that Kim could then leverage for his own benefit, Cheng said.

"Positing that they have so little confidence that they are planning for [Pyongyang's] demise might create the very problem that they fear," he said. "Better the devil that you know."

With 85 percent of North Korea's nuclear facilities located within 100 kilometers of the border with China, special forces from the People's Liberation Army could easily secure those sites without coming into conflict with occupying forces from South Korea and the U.S., said Georgetown University security studies professor Oriana Skylar Mastro.

PLA forces might also cross the border to carry out missions to stabilize refugees, Mastro said. The Chinese military's ability to deal with such a contingency has been honed over recent years through its participation in United Nations peacekeeping missions in Africa and elsewhere, as well as its leading role in responding to earthquakes, floods and other disasters within China.

In the long term, Beijing would want to see a friendly government in Pyongyang to ease security concerns about a unified

Korea under the protection of U.S. and South Korean troops, against whom China fought in the 1950-53 Korean War. China has long criticized American military alliances in Asia, seeing them as part of a campaign to stifle its rise as Asia's leading power.

Underlying questions about a Chinese crisis response is the dismal state of China-North Korea relations, illustrated by the lack of regular high-level exchanges. Xi Jinping is the first Chinese leader to visit South Korea before traveling to the North, which he has yet to do as president. Xi and Kim, who has not traveled to China as leader, are not known to be in direct contact, and no senior Chinese official has visited North Korea in almost two years.

Also rarely seen until recently are complaints about China in the North Korean official media, prompted by Beijing's support for U.N. sanctions on Pyongyang.

A recent commentary by the North's official Korean Central News Agency said China's ruling Communist Party's mouthpieces were "going under the armpit of the U.S." by criticizing Pyongyang's weapons program. It accused party news outlets of "kowtowing to the ignorant acts of the Trump administration." AP

## Party punishes 1.3m officials in five years

**THE** Communist Party of China's (CPC) top disciplinary watchdog said yesterday that around 1.343 million grassroots-level officials in the country had been punished be-

tween the 18th CPC National Congress in 2012 and the end of June this year.

These officials served at the township level or lower, including 648,000 village officials, accor-

ding to a statement by the CPC Central Commission for Discipline Inspection (CCDI).

The CCDI said this demonstrates the Party's extension of its strict gover-

nance to grassroots-level organizations.

As of this August, the CCDI had dealt with 270 problems in 21 county-level administrative regions, carrying out several

rounds of supervision of poverty relief work.

The CCDI has made public 33 typical cases of corruption in poverty relief work.

The watchdog said it

had conducted rounds of supervision and inspections of 155,000 CPC organizations in the past five years. During this period, it unearthed 65,000 pieces of evidence about problems with officials, which were transferred to further investigation. MDT/Xinhua



The Daya Bay Nuclear Power Plant (pictured), which supplies 70 percent of CLP Holdings electric supply

HONG KONG

# CLP seeks acquisitions to diversify, expand in India

Saket Sundria,  
Rajesh Kumar Singh

**H**ONG Kong's largest power utility CLP Holdings Ltd. is scouting for more renewable power projects in India at a time when conventional generators are coping with stranded projects and under utilization.

CLP India Pvt. is eyeing run-of-the-river hydro power projects, solar and wind capacities as well as efficient coal-based power generation units located near coal mines, which helps to lower costs, according to company executives.

"We have a global climate commitment and our ability to increase emissions is pretty limited," said Amarthaluru Subba Rao, executive director for finance and strategy at CLP India. "So we would keep looking at opportunities within our policy framework."

CLP India's focus on cleaner generation reflects the parent's commitment to reduce emissions as well as an increasingly competitive power market in India. A rapid decline in renewable power prices has made clean energy more attractive to state retailers looking to lower costs. CLP Holdings' Indian unit accounted for less than 5 percent of its revenues in 2016, according to data compiled by Bloomberg.

The local unit is looking to buy hydro power projects of 50-200 megawatts in size, that are either completed or nearing completion as it wouldn't like to build one itself, said Naveen Munjal, commercial director at CLP India.

The company is also planning to enter the electricity transmission business. Last month, it bid for a 200 kilometer (124

mile) power-transmission project connecting the northern and western grids in India, Munjal said. After adding generation capacity at a rapid pace over the past few years, India is focusing on transmission and distribution projects to ensure electricity reaches users.

An added attraction is safety of revenue, as the federal government ensures payment protection for its transmission projects. "Transmission is an area where we are very keen to open an account," Munjal said.

CLP India's portfolio includes a 1,320 megawatt coal-fired plant, a 655 megawatt gas-based combined-cycle power plant, more than 925 megawatts of wind power and a 100 megawatt solar farm. The company is targeting a higher presence in renewable capacity in line with the group's aim to generate 30 percent of its electricity capacity from sources such as wind, solar and nuclear by 2020.

"We expect mainland China and India to remain our growth markets in the medium to long term, especially in renewable energy, as both countries seek to reduce their reliance on fossil fuels," CLP Holdings Chairman Michael Kadoorie said in the company's interim report, published in August. "Going forward, we will also explore growth opportunities along the energy supply chain in these markets."

India has found 34 coal-fired projects stressed and in need of financial restructuring to make them viable. The country's coal plants idled an average 40 percent of their capacity, while 25-gigawatts of gas-fired power plants used less than a quarter of their capability during the five months ended August. **Bloomberg**

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Funding and Donations

Immediately following the typhoon, MGM China, MGM Resorts and Ms. Pansy Ho teamed up to contribute MOP 30Million to support those in need following the typhoon. The distribution of this pledge is being decided upon on an ongoing basis and carefully based on where the greatest need is. The staff of MGM MACAU and their families' needs are being considered and included in the allocation of funds as well. Many donations have already been made, such as the purchase of rehab buses for Caritas de Macau and Fuhong Society of Macau, providing stair aids for Caritas de Macau and donations to repair damage to Sao Jose Ka Ho School and many more.

Supporting SMEs

To assist local small and medium-sized businesses (SMEs) affected by the typhoon to get back on track and operating as normal once again, MGM has also developed a specially-designed SME Relief Program. To best structure the Program, MGM conducted a survey of 220 of its SME vendors considered most vulnerable to the effects of the typhoon. MGM also convened its SME Committee, which comprises key MGM decision makers and prominent local business, non-profit and academic representatives, to advise on ways to deliver the most effective impact. The resulting program consists of comprehensive measures such as expedited payment processing and upfront payment to alleviate cash flow needs, logistics support and assistance with minor to major damages.



Mobilizing our Volunteer Team

In the immediate aftermath of the typhoon, MGM's Volunteer Team took to the streets distributing food, water and daily necessities to those in need, joining forces with União Geral das Associações dos Moradores de Macau and Macau Federation of Trade Unions. On September 9, our MGM Volunteer Team and UGAMM Peng On Tong Calling Service Center set out to Rua da Praia do Manduco, the city's worst-affected area including Seac Pai Van to visit nearly 120 senior citizens to show our support and care for their well-being and to provide gift bags containing food and essential items such as flashlights, duct tape and typhoon preparedness tips. Our volunteers have continued to share compassion with the community and have organized another senior citizen visit on September 27, but this time to Fai Fu Building, where they have shared typhoon tips, lanterns and mooncakes with another 70 senior citizens to celebrate the upcoming Mid-Autumn Festival.

