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**CHINA** A Chinese journalist and policeman have been detained over accusations of bribery and the leaking of documents relating to the case of a disgraced spiritual guide linked to celebrities and a fallen state minister, media reports say. The case involving investigative reporter Liu Wei of the state-run Southern Metropolis Daily newspaper has drawn the concern of foreign journalists' advocates about the ability of reporters to do probing work in China.

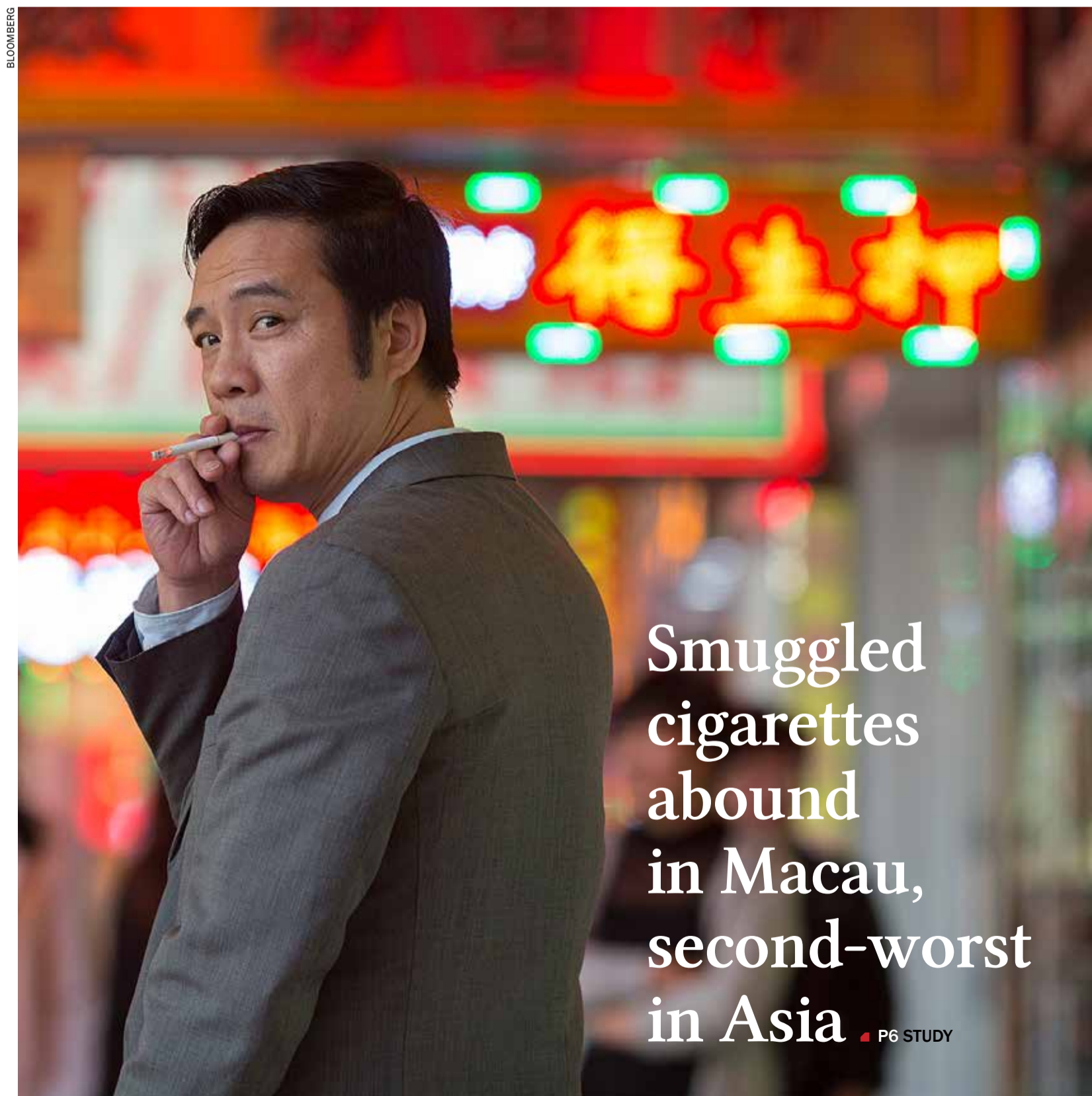
**TIBET** The Dalai Lama urges strong global action to limit global warming and to protect fragile environments, including the Himalayan glaciers and Tibetan plateau. *More on p10*

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**CAMBODIA** An unlicensed medical practitioner who infected more than 100 villagers in northwestern Cambodia with HIV by reusing unclean needles went on trial yesterday, facing three charges including murder, his lawyer said. Yem Chhrin faces up to life in prison if found guilty.

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# Barroso distinguished with Academic Title Award at IPM

**T**HE President of the Macao Polytechnic Institute (IPM) Lei Heong Iok, has referred to the former European Commission president, José Manuel Durão Barroso, as “a person of a truly unique civic, political and academic route”. He recalled that the former Portuguese Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs has been awarded with several distinctions “in various latitudes” and now it was IPM’s turn to show their respect for this figure.

Barroso was also distinguished as “a friend of Macau” with the title of Honorary Coordinator Professor, the highest title of the academy in terms of Polytechnic Institutes.

“Let us well understand the meaning of this binomial: Professor and Honorary Professor is the highest career level in higher education; in the case of polytechnic institutes, [the highest level is that of] Coordinator Professor. [The title is also] Honorary, because this



Durão Barroso (center), with Alexis Tam (left) and Lei Heong Iok

stage is reached not only to honor and dignify those who receive the title, but because of their honor and dignity,” Dr Lei said.

In several congratulatory speeches presented at the award ceremony held at the IPM Auditorium yesterday, Dr Carlos André, head of IPM’s

Portuguese Language Teaching and Research Centre (PTRC), recounted Barroso’s life path in a long speech, highlighting the most important moments

and how they contributed to IPM’s decision in attributing this important award.

