



MALAYSIA, INDONESIA WANT TO USE MACAU AS TRADE HUB TO CHINA

P2



AUSTRALIAN-MALAY CASINO GIANT PARTNERS WITH MAN U
Casino Donaco has announced a tie-up with Manchester United "to connect to the club's 325 million fans across Asia"

P5



PORTUGUESE BANKS ATTRACT INVESTORS FROM CHINA
Chinese interest in Portuguese banks goes beyond Novo Banco, to Banco BPI, a major operator in Portugal and Angola

P9



TUE.25
Aug 2015

T. 28°/ 34° C
H. 50/ 85%

Blackberry email service powered by CTM



MOP 5.00
HKD 7.50

N.º 2385

MacauDaily 澳門每日時報

Times

FOUNDER & PUBLISHER Kowie Goldenhuys EDITOR-IN-CHIEF Paulo Coutinho



"THE TIMES THEY ARE A-CHANGIN' "

WORLD BRIEFS

CHINA is considering offering criminals who helped repel Japanese invaders more than 70 years ago a get-out-of-jail-free card now. Legislation proposed as part of events marking the end of World War II would offer amnesty to four groups of convicts, including those who served in the global conflict, the official Xinhua News Agency reported yesterday. The program would also consider for leniency inmates younger than 18 or older than 74 and deemed not to pose a threat to society.

JAPAN Multiple explosions and a large fire at a U.S. Army depot lit up the night sky in a Tokyo suburb early yesterday. No injuries were reported.



JAPAN-PHILIPPINES Typhoon Goni lashed the southern Japanese islands of Okinawa with heavy rains and winds yesterday, as the death toll rose to 19 in the northern Philippines. The latest victims include a 9-month-old boy and his 2-year-old sister who drowned in flash floods.

BANGLADESH A magistrate in northeastern Bangladesh indicted 10 men and issued arrest warrants for three alleged fugitives yesterday in the beating death of a 13-year-old boy in a case that stunned a nation used to violent crime because a video of him being tortured was posted online. Magistrate Shahedul Karim made the decision and fixed Aug. 31 for next hearing, prosecution counsel Misbahuddin Siraj said. The boy, Samiul Islam Rajon, died of internal bleeding after being attacked in the northeastern city of Sylhet.

NEPAL has opened Mount Everest to climbers for the first time since an earthquake-triggered avalanche in April killed 19 mountaineers and ended the popular spring climbing season.

World markets, casino chips tumble on China's Black Monday

P5,10,11 P20 OPINION



Taipa: Central Park of controversy, incompetence

P5

More on backpage

Malaysia promotes ethnic cuisine to locals as part of export push

Brook Yang

As part of a continuous effort to bring its rich and diverse ethnic cuisine into overseas homes and restaurants, Malaysia is implementing new trade initiatives to drive the export of processed food and other specialties to Macau.

After years of successful promotion in Hong Kong, winning the favor of the region's hospitality and trade sectors, the Malaysian External Trade Development Corporation (MATRADE) has finally expanded its Malaysian Kitchen Program to Macau, with its first Gourmet Tour event held at the casino resorts City of Dreams and Altira Macau.

The Malaysian Consul and Trade Commissioner, Ms Zaimah Osman, officiating the event's launch ceremony last week, told the Times that the five-year Kitchen Program (MKP) aims to introduce the multicultural nation to the world through people's kitchens. She expects future collaboration with local restaurants and hotels, as well as import traders.

"When they serve Malaysian menus, they will try to get all [of their] ingredients from Malaysia. That's our ultimate goal, actually," she revealed.

Last year, Malaysia's total exports to Macau recorded a 30 percent increase to USD 26.1 million. However, the Commissioner acknowledged that "the numbers are not that encouraging" for the export of processed food, which remains at USD 1 million.

Ms Osman noted that the Kitchen Program has driven up Malaysia's food exports to



The Malaysian Consul and Trade Commissioner, Ms Zaimah Osman

Hong Kong, which have since reached double-digit levels. She hopes that the new collaboration with Macau will ignite export growth of about five percent, especially in light of the new resorts opening in the Cotai Strip.

"Macau is famous for its hospitality sector, hotels and gaming; we have Malaysian companies that produce software and supply the casinos in Macau. But regardless what happens to the economy, people will still need food, and people love to try new food. That is the easiest and fastest way to introduce something new [to] another country."

"Many countries like Japan, Korea, and even Vietnam promote their food. For us – because we relate it to the trade angle – when we promote Malaysian food, we also want to source ingredients all the way from Malaysia, so that the import of Malaysian products will increase," she stressed.

Nevertheless, the Commissioner acknowledged that it hasn't been easy to generate awareness. "Like Japanese food, some people don't mind queuing to get it. We want to be at the level where people have to queue to get Malaysian food. We still have a long way to go to promote it."

On the topic of the Kitchen Program's previous year, Ms Osman commented on the significant improvement, noting that enlisting the City of Dreams is "a good start to the year."

"People have already accepted Malaysian food. In Hong Kong, a lot of restaurants asked us about the program; a lot of hotels have already been queuing just to ask [for a] collaboration. Honestly, we did reject some of the proposals this year [because of our] limited budget. In Macau, this is – as of now – the first ever collaboration to promote Malaysian food."

Throughout September, several dining areas at the City of Dreams' SOHO district will feature a selection of ethnic Malaysian cuisine, with menus offering a variety of dishes from north to south Malaysia.

"I was also impressed that some of the food is exactly the same. It feels like home," said Ms Osman about the dishes presented by native Malaysian chefs.

"Sands China has shown interest. (...) Like in Hong Kong, when we started with one hotel, other hotels came to approach us for the food promotion. This is a very positive response."

Macau, HK to facilitate Indonesian trade with China

MACAU and Hong Kong could serve as a gateway for Indonesian products looking to enter China, Indonesia's Consul General Chalief Akbar Tjandraningrat, stated recently, as quoted in a dispatch by official news agency Antara.

"Hong Kong and Macau are two of China's special administrative regions, which have so far served as hubs for global financial services. They are hubs for business centers in Asia and act as gateways for products entering China," he said.

Indonesian goods are sold at not only

supermarkets, but also convenience stores, such as 7 Eleven and Circle K in Hong Kong and Macau.

In order to increase Indonesian product promotions in both territories, the Indonesian consulate general is collaborating with the Hong Kong Trade and

Development Council (HKTDC) and the Macau Trade and Investment Promotion Institute (IPIM).

The consulate general has also facilitated Indonesian businesses while carrying out promotions in both Hong Kong and Macau's trade exhibitions, Antara said.

www.macaudailytimes.com.mo

MDT's Website has logged over
91 million page views
since January 1st, 2012 up to today.

Thank You!

Like us? facebook.com/mdtimes



Times

DIRECTOR AND EDITOR-IN-CHIEF_Paulo Coutinho paulocoutinho@macaudailytimes.com
MANAGING EDITOR_Paulo Barbosa paulo.barbosa@macaudailytimes.com
CONTRIBUTING EDITORS_Eric Sautedé, Leanda Lee, Severo Portela
CHINA & FOREIGN EDITOR_Vanessa Moore vanessa@macaudailytimes.com

DESIGN EDITOR_João Jorge Magalhães magalhaes@macaudailytimes.com | NEWSROOM AND CONTRIBUTORS_Alberto Martins, António Espadinha Soares, Brook Yang, Catarina Pinto, Cyril Law, Emille Tran, Grace Yu, Irene Sam, Jacky I.F. Cheong, Jenny Philips, Joseph Cheung, Juliet Risdon, Keith Ip, Renato Marques (photographer), Richard Whitfield, Robert Carroll (Hong Kong correspondent), Rodrigo de Matos (cartoonist), Ruan Du Toit Bester, Sandra Norte (designer), Sum Choi, Viviana Segui | ASSOCIATE CONTRIBUTORS_JML Property, MacauHR, MdME Lawyers, PokerStars | NEWS AGENCIES_Associated Press, Bloomberg, Lusa News Agency, MacauHub, MacauNews, Xinhua | SECRETARY_Yang Dongxiao amy@macaudailytimes.com

SEND NEWSWORTHY INFORMATION AND PRESS RELEASES TO: NEWSROOM@MACAUDAILYTIMES.COM WEBSITE: WWW.MACAUDAILYTIMES.COM.MO

A MACAU TIMES PUBLICATIONS LTD PUBLICATION

ADMINISTRATOR AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Kowie Geldenhuys kowie@macaudailytimes.com

SECRETARY Juliana Cheang juliana@macaudailytimes.com

ADDRESS Av. da Praia Grande, 599, Edif. Comercial Rodrigues, 12 Floor C, MACAU SAR

Telephones: +853 287 160 81/2 Fax: +853 287 160 84

Advertisement advertising@macaudailytimes.com

For subscription and general issues:

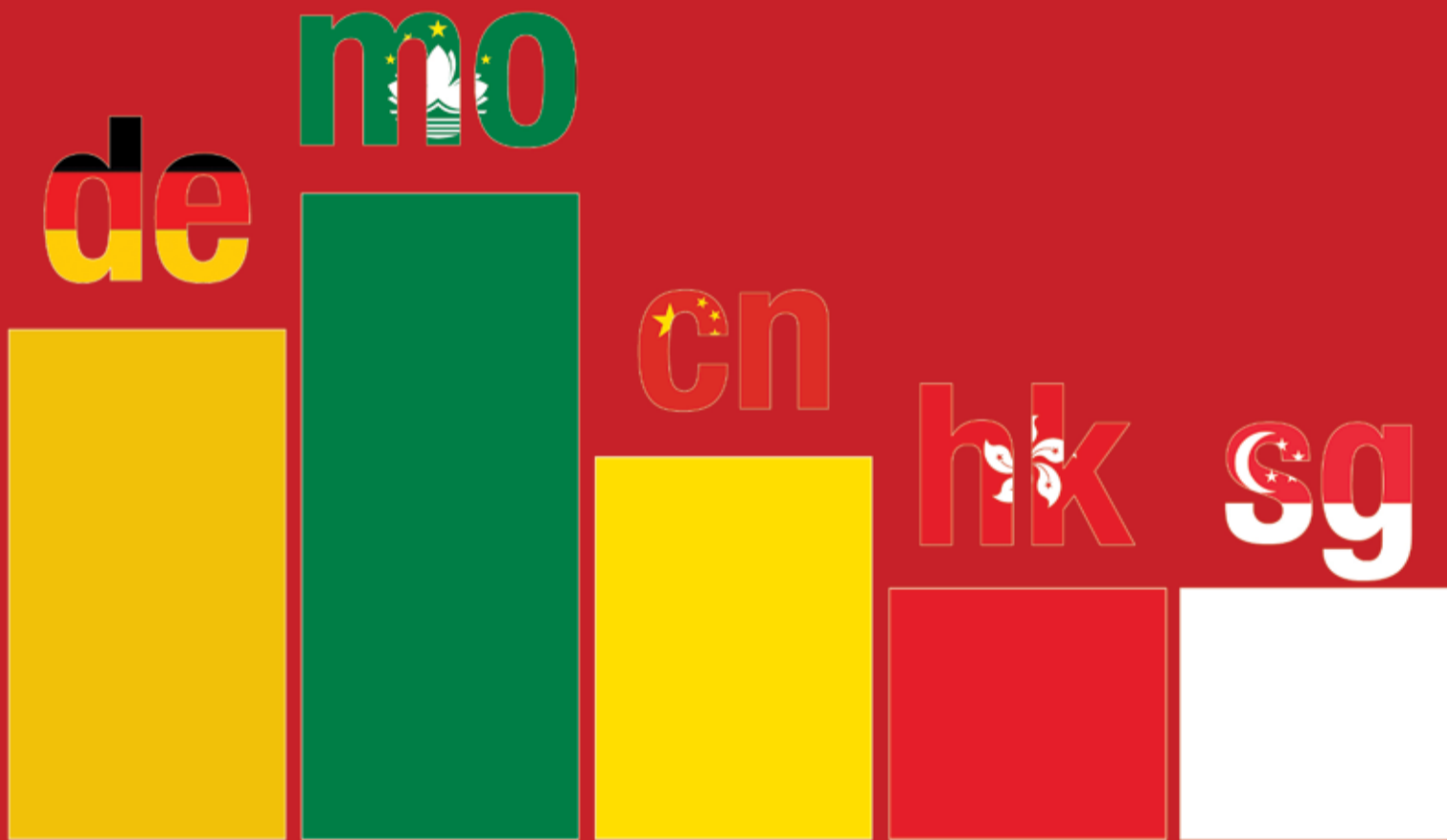
general@macaudailytimes.com | Printed at Welfare Printing Ltd

www.macaudailytimes.com.mo

91 million page views

“ THE TIMES THEY ARE A-CHANGIN’ ”

Web Views Top Ranking Countries



MacauDaily 澳門每日時報
Times



COUNTRY RANKINGS

Visitors to the Macau Daily Times website originate from 175 countries and regions, the top 15 being Macau, Germany, China, Hong Kong, Singapore, Australia, Portugal, European Union, Japan, Italy, India, Brazil, France, Thailand and Taiwan.

CRIME

Woman sets safety net on neighbor's terrace alight for renovation noise



An unemployed woman set her neighbor's safety net, which was installed on the balcony, ablaze last Friday due to her having endured disturbing construction noise stemming from the victim's apartment, which is currently under renovation.