Our volunteers have also continued efforts to help clear debris and fallen branches in Coloane, restoring some of the city's walking trails.



Building disaster resilience

Aside from these immediate relief measures, MGM is working to support the future disaster response capabilities of the community. To help prepare our team members should a typhoon of such strength happen again, MGM organized an information session, provided by our Property Operations Department, on how best to protect ourselves and our homes against extreme weather.

The Company has also sponsored staff of Caritas de Macau to participate in disaster management training in Nepal to upskill members of our community in disaster resilience.

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## KIM JONG NAM MURDER

# Trial to resume with lab visit for VX evidence

**T**HE trial of two women accused of killing the estranged half brother of North Korea's leader enters its second week with the court moving temporarily today to a high-security laboratory to view evidence tainted with the toxic VX nerve agent.

High Court Judge Azmi Ariffin declared that prosecutors and defense lawyers, along with the two suspects, will hold court at the laboratory for chemical weapons analysis to examine samples of the women's clothing before they are formally submitted as evidence.

The decision came after government chemist Raja Subramaniam told the court that VX found on the clothing may still be active. Such a move is not unusual in criminal cases in Malaysia, where judges often visit crime scenes.

Hisyam Teh Poh Teik, lawyer for Vietnamese suspect Doan Thi Huong, told The Associated Press that the visit to Raja's lab

is purely for safety reasons. He said the concept of holding a formal court session at the lab is to legalize the visit, which is expected to take an hour, after which the trial will resume in the court building.

Huong and Siti Aisyah of Indonesia pleaded not guilty at the start of their trial last week to charges of murdering Kim Jong Nam by smearing VX on his face at a crowded airport terminal in Kuala Lumpur on Feb. 13. They face a mandatory death sentence if convicted. Defense lawyers have said the women were duped by suspected North Korean agents into believing they were playing a harmless prank for a hidden TV-camera show.

VX is banned by an international treaty as a weapon of mass destruction but is believed to be part of North Korea's chemical weapons arsenal.

Kim was the eldest son in the current generation of North Korea's dynastic rulers but was believed to have been cast out by

his father and had lived abroad for years. He was preparing to board a flight bound to Macau, where he lived, when he was murdered.

Last week, VX-tainted evidence from Kim Jong Nam's body and clothing was presented in court in sealed transparent bags. It was not removed from the bags, but the judge and court officials wore surgical masks and gloves as a safety precaution.

During the week's four trial sessions, prosecutors sought to reconstruct Kim's final moments at the airport, establish that VX killed him and provide evidence linking VX to the two suspects.

Raja, who is the only Malaysian with a doctorate in chemical weapons analysis, testified he found traces of VX on Huong's white sweater and fingernail clippings, and on Aisyah's sleeveless T-shirt. Huong was seen on airport surveillance videos wearing a sweater emblazoned with big black letters reading "LOL,"



An entrance of the Shah Alam court house is cordoned off as the trial of two women accused of killing North Korean leader's brother is held

the acronym for "laughing out loud."

Raja also confirmed that he found VX on Kim's face, eyes, clothing, and in his blood and urine samples. Raja testified that VX can be safely removed from the palm of a hand by scrubbing it with water within 15 minutes of exposure, in a possible explanation of why the two women didn't show any symptoms of poisoning. Raja, the eighth witness to take the stand, is to be cross-examined by defense lawyers today after the lab visit.

Pathologist Mohamad Shah Mahmood also testified there were no signs that a heart attack or other factors had contributed to Kim's death. He concluded in his autopsy report that Kim died

of "acute VX poisoning."

"It's no surprise," said Hisyam, Huong's lawyer. "We know their [prosecution] narration; we know the evidence that they have. We have a response; we have an answer to every evidence they have adduced so far."

Gooi Soon Seong, the lawyer for Aisyah, has said the detection of VX on the women is not enough to convict them. "If I have the knife, it doesn't mean I killed the person. They must have other stronger evidence," he said.

This week, prosecutors say they will present airport security videos that show the two women carrying out the attack and indicate they knew they were handling poison. **MDT/AP**

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## JAPAN

# Top focus in election: Will Tokyo governor run?

Mari Yamaguchi, Tokyo

**J**UST days before Japan's national election campaign kicks off, all eyes are on Tokyo's populist governor, a political go-getter and a gambler. Will she jump into the race and try to unseat Prime Minister Shinzo Abe?

Yuriko Koike has repeatedly denied she will run, but she has surprised before.

She remained coy about her national ambitions in an interview with The Associated Press on Friday, saying her next step was in God's hands.

Koike upstaged Abe last week as he was preparing a carefully scripted plan to call the Oct. 22 snap election, announcing ahead of his news conference that she would personally head a new party, the Party of Hope, which she had been backseat-driving.

Her pre-emptive strike quickly lifted the fledgling Party of Hope to second place in media surveys, behind Abe's ruling Liberal Democratic Party. What had been the main opposition force, the Democratic Party, all but collapsed, with many of its members joining the Koike team.

But the Party of Hope has lost some steam and is struggling to recruit the 233 candidates it needs to have a mathematical shot at a majority in the 465-seat lower house of parliament.

So far it has 199 candidates, a majority of them defectors from the Democratic Party. The party faces a Tuesday deadline, as does Koike to decide whether to declare her candidacy.

Experts generally agree that the Party of Hope could take away seats from the LDP, but not enough to come to power.

If Abe loses around 50 seats, he would likely face calls to step down.

Recent media polls show 45 percent of respondents favoring Abe as prime minister, versus 33 percent for Koike.

If her chances of becoming prime minister are slim, Koike may well sit out this election and instead try to play kingmaker by teaming up with someone with power or wait for the next opportunity, experts say. Having recruited a large chunk of the opposition, Koike is now acting friendlier toward the ruling party, though she publicly still says she wants Abe out.

"I think Koike has largely given up her ambition of becoming prime minister or defeating the Abe government. But she is seen trying to stay as an influential player after the election by assisting the Abe government instead," said Koichi Nakano, an international politics professor at Sophia University in Tokyo.

"What's driving her, it seems, is really a quest for power more than anything else. She wants to be close to power," he said.

Koike told the AP that she wants to push the national government to speed up changes needed in Japan by starting them in her city. She said women's advancement and measures for Japan's aging and shrinking population have come too slowly under Abe.

Her political rivals have criticized her for switching between "two pairs of shoes" for taking part in local and national politics, but Koike says her dual approach is good for both.

"As Tokyo governor, I want to achieve policies in Tokyo as a model for all of Japan to follow. Why? Because it's faster that way," Koike said. "In order to do

so, I also need to change national politics."

Koike is seen as having steadily pursued power, rather than sticking to political principles. She was once called a migratory bird for her repeated party-hopping and regrouping — seven times to date.

