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TIBETAN communities worldwide are voting in the first round of choosing a new government-in-exile, and are debating how to carry on their campaign to free their Himalayan homeland from Chinese rule. Hundreds of Tibetans, including monks and nuns wearing wine-colored robes, lined up behind voting kiosks in the north Indian hill town of Dharamsala, where the exiled government is based.

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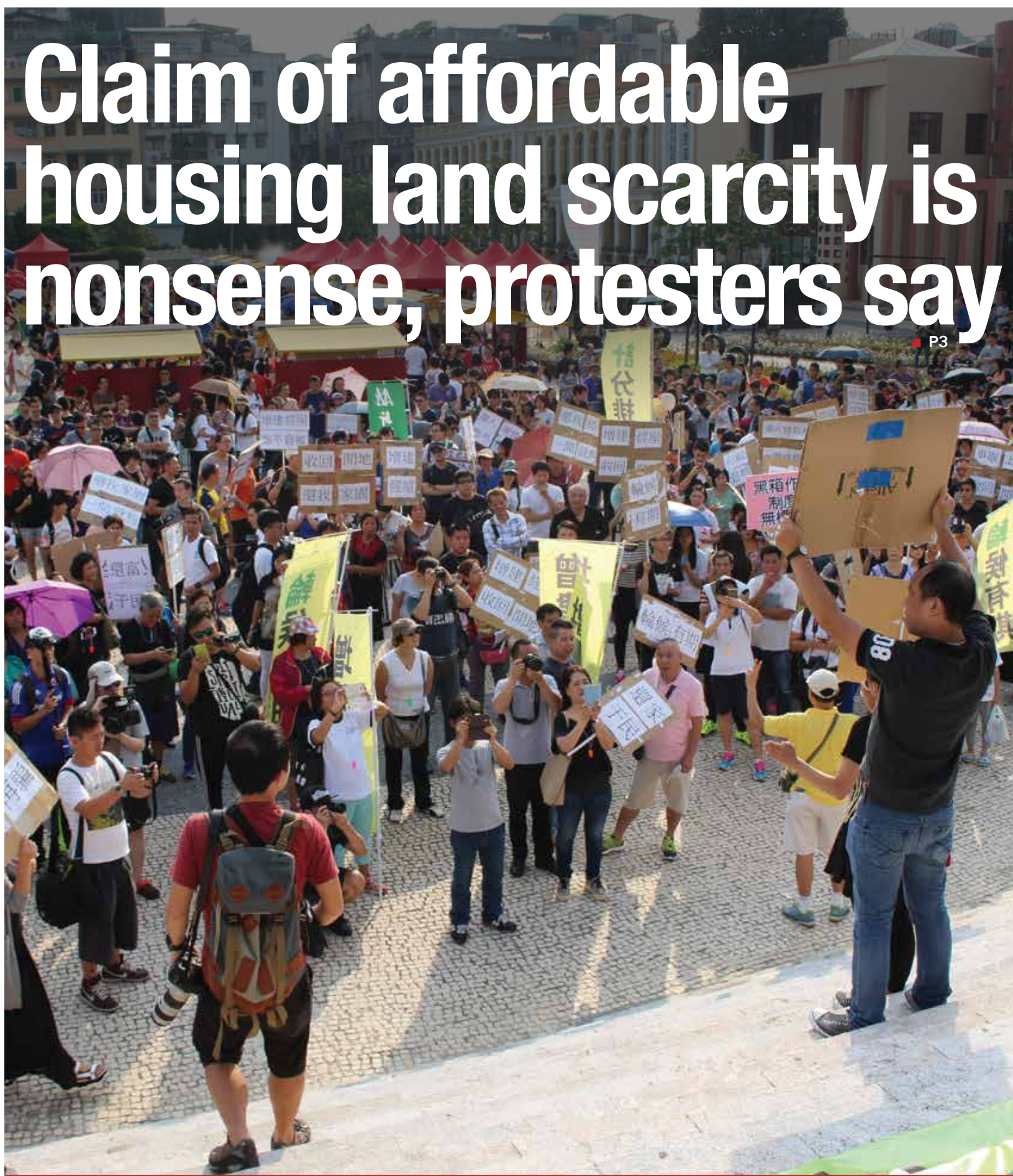
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Latin America looks to China's tourism market with increasing interest



Tourism delegates from the Pacific Alliance countries meet at the Global Tourism Economy Forum in Macau last week. From left to right: Juan Pablo Carrillo, Juan Pablo Espinosa, Pablo Retamal, Jasbleidy Cobos and Carolina Ulloa

What does the China tourism market mean to Latin America and what can they take away from Macau's experience in promoting cultural tourism? The Times interviewed some of the Pacific Alliance countries delegates at the Global Tourism Economy Forum (GTEF), held in Macau last week, to investigate.

The Pacific Alliance is a tourism bloc in South and Central America with the specific purpose of forging closer relations with the countries of the Asia-Pacific region by making the

bloc more attractive to various "global flows," such as tourism. It currently consists of Chile, Colombia, Mexico and Peru as full members, with a number of observers expected to join in the future.

The countries of the bloc share a common interest in attracting Chinese tourists, but this was the first time they attended the forum as a joint delegation – having to coordinate and adjust their policies accordingly.

Pablo Retamal, Asia Pacific Market Manager of Turismo Chile, explained that each

country is currently dealing with a different quantity of tourists, and has different levels of infrastructure to accommodate them. For example, there is a large disparity between the 12,000 Chinese tourists visiting Chile each year and the 70,000 who visit Mexico – the latter figure, according to Retamal, is the result of direct flights that exist between China and Mexico.

The benefit in forming the bloc was to change the way that tourists (particularly Chinese tourists) view the member

countries. Ultimately they aspire to be viewed as a "package destination" whereby visitors to Mexico or Peru will "trickle down" to Chile and other countries, and vice-versa.

Pablo Retamal was impressed with Macau's establishment of its historic center as a World Heritage Site, and the effects that this is believed to have had on promoting cultural tourism. However, the manager was unsure whether this could be applied to Chile. He noted that Chile has a number of disadvantages compared with the MSAR, including the geographical size of the country and the fact that the South American nation does not share Macau's unique position of having the "largest tourism market on its doorstep."

He commended the general Chinese investment-led approach, however, saying that, where possible, it was not uncommon for Chinese businessmen visiting Chile for commercial purposes to bring his or her family along as tourists. This sort of "corporate tourism" has the "added bonus of not being season-dependent" as business visits operate throughout the year.

Colombian tourism representatives Jasbleidy Cobos and Juan Pablo Espinosa explained that Colombia primarily has

two types of tourism resources: the natural world including landscapes; and the life experiences that the country has to offer. The latter type includes the Colombian cuisine, authentic experiences with indigenous peoples, and numerous carnivals and fairs. Espinosa joked that they have a carnival for everything – even the most mundane of activities, "like moving a chair."

Jasbleidy Cobos observed that Colombia could learn a lot from Macau and from China, specifically in what she referred to as the "logistics of tourism." She claimed that China is an expert in knowing "how to physically move such a large number of people from one place to another" – essentially referring to the infrastructure involved in promoting tourism, which could include rail and road services, but also the size of airports and availability of direct flights.

The question that permeated among all of the Latin American delegates was how to appeal to the Chinese tourism market. Pablo Retamal asked, "How do we market our cultural products and tourism attractions to the Chinese, as opposed to our traditional visitors from the West?"

Retamal, who claims that the Chinese are "time-poor" as tourists and therefore seek to maximize the number of locations visited, believes that marketing activities such as day trips to Antarctica from Chile's southern tip might be part of the answer. He claims that these short visits to Antarctica are growing in popularity among Chinese visitors to the country, and are teaching the South Americans about what the Chinese are looking for in tourist destinations. **Staff Reporter**

Macau has the unique position of having the 'largest tourism market on its doorstep.'

PABLO RETAMAL

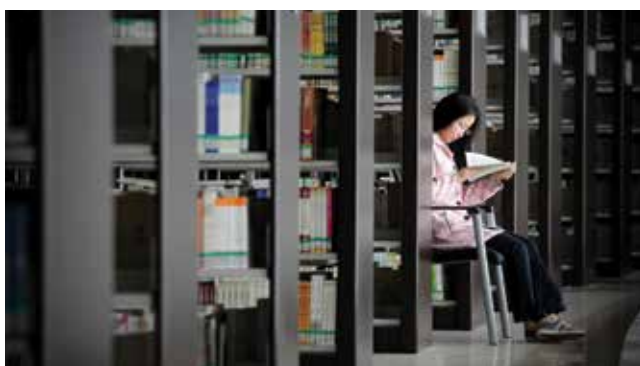
Four of 23 research projects to receive funding

Four out of a total 23 eligible research projects have been selected by a panel of experts to be awarded the 2015 IC Academic Research Grant. The Cultural Affairs Bureau launched the new "Academic Research Grant Regulations," which came into effect on February 1.

These grants seek to en-

courage original academic research on the culture of Macau and further dialogue with mainland China and foreign countries.

The selected projects included "Ties Between the World and China: A Study on the Early Postal History of Macau (1757-1842)" by Professor Leng Dong, who holds a Ph.D.



in Chinese Literature, and "The Evolution of the Urban Form of Macau" by Tang U Wa, who obtained his Ph.D. from the University of Macau (UM).

The third project chosen was entitled "Russia and Macau in History" and produced by Professor Lui Ruomei, who holds a Ph.D. in Russian Language

and Literature.

