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WORLD BRIEFS

USA-CHINA The chairman of the Senate Armed Services Committee is pressing the Pentagon to sail Navy ships within 20 km of artificial islands China is building in the South China Sea and claiming as sovereign territory. Republican Sen. John McCain says the U.S. needs to go within the 20 km limit to underscore it does not recognize China's claims that the islands are its territory.

CHINA-MYANMAR The illicit timber trade between Myanmar and China is rebounding to near its peak of a decade ago as loggers push deeper into Myanmar to strip its forests, according to a report released yesterday by an environmental group.

THAILAND Police yesterday obtained an arrest warrant for a Pakistani man in connection with last month's deadly bombing in Bangkok that the authorities blame on a people-smuggling gang that moves ethnic Uighurs out of China. Police spokesman Prawut Thavornsiri said the warrant for Abdul Tawab cites charges of conspiracy to possess unauthorized explosives and conspiracy to possess unauthorized war materials.

THAILAND Famous beach resort Pattaya is still open to tourists though it has been declared a "disaster zone" due to floods, said Pattaya City mayor Itthipol Kunpluem yesterday. Various spots in Pattaya, about 140 km east of the Thai capital, have been hit by flood due to tropical storm Vamco since Wednesday but its tourist industry remains largely intact, Itthipol confirmed.

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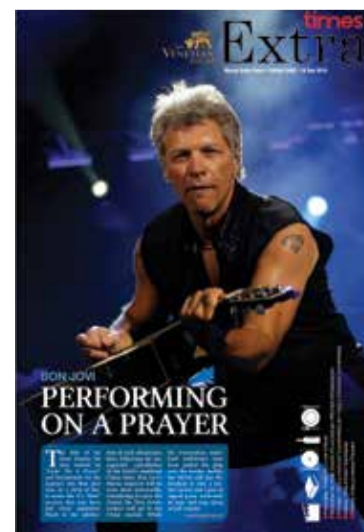
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More studies needed over Canidrome concession, CE says

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THE Chief Executive Chui Sai On urged for more patience with the government-commissioned studies to determine the fate of the controversial greyhound racing track, despite the fact that the concession is approaching a deadline in three months.

The Secretary for Economy and Finance, Lionel Leong, revealed last Friday that authorities are currently in talks with academic institutions and plan to launch surveys in order to gauge public opinion towards the Macau Canidrome Club, which was founded over 40 years ago in 1963, before a decision is made.

On the sidelines of the Institute For Tourism's congregation ceremony, Chui Sai On said that the final decision regarding the matter would hinge on public opinions. Yet he also noted that such a racing activity was long part of the region's multifaceted, gaming-oriented industry despite its smaller proportion compared to other activities.

"Pluralistic gaming has been running in Macau for years. Does the dog racing venue or such activities have to be immediately removed from the territory or

can it be continued?" demanded Chui.

Although unsure of which organizations would contribute to the probe, he assured the public that the authorities would announce their subsequent actions over the concession after the research concludes. Yet as it is expected to "take some time," it will mean that the concession with the Macau Canidrome Club will be renewed, in a similar manner to what happened recently with the Macau Jockey Club concession.

On Monday, animal rights group Anima submitted a total of around 300,000 signatures collected worldwide in a petition addressed to the government in the hope of halting what the group deemed as "brutal activities."

Aside from the concession dispute, Chui also brushed aside online media coverage, suggesting that four land parcels from the Nam Van land reserve that are still available for development have been earmarked for property developer Shun Tak Holdings Limited, owned by Pansy Ho.

"According to the information in my hands, there was no such arrangement," stressed Chui.

The MGM China co-chair also

downplayed the reports yesterday, saying that the complexity associated with the government's urban planning and with their rights to develop land required more of a simplified answer.

The group started touting its luxury residential complex Harbour Mile a considerable time ago, which appeared in close proximity to the Macau Tower in its advertisement materials.

Chui recalled that the authorities indeed received requests from developers to build in that area, yet once again professed that he could not offer comments on the allegations without confirmative documents in hand.

He stressed that the authorities were willing to allocate that particular parcel of land to cultural facilities or others for citizen service "if there were still land reserve left for use."

The online media outlet All About Macau, which published the coverage on Sunday, reported on Tuesday that Land, Public Works and Transport Bureau vice-head, Cheong Ion Man, confirmed the availability of the land reserve, yet he added that the authorities had yet to create any concrete plans for those segments of land.

EDUCATION

Reshaping classrooms for success

Catarina Pinto

THE reshaping of classrooms is crucial to developing a new schooling model which can cater to a more diverse student community, said professor Ilídia Cabral from Porto's Catholic University, on the sidelines of a public lecture delivered on Wednesday at the University of Saint Joseph (USJ).

The scholar, who holds a PhD in Education, talked of "The Grammar of Schooling," a concept explored by David Tyack and William Tobin to understand why schools are so reluctant to change conventional forms of education.

She recalled that the student community is now more diverse, and as such, classrooms should be reshaped accordingly.

"In Portugal [for instance] there has been a significant development of successful results in schools as failure rates have dropped. But there's still a percentage of students unable to reach set minimum goals," Professor Cabral told the Times.

She added that, "One remaining issue lies on this obsolete schooling model... We are first taught to be teachers while we're students, so it becomes very hard to think outside of the box or to come up with alternative ways to regroup and reorganize the entire classroom."

After being invited to give a public lecture at USJ, Ilídia Cabral introduced the findings of a research study project she conducted based on three innovative projects designed to combat student failures and to reshape the traditional school model.

The scholar reflected upon what could be done in Macau to improve educational success and the quality of teaching and learning methods.

The "grammar" of schooling metaphor, she explained, is used here to show that the way we teach is as natural as a language's grammar. Language users do not think about grammar systematically, and the same happens with teaching: "We have inherited this schooling model and it remains unquestioned."

Ilídia Cabral stressed that classroom practices and teaching strategies should then be improved upon to meet current student diversity needs.



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Schools instructed to watch live show on victory against Japan

THE show “The Time of the War: Memories of the War Against the Japanese Invasion” will be broadcast live from 9 a.m. this morning by free-to-air TDM channels aimed especially at students.

This event has the purpose of “reminding the citizens of Macau, especially the young ones, of the history of the resistance war in order to awaken for a national conscience within all Chinese people,” the Education and Youth Affairs Bureau (DSEJ) said in a statement released yesterday on its website.

Sources from local schools, who asked to remain anonymous, told the Times that “the Education bureau instructed school principals to organize compulsory sessions for pupils to watch TDM’s live feed [today].”

DSEJ explains that “on the live broadcasting day, many schools will organize their students to watch the program as part of a school period dedicated to History class,” putting the emphasis on the fact that this program is to be included in some form of patriotic education that the government is including, not without resistance, in the curriculum of subjects as history.

Scholar and educator Éric Sautédé does not consider this event particularly shocking, if done properly.



Chinese President Xi Jinping watches the military parade during the commemoration activities to mark the 70th anniversary of the victory over Japan

By doing “more than showing the parade, the weapons display and the speeches that accompanied it, it would be interesting to talk about the post-war situation and the importance of all that in the past and the actual situation of China,” Sautédé told the Times. He added that “students will surely have difficulties understanding what they are watching and teachers already showed discomfort when approaching the topic due to a

lack of proper tools to do so”.

Mr Sautédé sees no problem with viewing this topic in the context of civic education and even history, but mentions that the selected guidelines do not involve a discussion about the historical facts.

Also contacted by the Times, Professor Ana Correia, dean of the Faculty of Psychology and Education, and Coordinator for the Department of Education of the University of Saint Joseph

(USJ) expressed her belief that the program is a good initiative as “people’s past is part of their history and cultural heritage.”

“We are our own memories and those memories are the starting point to consider and plan the future,” Prof. Correia said, adding that the fact that several education-related government departments are promoting this event is also a positive sign.

“It proves that there is some coherence around this topic and that there is some vision about education from the government.”

According to Prof. Correia, “Down-to-top measures are always considered better in terms of being more democratic and more accepted but top-to-down guidelines are sometimes good to stimulate some kind of change and real education policy.”

The event is jointly organized by the Office of the Secretary for Social Affairs and Culture (GSASC), DSEJ and the Tertiary Education Services Office (GAES). It is produced through a partnership between Chinese Cultural Exchange Association (CCEA) and TDM. Three of TDM’s channels will be broadcasting the program, along with an opening speech from the Secretary Alexis Tam.