Her past remarks show she is politically very conservative, hawkish and revisionist on Japan's wartime history — quite similar to Abe.

Koike has imposed an allegiance test on those who want to defect to her party: they must support Abe's new security law broadening Japan's military role and a revision to the war-renouncing Constitution — a platform also pushed by Abe.

More liberal lawmakers have launched another party, the Constitutional Democratic Party of Japan, led by popular former Chief Cabinet Secretary Yukio Edano. It has earned more Twitter followers than the LDP.

Koike, despite her recent row with the LDP, has not cut ties with heavyweights in the party, and there has been speculation she may eventually side with them. In terms of political views, Koike and Abe are "cut from the same ideological cloth," said Stephen Nagy, political professor at International Christian University in Tokyo.

"Koike is an astute observer of the political winds in Japan. She understands that some voters are seeking an alternative to Prime Minister Abe and the LDP and that she is positioned to bring about that change if voters take a leap of faith and vote for (her party)," he said.

A former LDP lawmaker for 15 years, Koike has served in key Cabinet and ruling party posts, including defense minister and



Tokyo Gov. Yuriko Koike holds a card bearing the name of her new political party, the "Kibo no To," or Party of Hope

environment minister, before becoming the first female leader of Japan's capital in July 2016.

A TV newscaster-turned-politician, Koike is stylish and media savvy. She is colorful and a smooth talker who sounds decisive — a stark contrast to somewhat tense and somber Abe, who has been prime minister for nearly five years.

As Tokyo governor, she has advocated administrative reforms, reviewed costly venues for the Tokyo 2020 Olympics to reduce city spending, suspended a divisive relocation of the Tsukiji fish market over safety concerns and halved her salary — measures seen as a typical populist approach.

Koike, however, has faced criticism that she hasn't actually achieved much except for "re-setting" projects, and running for

parliament again would expose her to criticism that she is abandoning Tokyo before her work is done.

She launched her regional Tomin First no Kai, or the Tokyoites First Party earlier this year for the Tokyo city assembly election in July, scoring a big win that boosted her base and foreshadowed her return to national politics.

Koike understands "the game of mediatized politics that the point is to continue to be exposed," Nakano said, comparing her to U.S. President Donald Trump.

"She doesn't have to be perfect. In fact, she could be very wrong," Nakano said, but by monopolizing the public's attention, some voters start thinking she may be the one who could change Japan for the better. **AP**

## BANGLADESH

# PM says government will continue to help Rohingya

**B**ANGLADESH'S Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina said Saturday that her government would continue to support nearly 1 million Rohingya Muslims who have fled neighboring Myanmar to escape violence.

Hasina said the government was pursuing a plan to build temporary shelters for the Rohingya on an island with the help of international aid agencies

whom she praised for their support.

She made the statement at Dhaka airport on her return from New York after attending the U.N. General Assembly session. The U.N. has described the violence in Myanmar as "ethnic cleansing."

Hasina accused Myanmar of creating tensions at the border, but said she has asked the country's security forces

to deal with the crisis "very carefully."

"They pretended like they wanted a war," she said.

More than 500,000 Rohingya Muslims have crossed over to Bangladesh since late August, when Myanmar security forces responded to militant attacks with a broad crackdown that witnesses and rights groups say has included killing and ar-

son. An equal number of Rohingya Muslims have previously fled Myanmar since 1978.

Myanmar doesn't recognize the Rohingya as an ethnic group, instead insisting they are Bengali migrants from Bangladesh living illegally in the country. Myanmar has come under international criticism for failing to stop the recent violence in its Rakhine state and in turn

an exodus that has become the largest refugee crisis to hit Asia in decades.

The Myanmar government's information committee said late Thursday that it had stopped 17,000 Rohingya from fleeing in just four days last week. Villagers, however, say that Rohingya are still attempting to leave and that many are gathered on the beaches just across the water from Bangladesh wai-

ting for a chance to leave the country.

On Saturday, Hasina reiterated that the settlements for Rohingya Muslims would be temporary until they returned to their homes in Myanmar.

She said her government would continue to support them with food and shelter. "If needed, we will eat a full meal once a day and share the rest with them," she said. **AP**

# Group opposing nuclear weapons wins Nobel Peace Prize

Jamey Keaten, Mark Lewis

**T**HE International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons won the Nobel Peace Prize on Friday, a forceful show of support for a grassroots effort that seeks to pressure the world's nuclear powers to give up the weapons that could destroy the planet.

The choice of the little-known coalition of disarmament activists put the Nobel committee again at the forefront of geopolitics at a time when fears are rising over North Korea's nuclear and missile program and the invective it has drawn from U.S. President Donald Trump.

The committee cited the tiny, Geneva-based ICAN for its work that led to the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons that was reached in July at the United Nations.

The group "has been a driving force in prevailing upon the world's nations to pledge to cooperate [...] in efforts to stigmatize, prohibit and eliminate nuclear weapons," Norwegian Nobel Committee chairwoman Berit Reiss-Andersen said in the announcement.

More than 120 countries approved the treaty over opposition from nuclear-armed countries and their allies. In a statement issued after the Nobel was announced, the U.S. reiterated its position that the treaty "will not result in the elimination of a single nuclear weapon."

The treaty requires all ratifying countries "never under any circumstances to develop, test, produce, manufacture, otherwise acquire, possess or stockpile nuclear weapons or other nuclear explosive devices." It also bans any transfer or use of nuclear weapons or nuclear explosive devices — and the threat to use such weapons.

The nuclear powers oppose the treaty, which goes well beyond existing nonproliferation agreements, arguing that they alone should have the weapons in order to support stability in the world.



Beatrice Fihn (left), executive director of the International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons; Daniel Hogsta (center), coordinator, and Grethe Ostern (right), member of the steering committee, celebrate with champagne

The U.S., Britain and France said the prohibition wouldn't work and would end up disarming their nations while emboldening what U.S. Ambassador Nikki Haley called "bad actors." They instead suggest strengthening the nonproliferation treaty, which they say has made a significant dent in atomic arsenals.

ICAN, a coalition of 468 non-governmental groups from over 100 countries, says that argument is outdated.

"This prize is really a tribute to the tireless efforts of many millions of campaigners and concerned citizens worldwide who have, ever since the dawn of the Atomic Age, loudly protested nuclear weapons, insisting that they can serve no legitimate purpose and must be forever banished from the face of our Earth," said ICAN executive director Beatrice Fihn.

The prize is likely to give new momentum to ICAN and its allies in the coming months as the group tries to achieve ratification of the treaty by 50 nations. That would allow the ban to become binding under international law for those countries and put nuclear-armed states in the uncomfortable position of being outliers.

On Sept. 20, the first day the treaty was open for signatures, 50 countries signed it and three submitted their ratifications. Three more countries have since added their names. ICAN hopes to get the 50 ratifications by the end of 2018.

Norwegian Nobel Committee chairwoman Berit Reiss-Andersen noted that international prohibitions have been set on chemical and biological weapons, land mines and cluster munitions.

