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**USA** Bill Cosby, in sworn testimony a decade ago, said he had paid women after sex to keep the affairs from his wife, suggested he was skilled at understanding nonverbal cues for sexual consent and called one of his accusers a liar. The New York Times reported the revelations Saturday after obtaining a copy of a transcript from a deposition Cosby gave in a lawsuit filed by a former Temple University employee who alleges he drugged and molested her.

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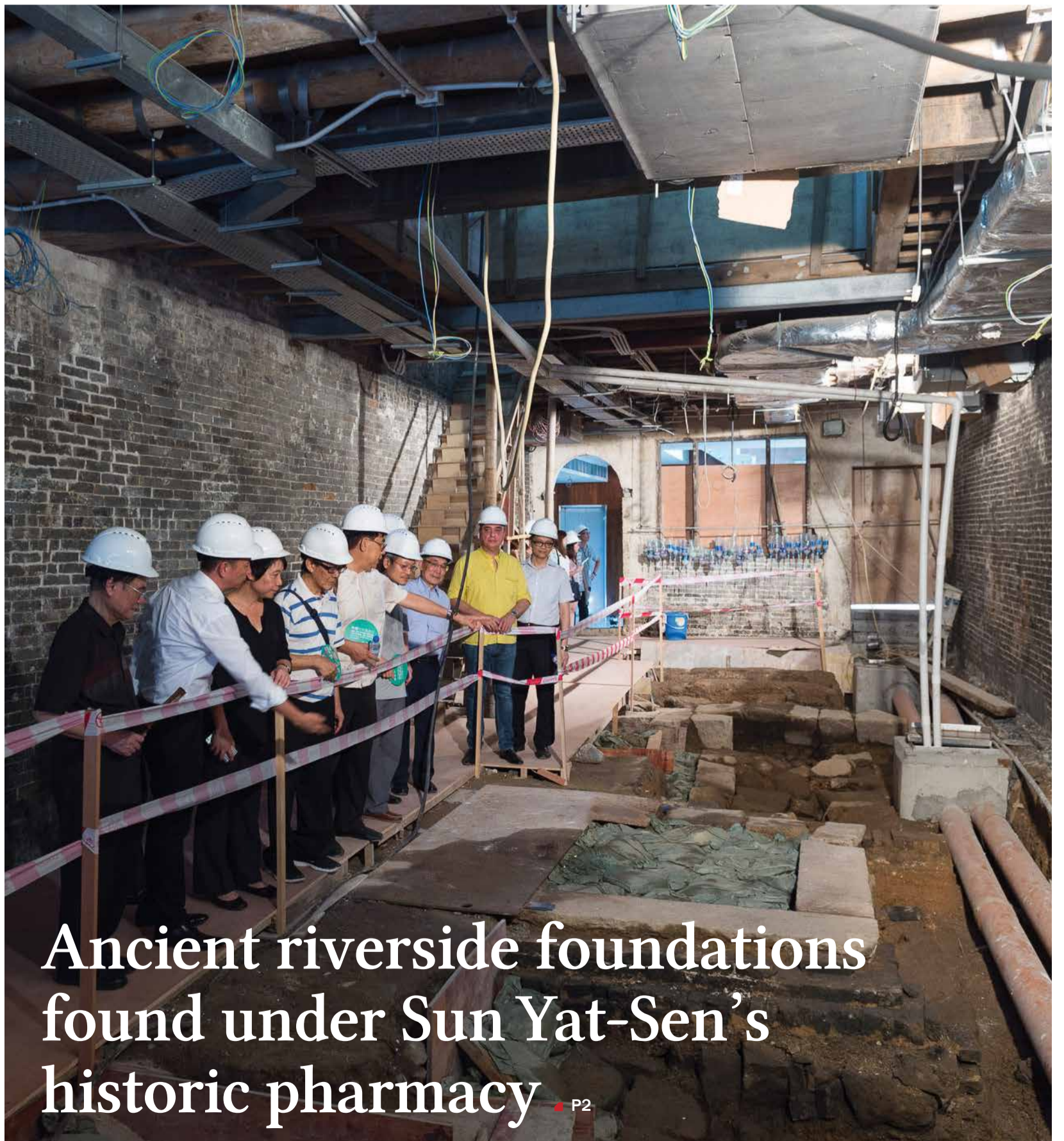
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## HERITAGE

# Ancient riverside foundations found under historic pharmacy

**T**HE Cultural Affairs Bureau unearthed another cluster of stone relics amid ongoing restoration at the historic Chong Sai Pharmacy (East and West Pharmacy), allegedly established by Chinese Republic founder Sun Yat-sen. The relics, which date back hundreds of years ago, suggest a part of the region's original shoreline.

During a Cultural Heritage Committee visit to the site, the bureau's head Ung Vai Meng told the media the government had to change its plans for the

three-story block, in line with the conservation of the remains. The first similar discovery was made in 2012 while the bureau's restoration team was conducting a revamp project. Beneath the site's foundation, the authorities discovered another layer of stone-structured ruins.

The historic site has already undergone an initial facelift of the whole complex and related conservation works. The authorities will soon carry out another phase of works to beautify the block's exterior and interior.

The Cultural Heritage Committee visited the site last week to evaluate the ongoing works and their progress. Ung said that the government would also conduct public tours for locals in future.

Standing in the Macau peninsula's downtown, the century three-story Chong Sai Pharmacy was acquired by the government in 2011 for MOP36 million. A series of renovations ensued, with the aim of turning the decrepit building into an exhibition center dedicated to Sun Yat-sen.



The Cultural Heritage Committee visited the site

## Chan Meng Kam campaign staff found guilty of bribery

**T**WO staff members from lawmaker Chan Meng Kam's 2013 campaign team have been found guilty of bribery and sentenced to around one year in jail.

A Court of First Instance (TJB) judge announced that the two staff members offered restaurant meals and transportation to voters during the Legislative Assembly elections.

Chan Meng Kam reigned victorious in the 2013 AL elections, securing not only his seat but also those of Si Ka Lon and Song Pek Kei.

The Commission Against Corruption (CCAC) raised suspicions over election corruption after a CCAC officer received a campaign phone call from a 67 year-old housewife. She had been instructed by a 64 year-old clerk of the lawmaker's association to call members and ask them to bribe their families to vote for Chan Meng Kam's bid. In return they would be given free transportation to the voting venue and meals at an upscale Chinese restaurant.

Ten witnesses confirmed these accounts



Chan Meng Kam (left) during the electoral campaign

before the court. The clerk's lawyer told the court that the lawmaker's association contacted over 2,000 members throughout the election campaign.

One defendant was sentenced to one year and six months in jail, while the other faces a sentence of one year and three months.

According to TDM, the judge said they had not spent a huge amount of money on the free meals, but reiterated that this was still a bribery case.

## CRIME

## Man accused of multiple sexual assault cases

**T**HE Judiciary Police (PJ) detained a 19-year-old unemployed local for allegedly sexually assaulting minors over 30 times since last year.

Last Wednesday, a 12-year-old minor on his way home after school was intercepted by the suspect before being forcibly dragged to an aged residential building. The man professed that he wanted to get back his missing coin, which had supposedly fallen into the child's shoes.

He then rubbed the boy's feet on his crotch before releasing him eventually. The child's mother reported the crime to police authorities,

who said that at least three other parents had made similar reports in the past.

In a separate case, a man was detained last Thursday on suspicion of sexually assaulting a local schoolgirl who had fallen for his premeditated hoax of a summer job.

The suspect, aged 28 and employed as a deliveryman, was said to possess a criminal record for cases of robbery, extortion and theft. He approached the victim via the WeChat instant messaging platform last Tuesday night. During their conversation, the suspect reportedly offered the 15-year-old teenager a wine tasting gig

with a salary of MOP 5,500. Intrigued by the job offer, the victim met him at a residential building terrace in Rua de Bras da Rosa the next morning at seven, before being taken to the staircase by the man.

He then requested the victim taste a bottle of unknown liquid, which he claimed was white wine. She passed out after taking a sip. The girl was sent to the hospital and called the police after her family realized she could have been subjected to sexual violation while she was unconscious. The suspect admitted to having sex with the victim during detention.

## Local Muslims gather to mark end of Ramadan

**T**HE local Muslim community came together last Saturday at the Macau Mosque and Cemetery in celebration of Eid-Al-Fitr, a religious holiday that marks the end of the fasting month of Ramadan.

Hundreds of Muslims, decked out in colorful clothes, started their Eid congregational prayers at 10 a.m. The imam, the Islamic leader for worship, presided over a 15-minute celebration.

Adnan Nasim, a member at the Muslim

Community of Macau, said the city enjoys its own diverse Muslim community. "We have Muslims from America, some people came from America also today, we have Indonesians, Malaysians, from India, Pakistan, Bangladesh, Burma...

Macau is a little unique, we have created our own program, which you will not find anywhere in the world and we are very proud of it because this is the identity of Macau Muslims," he told TDM.

The annual religious observance takes place on the ninth month of the Islamic calendar and lasts for 29-30 days, or one complete moon cycle.