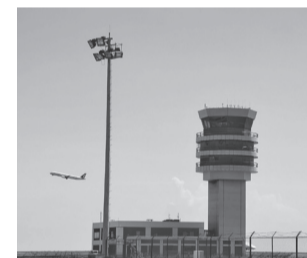
The show will be held at the convention hall of the Macau Science Center. **RM**

UM student wins award for best paper



Ip Chi Wai, a Master’s student from the University of Macau’s Department of Electromechanical Engineering, recently won a best paper award at the Third International Symposium on Engineering and Natural Science, for his dissertation entitled ‘Experimental Investigation of the Effect of Ultrasonic Inlet Flow on Heat Transfer inside the Horizontal Mini-Tubes’.

Airport landing safety to be improved



The Civil Aviation Authority of Macau (AACM) plans to release a report aimed at improving aircraft landing. The report should be released by the end of this year and comes after several Macau-bound flights have been forced to land in neighboring cities due to harsh weather conditions. According to AACM, technical improvements can be introduced in order for aircrafts to be able to withstand harsher weather conditions.

Melinda Chan: Maternity leave extension may pose challenges

It may not be a good idea, in the midst of the current gaming sector revenue downturn, to extend the current amount of maternity leave provided and adopt a paid paternity leave scheme, Melinda Chan has argued. According to the lawmaker, to introduce the measure now might pose a significant challenge for small companies. Ms Chan has presented a review of her work as a lawmaker one month before the new legislative year starts. She says that her main concerns were medical issues, housing, education and pension funds for the elderly.

Dore Group alienates itself from theft, investment proposals

Aries Un

THE troubled junket operator Dore Group distanced itself from high-profile embezzlement yesterday following two consecutive days of protests by scammed investors at its headquarters.

A half-page statement released yesterday in the Chinese newspaper Macao Daily by the group says that after approximately two days of internal investigation, it was discovered that the company’s former cage director sought funds from not only the group’s clients but also other people by unlawfully using the junket’s name.

The group also claimed that the suspect, whose whereabouts remain unknown, even forged seals and lured investors with an “extremely high interest rate.”

The group further denied that the practice was part of its usual

business, while also stressing that “such conduct was against the law.”

Dore Group’s initial estimate of its financial losses amounts to over HKD100 million. With junket activity continuing within Wynn Macau’s casino, the junket group said that its operations were not harmed by the heist.

The company also urged all relevant parties embroiled in the scam to come forward to the Judiciary Police in order to assist with the authorities’ inquiry into the fraud. It also suggested that those involved in the incident who were in need of assistance could visit the company for enquiries.

Apart from promising to bear possible legal responsibility in the future subject to court verdicts, the group, which described itself a victim, appealed to society to put the episode in perspective.

CRIME

Romanian man nabbed for withdrawing cash with doctored cards

Aries Un

THE Judiciary Police (PJ) arrested a Romanian man on Tuesday for illegally withdrawing money through forged credit cards after bank surveillance footage captured the illicit act.

The suspect, a 35-year-old car cleaner, allegedly used at least 18 doctored cards on Sunday and Tuesday at three banks’ ATM machines in the central district of the Macau peninsula in a bid to cash out money, said Chan Cho Man, acting head of PJ’s economic crimes division.

His multiple attempts, only ten of which were successful, resulted in the withdrawal of MOP13,000 in cash. He later converted his gains into US dollars and Euros. It remains unclear whether

or not the foreign man, who entered the territory from Thailand, was employed by a syndicate and which destination he would next head to after the theft.

The incident surfaced after one of the banks compromised found one of the suspect’s bogus cards, which the authorities claimed had information stemming from Europe, stuck inside an ATM machine. The bank executives then reported the case to the police.

The PJ investigators caught the suspect in a downtown hotel on Tuesday night and uncovered related cash, only two credit cards and a laptop, which they found had been installed with software related to the cards. The police inquiry into the case is still underway.

'Glass House' to remain open for theatre and dance groups

THEATRE and dance groups looking for rehearsal space can now apply for the temporary use of Tap Seac's 'Glass House', as part of the latest round of applications opened by the Cultural Affairs Bureau (IC) today.

Artistic associations can submit a request to use the Glass House from today until January 31, IC revealed in a statement.

Earlier this week, the Secretary for Social Affairs and Culture, Alexis Tam, had revealed that the IC has plans to revamp the Glass House in order to fix problems triggered by the building's construction issues.

A program was launched in 2013 which was specially designed to temporarily hand over some of the Glass House's rooms to theatre and dance groups in need of a place to rehearse. Three rooms on the ground floor have accommodated different artistic associations and groups since the program was initially launched.

The IC said it will adhere to its plan to develop the Glass House into a flagship, multi-functional space for the cultural and creative industries.



The 'Glass House' stands at the Tap Seac Square

ral and creative industries.

The bureau stated that current building renovation works will hopefully be completed in the second half of 2017.

Designed by local architect Carlos Marreiros, the Glass House has been vacant and inactive since 2007, following its construction.

The IC found water infiltration problems in several parts of the building during inspections in 2010.

The structure then underwent

repair works while the bureau conducted "a thorough inspection" of the property to assess its structural integrity, electrical installation, as well as its ventilation and fire systems. The inspection works were completed in 2012.

In the following year, the building underwent maintenance works, according to a report issued after the 2012 inspection. In cooperation with the Land, Public Works and Transport Bureau (DSSOPT), the IC drafted a new revamp plan for the Glass House.

DSSOPT is currently operating a public tender to finalize the renovation works, which should be concluded within a 300-day deadline. The IC is hoping to finish all works by the second half of next year, so that the building can accommodate a Macau Trade and Investment Promotion Institute (IPIM) branch, a center for the supply of food products from the Portuguese-speaking countries, and a branch of "Macao Ideas."

Ground floor rooms will be made available to local theatre and dance groups. Those interested in securing a rehearsal venue should hand in an application form and the required documents to the Department for the Promotion of Cultural and Creative Industries. More information can be found at <http://www.macaucci.com>. **CP**

Calendar illustrations displayed at the Museum of Art

THE exhibition, 'Guan Huinong's Calendar Illustrations Donated by His Family', features 40 original calendar illustrations by Guan Huinong. It is now on display at the ground floor gallery of the Macau Museum of Art (MAM) until November 8.

The calendar poster was a popular type of advertising medium comprising of month-based calendars, widely used in the early 20th century to promote consumer items and mostly featuring young and glamorous women, depicted in chic urban settings. They have become important historical references with vivid imagery reflecting regional and consumer culture at the time, thus providing individuals with essential information with which to understand the social conditions, lifestyles, trends and products prevalent in the early 20th century.

According to MAM, "These originals fully



'Mother and Son,' produced in early twentieth century

show the master illustrator's stroke, tracing and palette skills, which can

hardly be noticed on most printed calendar posters." Some of the pieces will

be displayed alongside their corresponding printed versions, allowing the public to better grasp the differences and relationship between the original artworks and the calendar illustrations.

Guan Huinong (1878-1956), was born in Xi-qiao, Nanhai District of Foshan, Guangdong province. His great-grandfather, Guan Zuolin, was a famous author of export paintings in Canton during the 19th century. Born into a family adept at Western painting techniques, Huinong was familiar with perspective and the use of light and shadow as compositional elements from an early age. Later, he studied Chinese painting with Ju Lian (1828-1904), a Lingnan School grandmaster, and was eventually able to ingeniously combine Chinese and Western techniques, which he later applied to his calendar illustrations.

RETAIL

Bossini seeks rent cuts amid declining sales

THE apparel company Bossini International Holdings is planning to introduce measures to ease pressure from rental expenses in Hong Kong and Macau amid slowing sales, the Hong Kong Economic Journal reported yesterday.

According to representatives from the company, per square foot sales in the two cities fell 3 percent to HKD8,500 from the start of the fiscal year up until June, while same store sales were roughly the same as last year's, compared with 12 percent growth in the same period last year.

Bossini's chief executive Edmund Mak Tak-cheong revealed that the company is negotiating with landlords to reduce rental fees as it boosts productivity in its shops to lower expenses.



A Bossini shop in Macau

Global Tourism Economy Forum extends platform to Latin America

THE Global Tourism Economy Forum (GTEF), will be held this year at the Venetian Macao from October 12 to 14 and will be centered on the theme "Belt and Road Initiative: Unleashing the New Dynamics of Cultural Tourism".

Serving as a platform for international exchange and cooperation, once more, this forum brings together ministerial officials and tourism leaders from different destinations to contribute with new ideas for global tourism and economic development.

At the press conference held yesterday at the Tourism Activities Centre, the chief of office of the Secretary for Social Affairs and Culture, Lai Ieng Kit, initially remarked that that "GTEF not only offers valuable perspectives and a key direction for global tourism, but also helps to build Macau as a world center of tourism and leisure."