The final project was called "Literature Review and Research on Papal Legation to China During the Reign of Emperor Kangxi (1705-1722)", by Professor Han Qi of the Chinese Academy of Sciences.

UM's Centre for Macau Studies organized the selection panel.

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Claim of affordable housing land scarcity is nonsense, protesters say

PROTEST leaders at a demonstration in Tap Seac Square yesterday afternoon denounced a recent housing draw and criticized the government's efforts to provide affordable housing. They specifically refuted the administration's claim that the scarcity of land in Macau has restricted its capacity to provide housing units.

Hundreds of demonstrators (1,500 according to the organizers, 700 according to the police) held signs with slogans such as "Claim back land not being used properly"; "Build more public houses" and "Produce a timeline for housing." They cheered on activists who accused the government of catering to the interests of property tycoons and wealthy foreigners.

Cloe Chao, activist and co-founder of the Macau Gaming Industry Frontline Workers' Union, took to the stage and said, "We don't want to work in Macau but be forced to live in Zhuhai." She claimed that the authorities were exclusively catering to the city's wealthy, while neglecting their responsibilities to the rest of the population.

Ms Chao also criticized the government's line on limited space as the reason for the lack of housing development, saying that "the government's claim of scarce land is nonsense." According to her estimates, there are sufficient reserves to satisfy the entirety of the current housing requirements.

Other speakers blamed the 'investment visa' policy of previous MSAR administrations for the increased demand for property and the subsequent surge in prices. The policy, which granted residency to investors who purchased real estate valued at MOP 1 million or more, was discontinued in 2007.

The protest was organized by the Macau Community Development Initiative (MCDI), which



The demonstration started in Tap Seac Square

was established last month and is supported by lawmakers Au Kam San and Ng Kuok Cheong. The organization aims to exert pressure on the government to change its housing policy, and to build 40,000 new housing units to accommodate unsuccessful applicants from the current scheme.

After hearing speeches in Tap Seac Square, protest leaders, cheered on by hundreds of their fellows, led the demonstration on a march toward the Old Court Building, located at

We don't want to work in Macau but be forced to live in Zhuhai

CLOEE CHAO

Avenida da Praia Grande.

Demonstrators reminded the public that there are still 40,000 applicants waiting to hear the results of the second round of the application system, although there has been no information on when the second wave of results will be announced.

In March 2014, a similar number of people competed for approximately the same number of affordable housing units - about 40,000 applicants for 1,900 units. The media then criticized the government for allowing the construction of another 17,000 hotel rooms over the following few years despite planning to provide fewer than 5,000 affordable housing units in the same period.

The current system groups applicants according to their characteristics. Families consisting of biological relatives are prioritized, followed by groups of non-related adults

and finally individuals. Under the former system, a proportion of the available housing was allocated to each group, but the system now prioritizes biologically related applicants over those from any other group.

If the number of affordable housing units does not exceed the number required by the biologically related group, no further housing allocation remains for other applicants. Although families who fail to secure a housing unit in the draw can return for another round, they will be entered under the same classification and priority.

The demonstrators argued that since the number of applicants and the number of new housing units appear to be growing at the same rate (applicant to housing unit ratio), applicants within the lower-priority groupings may never be eligible for a housing unit. The protestors are advo-

cating for a return to the former policy.

Notable local personalities, such as lawmaker José Pereira Coutinho, have alleged that the administration is refusing to adequately address the housing shortage because of the officials' ties with tycoon developers.

Local property prices have more than tripled on average since 2009, according to government data. However, additional data from the Financial Services Bureau claimed that the average prices of residential properties in the region have declined by 17 percent year-on-year to HKD 7,584 per square foot.

Despite recent trends, long-term drivers of property values are expected to restore the rate of growth in prices. Population growth, immigration, rising incomes and scarcity of land have all been cited as contributing factors. **Staff Reporter**



Ben Toh

Sands China CFO resigns

THE board of directors of Sands China Ltd. announced the resignation of its chief financial officer (CFO) and executive vice president, Mr Ben Toh Hup Hock. The resignation is to be effective

from April 15 next year.

Mr Toh, who joined Sands China in 2007, served as Senior Vice President for Finance until late 2009, after which he was appointed CFO and executive vice president.

In addition, Mr Toh was named executive director from June 30, 2010, a position from which he will also resign.

In a note disclosed to the Hong Kong Stock Exchange reviewed by the Times,

Sands China relayed that Mr Ben Toh presented his resignation in order to pursue other business interests. "Mr Toh has confirmed that he has no disagreement with the board, and there are no matters that need to be brought to the attention of the shareholders of the company in respect of his resignation," the note reads.

AL resumes activities, passes debate on monthly car park passes

THE Legislative Assembly (AL) resumed activities last Friday after the holiday period. At its first plenary of the new legislative session, the AL approved a proposal to open a debate on the cancellation of all monthly passes for public car parks. Nevertheless, the proposal passed by a single vote, with 14 votes in favor, 13 against, and one abstention.

The debate proposal, submitted by lawmakers Song Pek



AL BUDGET APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

ON THE second point of the agenda, the AL unanimously approved its own budget for 2016. The budget, which totaled almost MOP184 million, marked a growth of approximately 10 per cent compared to last year's exercise. The increase was justified by the higher costs of staff wages, contributions for the Social Security Fund and the need to change air conditioning units, many of which had been in operation for more than 10 years.

Some lawmakers blame parking space shortages on monthly tickets

Kei and Si Ka Lon, met with some opposition, with some lawmakers expressing their fears that cancelling passes could send the wrong signal.

"This debate might result in the removal of some of our re-

sidents and citizens' rights, so I don't agree with it," said Tsui Wai Kwan.

Some lawmakers agreed that monthly tickets are to blame for the current shortage of parking spaces and that cancelling them

will contribute to fairer use of the few spaces available.

"Citizens often complain that, even when there are only three or four cars queuing for car park spaces, they have to wait for more than an hour. After

they enter the car park, they find that at least 10 monthly ticket spaces are empty," said Ella Lei.

"This debate proposal will present the government with a dilemma, and galvanize society. If the rights citizens obtain according to the law are not protected, it would be frightening," said Tsui Wai Kwan.

Others, like Ng Kuok Cheong, highlighted the fact that "the shortage of parking spaces can't be completely solved by cancelling the monthly ticket spaces," adding it would be impossible." Yet he reaffirmed that "whether or not to cancel these spaces or how to handle them concerns public interest" and should be debated with the Secretary for Transport and Public Works Mr Raimundo do Rosario in the next AL session. **RM**

Gaming and public housing dominate concerns

THE period before the agenda was quite lively, with many lawmakers requesting to address the assembly. The hottest topics were gaming and public housing, with Zhang Anting opening the new legislative session by asking the government to enforce stricter inspection on all VIP rooms' license holders, and perform better research on candidates seeking new licensing in the field. The lawmaker also requested the reestablishment of the "Advisory Board for Gaming" in order to increase the transparency and inspection of all gaming-related activities.

Several lawmakers addressed the topic

of public housing. Ng Kuok Cheong and Au Kam San urged the government to reinstall the point system established in the 1980s, which in their opinion granted a fairer and more accurate attribution of public houses to residents in need, instead of basing it on a mere "lucky draw".

Ella Lei also addressed this topic, asking the government to place more emphasis on housing-related projects, since, in her opinion, "the houses are very expensive due to the lack of offers, and that is contributing to extra pressure on the families that decide to apply for public housing."

Ella Lei referred also to the need to "restart some projects that are stopped or suspended in order to ease this pressure over public housing."

Ng Kuok Cheong said "the latest lucky draw for public housing was ridiculous" regarding the number of people that were excluded, reiterating that from a total of 42,600 candidates, only 1,900 houses were attributed. Ng recalled that even from those 1,900, almost 800 are one-bedroom houses when the criteria to apply states that each candidate household should comprise four or more persons.

Energy fair focuses on 'sustainable future'

COMPANHIA de Electricidade (CEM) hosted the 14th edition of its annual Energy Fun Fair yesterday afternoon in Tap Seac Square. The fair's theme was "green energy for a sustainable future" and its principal aim was to raise public awareness of electric eco-friendly alternatives, current energy issues, and the importance of environmental preservation.

A record 17 local secondary schools participated in the fair, and conducted seminars to instruct students in energy-



Kwong Tai Middle School's "The Green One", a windmill-inspired art installation made solely from recycled electrical components, such as computer circuits

efficient practices.

Schools were each required to design a game booth for public learning and interaction. Students from each school were also tasked to create an art exhibition made solely from recycled electrical components.

The fair ran from 11a.m. until 6p.m. and was 'jam-packed' with talent competitions, games and other activities. Visitors were entertained with K-pop, dance, and other performances by the students.

The closing ceremony included a speech by the Chairman of the CEM Executive Committee, Mr Bernie Leong, who assumed the role last July. The fair ended with a lucky draw and a prize-giving ceremony.

CCAC to deliver electoral law amendment soon

THE Commissioner Against Corruption, Andre Cheong, has announced his intention to deliver a proposed amendment to the electoral law by the end of October. He says that the amendment will tackle corruption in elections.

Associations and casino operators' alleged practices of vote buying and intervention have drawn criticism throughout past elections, prompting the Commissioner into action.

The Commissioner hopes to submit the proposed amendment to the Secretary for Administration and Justice, Sonia Chan, by the end of the month. A public consultation on the matter could take place as soon as the beginning of next year.

"I think that the CCAC is still studying how to improve the law and relevant policies. We will submit an amendment, hopefully by the end of the month," he said, cited by TDM, adding that residents have high expectations for tackling corruption in the SAR.