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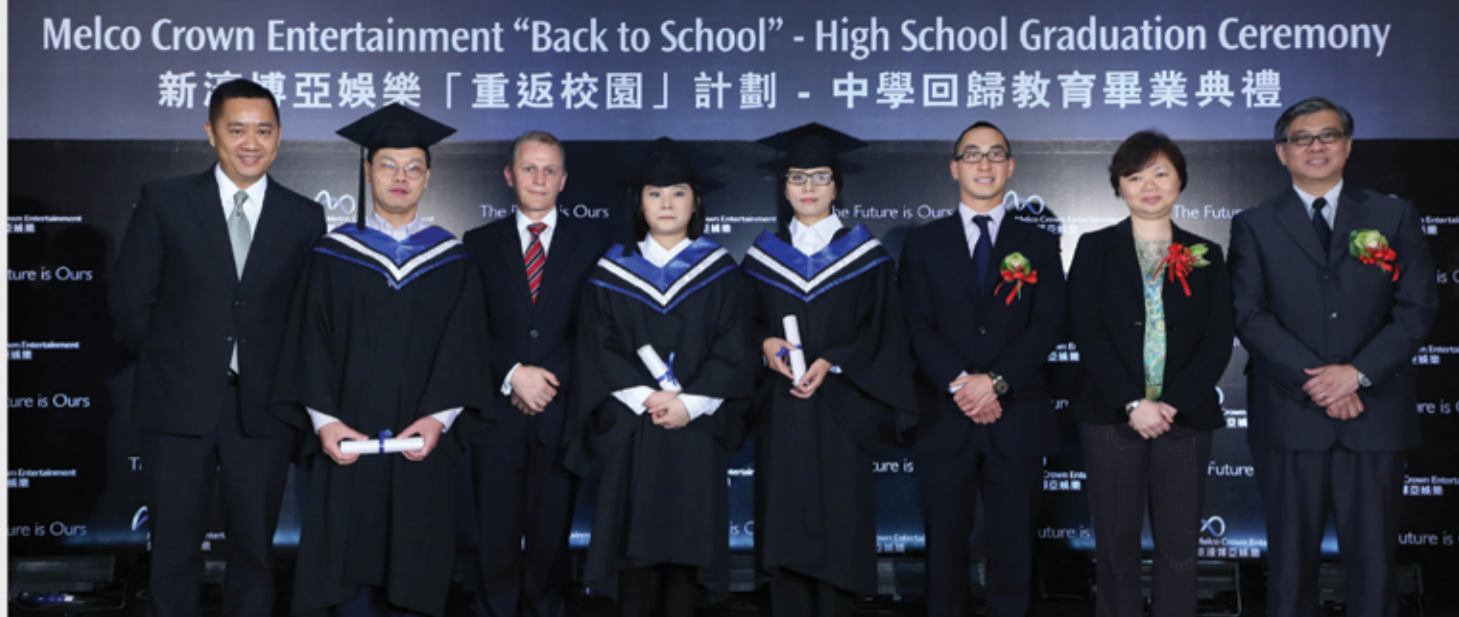
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# Melco Crown Entertainment's "Back to School" Program Provides Employees Opportunity to Complete High School Diploma

## Demonstrating strong commitment in the development of Macau local talents

Melco Crown Entertainment has been committed to the development of Macau and its people. Since the beginning, the Company has put priority in nurturing local talents through its innovative people programs. The Company's people programs, which are built around the whole person development philosophy, focus on enhancing personal, professional and life-long learning, all of which is not limited to classroom knowledge but an entire spectrum of exposure and experience.



In partnership with Escola Secundária Luso-Chinesa de Luís Gonzaga Gomes and the Education and Youth Affairs Bureau, Melco Crown Entertainment introduced Macau's first in-house "Back to School" high school diploma program to our employees in April 2010. The program is taught on-site at our Learning Academy, allowing employees' greater flexibility in earning their high school diploma – an essential qualification for advancing their career. In 2014, three proud colleagues received their high school diploma from Mr. Lawrence Ho.

*"This is a historic moment and a historic cooperation"*  
– Ms. Vicky Leong,  
Head of Education Department

Two graduates from 2014, Ms Chong Suk I and Ms Cheang Ka Wah, have enrolled to the Diploma in Casino Management offered by the Company. In collaboration with the University of Macau, the Program has been brought in-house to the MCE Learning Academy as part of the Company's commitment to develop local talents.



This year Melco Crown Entertainment is celebrating the second class of six graduates – Kam Man Cheng, Kam Wai Pong, Leong Man Leng, Mok Wai Pou, Ng Nga Leng, and Xiong Wei Wei.

### Ng Nga Leng – enrolled in 2012



After leaving school for over 20 years, I never imagined I could have another chance to finish my high school diploma. Over the years, I knew I could have done better, but felt like I was limited by my qualifications. That's why I decided to go back to school in 2012. I also wanted to make an example for my two sons in secondary school, showing them that life-long learning is very important.

Studying, working a fulltime job, and taking care of my family have not been easy. For that, I have my husband to thank, he questioned my decision at first. In time, he noticed the change in our sons, how they became more attentive to their school work, and more understanding of their parents' hard work, that's when he began to be very supportive. Without him, I could not have taken care of the boys and work-study at the same time.

I am also very thankful for my company. I don't think there is another company in Macau that would go out of its way to develop its employees. The support came from all directions, from the top management who made the program possible; from my supervisors who helped make arrangements with my roster and allowed me to attend classes five days a week; and colleagues from the Learning Academy who provided constantly support and counselling.

I have been offered a scholarship to continue my study at Macao Polytechnic Institute. Being able to achieve a bachelor degree was something I could only dream of, thanks to Back to School, I completed the first step – the high school diploma. It opened up many opportunities for me, both professionally and personally. I look forward to starting my bachelor degree in Gaming and Recreation Management.

### Kam Man Cheng, Patty – enrolled in 2012



Looking back to the two years and eight months I spent studying for my high school diploma, it was unbelievable and amazing. I have had a lot of struggles, taking 3-hour classes five evenings a week after work can be very tiring, and from time to time I thought about giving up. But very soon I realized that completing my high school diploma was the right thing to do. I used to be unsure about my future, of what may come my way. Studying added meaning and clarity to my life, I had a goal – to complete my high school diploma. Today, I have achieved this goal. All the tough times I overcame were more than worth it.

I am very grateful for the opportunity my company offered for me to build a solid foundation. It has allowed me to advance my career and, more importantly, to continue the pursuit of life-long learning. Now I am considering enrolling to the new Diploma of Casino Management the Learning Academy offers, because the sense of achievement I get from graduating from the high school diploma program was so empowering.

### Kam Wai Pong – enrolled in 2012



Three years ago, a colleague of mine asked me to consider finishing my high school diploma at the Company's Learning Academy. I thought the opportunity was quite rare, and only good things could come out of it, so I took up the challenge. I am very glad I did, as qualifications have become more important in the competitive market of Macau.

I have been very lucky to have had the full support from my family, they believe that one should equip themselves as much as they could when they have the opportunity to. It is this belief that kept me going. Fortunately for me, during the three-year journey at the Learning Academy, I did not encounter a lot of obstacles.

It was not just getting by or coping, I have discovered the joy in learning, especially in Accounting. I was very aware that studying was something I wanted to do for myself, and my future.

I would like to thank MCE for providing me and my colleagues the opportunity to study and complete the high school diploma. It is a very important milestone for us. I am going to continue my study at the Learning Academy. My next goal is the Diploma in Casino Management.

### Leong Man Leng – enrolled in 2012



I am glad to have enrolled in the Back to School Program, for it has enriched my life and opened up possibilities for my future. I would like to thank MCE and my supervisors for their continuous support!

### Mok Wai Pou – enrolled in 2011



'It is never too late to learn', I always keep this Chinese motto in mind to remind myself. I would like to thank MCE for providing me the chance to complete my high school studies, with continuous support in my studies and work arrangements. I am confident that this qualification will brighten up my life!

### Xiong Wei Wei – enrolled in 2012



I would like to express my heartfelt gratitude to the generous support from the Company, the seemingly guidance from the teachers of Escola Secundária Luso-Chinesa de Luís Gonzaga Gomes, and the assistance from Learning Academy colleagues. I also want to thank my Back to School classmates. Without their support, I would not have been able to complete the program.

## Court rejects La Scala defendants' appeals

The Court of Second Instance rejected the appeals of businessmen Joseph Lau and Steven Lo in the La Scala case. Lau and Lo were both sentenced to five years and three months' imprisonment for allegedly bribing the former Secretary for Transport and Public Works Ao Man Long. No further appeals are possible, since decisions of the Court of Second Instance are final if the punishment is eight years' imprisonment or less.

## Worker dies on Cotai construction site

A 50-year old mainland Chinese worker died last Friday on a Sands China construction site. The Labor Affairs Bureau is investigating the death, which occurred after a metal frame came loose and its metal restraint broke, causing around three tons of frameworks to fall on the man. The worker lost consciousness immediately and was pronounced dead after emergency treatment at the hospital.

## EXCO | EDUCATION

# Gov't outlines basic academic skills students should meet

Catarina Pinto

**T**HE Executive Council has given its support to a set of basic academic skills, outlined by administrative regulations that must be followed by non-tertiary local education institutions, including kindergartens.

ExCo's spokesperson Leong Heng Teng clarified on Friday that after gathering opinions from experts and conducting a pilot project, the government agreed to lay out a set

of basic academic skills that should be attained by students from kindergartens to primary and secondary schools at the end of each education level.

"Basic academic requirements are essential skills outlined by the government which students are required to possess at the end of each level of education; including knowledge, abilities, emotions, attitudes and fundamental values," he said.

These set of requirements

will be taken into account by local schools when preparing and defining curricula, as well as when evaluating students' performance, choosing textbooks, and evaluating the school's pedagogical qualities.

Mr Leong and an Education and Youth Affairs Bureau (DSEJ) representative attending Friday's press conference did not elaborate on how this set of requirements will be implemented, and if sanctions will be applied when



ExCo's spokesperson Leong Heng Teng

schools fail to comply.

ExCo said that the administrative regulation will come into force a day after its publication, and will take effect gradually starting the coming school year.

The DSEJ senior officer further clarified that the government will continue to ensure school's freedom to operate and outline their own curricula, but they would like to ensure that students meet a series of skills and academic requirements at the completion of each stage of their education.

## Science and Technology Council secretariat cut

**T**HE Executive Council (ExCo) has given the green light to shut down the Science and Technology Council Secretariat, ExCo's spokesperson Leong Heng Teng revealed on Friday. The government is looking to axe the secretariat in line of its recent reshuffling efforts.

Mr Leong did not confirm whether the administration has plans to close down other similar

secretariats: "I can't promise that the government won't decide to axe other secretariats."

With the axing of the secretariat, Macau's Science and Technology Development Fund (FDCT) will be tasked with providing administrative support to the Science and Technology Council. Employees currently working for the secretariat will be transferred to the FDCT.