Pansy Ho

The vice-chairman and secretary-general of GTEF, Pansy Ho, announced the program and speakers, while expressing her gratitude

to all local sectors for their support. "The fourth edition of GTEF has received enthusiastic support and feedback from international and mainland provincial and regional governments as well as from public and private organizations worldwide. This clearly demonstrates GTEF's influence on global tourism and related industries as well as its role as a key platform that connects the East and West," she stated.

Pansy Ho also added "[by this Forum] the tourism industry can be infused with a sustainable energy and create even greater benefits."

The 2015 edition of the GTEF will feature the Pacific Alliance countries - Chile, Colombia, Mexico and Peru - as the partner countries, extending the Forum's network to Latin America, and contributing to the development of Sino-Latin American economic and trade relations. **RM**

TOURISM

IFT graduates face good employment prospects

MORE than 400 graduates from the Institute for Tourism Studies (IFT) bowed to their teachers yesterday afternoon in a congregation ceremony as the institute head Fanny Vong wished them a promising future.

The school's president, who is positive about the employment prospects to be found in the tourism industry, stated to the 443 graduates that the upcoming "world-class hotels and large resorts" in Cotai, together with the development of the neighboring areas of Hengqin and Nansha are slated to bring in more opportunities to local students.

She called on them to move forward into their future equipped with the knowledge which could help prepare themselves for the rising challenges therein.

The region's Chief Executive Chui Sai On, echoed Fanny Vong's remarks on the regional strategy and expressed his wish that the institute, which is in the midst of its 20th anniversary, would continue



to produce more talented individuals in response to local tourism developments.

With the East Asia Hall situated on the former campus of the University of Macau, now granted to IFT by the government, under renovation, Vong said the additional resource would help improve the quality of education.

"In addition to the East Asia Hall, we can also use the library and other spaces at the former University of Macau campus, so as to cultivate a better teaching and learning environment for the faculty and students," she remarked. **AU**

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This is the fifth installment of an eight part series identifying the key factors in choosing the right investment property and putting your money to work. Now that you have read the articles on property investment and the Step by step guide to buying in Macau, here are two important things that a savvy investor will avoid when buying investment property.

Using the wrong type of agent

An investor needs an agent that will represent their interests, which is to secure the best possible deal with the optimum conditions for the purchaser. The conflicting interest to this is an agent who is there to ensure that the best possible deal is done for the seller. Two agents with very different objectives. Never use the seller's agent to represent your interests. The two masters are mutually exclusive and it clearly does not benefit the buyer to be represented by the same agent committed to getting the seller the highest price for the listed property.

Failing to do the research

Buying a property with limited appeal to the broad rental market or a property that does not measure up well against competition in the immediate vicinity is investment suicide. When buying an investment property, think about who will rent the property today, and who will buy that property from you when you're ready to sell. No matter what type of property you're investing in, if it appeals to only a narrow portion of the market, the demand for it will be lower and the time needed to rent or sell it will be longer. Doing your homework before you buy will reveal what type of properties are most in demand in the area. To do this, you can talk to real estate agents to ascertain what type of home renters are looking for. Search the internet to establish the competition, read the "for rent" ads in the newspaper to determine what features are regularly mentioned. For example if it's "sea view" or "close to public transport"

or "with car park" you can be fairly sure these are features that are highly sought after and highly regarded. As far as determining whether the price is a reasonable one or not, you need to do some comparative market analysis. Not only will this assist you in ensuring you have the best deal, but it will be powerful information when you commence price negotiations. Finally, as we've noted before, it seems everyone's an expert when it comes to real estate purchasing, and just about all feel compelled to offer advice, courted or otherwise. The reality is that the only way that you will know whether you have secured a good property at a good price is if you dedicate the time to do your research. If you don't have that time, then you can appoint a real estate (buying) agent to do the job for you, a good one will save you hundreds of thousands of dollars. Next week in Part 6 we look at how to finance your property purchase.

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HOLIDAY INN JOINS IHG HOTELS TO RAISE FUNDS FOR "RACE AROUND THE WORLD"

Holiday Inn Macao Cotai Central team members joined hands with team members from Intercontinental Hotels Group (IHG) hotels in Macau on Wednesday to participate in "Race Around the World."

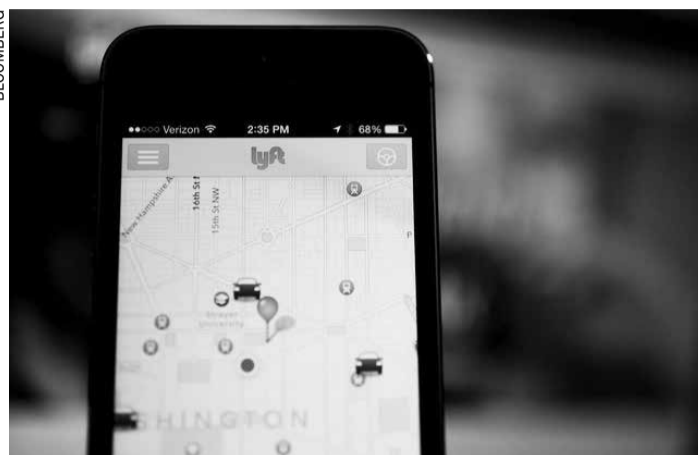
Uber rival Lyft teams with China's top ride-hailing service

Jing Cao and Eric Newcomer

TWO of Uber's fiercest rivals are teaming up to challenge the ride-hailing company in the world's largest markets.

Didi Kuaidi, the top car-sharing company in China, invested USD100 million in Lyft Inc., No. 2 behind Uber in the U.S., as part of an already disclosed funding round that valued the San Francisco-based startup at USD2.5 billion.

"This is a step in the right direction. It's sort of a no-brainer," Carl Icahn, a Lyft investor, said in an interview. "China has 800 million people living in the cities, and they can't all have cars. There's going to be this type of ride-sharing, and Didi is really set up for that."



Didi Kuaidi and Lyft have challenged Uber, which is valued at \$50 billion and operates in more than 340 international cities. Beginning early next year, Lyft users will be able to summon a car for the first time in China using their Lyft app and Didi Kuaidi users will be able to hail a ride in the U.S., John Zimmer, Lyft's co-founder and president, said Wednesday during a presentation in New York.

"We have strong faith in Lyft's future in the U.S. market," Jean Liu, president of Didi Kuaidi, said at the event.

Lyft signaled this strategy months ago, saying that it would likely grow internationally through local partnerships. Uber meanwhile has committed \$1 billion to establish itself in China and a similar sum to compete in India.

Alibaba Group Holding

Ltd. and Tencent Holdings Ltd. were part of the consortium that Didi Kuaidi joined for the Lyft funding round. Alibaba's investment was a "great sign" for Lyft's future, Icahn said.

Didi Kuaidi works with more than 1.35 million taxi drivers, 2 million private car drivers and 1 million chauffeurs in China and has been used by more than 200 million people, the company said in a statement. More than half of Lyft's rides in San Francisco and in New York take place on Lyft Line, the company's carpooling service.

"From our home base in China, Didi Kuaidi is building China's largest one-stop, on-demand, transportation service platform," Chief Executive Officer Cheng Wei said in the statement. "As the industry innovation leader, Lyft will continue to build upon its existing market and brand power." Bloomberg

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FT: Doubts rise over official GDP growth rate



A Chinese national flag flies in front of buildings in the Lujiazui district of Shanghai

THE view that China is growing far slower than official figures show is increasingly going mainstream, with big global investors among those now basing decisions on a rate of about 5 per cent, the Financial Times reported yesterday.

According to an article by Josh Noble in Hong Kong, government statistics show China's economy grew at an annual

pace of 7 per cent in the second quarter of this year, in line with Beijing's target for the year and the World Bank estimate of 7.1 per cent.

However, according to the paper, doubts have long lingered about the veracity of Chinese economic data, with many analysts believing them to be understated during times of rapid growth and overstated

during the current slowdown. A strategist at one European asset manager described the official growth figure as "a very crude propaganda tool".

The recent decision by the People's Bank of China to devalue the renminbi, a move that rattled markets across the world, has been seen as further evidence that China's economy is in far worse health than official

data show.

The FT adds that some have instead turned to alternative estimates, such as the "Li Keqiang index" — a composite of various indicators favored by the Chinese prime minister, such as electricity production and railway freight volumes. Many of those gauges fell into outright contraction late last year.

Bob Browne, chief investment officer at Northern Trust, told the London-based paper that the fund manager recently lowered its growth forecast for China for the next five years to "5 per cent and change", which he said was a recognition that using official statistics was "really no longer appropriate".