Macau's next major political campaign will take place in 2017, when it will elect a new Legislative Assembly.

Larry Neumeister

Ng Lap Seng granted bail in UN bribery scheme case

OVER a prosecutor's objections, bail conditions were set Friday for a Chinese billionaire at the center of a bribery case that has drawn scrutiny into the operations of the United Nations.

U.S. Magistrate Judge Kevin Nathaniel Fox said Ng Lap Seng can be released on USD50 million bail, including \$20m cash and a \$4m luxury Manhattan apartment where he will remain until trial under 24-hour guard.

Fox said the 67-year-old Ng must wear an electronic bracelet and pay the \$200-an-hour cost of two private security guards who will ensure he reports to court as required.

Ng was charged over a week ago in a bribery conspiracy with five others, including a former president of the U.N. General Assembly and a Dominican Republic diplomat. Prosecutors said Ng provided much of over \$1 million in bribes that John Ashe, a former U.N. ambassador from Antigua and Barbuda, was accused of accepting in return for promoting a U.N. conference center in Macau. Ashe's defense lawyer has said his client will be vindicated.

U.N. Secretary General Ban Ki-moon has said through a spokes-



In this courtroom sketch, defendant Ng Lap Seng is seated in court at the defense table with his attorney during his arraignment on bribery charges in New York

man that charges which "go to the heart and integrity of the U.N." left him "deeply troubled."

When U.S. Attorney Preet Bharara announced them, he said additional arrests would not be surprising and his investigators will be asking, "Is bribery business as usual at the U.N.?"

Christine Chung, a defense lawyer who also won a bail

package for her client Friday, hinted one direction defense lawyers might turn when she said people should be asking, "Why isn't it more clear to people what is and isn't permissible at the U.N.?"

Assistant U.S. Attorney Daniel Richenthal portrayed Ng on Friday as an unscrupulous businessman who posed an enormous

Ng Lap Seng is expected to remain in a USD4m Manhattan apartment until trial under 24 hour guard

danger to flee because of nearly \$2 billion in wealth and powerful connections worldwide.

Defense lawyer Benjamin Brafman said the government's claims were exaggerated.

"This case is imminently defensible because the government has again and again jumped to conclusions," he said.

Brafman said hundreds of U.N. officials had supported the project in Macau, where Ng lives and works from 10 offices.

The lawyer said Ng "wants to

clear his name," in part to protect his real estate empire, which he predicted would "crumble in an hour" if banks demanded payments of loans after a conviction. That possibility, Brafman added, would cause Ng to "lose everything."

References to Ponzi king Bernard Madoff, serving a 150-year prison sentence, occurred several times because Madoff was permitted to await trial in 2009 in his posh Manhattan apartment after agreeing to pay for 24-hour guards.

Richenthal complained Ng would create his own private prison in a four-bedroom luxury apartment that the government maintains was used illegally in the bribe scheme.

"I'm offended by the use of the word 'luxury' over and over and over again," Brafman said. "Mr. Madoff's apartment makes our apartment look like a bungalow."

Madoff never made it to trial, pleading guilty to fraud charges instead. **AP**

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Steve Wynn lashes out at 'preposterous' local regulations

WYNN Resorts Ltd. fell as much as 10 percent Friday after Chairman and Chief Executive Officer Steve Wynn criticized Macau bureaucrats who haven't told him how many gaming tables he'll get at the USD4.1 billion resort he's opening in March.

Wynn Resorts fell 2 percent to \$72.30 as of 1:36 p.m. in New York after dropping as low as \$66.35, the biggest intraday decline in almost two months. The shares had fallen 58 percent in the past year, cutting the value of Wynn's personal stake in the company by more than \$1 billion.

The uncertainty is complicating decisions about hiring and training workers and could force Macau operators to terminate employees, Wynn said on a conference call Thursday with analysts after reporting third-quarter sales that missed analysts' estimates. The new resort, the Wynn Palace, is scheduled to open March 25 on the Cotai Strip.

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STEVE WYNN



Steve Wynn, chairman and chief executive officer of Wynn Resorts Ltd

on what our environment is going to be like going forward, and it makes planning and adjusting almost a mystical process," Wynn said.

Macau accounts for more than half of Wynn Resorts' revenue. A government crackdown on corruption, coupled with a softening Chinese economy, has prompted high-rollers to shun local casinos. Industry wide gambling revenue fell 33 percent in September, the 16th month of decline.

The first of the large U.S. casino operators to announce third-quarter earnings, Wynn Resorts posted revenue that trailed analysts' estimates after a large drop in gambling in Macau. Profit beat projections.

The Las Vegas-based company said profit fell to 86 cents a share, excluding items, from \$1.95 a share a year ago. That still beat the 84-cent average of 15 analysts' estimates compiled by Bloomberg. Revenue fell 27 percent to \$996.3 million as results in Macau shrank by more than a third. Analysts had been expecting \$1.03 billion.

The slump in Macau comes amid a wave of new casino projects, many of which had been planned to operate with 500 baccarat tables each. Galaxy Entertainment Group Ltd. opened its newest property in May with just 150 tables. The next major resort, Melco Crown Entertainment Ltd.'s Studio City, is scheduled to open Oct. 27.

"The notion that a person who spent \$2.5 billion, I'm talking about Melco now, would not know how many tables they're going to have three weeks before they open is so preposterous that it's worthy of comment," Wynn said. "We are hopeful that we'll be able to press the issue and get more clarity from the leadership of the local government."

GOV'T REACTS TO WYNN'S COMMENTS



THE GOVERNMENT has reacted to Steve Wynn's criticism regarding the allocation of gaming tables. The Secretary for Economy and Finance has met representatives from Wynn Macau yesterday to express the government's dissatisfaction over the remarks made by Steve Wynn. In a press release, Lionel Leong reaffirmed the merits of the table cap policy.

Wynn, 73, has often used company conference calls to opine on issues such as U.S. government policy and even U.S. gambling regulators, but his public comments about Chinese officials Thursday were unusual for executives doing business there.

High-roller play by all tourists is down as much as 50 percent in Las Vegas, where overall revenue also fell in the quarter, according to Wynn Resorts.

"I don't know if this is the most satisfying quarterly phone call we've ever had, but at least it's been the most candid," Wynn said. **Bloomberg**

JUNKET OPERATORS IN TALKS TO START ETHICS CODE

MACAU'S JUNKET operators are in talks with the city's government on a possible introduction of a code of ethics to improve their image, the South China Morning Post reported, citing a source familiar with the matter. Kwok Chi

Chung, the president of the Association of Gaming & Entertainment Promoters of Macau, who attended the meetings, said there were no concrete details about a code of ethics, according to the report.

Wynn ex-director Okada must come for 10-day Vegas grilling

Edvard Pettersson

FORMER Wynn Resorts Ltd. director Kazuo Okada failed to overturn a court order to come to Las Vegas for 10 days of questioning over events leading to his ouster from the casino operator's board and the forcible redemption of his 20 percent stake in the company.

Okada alleged he was ousted by former business partner Steve Wynn because he had become the biggest shareholder after Wynn lost half his stake in a divorce. He was seeking to avoid coming to the U.S. for a deposition with Wynn Resorts lawyers, who have said he was forced out in connection with a corruption probe.

The Nevada Supreme Court on Thursday refused to overturn a lower court's order requiring Okada to answer questions for 10 days in the U.S. The justices agreed the order was justified by a deposition in a related lawsuit three years ago, which Wynn's lawyers claim was slowed down by the need for multiple

translators and "obstructionist behavior" by Okada's lawyers.

Okada, the chairman of Tokyo-based Universal Entertainment Corp., lives in Hong Kong. The U.S. Justice Department started an investigation into whether he used a Universal subsidiary in Nevada to funnel illegal payments to gaming officials in the Phi-

lippines where he's building a casino resort.

Based on the alleged bribery, Wynn Resorts found Okada "unsuitable" in 2012 and removed him from its board. He was given a \$1.9 billion promissory note for his stake in the company, which he claims was about \$800 million less than the market value.

Universal Entertainment said in March that Philippine investigators found no evidence of bribery and that it expected the U.S. investigation would be closed as well for lack of evidence.

The case is Okada v. The Eighth Judicial District Court of the State of Nevada, 68310, Nevada Supreme Court. **Bloomberg**

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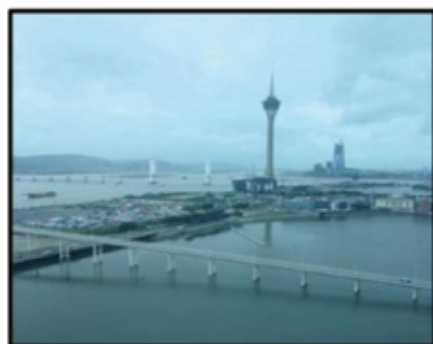


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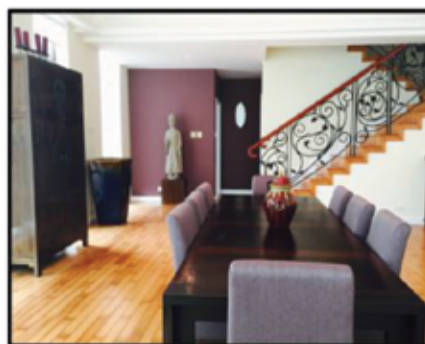
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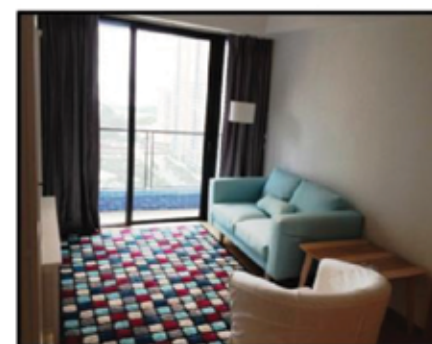
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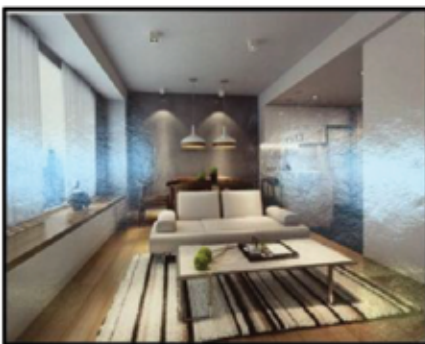


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China Re said poised to raise USD2 billion from HK IPO

Fox Hu and Joyce Koh

CHINA Reinsurance Group Corp., the nation's biggest reinsurer, is set to raise USD2 billion from an initial public offering in Hong Kong, people with knowledge of the matter said.