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**T**HE Judiciary Police (PJ) has reiterated that all investigations it carries out comply with the law and that citizen surveillance requires the authorization of a judge. The security force stated that it also needs to be aware of new technologies currently available in the market.

Emails recently disclosed by WikiLeaks indicate that CCAC and the Judiciary Police (PJ) had shown interest in acquiring cyber-surveillance software from Italian IT company Hacking Team, via their Singapore office.

The PJ stressed that the surveillance of telecommunications is carried out depending on the requirements of a particular investigation, and subject to a judge's authorization. "The PJ has been carrying out its investigations complying with the law and respective proceedings laid out by Macau's judicial bodies," a statement released last week said.

Emails exchanged between Hacking Team's employees and Macau's security forces show no clear evidence that the CCAC or the PJ succeeded in acquiring the software. However, as the Times reported on Friday, one of the emails sent by a PJ member asks for assistance in installing the system.

### SPYING SOFTWARE

# Hacking Team's 'opaque operations' reach Macau, HK



BLOOMBERG

The Hacking Team fell victim to a cyber-attack last week. Hackers breached the company's servers, downloading over 400 gigabytes of its data. WikiLeaks released over a million of Hacking Team's emails.

An article published by The Guardian last week explores how opaque the company is, despite its straightforward approach and daring promotional material advertising its products and abilities: "Hack into your targets with the most advanced infection vectors available."

The company never disclosed its list of clients, or provided details on the technology behind

its software. Nor did it elaborate on the type of work they were contracted to perform in the

name of privacy and security. Reporters Without Borders (RSF) published a report in 2013 regarding "digital mercenaries," including Hacking Team. The report said that Hacking Team, Britain's Gamma Group, Germany's Trovicor, France's Amesys and American's Blue Coat Systems "sell products that are liable to be used by governments to violate human rights and freedom of information."

According to the Washington Post, Hacking Team emails – now archived by WikiLeaks – suggest that the company faced pressure from the United Nations and the Italian government over business relations with repressive regimes.

In March 2015, Hacking Team was accused of providing software to the Ethiopian government, which was then used to spy on journalists and activists based overseas, including in the US. **CP**

## Hong Kong's anti-graft agency also involved in scandal

**H**ONG Kong's Independent Commission Against Corruption (ICAC) was also found to have sought the services of the IT company Hacking Team, well known for selling software to governments that enable them to carry out surveillance operations of citizens' computers and mobile phones, the South China Morning Post reported.

An e-mail conversation between an ICAC prin-

icipal investigator and the head of Hacking Team's Singapore office show that ICAC was interested in the company's Galileo remote control system, in particular for mobile phones. They too discussed a meeting for a software demonstration.

SCMP reported that an ICAC spokesperson would not confirm whether they bought or tried the software, which can cost around HKD3 million for a three-month trial.



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## BOXING

# Overwhelming Cesar Cuenca shatters IK Yang's world title dream

**ARGENTINA'S** Cesar Cuenca moved himself a step closer to the world record following his victorious debut outside of his home country at Saturday night's "Victory at the Venetian", shattering China's high-profile boxer Yang Lian Hui's dreams of a world title.

The undefeated Cuenca (48-0, 2 KOs), winner of the International Boxing Federation (IBF) junior welterweight world title championship with scores of 117-108, 115-110 and 116-109, told media at the post-fight briefing that he gained the upper hand of the fight right after the first round of the 12-round bout. Despite being knocked down by Yang (19-1, 14 KOs) in the fifth round, drawing an instantaneous standing ovation from Yang's fans, Cuenca remained dominant at the Cotai Arena and continued to overwhelm his Chinese rival in the remaining rounds.

"Though my legs bent and I was not standing that well, I felt the punch, but it wasn't that much," said the 34-year-old winner. "He fought heavily, he had a heavy punch, but nothing hurt me that much."

Cuenca also expressed his confidence that he could reach Rocky Marciano's all time 49-0 record in the near future.

After his failed attempt at the world gold belt, Yang, also known as IK Yang, appeared apologetic in the press conference, bowing solemnly to the media before he spoke of the loss. "I promised to stage a remarkable contest before. I think I made it. However, I had been lagging behind in the bout, of which both my team and I were aware," he said.

Appearing proactive and aggressive throughout the fight, Yang had received multiple warnings for low blows and he lost points in the last round for trying to trip over his opponent in a desperate attempt to



Cesar Cuenca vs IK Yang

land a knockout punch. The 30-year-old explained: "Someone asked me before how I'd react if my opponent went underhanded, and I replied I would do even more than that. (...) I only wished to knock him out, although I'd lose points. I never thought of defeating him

by points."

However, the Chinese boxer acknowledged that he lacked the strength to take down his adversary and put it down to his anxiety for a win, which affected his mindset during the fight.

Undaunted by the first loss in his boxing career, Yang

pledged to return to the region's arena with a "more comprehensive self."

Standing in Yang's corner that night was Justin Fortune in lieu of the ailing Freddie Roach. The Australian coach reckoned the Chinese boxer should have dealt more combi-

nations to secure more points against his rival, who possesses 13 years of professional experience. Cuenca also revealed that his extensive experience was another reason for his triumph.

**Cuenca hopes to reach Rocky Marciano's all time 49-0 record in the near future**

Saturday's match also highlighted an impressive undercard bout where the Filipino Flash Nonito Donaire (35-3, 23 KOs) defeated the French fighter Anthony Settout (20-4, 8 KOs) with a second-round TKO in the super bantamweight division, attracting thundering cheers from spectators. Hong Kong's popular fighter Rex Tso also defeated his Thai opponent Khunkhiri Wisaruth by TKO in round four. **Staff reporter**

## Macau Kid KK Ng bounds for title fight after straight eighth win

**MACAU** Kid Ng Kuok Kun, also known as KK Ng (8-0, 3 KOs) stunned the audience by extending his unbeaten record to an eighth consecutive win with a TKO against Thailand's Phometch Twins Gym in the fourth round of their welterweight bout.

On his way up to an unbeaten record of ten wins, the local professional boxer told media that he aimed for a title championship in the current weight division. "I wanted to fight for a title here in Macau to prove to all Macau people that we could win on the stage," said the 24-year-old boxer.

Ng disclosed that both his speed and power have greatly improved after losing weight for Saturday's fight, where



KK Ng stages a round-four knockout against his Thai opponent

he out-boxed his Thai rival from the beginning. He said: "The first two rounds were for probing, and I planned to drain his physical strength afterwards. He chose to confront me with another strategy

in the third one with much of his energy involved, yet I managed to see through the flaws while his strength faded significantly."

Ng, well prepared for title fights, also added that his personal boxing style formed gradually over time. However, the burgeoning fighter wants more experience in the ring in order to get into his groove.

"I acted so stiff right after ascending the arena, and would become free only in the third or fourth round," said he. The past training sessions for his last contest were movement-and-defense oriented, which Ng reckoned have to be further ramped up in order to achieve his title aspirations.



Cesar Cuenca vs IK Yang



Nonito Donaire vs Anthony Settout



Rex Tso vs Khunkhiri Wisaruth

Tom Redmond

# Fund formerly known as 'vice' still favors guns, booze and sin

**A**FTER trailing his benchmark for a second year, this asset manager is sticking to his guns. And cigarettes, and beer. Even casinos, despite a crackdown on corruption in China that sent Macau houses into a tailspin.

Gerry Sullivan, who runs USD238 million in what was formerly known as the "Vice Fund," buys defense contractors, big tobacco, liquor and gambling. He calls them the four legs of his stool. That one of them fell off is no reason to panic, he says, after the fund handed investors a loss in the 12 months ended June.

The Barrier Fund, as it's named today, matters less for its size than its strategy of buying so-called sin stocks, at the other end of the spectrum to ethical investing. For years this spurred debates on whether vice paid, with academics saying it did. As Xi Jinping's anti-graft campaign calls that into question for now, Sullivan says it's an inevitable risk of whittling down the investment universe to just a few industries.

"We've been doing poorly over the past 12 months with the evisceration of the gaming sector," Sullivan, 54, said in a phone interview from Summit, New Jersey. "It's hard to make up with one sector down 25 percent. The key is, you don't want to say, oh gosh, we need to revamp the strategy."

Gross gaming revenue in Macau fell 36.2 percent in June from a year earlier as President Xi's drive to eradicate corruption kept high-rollers away and a dimming mainland growth outlook compounded casinos' woes.

Shares in Galaxy Entertainment Group Ltd. plunged 45 percent in the 12 months through Thursday, the worst performer on Hong Kong's Hang Seng Index. Galaxy slid 0.3 percent at the lunch break in Hong Kong Friday. Wynn Resorts Ltd. and Las Vegas Sands Corp., which



each get more than 60 percent of revenue from Macau, sank at least 26 percent over the past year.

"We've had an event in gaming that's taken it well beyond what would be considered a proper correction," Sullivan said. In his four years as manager, Sullivan's fund delivered a 11.6 percent total return, short of the 14.2 percent for the Standard & Poor's 500 Index. It posted a 4 percent loss in the 12 months through June, versus a 7.4 percent gain for its benchmark. Since inception in August 2002, the fund has an average annual return of 9.9 percent, beating the 8.7 percent for the S&P 500.

The Macau slump isn't the only turbulence Sullivan experienced after swapping quantitative investment for vice.

"The first interview I ever did as portfolio manager was a radio interview from Park City, Utah," he said. "A woman named Miriam told me and the host we were both going to hell."

The fund's name change last year was requested by its distributors, Sullivan said. They wanted something that wouldn't scare investors. "It was a double-edged sword. Being called the Vice Fund we got a lot of publicity, but on the flip side the name may have made you believe the methodolo-

gy and intelligence employed wasn't as professional as something with a less novelty name," he said. "Vice was a great name. People loved the name, people hated the name, and now nobody hates or loves the name."