"We just can't reconcile it with the private sector surveys or more valid government bottom-up numbers," he told the FT.

The true nature and rate of Chinese growth is a key ingredient for investors and economists as they seek to measure demand for global commodities and forecast growth rates for the countries that produce them.

Sharp falls in the price of many raw materials, including oil, copper and iron ore, over the past year have been seen as added proof that China, the biggest consumer of many commodities, is actually growing well below the stated rate.

"If you look at the kind of hard data that are entering into the composition of the so-called Li Keqiang index, the growth is today probably closer to 5 per cent than to 7 per cent," said Jean-Louis Nakamura, chief Asia investment officer at Lombard Odier, as quoted by the newspaper.

According to the FT, some are even more bearish. Lombard Research reckons China grew at an average rate of 4.7 per cent in the first half of the year, which

le Citi's chief economist Willem Buiter believes growth could already be as low as 4 per cent.

Those views chime with a recent confidential survey conducted by Consensus Economics, a researcher, which asked economic forecasters what they believed the true rate of Chinese growth has been this year. Those polled gave an average growth figure for the second quarter of just 4.3 per cent, and a forecast for the current quarter of 5.1 per cent, the paper added.

A separate Bank of America Merrill Lynch survey of fund managers released on Tuesday showed that the majority of investors now expect China to be growing at 4.1–5 per cent in three years' time. Most gave an answer of 5.1–6 per cent just a month ago.

Figures around 5 per cent contrast with the consensus estimate from investment bank economists, which is currently 6.9 per cent for 2015.

David Meier, economist at Julius Baer, has an official forecast for this year of 6.7 per cent, but notes "suspicion that the figures could be 1-2 per cent overdone".

"At the end of the day, we have to comment, analyze and publish forecasts based on the official [gross domestic product] data series," he told the FT.

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China's real likely growth rate

CHINA'S stocks sank yesterday in the last 30 minutes of trading in thin volumes as traders tested the limits of state support amid the biggest price swings since 1997.

The Shanghai Composite Index slid 2.1 percent to 3,086.60 at the close, wiping out an advance of as much as 1.7 percent, as material and drug companies slumped. The benchmark gauge jumped 4.9 percent on Wednesday in a last-hour rally — the hallmark of state-backed fund buying — after falling 6.1 percent in the first two days of the week.

Volatility is surging and turnover is slumping on concern government intervention will fail to shore up the world's second-largest stock market amid signs of a deeper economic

slowdown. Price swings have been exacerbated by state investigations into market manipulation as well as the Federal Reserve's interest-rate meeting this week.

"The market is becoming increasingly volatile as state support has caused confusion to the market and investors," said Li Jingyuan, head of securities investment at Shanghai Zhaoyi Asset Management. "Information on state buying isn't transparent and it seems that the national team doesn't have a clear strategy and tactics. So you see a volatile market as investors don't follow state buying."

Hong Kong's Hang Seng China Enterprises Index climbed 0.6 percent, while the Hang Seng Index

Mainland stocks sink in late trade with volatility at 18-year high



lost 0.5 percent. The CSI 300 Index dropped 2.2 percent, with gauges of material and healthcare stocks dropping at least 3 percent. Yunnan Copper Co. slumped by the 10 percent daily limit, while Shenzhen Zhongjin Lingnan Nonfemet Co. lost 5 percent. Guangzhou Baiyunshan Pharmaceutical Holdings Co. declined 4.4 percent.

Turnover on the Shanghai stock exchange has tumbled 74 percent from the peak in June. Volumes were 17 percent below the 30-day average yesterday. **Bloomberg**

CHINESE President Xi Jinping said yesterday that he looks forward to a “profound exchange of views” with Barack Obama when the two meet for a summit in Washington next week.

Xi’s first formal state visit to the U.S. is being closely scrutinized for signs that the world’s two largest economies can overcome differences and cooperate on global issues. Among major sources of friction are hacking attacks on the U.S. said to be directed by Beijing and China’s moves to assert its territorial claims in the South China Sea.

Xi said he looks forward to discussing “major issues of mutual concern” with Obama, but didn’t mention any specific issues in his remarks at a U.S.-China business dialogue.

“I place great importance on this visit and am looking forward to this trip abroad, looking forward to a profound exchange of views with President Obama,” Xi said, adding that he was also anticipating having “broad contact with Americans from all walks of life.”

“I also hope and believe that with our joint efforts my visit will achieve the effect of deepening understanding and friendship between our two peoples and attaining new developments,” Xi said.

Xi and Obama are to meet in Washington on Sept. 25. Xi also is scheduled to visit Seattle and New York, where he is to address the U.N. General As-

Xi expects ‘profound exchange of views’ with Obama



sembly.

The two leaders are expected to discuss trade, North Korea’s nuclear program and Iran, among other issues. While the two sides are not expected to make major breakthroughs on some of the thorniest issues between them, there may be

conciliatory gestures such as a restart of dialogue on cybersecurity and a pact on avoiding unintended incidents between military aircraft.

Chinese officials say they’re looking for signs that the two countries are working toward a “new model of major state

relations” — a concept floated by Xi at an informal California summit with Obama in 2013. Beijing sees that as a way of establishing parity with the U.S. and avoiding conflict, although American officials see it as having little substance and rarely mention it at all. **AP**

BUFFETT, COOK AMONG BUSINESS ELITES TO HEAR XI SPEAK

CHINESE PRESIDENT Xi Jinping will give a speech to U.S. business leaders including Apple Inc.’s Tim Cook and Warren Buffett of Berkshire Hathaway Inc. as part of an exchange between top Chinese and American companies in Seattle. Xi is visiting the U.S. at a time of mounting concern among U.S. business leaders that authorities in China are seeking to curb their market access and after President Barack Obama said this week that the U.S. was readying measures to forcefully demonstrate that Chinese cyber-espionage won’t be tolerated. Among the Chinese guests at the Sept. 23 event are Jack Ma, head of Alibaba Group Holding Ltd., and Yang Yuanqing, chief executive officer of Lenovo Group, according to the Paulson Institute, which is sponsoring the forum. It would be an opportunity for leaders to “discuss issues, challenges and opportunities facing the two countries and explore ways to strengthen the U.S.-China business and economic relationship,” the institute said.

HONG KONG

Immigration Dep’t arrests parents for 19-year failure to register kids’ births

THE Immigration Department has arrested the parents of three children aged 17 to 19 who have been living undocumented since birth, Hong Kong Free Press reported yesterday.

According to the HK-based website, the department discovered that the siblings had been living with their Hong Kong father and Indonesian mother, but they never attended school and were only educated through the internet. They never went to doctors when they were sick, but they were in good health when discovered, the Apple Daily reported.

William Fung Pak-ho, assistant director of the Immigration Department, said the registration should be a simple process. “I have never thought that parents would leave their



children undocumented, which damaged their interests. I was shocked,” the website quoted the official as saying.

HKFP noted that the father was arrested for allegedly breaking the Births and Deaths Registration Ordinance. The mother, a former domestic helper,

was arrested for suspected overstaying after her contract expired.

The case was transferred to the Social Welfare Department to follow up.

In April, a pair of sisters, aged 14 and 15, who had been living undocumented since birth were discovered after the elder sister

jumped to her death from their home in Repulse Bay.

Following the tragedy, the department investigated case records from July 1, 1997 to August 31, 2015, and found 55 similar cases.

In 22 of these cases, the department has been able to locate the parents and is arranging for the late registrations of birth for their children. Investigation of ten cases out of 22 have been completed, including the case of the three siblings.

Half of the children discovered were under three years old. So far twelve people have been arrested.

It is an offence if anyone deliberately fails to register the birth of a child as within 42 days. Offenders are liable to a maximum USD2,000 fine or up to six months’ imprisonment.

Beijing Airport verifying report executive under investigation

BEIJING Capital International Airport Co., owner of the aerodrome in China’s capital, said it is verifying reports its general manager is being investigated.

Beijing Capital noted reports that Shi Boli, also an executive director, was “brought in” for investigation, the company said yesterday in a filing to the Hong Kong stock exchange. The company is not immediately able to verify the accuracy of the reports, it said.

The 21st Century Business Herald newspaper reported Shi was taken away this week by the Communist Party’s discipline inspection department. Officials have intensified efforts to root out corruption since President Xi Jinping came to power and warned graft was a threat to the party’s future.

The former chief executive of China Aircraft Leasing Group Holdings Ltd. was put under investigation as part of a graft probe involving officials at China Southern Airlines Corp., people familiar with the matter told Bloomberg in June. Poon Ho Man sent a resignation letter to the company while on vacation, China Aircraft said that month.