The 47-year-old arsonist who lives with her friends nextdoor to the victim on the fifth floor of a building located in the Travessa da Barra was arrested by the Judiciary Police (PJ) yesterday. Irritated by the enduring noise that disrupted her daily rest, the local,

surnamed Lou, used a cigarette lighter to burn the mesh, which she also alleged was protruding over her side too much.

Nonetheless, the noises generated from the refurbishment works, according to the authorities, did not breach any law governing noise pollution in the territory.

The victim discovered the fire on the same day and reported the incident to the police on Sunday morning. The police identified the suspect after being told that she had earlier complained to her neighbor about the noise. Lou has

since admitted to the arson.

The suspect who burst into tears before being shown to the media yesterday afternoon held a matching criminal record, after having set a corridor on fire in another building in 2006. **Staff reporter**

UNRULY STUDENTS NABBED FOR BURNING MCDONALD'S FACILITIES

THREE SCHOOLBOYS were said to be responsible for the arson at the Fai Chi Kei McDonald's yesterday morning, a PJ officer said. The trio, two of whom were primary school and junior high school pupils respectively, and the other a dropout, were arrested a couple of hours after the incident on the same day near the fast food eatery and a gaming center. Their motive was said to be "sudden playfulness."

Police nab two mainlanders, one dealer for chip embezzlement

Two mainlanders teamed up with a croupier to embezzle a total of HKD141,300 worth of chips in multiple efforts throughout the past month in a casino situated on the Cotai Strip, according to PJ authorities who arrested the trio last Saturday.



The 35-year-old dealer had caught the security guards' attention since August 3 with his "bizarre acts" on duty. Two weeks later, the casino watchdogs reported him to the police after spotting the embezzlement under intensified surveillance targeting the male croupier.

It was said that on that day the man and woman, aged 39 and 29 respectively and hailing from the mainland, approached the dealer, who was stationed at a roulette

table, with seven stacks of chips comprising 20 HKD100 chips per stack. The pair would then leave the table with stacks of equivalent size, yet additional HKD1,000 tokens were wedged in between the chips.

Casino chips worth HKD 113,450 were found on the mainlanders' bodies, yet the value of all the stolen tokens reached HKD141,300, said the police, citing the casino staff's estimate. The dealer received remuneration for each theft proportionately, the police stated.

AD

KTRANZ TRANSLATIONS LIMITED

ACCURATE, TIMELY & COMPETITIVE TRANSLATIONS

Languages

ENGLISH, CHINESE, PORTUGUESE, JAPANESE, KOREAN, SPANISH, FRENCH, ARABIC, RUSSIAN

Services

TRANSLATIONS, PROOFREADING, COPYWRITING, DATA INPUT, NEWS MONITORING

We translate +10,000 words a day

Contact: Ms Juliana Cheang
Email: juliana@ktranz.com.mo
Tel: +853 2871 6081 / 2 Fax: +853 2871 6084
Address: Av. Infante D. Henrique, 62 2/F, Macau

- | | | |
|--------------------|------------------|-------------------|
| Adalberto Tenreiro | Gigi Lee | Noah Ng Fong Chao |
| António Mil-Homens | João Cordeiro | Raúl Martins |
| Cristina Vinhas | Justin Chiang | Sofia Bobone |
| Cristina Dias | Katat Chan | Sofia Lou Sio Fa |
| Denis Murrell | Li Li | Sonia Viseu |
| Duarte Esmeriz | Madalena Fonseca | Tang Kuok Hou |
| DWG | Mel Cheong | Wu Lu Sheng |
| Francisco Ricarte | m.chow | |



Opening:
28 August Friday
6:00-8:30pm

special live music performance by
CONCRETE/LOTUS

Exhibition Period:
28 Aug - 30 Sept 2015

富裕人生 RICH LIFE

12TH ANNIVERSARY MEMBERS GROUP EXHIBITION
十二週年紀念會員聯展

TEL 28753282 | FAX 28753236 | cci@creativemacau.org.mo
G/F Macau Cultural Centre Building mon-sat 14:00-19:00

www.creativemacau.org.mo



優悅牙科護理中心
ICQ Oral Health Center

ICQ dental team is a group of dental specialists with internationally recognized qualifications. We provide all range of dental services:

- Oral examination and radiology investigation
- Restorative and Cosmetic Dentistry
- Children Dentistry
- Orthodontic Treatment
- Oral and Dental implant Surgery
- Endodontic Treatment
- Periodontal Treatment
- Emergency Treatment

We are committed to deliver high quality dental services with personalized care. We ensure the highest level of infection control.

Website: www.icqoral.com
Facebook: www.facebook.com/icqoral

CONSULTATION BY APPOINTMENT: OFFICE HOUR: 10:00AM-19:00PM
CLOSE ON SUN, TUE AND PUBLIC HOLIDAY

Rm1907, 19/F, AIA Tower, Nos. 251A-301, AVENIDA COMMERCIAL DE MACAU, MACAU SAR
TEL: (853)28373266 FAX: (853)28356483 EMAIL: info@icqoral.com WWW: www.icqoral.com

US MARKETS OPEN WITH MASSIVE LOSSES

Casino chips down 6.5pct on China's 'Black Monday'

CHINA'S Shanghai Composite plummeted 8.5% overnight in what has been dubbed 'Black Monday.' The drop was its biggest one-day percentage decline since early 2007, pushing the index into negative territory for 2015. The index crumbled more than 10% last week after manufacturing data reinforced fears the world's second-largest economy was undergoing a significant slowdown.

In the HKSE yesterday the big six lost overall 6.5 percent with MGM China (-9%) and Galaxy (-8%) leading the decline, amid the crash of the market.

Despite the current adverse situation, Nomura upgraded Sands China to "buy" from "neutral", maintaining its target price of the stock at HKD35

The research house said Macau stocks have fallen 20 percent on average in the past two weeks, and it sees a selective buying opportunity as the market has over-reacted to the



moderate tapering in August month-to-date gaming revenues and the potential negative effect from RMB depreciation.

With industry growth visibility remaining weak, Nomura encouraged investors "to stay defensive and to stick with yield-play Sands China, which offers 7% FY2015 dividend yield."

Stocks suffered massive losses at market opening yesterday in the U.S. following China's market rout.

At press time, the S&P 500 was down 3.4%, joining the Nasdaq and Dow Jones Industrial Average in a correction. The benchmark index is now down 10.3% from its May record, crossing the 10% threshold indicative of a correction.

The Nasdaq slid 3.8%. The Dow suffered its biggest points decline since 2008, the beginning of the financial crisis, tumbling 3.5% or 579 points.

All casino operators in Vegas with Macau operations were taking a big hit too. **MDT/Agencies**

MACAU SIX MAJOR GAMING STOCK LOSSES YESTERDAY AT THE HKSE

NAME/SYMBOL	CHG. %	MARKET CAP.
Galaxy	-8.02%	109.81B
Melco	-5.34%	19.21B
SJM	-5.43%	41.41B
Wynn Macau	-5.87%	66.71B
Sands China	-5.25%	225.52B
MGM China	-9.09%	47.88B
AVERAGE	-6.50%	

Beijing expands market access to Macau, HK brokers

THE China Securities Regulatory Commission (CSRC) has revealed that qualified institutions from Macau and Hong Kong will be allowed to establish one fully licensed securities house in Shanghai, Shenzhen or throughout Guangdong province, FinanceAsia reported.

An announcement published on CSRC's website indicated that China is opening its capital markets to both SARs' brokerages by allowing qualified firms to form joint ventures with their mainland peers.

According to Finance Asia, any fully licensed Hong Kong and Macau joint venture broker can participate in the range of financial services on the onshore capital market, including stock broking, IPO underwriting, and wealth management. Furthermore, Macau and Hong Kong brokerages will be able to own up to a 51 percent stake of the joint venture, which could grant them controlling interest and more say in the firms' operations.

In China's pilot reform zo-

nes, qualified financial institutions from Macau and Hong Kong are allowed to set up fully licensed brokerages and own up to a 49 percent stake.

Moreover, joint venture brokerages from the SARs will no longer be required to have one mainland Chinese shareholder.

Market observers agree that the new regulations showcase the willingness of Chinese regulators to liberalize the domestic securities industry, however, they acknowledged that the impact will most likely be limited.

"The advantage brought by [Chinese] brokers' license has lost its glory due to China's [booming] Internet finance," the executive of a large Chinese securities house told Caixin, a mainland media outlet.

A Hong Kong-based portfolio manager at a large Chinese securities firm told FinanceAsia that brokers from both SARs might still want "to have a slice" of China's large markets despite the current market volatility. **CP**

Australian-Malay casino giant Donaco partners with Man U



Brothers Joey and Benjamin Lim, in Sydney

AUSTRALIA Stock Exchange-listed casino Donaco International has announced a tie-up with Manchester United "to connect to the club's 325 million fans across Asia, through the use of exclusive club content and branding," The Age newspaper reported yesterday.

"This is a significant partnership for Manchester United, with Donaco being our first ever official casino resort partner in Thailand, Cambodia, Vietnam, Laos, Myanmar and South Korea," MU managing director Richard Arnold said in the official release. "You can't accuse MU of not

aligning itself with some heavy hitters," said the paper.

Donaco is controlled by members of Malaysia's Lim family, the main shareholders of the region's casino giant, Genting.

Last week, the Lims signed up Macau junket operator Heng Sheng Group to lure VIP gamblers to its Star Vegas Resort & Club - Poipet, Cambodia's leading casino.

"The Lim boys have a bit of cheek, too. A few months ago, Donaco unveiled its new logo, which looks like a cross between Crown's logo and the Boy Scouts insignia," The Age jokes.

110 LRT carriages to be kept at Japanese manufacturer

Authorities have revealed that a total of 110 carriages which were previously ordered for the current construction of the light railway transit (LRT) will have to remain at the headquarters of the Japanese manufacturer for longer before they are installed in Macau. The government failed to disclose if the storage would lead to any additional charge, as they also demanded further maintenance for the carriages. A quality inspection of them would be carried out upon their eventual arrival in Macau, said the Transportation Infrastructure Office. Currently the authorities are locked in a dispute with the project's contractors and are seeking new partners.

PSP to launch emergency report system via text message

The Public Security Police (PSP) is soon to launch an emergency report system for people with hearing impairment and language disabilities. The system - allowing people to seek help from the police via text message - has entered the testing stage after it began its development in the beginning of last year. According to the PSP, citizens with hearing impairment and language disabilities will be able to seek help or report information to a dedicated hotline through text messaging services monitored by local telecom operators; the police officer that receives the report will communicate with the informants via the system, and then follow the general procedure to dispatch police officers to handle the emergency.

Studentships rise fivefold since handover

The Education and Youth Affairs Bureau (DSEJ)'s subsidies granted to tertiary education students have risen fivefold since the city's handover. According to the bureau director, Leong Lai, during the past academic year, the DSEJ has granted a total of MOP300 million to 6,571 students through its Student Welfare Fund, a significant contrast when compared to 1999, where the sum was MOP59 million but the number of recipients was 3,000. Ms Leong said the scheme - which includes scholarships, subsidies and student loans - helped about 3,000 recipients realize their dreams to study outside Macau last year. In addition, the DSEJ expressed its satisfaction with the loan repayment situation.



To celebrate Thermomix Macau one year anniversary.

“we have only 20 X Thermomix TM 31 left for the promotion now !!!”

We would like to offer the biggest promotion ever!

Original price HKD 12,800 for one Thermomix now you only need to pay HKD 10,800 and with one extra mixing bowl full set (worth HKD 3,500 for one mixing bowl) as free gift.

Tong Jia de Ramidez
Phone Number : +853 6668 1771.



C&C LAWYERS
公正律師事務所



合伙人 PARTNERS:

官樂怡 Rui José da Cunha* 山度士 Álvaro Rodrigues* 馬天龍 Nuno Sardinha da Mata* 趙魯 Zhao Lu**

聯營律師 ASSOCIATES:

馬傑安 João N. Marques
高文軒 Adelino Correia*
羅善齡 Zelina Rodrigues
馬德龍 Nuno L. Martins
白秀蘭 Susana Batalha
杜慧盈 Rita Andorinho
馬潔冰 Maria J. Marques
陶義德 António I. Azeredo

白雅怡 Iolía Berenguel
洗玲鳳 Mariana A. Esteves
薛明恩 Maria A. Giestas
飛嘉華 Carlos S. Ferreira
黃保毅 Wong Pou Ngai Karen
安東尼 António Manuel Santos
馮梓然 Fong Chi In
杜力信 Nelson de Azevedo
宋晉言 João Gonçalves Assunção
羅桃 Luo Tao, Elina

巴慧雅 Vera Bastos

實習律師 TRAINEE LAWYERS:

曹樂萌 Cao Lemeng, Rui
羅越華 leong Ut Wa
羅成軒 José J. Rodrigues
歐文傑 Miguel Evaristo
王洋玲 Emma Wong
陳祖恩 Joana Chan

* N.A. 公證員 Notary Public * 中國駐澳門領事館領事官 Appointed Attesting Officer



www.ccadvog.com
TEL: (853) 2837 2642 / 2837 2623



SPECIAL OFFER

GOLD LABEL

\$3600



VSOP

\$3700



Buy 2 Get 1 Free
買2送1



D2 CLUB
www.d2club-macau.com

Macau Fisherman's Wharf, Edf. New Orleans III
澳門友誼大馬路-澳門漁人碼頭新奧爾良館 III
Tel: (853) 2872 3777

CORRUPTION

CCAC to intervene in Taipa Central Park project if irregularities uncovered

LAND, Public Works and Transport Bureau director Li Canfeng promised to resort to Commission Against Corruption intervention should any irregularities be found in the Taipa Central Park project. Li's pledge came in his written response to Kwan Tsui Hang's written inquiry, which blasted the government's incompetence in handling the above scheme.