The fund, which owns about 50 stocks, counts three tobacco companies as its biggest holdings: Reynolds American Inc., Philip Morris International Inc. and Altria Group Inc. The top 10 also includes Las Vegas Sands, MGM Resorts International and Honeywell International Inc. Sullivan's open to adding other vices to the list.

"Since marijuana is illegal on the federal level, we wouldn't

**“**Vice was a great name. People loved the name, people hated the name, and now nobody hates or loves the name

GERRY SULLIVAN

invest in a distributor," he said. "But it's possible that we could invest in a company that provides a service, like security to dispensaries, or some form of business that you would say would be a legitimate business."

Sin stocks typically have high barriers to entry and are often capable of delivering profits in any economy. According to one study, they outperform the market because institutional investors neglect them, so the shares are initially undervalued.

There was more than USD32 trillion in environmental, social and governance-focused investment strategies in 2012, according to data compiled by Northern Trust Corp., a U.S. money manager. Many of those shun the stocks that Sullivan owns.

Sullivan won't be adding to Macau's casino revenue himself: He only bets on horses, and only occasionally. He doesn't smoke, though he likes a drink.

"I only gamble on things with four legs," he said. "On casinos, I know the odds." **Bloomberg**

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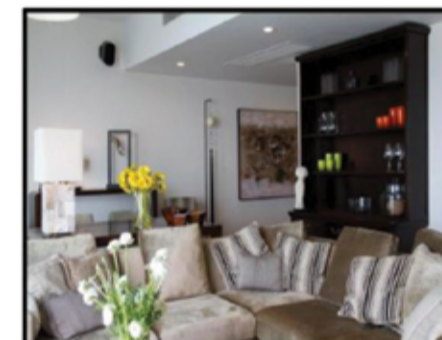


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## Shareholders approve Samsung deal paving way for succession



Employees walk by a Samsung C&T Corp. logo at its head office in Seoul

**Youkyung Lee**  
Business Writer, Seoul

**SHAREHOLDERS** approved Friday a highly contested deal that strengthens the Samsung family's grip on the world's largest smartphone maker, sparking criticism that South Korea lacks sufficient protections for foreign investors and small shareholders.

Samsung construction company Samsung C&T said that 69.5 percent of shareholders who voted supported the takeover of it by another Samsung company, Cheil Industries.

The takeover needed two thirds of votes cast for approval. Market watchers expected a close vote after Elliott Associates, an American hedge fund that is the third largest shareholder in C&T, rallied opposition against the deal that it called unfair.

Lee Jae-yong, the son of Samsung's ailing chairman, is assuming a bigger leadership role at the South Korean conglomerate but lacks a significant stake in its flagship Samsung Electronics. The all-stock takeover of C&T by Cheil will give him that stake without having to spend billions of dollars to buy

it from other shareholders.

The outcome of the vote is likely to take a toll on South Korea's reputation overseas as a fair place for investment.

The country has long faced criticism that the founding families of its big business groups known as chaebol exercise too much power over companies that have become publicly traded. Those concerns about poor governance and weak shareholder rights have resulted in foreign investors marking down the value of South Korean shares.

The global funds "who are looking to seek investment opportunities in Asia will divert their way from Korea even faster to China where there are more exciting growth opportunities," said Thomas Choi, founder of Third Square Investments, which does not own any shares in Cheil or Samsung C&T.

"Foreign investors would not want to take inherent management risk by investing in Korean companies with such poor corporate governance that lead to shareholders' value being exploited by the founding family members for their own benefit not shareholders," he said. **AP**

# Greek banks to reopen today but cash restrictions remain

Demetris Nellas, Athens

**G**REEK banks are reopening today after a forced 3-week closure but restrictions on cash withdrawals will remain.

In a decree Saturday, the Greek government kept the daily cash withdrawal limit at 60 euros (USD65) but added a weekly limit. For example, a depositor who doesn't withdraw cash today can withdraw 120 euros (\$130) tomorrow, and so on, up to 420 euros (\$455) a week.

Bank customers will still not be able to cash checks, only deposit them into their accounts, and will not be able to get cash abroad with their credit or cash cards, only make purchases. There are also restrictions on opening new accounts or activating dormant ones.

The decree also pushes back by a month, to August 26, the deadline for filing income tax returns.

The degree came on the same day as Greece's coalition government swore in its new, reshuffled cabinet. Five prominent dissidents from the radical left Syriza party, the senior coalition party, were replaced. Four of them had voted against an agreement with Greece's creditors Thursday and the fifth had resigned before the vote.

Greece closed its banks beginning June 29 to prevent a bank run after the European Central Bank did not increase emergency funding as Greece's second bailout expired. Af-



Greece's Prime Minister Alexis Tsipras

ter the Greek Parliament passed an agreement Thursday to seek a third bailout and related austerity measures demanded by creditors, the ECB raised its emergency funding to the cash-strapped Greek banks.

On Friday, German lawmakers voted 439-119 in favor of op-

ening discussions on Greece's third bailout and the EU decided to release a short-term loan of 7.16 billion (\$7.75 billion) to help Greece pay back a loan due today to the ECB.

The Greek Parliament will vote on further austerity measures Wednesday. **AP**

### corporate bits

#### CESL ASIA & MSO HOST BOCCCE GAME



Macau Special Olympics (MSO) hosted its "2015 CESL Asia & MSO Bocce Game Event" at the MSO headquarters on Saturday. In an expression of their enthusiasm to foster social integration of able-bodied and disabled persons, more than 20 volunteers from CESL Asia - Investments & Services, Limited also took part in the bocce game and partici-

pated with the players.

The game attracted around 100 participants, including mentally-challenged individuals from special schools, sheltered workshops, care centers and residential homes as well as their parents. The event encouraged participation of non-athletes by classifying them into various groups on the basis of their ages and skills. Representatives from CESL Asia, the Macao Sport Development Board, Education and Youth Affairs Bureau, Macao Sports Committee and other agencies also attended the event and gave the winning athletes awards as encouragement.

This was the third consecutive year CESL Asia sponsored the bocce game.

#### NAMING THE 'HEROES' AT STUDIO CITY

The Art Deco facade at Studio City will be flanked by two 'Heroes of Steel' statues, towering some 30 meters high,



which will dominate the entrance to Macau's new, USD3.2 billion, Hollywood-inspired entertainment destination resort.

According to a press release, the figures "constructed from stainless steel and weighing-in at 180 tons each, were partly inspired by the mythical 'Atlas'; but rather than being weighed down by the world, these statues reach to the sky with lit 'orbs' in an uplifting futuristic tableaux as part of a 'Hollywood Studio' style entrance."

Mr. JD Clayton, Property President of Studio City said: "Our 'Heroes of Steel' statues provide an iconic entrance to Studio City's spectacular art deco-inspired facade, and are the dramatic gateway to the world-class entertainment to be experienced at Studio City."

#### MGM SUPPORTS IFT SUMMER CAMP BY OFFERING GUIDED TOURS TO FOREIGN STUDENTS



In addition to the guided art tours of the property, MGM also offers support to various educational training programs by arranging hotel visits. On July 15, more than 20 Hong Kong high school students on the "IFT Summer Camp 2015 - Knowing Macao's Tourism and Hospitality Industry" program joined a guided tour at MGM Macau. Students were given a tour around

the hotel front-of-house areas, an art tour of the "Valkyrie Octopus" exhibition and other art pieces, as well as the back-of-house areas, for them to have a basic understanding of internal operations. MGM will continue to encourage local and foreign students to organize group visits with the objective of enriching their knowledge and inspirations on arts and culture.

Ralph Jennings, Taipei

TAIWAN

## 2 women to vie in presidential election for 1st time

TAIWAN'S top two political parties have each nominated a woman for president in 2016, a historic first signaling acceptance of female leadership and kicking off a campaign highlighted so far by clashing views on ties with rival China.

The ruling Nationalist Party yesterday picked as its candidate Hung Hsiu-chu, a former teacher and the current deputy legislative speaker. Hung, who supports friendly relations with China, will run against Tsai Ing-wen, the opposition Democratic Progressive Party chairwoman and an advocate of more cautious relations with Beijing. Tsai leads in opinion polls ahead of January's election.

Ties with Beijing, long icy but cordial since 2008, have shaped up as an early campaign issue.

Voters in Taiwan, which has been democratic since the late 1980s, have never elected a woman as president nor had a choice between two female candidates backed by the major parties.

Joanna Lei, chief executive officer of the Chunghua 21st Century Think Tank in Taiwan, said that some younger women struggle to advance in Taiwan. However, she said society ac-



Taiwan's main opposition Democratic Progressive Party Chairwoman Tsai Ing-wen

cepts the leadership of women over age 50 because they historically ran clans in China, whe-

re Taiwan's culture originates. Women manage 10 government departments and some of

Taiwan's top companies. One third of Taiwanese legislators are female, compared to 13 per-

cent in Japan and 16 percent in South Korea, said Sean King, senior vice president with Park Strategies, a New York-based consultancy firm.

Elsewhere in Asia, Park Geun-hye took office two years ago as South Korea's first female president, and Sheikh Hasina is currently the prime minister of Bangladesh.

China claims sovereignty over self-ruled Taiwan and insists that the two sides should eventually reunite, though opinion polls on the island say most Taiwanese prefer autonomy.

Elected in 2008, President Ma Ying-jeou agreed with Beijing to negotiate on the basis that both sides belong to one China, though with different interpretations.

Hung supports a similar understanding with China, but Tsai's party rejects that basis for talks as a slight to Taiwan's autonomy. Without a framework for dialogue, tensions could rise again, making new agreements difficult. AP

## Beijing deports 20 foreigners for watching 'terrorist' videos

CHINA has deported 20 foreigners from Britain, South Africa and India for watching video clips that advocated terrorism and religious extremism, the official state media reported, while two of the tourists reportedly blamed their detentions on a documentary about Genghis Khan.

Xinhua News Agency said late Saturday that the foreigners watched an unspecified documentary in a hotel room and later some of them watched video clips that advocated terrorism. Police also found similar clips on a cell-phone belonging to one of the South Africans, Xinhua said.