In November, China Southern said it had removed four officials who were being investigated on suspicion of “job-related crimes.” **Bloomberg**

Mari Yamaguchi, Tokyo

JAPAN

Legislative committee approves new security bills

JAPAN'S ruling party pushed contentious security bills through a legislative committee yesterday, catching the opposition by surprise and causing chaos in the chamber.

Opposition lawmakers surged toward the chairman's seat as they realized something was up after ruling party legislators had gathered at the podium to protect him.

As the scrum intensified, ruling party lawmakers still in their seats stood up to signal their support for the legislation, though there didn't appear to be an audible announcement of what they were voting on.

The legislative standoff is the latest development in a years-long national debate about the way Japan uses its military, a central question for the country since its armed forces were defeated in World War II seven decades ago. The bills would ease restrictions on what the military can do, a highly sensitive issue in a country where many take pride in the postwar pacifist constitution.

A senior opposition member later said his party would not accept the vote because the ruling bloc had cheated.

"You saw the scene. We do not recognize there was a vote. How can you tell what happened, what the chairman was calling?" said Tetsuro Fukuyama, committee leader for the Democratic Party of Japan.

If the vote stands, the legislation will go to the upper house of parliament for final approval. The bills were passed by the more powerful lower house in July.

"Although it was unfortunate that the bills had to be approved this way, they are absolutely needed in order to protect the lives and happiness of the people," Masahisa Sato, a member of the committee for the ruling Liberal Democratic Party, told public broadcaster NHK shortly after the vote. "We are relieved.



Japanese lawmakers scuffle during a committee voting of security bills at the upper house of the parliament in Tokyo

Now we will do our utmost for approval of the bills in a house vote."

The ruling party's ploy ended nearly 24 hours of delaying tactics by the opposition, which plans more when the full upper house takes up the bills.

Before the vote, opposition lawmakers had introduced a no-confidence motion against the committee chairman, who earlier had tried to force the meeting to start.

Despite the delays, the bills are likely to be passed eventually because Prime Minister Shinzo Abe's ruling bloc has a majority in the upper house.

The legislation would allow the military to defend Japan's allies even when the country

isn't under attack, work more closely with the U.S. and other allies, and do more in international peacekeeping.

Abe says Japan needs the bills to bolster its defense amid China's growing assertiveness and to share global peacekeeping efforts. Opponents say the legislation violates Japan's war-renouncing constitution, while putting the country at risk of being embroiled in U.S.-led wars.

The opposition plans a series of no-confidence votes against Abe's Cabinet and its key members — a process likely to take more than half a day — before a house vote can take place.

Those no-confidence motions, however, are purely symbolic

and meant to be delaying tactics. They would have no impact on the stability of Abe's government.

As the drama played out in parliament, a few hundred protesters rallied outside the building under a steady rain, after a bigger demonstration by thousands the previous night.

The protesters shouted "Scrap the bills right now" and "No to war bills," while flashing placards with anti-Abe and anti-war messages.

Over the past few months, new faces have joined the ranks of protesters, typically made up of labor union members and graying left-wing activists.

A group of students has emerged as leaders of the protests,

■ The legislation would allow the military to defend Japan's allies even when the country isn't under attack and do more international peacekeeping

which have grown to tens of thousands who fill the streets outside parliament every Friday and often on weekends.

"Anyone who understands the basic principle of the constitution cannot help but oppose the legislation," Aki Okuda, a leader of the group Students Emergency Action for Liberal Democracies, told reporters. "It's ridiculous, and the bills' legal questions have fueled the people's anger."

Abe's ruling party wants the bills passed by today to avoid a swelling of protests during an upcoming five-day weekend. Abe also promised the U.S. that they would be approved by this summer.

Media surveys have consistently showed a majority of respondents oppose the legislation. One released Monday by the liberal-leaning Asahi newspaper showed 54 percent opposed the bills, compared to 29 percent supporting them. **AP**

THAILAND

Video of navy cadets smashing phones stirs criticism

Papitchaya Boonngok, Bangkok

WHEN the Thai military says cadets can't bring phones to training, they mean it.

A video clip that has ignited social media in Thailand this week shows what happened to some officers-in-training who broke that rule.

The video, dubbed "Soldiers Must Endure,"

shows a row of uniformed naval cadets with their iPhones and Samsung smart phones on the ground, each one beside a concrete block.

"You just bought this, right? Expensive, eh?" says the voice of a commanding officer who asks each trainee to state the make of his phone and then orders them to bend down and — "Smash it!"

The video has been

viewed hundreds of thousands of times on Facebook, YouTube and popular Thai social media forums in the past few days, drawing mostly criticism that the punishment doesn't fit the crime. Many comments posted online suggested the military confiscate the pricey phones from rule breakers and return them at the end of the term, rather than des-

trouing them.

Others half-jokingly called it a form of torture in Thailand, where people are extremely attached to their smart phones. The Southeast Asian country is one of the world's biggest users of social media and has repeatedly claimed top spots on annual lists of the world's most Instagrammed places.

It was not clear who took

the video, which was filmed vertically, apparently using a phone.

The Thai navy issued a statement to "clarify" what happened at its Communications and Information Technology School, which has a rule forbidding students from carrying cellphones on school grounds but which is frequently violated.

Teachers at the school came up with an "honor

system" whereby those who break the rule "destroy their phones voluntarily," said the statement posted on the website of the navy's radio station, Voice of Navy.

"This 'honor system' was not recognized by the school and it was not school policy. Therefore, the school has ordered this form of punishment to stop," the statement said. **AP**

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INDIA

A Saudi Arabian diplomat accused of repeatedly raping and abusing two Nepalese maids has left India under cover of diplomatic immunity, while Nepal on Thursday called for justice for the women.

India's External Affairs Ministry spokesman Vikas Swarup identified the diplomat as Majed Hassan Ashoor, the first secretary at the Saudi Embassy in New Delhi. The statement late Wednesday said Ashoor, "who is allegedly accused of abusing two Nepali maids, has left India."

It gave no details on how the diplomat left the country, but said "the first secretary, being a diplomat, is governed by the provisions of the Vienna Convention on diplomatic relations."

The two Nepalese, working as maids in the diplomat's luxury apartment, have accused him of illegally confining and raping them during the past few months.

Police removed the women from the apartment last week after receiving a complaint from a non-governmental organization. They have since returned to Nepal.

Although a case was registered against the diplomat, police could not act against him be-

Saudi diplomat accused of raping 2 women leaves under immunity



Activists from the All India Democratic Women's Association shout slogans during a protest outside the Saudi Arabian embassy in New Delhi

cause of diplomatic immunity. Under the Vienna Convention, diplomats cannot be arrested or face criminal prosecution in the country where they are posted.

The Saudi Embassy has denied the allegations against the diplomat, and refused to let po-

lice question him.

An Indian official, speaking on condition of anonymity because he wasn't authorized to speak to the media, said Saudi Arabia decided to withdraw the diplomat and his family.

The Nepalese ambassador

in New Delhi, Deep Upadhyay, told reporters that the case should be pursued even if the diplomat had left the country. "The victims must get justice," he said yesterday.

Police in the Nepalese capital, Kathmandu, said they were investigating the case and had arrested several people involved in the trafficking of poor women to work as maids in India and other countries.

Since the allegations became public last week, India has been treading carefully on the matter. Nepal is India's neighbor and Prime Minister Narendra Modi's government has been trying to deepen ties with the Himalayan nation that is also being wooed by its other giant neighbor, China.

At the same time, Saudi Arabia is India's second-biggest oil supplier and close to 2 million Indians working in the Gulf kingdom send a large chunk of remittances back home.

The state-run Saudi Press Agency yesterday did not immediately report on the rape allegations facing Ashoor. Government officials also made no immediate statement about the case.

Saudi Arabia is one of the world's largest employers of domestic workers, many coming from Indonesia, Sri Lanka, the Philippines and Nepal. Some work as live-in maids seven days a week without time off. Others suffer physical and sexual abuse.

Facing international criticism, the Saudi government has eased the process for domestic workers to file complaints against their recruiters and employers. However, workers remain bound by the kingdom's "kafala" system, which ties their legal status to a sponsoring employer, and can require an employer's written permission before a worker changes jobs or leaves the country. AP

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USA

Donald Trump tangles with Republican opponents in 2nd debate

FRONT-RUNNING Donald Trump began the second Republican presidential debate with a bang, throwing barbs in all directions, but was quiet for long stretches as 10 fellow candidates for the 2016 presidential nomination bore down on serious issues.