The lawmaker also suspected that bribery could have been involved, reading into what the Commission of Audit dubbed as "problematic" in its earlier report. Li stressed that the authorities would strengthen communication with the prospective users of the bureau's maligned project in the future to further meet their demands.

Moreover, after drawing on the lessons learned, Li also promised to strengthen regulation regarding the quality of public works and the examination regime, as well as adhere to related laws while executing those projects. Furthermore, the director vowed that their contractors would face penalties should any irregularities attributable to them



be found.

The approximately MOP500 million publicly-funded project was said to be under insu-

fficient supervision and examination by the authorities during the process of construction, according to the watch-

dog's report in May. The government, which has also been grilled for neglecting to take into account opinions from

users and related public departments, has been mandated to follow up on the flaws identified at the park. **Staff reporter**

Audit probe slams unfair approval system for poverty subsidies

THE Commission of Audit (CA) revealed in an audit report that the Social Welfare Bureau (IAS) has failed to ensure a fair and impartial approval system for financial aid, nor has it been able to ensure that all of its assistance payments were distributed to the beneficiaries within an appropriate timeframe.

The report, released yesterday, indicated that the IAS granted over MOP309.68 million in total in 2013 to individuals and households that were suffering from inadequate financial conditions, and that the 7,990 applications were handled by five centers. However, flaws were found in its approval procedures, its distribution and its supervision

of the subsidy scheme.

According to the report, the IAS's five affiliated community centers responsible for approving the financial aid had adopted their own differing standards when measuring applicants' income and savings. Due to a lack of specific regulations, social welfare items exempted in the income calculation, such as the government's annual cash handout, could result in a difference as high as MOP248,000.

Moreover, inconsistencies and omissions were found in the verification procedures when verifying applicants' eligibility, despite the fact that the bureau had formed established guidelines to regulate the process.

The CA pointed out "the requirements sti-

pulated in the working guideline are in fact not entirely the same as the verbal requests that IAS made to the staff. Meanwhile, those verbal requests were conveyed to frontline staff through multiple ranks, which eventually caused the staff members conducting the verification to do so by their own understanding and standard."

The audit investigation further discovered a wide gap in different centers' verification workload. The center that assumed a greater workload tended to make more mistakes and demonstrated a low compliance to regulations.

In addition, the report condemned the fact that the IAS lacks a regulatory mechanism with which

to monitor aid payments that were distributed to recipients in cash or being collected and delivered by social workers. As those social work centers were not requested to hand in recipients' signed receipts to the IAS' treasury department, the bureau was unable to oversee the cash distribution and the fund balance, which also prevented it from ensuring that each beneficiary could receive their subsidies in a timely manner. "In fact, that cash is held by the IAS but isn't counted in the cash balance of the bureau's accounting records," noted the report.

In response to the audit probe on whether the aid system is capable of effectively distributing and monitoring subsidies in compliance with the law, the IAS stated yesterday that it had launched a full review into the problems unearthed, and unified its working guidelines in July. **BY**

Macau Foundation keen to continue supporting local associations

THE Macau Foundation (FM) has reiterated its commitment to helping disadvantaged groups by visiting and supporting different associations in town, according to member of FM board of directors, Eliza Ho.

The foundation is looking to "learn more about the needs of vulnerable groups through visits, and aims to properly manage resources invested by FM," she said at a recent visit to the Fu Hong Society of Macau. Ms Ho added that the activities that can contribute to citizens' welfare and help vulnerable groups are among crucial tasks developed by FM.

"Although gaming revenue downturn hurt FM's income, the foundation will not cut support [programs] addressing the most vulnerable communities in our society," she said.

The Macau Foundation recalled in a statement that Chief Executive Chui Sai On urged FM to step up its efforts to support Macau's vulnerable groups. The foundation said it has supported the Fu Hong Society over recent years to help handicapped people explore their artistic potential.

On Friday, the Legislative Assembly president Ho Iat Seng said that FM could channel more funds into social responsibility projects to help those in need. **CP**

Stephen Singer
Business Writer, Hartford, Conn.

AS China's economy has grown and skyscrapers have sprouted in cities extending ever westward from its coast, Otis Elevator Co. went along for the ride.

But with China now in a slump and the value of its currency the most recent casualty, Otis and other manufacturing companies staking much on Asia's biggest economy now face a moment of reckoning. After saying for years that increased urbanization would propel growth in China, parent company United Technologies Corp., based in Hartford, cut its expected revenue and profit for the year, due partly to the slowdown across the Pacific.

"It's tough to get this bad news out," Greg Hayes, chief executive of United Technologies, said in a call with investor analysts July 21 when second-quarter profit and revenue results were released. "The slowdown in China is worse than what we had expected."

Executives at Otis, based in Farmington, Connecticut, declined to comment for this article.

For Otis, the fall has been steep and embarrassing.

Otis was founded in 1853, installed its first elevator in Shanghai in 1900, has six factories that make elevators and escalators for markets in China and elsewhere, and operates engineering research and development

That sinking feeling: As China slows, so does Otis Elevator



Workers, right, prepare to install a piece of glass wall covering an elevator tunnel while a woman, left, looks down from a descending elevator in Beijing

centers in two Chinese cities.

Sales have slowed this year over 2014, falling 7.5 percent in the first six months of the year compared with the same period in 2014. In contrast, revenue had jumped 4 percent, to about USD13 billion, last year over 2013.

Other manufacturers relying on construction also report a tougher reception in China. Caterpillar cut its revenue forecast for the year. Lower construction-related sales in China and Brazil are among the problems. Elevator and escalator manufacturer Schindler said Aug. 14 it expects

limited strength in the global market this year, with China "at most expected to achieve minimal growth" in 2015.

"Most companies doubled down on China, thinking it was going to be a huge market for them, and now they're stuck," said Lawrence T. De Maria, an analyst at William Blair & Co. financial services who follows Caterpillar.

More than 60 percent of companies that belong to the American Chamber of Commerce in China reported increased revenue in China last year, but down from 71 percent in 2013 and

2012; 42 percent reported increased profit margins in 2014, down from 48 percent in 2013. And 31 percent said they had no plans to increase investment in China this year, the most since the recession year 2009.

"Growth is clearly slowing in China," said John Frisbie, president of the U.S.-China Business Council. "Companies are seeing a slowdown in their revenue growth."

For Otis, rising competition, particularly for the lucrative repair and maintenance business, also is undermining its Chinese market.

Just this May, Hayes told investor analysts that Otis maintains and repairs 1.9 million elevators worldwide, creating a "phenomenal" stream of income and making Otis "the jewel of the UTC portfolio."

But European elevator manufacturers are coming on strong in China, followed by Japanese and Korean competitors, said Lee Gray, who studies elevators and escalators as an architectural historian at the University of North Carolina at Charlotte.

Rivals have learned from Otis, which became a household name by aggressively marketing itself and absorbing competitors in the 19th century.

"Where in the early 20th century Otis was making significant inroads in Europe, in this century it's the reverse," Gray said.

The decline in Otis' market share in China, to about 15 percent from 25 percent a decade ago is "shocking," particularly because until recently China represented as much as 75 percent to 80 percent of all new global elevator sales, Nicholas Heymann, an analyst at William Blair & Co., said in a July 21 note to clients.

"Often this type of extended gradual erosion of a company's business franchises takes more than cost reduction to fix," he said.

The competition was brought into focus in late July in the central city of Jingzhou when a platform at the top of a shopping mall escalator not made by Otis collapsed, killing a woman and raising questions about China's rapid growth at the expense of product safety and quality.

Still, no one is counting Otis out. Heymann called it the "premier franchise within the industry and in UTC," but said its troubles will require long-term attention.

Above all, it has the name. "Otis is very good at marking their elevators," Gray said. "The doors open and you see 'Otis.'" AP

The slowdown in China is worse than what we had expected

GREG HAYES
CHIEF EXECUTIVE
UNITED TECHNOLOGIES

corporate bits

CONRAD MACAO LAUNCHES 'PINK INSPIRED 2015'



Conrad Macao, Cotai Central has announced its 'Pink Inspired 2015' campaign. From 1 - 31 October, the hotel will offer its guests a series of 'plush, pink experiences' in support of the Hong Kong Cancer Fund's Pink Revolution, an annual campaign that raises awareness and funds for breast cancer research. A

Diamond sponsor of the campaign for the third year in a row, Conrad Macao has pledged to donate a portion of its sales proceeds to the fund, including proceeds from its limited edition pink bear and rubber duck.

The hotel's 'Pink Inspired 2015' campaign will turn the hotel pink, along with all the floral

arrangements and decorations inside the hotel. 'Pink Fridays' will involve staff and management adding a dash of pink to their uniforms, turning their regular emails and handwritten guest cards pink as well.

"We are proud to once again be a Diamond Sponsor and lend Conrad Macao's support to the Pink Revolution campaign. Breast cancer is the most prevalent type of cancer amongst women in Hong Kong and is also of significant concern in Macau and around the world, regardless of age. By holding the event we hope to raise both awareness of breast cancer and funds to support the services offered by the Cancer Fund," said General Manager Bede Barry. "We will be running a series of Pink experiences for guests and staff starting 1st October."

CREATIVE MACAU TO HOLD "RICH LIFE" MEMBERS EXHIBITION AND 12TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION



Creative Macau is set to hold the grand opening ceremony of its "Rich Life" Members Exhibition together with a live music performance to celebrate its 12th Anniversary this Friday.

The grand opening ceremony will start at 6pm with a set of live acoustic and electronic music played on a combination of different instruments by local band, Concrete Lotus. Guests and members will be invited to blow out a 12-candle birthday cake to

celebrate the project's forthcoming twelfth year.

Lúcia Lemos, Coordinator of Creative Macau thanked the great support and contribution of all local creative communities, organizations, associations and the founder Institute of the European Studies of Macau. "Without their support, we couldn't have enhanced enthralling and innovative programs to our cocoon. My gratitude to the grateful work for the community," she added.

The "Rich Life" Exhibition aims to showcase diverse perceptions towards the meaning of rich life through various kinds of visual artwork, as a way of evaluating whether the thriving gaming industry impacts the quality of life in Macau. It invites 25 artist members to exhibit, including: Adalberto Tenreiro, António Mil-Homens, Cristina Dias, Cristina Vinhas, Denis Murrell, Duarte Esmeriz, DWG (Doris, Wilmer, Grace), Francisco Ricarte, Gigi Lee, João Cordeiro, Justin Chiang, Katat Chan, Li Li, Madalena Fonseca, Mel Cheong, Menn Chow, Noah Ng Fong Chao, Raúl Martins, Sofia Bobone, Sofia Lou Sio Fa, Sonia Viseu, Tang Kuok Ho and Wu Lu Sheng.

The exhibition will be open to the public free of charge from 28 August to 30 September.

CHINESE interest in Portuguese banks goes beyond Anbang Insurance's potential acquisition of Novo Banco, the financial entity that inherited 'healthy' assets of the former Banco Espírito Santo, and also extends to Banco BPI, a major sector operator in Portugal and Angola.

Direct negotiations between the Bank of Portugal and Anbang Insurance for the sale of Novo Banco should be completed by the end of August. The process is also followed by Fosun International, at a time when BPI is preparing for the Spanish La Caixa to exit its capital, as reported by the newspaper El Confidencial.

The Spanish hold 44 percent of the bank, which controls Angola's biggest bank (Banco de Fomento Angola) and is a shareholder in one of Mozambique's top banks. According to the El Confidencial, Chinese investors are studying the acquisition, which BPI director Tiago Violas Ferreira had indicated was a good possibility last June.

In a Diário Económico interview Violas Ferreira stated at the time that talks were under way regarding the entry of a new partner in the bank, whose major shareholders include Angola's leading entrepreneur,

Portuguese banks attract investors from China



PHOTO ARCHIVE

Isabel dos Santos.

Banco BPI is under pressure from the European Central Bank to dilute the weight of its operation in Angola, BFA, where its partner is Isabel dos Santos (49.9 percent), who has a pre-emptive right should part of the stake be sold.

Novo Banco also has a significant position in Angola (in Banco Económico, formerly Banco Espírito Santo de Angola) and Mozambique (Moza

Banco), historically two of the most profitable markets, but where its presence should be reviewed following the entry of the new shareholder.

Before the final negotiation, which took place over the last several weeks, Anbang Insurance offered nearly USD3.5 billion for Novo Banco, also committing to increase capital by an amount still to be determined.

The proposal's total value

is more than USD4.2 billion, though the acquisition price may be less if the identified capital needs are more than expected, reports Diário Económico.

The biggest uncertainty in the process, as indicated by the Portuguese press, concerns the potential costs of legal cases involving Novo Banco, specifically one associated to a \$835 million debt to the investment bank Goldman Sachs, which the Bank of Portugal shifted to the entity that inherited the former BES's 'toxic' assets.

If negotiations with Anbang fall through, then Bank of Portugal plans to negotiate directly with the second-ranked in the process, America's Apollo Global Management fund, and if that fails, with China's Fosun International, which in Portugal already has a significant position in the insurance (Fidelidade) and health (Luz Saúde) sectors.

Novo Banco could thus beco-

me the biggest Chinese investment in Portugal, surpassing privatisation of the Portuguese state's 21.35 percent stake in EDP in December 2011, in which China Three Gorges paid 2.69 billion euros and committed to invest a further 2 billion euros in EDP renewable energy projects until 2015.