"Nuclear weapons are even more destructive, but have not yet been made the object of a similar international legal prohibition," she said.

The five original nuclear powers — the U.S., Russia, China, Britain and France, which also are permanent members of the U.N. Security Council — support nuclear nonproliferation but boycotted the treaty negotiations. Nuclear-armed India, Pakistan and North Korea didn't vote.

"If you want to make sure that no new states get nuclear weapons, you need to be ready to reject nuclear weapons themselves," Fihn said. "This treaty really demands that they walk the walk."

ICAN has its roots in Australia but was launched in Vienna in 2007, inspired largely by another Nobel peace prize-winning group, the International Campaign to Ban Landmines.

The USD1.1 million prize is likely to help boost ICAN's advocacy. It also organized events globally in 2015 to mark the 70th anniversaries of the attacks on the Japanese cities of Hiroshima and Nagasaki in World War II.

## The choice of the little-known coalition of disarmament activists put the Nobel committee again at the forefront of geopolitics

The committee, citing nearly 15,000 nuclear weapons in the world, said "the risk of nuclear weapons being used is greater than it has been for a long time."

In 2009, it awarded the prize to President Barack Obama, months after he laid out the U.S. commitment to "seek the peace and security of a world without nuclear weapons."

Since then, the U.S. has been a leading voice against the treaty to ban nuclear weapons. The real lobbying battleground could shape up in countries like NATO member states, Japan and South Korea that have military alliances with the U.S., but where activists could be emboldened by the Nobel prize.

Trump has fanned concerns about nuclear conflict, with threats against North Korean leader Kim Jong Un over the secretive regime's tests, missile launches over Japan, and warnings that the U.S. territory of Guam could be next in the firing line.

The Nobel committee wanted "to send a signal to North Korea and the U.S. that they need to go into negotiations," said Oeivind Stenersen, a historian of the peace prize.

"The prize is also coded support to the Iran nuclear deal" he said, alluding to dialogue that won curbs on Tehran's nuclear program.

ICAN's Fihn said many were worried about Trump.

"I think that the election of President Donald Trump has made a lot of people feel very uncomfortable with the fact that he alone can authorize the use of nuclear weapons and there's nothing people can do to stop him," she told a news conference at the World Council of Churches building that hosts ICAN's office in Geneva.

"There is no one who we can trust with the ability to destroy the entire world," she said.

Somewhat unusually for a Nobel peace prize announcement, the nuclear-armed countries were largely silent or restrained in their reaction.

"Today's announcement does not change the U.S. position on the treaty: the United States does not support and will not sign the 'Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons,'" the U.S. State Department said in a statement.

"Unfortunately, we are seeing a deterioration in the overall security environment and growing nuclear capabilities of certain states. This treaty will not make the world more peaceful, will not result in the elimination of a single nuclear weapon, and will not enhance any state's security," it said.

It added that the U.S. is committed to "creating the conditions for nuclear disarmament, a goal we share with our international security partners."

The British and Russian governments did not comment. But British opposition Labour party leader Jeremy Corbyn — a long-time disarmament campaigner whose photo hangs in ICAN's Geneva office — congratulated the group.

In a carefully worded statement that did not endorse a nuclear weapons ban, France's Foreign Ministry said the choice "testifies to the importance of nuclear nonproliferation in a context marked by the North Korean crisis."

U.N. Secretary-General Antonio Guterres tweeted: "Now more than ever we need a world without nuclear weapons."

And India sent the group tulips, said ICAN network coordinator Daniel Hogsta.

"It was nice to send flowers, but we want them to sign the treaty," he said. **AP**

## KAZUO ISHIGURO WINS NOBEL LITERATURE PRIZE

**KAZUO ISHIGURO**, the Japanese-born British novelist who in "The Remains of the Day," "Never Let Me Go" and other novels captured memory's lasting pain and dangerous illusions in precise and elegant prose, won the Nobel Literature Prize. The selection of the 62-year-old Ishiguro marked a return to citing fiction writers following two years of uncon-

ventional choices by the Swedish Academy for the 9-million-kronor (USD1.1 million) prize. Friday's selection also continues a recent trend of recognizing British authors born elsewhere — V.S. Naipaul, the 2001 winner, is from Trinidad and Tobago; the 2007 honoree, Doris Lessing, was a native of Iran who grew up in Rhodesia (now Zimbabwe).



LAS VEGAS SHOOTING

# Note might have had shooting calculations

**I**NVESTIGATORS believe a note found in the Las Vegas gunman's hotel room contained a series of numbers that helped him calculate more precise shots, a law enforcement official said.

Vice President Mike Pence appeared at a prayer service in Las Vegas on Saturday to mourn the victims of last weekend's concert shooting and to praise those who risked their lives to save others.

Federal officials also began hauling away thousands of personal items left behind in the concert venue after Stephen Paddock unleashed a fury of gunfire from his Mandalay Bay hotel room, killing 58 people and injuring nearly 500.

More about the deadliest mass shooting in modern U.S. history:

### THE INVESTIGATION

A law enforcement official told The Associated Press on Saturday that the numbers found on a note located on a nightstand included the distance between the high-rise hotel room that Paddock was using as a perch and the concert below.

Investigators are still working to

determine why Paddock committed the deadliest mass shooting in modern U.S. history. On Friday, FBI agents announced plans to put up billboards throughout Las Vegas to ask people with credible information to call with tips.

### FOREVER ETCHED IN HEARTS

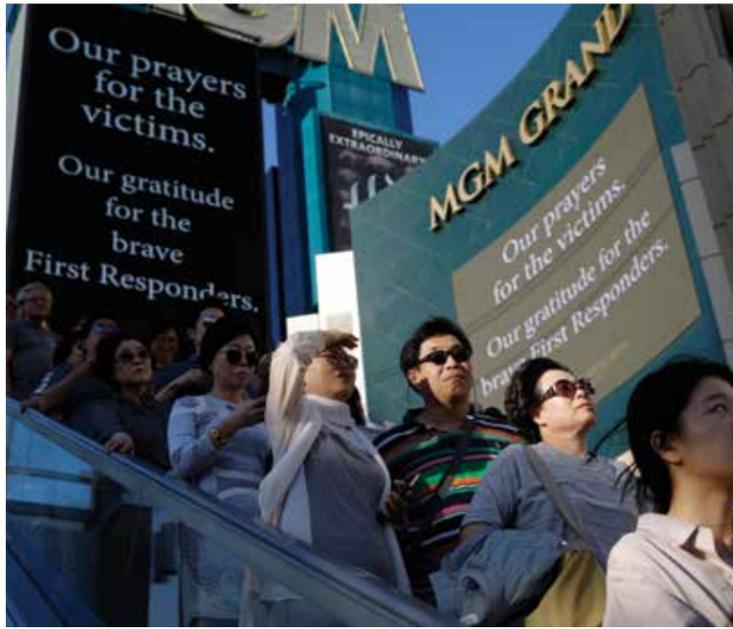
Vice President Mike Pence told mourners at a prayer service in Las Vegas that the memory of the victims of last weekend's shooting massacre will "forever be etched into the hearts of the American people."