The Beijing-based company plans to sell 5.77 billion shares at HK\$2.70 apiece, the top end of a marketed range, said the people, who asked not to be identified because the information is private. The shares were offered at HK\$2.25 to HK\$2.70 each, according to the reinsurer's IPO prospectus.

China Re is raising funds to bolster its capital base as Hong Kong's IPO market recovers from a slow third quarter. With the reinsurer's deal done, the value of first-time sales in the

city has jumped 28 percent this year to \$23 billion, according to data compiled by Bloomberg.

There were \$2.8 billion of such offerings in Hong Kong from July through September, down 50 percent from the third quarter of last year, the data show.

U.S.-based Prudential Financial Inc., China Life Insurance Co. and Macau casino executive Pansy Ho are among 15 cornerstone investors that will buy a combined \$1.12 billion of shares in the offering, according to the prospectus. China International Capital Corp., HSBC Holdings Plc and UBS Group AG are joint sponsors of the IPO.

A Hong Kong-based external spokesman for China Re declined to comment.

Reuters reported the final pricing earlier, citing unidentified people. **AP**

BLOOMBERG



Alibaba offers to buy rest of Youku in USD3.6b deal

Kelvin Chan
Business Writer, Hong Kong

ALIBABA said Friday it's offering to buy up the rest of Chinese video streaming site Youku Tudou in a USD3.6 billion deal signaling the e-commerce giant's intent to expand beyond its core business of online shopping.

The deal would give the company, which has been expanding into films, a bigger platform to broadcast content including Hollywood blockbusters directly to China's growing ranks of middle-class consumers.

"Digital products, especially video, are just as important as physical goods in e-commerce, and Youku's high-quality video content will be a core component of Alibaba's digital product offering in the

future," Alibaba Group Holdings Ltd. CEO Daniel Zhang said.

The company, which already owns 18.3 percent of Youku Tudou's U.S.-listed shares, said it's proposing to buy the remaining stock for \$26.60 in cash per share, or 30.2 percent more than the last closing price on the New York Stock Exchange.

After subtracting Youku's approximately \$1 billion in cash on hand, Alibaba is paying about \$3.6 billion to buy the stake.

The offer follows a series of moves by Alibaba Group Holdings Ltd. to expand into the film industry through its film arm, Alibaba Pictures Group. Recent investments include a deal to collaborate with Paramount Pictures to promote "Mission: Impossible — Rogue Nation," the latest in the

spy thriller series starring Tom Cruise, and an investment in a movie starring South Korean star Kim Soo-hyun.

Alibaba made its initial investment in Youku Tudou, which is seen as China's version of Youtube, in 2014.

The deal gives Alibaba access to a sophisticated, user-friendly operation. Youku's two private streaming sites, which attract a young audience, have operated with fewer of the restrictions dogging state-run TV broadcasters, allowing it to introduce more varied and foreign content.

Youku has never turned a profit by standard accounting measures. Its loss for the most recent quarter widened to 342 million yuan (\$55.2 million) from 142.3 million yuan in the same period in 2014, according to its latest earnings report. **AP**

IBM gives Chinese gov't access to software code

Jing Cao

IBM said it is giving the Chinese government access to some software code, seeking to demonstrate the security of its products as the company tries to expand its business in the country.

Beijing won't receive client data or "back doors" into the technology, International Business Machines Corp. said Friday in a statement. Technology providers including Microsoft Corp. have reached similar agreements in China, IBM said. Microsoft established a program with China in 2003, giving the government access to some Windows source code.

"Strict procedures are in place within these technology demonstration centers to ensure that no

software source code is released, copied or altered in any way," IBM said. "Those are applied rigorously regardless of country."

Concerned about cybersecurity, China this year enacted security measures requiring foreign technology companies to show software code to the government. The purpose of the law is to prevent other parties from illegally accessing China's systems and data through computer programs like viruses, said Ray Wang, principal analyst at Constellation Research.

"As everybody knows, there's a tacit understanding that if you want to do business in China, you need to show them how this stuff works," he said. For IBM, "the significance here is the first-mover advantage." **Bloomberg**

corporate bits

CONRAD MACAO PINK INSPIRED CHARITY LUNCH RAISES OVER MOP 84,000 FOR BREAST CANCER



Conrad Macao, Cotai Central partnered with the International Ladies Club of Macao to host a charity lunch on 15 October as part of the hotels'

2015 Pink Inspired campaign which raises money for Hong Kong Cancer Fund's Pink Revolution. The Pink Revolution campaign is an annual event that raises awareness and funds for breast cancer research, and this is the fourth year for Conrad Macao to support the event. More than 200 guests all dressed in various shades of pink and who dined on a special pink themed menu attended the lunch. The event raised over MOP 84,000 for the campaign thanks to the support of major sponsors such as T Galleria – DFS, Venetian Macao Open, Butani Jewellers, AntePrima, Furla, iJin, Rockport and Shanghai Tang.

KUBOTA SAKE DINNER AT HOTEL ROYAL



Hotel Royal, Macau and HN Food & Beverage Limited are jointly presenting a Kubota sake dinner on Oct 27th. Featuring an 8-course menu prepared by Catalpa Garden Shanghai restaurant, the

meal pairs Shanghai cuisine with Japanese Kubota sake.

On the night, director and senior advisor of Asahi Shuzo, Mr. Makoto Hirasawa will be invited from Japan to introduce the Kubota sake series. Since this year is Kubota's 30th anniversary, Japanese representatives will also bring the limited Kubota 30th Anniversary Junmai Daiginjo to the dinner.

Highlights of the menu include Double-Boiled Egg with Hairy Crabmeat with Kubota 30th Anniversary Junmai Daiginjo, Braised Meat Balls in Brown Sauce with Kubota Manju Junmai Daiginjo and Minced Pork with Pine Nuts and Crispy Rice with Kubota Ginjyo Genshu.

WELLNESS JOURNEY WITH SHAOLIN GUNG FU MASTER AT MANDARIN ORIENTAL



The Spa at Mandarin Oriental, Macau is inviting Shaolin Master Hu from The Spa at Mandarin Oriental, Sanya for a series of wellness workshops in Tai Chi, Qi Gong, Meditation and the art of the Zen Tea Ceremony, to be held between 26

and 29 November.

In his lectures, Master Hu will speak about the positive effects of tea and healthy food on both body and mind, as well as how to restore spiritual balance through Tai Chi, Qi Gong and Meditation.

BLOOMBERG



On eve of Xi's visit, Beijing, UK poised for deal on world's costliest nuclear plant

Alex Morales and Rachel Morison

THE U.K. and China are set to announce an accord that will give the mainland a stake in Electricite de France SA's Hinkley Point project, Britain's first nuclear plant in three decades and the most expensive atomic energy station ever.

The proposed deal is likely to be announced during a state visit to Britain by President Xi Jinping this week and follows protracted talks between EDF and its Chinese partners. The two nations will publish investments and deals worth a "huge" amount of money, including on nuclear power, Zhang Ji, assistant minister of commerce, said last week in Beijing. EDF will still have to make a final investment decision.

The U.K. government says

new nuclear plants are a crucial part of the energy mix as Britain plans to cut carbon emissions while securing predictable electricity supplies. With construction costs estimated at 24.5 billion pounds (USD37.9 billion) by the European Commission and bolstered by U.K. subsidies at twice the current wholesale power price, opponents have described Hinkley as "the most expensive object on earth."

"It is a very, very, very, very expensive piece of kit even in the context of nuclear power, and therefore it's hard to see that it's value for money," Peter Atherton, a utilities analyst at Jefferies in London, said in an interview. "The economics don't work for the private sector and the state always underpins the economics of nuclear

power throughout the world."

EDF, the world's biggest operator of reactors, and the U.K. agreed two years ago that Hinkley will get 92.50 pounds per megawatt-hour of power for as long as 35 years. That's competitive with new-build gas and renewable projects, and will give it a rate of return of 10 percent, according to the company.

EDF's U.K. unit will shoulder all the construction costs associated with building Hinkley Point C and no costs will fall on the taxpayer, it said Friday by e-mail.

"Everybody looks at economics of this project and many people believe there are cheaper opportunities to secure power generation capacity," said Roland Vetter, head of research at CF Partners U.K. LLP, a Lon-

don-based trader and adviser, said in a phone interview.