It cited the foreign affairs office of Ordos city in China's Inner Mongolia region, where police had stopped the 10 South Africans, 9 Britons and one Indian on July 10 as they were going to fly to Xi'an,

home of the terracotta warriors and their next stop on a 47-day tour of the country. The British Embassy had said the group included nine Britons and two with dual British-South African nationalities.

Britain's Press Association reported that the documentary was a BBC production on the 13th century Mongol warrior Genghis Khan, citing a statement from two of the British tourists, husband and wife Hoosain and Tahira Jacobs. They said that the video "may have mistakenly been deemed as 'propaganda' material."

"It can only be assumed that junior officials who made the initial arrest in Inner Mongolia made a mistake, due to perhaps their unfamiliarity of the English language," the statement said.

The Jacobs also said that the group was a mixture of Muslims, Christians and Hindus who

had traveled together in the past, including to Israel and the United States. They had visited the Genghis Khan Mausoleum in Ordos the day before they were stopped at the airport.

Xinhua said that five South Africans, three Britons and one Indian national were criminally detained on July 11 in connection with a law that "stipulates punishment for allegedly organizing, leading or joining terrorist groups."

It said the nine "admitted to their illegal acts and repented," without elaborating. It said police treated the case leniently and deported them on Saturday.

The other 11 were deported Wednesday.

Calls to the foreign affairs office in Ordos rang unanswered yesterday. A man on duty at Ordos police, who only identified his surname, Han, said he had no information on the case. AP

TIBET

## Authorities: Imprisoned lama died of cardiac arrest

THE cause of death of a Tibetan lama who was serving a life sentence in a Chinese prison was cardiac arrest, according to state media.

Tenzin Delek Rinpoche died 13 years into a sentence on charges of financing and supporting a series of terrorist bombings and secession activities. His supporters say the charges were trumped up, and his family had complained last week it had been denied access to his death certificate and medical records.

The 65-year-old had studied under the Tibetan spiritual leader the Dalai Lama — who Beijing considers a separatist — in the 1980s and been recognized by him as a reincarnated lama.

The official Xinhua News Agency reported late Saturday that a prison guard had found Tenzin Delek suffering from respiratory failure about two hours after the monk began to take his usual nap on July 12. Prison doctors gave him emergency treatment and he was taken to a hospital and declared dead after further treatment.

Last year, the monk's family had applied for medical parole for him on the grounds that he suffered from a heart condition, high blood pressure, dizzy spells and problems with his legs that had caused him to fall down frequently.

Xinhua said that prisoners serving life sentences are not allowed medi-



Tibetan lama Tenzin Delek Rinpoche

cal parole.

His body was cremated on Thursday in Chengdu city in Sichuan province, where he had been held for the last 13 years. A Tibetan rights group, the New York-based Students for a Free Tibet, said around 30 Tibetans from his immediate family and students were allowed to see the body before the cremation and perform a short prayer. They had wanted to perform Tibetan Buddhist funeral rites on his body in Lihang, his hometown in a Tibetan area of Sichuan. AP

# Gov't rounds up rights lawyers in latest crackdown

Didi Tang, Beijing

**F**OUR men already had been convicted of murder in southeastern China when a fifth person confessed to the crime. But when lawyers demanded to review case documents to clear the men's names, the court stonewalled. So the lawyers unfurled banners outside the venue.

They protested for days, alongside social activists who insulted the top judge, and uploaded pictures online.

The incident in the southeastern province of Jiangxi in May appears to have been one of the last straws ahead of a broad crackdown by China's Public Security Ministry on a category of lawyers who have come to be known as "rights defenders."

Authorities say these lawyers have strayed far beyond their professional role into illegal activism aimed at sabotaging the country's legal system. The lawyers maintain their methods are merely to hold authorities to account and ensure that the letter of China's laws is upheld.

Since late May, police across China have detained and called in at least 215 rights lawyers and social activists, most of them during the past week or so. State propaganda has kicked into high gear to denounce them as rabble-rousers, criminal gangs, profit-seeking opportunists.

Some even face the severe charge of inciting to overthrow state power.

Foreign governments and human rights groups have condemned the crackdown, seeing it as Beijing's iron-fisted response under President Xi Jinping to any growth of civil society that could challenge the Communist Party's authoritarian rule. It also shows that the rights lawyers have gained enough influence with the public to make Beijing uneasy, joining outspoken bloggers and activist movements in drawing crackdowns since Xi came to power in 2012.

"They are the most important and active force in China's pursuit of political democracy," said Teng Biao, a visiting scholar studying China's law and human rights issues at Harvard University and New York University. "The public support for them is growing. They have the abilities to organize, to effectively make political appeals and to take action, and they are seen by the authorities as a threat to their political security."

In the 1990s, only a handful of Chinese lawyers were gutsy enough to challenge authorities by representing clients persecuted by the government, such as prac-



A delivery cart and cyclist ride past a building housing the Fengrui law firm in Beijing

tioners of the banned spiritual group Falun Gong. These lawyers, who believed in individual rights and insisted that the law must be obeyed, attracted public attention in the early 2000 with several public interest cases. A regional news magazine highlighted 14 of them in 2005.

## The rights lawyers have gained enough influence with the public to make Beijing uneasy

Their ensuing growth in number coincided with the rapid rise of social media, which have facilitated bonding among like-minded lawyers across the country. Through online communication tools, they have found camaraderie and mutual support. They share experiences and collaborate on major cases, as they grapple with hostility and obstruction from authorities.

Occasionally some of them were arrested, but the group of rights defense lawyers continued to grow to about 200 to 300, just before the crackdown.

"They are a bit different from other lawyers in that they are willing to confront the state over cases deemed sensitive," said Eva Pils, a legal scholar at the King's

College London who follows Chinese lawyers closely.

They are among the most vocal attorneys in China's social media, seeking public support both as leverage to improve the legal climate and as an insurance of their own protection.

"The odds are stacked so much against them that they have no choice left but to go to the public," Pils said.

Rights lawyers have found themselves barred from meetings with their clients, and rebuffed in attempts to throw out confessions obtained through torture. When they get thwarted in court, they take to the street.

"They are using these methods to say the government is not following the law and to put pressure on the government," Pils said.

Along the way, the lawyers have become a rallying point for social activists, people with grievances and those facing persecution — forming a formidable force that has alarmed the authorities.

In early May, they managed to raise doubts when a police officer fatally shot an unarmed but irate farmer inside a train station in northeastern China.

Grassroots activist Wu Gan was able to obtain an independent video clip showing the police officer beating the man, raising questions whether the police officer had unnecessarily provoked him. Authorities later were forced to release additional security footage showing the man becoming violent and out of control, though public doubts about the incident lingered.

This loose alliance also has pooled and raised money to pay for costs of activism, such as transportation, and in some cases to subsidize the lives of people who have been persecuted. Wu himself was employed by the Beijing-based Fengrui law firm. Both Wu and many of Fengrui's lawyers have been arrested in the crackdown.

Authorities argue that the financial backing has created a professional class of rabble-rousers for whom the details of a legal case take a back seat to creating publicity and causing trouble.

"For some people, this is their livelihood," according to a June report by the official Xinhua

News Agency. "Regardless of the facts of any given case, they always travel to voice support and spread the information via overseas websites. Their purpose is to create some international influence to put pressure on local governments and to interfere with the legal process."

Following the police shooting, Wu turned his attention to the high court of Jiangxi, where the five lawyers were demanding to review court dockets of the murder case but got stonewalled.

The lawyers — not members of Fengrui — were representing four men they believe were wrongfully convicted of murder in the May 2000 deaths of a convenience store owner and an accompanying woman. In 2012, a fifth man confessed to the crime, yet the court has not made any move to review the case.

When the lawyers traveled to Jiangxi in May, they were denied access. For days they protested and uploaded photos of their demonstrations. They unfurled banners and held a candle vigil to deplore what they called judicial wrongdoing.

Wu joined them and called the chief of the provincial high court a rogue and planned a mock funeral ritual for him. Wu later was arrested on the charges of provoking troubles and, far more seriously, inciting to overthrow the government. State media have denounced his methods as insulting and illegal, though Wu has insisted they are nonviolent and within legal boundaries.

Barely two months later, the law firm he worked for was raided by police, and its key attorneys were taken away on suspicion of running a major criminal gang.

"The state media's 'expose' on the lawyers is meant not only to discredit one law firm or its lawyers — it is meant to smear the mode of operations of an entire rights defense movement, one that has been used rather successfully for years to make the government somewhat more accountable," said Maya Wang, a researcher for Human Rights Watch. **AP**

### TEEN SON OF PERSECUTED LAWYER BARRED FROM TRAVEL

**THE 16-YEAR-OLD** son of a Chinese couple targeted by authorities in a crackdown on rights lawyers has been barred from traveling to Australia to attend high school and placed under police surveillance, a family friend said Saturday. Bao Mengmeng, son of prominent rights lawyer Wang Yu, was told by police not to seek legal help or inquire about the whereabouts of his parents, who are believed to be detained by authorities amid the crackdown, said Chen Jiayang, also a rights attorney. Wang disappeared July 9, hours after she dropped her son and husband off at an airport. The teenager, who also disappeared July 9, was released two days later, but the father is still missing. The two were plan-



Chinese attorney Wang Yu

ning to travel to Australia, where Bao was expected to attend high school, but were intercepted by police at the airport. Calls to police in the northern city of Tianjin, where Bao is under surveillance, were not answered Saturday.

Kim Tong-hyung, Seoul

SOUTH KOREA

# Dead agent left note denying spying on civilians

A South Korean government agent who was found dead in an apparent suicide left a note denying suspicion that the National Intelligence Service has been spying on South Koreans by intercepting cellphone and computer conversations, police said yesterday.

The 46-year-old NIS agent was found dead Saturday in his car parked on a hill in Yongin, just south of Seoul.

In his note revealed by police yesterday, the agent said that the intelligence service "really didn't" spy on civilians or on political activity related to elections. He apologized to colleagues and NIS senior officials, including director Lee Byoung Ho, saying that overzealousness in doing his job might have created "today's situation."