The vice president traveled to Vegas on Saturday to attend a ceremony honoring the 58 victims. He says amid the depths of horror, Americans have found hope in those who risked their lives to help save others after the shooting.

After he spoke, 58 doves were released on the steps of City Hall to commemorate each victim. Someone shouted, "God bless America!" as the doves disappeared into the distance.

### 'HE IS MY HERO'

One of the first memorial services for victims of the Las Vegas



People take an outdoor escalator past a sign asking for prayers for the dead outside of the MGM hotel in Las Vegas

shooting massacre was held Saturday in Bakersfield, California, for Jack Beaton, who died shielding his wife from gunfire.

His wife, Laurie, recalled that he yelled at her to get on the ground, put his body on top of hers for protection and told her he love her before going limp.

"I knew every day that he would

protect me and take care of me and love me unconditionally, and what he did is no surprise to me," she said. "He is my hero."

Jack Beaton was remembered as a fun-loving friend, a hard-working roofer by trade, a generous and kind-hearted neighbor, and, above all, a devoted husband and father to two children.

### 'OUR PEOPLE, THEY DIDN'T RUN'

Members of a private security firm that manned last weekend's concert and stayed in the venue to help other people flee are starting to return to work. "Our people, they didn't run," said supervisor Cheryl Metzler.

The Las Vegas branch of Contemporary Services Corporation lifted concertgoers over barriers and hid them behind pillars as gunfire rang out from the 32nd floor of the Mandalay Bay hotel casino. Many are traumatized and mourning the loss of a co-worker, 21-year-old Erick Silva, who was among the 58 people killed. Two other guards were wounded.

Darla Christensen was checking concertgoers' bags and boots for alcohol and contraband and inspecting wristbands when gunfire erupted. She grabbed other guards and patrons and pushed them toward a side gate.

On Friday, she put on her uniform to work a UFC weigh-in, her first event since the shooting. "Even just going, even just getting dressed, was hard," she said. "It was really tough." AP

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## what's ON



**FLOW: GLASS ART EXHIBITION BY SUNNY WANG**  
**TIME:** 9am-9pm (Open on public holidays)  
**UNTIL:** November 19, 2017  
**VENUE:** Temporary Exhibition Gallery of IACM, No. 163, Av. Almeida Ribeiro  
**ADMISSION:** Free  
**ENQUIRIES:** (853) 8988 4000

**A PROMENADE IN THE SMALL CITY: AN ILLUSTRATION EXHIBITION OF THE MACAU CULTURAL AND CREATIVE MAP**  
**TIME:** 11am-10pm  
**UNTIL:** December 31, 2017  
**VENUE:** Lakeside Gallery, Anim'Arte  
**ADMISSION:** Free  
**ENQUIRIES:** (853) 2836 6866

**TREASURE OF SACRED ART OF ST. JOSEPH'S SEMINARY**  
**TIME:** 10am-5pm (Closed on Wednesdays, open on public holidays)  
**VENUE:** St. Joseph's Seminary and Church, Rua do Seminário  
**ADMISSION:** Free  
**ENQUIRIES:** (853) 2835 7911

**THE RECULTIVATION OF CULTURE: AN EXHIBITION OF CREATIVE SCRIPT HAND LETTERING**  
**TIME:** 9am-10pm daily  
**UNTIL:** October 31, 2017  
**VENUE:** Gallery at Team Building, IFT, Colina de Mong-Há,  
**ADMISSION:** Free  
**ENQUIRIES:** (853) 8598 1489

## Offbeat

## OCEAN MEETING RAISES OVER USD7B FOR MARINE PROTECTION

A global conference to better protect marine life has raised more than \$7 billion and won commitments to protect huge swathes of the Earth's oceans.

The European Union, which organized the Our Ocean conference in the Maltese capital of Valletta, its 28 member states and its EIB investment bank gave almost half those financial commitments, about \$3.4 billion.

Representatives from businesses, almost 100 countries and others pushed the total up to the unprecedented level.

The conference focused on funding and leading projects as varied as combating plastics pollution to countering illegal fishing and looking at the effects of climate change.

The Our Ocean conference has accumulated some 8.7 billion euros (\$10.2 billion) since it started in 2014 but the efforts in 2017 exceeded expectations.

"We are beginning to see leaders in government, civil society and the private sector standing up to be counted to make tangible commitments to conservation, which is most encouraging," said Demetres Karavellas, head of the delegation for the WWF wildlife group.

On top of the financial commitments, nations also promised to add new Marine Protected Areas spanning more than 2.5 million square kilometers, which the EU said translates to over half its territory.

The efforts to better protect marine life came in in all shapes. Five top global insurance industry companies committed to refuse insurance to vessels internationally blacklisted for illegal or unregulated fishing.

"Today is a major breakthrough, with leading insurers committing to deny a financial lifeline to pirate-fishing vessels," said Lasse Gustavsson, the executive director of Oceana Europe.

The mission to protect marine life is urgent, said the Vatican, pointing to the rapid decay in important sites like the Great Barrier Reef in Australia.

"We witness a marvelous marine world being transformed into an underwater cemetery, bereft of color and life," said Vatican Secretary of State Piero Cardinal Parolin.

## TV canal macau



13:00	TDM News (Repeated)
13:30	RTPi Live
15:00	Miscellaneous
16:10	Zig Zag
18:20	Brazilian Mini Serie (Repeated)
18:15	Non-daily Portuguese News (Repeated)
19:50	Soap Opera
20:30	Main News, Financial & Weather Report
21:00	TDM Sports
22:10	Brazilian Mini Serie
22:40	Miscellaneous
23:00	TDM News
23:30	Champions League Magazine 2017/2018
00:05	Main News, Financial & Weather Report (Repeated)
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## Cinema



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## THE MOUNTAIN BETWEEN US

ROOM 1

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

Director: HanyAbu-Assad

Starring: Kate Winslet, Idris Elba

Language: English (Chinese)

Duration: 103 min



## BLADE RUNNER 2049

ROOM 2

2:30, 6:15, 9:15 pm

Director: Denis Villeneuve

Starring: Ryan Gosling, Harrison Ford, Jared Leto

Language: English (Chinese)

Duration: 163min



## THE LEGO NINJAGO MOVIE

ROOM 3

2:15, 4:30, 7:30 pm

Director: Charlie Bean

Starring: Jackie Chan, Dave Franco, Fred Armisen

Language: Chinese

Duration: 101 min

## FIREWORKS, SHOULD WE SEE IT FROM THE SIDE OR THE BOTTOM

ROOM 3

7:45, 9:30 pm

Director: Akiuki Shimbo

Starring: Suzu Hirose, Masaki Suga, Mamoru Miyano

Language: Japanese (Chinese &amp; English)

Duration: 90min

## this day in history



## 1967: CHE GUEVARA 'SHOT DEAD'

Marxist revolutionary Ernesto 'Che' Guevara has reportedly been killed during a battle between army troops and guerillas in the Bolivian jungle.