The newspaper Sol reported that the deal would give Chinese investors 15 percent of Portuguese banking, adding to the 30 percent of the insurance sector (via Fidelidade, acquired by Fosun) and 45 percent of the energy sector (via CTG, EDP's biggest shareholder).

The purchase of Novo Banco would result in Portugal overtaking Germany and France among main destinations of Chinese investment since 2000, with \$11.5 billion invested, just below the United Kingdom (\$16 billion), based on a recent comparative study by the Rhodium consultancy.

MDT/Macauhub

Apartment for Rent

1. Immediately available
2. Village apartment
3. Clean and Simple in Central location of Taipa
4. Easy access to shops, taxis, buses and Cotai Strip
5. Popular area where property is in high demand
6. Recently renovated
7. Nicely Furnished
8. Location : Nam Long, Taipa
9. 2 Bedrooms
10. Rent Per Month: HKD10,900

PLEASE CONTACT
JULIET +853 6680 9804
OR JENNY +853 6632 6887

ALBERGUE SCM

SANTA CASA DA MISERICORDIA DE MACAU

澳門仁慈堂婆仔屋

BLADEMARK
刃記 Exhibition by Pakeong

Opening Ceremony: 26 August 2015 (Wednesday) 18:30
 Duration of the Exhibition: 26 August 2015 until 12 September 2015
 Opening Hours: Everyday from 12:00 to 20:00
 Except Monday from 15:00 to 20:00
 Exhibition Venue: Albergue SCM - A2 Gallery
 Calçada da Igreja de São Lázaro No.8, Macau

Free Admission

ALBERGUE SCM
 ADDRESS: CALÇADA DA IGREJA DE SÃO LÁZARO N° 8, MACAU
 TEL: 853 - 28522550 / 853 - 28523205 FAX: 853 - 28522719
 INFO: facebook.com/creativealbergue.scm
 EMAIL: creativealbergue@gmail.com

Organizer :

澳門仁慈堂婆仔屋
ALBERGUE SCM

Co-organizer :

CA
CULTURA
澳門文化館

Sponsor:

澳門基金會
FUNDAÇÃO MACAU

Managed by :

藝BAMBU竹
澳門竹藝家協會

Mainland index plunge causes global rout



Chinese investors monitor stock prices at a brokerage house in Beijing

Elaine Kurtenbach
Business Writer, Tokyo

WORLD stock markets plunged yesterday after China's main index sank 8.5 percent — its biggest drop since the early days of the global financial crisis — amid deepening fears over the health of the world's second-largest economy.

Oil prices, commodities and the currencies of many developing countries also tumbled on concerns that a sharp slowdown in China might hurt economic growth around the globe. Wall Street was expected to suffer heavy losses on the open.

The Shanghai index suffered its biggest percentage decline since February 2007, with many China-listed companies hitting their 10 percent downside limits. The benchmark closed at 3,209.91 points, meaning it has lost all of its gains for 2015, though it is still more than 40 percent above its level a year ago.

China's dimming outlook is drawing calls for more economic stimulus from Beijing, though earlier government efforts to staunch the hemorrhage appear to have done little to stabilize markets.

Asia's gloom spread to European markets, where Britain's FTSE 100 fell 2.7 percent, Germany's DAX 2.6 percent and the CAC 40 of France 2.5 percent. Dow futures were down over 2 percent while the S&P futures were 1.8 percent lower.

Japan's Nikkei fell 4.6 percent to 18,540.68, its worst one-day drop since in over two and a half years.

"It is a key moment for China. The equity market in free fall, the banking system increasingly starved of liquidity, rising capital outflows, and a rapidly slowing economy," Angus Nicholson, a market analyst for IG, said in a market note.

"Global markets look set to continue their rout into the European and U.S. sessions," he said, noting that the scale of the losses may have been exaggerated by the thin trading volumes typical of late August.

■ The bloodletting spread across Asia yesterday, as Hong Kong's Hang Seng index fell 5.2 percent to 21,251.57

Some analysts say they see opportunities for bargains in the latest plunge in prices. But underlying the gloom is the growing conviction that policymakers and regulators may lack the means to staunch the losses.

The bloodletting spread across Asia yesterday, as Hong Kong's Hang Seng index fell 5.2 percent to 21,251.57. Australia's S&P ASX/200 slid 4.1 percent to 5,001.30, while South Korea's KOSPI lost 2.5 percent to

1,829.81.

Those declines followed tumbles over the weekend in emerging markets such as Egypt, Dubai and Saudi Arabia.

Fresh evidence of the slowdown in China's economy sparked a wave of selling Friday in Europe and the U.S. that culminated with the S&P 500 losing nearly 6 percent for the week in its worst weekly slump since 2011.

The panic has underscored the scale of the challenge for Chinese leaders in seeking to curb excess investment and guide the economy toward a more sustainable pace of growth.

"My biggest concern is that global growth momentum is very fragile. The most important step is to see China take further action to try to bring their economy to a 7 percent growth path," said Rajiv Biswas, Asia-Pacific chief economist for IHS.

In currency trading, the dollar was at 120.65 yen yesterday, down from 122.05 yen on Friday. The euro rose to USD1.1462 from \$1.1388. Currencies fell hard in developing economies — particularly those that rely heavily on the export of commodities and oil, both of which China is a big consumer. The Russian ruble dropped 2.3 percent to a seven-year low.

In commodity markets, benchmark U.S. crude dropped \$1.67 to \$38.78 a barrel in electronic trading on the New York Mercantile Exchange. It fell 87 cents a barrel on Friday. Brent crude, a benchmark for international oils used by many U.S. refineries, fell \$2.07 to \$43.39 a barrel. **AP**

Pakistan rescues tourist held by the Taliban

Asif Shahzad, Islamabad

A Chinese tourist held hostage for months by the Taliban has been freed in a government operation, Pakistani Interior Minister Chaudhry Nisar Ali Khan said.

Khan made the announcement in a press conference late Sunday night that was broadcast yesterday on multiple TV channels. He said the man will be handed over to Chinese authorities soon.

"Our intelligence agencies are proud of rescuing the captive," he said. "Chinese authorities, whenever we meet, would always ask about the captive. Thank God, now, we have him."

There was no immediate comment from the Chinese embassy in Islamabad on the rescue operation. Khan did not identify the Chinese national and did not provide details on the rescue.

The only Chinese national known to be held by the Taliban is Hong Xudong, who was abducted in May 2014 near the northwestern Pakistani city of Dera Ismail Khan. Hong had entered the country from India and had been travelling around Pakistan by bicycle.

The kidnapping was claimed by a splinter group of the Pakistani Taliban. A video released in May 2015 showed a man identified as Hong asking the Chinese government to honor his kidnappers' unspecified ransom demands.

The Pakistani Taliban is an umbrella group of various local Islamic militant groups bent upon overthrowing the government to install their own harsh brand of Islamic law. **AP**

Authorities plan to boost penalties for sex with girls under 14

CHINA is planning to close a loophole that allowed some men to get away with relatively light penalties after having sex with girls under age 14, state media said yesterday, following public outrage over high-profile offenders including a school administrator.

A proposed amendment to China's penal code calls for eliminating the charge of "prostitution with underage girls." If the measure is approved, any sex with girls under 14 would be considered rape and subject to harsher penalties, including death. The current penalty for prostitution with underage girls is five to 15 years in jail.

The proposal has been submitted to Chinese lawmakers for consideration, the state-run China News Service said. It wasn't immediately clear when the National People's Congress would decide on the plan.

Members of the public and legal scholars have been upset that offenders are charged with "prostitution with underage girls" after being caught having sex with young girls. Compared to rape, the crime does not carry the same social stigma, and it also assigns some blame to the young victims by suggesting they use sex to seek favors such as cash, critics have argued.

Advocates for children's rights say it fails to protect underage girls.

The push to change the law has gained momentum over the past several years when a string of sex scandals involving young girls have surfaced.

In 2009, six officials in the southwestern province of Guizhou were charged with the prostitution crime after they were found to have had sex with girls who were coerced into prostitution, including three under age 14.

In 2013, a primary school principal was caught spending a night with four schoolgirls — all under the age of 14 — in a hotel room in southern China's Hainan province. Amid a public outcry, the principal was fired and charged with rape. **AP**

Joe McDonald
Business Writer, Beijing

BLACK MONDAY

Stock market suffers biggest one-day fall since 2007

CHINA'S stock market fell yesterday by its biggest margin in eight years, defying the government's multibillion-dollar effort to stop a slide that has wiped out the gains of this year's price boom.

The decline threatened to weigh anew on global markets after last week's Chinese losses triggered a worldwide selloff.

The benchmark Shanghai Composite Index fell 8.5 percent to close at 3,209.91 points, its biggest one-day loss since an 8.8 percent decline on Feb. 27, 2007. The index is down 38 percent from its June 12 peak and just under 1 percent below its closing on Dec. 31, last year's final trading day.

"A disastrous result for China, after working so hard to breathe life back into domestic equities after the 2007 crash and having spent hundreds of billions of dollars propping up the market since June," said Angus Nicholson of IG Markets in a report.

Small investors have suffered heavy losses, souring many on stock ownership and threatening to disrupt Communist Party plans to use the market to raise money for reforms of state industry.

"It feels like the end of the world," said Pan Chong, a social media specialist. He said he invested 50,000 yuan (USD7,900) in April, made 40 percent and then saw the market wipe out those gains.

"The so-called correction will finally become a long-term bear market," said Pan, 25. "So I'm considering selling all my shares as soon as possible."

The Chinese benchmark soared more than 150 percent starting in late 2014 after state media said shares were inexpensive, which led investors to believe Beijing would shore



A Chinese investor monitors stock prices at a brokerage house in Beijing yesterday

up prices if needed. Urged on by state media, millions of novice investors rushed into the market.

Prices faltered and then plunged after an unrelated change in banking regulations in June led investors to question whether Beijing's support might be weakening. The market index fell 30 percent, prompting Beijing to intervene by barring big shareholders from selling and promising state-owned brokerages and pension funds would buy.

Beijing's initiatives helped to calm markets. But after the state-owned company charged with buying shares to prop up prices announced it would not intervene every day, the Shanghai index fell 11.5 percent last week.

Global markets are likely to follow China down, said Benjamin Collett, head of Asian and Japan equities at Sunrise Brokers in Hong Kong.

"How much of this is China's fault? Probably all of it," said Collett. "We attribute most

of the gains to the epic rally in China, and now naturally I think it's reasonable to assume that investor sentiment is solely focused on China."

The declines come at a time when exports, manufacturing and other Chinese industries are weakening, leaving little economic support for higher share prices.

The latest fall probably was triggered by poor performance at publicly traded companies, said Guo Tianyong, a professor at the Central University of

Finance and Economics in Beijing.

The government reported last week that profits at state-owned companies contracted by 2.3 percent in July from a year ago, compared with a 0.1 percent contraction through June.

"We shouldn't doubt the government's ability to rescue the market. If they want, they could push up the stock index to 5,000, but it is not necessary for the government to play an excessive role," said Guo. "It still would be better for the market itself to play its role."

Beijing's surprise Aug. 11 devaluation of its yuan added to investor jitters. They worry the change will cause more money to flow out of China, reducing credit available for trading. The central bank has responded by pumping extra money into credit markets.

The ruling party wants to use the markets to raise money for state companies to reduce debt and modernize. The party also wants to encourage stock ownership as a way for families to save for retirement, reducing demand for social spending. But small investors whose holdings have plunged in value say they will no longer buy shares.

Lu Zhen, 29, an employee at a financial firm, said the value of his shares rose by 250,000 yuan (\$40,000) over the first half of the year. But he said since the June downturn, he has lost that and an additional 150,000 yuan (\$24,000).

"This is definitely the end of a bull market," Lu said. AP

Less TV, no smog and other edicts for upcoming military parade

IT'S a familiar pattern to any Beijing resident who lived through the Summer 2008 Olympics and a summit of world leaders last year: Anxious for big-ticket events to go off without a hitch, China halts factories, orders cars off the roads and closes offices and schools.

The Communist Party is rolling out a long list of such measures for a Sept. 3 military parade commemorating the World War II victory over Japan. It will go even further this

time, banning TV content that may be too frivolous, shutting the airport and closing off much of the city's downtown during the parade.

"In such a large scale public event, the Chinese leaders want to display Chinese power politically, and then the organizers become highly nervous," said Qin Qianhong, a law professor at Wuhan University, based in Hubei province.

Here are some measures imposed for the parade: A nationwide public

holiday was declared for Sept. 3 and 4 and markets ordered closed on those days.

Pedestrian and traffic controls: Vehicles and people on foot were prohibited from the Tiananmen Square area on Aug. 22 and 23 for rehearsals. The same restrictions will be in effect on the day of the parade.

Broadcasts of some entertainment programs, including talk shows, reality shows and TV series, will be suspended from Sept. 1-5.

Business shutdowns: Any business with operations in the Tiananmen Square area and surrounding neighborhoods must shut on Sept. 2 and 3.

Factory halt: More than 12,000 plants will suspend operations to ensure good air. Hebei province, which surrounds Beijing, ordered nearly 4,000 companies to halt or cut production.

Some public parks will be closed the morning of Sept. 3. The Palace Museum, in the Forbidden City, will remain closed



Chinese troops practice marching ahead of a Sept. 3 military parade at a camp on the outskirts of Beijing

from Aug. 22 to Sept. 3.