“He embraced an academic career in due time and whenever his life path allowed it, even when he experienced several dramas at different crossroads in his life. Because that was his choice, we always accepted his successive challenges and calls to serve the public, the communities and the nations with a sense of duty. This appeal from society led him to postpone his academic path many times and follow his commitment to the public cause of society that we all are a part of,” said Carlos André.

The MSAR government was also represented at the ceremony by Secretary for Social Affairs and Culture Alexis Tam, who referred in his speech to Barroso’s personal qualities, which included being “someone who was for years a dialogue builder.”

Mr Tam also recalled that “as Minister of Foreign Affairs of Portugal, [Barroso] worked to achieve many consensuses and participated actively in the solution of many conflicts – not only in Portuguese-speaking countries but all over the world. Firstly as Prime Minister of Portugal and then as president of the European Commission, he always pursued this goal.”

Barroso expressed his gratitude and honor upon receiving the award, saying that the title of Honorary Coordinator Professor assigned to him has “a special significance due to the fact that it has happened in Macau.”

In his speech, he said, “I have worked a lot in the past as Foreign Affairs Minister, Prime Minister and as President of the European Commission for the establishment and improvement of relations with Macau.” He recalled that, as Foreign Affairs Minister, he participated in the negotiations for the Macau handover. And lastly, looking upon his time as President of the European Commission, he recalled: “I visited Macau and supported some programs such as translation and interpretation from Chinese to Portuguese and vice-versa. So for me, this distinction has a special meaning, as it recognizes a contribution that I am proud to have given to improve the relations between Portugal and Europe with Macau and China.” He concluded by saying: “Now, as a teacher of this institution, I will do the best, as my agenda allows, to do my part.” RM

## ‘GLOBALIZATION IN THE 21ST CENTURY’

# Magellan started it, says former EU leader

**T**HE Macao Polytechnic Institute (IPM) held a conference yesterday on “Globalization in the 21st Century: Other Connections Between the New Silk Road and the Seven Continents”, which was attended by Professor José Manuel Durão Barroso, Former President of the European Commission.

Before an audience of the institute’s students and teachers and other guests, Professor Barroso, a known advocate of globalization, spoke about his perspective of globalization as well as its pros and cons.

Barroso mentioned that the phenomenon of globalization is nothing new. In fact, the first step of globalization or ‘worldalization’ (as some say), according to some historians, was taken through Portuguese maritime expansion: “The Portuguese maritime expeditions navigations were, in some way, responsible for putting Europe, Africa, Asia and the Americas in intense contact for the first time,” he stated. He also highlighted the role of Macau since those times as an “intermediary on all commerce for the Asia region.”

According to Professor Barroso, “The bigger expression of this first globaliza-

tion materialized in the first circumnavigation of the world done by a Portuguese navigator – Fernão de Magalhães (Magellan) – in the service of Spain’s Royal House, which proved the global conception of the world.”

As Professor Barroso explained, there were then several great developments in this concept of globalization, which have led towards to the present-day, where he believes “we are assisting a different kind of globalization, due to its extent, speed,

**“We can still have our national identity and be open to the rest of the world; globalization is a great cultural opportunity.”**

PROFESSOR DURÃO BARROSO

intensity and its own nature.” He explained that a good part of this “new globalization” is intimately connected to China and to its opening, which has “led to exponential growth of China’s economy, as well as a growing interaction between China and the rest of the world.”

“The big difference with the globalization we have nowadays is the fact that it is not controlled by one or a few countries; it goes beyond any borders, it’s truly global and unable to be controlled by any individual government,” he said.

Regarding the “threats” that globalization can pose, they result from the same “fast spreading” context. He said that they can assume the forms of “terrorism, finance instability, climate change, pollution, pandemic dissemination, among other guises, which demand a transnational response, making this the biggest challenge for the world as a whole.”

As a conclusion, Professor Barroso left the audience with a reassurance that globalization does not mean losing our identities. Instead, he said, “We can still have our national identity and be open to the rest of the world; globalization is a great cultural opportunity.” RM

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**S**TUDIO City International Holdings Ltd announced today that the Macau government has authorized Studio City's gaming operator, Melco Crown (Macau) Ltd, to operate 250 new gaming tables and 1,233 new gaming machines.

Furthermore, 200 of the 250 gaming tables and all of the gaming machines may be in operation by the time of Studio City's opening. The remaining tables will be permitted to become operational starting from January 2016.

"We thank the Macau Government for its consideration of our application and approval of gaming tables and machines for Studio City. We are confident that Studio City's offering of cinematically-themed entertainment, retail, food and beverage and accommodation options will contribute meaningfully to the economic and employment diversification of Macau. We are excited to welcome Studio City's first patrons later this month," said Lawrence

GAMING

# Studio City to get 250 new-to-market tables



ce Ho, the Co-Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Melco Crown Entertainment.

Earlier this year, Melco Crown Entertainment said that it might fall into default on a

HKD10.86 billion loan if it was unable to open "with a minimum [of] 400 gaming tables

available for operation."

Studio City now plans to engage lenders under its senior credit facilities to discuss proposed amendments to the terms of the casino's loan documentation. This is the direct result of the shortfall in the number of tables that have been allocated.

The announcement comes only days after Wynn Macao and the local authorities engaged in a series of verbal attacks regarding the delays in the allocation and limits of gaming tables.

Steve Wynn, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Wynn Resorts, criticized the government delays last Friday, saying that the uncertainty around the number of tables to be allocated was complicating decisions concerning the hiring and training of workers, and could force Macau operators to terminate employees.

The government responded by expressing its dissatisfaction over the remarks, reaffirming the merits of the table cap policy, and summoning Wynn representatives to a meeting with the Secretary for Economy and Finance, Lionel Leong, on Sunday.

The allocation of tables and annual cap are part of a larger effort to diversify Macau's economy and ease its reliance on the gaming industry, following the orders of Xi Jinping in December 2014. The table cap policy limits the growth of live dealer tables to 3-percent compound annual expansion until the end of 2022. **Staff reporter**

## Galaxy – Broadway gets 100 tables

**T**HE Secretary for Economy and Finance, Lionel Leong said that the government is "pleased to see" gaming operators investing more so that small and medium size enterprises can participate in their projects. Justifying the approval of 100 more tables to Broadway – Galaxy phase 2, Leong clarified that from those, only fifty will come into operation immediately and the other fifty will have to wait until January 1, 2016.