A statement issued by the commander of the Eighth Bolivian Army Division, Colonel Joaquin Zenteno Anaya, said the 39-year-old guerrilla leader was shot dead near the jungle village of Higuera, in the south-east of the country.

Guevara, former right-hand man to Cuban prime minister, Fidel Castro, disappeared from the political scene in April 1965 and his whereabouts have been much debated since.

His death has been reported several times during the past two-and-a-half years, in the Congo and in the Dominican Republic, but has never been proven.

In his statement, Colonel Anaya said Guevara was one of six guerrillas killed in today's battle. It is understood five Bolivian soldiers were also killed in the clash.

Guevara's body is due to be flown by helicopter to La Paz later today. It is understood that his hands have been amputated for identification purposes.

Argentine-born Che Guevara, an experienced guerrilla leader, was a member of Fidel Castro's "26th of July Movement" which seized power in Cuba in 1959.

He rose quickly through the political ranks, becoming head of the National Bank and ultimately Minister of Industries, and many saw him as the intellectual force behind Castro's government.

But amid rumors of differences with Castro, largely on guerrilla warfare policies, and a desire to further his revolutionary ideals in other parts of Latin America, he resigned in April 1965 and disappeared. Some say he was dismissed although there has never been evidence of this.

It is known he still maintained ties with the Organization for Latin American Solidarity (OLAS), a group dedicated to "uniting, coordinating and stepping-up the struggle against United States imperialism on the part of all the exploited peoples of Latin America."

His death comes less than two months after an OLAS conference in Havana which highlighted the need for further armed guerrilla action in South America.

Courtesy BBC News

## IN CONTEXT

A post mortem examination on Che Guevara's body, carried out two days after his death, suggested he had not in fact been killed in battle but had been captured and executed a day later.

His body was buried in an unmarked grave near Valle Grande and his remains were not found until June 1997, when they were returned to Cuba.

Following his death, Guevara became a hero of Third World socialist revolutionary movements and remains a much-admired romantic figure to this day.

He was born Ernesto Rafael Guevara de la Serna in Rosario, Argentina on 14 June 1928.

As a teenager he was reading left-wing literature, by Marx and Lenin, and frequently took part in riots against the Peronistas in Argentina.

He qualified as a doctor in 1953 but left Argentina soon afterwards to travel around South America, during which time he became involved in many left-wing movements.

Bitterly anti-American, he joined forces with Castro in Mexico in 1956 and was one of 12 survivors of the failed Cuban take-over in the same year.

It was also during 1956 that he married his first wife, Peruvian Hilda Gadea, with whom he had one child, but the couple were divorced soon afterwards.

He escaped to the Sierra Maestra, Cuba's vast mountain range, where he established a guerrilla force and from where the successful take-over in 1959 was coordinated.

After the Cuban revolution he married Cuban Aleida Marsh and the couple had four children.

YOUR STARS

Aries Mar. 21-Apr. 19
Geniuses of all stripes look to their dreams for guidance and inspiration, and so should you.

Taurus April 20-May 20
Why does it seem so much easier for you to believe that something bad can happen, but so much more difficult to trust in your good fortune?

Gemini May 21-Jun. 21
Big changes have been percolating up through various aspects of your life lately. Right now, the question is whether you're going to drink it all up straight or try to add a little karmic cream and sugar to make it all go down.

Cancer Jun. 22-Jul. 22
If you're thinking of leaping into something on a mad impulse or just because it seems like a good idea at the time, why not ask the thing you're risking how it feels about the whole enterprise?

Leo Jul. 23-Aug. 22
Giving up on your dreams is not an option for you, especially right now. No matter what has befallen you recently, it doesn't mean that your goals and ambitions are moot.

Virgo Aug. 23-Sept. 22
Pounding away at a problem like a jackhammer tearing up an old inner-city street might not help - and, in fact, could make things a lot worse.

Libra Sep.23-Oct. 22
It's far too easy for you to criticize the way you look, but it accomplishes nothing - and the criticisms you voice probably aren't true, anyway.

Scorpio Oct. 23 - Nov. 21
Your creativity should never be confined. It can - and should - come into play in every single aspect of your life.

Sagittarius Nov. 22-Dec. 21
Someone close to you may be needing to spill some secrets, but they're for your ears and eyes only.

Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 19
If you give yourself enough time and space, you can think of a few new means of communication that bear your unique style.

Aquarius Jan. 20-Feb. 18
You need to go off the beaten track every now and then, and you've got plenty of chances for discovering delightful tangents right now.

Pisces Feb.19-Mar. 20
Gift yourself with anything you want (and can afford, of course) today. It's easy to get caught up in a cycle of doing, doing, doing for others, and forget what it's like to just live in the moment.

THE BORN LOSER by Chip Sansom



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WORLD

Table with 4 columns: City, Min, Max, Condition. Includes Moscow, Frankfurt, Paris, London, New York.

CROSSWORDS

ACROSS: 1- Scottish refusals; 5- Indian term of respect; 10- A followers; 14- Grand Ole ...; 15- Parisian pupil; 16- Lotion ingredient; 17- Dresden denial; 18- Fine fiddle; 19- Respiratory organ; 20- Objectionable; 23- Religious sch.;

DOWN: 1- Nada; 2- Acme; 3- Rock star Clapton; 4- Auld Lang ...; 5- Sonnet part; 6- Nissan model; 7- Illustrious warrior; 8- Lendl of tennis; 9- Impress forcefully; 10- Round of voting; 11- Hint; 12- Put on; 13- Hosp. readout; 21- Pitchfork-shaped letters; 22- Gravy ...;



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## BEIJING OLYMPICS Organizers prepare 3 Alpine skiing courses

Organizers of Alpine skiing at the 2022 Beijing Olympics are ahead of schedule creating three courses on two mountains. Course designer Bernhard Russi said Friday one of the courses is "completely ideal" for individual and team events in parallel racing. The team event debuts at the Pyeongchang Olympics in February. Men's and women's individual events are a likely proposal for the Olympic program four years later. Russi was updating team leaders on 2022 Winter Games plans at International Ski Federation preseason meetings. All three new courses have been cleared at Xiaohaituo, 90 kilometers from Beijing. Earth-moving works should start within weeks, the veteran Swiss designer said. The original plan when Beijing defeated Almaty, Kazakhstan, in the bidding contest was to stage all races on the same hill with a single finish area.

# Qatar World Cup head say blockade poses 'no risk' to event

Rob Harris, London

**T**HE regional blockade on Qatar poses "no risk" to the 2022 World Cup going ahead, the tournament head said on Friday, maintaining that logistical obstacles are being overcome and building work is continuing with only "minimal" cost increases.

The energy-rich nation's land border and its air and sea routes have been closed off for four months since Bahrain, Egypt, Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates launched an economic boycott. It has forced World Cup organizers to find alternative sources for materials to complete the venues being used by the region's first major soccer tournament.

"We have come under criticism and attack over the years, but we have always faced our critics," Qatar World Cup supreme committee secretary general Hassan Al Thawadi told The Associated Press. "Our projects are going ahead as scheduled. This [blockade] is no risk in relation to the hosting of the World Cup."