The intelligence service told lawmakers on Tuesday it had purchased hacking programs capable of intercepting communication on mobile devices and computers in 2012 from an Italian company, Hacking Team, but that it used them only to monitor agents from rival North Korea and for research purposes.

The revelation is sensitive because the NIS has a history of illegally tapping South Ko-

reans' private conversations. The NIS is planning to reveal to lawmakers the details of how the programs were used to quell suspicions that it had been unlawfully monitoring civilians.

In the note he left behind, the agent also said that he destroyed surveillance material on the activity of North Korean agents because the data had created "misunderstandings."

Police officials, who had initially refused to release the details of the note, didn't reveal the name of the agent or what his duties were for the NIS. Phone calls to the NIS office rang unanswered yesterday.

The controversy surrounding NIS emerged earlier this month when a searchable library of a massive email trove stolen from Hacking Team, released by WikiLeaks, showed that South Korean entities were among those dealing with the firm.

Two NIS directors who successively headed the spy service from 1999 to 2003 were con-



South Korean National Intelligence Service chief Lee Byoung Ho

victed and received suspended prison terms for overseeing the monitoring of cellphone conversations of about 1,800 of South Korea's political, corpo-

rate and media elite.

On Thursday, South Korea's Supreme Court ordered a new trial for another former spy chief convicted of directing

an online campaign to smear a main opposition candidate in the 2012 presidential election, won by current President Park Geun-hye. AP

NEW ZEALAND

## AC/DC drummer Phil Rudd arrested again

AC/DC drummer Phil Rudd was behind bars yesterday after being arrested in New Zealand, just days after he was sentenced to home detention for threatening to kill a man who used to work for him.

The 61-year-old Australian-born drummer was arrested at his home on New Zealand's North Island on Saturday night, though police refused to comment on the nature of the arrest, the New Zealand Herald reported.

Rudd's lawyer, Craig Tuck, confirmed in an email yesterday that Rudd had been arrested and that he was due to appear in court today for a bail application. Tuck said he had just spent an hour with Rudd at the local police station, where he was being held until his court appearance. Tuck declined to say why his client had been arrested or to comment further.

Rudd was sentenced to eight months of home confinement on July 9 after pleading guilty to threatening to kill a former employee and possession of methamphetamine and marijuana.

In that case, Rudd acknowledged in a court summary of facts that he'd offered cash, vehicles and a house to an associate after asking him to have the victim "taken out." He also acknowledged that he'd directly said to the victim he was going to kill him. Prosecu-



Former AC/DC drummer Phil Rudd

tors had originally charged Rudd with murder-for-hire, but later dropped that charge, citing lack of evidence.

At the sentencing hearing, Judge Thomas Ingram warned Rudd that he would go to prison if he breached the terms of his home detention, which banned him from taking any nonprescription drugs and subjected him to monitoring.

"I stone-cold guarantee that's where you'll end up," Ingram told the drummer at the hearing. "I'm not your headmaster, I'm not your father — I'm a judge." AP

CAMBODIA

## Tycoon arrested amid outrage over attack of actress

Sopheng Cheang, Phnom Penh

A Cambodian real estate magnate whose violent assault of a female TV star was captured on video was arrested Saturday, authorities said, in a case that has sparked national outrage.

Sok Bun was charged with intent to commit violence and will be held at a Phnom Penh prison pending trial, said Gen. Sok Khemrin, chief of the Interior Ministry's penal division. The charge carries a penalty of up to five years in prison.

The July 2 attack against actress and former TV host Ek Socheata, better known as Sasa, has prompted a national conversation about justice in the Southeast Asian country, where the wealthy

often act with impunity and buy their way out of trouble.

Sok Bun, 37, left the country after the video began circulating on the Internet last week. Police had said they believed he fled to Singapore, and Interpol issued a Red Notice, which is the equivalent of an international arrest warrant.

He returned to Cambodia on Saturday, two days after Prime Minister Hun Sen called the attack "intolerable" and ordered him to return home and turn himself in.

Sok Bun was met by police Saturday morning at Phnom Penh International Airport and escorted to the Municipal Court, where he was questioned for several hours before being charged. He was then driven to a prison on the capital's outskirts,

said Sok Khemrin.

Sok Bun is seen in the video repeatedly punching and kicking Sasa in the head in an assault that lasts about a minute, as his bodyguard points a pistol at the actress' head.

Sasa, 28, has said she was protecting a friend from the drunken advances of Sok Bun, when he flew into a violent rage. The attack occurred at a Japanese restaurant in Phnom Penh and was captured by the restaurant's security cameras — and then obtained by Sasa, who posted the video online.

Sok Bun issued statements last week through his lawyer to say he "deeply regrets what happened." He offered to pay Sasa \$100,000 in compensation, which she declined, saying she wants to see him in court. AP



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## Trump stirs new controversy by criticizing McCain war record



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Republican presidential candidate, real estate mogul Donald Trump

Donald Trump blustered his way into more trouble as he criticized U.S. Sen. John McCain's war record at a conservative forum, overshadowing fellow presidential candidates promoting their credentials to evangelical Christians. The 10 Republican hopefuls in the 2016 presidential campaign who converged Saturday on early-voting Iowa were vying for support from the more than 2,000 religious conservatives at the annual Family Leadership Summit less than seven months before the Iowa caucuses kick off the state-by-state nominating contests. Pressed on whether his recent criticism of McCain went too far, Trump went further. "He is a war hero because he was captured. I like people who weren't captured," Trump said when the moderator described McCain as a war hero. McCain spent more than five years in a Vietnamese prisoner of war camp after his plane was shot down.

### UK

## Cameron signals support for airstrikes on IS in Syria



AP PHOTO  
British Prime Minister David Cameron

Prime Minister David Cameron has declared that Britain needs to take a greater role in destroying the Islamic State group in Syria — his most direct signal to date that he will seek to expand his country's role in supporting the United States and its allies. In remarks made to NBC News' "Meet the Press," Cameron said Britain must do more fight the group, also known as ISIL. The remarks posted online Saturday follow a commitment to meet NATO targets on military spending and make plain that Britain now sees the group as an explicit threat to national security. "We know that we have to defeat ISIL, we have to destroy this caliphate, whether it is in Iraq or in Syria," he said. "That is a key part of defeating this terrorist scourge that we face." The remarks come only days after Britain's Ministry of Defense acknowledged that British forces have already conducted airstrikes over Syria — albeit only when embedded with coalition forces. Britain has been carrying out surveillance and air-to-air refueling over Syria and launching attacks on neighboring Iraq and Defense Secretary Michael Fallon has argued that lawmakers should expand the mission to Syria.



AP PHOTO  
In this aerial image taken from video, law enforcement personnel work the scene of a shooting at the Navy Operational Support Center and Marine Corps Reserve Center Chattanooga

### USA

# Chattanooga shooter's family says he suffered from depression

Jay Reeves, Michael Biesecker and Kathleen Foody, Chattanooga, Tenn.

THE family of a gunman who opened fire on two military facilities in Chattanooga and killed four Marines said in a statement that their son suffered from depression and was not the son they knew.

"There are no words to describe our shock, horror, and grief," said the statement, provided Saturday to the Associated Press by a lawyer representing the family of 24-year-old Muhammad Youssef Abdulazeez, who was killed by police. "The person who committed this horrible crime was not the son we knew and loved. For



AP PHOTO  
Muhammad Youssef Abdulazeez

many years, our son suffered from depression. It grieves us beyond belief to know that his pain found its expression in this heinous act of violence."

The family added they are cooperating with the investigation.

"Now is the time to reflect on the victims and their families, and we feel it would be inappropriate to say anything more other than that we are truly sorry for their loss," the statement said.

Authorities are looking into the shooting at the Navy Operational Support Center and Marine Corps Reserve Center in Chattanooga, Florida as a terrorism investigation and whether Abdulazeez

was inspired or directed by any terrorist organization. They still don't know what motivated Abdulazeez.

In Chattanooga, a city that prides itself on strong ties between people of different faiths, some Muslims feared the community's perception of them had changed after the shooting rampage Thursday.

As FBI agents served a warrant on the Abdulazeez home Thursday, two women wearing Islamic head coverings were seen being led away in handcuffs. But FBI agent Jason Pack said Saturday no arrests have been made.

The president of the Islamic Society of Greater Chattanooga said Abdulazeez's father told him he felt blindsided.

"He told me that he had never seen it coming, and did not see any signs from his son that he would be that way and do something like that," Bassam Issa said.

Meanwhile, governors in at least a half-dozen states ordered Guardsmen to be armed, and Florida Gov. Rick Scott moved his state's Guard recruiters from city storefronts to armories. AP

# Black group, KKK hold separate rallies over Confederate flag

HUNDREDS of people taunted each other on the grounds of the South Carolina Statehouse during separate rallies staged by two groups from outside the state.

Black Educators for Justice, based in Jacksonville, Florida, held its rally Saturday on the north side of the Statehouse, where the Confederate flag was removed earlier this month. Later, the North Carolina-based Loyal White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan held a rally on the opposite side of the building to protest the flag's removal.

The S.C. Department of Public Safety estimated the crowd at approximately 2,000. Spokeswoman Sherri Iacobelli said five people were arrested and 23 people needed medical attention.

A statement from Richland County Emergency Service said many of the 23 were treated for heat, but no specific number was given.

Several people carried the Confederate flag along the margin of the crowd at the black educators rally. About 40 members of the KKK marched up the Capitol steps and waved flags. Many in the crowd jeered.

Two men who were involved in a scuffle were led away by police. During the rallies, Leroy Smith, director of the S.C. Department of Public Safety and who is black, was seen helping a white man wearing a T-shirt bearing a swastika get out of the heat.

Gov. Nikki Haley earlier in the week urged residents to avoid the KKK rally,



adding that doing so would honor the nine people shot and killed at a predominantly black church in Charleston last month. AP

Ali Akbar Dareini, Tehran

IRAN

# Supreme leader: Nuclear deal won't change policy to US

IRAN'S Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei said Saturday a landmark nuclear deal won't change his country's policy toward the "arrogant" U.S., making his first public speech since the Islamic Republic's historic pact with world powers.