Questioned by the media in a public



Lionel Leong

event yesterday, the Secretary stated that after an examination of the applications for gaming tables made by Studio City and Galaxy, the government decided to allocate two hundred and fifty tables to the former and one hundred gaming tables to the latter, to be used in the mass-market.

The government expects to wisely distribute the tables in the mass market, encouraging gaming operators to explore non-gaming aspects of their projects, contributing to the development of family-based entertainment and for the establishment in the territory of a World Center of Tourism and Leisure.

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**T**ELECOMMUNICATIONS service provider CTM officially rolled out its 4G+ network packages yesterday afternoon. It is the first of the four companies to open the service for customers.

The launch of the telecom firm's latest service, alongside a presentation detailing other ongoing efforts and prospective initiatives, was held at the JW Marriott Hotel on the occasion of its 34th anniversary.

The new 4G+ mobile network is worth over MOP600 million in investments, which supports both FDD and TDD modes, and is available for subscription across five different monthly plans with prices ranging from MOP98 to MOP598.

As early as two months ago, more than 20,000 users already experienced the service as part of a trial program. After months of "preparatory

# CTM 4G+ mobile network service available to the public



work around the clock," the company's Vice President of Network Services, Declan Leong, told media that the network has reached "99.5 percent" outdoor coverage in over 1,000 districts across the region, a target the group had been aiming for.

Leong further stated

that the company was studying how to strengthen the existing technology of a theoretical 112Mbps download speed by using additional technology based on the two communication modes. They hope to bring the service download speed up to 450Mbps as a result.

CTM is also confident about its goal of having every single household connected using optic fiber by the end of the year, Leong said.

More than 24,538 installations have been made across the city since the beginning of the year as of September, with the company's relevant workforce now double what it was initially. Additionally, the region will see a total of 1200 WIFI hotspots, more than double the current quantity.

Aspiring to further its multiple initiatives across a wide spectrum of applications, the telecom company's mobile phone-payment plan partnered with the Macau Pass, known as M-wallet service, will meet the public late this

month. Another initiatives soon to take effect include the installation of the WIFI network over 330 buses and 5G cloud storage, available for free under the new 4G mobile programs.

Last month, the telecommunications operator forged a partnership with a local school on an interactive mobile application. Using the application, parents and teachers

are connected on a virtual platform showcasing the students' academic performance and situation at school.

The administration's 4G technology concession contract stipulates that all the four grantees – CTM, Smartone, China Telecom's Macau branch and 3Macau – have to make their individual works ready before the end of the year. Earlier this month, China Telecom (Macau) told media on the sidelines of an event that it was awaiting the telecommunications regulator's approval of the proposed tariff on the service.

### HIGH-LEVEL OFFICIALS RAISE TOAST TO CTM'S 34TH YEAR

**MANY DIGNITARIES**, including CPPCC National Committee Vice Chairman Edmund Ho, officials from the mainland's foreign affairs and liaison authorities

in the territory, Cai Siping and Wang Xindong, officiated at the ceremony yesterday for the 34th anniversary of the telecommunications firm's establishment.

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Courtroom sketch, defendant Ng Lap Seng is seated in court at the defense table

## MACAU CONNECTION

# Ng Lap Seng to be indicted over UN bribery scheme

**B**ILLIONAIRE Ng Lap Seng, who allegedly bribed United Nations officials to win their endorsement of a conference center, will be indicted by today (Macau time), a federal prosecutor told a judge who had agreed to release the developer on USD50 million bail.

Prosecutors said Ng, 68, chairman of the Sun Kian Ip Group, paid hundreds of thousands of dollars to former UN General Assembly President John Ashe and Francis Lorenzo, a Dominican Republic ambassador to the UN. Ng is one of six people arrested ear-

lier this month in connection with two bribery schemes at the UN. Ashe and Lorenzo were also charged.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Daniel Richenthal told U.S. Magistrate Judge Kevin Nathaniel Fox in a letter yesterday that prosecutors would file an indictment of Ng, which would put the case before a federal judge. An indictment is the filing of formal charges by a grand jury that hears evidence in a case. It's a key step to moving the case to trial.

"This is not a surprise," Benjamin Brafman, Ng's lawyer,

said in an e-mail. "They have been threatening an indictment for weeks. Whether by complaint or indictment, Mr. Ng is presumed innocent and we have every reason to believe that he will ultimately be vindicated."

Fox agreed on Oct. 16 to grant Ng's release on bail and have him stay at a luxury Manhattan apartment near the UN under the watch of private armed security guards. Richenthal objected, arguing Ng has "vast" resources to help him flee to China, which doesn't have an extradition treaty with the U.S.

The judge agreed to delay Ng's release until Monday at 2 p.m. (NYC time) in order to give the government a chance to appeal his decision to a federal judge.

Richenthal said Ng and his lawyer now have agreed to delay the release until the close of business tomorrow.

Once Ng is indicted, he will enter a plea and if it's not guilty then the case will move toward a trial. Ng was arrested last month, accused in a separate case of bringing \$4.5 million into the U.S. and lying about its purpose to authorities. **MDT/Bloomberg**

## CRIME

## Woman falls victim to elaborate chip theft scam

**T**HE Judiciary Police have arrested two mainland men after they allegedly stole a HKD500,000 chip from another mainland woman early on Sunday morning inside a Cotai casino.

The suspects, aged 27 and 30, are both from Hebei province. They targeted the victim, a 38-year-old housewife also from the mainland, in a casino resort on the Cotai Strip. One of the suspects, surnamed Wang, deliberately asked the other suspect, surnamed Sun, to retrieve HKD10,000 from their hotel room for him, in front of the victim who was at a gaming table at the time, according to the authorities.

He then asked the victim for the same amount of money in order to gamble and promised to return it as soon as his friend returned. However, the man had still not returned after Wang gambled away the entire loan. The victim then followed Wang to his room in the hope of retrieving the lost money, but was greeted with Sun fleeing past her after the door opened.