Beijing Capital International Airport will suspend flights for three hours on the morning of the parade.

Traffic control measures: Car-owners may drive every other day from

Aug. 20 to Sept. 3. Eighty percent of public vehicles in Beijing will be suspended from use.

Companies that produce toxic chemicals were ordered to suspend production from Aug. 17 to Sept. 6. **Bloomberg**

AP PHOTO



South Korean marines patrol along on Yeonpyeong island, South Korea

KOREAS

Frustration mounts as talks between rivals drag on

Foster Klug and Hyung-jin Kim, Seoul

SOUTH Korea's president yesterday vowed a hard line as marathon negotiations by senior officials from the Koreas stretched into a third day in an attempt to defuse a crisis that had the rivals threatening war.

Park Geun-hye said that without a clear North Korean apology for a land mine attack that maimed two soldiers, anti-Pyongyang propaganda broadcasts will continue. Her strong words provide a good hint at why the talks, which started Saturday evening and whose second session began Sunday afternoon and was still going 24 hours later, on Monday, have dragged on.

Both sides want to find a face-saving way to avoid an escalation that could lead to bloodshed, especially the North, which is outmatched militarily by Seoul and its ally, the United States.

But authoritarian Pyongyang must also show its people that it is standing up to bitter enemy Seoul. Pyongyang has denied involvement in the land mine explosions and rejected Seoul's report that Pyongyang launched an artillery barrage last week — so winning an apology will be difficult work. The North, for its part, demands that Seoul stop the propaganda broadcasts started in retaliation for the land mine attack.

For now, the try at diplomacy has pushed aside previous hea-

ted warnings of imminent war, but South Korea's military said North Korea has continued to prepare for a fight, moving unusual numbers of troops and submarines to the border.

These are the highest-level talks between the two Koreas in a year. And just the fact that senior officials from countries that have spent recent days vowing to destroy each other are sitting together at a table in Panmunjom, the border enclave where the 1953 armistice ending fighting in the Korean War was agreed to, is something of a victory.

The length of the talks — nearly 10 hours for the first session and more than 24 for the second — and the lack of immediate progress are not unusual. While the Koreas often have difficulty agreeing to talks, once they do, overlong sessions are often the rule. After decades of animosity and bloodshed, however, finding common ground is much harder.

President Park said during a meeting with top aides that Seoul would not “stand down even if North Korea ratchets up provocation to its highest level and threatens our national security.”

She said Seoul needs “a definite apology” and a promise that such provocations would not recur.

The decision to hold talks came hours ahead of a Saturday deadline set by North Korea for the South to dismantle the propaganda loudspeakers. North Korea had declared that

its front-line troops were in full war readiness and prepared to go to battle if Seoul did not back down.

South Korea said that even as the North was pursuing dialogue, its troops were preparing for battle.

■ **Park Geun-hye said that without a North Korean apology for a land mine attack, anti-Pyongyang propaganda broadcasts will continue**

An official from Seoul's Defense Ministry said that about 70 percent of the North's more than 70 submarines and undersea vehicles had left their bases and were undetectable by the South Korean military as of Saturday. The official, who refused to be named because of official rules, also said the North had doubled the strength of its front-line artillery forces since the start of the talks Saturday evening.

South Korean military officials wouldn't confirm or deny but seemed to cast doubt yesterday on a Yonhap news

agency report, citing unidentified military sources, that said North Korea had moved toward the border about 10 hovercraft used for landings by special operation forces in the event of a war. Defense Ministry spokesman Kim Min-seok said the truth is “a bit different” than what was reported but wouldn't provide further details.

The standoff started with the explosions of land mines on the southern side of the Demilitarized Zone between the Koreas that Seoul says were planted by North Korea. In response, the South resumed anti-Pyongyang propaganda broadcasts for the first time in 11 years, infuriating the North, which is extremely sensitive to any criticism of its authoritarian system. Analysts say the North fears that the broadcasts could demoralize its front-line troops and inspire them to defect.

On Thursday, South Korea's military fired dozens of artillery rounds across the border in response to what Seoul said were North Korean artillery strikes meant to back up an earlier threat to attack the loudspeakers.

The Defense Ministry official said the South continued the anti-Pyongyang broadcasts even after the start of the talks Saturday and also after the second session began Sunday. He said Seoul would decide after the talks whether to halt the broadcasts.

While the meeting offered a

way for the rivals to avoid an immediate collision, analysts in Seoul wondered whether the countries were standing too far apart to expect a quick agreement.

South Korea probably can't afford to walk away with a weak agreement after it had openly vowed to stem a “vicious cycle” of North Korean provocations amid public anger over the land mines, said Koh Yu-hwan, a North Korea expert at Seoul's Dongguk University.

At the meeting, South Korea's presidential national security director, Kim Kwan-jin, and Unification Minister Hong Yong-pyo sat down with Hwang Pyong So, the top political officer for the Korean People's Army, and Kim Yang Gon, a senior North Korean official responsible for South Korean affairs. Hwang is considered by outside analysts to be North Korea's second most important official after supreme leader Kim Jong Un.

In Pyongyang, North Korean state media reported that more than 1 million young people have volunteered to join or rejoin the military to defend their country should a conflict break out.

Despite such highly charged rhetoric, which is not particularly unusual, activity in the North's capital remained calm on Sunday, with people going about their daily routines. Truclloads of soldiers singing martial songs could occasionally be seen driving around the city, and a single minivan with camouflage netting was parked near the main train station.

Instead of anxiously awaiting the outcome of the talks, many Pyongyang residents were riveted to TVs in public places to watch the debut of the “Boy General” cartoon show, which has been revamped for the first time in five years at the order of Kim Jong Un. **AP**

Nattasuda Anusonadisai and
Jocelyn Gecker, Bangkok

THAILAND

Bangkok blast probe hindered by broken security cameras

Up to 75 percent of the security cameras were broken along the getaway path taken by the main suspect in last week's deadly Bangkok bombing, Thailand's police chief said yesterday, revealing a major obstacle to an investigation that has only fuzzy images of the still-unidentified man.

Investigators are trying to "put pieces of the puzzle together" but have had to use their imagination to fill holes left by cameras that failed to record his movements, said national police chief Somyot Poompanmoung, openly frustrated as he spoke to reporters one week after the blast.

"For example, the perpetrator was driving away — escaping — and there are CCTV cameras following him. Sometimes there were 20 cameras on the street but only five worked," Somyot said. "Fifteen were broken, for whatever reason, they didn't work."

"The footage jumps around from one camera to another, and for the missing parts police have had to use their imagination," he



Thai soldiers walk outside the Erawan Shrine at Rajprasong intersection, the scene of last week's bombing, in Bangkok

and checked the CCTV cameras at Chulalongkorn Hospital. But we found that all the cameras were broken," he said, laughing nervously, and asking for understanding because police had been working nonstop and were tired.

"Since the bombing, we've barely slept," he said. "We're doing the best we can."

On Friday, Prime Minister Prayuth Chan-ocha said he had received offers of assistance from the U.S. Embassy in Bangkok to help track down suspects and had assigned his deputy "to cooperate on borrowing equipment that includes facial-recognition technology."

However, Prayuth ruled out working with U.S. investigators, insisting Thais can do the job.

The attack has raised concerns about safety in the capital, which attracts millions of tourists, and has left the city on edge. Police have responded to several calls in the past week about unattended bags which turned out to be false alarms, and have tried to reassure the public and international community that Bangkok is safe.

Yesterday, police said a worker digging at a construction site found a grenade buried in the ground and a police explosives squad was sent to defuse it. The grenade was found in a residential area far from the city center.

Police Lt. Sakon Rungkiatpaisarn said the grenade appeared to have been buried for a while and authorities "do not think it has anything to do with (last Monday's) bombing." AP

Sometimes there were 20 cameras on the street but only five worked. Fifteen were broken, for whatever reason

SOMYOT POOMPANMOUNG
NATIONAL POLICE CHIEF

said. "We've had to waste time connecting the dots."

Another challenge is that investigators lack sophisticated equipment like police use on the popular TV crime series CSI to render blurry video clear, he said.

"Have you seen CSI?" Somyot asked reporters. "We don't have those things."

One week after last Monday's bombing at the capital's revered Erawan Shrine, which left 20 people dead and more than 120 injured, police appeared no closer to tracking down suspects or determining a motive for the attack.

Police have faced criticism for sending mixed messages and stating theories as if they were fact,

only to later retract them.

Somyot said yesterday that investigators were still trying to determine the suspect's nationality and whereabouts.

Asked if the suspect was still in Thailand, Somyot said, "I don't know."

"I still believe he is in Thailand because I have no evidence to confirm otherwise," he said. Over the weekend, police spokesman Prawut Thawornsiri said he suspected the man may have left the country.

Police have released an artist's sketch of the suspect who was seen in security camera video from the open-air shrine leaving a backpack at a bench and walking away 15 minutes before

the explosion. A separate camera showed the suspect, wearing a yellow T-shirt, on the back of a motorcycle taxi leaving the site.

Police have questioned a motorcycle taxi driver believed to have driven the suspect away. The driver told police the man handed him a piece of paper saying "Lumpini Park," the city's largest park which is near the shrine.

But none of the security cameras worked along the route to the park, Somyot said.

Police have tried to chase a report that after the suspect got off the motorcycle at the park, he went into a nearby hospital and changed into a grey T-shirt, Somyot said.

"We went to see if this is true

JAPAN

Gov't says Abe will not attend military parade in China

Mari Yamaguchi, Tokyo

JAPANESE Prime Minister Shinzo Abe will not attend a military parade in China next week to commemorate the end of World War II, the government's top spokesman said yesterday.

Chief Cabinet Secretary Yoshihide Suga told reporters the decision was made because of Abe's parliamentary schedule. The government may also have been concerned about the possible anti-Japanese tone of an event marking the country's surrender in 1945.

"The decision was made



In this April 22 file photo, Chinese President Xi Jinping, right, shakes hands with Japan's Prime Minister Shinzo Abe during their bilateral meeting on the sidelines of the Asian African Summit in Jakarta

taking into consideration parliamentary proceedings and other situations," Suga said. But he added that Abe told parliament recently that he hoped the theme of the event "would not be anti-Japanese."

Japan invaded China before and during World War II, and Japan's treatment of China during that period still greatly impacts relations.

China has said the parade is being held to mark the 70th anniversary of Japan's surrender and to demonstrate a commitment to peace.

The event, which will

include displays of fighter jets and missiles, will showcase the People's Liberation Army's rapidly growing capabilities at a time it is taking a more confrontational stance in territorial disputes with Japan and others.

Presidents Vladimir Putin of Russia, Tsakhiagiin Elbegdorj of Mongolia, Abdel-Fattah el-Sisi of Egypt and Milos Zeman of the Czech Republic have accepted invitations to attend, along with unidentified leaders from Central Asia, according to Chinese state media.

South Korean President Park Geun-hye has

said she will attend a ceremony marking the anniversary of victory over Japan, but aides say she has yet to decide whether to attend the military parade.

Recent Japanese media reports said that Abe might skip the parade but still visit China next week to meet with Chinese President Xi Jinping in a bid to warm up frosty bilateral relations.

But Suga scotched such talk yesterday. He said Japan would seek other opportunities for the two to meet, such as on the sidelines of international conferences. AP

ISLAMIC STATE FANATICISM

Militants destroy UNESCO-listed temple at Syria's Palmyra

Bassem Mroue, Beirut

ISLAMIC State militants have destroyed a temple at Syria's ancient ruins of Palmyra, activists said Sunday, realizing the worst fears archaeologists had for the 2,000-year-old Roman-era city after the extremists seized it and beheaded a local scholar.

Palmyra, one of the Middle East's most spectacular archaeological sites and a UNESCO World Heritage site, sits near the modern Syrian city of the same name. Activists said the militants used explosives to blow up the Baalshamin Temple on its grounds, the blast so powerful it also damaged some of the Roman columns around it.



A general view of the ancient Roman city of Palmyra, northeast of Damascus, Syria

The Britain-based Syrian Observatory for Human Rights said Sunday night that the tem-

ple was blown up a month ago. Turkey-based activist Osama al-Khatib, who is originally from

Palmyra, said the temple was blown up Sunday. Both said the extremists used a large amount of explosives to destroy it.

Both activists relied on information for those still in Palmyra and the discrepancy in their accounts could not be immediately reconciled, though such contradictory information is common in Syria's long civil war.

The fate of the nearby Temple of Bel, dedicated to the Semitic god Bel, was not immediately known. Islamic State group supporters on social media also did not immediately mention the temple's destruction.

The Sunni extremists, who have imposed a violent interpretation of Islamic law across their self-declared "caliphate"

in territory they control in Syria and Iraq, claim ancient relics promote idolatry and say they are destroying them as part of their purge of paganism. However, they are also believed to sell off looted antiquities, bringing in significant sums of cash.

Al-Khatib said the Baalshamin Temple is about 500 meters from Palmyra's famous amphitheater where the group killed more than 20 Syrian soldiers after they captured the historic town in May.

The temple dates to the first century and is dedicated to the Phoenician god of storms and fertilizing rains.

The head of UNESCO, Irina Bokova, said Friday that Islamic State extremists in Syria and Iraq are engaged in the "most brutal, systematic" destruction of ancient sites since World War II — a stark warning that came hours after militants demolished the St. Elian Monastery, which housed a fifth-century tomb and served as a major pilgrimage site. The monastery was in the town of Qaryatayn in central Syria. **AP**

FRANCE

Americans, Briton who thwarted train attack get top honor

Sylvie Corbet, Paris

THREE Americans and a Briton who tackled an attacker loaded with guns and ammunition prevented carnage on the high-speed train carrying 500 passengers to Paris, France's president said yesterday as he presented the men with the Legion of Honor and praised them as an example of the need for action when faced with terrorism.