The diplomatic crisis that has torn apart the Gulf Cooperation Council stems from allegations Qatar supports for extremist groups in the region, charges denied by Doha.

When Qatar's sole land border with Saudi Arabia was closed and sea traffic cut off, World Cup organizers were forced to instigate their "Plan B," including brining in supplies from Turkey. The Qataris express confidence FIFA is not exploring a "Plan B" of its own for an alternate 2022 host.

"Every project has contingency plans and we have had contingency plans in place from the very start," Al Thawadi said in an interview during a visit to London to attend a summit staged by the Doha-based sports organization, Aspire Academy. "Once the blockade came into play we contacted the main contractors, we put in place alternative supply chains, we sourced alternative materials from alternate suppliers."

Only the Khalifa International Stadium, which will also host the world track championships in



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2019, has been completed. Qatar is building another seven stadiums for use by 32 teams at the tournament in five years.

"I'm very happy to say that our project scale is on time and there is no significant impact on our projects," Al Thawadi said. "As of today we haven't seen a significant impact on the cost. There might have been some minimal increase in terms of establishing alternative supply chains but these have been absorbed very, very quickly and been normalized as these supply chains have been put in place."

Qatar is investing more than USD150 billion on infrastructure to handle the World Cup in the tiny desert nation. Under pressure

from activists, Qatar has been compelled to raise living standards and worker rights for the large migrant workforce being relied on to construct venues. Al Thawadi said organizers are "always improving" worker welfare standards.

Qatar has also staved off calls for the country to be stripped of the World Cup after facing investigations into the conduct of its bid.

FIFA ethics investigators found that the Qataris used a full range of lavishly funded state and sports agencies to deliver the victory in the 2010 vote. But a World Cup bidding report, published for the first time in June, concluded there was no "evidence of any improper activity by the bid team." AP

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# F1 Hamilton wins Japanese GP to move closer to title

Jim Armstrong, Suzuka

**C**HAMPIONSHIP leader Lewis Hamilton won the Japanese Grand Prix yesterday, taking a major step toward winning his fourth Formula One title.

The Mercedes driver crossed the finish line 1.2 seconds ahead of Malaysia GP winner Max Verstappen to claim his eighth F1 victory of the season and third at the Suzuka circuit. Verstappen's Red Bull teammate Daniel Ricciardo was third.

"The track was fantastic today and the team did an unbelievable job," Hamilton said. "Max drove an outstanding race. Obviously, it wasn't easy for us."

Hamilton moved 59 points clear of title rival Sebastian Vettel with four races left. Vettel was forced to retire on the third lap when his Ferrari lost power.

Starting from pole position next to Vettel, Hamilton held the lead through the first turn.

With Vettel out of the race, it quickly became a showdown between Hamilton and Max Verstappen.



Lewis Hamilton leads the field at the start of the Japanese F1 Grand Prix

Hamilton built up a four-second lead over the Red Bull driver through the first 15 laps and made his only pit stop on the 23rd lap.

Verstappen pitted a lap earlier than Hamilton, then produced some good laps to cut the lead to 1.7 seconds midway through the race.

Verstappen closed to within a second at the start of the final lap but traffic allowed Hamilton to escape once more and seal the

narrow win.

"I was able to hold him behind me but he got very close," Hamilton said. "We had a bit of traffic but it was very close at the end."

Hamilton's Mercedes teammate Valtteri Bottas was fourth followed by Ferrari's Kimi Raikkonen. The Force India duo of Esteban Ocon and Sergio Perez was sixth and seventh, respectively.

Haas driver Kevin Magnussen

was eighth followed by teammate Romain Grosjean. Williams driver Felipe Massa rounded out the top 10.

Vettel's early retirement put a serious dent in his fading hopes of coming back to win the championship. He also had mechanical issues at Malaysia and started at the back of the grid before working his way to a fourth-place finish.

"It is obviously a pity the last two races with the reliability issues," Vettel said. "But you know, it's like that sometimes. Of course it hurts, and we're all disappointed."

Sauber driver Marcus Ericsson also retired early when he ran across the gravel and dived nose-first into the barriers.

Carlos Sainz lost control of his Toro Rosso, spinning across the gravel into the wall on the outside and retiring after the second lap.

Mercedes also increased its lead in the Constructors' standings to 145 points over Ferrari. Red Bull is in third place with 303 points.

The next race is Oct. 22 in the United States. **AP**

## U17 WORLD CUP Air pollution high in India

The stadiums are renovated, the publicity posters hung. But not everything was ideal for players at the Under-17 World Cup in India, where air pollution was beyond recognized safe levels in the six cities staging games. In the hours before the first matches on Friday, lung-clogging particulate matter known as PM2.5 hovered above 170 micrograms per cubic meter in New Delhi - or 17 times higher than what the World Health Organization deems safe, and more than four times higher than India's own standards. Meanwhile, concentrations of PM2.5 in Mumbai were also considered unhealthy, registering in some places at 180 mcg per cubic meter. The high levels are hardly surprising. At least 10 cities in India are among the world's 20 most polluted. "If you apply World Health Organization standard as a measure, you'll find it difficult to hold any kind of international sports event in any city of India," said Anant Sudarshan, India director at the Energy Policy Institute of the University of Chicago.

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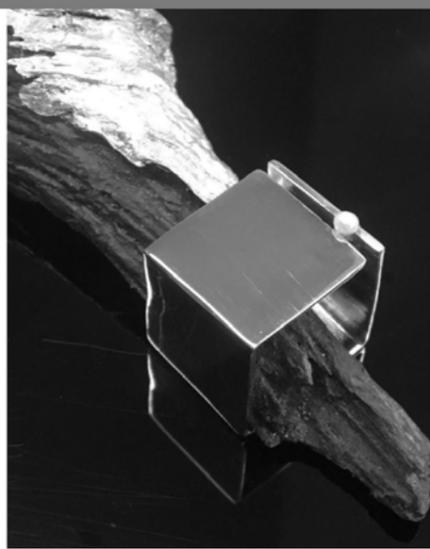
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BLIND RUNNER

Sometimes it seems as if Macau will not allow itself a break, or an interval of nothing happening. It is as if the MSAR cannot stand smooth sailing after a troublesome and controversial period, unable to enjoy a deserved rest from the legislative elections to breathe ease until a new crisis. Pardon us for the inadequate choice of the word crisis.

Unless the idea was to spin out the outcome and all related to the September 17 elections, the new fare proposal to make the non-resident worker crowd pay more than locals for a bus ride is stupid, a nonsense - sorry once more for the inadequacy of our choice of words. Worse still is to dress up as if perfectly normal a racially infused step as though it was a virtuous "positive discrimination".

Actually, the increase would affect mostly the thousands of Filipino and Indonesian domestic helpers whose wages are additionally constrained by being excluded from the minimum wage mechanism.