The pair then decided to make a loan deal. However, Wang pushed the victim to the floor while she was signing the deal. The chip then fell out of her pocket and was immediately snatched up by the suspect before he escaped the room.

The woman then sought assistance from the hotel security staff, who contacted police. The investigators were able to catch Sun who allegedly hid somewhere within the resort, and later intercepted Wang at the border gate checkpoint.

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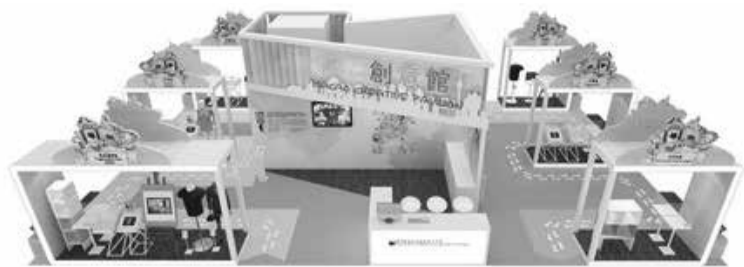
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## Creative Pavilion to be showcased at MIF

**T**HE Macau Creative Pavilion will be showcased at the 20th Macao International Trade and Investment Fair (MIF), to be held from tomorrow at the Cotai Strip Convention and Exhibition Centre for the sixth consecutive year.

This year, printed and digital versions of the Macau Cultural and Creative Map (MCC Map) will be promoted and distributed free of charge at the fair. In addition, a number of products from cultural and creative entities, displayed on the MCC Map, will be available for viewing by the general public.

In order to promote the printed map, its accompanying mobile app and the cultural and creative entities featured within, 22 of the entities will showcase selected wares, such as design products, clothing and accessories, books and periodicals, visual art and musical works at the fair.

The purpose of the MCC Map is to familiarize visitors with local cultural and creative entities, and to facilitate a deeper understanding of Macau's diverse culture. The map currently covers the city's seven parishes and highlights the local cultural and creative entities in the area through dynamic illustrations and simple text. It also includes information about World Heritage sites, museums and bus routes.

Four itineraries were developed to connect different cultural and creative spaces and World Heritage sites, guiding visitors through a pre-planned journey to appreciate the historical value of locations within Macau. The use of the MCC Map is expected to be a useful reference source for travellers, whilst also providing them with insight into the literary and artistic elements of the city. **Staff reporter**

# Chui evasive on promise to build more affordable housing

**F**OLLOWING a protest on Sunday demanding more affordable housing in the territory, Chief Executive Chui Sai On told media on Monday that it was hard for him to make an "official promise" on any additional allocations. Speaking on the sidelines of a festive gathering hosted by the Macau Journalists Association, he stressed that the application process conducted in 2013 would not be the last one before he leaves his position in 2019.



Chui Sai On

Despite being unable to say when the next round of applications will come, the city's leader answered concerns over the possibility of there being no more applications for affordable housing by saying that he "personally did not think" the 2013 applications would be

the last during his tenure. He said that the government would "try its best to move in that direction."

Chui added that related departments would release relevant information on public housing in the future if the government were

to recover idle land plots, which are now undergoing judicial procedures. Around 150 protestors took to the streets on Sunday afternoon in opposition to the current system for determining eligible grantees for the scarce affordable housing units. **AU**

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## STUDY

# One in three cigarettes illegal, making MSAR second-worst in Asia

A regional study has found that Macau has the second-highest incident rate of illegal cigarette consumption in the Asia region. More than one-third of all cigarettes consumed is said to be either illegally produced here or smuggled into the city.

The report, entitled "Asia-16: Illicit Tobacco Indicator 2014", was commissioned to better understand the use of cigarettes in Macau and how many of these are being sourced illegally. It found that around 34.5 percent of all cigarettes consumed within the territory were illegal, and that more than two-thirds of cigarettes coming in from overseas were illegal for the year 2014.

Adrian Cooper, Chief Executive Officer of Oxford Economics, reported on the economic effects of the illegal cigarette trade at a press conference yesterday. According to Mr Cooper, the estimated revenue loss to the government is considered to be MOP185 million, which is approximately MOP300 per person in Macau.

"Another way to look at this is that it's equal to 0.7 percent of the total non-gaming revenues," said Mr Cooper. "It hurts the government financially, effectively wiping out the tax revenues that could have covered this year's cash payout to more than 20,000 citizens."

Cigarettes in the MSAR are relatively expensive compared with many other places in the region, with the exception of other high-income territories such as Hong Kong. According to the report, the most popular cigarette brand is sold at



Adrian Cooper, CEO of Oxford Economics

MOP30 locally, compared with only MOP9 for the most popular brand in China, making cigarettes on average more than three times as expensive in Macau as they are in the mainland.

"The difference in price creates an incentive for cross-border trade in cigarettes," argued Mr Cooper, "which is facilitated by [significant] cross-border traffic in Macau." There is also a "lack of rigorous custom enforcement at the border." In 2014, there were over 27.6 million visitors from mainland China, a number nearly 50 times the entire population of Macau.

According to the report, of the 1.1 billion cigarettes consumed in the city in 2014, an estimated 0.4 billion were illegal. Approximately 141 million originated in mainland China, 117 million

were from Hong Kong, while only 10 million were counterfeits produced locally within Macau.

The results of the report, which suggests that Macau has the second-highest incidence of illicit consumption, credited Brunei with the worst record of the 16 countries or territories sampled in the Asia region.

In Brunei, punitive legislation has created a technicality which has led to 100 percent of the cigarettes consumed being considered effectively illegal, according to the report. This makes it difficult to compare with other countries and territories in the region. With the exception of Brunei, no other country or territory in the sample has a higher incidence of illicit consumption of cigarettes than the MSAR.

"To summarize, Macau has a very serious problem with [the] illicit consumption of cigarettes. This is also a problem in fueling organized crime and damaging the reputation of a city like Macau," Adrian Cooper said.

He added, "It's not my place to make policy recommendations to the government [of Macau], but this is something that is a problem and is worthy of consideration from the authorities."