President Francois Hollande said the two Americans who first tackled the gunman were soldiers, "but on Friday you were simply passengers. You behaved as soldiers but also as responsible men."

Hollande then pinned the Legion of Honor medal on U.S. Airman Spencer Stone, National Guardsman Alek Skarlatos, and their longtime friend Anthony Sadler, who subdued the gunman as he moved through the train with an assault rifle strapped to his bare chest. British businessman, Chris Norman, who also jumped into the fray, also received the medal.

The men showed "that faced with terror, we have



French President, Francois Hollande, U.S. National Guardsman from Roseburg, Oregon, Alek Skarlatos, U.S. Ambassador to France Jane D. Hartley, U.S. Airman Spencer Stone and Anthony Sadler, a senior at Sacramento University in California

the power to resist. You also gave a lesson in courage, in will, and thus in hope," Hollande said.

Norman, speaking in French after receiving the medal, said it was less a question of heroism than survival.

"I hope this doesn't happen to you, but I ask you to really think: OK, what will I do if this happens? Am I going to simply stand still or am I going to try to be active if the situation presents itself?" he said.

His arm in a sling and his eye bruised, Stone, 23, has said he was coming out of a deep sleep when the gunman appeared.

Skarlatos, a 22-year-old National Guardsman re-

cently back from Afghanistan, "just hit me on the shoulder and said 'Let's go.'"

With those words, Hollande said, a "veritable carnage" was avoided.

"Since Friday, the entire world admires your courage, your sangfroid, your spirit of solidarity. This is what allowed you to with bare hands — your bare hands — subdue an armed man. This must be an example for all, and a source of inspiration," Hollande said.

The gunman, identified as 26-year-old Moroccan Ayoub El-Khazzani, is detained and being questioned by French counter-terrorism police outside Paris. **AP**

EUROPEAN MIGRANT CRISIS

Wave of EU-bound immigrants crosses into Serbia

Dusan Stojanovic, Miratovac

IN a new human wave surging through the Balkans, thousands of exhausted migrants from the Middle East, Asia and Africa crossed on foot yesterday from Macedonia into Serbia on their way to Western Europe.

The rush over the border came after Macedonia lifted the blockade of its border with Greece, after thousands of migrants stormed past Macedonian police who tried to stop their entry by force.

Some 7,000 migrants, including many women with babies and small children mostly from Syria, crossed into Serbia over the weekend by yesterday morning. Some were pushed in wheelchairs and wheelbarrows or walked on crutches. Hundreds more entered Macedonia from Greece yesterday.

Yesterday, there were more scuffles between Macedonian police and the incoming migrants on the border with Greece. The police were gradually letting into the country only small groups of migrants, trying to prevent their rush. A pregnant migrant from Aleppo, Syria, was slightly injured in the scuffle.

In Austria, police said 37 people were injured — seven seriously — when two vans packed with migrants collided yesterday near the Hungarian border. Police said dozens more migrants fled, along with the suspected smugglers.

Visiting Macedonia yesterday, Austria's Foreign Minister Sebas-



Migrants walk from the Macedonian border into Serbia, near the village of Miratovac

tian Kurz talked to migrants and shook hands with them. He also said Greece needed to control its borders more effectively.

"This is a humanitarian disaster, this is a real disaster for the whole European Union and I think there is the real need to have more focus on this problem, not only on the route through Italy but also on the route on the Western Balkans," Kurz said.

After entering Serbia, the migrants, fleeing wars and poverty, head toward EU-member Hungary from where they want to continue further north to richer EU countries, such as Germany and Sweden.

After they formally ask for asylum, they have three days to reach the border with Hungary which is rushing to build a barbed wire fence on its border with Serbia to block the migrants. **AP**



TAKE ADVENTURE WITH YOU THE ALL-NEW XC90



Image is for reference only



Performance

- Horsepower 320hp
- Drive-E powertrains
- 8-speed Geartronic Automatic Transmission



Technology

- Bowers & Wilkins Audio System with 19 Speakers *
- 9" Portrait Centre Touch Screen
- Navigation with Road Sign Information*



Safety

- Park Assist Pilot
- 360° Parking Camera*
- Run-off Road Protection
- City Safety Collision Avoidance System

*Optional Features

what's ON

HABITUAL WORLD - KOREAN DRAWING EXHIBITION OF CHA YOUNG SEOK
 TIME: 10am-6pm
 UNTIL: September 6, 2015
 VENUE: Temporary Exhibitions Gallery, Taipa Houses Museum, Avenida da Praia, Taipa
 ADMISSION: MOP5 (Adult); MOP2 (Student or Group); Free (Under 12 or above 65)
 ENQUIRIES: (853) 8988 4100 / 2882 7103

MACAU JOINT FASHION PERFORMANCE - MINI EXHIBITION
 TIME: 10am-8pm
 (Closed on Mondays, open on public holiday)
 UNTIL: August 30, 2015
 ADMISSION: Free
 ADDRESS: Macau Fashion Gallery / No. 47, Rua de S. Roque, Macau
 ENQUIRIES: (853) 2835 3341

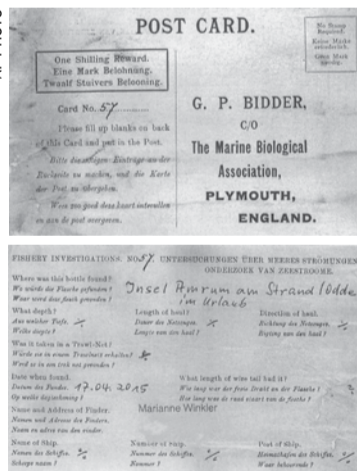
HISTORICAL PAINTINGS OF MACAU IN THE 19TH CENTURY
 TIME: 10am-7pm
 (Closed on Mondays, No admission after 6:30 pm)
 UNTIL: December 31, 2015
 VENUE: Macau Museum of Art, Av. Xian Xing Hai, s/n, NAPE
 ADMISSION: MOP5
 (Free on Sundays and public holidays)
 ENQUIRIES: (853) 8791 9814

PHOTOGRAPHS OF OLD TEMPLES IN MACAU
 TIME: 10am-7pm
 (Closed on Mondays, no admission after 6:30 pm)
 UNTIL: December 31, 2015
 VENUE: Macau Museum of Art, Av. Xian Xing Hai, s/n, NAPE
 ADMISSION: MOP5
 (Free on Sundays and public holidays)
 ENQUIRIES: (853) 8791 9814

Offbeat

UK MARINE RESEARCHERS RECEIVE 'OLDEST MESSAGE IN A BOTTLE'

AP PHOTO



A century-old message in a bottle, possibly the oldest ever found, has finally reached its destination. Tossed into the North Sea sometime between 1904 and 1906, the bottle washed up on the beach on the German island of Amrum, and was found by a couple in April. Inside they found a postcard asking that it be sent to the Marine Biological Association of the U.K. — which they did.

"We were very excited," Guy Baker, a spokesman for the group, said last week. "We certainly weren't expecting to receive any more of the postcards." Baker said the bottle was one of some 1,000 released into the North Sea by researcher George Parker Bidder, who later became the association's president. The bottles were weighed down to float just above the sea bed, and used as part of a study into the movement of sea currents. Inside each bottle was a postcard promising a "one shilling reward" to anyone who returned it to the association, along with information about where and when they found the bottle. Most bottles were trawled up by fishermen and returned decades ago, Baker said. The association is now looking into having the Guinness Book of Records recognize the message in a bottle as the oldest ever found. The current record-holder, released in 1914 for a scientific experiment, was found 99 years later. Meanwhile, an old shilling has been sent to the couple who found the bottle.

TV canal macau

13:00	TDM News (Repeated)
13:30	News (RTPi) Delayed Broadcast
14:30	RTPi Live
17:40	The Presence of Anita (Repeated)
18:30	TDM Sports
19:40	Soap Opera
20:30	Main News, Financial & Weather Report
21:00	Non-Daily Portuguese News
21:40	Documentary Series
22:10	The Presence of Anita
23:00	TDM News
23:30	Miscellaneous
00:30	Main News, Financial & Weather Report (Repeated)

cinema

CINETEATRO
 20 Aug- 26 Aug



HITMAN: AGENT 47
 ROOM 1
 2.15, 4.05, 5.55, 9.30 pm
 Director: Aleksander Bach
 Starring: Rupert Friend, Hannah Ware, Zachary Quinto
 Language: English (Chinese)
 Duration: 96min

ATTACK ON TITAN
 ROOM 1
 7.45 pm
 Director: Shinji Higuchi
 Starring: Haruma Miura, Kiko Mizuhara
 Language: Japanese (English and Chinese)
 Duration: 90min



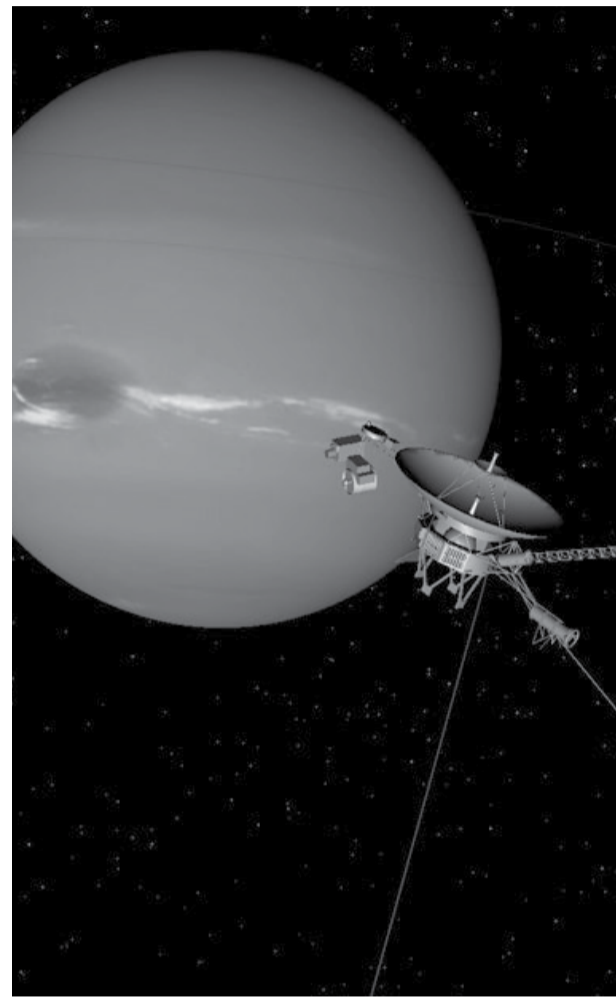
PIXELS
 ROOM 2
 (2D) 2.30, 4.30, 9.30 pm
 (3D) 7.30 pm
 Director: Chris Columbus
 Starring: Adam Sandler, Kevin James, Michelle Monaghan
 Language: English (Chinese)
 Duration: 106min

DORAEMON THE MOVIE: NOBITA AND THE SPACE HEROES
 ROOM 3
 2.15 pm
 Director: Yoshihiro Osugi
 Language: Cantonese (Chinese/English)
 Duration: 100min

WILD CITY
 ROOM 3
 4.05, 5.55, 7.45, 9.45 pm
 Director: Ringo Lam
 Starring: Louis Koo, Shawn Yue, Tong Liya
 Language: Cantonese/Mandarin (Chinese/English)
 Duration: 105min

MACAU TOWER
 20 AUG - 9 SEPT
PIXELS
 2.30, 4.45, 7.15, 9.30 pm
 Director: Chris Columbus
 Starring: Adam Sandler, Kevin James, Michelle Monaghan
 Language: English (Chinese)

this day in history



1989 VOYAGER SPACECRAFT REACHES NEPTUNE

The unmanned Voyager 2 spacecraft has sent back the first close-up pictures of Neptune and its satellite planets. Neptune is over two billion miles from Earth - the most distant planet in our solar system. Scientists at Mission Control in Florida have called it the "culmination of the greatest journey of exploration this century". Voyager 2 has already sent back pictures and information from Jupiter, Saturn and Uranus. But its trip to Neptune has provided the most spectacular so far. Neptune's blue hue is clearly visible - it comes from the planet's mainly methane atmosphere. Scientists have been astounded by the discovery of a storm the size of Earth hovering over Neptune. Six new moons have also been identified. Voyager 2 blasted off from Cape Canaveral, Florida in August 1977. It is a twin to Voyager 1 which was launched the following month. Originally their trip was only designed to take in Jupiter and Saturn but scientists later decided to extend their journey and reprogrammed them by remote control. Voyager 2 is due to leave our solar system soon and begin a journey of exploration of the stars - it is the last we will hear of it for many years. Voyager 1 is already on its way to conduct studies of interplanetary space. Both spacecraft carry an disk of recorded sounds and images from Earth. Included are greetings from many languages, images of life on our planet and human achievements.

Courtesy BBC News

IN CONTEXT

Between them, Voyager 1 and 2 explored all the giant outer planets of our solar system. Although originally designed to last just five years, both Voyagers are still in communication with the Earth and will remain so until at least 2020. Voyager 1 is now the most distant human-made object in the universe with Voyager 2 not far behind. Their eventual goal is to become the first spacecraft to escape the Sun's influence. Both spacecraft are heading towards the heliopause, the boundary between the Sun's influence and interstellar space. That will probably be their final mission but long after they stop communicating with Earth, the two Voyagers will keep speeding away from our solar system.