Standing at center stage, Trump declared that he had a “phenomenal temperament” and a record in business that would help him on the world stage. The billionaire businessman’s temperament was again up for discussion during Wednesday night’s (yesterday, Macau time) marathon debate. Trump has made a series of incendiary comments about women and Hispanic immigrants and remains a long-shot candidate for the White House.

Trump’s unexpected rise and surprising durability is seen as a reflection of voters’ frustration with Washington and career politicians. He drew a heavy challenge from another



Republican presidential candidate businessman Donald Trump speaks during the CNN Republican presidential debate

Washington outsider with a business background: former Hewlett-Packard CEO Carly Fiorina, the only Republican woman in the race.

Fiorina earned praise for her debut performance in the party’s main debate, commanding the three-hour event’s first half — when the television audience

was likely the most engaged. Trump has become increasingly critical of Fiorina as her standing has risen.

Fiorina drew the night’s first loud ovation when asked about Trump’s earlier denigration of her looks, which he later denied was a reference to her appearance.

“I think women all over this country heard very clearly what Mr. Trump said,” Fiorina said.

Trump retorted: “She’s got a beautiful face, and she’s a beautiful woman.”

Trump’s climb to the top of the field has unnerved Republican leaders who fear the former reality TV star is damaging the

party’s brand and imperiling its chances of winning back the White House after President Barack Obama’s eight-year tenure ends. Trump has so far been immune to criticism for his lack of specific policy proposals, his caustic rhetoric and his uneven support of conservative principles. **AP**

Support pours in for Texas teen suspended over clock

David Warren
and Jamie Stengle, Irving

ENCOURAGEMENT Epoured in from across the nation for a 14-year-old Muslim boy whose homemade electronic clock led to his detention and suspension from school, with President Barack Obama, Facebook founder Mark Zuckerberg and a NASA scientist among those offering support.

As word spread that Ahmed Mohamed had been placed in handcuffs after coming to class with the clock that officials at his suburban Dallas school thought resembled a bomb, the teen became a star on social media, with the hashtag #IStandWithAhmed tweeted more than 1 million times by Wednesday night. Many also took to social media to criticize police and officials at MacArthur High School, suspecting them of overreacting because of the boy’s religion. Officials say the boy’s religion was

not a factor.

In a tweet, Obama called Ahmed’s clock “cool” and said more kids should be inspired like him to enjoy science, because “it’s what makes America great.”

Ahmed was invited to participate in an astronomy night the White House is organizing sometime next month with premier scientists.

In a post to his site, Zuckerberg said, “Having the skill and ambition to build something cool should lead to applause.”

“Ahmed, if you ever want to come by Facebook, I’d love to meet you,” Zuckerberg posted. “Keep building.”

Bobak Ferdowsi, a science planner engineer on NASA’s Cassini space probe to Saturn, joined in. In a tweet, Ferdowsi said, “I can’t imagine if be working @nasa today if anything like this had ever happened to me.” He later tweeted, “Hey Ahmed, give me a call in a couple years. We could always use smart,



Irving MacArthur High School student Ahmed Mohamed, 14, poses for a photo at his home in Irving, Texas

curious & creative people.”

Ahmed’s father, Mohamed Elhassan Mohamed, a Sudanese immigrant, said at a press conference in front of his family’s home that he was moved by the support for his son. He said Ahmed is an electronics whiz who repairs the family’s clocks and phones.

“I am grateful to the United States of America,” he said, attributing the widespread support to “something that was touching the heart for everybody.” **AP**

CHILE

8.3-magnitude quake hits, 1 million evacuate

Luis Andres Henao, Illapel

THOUSANDS of residents of this small city in northern Chile were sleeping outside yesterday after a powerful earthquake destroyed their homes, a tremor that also forced more than 1 million to evacuate and killed eight people in the quake-prone South American nation.

Several coastal towns were flooded from small tsunami waves set off by the late Wednesday quake, which shook the Earth so strongly that rumbles were felt across South America.

The magnitude-8.3 quake that hit off northern Chile on Wednesday night lasted for three minutes, causing buildings to sway in the capital, Santiago, and prompting authorities to issue a tsunami warning for the Andean nation’s entire Pacific coast. People sought safety in the streets of inland cities, while others along the shore took to their cars to race to higher ground.

“I thought it was the end of the world and we were going to die,” said teary-eyed Manuel Moya, 38, sleeping with his wife on the ground outside their destroyed home in Illapel, 280 kilometers north of

Santiago and 55 kilometers east of the quake’s epicenter.

Moya said he and his wife were in bed and watching television when the quake hit. Fearing they would be killed if they remained inside, they ran outside in their underwear. By the end of the shaking, their home, made of concrete, had been reduced to rubble.

“They said it was a magnitude 8 but it felt like a 10,” said Moya, adding that neighbors had brought them clothes.

Speaking to the nation late Wednesday, President Michelle Bachelet urged people who had been evacuated to stay on high ground until authorities could fully evaluate the situation. Officials said schools would be closed in most of the country today.

“Once again we must confront a powerful blow from nature,” said Bachelet.

Authorities said eight people had been killed, a number that could climb as emergency crews are able to get into hard-hit areas today. Mahmud Aleuy, the Interior Ministry’s deputy secretary, said 1 million people were forced out of their homes and electrical power was cut off to 240,000 households. **AP**

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FRIDAY

- 13:00 TDM News (Repeated)
- 13:30 News (RTPi) Delayed Broadcast
- 14:30 RTPi Live
- 18:20 Trail of Lies (Repeated)
- 19:10 TDM Talkshow (Repeated)
- 19:40 Soap Opera
- 20:30 Main News, Financial & Weather Report
- 21:15 News
- 21:45 Miscellaneous
- 22:10 Trail of Lies
- 23:00 TDM News
- 23:30 Portuguese Film
- 01:20 Main News, Financial & Weather Report (Repeated)

SATURDAY

- 10:45 Boonie Bears
- 11:40 Young Adult
- 12:00 Cooking
- 13:00 TDM News (Repeated)
- 13:30 News (RTPi) Delayed Broadcast
- 14:30 Soap Opera
- 18:05 News
- 18:30 Contest
- 19:20 Miscellaneous
- 19:50 Macau 360° (Repeated)
- 20:30 Main News, Financial & Weather Report
- 21:00 Drama
- 23:00 TDM News
- 23:30 Shorts
- 00:30 Main News, Financial & Weather Report (Repeated)

SUNDAY

- 10:30 Young Children
- 11:00 Sunday Mass
- 12:00 Miscellaneous
- 13:00 TDM News (Repeated)
- 13:30 News (RTPi) Delayed Broadcast
- 14:30 Zig Zag
- 16:30 Miscellaneous
- 17:20 Documentary Series
- 17:40 Miscellaneous
- 19:40 Comedy
- 20:30 Main News, Financial & Weather Report
- 21:00 Contraponto
- 22:00 Caribbean with Simon Reeve
- 23:00 TDM News
- 23:30 Non-Daily Portuguese News
- 23:45 Miscellaneous
- 00:40 Main News, Financial & Weather Report (Repeated)

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KATY PERRY GIVES SHOUTOUT TO ASSISTANTS DURING PERFORMANCE



At an exclusive and intimate New York Fashion Week party, Katy Perry dedicated a song not to fabulous designers or picture-perfect models, but to their assistants.

Perry closed her 30-minute set at the Plaza Hotel this week with her inspirational and anthemic No. 1 hit, "Firework." Before singing the tune, she told the audience: "I always feel like an outcast or a black sheep because I'm no longer sample size."

Then she said to the few hundred lively guests, "This next song is a song I want you to remember when you're going about your day and you rip your pants, you have two Band-Aids fall off of the back of your heel, you're sweating, there's coffee all over your blouse. I'm talking about all the assistants here. And you feel, maybe, like a little plastic bag."

"We're all human," she said. "We all start somewhere."

Perry performed at a party by Harper's Bazaar honoring women in fashion.

"Ladies, make some noise if you're in the house," she yelled. "Fashion Week's almost over — you can drink as much as you want."

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CINETEATRO

19 SEP - 23 SEP



MAZE RUNNER: THE SCORCH TRIALS_

ROOM 1
(2D) 2.30, 4.45, 9.30 pm
(3D) 7.15

Director: Wes Ball

Starring: IDylan O'Brien, Kaya Scodelario, Thomas

Brodie-Sangster

Language: English (Cantonese)

Duration: 131min



EVEREST_

ROOM 2
(2D) 2.30, 4.45, 9.30 pm
(3D) 7.15

Director: Baltasar Kormakur

Starring: Jason Clarke, Josh Brolin, John Hawkes,

Robin Wright

Language: English (Cantonese)

Duration: 121min

GUIA IN LOVE_

ROOM 3
2.15, 5.45, 7.30 pm

Director: Sam Leong

Starring: Wong You Nam, Steohy Tang, Annie Lau

Language: Cantonese (Cantonese/English)

Duration: 104min



ATTACK ON TITAN: END OF THE WORLD_

ROOM 3
4.00, 9.30 pm

Director: Shinji Higuchi

Starring: Haruma Miura, Kiko Mizuhara

Language: Japanese (Cantonese/English)

Duration: 90min

MACAU TOWER

10 SEP - 30 SEPT

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this day in history



1972 EXPELLED UGANDANS ARRIVE IN UK

The first Ugandan refugees fleeing the persecution of the country's military dictatorship have arrived in Britain.