In spite of this, he suggested that in order to tackle the issue of illicit cigarettes, a three-pronged approach would be required. "The government should consider introducing a balanced excise policy with regular but moderate tax increases to keep excise tax at pace with inflation," he said. "It is

also essential to step up law enforcement efforts and, at the same time, raise public awareness on the serious consequences of selling and buying illegal cigarettes."

The report was based on a survey of 1000 cigarette packs discarded in the city. Survey organizers collected the discarded boxes and determined the origin of the cigarettes. This is believed to be the most accurate method of ascertaining the number of illegal cigarettes in an area. According to Mr Cooper, "People are not always forthcoming or honest" when they are asked about the origins of their cigarettes.

Two additional data sources were included; a retail audit from a global information and measurement company, Nielsen; and data provided by Philip Morris International.

The price differential between mainland China and Macau has been intensified by the recent steep tax increases on cigarettes in 2010 and 2012, which amounted to a total of nearly 300 percent. A major finding of the report was that countries with higher cigarette taxes and which happen to neighbor significantly cheaper locations "tend to see a higher rate of illicit consumption."

The study looked at data exclusively from 2014, and so does not reflect the recent regulations introduced in 2015. These changes include the tax hike of an additional 200 percent, and the reduction of the personal duty-free allowance from 100 to 19 cigarettes, as in Hong Kong. **Staff Reporter**

## corporate bits

### SHERATON APPOINTS NEW MANAGING DIRECTOR FOR MACAU

Starwood Hotels & Resorts announced yesterday that they have appointed Ms Janet McNab as the new Managing Director of the Cotai Central branches of both the Sheraton Macao Hotel and the St. Regis Macao.

Australian-born but of Italian descent, Ms McNab began her career with Starwood Hotels & Resorts 25 years ago in Brisbane. She has now spent more than 13 years in Asia, working at properties throughout Thailand, China, and Indonesia.

"Throughout her career with Starwood Hotels & Resorts, Janet has led the openings of key hotels and is highly regarded for having implemented a number of very successful Sales and Marketing strategies," said Josef Dolp, a vice-president of the group. "Her



experience in Asia, coupled with her exceptional leadership skills, makes her perfectly suited to take on the role of managing director."

Ms McNab said that she was excited to confront the new challenge and that she was "happy to be returning to the Greater China region, where I [she] launched my international career."

She added that she "love[s] the idea of change and feel[s] fortunate that I can do what I love to do most."

Prior to her current position, Ms McNab was fulfilling dual roles as both the Area General Manager for Starwood Hotels & Resorts in South Thailand, and the General Manager of the Westin Siray Bay Resort & Spa from 2013 to 2015. She initially moved to Nanjing in China after completing an MBA in Australia and after having served as Director of Sales & Marketing at the Sheraton Brisbane Hotel & Towers.

Janet McNab will now report directly to Mr Josef Dolp, who has recently been promoted to the position of vice-president of operations for Hong Kong, Taiwan, Macau and Korea.

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# India court finds Uber driver guilty of rape

**A**N Indian court has found an Uber driver guilty of raping a female passenger in his taxi in the Indian capital last year, a court official said yesterday.

Shiv Kumar Yadav was also convicted of criminal intimidation, kidnapping, and endangering the woman's life, public prosecutor Atul Srivastava told reporters.

"Maximum punishment for the crimes is life imprisonment and we will be pushing for that," Srivastava said.

The 26-year old woman, working in a private firm, had hired the cab for a ride home.

Yadav's lawyer D. K. Mishra said his client was not guilty and he would study the judgment before deciding on the next course of action.

The rape in December last year prompted widespread protests in India



In this Dec. 8, 2014 file photo, Uber driver Shiv Kumar Yadav, center, is surrounded by police as he is brought to court in New Delhi

against sexual violence and led to demands for more effort to ensure women's safety.

The woman later filed a lawsuit against Uber in a U.S. court seeking unspecified damages while accusing the company of failing to properly investi-

gate Yadav's background. The lawsuit was later settled out of court.

New Delhi police official Brijendra Kumar Yadav said yesterday that police are investigating whether Uber misrepresented the safety of its service and was criminally negligent.

The rape case dealt a blow to Uber, which has attracted global popularity and controversy with a service that lets passengers summon cars through an app in more than 250 cities around the world.

The Delhi government banned app-based taxi companies after the incident, accusing the taxi companies of failing to carry out background checks on the drivers they hired. Uber lost its license to operate in the Indian capital but it was restored in July.

Weeks later the company announced a USD1 billion investment for the Indian market to expand its services and products.

Uber hopes to hit a target of 1 million rides per day in this country of more than 1.2 billion people. The company also plans to expand services outside of 18 cities in India that currently have Uber. The moves will make India the largest geographic market for Uber, ahead of the U.S. where the app was founded.

Yadav's sentencing is expected on Friday. AP

# Yum Brands plans to spin off China business

The owner of KFC, Pizza Hut and Taco Bell plans to spin off its China business into a separate, publicly traded company. Shares of Yum Brands Inc. gained more than 4 percent in yesterday premarket trading. Yum Brands said that it believes the China business, called Yum China, could grow from its current 6,900 restaurants to more than 20,000 restaurants in the future. The remaining Yum Brands business will concentrate part of its efforts on becoming more of a franchisor, with the goal of having at least 95 percent of its restaurants owned and operated by franchisees by the end of 2017. It currently has more than 41,000 restaurants globally. The separation of the businesses is expected to be complete by the end of next year.

# Google makes first mainland investment since 2010 pullout

Google is making its first direct investment in a Chinese startup, an artificial-intelligence developer, since mostly quitting the country in 2010 over censorship concerns. Google is leading a round of funding for Mobvoi Inc., a company operating a Chinese-language voice-activated search engine. Google used Mobvoi instead of its own blocked service in the Moto 360 smartwatch released in China in June. The deal underscores how Google may be edging back into the world's largest mobile market with its first strategic investment in years. In 2014, a growth equity arm of the corporation called Google Capital invested in InnoLight Technology Corp., a Suzhou-based company that makes high-speed data transmission hardware "Mobvoi is very excited to welcome Google as an investor as both companies share a long-term view on technologies," Li Zhifei, a company co-founder and former Google employee, said in a statement without specifying the amount that the Mountain View, California-based company is investing.