Since the deal on power prices, the utility has been ne-

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gotiating with China General Nuclear Power Corp. and China National Nuclear Corp. over the size of their stakes in Hinkley,

which was also the subject to a 10-month competition probe by the European Commission. The long-delayed project was originally planned to start in 2017, a deadline that has since been pushed to 2023, with EDF Chief Executive Officer Jean-Bernard Levy signaling further delays in September.

"You can't bank on the timeline," Lakis Athanasiou, a utilities analyst at Agency Partners LLP, said by phone from London. "Hinkley is highly unlikely to be finished by 2025 and any other reactors will be beyond 2030."

To accelerate the deal, Chancellor of the Exchequer George Osborne pledged a guarantee of 2 billion pounds for construction of the plant, during a visit to Beijing last month.

"We've invested a lot of time and effort and it's an important part of the mix," U.K. Energy Secretary Amber Rudd said Thursday in an interview.

Nuclear power will only become more important for the U.K. in the next decade as the nation debates closing all its 12 coal-fired power plants by 2023 to combat global warming. EDF's 1.2-gigawatt Sizewell B plant is the only one of the U.K.'s 15 reactors scheduled to generate beyond 2023, and with Britain facing a squeeze on supplies, Rudd's main job is to ensure enough new generation gets built to replace retiring plants.

While China has a track record of building new reactors at a lower cost than in Europe or the U.S., one of EDF's top priorities is to tackle surging costs and delays at its new Flamanville-3 reactor. It has the same technology as the two units at Hinkley Point and the startup of the unit has been pushed back to the end of 2018, 11 years after construction began. Costs have more than tripled to 10.5 billion euros (\$11.7 billion).

It's "mystifying" that Britain is persisting with the deal for Hinkley Point, Michael Liebreich, founder of Bloomberg New Energy Finance said Tuesday in a speech in London. "It seems to me that when you're in a money hole, you should stop digging." **Bloomberg**

CHINESE authorities detained 16 fishermen after hundreds of people protested the construction of a sea marina in a southern Chinese port city over the weekend.

Police in the city of Beihai said yesterday that they detained four people on Thursday and another 12 people on Friday. They said they also dismissed nearly 200 protesters who shouted slogans and held up banners on Saturday.

The fishermen are upset that the new marina wou-

Authorities detain 16 protesters over marina project

ld take up a public beach that has long been used for their trade, according to a local resident who only gave her last name, Pan.

Mass incidents such as protests of public projects are on the rise in China, where members of the public are excluded from the decision-making process for public policies but hope street protests can be an effective way to make their voices heard

and to put pressure on local authorities.

Local governments are increasingly resorting to force to dismiss demonstrations and detain protesters on the ground of disturbing public order. Past demonstrations have turned violent.

In a written statement, Beihai police said nearly 30 people on Thursday boarded two fishing boats to storm the construction

area and used bamboo poles and burning incense to attack maritime and police officers.

About 70 people gathered around a government office after police detained four people, the statement said, and in the evening, about 50 elderly women and spectators gathered around a local police station and used beddings to block the entrance to the station.

The crowd was dismissed around 1 a.m. Friday, but later a local maritime rescue station was barricaded with wood fences and old tires, the statement said.

About 80 people — mainly middle-aged and elderly women — paraded down local streets, while holding up banners and shouting slogans, the police said.

The protesters blocked

traffic and stormed a local government office before the police forcibly took away 62 people, the police said. Twelve of them were later formally detained, while the rest were warned but released, the police said.

Nearly 200 people gathered in a public square to protest on Saturday but the crowd was dismissed by police in the afternoon, the police said. **AP**

HUMAN RIGHTS

US tells Party it isn't following its own laws in detentions

Louise Watt, Beijing

A U.S. assistant secretary of state said Friday he told Chinese officials they weren't following their own laws in detaining lawyers and others in a wide-ranging crackdown on human rights defenders.

Tom Malinowski, assistant secretary of state for human rights, democracy and labor, led a U.S. delegation that met in Beijing with representatives from the ministries of public security, justice and foreign affairs, as well as judges and the State Council, China's Cabinet, to discuss legal issues.

Since May, dozens have been rounded up in a crackdown on rights lawyers and social activists. Their detentions appear to be aimed at stopping any potential groundswell of opposition to the ruling Communist Party.

"There's absolutely no question that existing laws in China have been completely thrown by the way-side in terms of the length of time these people have been detained without charges being brought," Malinowski told reporters. "Chinese law allows for 37 days ... but they've gone past that in a number of cases." He said detainees also haven't had access to their lawyers.

He said the U.S. delegation brought up specific cases, including those of Wang Yu, a lawyer taken away on July 9, and her 16-year-old son, who was briefly detained and is under police surveillance.

Chinese officials have said such cases are being handled according to law, and that no other country should interfere in China's judicial independence.

The talks were part of the seventh U.S.-China Legal Experts Dialogue, which took place Thursday and Friday.

Chinese media reports said China brought up problems that Chinese companies face when investing in the U.S.

China has pointed to the U.S.'s own human rights record as "terrible," and said in a report published by the Cabinet that it was haunted by spreading guns, frequent violent crimes and excessive use of force by police officers.

Malinowski said he acknowledged the U.S. was "not perfect," but added, "We make the case that every great country is judged by not whether it has human rights problems but whether it has institutions through which people can get redress."

Malinowski also said they expressed concerns about some proposed Chinese laws, including a counterterrorism law "which basically defines terrorism as any thought, statement or action designed to influence government policy-making."

"Presumably most Chinese government officials at some point have had a thought designed to influence government policymaking," he said. **AP**



Former Nationalist Party presidential candidate Hung Hsiu-chu



Nationalist Party chairman and new 2016 presidential candidate, Eric Chu

TAIWAN

Ruling Nationalists dump presidential candidate

TAIWAN'S ruling Nationalist Party dumped its unpopular presidential candidate on Saturday, in hopes that her replacement will revive the party's fortunes three months before an election that the pro-independence opposition is heavily favored to win.

Delegates at an extraordinary party congress voted overwhelmingly to nullify Hung Hsiu-chu's nomination and selected party Chairman Eric Chu to lead the ticket in the Jan. 16 election.

Chu, the mayor of suburban New Taipei City and a former accounting professor, had earlier declined to seek the nomination. But upon accepting it on Saturday, he said the election was too important not to step in.

"The presidential and legislative elections are polls to determine the nation's future, to determine the future polices of the nation," Chu said.

Hung had resisted stepping down as the party's candidate, but said she accepted the decision and would remain loyal to the party.

The Nationalists have lost favor over their pro-China policies, and Hung was running about 20 percentage points behind Democratic Progressive Party candidate Tsai Ing-wen, who advocates greater caution in relations with Beijing.

While the presidency remains in doubt, a more popular candidate could help the Nationalists retain their majority in Taiwan's 113-seat parliament.

Hung's nomination in July set up Taiwan's first presidential race between female candidates from the two major parties.

However, the veteran legislator and former teacher was seen as lacking in executive experience and had focused much of her campaign on the party's already embattled China policy. Chu is seen as relatively more moderate on cross-Taiwan Strait relations while maintaining friendly ties with the mainland's ruling Communist Party.

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A win for Tsai would throw up new questions about Taiwan's relations with Beijing, which claims the island as its own territory to be reunited with the mainland, by force if necessary. Despite that threat, China is now Taiwan's biggest trading partner and a growing source of tourism and investment.

Talks between the sides have been based on the Nationalists'

acceding to Beijing's demand that Taiwan and China be seen as part of the same country, something the DPP has refused to do.

While the DPP officially advocates Taiwan's formal split from China, it has pledged to adhere to the will of the majority of Taiwanese, who favor maintaining the status quo of de facto independence.

China took a hard line against the last DPP president, Chen Shui-bian, who served from 2000 to 2008. Its approach softened radically under current Nationalist President Ma Ying-jeou, who is constitutionally barred from seeking a third four-year term.

Ma's government signed 23 agreements with China to promote investment, tourism and trade, helping to reduce tensions between the sides to their lowest level in more than six decades.

Although welcomed by the business community, the agreements incurred a backlash from younger Taiwanese. Tens of thousands protested in Taipei last year against the deals, saying they'd been rushed through without adequate consultation.

Along with harming their economic prospects, the deals were opposed out of fear they will eventually give China political control over the island.

A former Japanese colony, Taiwan split from the mainland in 1949 when the Nationalists, led by Chiang Kai-shek, moved their government here following defeat to Mao Zedong's Communists in the Chinese civil war. **AP**



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PHILIPPINES

Typhoon Koppu slams into Luzon, 2 dead, 16,000 displaced

Jim Gomez, Manila

SLOW-MOVING Typhoon Koppu weakened after blowing ashore with fierce winds in the northeastern Philippines yesterday, leaving at least two people dead, displacing 16,000 villagers and knocking out power in entire provinces, officials said.

Army troops and police were deployed to rescue residents trapped in flooded villages in the hard-hit provinces of Aurora, where the typhoon made landfall early yesterday, and Nueva Ecija, a nearby rice-growing province where floodwaters swamped rice farmlands at harvest time.

After slamming into Aurora's Casiguran town after midnight Saturday, the typhoon weakened and slowed down, hemmed in by the Sierra Madre mountain range and a high pressure area in the country's north and another typhoon far out in the Pacific in the east, government forecaster Gladys Saludes said.

Howling winds knocked down trees and electric posts, leaving nine entire provinces without power, while floods and small landslides made 25 roads and bridges impassable. Authorities suspended dozens of flights and sea voyages due to the stormy weather, and many cities canceled classes today.