YOUR STARS

Aries
Mar. 21-Apr. 19
Trying a completely new approach won't necessarily save you any money. If you want to learn about a different culture, go for it. But if you think you can do it on the cheap, stay home.

Taurus
April 20-May 20
Your subconscious is fanning the flames. Not enough, not enough is being chanted just under the surface. Ignore it, or risk financial consequences.

Gemini
May 21-Jun. 21
When people don't come from the same angle, it's hard to side step hurt feelings. But the amounts you spend don't have to be exactly the same for your relationships to work. The outcome is up to you.

Cancer
Jun. 22-Jul. 22
If you've really finished with all your spending and crossed all your errands off your list, then you can kick back and do something for yourself. Don't read the word 'splurge' into it.

Leo
Jul. 23-Aug. 22
If the past few days haven't been much fun, all that is going to change. Excitement is just around the corner. Don't ruin it by being bothered by pettiness, and that includes comparing budgets.

Virgo
Aug. 23-Sept. 22
Be daring. Today and tomorrow don't have to feel like family obligations. You can enjoy yourself and save at the same time if you force yourself to.

Libra
Sep.23-Oct. 22
If your finances are demanding your attention, then by all means attend to them. But if balancing your checkbook is your way of hiding, then don't let yourself off the hook that easily.

Scorpio
Oct. 23 - Nov. 21
You've been so good lately! Last minute impulse buys could sink your budgetary ship. Have some self control, even if those around you don't.

Sagittarius
Nov. 22-Dec. 21
You've worked hard to make everyone feel jovial, not to mention spending a pretty penny. It's almost time to sit back and observe the fruits of your labor. Oh, and enjoy them, too.

Capricorn
Dec. 22-Jan. 19
When you think of getting through this day, it just doesn't seem possible. But you'll make it if you persevere. Spending extra money won't make time go by any faster, so resist the impulse.

Aquarius
Jan. 20-Feb. 18
What a day. You wouldn't be able to fit any more into it if it were a handbag. But while today was wide open, tomorrow will be less so, so make connections with friends while you can.

Pisces
Feb.19-Mar. 20
Block out problems at work, and that includes worries about money. You have more important things to think about. They address the issues so you don't have to.

THE BORN LOSER by Chip Sansom



SUDOKU

Easy

	5	2						8
	4	9		5				3
	7			6				5
1			9	3				
3								4
		1	8					9
8		4			2			
2			5		9	1		
5				6			7	

Easy+

			1	6				9
	6			7				3
8	3		2					
1		4			3	2		
2		9		5		7		
6	8			1				5
				9		4		3
4		7			5			
2	5		4					

Medium

		9				5		
3	4						8	
			1	4				3
			4	1			7	5
2		7		3		6		9
5	9			6	7			
4			7		6			
	8							9
		1					3	

Hard

8	3							9
			4				6	
			2					
				8				1
	2	4						
5		6						
			6				2	
7								
	9							

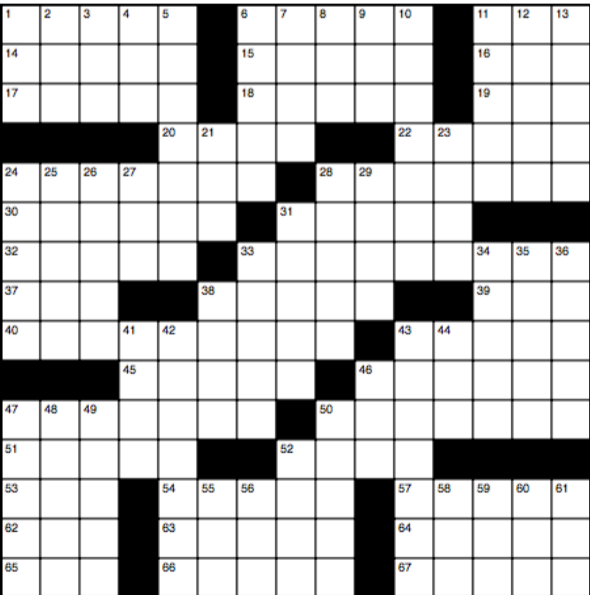
WEATHER

	MIN	MAX	CONDITION
CHINA			
Beijing	20	30	cloudy
Harbin	17	25	cloudy
Tianjin	21	27	overcast
Urumqi	16	26	clear
Xi'an	18	30	clear
Lhasa	9	23	thundershower/cloudy
Chengdu	21	26	downpour/moderate rain
Chongqing	23	29	thundershower/shower
Kunming	17	22	drizzle/downpour
Nanjing	21	29	overcast/cloudy
Shanghai	23	28	drizzle/cloudy
Wuhan	20	30	clear/cloudy
Hangzhou	22	29	overcast/cloudy
Taipei	26	32	moderate rain/drizzle
Guangzhou	27	35	clear
Hong Kong	28	33	cloudy
WORLD			
Moscow	12	23	clear
Frankfurt	14	23	drizzle
Paris	13	21	moderate rain/drizzle
London	11	16	moderate rain/drizzle
New York	23	29	clear

CROSSWORDS

ACROSS: 1- The opposition; 6- Planet's path; 11- Posed; 14- Bridget Fonda, to Jane; 15- Harder to find; 16- Family card game; 17- Stories; 18- Greek marketplace; 19- Church perch; 20- Ad word; 22- Grenoble's river; 24- Acariasis; 28- Middle; 30- Some sculptures; 31- 1957 hit for the Bobbettes; 32- Eastern; 33- One who stays over Saturday and Sunday; 37- Numbered hwy.; 38- Alleviates; 39- Hail, to Caesar; 40- Indispensable; 43- ___ mignon; 45- Sumrise; 46- Verdi opera; 47- Initially; 50- Igneous rock; 51- Copper and zinc alloy; 52- Vivacity; 53- Yes, to Yves; 54- Parisian pupil; 57- "The Family Circus" cartoonist Bil; 62- Summer hrs.; 63- Grow to maturity; 64- Sarge's superior; 65- Biblical verb ending; 66- Pine; 67- Shouts;

DOWN: 1- Tiny toiler; 2- Actress Vardalos; 3- Business card abbr.; 4- Hard water; 5- Official sitting; 6- Ph.D. hurdles; 7- Fury; 8- Sis's sib; 9- Comparative suffix; 10- Apprentice; 11- Great; 12- End of ___; 13- Absorbent cloth; 21- Loser to DDE; 23- Type of gun; 24- Gaze fixedly; 25- Prices paid; 26- Spring sign; 27- Youth org.; 28- Angler's basket; 29- Lodge members; 31- Flat-topped hills; 33- Belt site; 34- Lama lead-in; 35- Incident; 36- Knot again; 38- French summers; 41- Sponsorship; 42- Room for infants; 43- Candidly; 44- Tavern; 46- Period of history; 47- Dwelling; 48- Confidence; 49- Trust; 50- First American to orbit Earth; 52- Perpetually; 55- Whopper; 56- Ecol. watchdog; 58- Fair-hiring abbr.; 59- "You've got mail" co.; 60- Goose egg; 61- Some MIT grads



USEFUL TELEPHONE NUMBERS

- Emergency calls 999
- Fire department 28 572 222
- PJ (Open line) 993
- PJ (Picket) 28 557 775
- PSP 28 573 333
- Customs 28 559 944
- S. J. Hospital 28 313 731
- Kiang Wu Hospital 28 371 333
- Commission Against Corruption (CCAC) 28326 300
- IACM 28 387 333
- Tourism 28 333 000
- Airport 59 888 88
- Taxi 28 939 939 / 2828 3283
- Water Supply - Report 1990 992
- Telephone - Report 1000
- Electricity - Report 28 339 922
- Macau Daily Times 28 716 081



FOR SALE
www.JMLProperty.com

FOR RENT
More info, please contact us
Info@JMLproperty.com
(853) 2835 2699 Office

Designer Apartment
Macau
849 sq ft / HKD 5.033M
HKD 5,929sq ft
Overlooking St Pauls
Ref: 14105421

Pacifica
Taipa
3 Bedrooms Apartment
In The Heart of Taipa
HKD 18,000 / 1,300 sq ft
Ref: 15080525

Hellene Gardens
Coloane
1,663 sq ft / HKD 8.8M
HKD 5,292sq ft
Car Park Included
Ref: 15055437

Tou Un, Tower 2
Taipa
2 Bedroom Apartment
Walking distance to Cotai Strip
HKD 11,800 / 690 sq ft
Ref: 15080521

Old Taipa Village Taipa
Taipa
1,000 sq ft / HKD 6.5M
HKD 6,500sq ft
Near Lady of Carmel Church
Ref: 15035434

Fountainside Studio Apartment
Macau
1 Bedroom Apartment
New development
HKD 12,800 / 567 sq ft
Ref: 15070517

Jou Fai Kuok
Macau
627sq ft / HKD 4.9M
HKD 7,815sq ft
Near Ruins of St Pauls
Ref: 15075447

Chun Fok Garden Apartment
Taipa
3 Bedrooms Apartment
A Lovely Community
HKD 15,800 / 1,300 sq ft
Ref: 15070520

JML property since 1994

卓雅物業

FOOTBALL | CHAMPIONS LEAGUE

Different pedigree, same goal for Man United, FC Astana

Steve Douglas
Sports Writer

Thursday, 2:45am
Club Brugge vs Man Utd
H 1.91, D 3.75, A --

FC Astana did not exist when Manchester United became European champion for the third time in 2008.

The two teams have very different pedigrees but are chasing the same goal this week — qualification for the group stage of the Champions League.

Formed only six years ago, Astana will look to become the first team from Kazakhstan to advance to Europe's top level when it defends a 1-0 lead in the second leg of their playoff with APOEL Nicosia on Thursday (Macau time).

That's one of seven of the 10 playoff matchups where one goal separates the teams.

For United, things look much



Manchester United forward Wayne Rooney, second from left, tries to score against Paris Saint-Germain defender Thiago Emiliano Da Silva (2) and defender Serge Aurier, right

more comfortable as it seeks a return to the Champions League proper after missing out last season.

The English side beat Brugge 3-1 in the first leg at Old Trafford, with Marouane Fellaini earning Louis van Gaal's men breathing space by scoring the third goal in injury time.

United is in good shape in Europe and has seven points from a possible nine to start the Premier League. So why the concern at Old Trafford?

The shouts of "attack, attack, attack" that are regularly heard at the so-called Theatre of Dreams may explain it.

United has scored two goals in three league games so far, one of them being an own goal. Wayne Rooney is without a competitive goal in 858 minutes and Javier Hernandez, not wanted by Van Gaal last season, is currently the only genuine back-up striker for Rooney.

United relied on two goals out of nothing from Memphis Depay to recover from going 1-0 down early against Brugge last week, while Fellaini's last-gasp header came when the Belgians were down to 10 men.

Van Gaal has said United don't need another striker but the team looks way short of options if it wants to compete the likes of Barcelona, Real Madrid and Bayern Munich in the Champions League. First, United needs to finish the job against Brugge, a Europa League quarterfinalist last season and the Belgian league runner-up.

"I don't think that we have a danger," Van Gaal said about complacency, "because the players shall know that Brugge is a very difficult club to beat."

Astana, a team backed by Kazakhstan's sovereign-wealth fund Samruk-Kazyna and in just its third season in European competition, travels more than 3,000 kilometers for its return leg against APOEL — a surprising quarterfinalist in the Champions League in 2012.

Qualifying for the group stage would be a huge boost for Kazakhstan, a country that is keen to use sports to boost its image.**AP**

AD

MAGNUS SECURITY SERVICES

MAGNUS

馬格納斯 保安 (澳門) 有限公司

License No. 5/2010

MAGNUS SECURITY (MACAU) LTD

Avenida Leste do Hipodromo N.S 25-69

Edif. Ind. Fok Tai, 12 floor "B", Macau SAR

Tel.: (853) 2822 1341

Fax.: (853) 2822 0824

MAGNUS SECURITY (MACAU) LTD MAGNUS SECURITY (MACAU) LTD MAGNUS SECURITY (MACAU) LTD MAGNUS SECURITY (MACAU) LTD MAGNUS SECURITY (MACAU) LTD MAGNUS SECURITY (MACAU) LTD MAGNUS SECURITY (MACAU) LTD



SECURITY SERVICES
全面保安服務
EVENTS SECURITY
活動場地保安
SPECIAL OPERATIONS
特別行動
SECURITY SYSTEMS
保安及安全系統
RISK ASSESSMENT &
RISK MITIGATION
風險評估及應對措施
SECURITY FORCE TRAINING
& EVALUATION
保安部隊訓練及評核

MAGNUS SECURITY (MACAU) LTD MAGNUS SECURITY (MACAU) LTD MAGNUS SECURITY (MACAU) LTD MAGNUS SECURITY (MACAU) LTD MAGNUS SECURITY (MACAU) LTD MAGNUS SECURITY (MACAU) LTD MAGNUS SECURITY (MACAU) LTD

www.magnus-security.net

"MAGNIFYING YOUR SECURITY"

contact@magnus-security.net

Eddie Pells, Beijing

ATHLETICS

Usain Bolt beats Justin Gatlin for gold in 100 at worlds

A heart-stopper. A lean at the line. A next-to-nothing margin over a more-than-game challenger.

Sure, for Usain Bolt, the winning result, the bow-and-arrow victory celebration and even the setting may have been the same as 2008. But the show he put on Sunday in a .01-second victory over Justin Gatlin at the Bird's Nest was something very different.