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## São Tomé and Equatorial Guinea make decision on joint oil exploration in December

**S**ÃO Tomé and Príncipe and Equatorial Guinea will try to formalise in December a proposal for a partnership for oil exploration on their common border, the Prime Minister of São Tomé and Príncipe said this week in São Tomé.

At the end of a meeting with the president of Equatorial Guinea, Teodoro Obiang Nguema Mbasogo, who paid an official visit to São Tomé and Príncipe, Prime Minister Patrice Trovoada announced the creation of a joint commission and said that next December there would be a meeting in Equatorial Guinea so that the next steps in the creation of this partnership can be taken.

“We want to set up the partnership as soon as possible,” said Trovoada, who noted the two sides would prepare documents “to establish the contours of the company that will make this partnership a reality.”

The president of Equatorial Guinea on Monday concluded a 48-hour visit to São Tomé at the invitation of his Sao Tomé counterpart, Manuel Pinto da Costa, during which the two countries discussed strengthening cooperation, particularly in the oil sector.

Teodoro Obiang Nguema Mbasogo, who went to the São Tomé capital on his first visit after the integration of Equatorial Guinea in the Community of Portuguese-Speaking Countries (CPLP), took the opportunity to thank São Tomé and Príncipe for its “great support” in the process of Equatorial Guinea becoming a CPLP member. **MDT/Macauhub**

## EDP Renováveis and China Three Gorges invest in North Sea wind farm

**E**DP Renováveis, of the EDP – Energias de Portugal group, signed an agreement with the China Three Gorges Group to carry out a joint investment in a wind farm project in the North Sea, off the coast of Scotland, the company said in a statement to the market.

In the announcement issued through the Securities Market Commission (CMVM), the company said that under the cooperation agreement signed between its subsidiary in the United Kingdom and China Three Gorges Europe, the project could attract other potential investors.

“China Three Gorges EU intends to acquire up to 30 percent of the shareholding directly or indirectly held by EDP Renováveis UK in Moray Offshore Renewable Limited, to participate in the investment, development and operation of the Moray offshore wind pro-



ject,” the statement said.

The transaction will occur in two phases, with China Three Gorges investing between 10 and 20 percent after the announcement of a new auction for the allocation of a “Contract for Differences” (CFD), an agreement stipulating that differences to what was contracted will be paid in cash, and an additional investment of up to 10 percent subject to successful granting of that CFD

by Moray Offshore Renewable Limited.

In January 2010 Moray Offshore Renewable Limited was granted, under the program for development of offshore wind farms in the UK conducted by “The Crown Estate,” the right to develop wind power at sea.

The China Three Gorges Group is the largest shareholder of EDP – Energias de Portugal, with a 21.35 percent stake. **MDT/Macauhub**

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CHINA'S official data show economic growth slowing but skeptics say the downturn is much deeper than Beijing admits.

The latest data yesterday showed growth in the world's No. 2 economy eased to a six-year low of 6.9 percent in the third quarter after expanding 7 percent in each of the previous two quarters. Some economists, however, say this year's true rate might be as low as 4 percent.

The doubters say while China faces the same challenges as other developing countries in keeping track of fast-changing industries, its data discrepancies are more extreme. Some see a conscious effort to avoid the political cost of admitting the slump is more severe.

"I think here is a certain amount of pressure on the statistics bureau to publish a figure that is reasonably in line with the government's target," said Julian Evans-Pritchard, China economist for Capital Economics.

China's statistics agency says the figures are accurate.

Economic growth and whether Beijing can hit this year's growth target of "about 7 percent" are especially sensitive for the ruling Communist Party, which relies on rising living standards to help sustain public acceptance of its monopoly on power.

China's growth is a subject of intense interest among foreign companies that covet its 1.4 billion potential consumers. An unrealistically rosy view could hamper their ability to plan for economic changes. Any move by Beijing to revise growth downward might dent confidence abroad by reducing China's contribution to an already lackluster global recovery.

Most of China's 5-year-old growth decline is self-imposed as communist leaders try to nurture self-sustaining growth based on domestic consump-

# Skeptics suggest mainland slump deeper than acknowledged



People walk past a billboard for a planned upscale shopping and office building in Beijing

tion and services instead of exports and investment. Ruling party leaders have affirmed their commitment to a "new normal" of slower stable growth but need to shore up public confidence as wrenching changes occur.

This week's figures suggest that rebalancing is gaining traction. Growth in factory output slowed in September while retail sales accelerated. Still, some analysts asked how service industries such as banking and tourism could do as well as official data showed.

Complicating the picture are experts who believe China's economy is significantly bigger than the government reports.

They blame a data collection system created in 1993, when China was just emerging as a manufacturing power and had few technology and service businesses.

"Beijing is measuring a 2015

economy using a 20-year-old framework," said Daniel H. Rosen and Beibei Bao of Rhodium Group, a research firm, in a report in September.

The government didn't collect data on thriving service industries until 2005. Once it did that, the official size of China's economy abruptly increased by 17 percent, propelling it past Italy as the sixth-largest.

In their report, Rosen and Bao said Chinese data still fail to reflect the true value of real estate, retailing and other service industries, as well as of research and development.

Rosen and Bao suggest China's antiquated system might hide the fact that its economy, due to overtake the United States as No. 1 in the next decade, is at least USD1 trillion bigger than reported.

However, a bigger total for the size of the economy might make China's growth even slower, be-

cause it would need to generate far more new economic activity to keep expanding at the same percentage rate.

The ruling party says its growth target announced at the start of each year is for use in making budgets, not an official goal. But the public has come to take it as a promise to keep growth above that level.

Doubts emerged after 2012, when the previous decade's double-digit annual growth had cooled enough that the public began to question whether it might dip below the annual target. That led to suggestions officials might alter numbers to hit their target.