By yesterday afternoon, the typhoon had veered toward the north from a westward course and was barreling across mountainous Nueva Vizcaya province



A Filipino man sits inside his makeshift home as strong winds and rains caused by Typhoon Koppu hits the coastal town of Navotas, north of Manila

with sustained winds of 150 kilometers per hour and gusts of up to 185 kph, according to the government's weather agency.

Satellite images showed that the typhoon appeared to be losing its eye, a sign of its dissipating strength, acting weather bureau chief Esperanza Cayan said, adding that Koppu was forecast to move at a slow pace of 5 kph across the mountainous north before exiting the main northern island of Luzon on Wednesday.

While weather conditions had begun to improve in some towns, and villagers had started to clear roads of fallen trees and debris, Koppu still packed a ferocity that could set off landslides and flash floods, officials said.

"We're asking our countrymen not to become complacent," said Alexander Pama, who heads the government's disaster-response agency, citing how rainwater could cascade down mountainsides after Koppu

passed and flood villages.

That happened in low-lying villages in six towns in Nueva Ecija, near Aurora, where some residents were trapped on rooftops by floodwaters, said Nigel Lontoc of the Office of Civil Defense.

A teenager was pinned to death yesterday by a fallen tree, which also injured four people and damaged three houses in suburban Quezon city in the Manila metropolis. In Subic town, northwest of Manila, a

Koppu sustained winds of 150 km and gusts of up to 185 kph

concrete wall collapsed and killed a 62-year-old woman and injured her husband, Lontoc said.

Three fishermen who had gone missing at sea were rescued off northern Bataan province, and three other missing people were found in an evacuation camp in Aurora's Baler town, he said.

President Benigno Aquino III and disaster-response agencies had warned that Koppu's rain and winds may potentially bring more damage with its slow speed. But Saludes, the government forecaster, said that there was less heavy rain than expected initially in some areas, including in Manila, but that fierce winds lashed many regions.

Koppu, Japanese for "cup," is the 12th storm to hit the Philippines this year. An average of 20 storms and typhoons each year batter the archipelago, one of the world's most disaster-prone countries.

In 2013, Typhoon Haiyan, one of the most ferocious storms on record to hit land, barreled through the central Philippines, leveling entire towns and leaving more than 7,300 people dead or missing. **AP**

POLICE arrested two teenagers yesterday for allegedly raping a toddler in New Delhi, in the latest incident of sexual violence against a young child in the Indian capital.

Police said they questioned more than 250 residents of the western Delhi neighborhood where the 2 1/2-year-old girl was raped and left bleeding in a park Friday evening.

The two 17-year-old boys were arrested late Saturday, said Dependra Pathak, a top police officer.

Pushpendra Kumar, deputy commissioner of police, said after they were interrogated, the teens admitted their guilt.

The toddler was playing outside her home when she went missing during

INDIA

Police arrest 2 teens in rape of Delhi toddler



In this image made from video, police collect evidence in the playground where an alleged rape of a two-year-old girl took place in New Delhi, early Saturday

a 10-minute power outage in the neighborhood. Family members found her lying unconscious and

bleeding in a park three hours later.

In a separate incident, police on Saturday arres-

ted three men for raping a 5-year-old in an east Delhi suburb.

The rape of the two girls came a week after a 4-year-old girl was found dumped near a railway track after being raped and slashed with a blade in the capital.

The assaults have caused uproar, with Delhi residents accusing the city's government of failure to protect women and girls.

Delhi's top elected official, Arvind Kejriwal, hit out at Prime Minister Narendra Modi, saying police were failing at their

job. Although Kejriwal is the capital's chief minister, Delhi Police reports to the federal government under Modi.

Kejriwal said that the government and police were not doing enough to protect women in the city and that crimes against them were on the rise, once again insisting that control over police should be handed over to the state government.

A series of recent attacks has renewed public fury and horror over India's inability to halt chronic violence against

women and girls.

In December 2012, the fatal gang-rape of a 23-year-old medical student on a moving bus led to a national outcry. In response to that attack, the government doubled the maximum prison term for rape to 20 years, created special courts to prosecute cases more quickly, and made voyeurism and acid attacks specific crimes under the law.

India's National Crime Records Bureau says more than 2,000 girls and women were raped in New Delhi in 2014. **AP**



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Dozens of Jews illegally enter torched West Bank shrine



The Israeli military removed dozens of Jewish worshippers yesterday who clashed with Palestinians after illegally entering a biblical shrine in the West Bank that was recently torched by Palestinians. The military said some 30 Jews descended upon the Joseph's Tomb compound in Nablus, a site revered by Jews as the tomb of the biblical figure Joseph. The area is under full Palestinian control but Jewish prayer is permitted there when coordinated with authorities. The military said yesterday's visit was not, and the worshippers had no permit. When they arrived they were confronted by Palestinians and a violent clash ensued. In consultation with Palestinian security forces, the military extracted the worshippers. One of them was lightly wounded and five were taken for police questioning. On Friday, Palestinian assailants firebombed the West Bank compound, the first assault on a religious site.

EGYPT Voting for new parliament begins

Egypt's first parliamentary election since the 2013 ouster of an Islamist president and the election a year later of the army general who removed him began yesterday, with the outcome likely to be a compliant legislature that will back, rather than challenge, the policies of soldier-turned-president Abdel-Fattah el-Sissi. El-Sissi, who as military chief led the ouster of Mohammed Morsi, has since taking office 16 months ago waged a campaign to revive the country's ailing economy, fight an Islamic insurgency and assume a greater role in a turbulent Middle East — all while silencing opposition at home. The 60-year-old el-Sissi has spoken vaguely of his democratic convictions, preferring instead to focus on security and economic challenges.

EUROPEAN MIGRANT CRISIS

Thousands stranded on new Slovenian route through Europe

Radul Radovanovic, Opatovac

THOUSANDS of migrants seeking to reach Western Europe were stranded in fog and cold weather in Croatia and Serbia on Sunday, a day after Hungary closed its border with Croatia and the flow of people was redirected to a much slower route via Slovenia.

Tiny Slovenia has said it will only take in 2,500 people a day, significantly stalling the movement of people across the Balkans as they flee wars and poverty in countries in the Middle East, Asia and Africa. On Saturday, over 6,000 people reached Croatia, and most of them were stuck in the country yesterday.

The migrant route switched to Slovenia early Saturday after Hungary's right-wing government closed its border to Croatia for the influx, citing security concerns and saying it wants to protect the European Union from an uncontrolled flow of people.

Croatian police said yesterday nearly 4,000 people, including women holding babies in their arms, remained in the refugee camp in Opatovac, eastern Croatia, where buses and trains were waiting to take them toward Slovenia, the next step on their journey toward richer EU states, such as Germany or Sweden.



A young boy looks through bars as group of migrants waits to be registered after they arrive from Croatia in Sredisce ob Dravi, Slovenia

Across the border in Serbia, thousands of people have been sitting in some 50 buses since early hours yesterday waiting to cross to Croatia. More were expected to arrive during the day.

"We are waiting here 4 hours on the bus," said Muhammad Samin from Afghanistan. "The weather is too cold. We wear lots of shirts. The children are also in the cold. No food."

The United Nations refugee agency warned that Hungary's decision to close its border for migrants has increased their suffering and could lead to a backlog down the so-called Balkan route that goes from Turkey through Greece, Macedonia, Serbia and Croatia.

Babar Baloch, regional spokesman for Central Europe for the U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees, said the new

migrant route through Slovenia has significantly prolonged their already weeks-long journey.

"The decision by Hungary to close its border has certainly added to the suffering and misery and the length of the journey for these desperate people," Baloch said. "There will be challenges if the process becomes slow or we have a backlog of people." AP

VATICAN CITY

Pope canonizes first married couple in modern times

Nicole Winfield and Colleen Barry, Vatican City

POPE Francis canonized the Catholic Church's first married couple in modern times yesterday, declaring the parents of the beloved St. Therese of Lisieux saints in their own right.

Francis told followers gathered in St. Peter's Square that the couple, Louis and Zelig Martin, "practiced Christian service in the family, creating day by day an environment of faith and love which nurtured the vocations of their daughters."

Francis is particularly devoted to the 19th century French Carmelite nun, fondly known as "The Little Flower," who died at the age of 24 in 1897 and was later honored with the title doctor of the church.

Francis has had a copy of Therese's "Story of a Soul" on his bookshelf since his days as a novice. As archbishop of Buenos Ai-



A tapestry showing Louis and Zelig Martin, parents of St. Therese of Lisieux, hangs from a balcony of St. Peter's Basilica at the Vatican

res, he had her image on his desk. And he has said that whenever he has a problem, he directs his payers to Santa Teresita, as she is known in Spanish, and often a white

rose appears to him as a sign that she has heard his prayers.

Her parents were canonized at the start of final week of his big bishops' meeting on families. His aim is to provide Catholic families with saintly role models who took particular care to educate their children in the faith: The Martins bore nine children, only five of whom survived. All five became nuns, including the youngest, Therese, at age 15.

"It's the first time a couple have been canonized as a couple, and this is a beautiful sign for Christian families, who often are left without any support and have to go against the grain, especially in the West, to live and educate their children in the truth of creation and with that love that God has given us in Christ," said the Rev. Romano Gambalunga, the postulator who followed the saint-making case through. AP

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Offbeat

CHINESE POLICE DETAIN 3 FOR STEALING BODY FOR GHOST WEDDING

Police in northern China have detained three people suspected of stealing a corpse to sell as a bride in the ancient Chinese rite of ghost weddings, which join single people who died for a belated marriage in the afterlife.