Khamenei said a more wide-ranging agreement with America is unlikely, striking a different pose than moderate President Hassan Rouhani, who earlier said the Vienna accord could "step-by-step remove bricks from the wall of mistrust" between Iran and the U.S.

However, the ayatollah's remarks also praised the Iranian negotiators who struck the deal. That likely means he won't offer a major criticism of the deal as Iran's parliament and its Supreme National Security Council, the nation's highest security decision-making body, consider the agreement in the coming days.

"Our policy toward the arrogant U.S. government won't change at all," Khamenei said in an address carried live by state television. "We have no negotiations with America about various global and regional issues. We have no negotiations on bilateral issues."



Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei delivers his sermon during the Eid al-Fitr prayer at the Imam Khomeini Grand Mosque in Tehran

Khamenei's speech, which he gave to a large crowd in Tehran to mark the end of the Muslim holy fasting month of Ramadan, stressed that Iran will continue to support its allies in the Middle East, including the Lebanese Hezbollah, Palesti-

nian resistance groups and the Syrian government.

Iran calls its Lebanese ally Hezbollah a "resistance movement" while the U.S. classifies it as a terrorist group. Iran also continues to call for the destruction of Israel, which Kha-

menei described in his speech as a "terrorist, baby-killer government."

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu has strongly opposed the deal. The West has feared Iran's nuclear program could allow it to build atomic weapons. Iran says its program is for peaceful purposes. The deal calls for limiting the program in exchange for lifting economic sanctions.

Prominent Iranian analyst Davoud Hermidas Bavand said Khamenei's remarks were primarily for domestic consumption as a "detente in Iran-U.S. relations is an inevitable consequence of the nuclear deal."

"Khamenei sought to pacify hard-liners who are worried about rapprochement with Washington," said Bavand, a former diplomat and a professor of international law at Science and Research University in Tehran. "The deal has increased Rouhani's popularity

and Khamenei wants to create a balance and boost the morale of disappointed hard-liners."

Bavand said Iran and the U.S. now share some common interests in Afghanistan and Iraq, including over the ongoing fight against the militant Islamic State group. He also said that Khamenei's carefully worded speech likely contains a warning to Rouhani to slow down the pace of detente with Washington.

Conservative politician Hamid Reza Taraqi said Khamenei sought to "nullify efforts by the U.S. to damage Iran's anti-arrogance stance."

"Americans have tried to suggest that Iran has given up its anti-U.S. stance in order to tarnish Tehran's image in the eyes of its supporters. The leader's remarks nullified that," he said.

Taraqi accused Rouhani and his moderate allies of "seeking to pave the way for normalization of relations with the U.S." AP

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## Offbeat

## SPANISH 'GHOST AIRPORT' GETS 1 MEAGER BID AT AUCTION

One of Spain's "ghost airports" — expensive projects that were virtually unused — received just one bid in a bankruptcy auction after costing some 1.1 billion euros (USD1.2 billion) to build. The buyer's offer: 10,000 euros.

Ciudad Real's Central airport, about 235 kilometers south of Madrid, became a symbol of the country's wasteful spending during a construction boom that ended with the financial crisis of 2008, the year the airport opened. The operator of the airport went bankrupt in 2012 after it failed to draw enough traffic.

Chinese group Tzaneen International tabled the single bid in Friday's auction, Spanish news agency Europa Press said. The receiver had set a minimum price of 28 million euros. If no better bid is received by September, the sale will go through, the news agency said.

Tzaneen International reportedly plans to invest up to 100 million euros in the airport and make it a cargo hub. The offer is for the airport infrastructure only, not adjacent land.

Central has one of Europe's longest runways and was designed to handle 2.5 million passengers a year.

The construction was heavily funded by the Caja Castilla La Mancha savings bank — the first of Spain's troubled savings banks to be bailed out, in 2010.

Another largely unused airport and symbol of wasteful spending is Castellon, on Spain's eastern coast. It cost around 150 million euros and opened in 2011. AP

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ROOM 2

(2D) 2.30, 4.45, 9.30 pm

(3D) 7.15 pm

Director: Peyton Reed

Starring: Paul Rudd, Michael Douglas

Language: English (Chinese)

Duration: 117min

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ROOM 3

(2D) 2.15, 6.00, 9.30 pm

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## TED 2

ROOM 3

4.00 pm

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## this day in history



## 1960 CEYLON CHOOSES WORLD'S FIRST WOMAN PM

Mrs Sirimavo Bandaranaike, widow of Ceylon's assassinated prime minister Solomon Bandaranaike, has become the world's first woman prime minister. Her Sri Lanka Freedom Party won a resounding victory in the general election taking 75 out of 150 seats.

Mrs Bandaranaike only entered politics after her husband was shot by an extremist Buddhist on 26 September 1959. She has become known as the "weeping widow" for frequently bursting into tears during the election campaign and vowing to continue her late husband's socialist policies.

This week's election was called after Dudley Senanayake's United National Party failed to produce a working majority after winning elections in March.

Mrs Bandaranaike was born into the Ceylon aristocracy and her husband was a landowner. She was educated by Roman Catholic nuns at St Bridget's school in the capital, Colombo, and is a practicing Buddhist.

She married in 1940 aged 24 and has three children - and until her husband's death seemed content in her role as mother and retiring wife. Her SLFP aims to represent the "little man" although its policies during the campaign were not clear.

Mr Bandaranaike attributed her success to the "people's love and respect" for her late husband and urged her supporters to practice "simple living, decorum and dignity".

Her husband came to power in 1955, eight years after independence, and declared himself a Buddhist which appealed to nationalists. But his government was wracked by infighting among Sinhalese and Tamils and lacked direction.

Mrs Bandaranaike inherits a country in a state of flux and her party's proposed program of nationalization may bring her into conflict with foreign interests in commodities like tea, rubber and oil.

Courtesy BBC News

## IN CONTEXT

**Sirimavo** Bandaranaike made Sinhalese the language of government - which angered the minority Tamils - and brought schools under state secular control.

She lost the 1965 election after her unpopular alliance with Trotskyites but returned to power in 1970. Ceylon was made a republic in 1972 and renamed Sri Lanka.

Unemployment, inflation, food shortages and ethnic tensions continued to escalate and even the nationalization of tea and rubber in 1975 did not help the economy.

The SLFP lost the 1977 election and in 1980 Mrs Bandaranaike was found guilty of misuse of power and forced out of parliament.

Her daughter, Chandrika Kumaratunge, was elected president in 1994 and appointed her mother prime minister, by now a largely ceremonial position.

After 40 years in office she resigned on 10 August 2000. Exactly two months later she died, aged 84, of a heart attack.



YOUR STARS

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Taurus April 20-May 20 Take that risk - you can't resist the temptation anyway! The worst thing that could happen is you learn an important lesson...

Gemini May 21-Jun. 21 Big ideas are sure to come your way today - and may inspire your own terrific thoughts! Mental and social energy is there for the taking...

Cancer Jun. 22-Jul. 22 You've got a long to-do list today - or you should, anyway! Make sure that you know what's expected of you so you can plan for a pretty intense schedule...

Leo Jul. 23-Aug. 22 You need some help to get anything done today - but fortunately, it's easy to come by. Most people are more aware and engaged today...

Virgo Aug. 23-Sept. 22 Choose your words with greater care today, as at least one colleague or family member is on edge and all too eager to start a fight over a misunderstanding...

Libra Sep.23-Oct. 22 Your great energy helps you get in touch with the truth within you - but it needs an outlet! Find someone to share with who can understand you...

Scorpio Oct. 23 - Nov. 21 You are feeling somewhat tempted toward a new way of life - but hold off for another day or so! You need to check out all the angles before you can really come to the correct conclusion...

Sagittarius Nov. 22-Dec. 21 Even if you do get some down time today - and that's not likely - you are never bored. You're either frenetically busy or entertaining yourself with wild new ideas to try out soon...

Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 19 You're not one for idle chitchat, though days like today tempt you with attractive companions and juicy gossip. Try to resist, as you need to take care of pressing business before you can relax...

Aquarius Jan. 20-Feb. 18 Something new forces you to take a second look at your romantic partner - or someone you had given up on romantically. Your energy is great, and things can really heat up when mind and body are united...

Pisces Feb.19-Mar. 20 This is a great day to stay put and get stuff done - the more you move around, the more likely you are to get distracted or even lost! Play it safe and things should go more or less according to plan...

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# Platini wants to stop top teams signing all the best players

**U**EFA President Michel Platini wants to stop top teams stockpiling the best players to ensure football remains competitive.

The European football chief wants to force clubs to use more home-grown players. Eight are currently required in 25-man Champions League squads.

“What is important in the future is to limit the possibility to have the best players in one team. That is important for competition,” Platini said in the July edition of “World Soccer” magazine. “If everybody is in one team that is not so good.”

Platini pointed to the ongoing fallout from the 1995 Bosman ruling by the European Court of Justice, which established the free movement of players in the European Union whose contracts had expired.

“With the Bosman rule, you can have all the best players in the same team,” Platini was quoted as saying. “In the past in Spain, you have Real Madrid, Atletico (Madrid), Barcelona, Valencia — a lot of teams — and all the players were in different teams. Now, more or less, the best players are in one or two clubs.”

Apart from Atletico’s title triumph in 2014, the Spanish league title has been won by either Barcelona or Real Madrid in the last decade.



Bayern's Jerome Boateng takes the field with his teammates for a practice session at Beijing National Stadium, also known as the Birds Nest, in Beijing, Friday, July 17

Juventus has won the Italian league for four years in a row, and both Bayern Munich and Paris Saint-Germain completed a hat trick of titles last season.

“It is not possible that the best teams would have all the best players or competition itself is finished,” Platini said.

“At the moment you have big

clubs with a lot of money who can have everybody. We have to think about football in all of Europe not only in two or three clubs.”