Skeptics note China's growth figures are unusually stable for an emerging economy, often changing by less than one percentage point from one quarter to the next.

"I think the consensus is that the data are being smoothed,"

said economist Wei Li at Commonwealth Bank of Australia.

A better option would be for China to ditch growth targets and focus on reform, "where they are actually making a lot of progress," said Evans-Pritchard.

"The problem they face now is that if they do acknowledge the real weakness in the economy, confidence will take a hit," he said. "They have created this dilemma for themselves." AP

## 4%

This year's true growth rate according to some economists

# Dalai Lama calls action on climate a 'human responsibility'

Katy Daigle, New Delhi

THE Dalai Lama yesterday urged strong global action to limit global warming and to protect fragile environments, including the Himalayan glaciers and Tibetan plateau.

Calling climate change a "problem which human beings created," the 80-year-old Tibetan Buddhist spiritual leader said all of humanity was now

responsible for taking action. But instead, he said, "We are relying on praying to God or to Buddha. Sometimes I feel this is very illogical."

He issued his plea in a pre-taped video released as part of a campaign launched by the Tibetan government-in-exile in the north Indian hill town of Dharmasala, where the Dalai Lama has been based since fleeing a Chinese

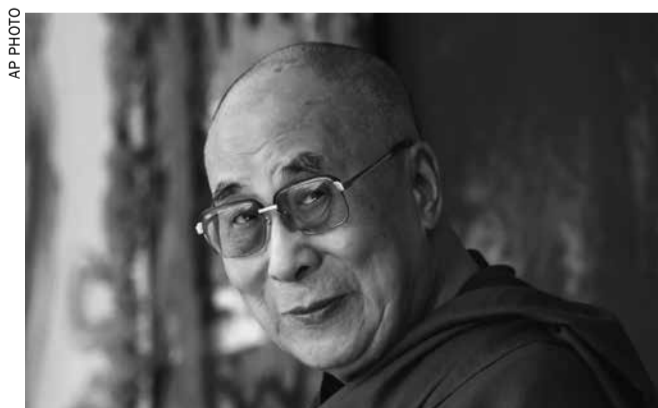
military crackdown in Tibet.

The government-in-exile said the campaign would continue through this year's U.N. climate change talks, where nations hope to conclude a new treaty for limiting climate-warming gas emissions. The exiled government will also send its own delegate to the talks, which start Nov. 30 in Paris, though it will not have a vote of its own.

"This is not a question of one nation or two nations. This is a question of humanity. Our world is our home," the Dalai Lama said. "There's no other planet where we may move or shift."

Acknowledging his advanced years, the Dalai Lama appealed to younger generations to "take a more active role in protecting this planet, including the Tibetan plateau."

Temperatures for Ti-



Tibetan spiritual leader the Dalai Lama

bet's high-altitude plateau — referred to as the Roof of the World — are rising about three times faster than the global average, and are 1.3 degrees Celsius higher than they were 50 years ago. The

Himalayas are also called the Third Pole, referring to the fact that they are covered in snow and ice and are particularly susceptible to climate change, like the North and South poles. AP



Chinese President Xi Jinping and his wife Peng Liyuan leave their plane as they arrive at Heathrow Airport

# Xi opens UK state visit with carriage ride

Jill Lawless, London

**C**HINESE President Xi Jinping prepared to address Britain's Parliament and dine with Queen Elizabeth II yesterday as he began a state visit that is intended to cement close economic ties between the two countries — but risks being overshadowed by concerns over Beijing's growing economic clout in Britain.

Britain has laid on dollops of traditional pomp for the Chinese leader, whose visit opens with a ceremonial greeting by Queen Elizabeth II and a carriage ride to Buckingham Palace, where Xi and wife Peng Liyuan will stay during the four-day trip.

Tucked just off his route, lined with Chinese and British flags, will be rival groups of demonstrators — some there to give Xi a warm welcome, others to protest human rights abuses.

Britain's Conservative-led government has been courting China, the world's second-largest economy, for years. When Xi's predecessor, Hu Jintao, paid a state visit to Britain in 2005, the countries announced USD1.3 billion in trade

deals. This time, Britain said the nations would sign 30 billion pounds (\$46 billion) in business agreements.

Prime Minister David Cameron has said the visit heralds a "golden era" between the two countries. But some British politicians, businesspeople and trade unionists are alarmed by growing Chinese investment in key sectors of the British economy.

China is set to build a new nuclear power plant in southwest England, and Treasury chief George Osborne has struck deals he says will make London's financial district a bridge between China and Western markets. Last month he announced an agreement for the People's Bank of China to issue renminbi-denominated short-term bonds in London — the first time this has been done outside China.

The deals have sparked accusations Britain is pandering to China to secure investment. Opposition politicians are urging Prime Minister David Cameron to raise China's human rights record in his several meetings with Xi during the four-day visit.

Cameron is also under pressure to raise the issue

of China selling steel at a loss on world markets.

Plunging world steel prices and a strong pound have pushed Britain's steelmakers into crisis, with 1,200 layoffs announced yesterday at Tata Steel just weeks after 2,200 jobs were lost at SSI's plant in northeast England.

Tata said the layoffs at plants in northeast England and Scotland were in response to "a shift in market conditions caused by a flood of cheap imports, particularly from China, a strong

pound and high electricity costs."

Foreign Secretary Philip Hammond insisted Britain was "developing a mature relationship with the Chinese."

"I don't think we are naive," he told the BBC.

But James McGregor, a China expert at consulting firm APCO, said Beijing would not respect a country that did not stand up to it.

"If you act like a panting puppy, the object of your attention is going to think they have got you on a leash," McGregor said. **AP**

## SUPPORTERS OF CHINESE PRESIDENT GATHER IN LONDON

**SUPPORTERS OF** Chinese President Xi Jinping were gathering in London for a gala arrival ceremony to mark the official start of his state visit. Chinese and British flags lined the route where the procession took place, with some dancing in the street with a dragon costume. Others wore T-shirts with "I (Heart) China," with half of the heart filled in with part of the Chinese flag and the other half with part of the Union Jack, and small Chinese flags paint-

ed on their cheeks. Xi was to receive a formal welcoming ceremony and a carriage ride to Buckingham Palace yesterday before he addressed both houses of Parliament. Xi is a guest of Queen Elizabeth II and her husband Prince Philip. His visit is expected to spark some protests by those who question closer ties to China because of its human rights record. Xi was also expected to meet with Prince Charles yesterday and to attend a palace banquet.