The official Xinhua News Agency reported that the main suspect, a man aged 72, said he had heard about the death of a young woman in a nearby village in Shanxi province and thought of selling the corpse to relatives of single dead men. Xinhua cited police in Ruicheng county, where calls rang unanswered Friday.

Xinhua said the main suspect and two accomplices pretended to be relatives of the woman and negotiated a sale price of 25,000 yuan (USD4,000) with a buyer. While they were raiding a village tomb for the body last weekend, their plot was scuttled by villagers who caught them in the act and alerted police.

The practice of afterlife matrimony extends back centuries and occasionally happens in poor rural areas where people are superstitious and believe in an afterlife, said Xu Keqian, a professor of Chinese language and culture at Nanjing Normal University.

The villagers hope that marrying off a single person after he or she has died will ward off bad luck associated with dying while still single, Xu said.

The male or female corpse is reburied in the tomb of the counterpart in a quasi-wedding ceremony to the accompaniment of gongs and drums, followed by a funeral service, Xu said.

In some cases, two corpses were married because they had been a betrothed couple who died before their wedding. **AP**

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Duration: 134min

THE WALK

ROOM 2
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Director: Robert Zemeckis

Starring: Joseph Gordon-Levitt, Ben Kingsley, Charlotte Le Bon

Language: English (Cantonese)

Duration: 123min

THE INTERN

ROOM 2

7.15 pm

Director: Nancy Meyers

Starring: Robert De Niro, Anne Hathaway

Language: English (Cantonese)

Duration: 121min



CRIMSON PEAK

ROOM 3

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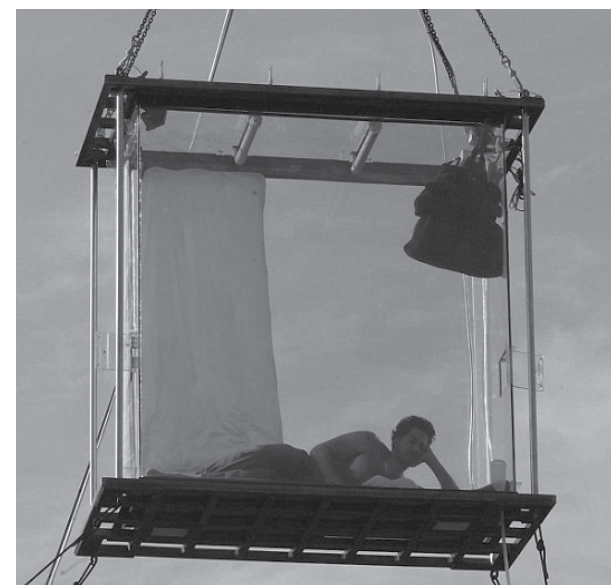
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Duration: 141min

this day in history



2003 DAVID BLAINE ENDS GLASS BOX STUNT

The American illusionist David Blaine has his feet back on solid ground after ending 44 days suspended in a glass box by the River Thames in London without food.

The feat of endurance has attracted huge crowds over the last six weeks, and an estimated 10,000 people were there to see him come out.

There was little sign of the "Blaine-baiters" who have dogged the entertainer for the duration of his stunt, jeering, throwing eggs and cutting his water supply. At 2200 BST the crane which has held the perspex box above the river since 5 September slowly lowered it to the waiting fans, and it was tipped up gently to help him get out.

Despite apparently going without any food for so long, 30-year-old David Blaine was able to walk from the box, supported by helpers.

He looked thin and was clearly emotional. He broke down in tears as he told the waiting crowd, "This has been one of the most important experiences in my life."

The magician has described suffering severe heart palpitations, blurred vision and breathing difficulties as his fast neared its end. He was put on a stretcher by paramedics and taken to a private hospital, where a team of doctors will assess whether he has done lasting damage to his heart or other organs.

His spokesman said he would now gradually build up his strength with mineral supplements. It is thought it could take as long as six months for Mr Blaine to recover and return to normal fitness.

His stunt has attracted praise and contempt in equal measures. Christine Hunt, 44, who travelled from Doncaster in Yorkshire, said, "We've already been down once to see him and I think it's brilliant, what he's doing."

But others have taunted him relentlessly, even sending a burger up to the box on a remote-controlled helicopter. Mr Blaine's team has dismissed suggestions that he has kept himself alive by having dissolved nutrients such as glucose added to his water supply.

The stunt is the latest in a series of bizarre challenges the magician has set himself.

Previous stunts include standing on a 100ft pole for 35 hours, living for a week buried six feet down in a glass tank, and encasing himself in a six-tonne block of ice for more than 60 hours.

Courtesy BBC News

IN CONTEXT

David Blaine took his first solid food - a handful of crisps - five days later, and was released from hospital the same day.

In interviews during his recovery, he said the only time he considered abandoning his self-imposed starvation was when a man climbed up nearby scaffolding and cut his water supply. Nutritional expert Professor Jeremy Powell-Tuck, drafted in to provide medical care for David Blaine after his release, said he lost almost 30% of his body weight during the stunt and was suffering from malnutrition when he emerged.

Professor Powell-Tuck said the stunt would help inform treatment of malnutrition in hospitals and nursing homes.

David Blaine has insisted that despite people questioning his sanity, he intends to carry on with his death-defying tricks and illusions. Almost three weeks later, he announced his next challenge - jumping hundreds of feet from a helicopter into a river.

But the stunt, originally planned for April 2004, has never materialized.

YOUR STARS

Aries Mar. 21-Apr. 19 You've got to take your time today - there's no point in rushing!

Taurus April 20-May 20 Your diplomatic nature is making life easier and sweeter for you.

Gemini May 21-Jun. 21 You can't quite get your family to understand your feelings today - which can be really hard on you.

Cancer Jun. 22-Jul. 22 Your eye for detail is strengthened today, so see if you can make the most of it.

Leo Jul. 23-Aug. 22 You aren't feeling very extravagant today - maybe because of your recent binges.

Virgo Aug. 23-Sept. 22 Your systems for keeping organized are paying off today - so make the most of them!

Libra Sep.23-Oct. 22 Can you keep still and avoid action today? If so, you should be just fine - but otherwise, things might start to get really weird for you.

Scorpio Oct. 23 - Nov. 21 New information comes your way that shakes things up - most likely for the better!

Sagittarius Nov. 22-Dec. 21 People are getting on your nerves today - so much so that you may want to run away screaming!

Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 19 Someone needs to hear your voice - most likely someone you haven't spoken with in months!

Aquarius Jan. 20-Feb. 18 Details are all-important, and you need to work through them today.

Pisces Feb.19-Mar. 20 You can get more out of your relationships than you may expect - thanks to at least one important person who gives you the key to understanding.

THE BORN LOSER by Chip Sansom



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Table of weather conditions for world cities like Moscow, Frankfurt, Paris, London, New York.

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"THE TIMES THEY ARE A-CHANGIN' "

AUSTRALIAN Scott Hend claimed his second Venetian Macao Open victory in three years after holding off reigning champion Anirban Lahiri and Chiragh Kumar, both of India.

With an impressive final round of 66 yesterday, five under par, Hend achieved the final triumph at the Macau Golf and Country Club.

With this victory, the Australian has become the second player, after China's Zhang Lian-wei, to win the tournament twice. He also achieved a record score of 20-under-par in a total of 264 strokes.

Although Hend did not say as much, this win was effectively a payback for last year's loss of the title he earned in 2013, when this year's 1st runner-up Lahiri then took the final win with just a one-stroke margin and collected a winner's cheque of USD 162,000. This year, Lahiri and Kumar shared second place after closing with 66 and 65 strokes respectively, for a total of 267 strokes.

As for this year's cheque, Hend collected the USD 180,000 cheque as the tournament reached the USD 1 million mark.

"I feel relieved and rewarded as I've worked very hard in Europe the last few weeks," said Hend.

In a press conference held after the awards ceremony, the victorious golfer mentioned that he knew his opponent Anirban would not turn his back on the game, and would try to break even with the three-stroke advantage he had the day before.

"I knew Anirban wasn't going

I remember last year where I didn't play solidly and Anirban got me – this year, it is a different feeling.

SCOTT HEND



VENETIAN MACAO OPEN

Scott Hend wins Venetian Macao Open by three strokes



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to go away. He's a great player and I just went out there aiming to shoot a good score, as I knew they had to catch me. I remember last year where I didn't play solidly down the stretch and Anirban got me. So this year, it is a different feeling," said Hend.

With this victory, the Australian now holds seven wins on the Asian Tour and has secured his place in the CIMB Classic in Malaysia and the WGC-HSBC Champions in China over the next few weeks. In his opinion, the turning point of the event was when he managed a par save on the tenth hole with a six-foot putt; otherwise, his three-shot lead

would have been reduced to just one, as Lahiri knocked his fourth birdie of the day on that same hole.

In Hend's opinion the decisive plays in this tournament are essentially done at the ninth, tenth and eleventh holes. As he overcame that stage with his lead untouched, he felt even more confident.

"I just tried to make the right choices and not put any pressure on myself and let Anirban have a sniff. I was concerned about Anirban, as once he gets a sniff, it's pretty hard to get in front of him," added Hend.

Although Anirban Lahiri was always in Hend's sights, the Australian found Kumar more

impressive, saying that "he is a serious threat and he is playing marvelously too."

As for Lahiri, he put pressure on Hend with three birdies in the first six holes, but the

Aussie recovered with back-to-back birdies on the eighth and ninth holes to preserve his overnight lead. Lahiri, the 39th best player in the world, then made mistakes that cost him the title, with bogeys on both the 12th and the 16th hole.