The Secretary for Transport and Public Works, quoted by TDM, was more than assuring: when he stated that the "distinction aims to provide more support for the Macau residents: positive discrimination". The rationale behind the dual fare system as a token of positive discrimination is so deviant and aberrant that we will restrain ourselves from listing equivalent measures so as not to challenge the seriousness of the issue... although there is true potential for fun in doing so.

Feeling this could turn into a hot debate, a potential mine field, the three MSAR bus operators TCM, Transmac and Nova Era, usually the ones to bargain for high fares and higher public subsidies here and elsewhere, were quick to inform the public that the new fare regime was exclusively an idea from the government brought to the table of the Traffic Consultative Council (Transport Advisory Committee). The same table at which the Secretary for Transport and Public Works were to take cover if the positive discrimination measure was to succumb to public outrage.

Raimundo do Rosario was careful enough to have a by-way to avoid the worst damage the issue could inflict upon the government, that is to say a direct confrontation with any negative discrimination. The resource, the tool, is the recurrent mantra of the "still under consultation", "still under consultation", "still".

However, this time the resource cannot be applied as a mere delaying tactic for a matter of inconvenience, or even to shelve or bury the matter. Thanks to new legislator Agnes Lam, who is as shrewd as she is candid, we have to consider that the purpose of so bizarre a fare play - negative discrimination, indeed - is to assess the level of acceptance by the local residents.

This is another game and is the reason we titled our column Blind Runner, sparing the obvious, since everybody knows both the Basic Law and the new movie are dated 2049.

We have to face the possibility that some building blocks are being tested prior to being put in place, in the count down to 2049. Apparently, some of the building blocks probably do not comply with the expectations we glean from the development of the Basic Law, such as the one we mentioned a fortnight ago in the form of the small group of residents who cannot have the right to appeal. If this non-resident special treatment regarding bus fare is to be tested as acceptable, as well as other tests to come, sooner rather than later Macau will fly blind runner.

One final note inspired by Phillip K. Dick "Do Androids Dream of Electric Sheep". Replying to this proposal and to an invitation of walking as a means of transportation, Paul Pun suggested ATM to give a bonus to holders of Macau Pass who gladly go jay-walking to their workplaces.

And a second final note inspired by Jeffrey Goldenberg in "The Atlantic" magazine. The autocratic element is not only the abuse of power but also the reversal of truth.

THE CHINA'S GOOD SAMARITAN  
BUZZ LAW GOES INTO EFFECT

China's Good Samaritan law went into effect on Oct. 1 to protect people who are ready to help others. Under the legislation, people who voluntarily offer emergency assistance to those who are, or who they believe to be, injured, ill, in danger, or otherwise incapacitated, will not have civil liability in the event of harm to the victims. The law aims to ease the reluctance people feel toward helping

strangers for fear of legal repercussions if they make mistakes in treatment.

The legislation responds to the phenomenon of people refraining from assisting fallen senior citizens over concerns of being blackmailed later, said Wang Cheng, professor at Peking University Law School. The law will reduce bystanders' hesitation to assist, said Wang.

Thousands rally in Barcelona against Catalonia's secession

Joseph Wilson

THOUSANDS of people were rallying yesterday in downtown Barcelona to protest the Catalan government's push for secession from the rest of Spain.

Many in the crowd gathered in a central square carried Spanish and Catalan flags. Some chanted "Don't be fooled, Catalonia is Spain" and called for Catalan president Carles Puigdemont to go to prison.

Yesterday's rally comes a week after Puigdemont and other separatist leaders of the Catalan government held a referendum on secession that Spain's top court had suspended and the Spanish government said was illegal.

The "Yes" side won the referendum with 90 percent of the vote, though less than half of the region's electorate voted. Puigdemont has pledged to push ahead for independence anyway and is set to address the regional parliament on Tuesday "to report on the current political situation."

Spanish Prime Minister Mariano Rajoy vows that his government will not allow Catalonia to break away from the rest of the country.

In an interview with the Spanish newspaper El Pais published yesterday, Rajoy said that he will consider em-



ploying any measure "allowed by the law" to stop the region's separatists.

Rajoy said that includes the application of Article 155 of the Spanish Constitution, which would allow the central government to take control of the governance of a region "if the regional government does not comply with the obligations of the Constitution."

"The ideal situation would be that I don't have to find drastic solutions, but for that to happen there will have to be some rectifications [by Catalan leaders]," Rajoy said.

Large rallies were held Saturday in Madrid, Barcelona and other cities to demand that Rajoy and Puigdemont negotiate to find a solution to Spain's worst political crisis in nearly four decades.

Pro-union forces are hoping to gather more steam with yesterday's protest in Barcelona after a series of large businesses, including Catalonia's top two banks, announ-

ced they were relocating their headquarters to other parts of Spain. Other companies are reportedly considering leaving Catalonia to avoid being cast out of the European Union and its common market in the case of secession.

"I hope that nothing will happen. Because [Catalonia] is going to lose more than [Spain] because businesses are fleeing from here already," said protestor Juliana Prats, a Barcelona resident. "I hope it will remain like it has been up until now, 40 years of peace."

Nobel Literature Prize laureate Mario Vargas Llosa and former president of the European Parliament Josep Borrell are expected to address the rally, organized by the pro-union grassroots group Societat Civil Catalana.

The most recent polls showed that Catalonia's 7.5 million residents were roughly split over secession. AP

Station	Air quality	
Roadside	65-95 Moderate	
High Density Residential Area	70-100 Moderate	
Ambient	70-100 Moderate	

WORLD BRIEFS



**PHILIPPINES** President Rodrigo Duterte's satisfaction rating has been hit by its steepest drop since he came to power last year amid an outcry over unabated drug killings and unresolved allegations that he has unexplained wealth, an independent poll showed.

**NORTH KOREA** Supreme leader Kim Jong Un has promoted his sister to the nation's top decision-making body, international media reported last night. Kim Yo Jong, the youngest daughter of late leader Kim Jong Il, is set to join the Workers Party's Politburo.

**CAMBODIA's** government has agreed to raise the minimum wage for workers in the garment and footwear industry, a move likely aimed at winning their support ahead of a general election next year. The industry, the country's biggest export earner, employs more than 700,000 people.



**BANGLADESH's** Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina said Saturday that her government would continue to support nearly 1 million Rohingya Muslims who have fled neighboring Myanmar to escape violence. Hasina said the government was pursuing a plan to build temporary shelters on an island with the help of international aid agencies. More on p13

**TURKEY** The Istanbul prosecutor's office is charging Amnesty International's Turkey chief and 10 others for allegedly belonging to and aiding terror groups with the completion of an indictment.

**QATAR** The regional blockade on Qatar poses "no risk" to the 2022 World Cup going ahead, the tournament head said on Friday, maintaining that logistical obstacles are being overcome and building work is continuing with only "minimal" cost increases. More on p18

THE DECISIVE MOMENT

AP Photo/Firdia Lisnawati



Children play at a beach with the Mount Agung volcano seen in the background in Bali, Indonesia. More than 140,000 people have fled from the mount's surroundings since authorities raised the volcano's alert status to the highest level after a sudden increase in tremors. It last erupted in 1963, killing more than 1,000 people.