The 55,000-strong Asian community were ordered in August to leave the country within 90 days by President Idi Amin.

Over half of them have British passports and will be re-housed in the UK by the Ugandan Resettlement Board.

President Amin has denounced the Ugandan Asians as "bloodsuckers", and warned that any remaining in the country after 8 November risk being imprisoned in military camps.

One hundred and ninety-three refugees landed at 0930 GMT at Stansted airport in Essex, the first of hundreds of flights that will carry out the evacuation.

Some families had made their own arrangements for accommodation, but others were taken to an RAF camp at Stradishall in Suffolk.

They were greeted by the resettlement board chairman, Sir Charles Cunningham.

Most of the plane's occupants were exhausted by the nine-hour flight and the harassment by President Amin's troops in their last hours in Uganda.

Kassem Osman - who arrived with his wife, two brothers and their families - said they had been robbed by the soldiers.

"On the way to the airport the coach was stopped by troops seven times and we were all held at gun point," he said.

Another refugee - a retired government clerk from the Ugandan capital, Kampala - told reporters how he had been left penniless.

"I had a £250 gold watch taken off my wrist while I was on my way to Entebbe airport and every piece of Ugandan money stolen from my wallet," he said.

Courtesy BBC News

IN CONTEXT

Idi Amin's rule in Uganda - which ended when he was overthrown in 1979 - was one of the African country's most brutal periods.

There were many objections to the arrival of the Ugandan Asians in the UK - Leicester council even took out newspaper advertisements warning them not to come to the city seeking jobs and homes.

But their re-settlement came to be viewed as a success story for British immigration and in 1991 President Yoweri Museveni invited the expelled community to "return home" to help rebuild the economy.

One high profile refugee who returned was the millionaire entrepreneur Nazmu Virani.

Idi Amin died in in Jeddah in August 2003.

YOUR STARS

Aries Mar. 21-Apr. 19 This is not a race! It may feel like it, but almost all the pressure is coming from within.

Taurus April 20-May 20 This is a good time to set yourself up to receive the praise that's been a little too long coming.

Gemini May 21-Jun. 21 You of all people can usually discern what's important from what's trivial - but today, the air is so filled with chatter that you're having a harder time getting to what's real.

Cancer Jun. 22-Jul. 22 Your home life gets a boost, either through an end to a simmering feud or a new relationship that bolsters the old ones.

Leo Jul. 23-Aug. 22 Socializing actually isn't high on your list of things you want to do right now, but you've still got to interact with a bunch of different people from different social circles.

Virgo Aug. 23-Sept. 22 Travel is on your mind right now, even if you can't break away for some time yet.

Libra Sep.23-Oct. 22 You are the calm center of your world today, and should be able to relax others around you who are all het up over the big news.

Scorpio Oct. 23 - Nov. 21 Your personal power is quite strong right now, but you may still find it difficult to get your way.

Sagittarius Nov. 22-Dec. 21 Someone just needs you to be nice to them - and you're happy to oblige! You may not want to do much more than that if you want to preserve your energy.

Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 19 Try to stay true to your goals today - not that it's all that hard! You just need to make sure that your great energy doesn't trick you into improvising.

Aquarius Jan. 20-Feb. 18 You learn something new that feels more exciting the more you think about it. It's still a weird day, but you need to shake things up and prepare the groundwork for the thrilling times ahead.

Pisces Feb.19-Mar. 20 You've got to pierce the veil of illusion that's surrounding today's big mystery - but it's hard to know where to start!

THE BORN LOSER by Chip Sansom



SUDOKU

Sudoku puzzles categorized by difficulty: Easy, Easy+, Medium, and Hard. Each category contains a 9x9 grid with some numbers pre-filled.

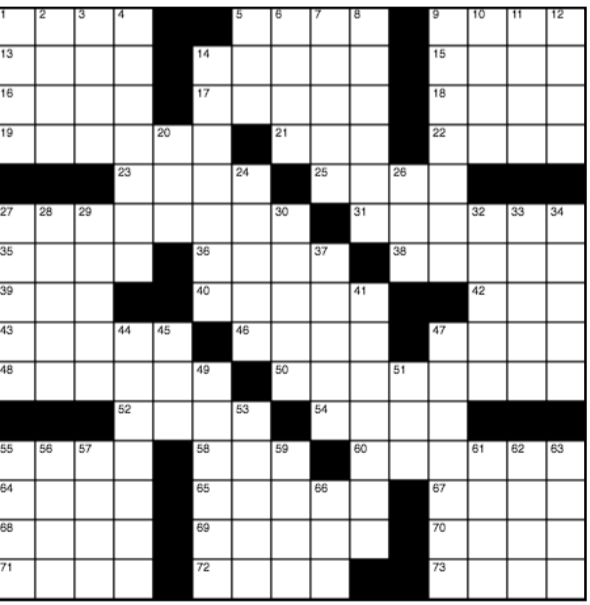
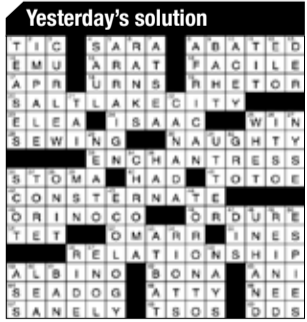
WEATHER

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

CROSSWORDS

ACROSS: 1- Just manages, with "out"; 5- Jason's craft; 9- Memory unit; 13- Italian bread?; 14- One on slopes; 15- Make; 16- Taverns; 17- "Mule Train" singer; 18- Tatum's dad; 19- ___ Fideles; 21- Part of RSVP; 22- Clublike weapon; 23- Electrically charged particles; 25- Biblical twin; 27- Tree planting day; 31- Make beloved; 35- It's a gas; 36- Fencing weapon; 38- Class of Indian society; 39- Russert of "Meet the Press"; 40- Way to cook; 42- Rat-a-___; 43- Out of favor; 46- Queue after Q; 47- Wife of Shiva; 48- Fortified feudal residence; 50- Awful; 52- Mah-jongg piece; 54- And others, briefly; 55- Toiletries case; 58- Bambi's aunt; 60- Fourth highest peak in the world; 64- Excuse me; 65- Worth; 67- Aromatic fragrance; 68- Boot bottom; 69- Kett and James; 70- Baseball family name; 71- Very, in Versailles; 72- At hand; 73- Tears;

DOWN: 1- "East of Eden" director Kazan; 2- Compassionate; 3- Sea-going eagle; 4- Official sitting; 5- Wanted poster abbr.; 6- Reformer Jacob; 7- Bottled spirit; 8- End of a threat; 9- Group of islands in the Atlantic; 10- Divine Secrets of the ___ Sisterhood; 11- ___ II (razor brand); 12- Feminine ending; 14- Thin; 20- Craggy hill; 24- Flavor; 26- Mandela's org.; 27- Caper; 28- Queen of Spain; 29- Explosive weapons; 30- Brewer's need; 32- Cornerstone abbr.; 33- In any way; 34- Knot again; 37- Cosmetician Lauder; 41- Shelled reptiles; 44- Occasionally; 45- Half of MCI; 47- Unit of pressure; 49- Cricket team; 51- Cheering word; 53- Related on the mother's side; 55- Bridge seat; 56- Son of Odin; 57- River to the Ubangi; 59- Neighbor of Sask.; 61- Anklebones; 62- Sow chow; 63- Big birds; 66- Nasser's org.;



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RUGBY

England expects to contain Fiji threat in World Cup opener

THE countdown clocks are nearing the final minutes to the Rugby World Cup.

More than 2.3 million tickets, 94 percent of capacity, have been sold. Trains and buses to carry the record crowds are standing by, the London Eye has been decked out with the flags of all 20 teams, and the opening ceremony celebrating rugby's birth in England has been rehearsed.

It's finally time to play.

An England side four years in the making and still considered better contenders for the 2019 title than this year, will launch the show in their Twickenham stronghold today (Saturday, 3am) and maybe even give the performance that sparks the tournament to life.