Bolt crossed the line in 9.79 seconds — pedestrian by his standards. Yet it very well may have been his greatest race ever.

"My coach said, 'You'll have to run 100 meters if you're going to win the race,'" Bolt said after capturing his record ninth career gold medal at world championships. "So I ran 100 meters."

The 29-year-old Jamaican came in hurting and anything but race ready — a far cry from seven years ago, when he put his stamp on the Beijing Olympics in the same stadium by slowing down and bringing his hands out to his side to start the celebration with 20 meters left. Even with that, he crossed the line in a then-world-record time of 9.69 seconds.

By now, that's ancient history, and the proof was in the results from the last two years. Gatlin has been dominating the sprint game, while Bolt has spent more time rehabbing than racing.

The problems carried right into Sunday. Bolt's semifinal run — normally a stress-free jog — turned dicey when he stumbled on his fifth step out of the starting block. He was in sixth place more than halfway through and had to push to beat out Trayvon Bromell.

In the next semifinal race, Gatlin breezed, just as he had the night before in the heats. Set against each other, those performances turned Gatlin into the betting favorite, and who could argue?

And so, the stakes were set:



Jamaica's Usain Bolt celebrates after winning the men's 100m final at the World Athletics Championships at the Bird's Nest stadium in Beijing

The world-record holder and track's happy warrior against a twice-convicted doper, who also won the 100 at the 2004 Olympics and the world championships in 2005.

That Gatlin burst from the blocks faster was no surprise; Bolt was his typically slow self in unfurling his 6-foot-5 frame from the start.

That Gatlin was winning at the halfway point wasn't too shocking, either. "The best part of my race is usually the end," Bolt said.

At 80 meters, the math started changing. Bolt drew to within a step but Gatlin was holding him off.

Then, with about 15 meters left, Gatlin over-strided, then did it again, then started leaning toward the line. Bolt stayed upright, crossed with a big kick and with his chest pushed forward. A sliver of space for a man who wins by body lengths.

After eyeing the scoreboard, Bolt punched his right fist down and kicked his left leg up, a clearly unchoreographed celebration for a man who often starts planning them while the race is still going. It was the closest 100 final at the worlds since 2003, when Kim Collins edged Darrel Brown by .01.

"At the end of the day, I guess I would say I gave the race away the last five meters," Gatlin said.

A bitter pill for the 33-year-old ex-champ, who handled it with his typical class, but still gets asked about his doping past no matter what the result.

"He served his suspension, and all of a sudden, self-righteous people who've never done anything wrong in their lives want to vilify him," said Gatlin's agent, Renaldo Nehemiah.

Also winning gold medals Sunday were Jessica Ennis-Hill of Britain in the heptathlon, Joe Kovacs of the United States in the shot put and Pawel Fajdek

of Poland in the hammer throw.

Gatlin will presumably get another chance at gold, and another chance at Bolt, on Thursday in the 200-meter final — the race Bolt has always called his favorite.

No matter how it goes, there figures to be some drama and tension between these two over the next 11 1/2 months, as the lead-in to the Olympics in Rio de Janeiro heats up.

In Rio, Bolt will try to make it 3 for 3 at the Olympics in the 100, 200 and the 4x100 relay. He'll go there having proven something that most long-time champions have to prove sooner or later: That he could win a close one when he wasn't close to his best and his opponent was.

"Ask any athlete, and they'll tell you, if you start doubting yourself, you've already lost," Bolt said. "I never started doubting myself. I just tried to put together a race."

He did. And so, the final photo taken on the track looked like so many others that Bolt's taken over the years: The World's Fastest Man holding that long, languid bow-and-arrow pose — smiling, playing to the crowd.

What a race. "I was screaming. I was screaming because I didn't know what was going to happen," Bolt's father, Wellesley, said after a harrowing night in the stands. "But we know Usain. He's a very stubborn man and he didn't give up." AP

Gatlin defends his mom from the podium stand

IF you heckle Justin Gatlin's mom, he will respond — even if he's in the middle of an awards ceremony.

Standing on the podium after receiving his 100-meter silver medal yesterday at the world championships, the American sprinter gestured toward a heckler who was bothering his mother in the stands. He scowled and pointed in the direction of the offender.

"I was like, 'Hey, chill out with that. Be a gentleman,'" Gatlin told The Associated Press.

Gatlin has been a controversial figure in the sport since his return from a four-year doping ban in 2010. After losing to Usain Bolt in a tight race the night before, Gatlin was asked over and over if he thought his loss was good for sprinting. There were some who portrayed his race with Bolt as "Good vs. Evil."



Silver medalist Justin Gatlin of the United States

That, he can handle. But this, he insisted, crossed the line. "No one has to talk disrespectful to anybody," Gatlin said. "We're just here to run. They pay tickets to see us run. Let us run and do what we do."

Gatlin made eye contact with his mother just before receiving his medal from

IAAF President Lamine Diack. He seemed perturbed and his eyes wandered into the stands as Diack approached to place the medal around his neck.

Once Diack moved past him to give Bolt his gold medal, Gatlin glared at someone and then pointed with his right finger. He said he could tell the person confronting his mother wasn't being friendly.

"I could see it in my mom's face," the 33-year-old Gatlin said. "Because she's my mom."

Gatlin returns to the track today for the opening round of the 200. He is trying to forget about his stumble that cost him a chance at beating Bolt in the 100 and is looking forward to another shot against the powerful Jamaican.

"I am in a good place," Gatlin said. "I feel really excited about the 200. I think I can do some damage." AP

opinion

Views on China

William Pesek, Bloomberg

HONG KONG CAN'T ESCAPE THE TURMOIL NEXT DOOR

Twelve months ago, it seemed Beijing's retrograde politics would eventually sink Hong Kong's exalted international reputation. Now China's ailing economy seems likely to finish off the job sooner than anyone expected.

Hong Kong is dealing with a long list of problems, including tumbling tourist arrivals, a dollar peg that makes it the priciest place in Asia, a precarious property bubble and a leader not up to even mundane challenges never mind an existential crisis.

And that's before you even get to Hong Kong's biggest challenge: the fallout from China's loss of economic credibility around the globe.

How else to explain the 9 percent drop in the Hang Seng Index since Beijing's Aug. 10 devaluation? The selloff put the city's valuations at their lowest, relative to global equities, since 2003, and relegated Hong Kong to the same trading orbit as Pakistan, a place grappling with chronic power shortages.

Forbes magazine spoke for many last year when it asked: "Is Hong Kong Still China's Golden Goose?" The concern then was that political turmoil would disrupt Hong Kong's status as China's financial green zone, where companies can enjoy the rule of law and politicians can investment ill-gotten millions in real estate and with Beijing-friendly billionaires.

Hong Kong seemed to be the perfect Chinese special-enterprise zone - except for the mounting discontent among the city's middle class, whose needs tended to be ignored in favor of the tycoons lording over the city. When hundreds of thousands of residents began protesting in favor of democracy in September 2014, the city's chief executive Leung Chun-ying, like the good Communist functionary he is, shut the demonstrations down.

Political discord no longer seems an immediate existential threat to the city's special status - but China's sputtering economy does. Waning trust in the Chinese economy is driving investors away from Hong Kong, while China's devaluation is making the city less attractive for mainland tourists enticed by cheaper destinations like Japan. Economy Secretary So Kam-leung blamed the 8.4 percent drop in visitors in July on the strong dollar. Retail sales in the city declined for a fourth straight month in June.

Hong Kong doesn't have many good options. For years economists urged Hong Kong to diversify its growth engines - more tech and science startups, fewer hedge funds and property developers riding mainland growth. Rather than deliver the changes Hong Kong needed, Leung has squandered his three years as chief executive kowtowing to his Communist Party benefactors in Beijing.

An eventual Federal Reserve interest-rate hike is a huge worry for Hong Kong. But if global investors had more confidence in Chinese President Xi Jinping, they would be treating Hong Kong's downswing as an opportunity to go bargain-hunting. Hang Seng shares are valued at 9.7 times reported earnings, a roughly 44 percent discount to the MSCI All-Country World Index.

As Chinese growth slows to 5 percent from the desired 7 percent, Hong Kong could find itself in the same position as Macau. China's other "special administrative region" has been among the biggest losers from Xi's anti-corruption drive, which led mainland high rollers to lower their profiles and avoid the city's casinos.

Hong Kong, for its part, is finding it more difficult to attract the tens of millions of shoppers it has become reliant on. Hong Kongers might consider this a be-careful-what-you-wish-for moment. Last year residents lashed out at mainland tourists, as summed up by this Dec. 31 South China Morning Post headline: "Rude awakening: Chinese Tourists Have the Money, But Not the Manners." (China's state-run media retorted with articles about ungrateful Hong Kongers.) As mainlanders now flock to traditionally less China-friendly places like Japan and Taiwan, Hong Kongers may be second-guessing their earlier ire.

An economy should never put all its proverbial eggs in one basket, as the leaders of Hong Kong arguably have done. But, for the moment, as China goes, so goes Hong Kong - and they're both heading in the wrong direction.

THE BUZZ TOURISM: DIGITAL FORMS AIM TO CURB ILLEGAL OPERATORS

Travel agencies booking group trips to Macau and Hong Kong will be urged to use digital forms for government approval starting on Sept 1, in a move aimed at curbing illegal travel operators in Guangdong province that might cheat mainland tourists, the China Daily reported yesterday.

By the end of this year, all outbound group tours will adopt digital forms only, the China

National Tourism Administration said.

The move is a reflection that illegal travel operators have violated tourists' rights by accessing paper forms with official stamps from the black market, said Peng Zhikai, head of the administration's supervision and management division. Digital forms can help monitor travel groups and deal with tourists' complaints, Peng said.

Exhibition showcases photos of Philippines and Macau monuments



Catarina Pinto

THE Philippine Consul-General in Macau inaugurated an exhibition showcasing photos of both local and Philippine monuments yesterday. "Reflections: Monuments in the Philippines and Macau," which is on display until August 31 at the Macau Tourism Activities Center, serves to commemorate the shared cultural heritage of both regions.

The Philippine Consul-General in Macau, Lilybeth R. Deapera said that the photo exhibit also marks the country's National Heroes Day, commemorated this year on August 31.

In partnership with the Macau Government Tourist Office, the Consulate General has also launched

an exhibition featuring 14 monuments from the Philippines and 9 landmarks from Macau.

"The exhibit aims to highlight the importance of remembering Filipino heroes as well as the significance of monuments that immortalize and honor them," said Ms Deapera.

She added that, "we have also thought of inviting Filipino workers and residents here to submit pictures of places in Macau that they particularly like... This way they can also show how they perceive Macau."

The Consul-General stressed that photos on display also show how Filipinos living and working in the territory "appreciate the city's vibrant history" through its monuments.

Speaking on the sidelines

of yesterday's inauguration ceremony, Ms Deapera recalled that, "the Philippines was also colonized, so we both have the same historical experience of being under European colonial rule."

The photos of Philippine monuments were taken by Filipino Foreign Service Officers, as part of their community projects while taking part in training. Fourteen pictures depicting different monuments which pay tribute to some of the country's heroes were chosen to be exhibited.

Among the nine Macau landmarks on display is a photo of the Macau Tower taken by Filipino national Ariel Purification. While living here, he developed a passion for photography: "It's a passion I have; I started two years ago and now this opportunity to have an exhibition came up. This is my favorite photo as it was shot in the mid-afternoon from the Penha hill" he told the Times.

Ms Deapera also revealed yesterday that the Macau government is hoping to forge deeper cultural ties and exchanges of ideas in cooperation with the Philippines.

Station	Air quality
Roadside	55-75 Moderate
High Density Residential Area	110-140 Bad
Ambient	110-140 Bad

SOURCE: DSMG

WORLD BRIEFS



UK Police say the death toll in the crash of a vintage jet fighter in southeastern England will probably rise as emergency workers clear away wreckage on the freeway where the plane went down. Assistant Chief Constable Steve Barry of Sussex Police told the BBC yesterday that he'd be surprised if the number of deaths "doesn't go above" the 11 currently known. But Barry said he "would be really surprised if it would be more than 20." The Hawker Hunter jet plummeted onto a highway Saturday after it failed to pull out of a loop maneuver during the Shoreham Airshow, exploding in a huge fireball and plowing through cars on the road.

USA With Senate Democratic Leader Harry Reid now on board, President Barack Obama's nuclear agreement with Iran seems to be picking up the momentum it needs to survive fierce opposition from its Republican and Israeli opponents.

CANADA The hack of the cheating website Ashley Madison has triggered extortion crimes and led to two unconfirmed reports of suicides, Canadian police said yesterday. The company behind Ashley Madison is offering a USD500,000 reward for information leading to the arrest of members of a group that hacked the site. Hackers last week released detailed records on millions of people registered with the website.



GUATEMALA President Otto Perez Molina has apologized to Guatemalans for a corruption scandal that has thrown the country into political crisis, but insists he will not resign his post and that his conscious is clear. Perez made his remarks late Sunday about the customs fraud scandal in which businesspeople paid kickbacks to officials to avoid import duties. The scheme is believed to have defrauded the state of millions of dollars.

THE DECISIVE MOMENT

AP Photo/Rajesh Kumar Singh



Man's best friends. An Indian man rests with stray dogs on sacks of onions at a wholesale market in Allahabad, India. A further spike in onion prices is expected both in wholesale and retail markets due to the fall in production.

AP PHOTO