Platini said he will use a September meeting with European Commission President Jean-Claude Juncker to work on how to change the rules to increase the number of homegrown players in squads.

A player trained by clubs in the same country for at least three years between the age of 15 and 21 is considered by UEFA to be “homegrown,” regardless of his birthplace.

“I support totally the agenda that says we need more homegrown players because it is not possible to fight on nationality,” Platini said.

In England, the rule has been blamed for pushing up the price of domestic talent. Manchester City agreed last week to pay 49 million pounds (USD76 million) to sign Raheem Sterling from Liverpool

despite the 20-year-old winger only making his first-team debut three years ago. The deal was completed after UEFA-imposed spending restrictions were lifted on City, which cut its losses to comply with Financial Fair Play rules.

In the “World Soccer” interview, Platini did not address if he will run for FIFA president, only saying about the future: “I do know but I can’t tell you.”

Platini did say he is considering changes to the European Under-21 Championship where some 23-year-olds can play because the age cut-off relates to the qualifiers.

“These competitions like the under-21s are a little bit strange today,” said Platini, the former France captain who played for Nancy, Saint-Etienne and Juventus.

“A long time ago it was OK to use this sort of competition to develop the players, but players at 23 nowadays are developed because they have begun working in a Barcelona or Chelsea or Bayern at the age of 12. It is an issue for reflection.” AP

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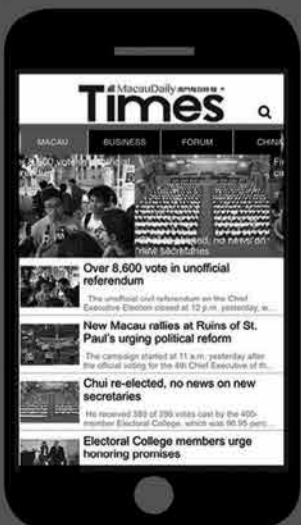
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**IS MACAU ALSO BUILT ON GREED?**

I'm not a big fan of the public consultation concept, at least the way it is done in Macau. It seems that the local obsession with public consultations is linked to a lack of perceived authority to rule. In other words, consultation sessions are a way to try to legitimize the works of a non-democratic system. And there's an underlying contradiction in the fact that authorities claim that local society is not mature and cultured enough for democracy (a paternalistic view) yet it is knowledgeable enough to have a stance on specialized matters like press law or rules underlying the non-mandatory central provident fund.

Having said this, I think that the final public consultation on the urban planning for the five reclaimed areas is relevant, because the project is crucial for the future of the region. Citizens should go to the 'Glass House' building, located in Tap Seac Square, to take a look at the model and computerized images depicting the new plan. They should also read the magazine that is distributed free of charge (with Chinese and Portuguese versions; unfortunately no English version exists) to get a better idea of the plan before they present their opinions (in good faith that those opinions will be taken into consideration... one never knows). The public consultation commenced on June 30 and will run until August 8.

After visiting the Tap Seac exhibition, I must say that I'm disappointed. If this is the future of the city, we are in trouble.

The anonymous plan (Who did it? A collective of DSSOPT technicians?) doesn't bring forward any new ideas. Sandwiched between Areia Preta district and the island being built to park the vehicles coming from the HK-Macau-Zhuhai bridge, Reclamation Zone A is a massive wall of high-rises where 96,000 people are expected to live in 32,000 residential units that stretch along 138 hectares.

The green spaces are scarce (not even 20% of the total, as stated, since public spaces can't all be considered green areas) and there is no significantly sized park when, in my opinion, two are needed: one for Zone A and another for Taipa.

Overall, the plan lacks sophistication and doesn't seem to add quality to the city. It only tries to answer two practical questions: how to accommodate the maximum number of people possible (162,000 in total) and how to facilitate traffic flow (only the most optimistic can believe that the plan presented, based on the assumption that people will mainly use public transportation, will work).

The only good idea I saw was the creation of a green corridor on certain sections of the waterfront. But who wants a waterfront passageway when the background is oppressed by high-rises like the ones planned to be built close to the Macau Tower, obstructing the Nam Van Lake?

It's important to demonstrate opposition to this plan because it's not good for the future of Macau. A new one should be designed with the help of international experts. If Hengqin continues to be considered a Zhuhai Free Trade Zone, where Macau residents are no more than guests, then the reclamation zones and Coloane are the region's last "breathing spaces." Authorities must make this right.

Belgian architect Jean-Michel Gathy lived in Hong Kong from 1981 to 1992 and recently told the South China Morning Post how disappointed he is with his former home. Talking about Singapore's waterfront transformation in the Marina Bay area, he said that Hong Kong could have done something similar. "Hong Kong could have done that - developed the harbor front area for biking, running and eating." Why wasn't it done? "Hong Kong is built on greed; it's that simple," he said, adding that profit has become the primary motive of virtually all urban development.

It's time to ask if Macau isn't also built on greed. And, if the answer is yes, is that what the residents want? Maybe the government should do a public consultation to answer that one.

**THE BUZZ** MAN NAVIGATES TRAFFIC WHILE FILMING WIFE GIVING BIRTH

Video shows a Houston-area man filming his wife giving birth to their 4.5-kilogram baby son next to him as he drives through traffic in an unsuccessful effort to reach a birthing center in time. Jonathan and Lesia Pettijohn were stuck in traffic for more than an hour this week when her water broke, forcing her to self-deliver their newborn son, Josiah.

Jonathan Pettijohn told KHOU-TV in Hous-

ton that they didn't pull over because there was no apparent danger to his wife or the baby. The roughly four-minute video shows him calmly instructing his wife while she screams, "It's coming out! It's coming out!" After the birth, he says, "We did it! High-five, babe!" Birthing center staffers were surprised to find Josiah already in hand when the couple arrived.

**Greece's cash crisis hurts funeral industry**

Anna Psaroudakis, Athens

**G**REECE'S cash crisis has disrupted all aspects of daily life — death included.

Greek funeral homes are struggling to cope with banking restrictions that limit customers to taking out only 60 euros (USD65) a day in cash. Even a modest funeral service in Greece costs more than 15 times that, in a country that traditionally carries out funerals shortly after death and pays for them almost entirely in cash.

"With the capital controls at the banks, no matter who we asked money from, we couldn't even recover our costs," said Eustratios Voulamandis, who runs a funeral home in a blue-collar neighborhood west of Athens.

In a back room of the funeral home, work has carried on in the last few weeks. Employees removed shrink wrap from coffins and used a staple gun to fasten ornamental fabric around the caskets. But Voulamandis' business relies on lump sum payments made by survivors that start at 800 euros (\$866) and are currently impossible to collect.

"To get started on a funeral service, we need 800-



A worker fixes a marble in Athens

1,000 euros but people are giving us 50, 70, even 20 euros and telling us it's all they have," he said.

Funeral homes demand that much money upfront because of fears they won't get paid by cash-strapped Greeks after the ceremony. And it's almost always cash. Credit cards and especially checks are rarely used for such transactions in Greece, which remains a cash-based economy.

The difficulties in raising cash have produced some macabre consequences, Voulamandis and other funeral home operators said. Some bodies have had to spend more time than usual at the morgue, and some people have had to declare legal insolvency to be eligible for state-funded funerals for their relatives.

Greece's banks have been

closed since June 29 after the country flirted with bankruptcy, defaulting on debts to the International Monetary Fund as its second bailout deal expired. The banks are scheduled to reopen Monday but still have a daily cash withdrawal limit of 60 euros and a weekly cash limit of 420 euros (\$455). No one knows when those restrictions on cash withdrawals will be lifted.

Cash controls have choked the country's economy as Greece sinks back in recession, according to most major forecasts. Private services considered essential are surviving on an informal credit system.

Petros Kampitsis, a mason who makes marble headstones near an Athens cemetery, says Greeks are now opting for the most basic burial services — a move that is killing his business.

"We have a big problem, a very big problem. ... People don't have money and they're trying to organize funerals at the lowest possible cost," he said. "Once a funeral has taken place, what remains is to decorate the tomb. But what happens if you have no money? That doesn't happen."

"The lack of cash means the industry is frozen," he added. AP

**THE DECISIVE MOMENT**



This model currently displayed at Tap Seac's Glass House depicts Reclamation Zone A, where 96,000 people are expected to live in 32,000 residential units that stretch along 138 hectares.

Station	Air quality
Roadside	35-65 Moderate
High Density Residential Area	85-115 Bad
Ambient	90-120 Bad

SOURCE: DSI/MG

**WORLD BRIEFS**

**PHILIPPINES** The new U.S. commander of the Pacific Fleet joined a seven-hour surveillance flight over the South China Sea on board one of America's newest spy planes, a move over the weekend that will likely annoy China. Adm. Scott Swift joined the surveillance mission on board a P-8A Poseidon plane on Saturday to witness the aircraft's full range of capabilities, the U.S. Pacific Fleet said yesterday.



**YEMEN** Shiite rebels and their allies randomly shelled an area north of Aden on Sunday, killing at least 45 people and wounding over 100, officials said. The rebels are pushing back against an offensive by their Saudi-backed rivals that uprooted them from areas they control in the strategic port city last week, including the Aden international airport.



**MALI** Fourteen mausoleums in Mali's northern city of Timbuktu that were destroyed by Islamic extremists have been restored by the United Nations. UNESCO's director general and Mali's cultural minister inaugurated the reconstructed mausoleums on Saturday. The entire city of Timbuktu is listed as a World Heritage Site.

**ISRAEL** In the face of Israeli outrage over the Iran nuclear accord, the Pentagon is moving quickly to reinforce arguably the strongest part of the U.S.-Israeli relationship: military cooperation. But officials say Washington has no plans to offer new weaponry as compensation for the Iran deal.

**GAZA** At least four explosions rocked Gaza City early yesterday, targeting cars belonging to officials from Islamic factions, including the territory's Hamas rulers. There was no claim of responsibility, but speculation immediately centered on supporters of the Islamic State group who have been battling with Hamas and other Islamic groups in the small coastal strip.