Or will it be Fiji that sets the tone for the tournament? The heavy underdog seems to have been served up for England to gobble up as the Cup's first course.

With a pack that's comparable in size to England's and a backline that's scarier, Fiji has



England's Will Carling, centre white jersey, is caught by Australia's Michael Lynagh, centre right

been warning the tournament hosts since they landed that they are not intimidated and

not making up the numbers. "I have faith we can surprise the world," Fiji captain Akapusi

Qera said.

England has spared no expense in its preparation, including a high-altitude training camp in Colorado in July. And yet even its own professional rugby director, Rob Andrew, is more hopeful than confident that they will peak enough over the next six weeks.

Coach Stuart Lancaster deserves all plaudits for overhauling the embarrassing 2011 Cup team and giving the England responsibility and belief, supported by the increasingly respected captain Chris Robshaw.

Lancaster's latest push has been to try and make them more positive, and follow the lead of the nation's football and cricket teams.

Most of the squad was in high school when England won the 2003 Cup in Sydney, and their youthfulness comes across in tactical naivety, failings in game management, and blowing

chances.

In the warm-ups, England was still hot and cold. It has a pack of bread-winners, but the backline remains in flux, notably the centers.

Brad Barritt and Jonathan Joseph will start only their second test together, two weeks after their first. Sam Burgess, the rugby league star who switched to union a year ago and was used by his club as a loose forward, was the midfield backup.

Their game plan is simple enough: Squeeze the Fijians in the forwards, stay tight, kick intelligently, and count on them cracking in the second half.

"They tire quicker than other teams - you can't be that fast and that powerful and sustain it," England lock Courtney Lawes said.

History says the English will win big. They have won all five previous tests against Fiji, and averaged 52 at Twickenham.

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WE BROUGHT THEM. SUPPORT THEM?

There's little doubt that expatriates perform better on assignment when they are supported by their companies – real studies confirm this.

Most expats are brought to Macau because they have proven themselves in a particular job somewhere and it's expected they can do it again somewhere else. It is a rare organisation that assesses a prospect's ability to integrate into the local community or adjust to a new environment as a major part of their decision criteria, although of recent times understanding what makes an effective "global leader" has started hitting the agenda. It's clear that successful global professionals have particular traits: they are open-minded, welcoming of others and curious about the world. With these traits, it's possible to leave these professionals pretty much to their own devices as their willingness to engage helps them muddle through. But for the expatriates that are needed for their technical skills, and in the organisations that haven't checked to see if their new global hires have the characteristics that will have them kicking goals almost as soon as they touch down, support is crucial.

How many HR opportunities has Macau missed because spouses and families have taken one look at their prospective home, lack of HR support to integrate, Macau's bureaucratic headaches, no car-parking at the local supermarket...and turned their backs? The inability for trailing spouses of Blue Card holders to work (MDT Special Feature Sep. 3), too, does untold damage to a spouse's career.

Then to turn up finding value systems and social interactions so different that the behaviours of individual family members change puts incredible pressure on the family and in many cases leads to separation. Talking to a senior executive with over 30 years' experience in Asia about expatriate couples recently, I was told that he's seen many embark on this expatriate journey of a lifetime to attempt to rekindle, put spark back into their relationships only to find that the pressures of difference and exotic temptations did quite the opposite.

An expatriate position is not like a domestic one. Where there is family, family is necessarily involved in the decision and the move. They either come along, stay behind or influence the prospective expatriate to refuse the position. In our expatriate community we see intact families; intact couples with children overseas; spouses flying in and out a few times a year and some expatriates flying home on a regular basis (less regular as time passes); and divorce/separation prompted by disagreements about the expatriate position, change in lifestyle, loss of family connections, Macau's unwholesomeness...the list is long.

These are the realities. Companies may prefer to keep a distance, particularly in Macau where authority figures are not partial to 'interfering' in family matters. At most, the removalist may be paid for, help to find schooling and housing, and perhaps trips back home once a year for extended-family festive reunions.

Nonetheless, family realities are business concerns. If HR is not seen to support the expatriate as a whole person, family and all, companies miss out on seriously professional and talented personnel. Those who have a choice don't have to choose Macau. As like attracts like, these expatriates are all the more likely to have skilled and knowledgeable spouses with their own careers to consider – a potent reason not to make the move. Potential HR capital lost.

These family realities are also business concerns due to their direct effect upon the expatriate. The "happy wife, a happy husband" is not far off the mark. The cross-over effects of supported and satisfied family members makes a difference to the expatriate's work performance. And the expatriate successfully undertaking family roles as spouse and parent spills over into confidence and commitment at work. Studies have repeatedly found that the most influential factor in expatriate assignment failure (returning home early) is stress on the home front, specifically spousal distress. It's a business imperative to support the wellbeing of the family unit, not to mention a humanitarian one.

A company is expatriating not only the employee but the family; they have a responsibility to the family and the welfare of the entire family unit – in sickness and in health. Does yours?

THE BUZZ UEFA EXPLORES CREATING THIRD EUROPEAN CLUB COMPETITION

European football leaders have discussed the possibility of creating a third club competition.

At a meeting of the 54 UEFA members yesterday, they explored the merits of a new competition for teams that fail to advance from the qualifying rounds for the Champions League or second-tier Europa League.

They also considered whether the competi-

tion could be reserved for teams from smaller countries who never participate in the group stages of the existing cups.

The discussions are at an early phase, and any changes to the club competition structure in Europe would not be introduced until at least 2018, when the current round of TV rights deals expire.

3 Air marshals from Chicago implicated in prostitute scandal



Jason Chaffetz

Alicia A. Caldwell, Washington

TWO federal air marshals have been suspended and a third has resigned amid allegations they hired prostitutes overseas and recorded at least one sexual encounter with a government-issued device.

The investigation of the three, who are from the Chicago field office, is expected to be the subject of a congressional hearing today (Macau time) before the House Oversight and Government Reform Committee.

A spokeswoman for the panel, M.J. Henshaw, said Federal Air Marshal Ser-

vice Director Roderick Allison told the committee about the allegations within the last week.

Allison is scheduled to testify about the case before the committee, Rep. Jason Chaffetz. He did not mention the case in written testimony sent to the panel.

Rep. Elijah Cummings said yesterday he remained concerned about the underlying charges.

"If these allegations are accurate, they are obviously inappropriate for anyone, let alone air marshals charged with securing our skies," Cummings said.

A spokesman for the Transportation Security

Administration, which oversees the Federal Air Marshal Service at the Homeland Security Department, said TSA will hold its employees accountable if allegations of criminal behavior or misconduct are substantiated.

"Even though constrained from commenting on an active investigation, we can confirm that two of the employees involved have been placed on an indefinite suspension without pay, and the third employee has resigned from the agency," TSA spokesman Bruce Anderson said.

Lawmakers have focused their attention on questionable behavior by federal law enforcement officials since a 2012 prostitution scandal involving the Secret Service. The former head of the Drug Enforcement Administration also came under fire earlier this year amid allegations that drug agents attended sex parties with prostitutes while stationed overseas.

Former Attorney General Eric Holder advised Justice Department staff in April that it was against department policy to hire prostitutes, regardless of whether the practice was legal in a particular jurisdiction. **AP**

| Station | Air quality | |
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| Roadside | 30-50 Good | |
| High Density Residential Area | 40-60 Moderate | |
| Ambient | 50-70 Moderate | |

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WORLD BRIEFS

INDIA A Saudi Arabian diplomat accused of repeatedly raping and abusing two women has left India under cover of diplomatic immunity. India's External Affairs Ministry spokesman Vikas Swarup identified the diplomat as Majed Hassan Ashoor, the first secretary at the Saudi Embassy in New Delhi. **More on p14**

NEW ZEALAND employers will face stricter penalties for exploiting migrant workers under a bilateral arrangement signed by the New Zealand and Philippines governments yesterday. The arrangement would help ensure the Filipino workers were treated fairly, said New Zealand Workplace Relations and Safety Minister Michael Woodhouse, who signed the agreement with the Philippines Secretary of Labor and Employment Rosalinda Baldoz.



HUNGARY-SERBIA Serbia's government says that Hungarian Foreign Minister Peter Szijarto will visit the country today – an apparent bid to ease tensions that erupted after Hungarian police used tear gas, pepper spray and water cannons against migrants seeking entry from Serbia.

CHILE A major earthquake just offshore rattles Chileans, killing five people and shaking the Earth so strongly the tremor is felt in places across South America. **More on p15**

BURKINA FASO While gunfire rang out in the streets, Burkina Faso's military took to the airwaves yesterday to declare it now controls the West African country, confirming that a coup has taken place just weeks before elections.

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