Lahiri was, however, positive about the outcome. "I can't be disappointed. I played well today, barring a couple of really silly mistakes. I didn't make a putt on 11 and then I dropped a silly shot on 12 and on 16, I shot myself in the head when I picked the wrong sprinkler head and picked myself a wrong yardage."

Kumar also made a fantastic last hole birdie to tie for second place, securing the runner-up cheque of US\$86,500 and locking in his participation card for next year's competition. "Honestly, on this course and with Scott's length, it would have been tough to catch him. I did get off to a good start (with a birdie and an eagle) and if I had made one or two good putts early on, I would have put some pressure [on him]. He played really well," said Kumar.

Rounding out the Top 5 were America's Brett Munson, finishing fourth on 270 strokes, and Irishman Niall Turner, settling for the fifth position with a count of two strokes more. **RM**

Macau Daily Times is the tournament's official media partner.

TOP 10 SCORING PLAYERS

- 264 - Scott HEND (AUS) 66-68-64-66.
- 267 - Chiragh KUMAR (IND) 67-66-69-65
- 267 - Anirban LAHIRI (IND) 66-67-68-66.
- 270 - Brett MUNSON (USA) 66-74-65-65.
- 272 - Niall TURNER (IRL) 70-68-67-67.
- 273 - Jazz JANEWATTANANOND (THA) 67-72-67-67
- 273 - Kiradech APHIBARNRAT (THA) 68-71-66-68.
- 274 - Javi COLOMO (ESP) 66-72-69-67
- 274 - Sam BRAZEL (AUS) 68-66-69-71
- 274 - Rashid KHAN (IND) 70-65-68-71



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WORLD PRESS PHOTO IN MACAU

I had the opportunity to visit the World Press Photo (WPP) exhibition that opened last week in Casa Garden. As with previous years, I couldn't help but notice that visitors to this world-class photojournalism exhibition are apparently scarce in Macau. I was the lone visitor on Thursday, but let's hope that the public's interest is piqued before the local leg of the exhibition closes on November 1.

The exhibition displays the results of a worldwide annual contest and has been set up across several locations in Macau since the organizers, Casa de Portugal (with the Macau Foundation's support), signed an agreement with the World Press Photo Foundation in 2009. This year's competition saw entries from 5,692 photographers in 131 countries.

As I did last year, I'm going to highlight some of the pictures and stories that touched me the most from this year's contest, with a focus on our region.

In the long-term projects category (third prize), former factory worker Lu Gang captured an impressive series of pictures commissioned by Greenpeace about the consequences of air pollution in China, particularly its link to the birth of handicapped babies. Since many parents cannot afford treatment and therapy for their children, they give them up. In one of the most horrendous pictures, a villager is seen digging a hole to bury a baby that lies dead beside him.

Also about China, Yongzhi Chu captured an almost human expression of fear in a rhesus macaque, cowering as its trainer approaches, while training for a circus act in Suzhou. The shot netted "first prize singles" in the nature category.

The issue of refugees desperately trying to reach Europe is the subject of a picture taken from an helicopter by Massimo Sestini (general news, 2nd prize singles), showing a fragile and overcrowded boat being rescued off the Libyan coast. It's interesting to reflect on the faces of the refugees, most of whom are looking up at the helicopter. They smile as if they have entered a new world (Europe) where poverty and war are nonexistent.

Another story that made headlines recently is the Ebola outbreak. Awarded first prize (general news), US photojournalist Pete Muller captured an excruciating moment when medical staff escort a delirious man back into the isolation ward from which he had escaped. The despairing victim is in the final stages of Ebola; we can almost see death itself flickering over his face.

Technically speaking, I would like to highlight the spectacular series "Conquering Speed", that depicts ski jumpers mid-leap, almost as if they were in flight. Captured by European Pressphoto Agency's photographer Sergei Ilitski, the work won second prize (sports). The slow shutter speed gives the skiers a bird-like look.

The big winner this year was Danish photographer Mads Nissen, who pictured a gay couple in St. Petersburg, addressing the issue of homosexual discrimination in Russia.

Like previous years, the 2015 edition of the WPP contest has been marked by controversy. After reviewing 97,912 images submitted by international photographers, the jury announced that 22 percent of the entries that made it to the final round were disqualified for sloppy or blatant post-processing.

The question of the pictures' authenticity is a contentious one. As the Columbia Journalism Review noted, "nearly all digital files require some post-processing — changes in contrast, light, shadow, white balance, and sharpening done to a digital file before it is sent for publication." But this work goes too far "when objects are added or removed, or the scene is radically transformed through excessive burning or dodging."

The prize-winning pictures will be presented in a traveling exhibition to 100 cities in about 45 countries. In Macau, they are best viewed at Casa Garden, although they can also be seen online at www.worldpressphoto.org.

THE BUZZ DJOKOVIC WINS THIRD SHANGHAI MASTERS TITLE

Novak Djokovic wore a red shirt in his matches at the Shanghai Masters this week to connect with his Chinese fans and perhaps give himself a little boost. "I know it's a lucky national color, so it's my lucky charm," he said. With the way he dominated, he didn't need any luck. Djokovic defeated Jo-Wilfried Tsonga of France

6-2, 6-4 to capture the ninth title of his impressive season in Shanghai on Sunday, a week after he triumphed at the China Open in Beijing for the sixth time in six appearances. He didn't drop a set at either tournament, only once being pushed to a tiebreaker, and extended his winning streak to 17 straight matches dating back to his championship run at the U.S. Open.

Los Angeles doctor delivers baby on flight from Taiwan



A member of the plane's crew holds up a newborn after Dr. Angelica Zen, who is obscured at lower right, delivered the baby on a China Air flight from Taiwan

John Rogers, Los Angeles

IT was a honeymoon that Dr. Angelica Zen likely won't ever forget, and not just because of the romantic Bali vacation. On her way home to Los Angeles this month, the UCLA physician made her first unassisted delivery of a newborn baby when a passenger suddenly went into labor over the Pacific Ocean.

The China Airlines flight, which had departed from Taiwan, was diverted to Alaska. Mother and newborn daughter left for a hospital, and the flight continued on to Los Angeles.

"When the baby came out healthy, I was just very relieved," Zen, back at work at UCLA on Thursday, said laughing.

The fourth-year resident had previously delivered two infants, both under the supervision of more experienced doctors.

"Usually I see adult patients,

older patients and pediatric kids," she said, adding this was "definitely outside of my job description."

Zen had been trying to catch a little sleep toward the end of her 14-hour connecting flight from Bali last week when she heard an announcement asking if there was a doctor or nurse on board.

"They initially told me it was just a lady having some abdominal pain, so I thought it was going to be something simple," she told The Associated Press. "But when I saw her she was, like, very pregnant."

The woman was seated in the plane's first-class section, where the desks made it impossible to work, so Zen had her moved to the main cabin and placed on the floor. The flight attendants quickly pitched in, providing towels, blankets and makeshift instruments as fellow passengers recorded videos with their phones.

"The baby got delivered, and

everybody applauded," said passenger Edmund Chen, who filmed part of the delivery from his seat one row behind.

The video, shared with The Associated Press, shows a half-dozen flight attendants wearing surgical masks and speaking Mandarin as they help Zen. The attendants and passengers break into cheers and applause when the doctor hands the crying newborn to one of the attendants.

"I don't really like to video other people, but this was just a once-in-a-lifetime thing, you know," Chen said. He added he was amazed that when, just like in the movies, the crew asked if there was a doctor on board one stepped forward.

Zen said her new husband, an engineer, stood by ready to help, but she didn't ask him. "I think he was more nervous than I was," she said.

It's unclear if the birth, first reported by KABC-TV, occurred within a 12-mile radius of Alaska, which would make the baby a U.S. citizen.

Airport officials wouldn't say how close the plane was to landing, but Zen noted it was making its approach when the baby arrived. "It was right when we were descending that the baby crowned," she said. AP

Station	Air quality
Roadside	75-105 Bad
High Density Residential Area	120-150 Bad
Ambient	120-150 Bad

WORLD BRIEFS

UKRAINE The number of people who died when a Ukrainian excursion boat capsized in the Black Sea has risen to 14. Emergency services say the accident was caused by the vessel being overloaded. The boat carried 37 people when it capsized, more than twice the maximum number of 15 people allowed. The boat's captain has been detained. The Ivofga capsized Saturday evening in a storm near the major port city of Odessa.

IRAN The United Nations atomic agency says Iran has agreed to allow greater monitoring of Tehran's commitment to the nuclear deal it signed with six world powers. The U.N.'s International Atomic Energy Agency said yesterday that Iran will "provisionally apply" the agreement allowing for more intrusive inspections once the landmark July 14 deal starts to be implemented.



GUINEA President Alpha Conde has won a second term, the election commission announced Saturday, avoiding a runoff with his closest rival, who vowed to protest the results.



GERMANY A man who stabbed a candidate to be Cologne mayor can be held criminally responsible for his actions, and has told officials he has a background in the far-right scene, authorities said yesterday. The 44-year-old German on Saturday stabbed Henriette Reker, a leading candidate in yesterday's election for new mayor of Cologne. Reker is currently responsible for housing refugees in the city, and officials have said the man told them he acted out of anti-foreigner motives.

THE DECISIVE MOMENT



The annual Government Headquarters open days concluded yesterday. The front block and gardens of the iconic pink palace located at Avenida da Praia Grande were opened to the public last weekend from 9a.m. to 6p.m.