HONG KONG

## Mainland tourist beaten to death near shop

Chinese authorities are urging Hong Kong to fully investigate the death of a mainland tourist who was fatally beaten outside a shop. The death has spurred calls in China for a boycott of travel to Hong Kong, where inexpensive tours often include pressure to buy merchandise at selected shops. China National Tourism Administration yesterday urged Hong Kong authorities to protect the rights of mainland tourists. Hong Kong police say they arrived at a shop in the city Monday to find a 54-year-old man lying unconscious outside, and that he died yesterday. Police say the man was attacked after trying to mediate a fight between two women over shopping. The women are believed to be the tour leader and a fellow tourist.

## 3 boys fatally beat teacher during robbery

Three boys aged 11 to 13 attacked and killed a teacher and robbed her of a cellphone and a few hundred dollars in cash in southern China, state media reported yesterday. The state-owned Beijing News said the boys were hanging out around an elementary school in the township of Lianqiao in the province of Hunan on Sunday when they decided to rob the only teacher guarding the school. The boys — who are students at other schools — beat the 52-year-old teacher with a wood stick, stuffed her mouth with cloth and dragged her into a bathroom, where she died, the Beijing News said. The report said the students ran away with the teacher's cellphone and about 2,000 yuan (USD330) in cash. They were arrested on Monday. A police officer reached by phone confirmed the case but declined to give more details. Other media reports said the three boys were "left-behind" children of migrant workers.

## Gang builds fake interrogation room to extract money

Four Chinese men are accused of building an official-looking interrogation room where they posed as anti-corruption investigators and extracted a promise of a payment from a local official in return for dropping their phony investigation, an official newspaper said yesterday. The gang in the northeastern city of Suihua planned to scam as many officials as possible, but made just one attempt before apparently losing their nerve, the Legal Daily reported. After snatching Zhang Wei, a manager in the city Agriculture Department, and his wife from their home, they blindfolded them, drove them to the interrogation room and obtained a promise of a 400,000 yuan (USD63,000) payment after several hours of questioning. However, after the couple alerted police, nobody appeared to collect the money, and one of the four turned himself in before police had time to make arrests. Three are now in custody and police are searching for the fourth. The interrogation room, complete with furniture, computers, cameras and official seals on the wall, was built by the four in an abandoned shopping center at a cost of 200,000 yuan (\$32,000), the Legal Daily reported. According to the newspaper, Zhang said he'd done nothing wrong but agreed to make the payment to "ensure his own personal safety."

## KOREAS

# Separated kin celebrate reunions across DMZ, 1st in more than a year



South Korean Kim Bock-rack, right, meets with his North Korean sister Kim Jeon Soon during the Separated Family Reunion Meeting at Diamond Mountain resort in North Korea

Hyung-jin Kim, Seoul

**H**UNDREDS of mostly elderly Koreans — some in wheelchairs or leaning on walking sticks, most overcome by tears, laughter and shock — began three days of reunions yesterday with loved ones many have had no contact with since war divided the North and South more than 60 years ago.

About 390 South Koreans traveled to the North's scenic Diamond Mountain resort. Dres-

sed in business suits, formal dresses and traditional hanbok, they brought long Johns, medicine, parkas, calligraphy works and cash to give as presents to about 140 family members in the North.

The reunions, as always, are a mixture of high emotion and media frenzy. Journalists crowded around South Korean Lee Soon-kyu, 85, as she met with her North Korean husband, Oh Se In, 83. As camera flashes bathed them in glaring white light, she cocked her head and looked with

amazement at Oh, who wore a dapper suit and hat and craned backward to take in Lee.

The images are broadcast throughout South Korea, where the reunions are big news. North Korea's government, which analysts believe worries that scenes of affluent South Koreans might influence its grip on power, had not published any reports hours after the reunions began.

The deep emotions stem partly from the elderly reuniting after decades spent apart, partly from the knowledge that

this will be their only chance. None of the past participants has had a second reunion.

At a table covered with a white cloth, bottled water and soft drinks and a vase of flowers, South Korean Kim Bock-rack wept as he clasped the hands of his sister as a cameraman silently filmed.

The reunions, the first since February of last year, are a poignant yet bitter reminder that the Korean Peninsula is still in a technical state of war because the 1950-53 fighting ended with an armistice, not a peace treaty. The Koreans bar

**■ Hundreds of elderly Koreans began three days of reunions yesterday with loved ones many have had no contact with for 60 years**

ordinary citizens from visiting relatives living on the other side of the border and even from exchanging letters, phone calls and emails without permission.

Rim Ri Kyu, the widow of famous North Korean mathematician Jo Ju Kyong, looked calm as she met with her South Korean brother and other relatives from the South.

She introduced her son to the visitors, and the relatives burst into laughter after Jo Ju-chan, the South Korean brother of Rim's late husband, joked that her son resembled him.

South Korean Lee Ok-yeon, 88, will reunite with her husband for the first time in 65 years. She lives in the same

house her husband, also now 88, built and that the couple shared as newlyweds.

Her grandson Chae Jeong-jae told South Korean reporters that Lee had "asked whether it was a dream or a reality" when she was told she would attend the reunions.

In a second round of reunions, from Saturday until Monday, about 250 South Koreans are to visit the mountain resort to reunite with about 190 North Korean relatives, the South's Unification Ministry said.

North and South agreed in August to resume family reunions during talks to end a standoff that began when land mine blasts blamed on Pyongyang maimed two South Korean soldiers. The rivals have a history of failing to follow through with cooperation agreements. These reunions may have been in danger had North Korea gone through with threats to conduct a satellite launch earlier this month. The launch would have likely canceled the reunions because Seoul and Washington see such firings as cover for banned tests of long-range missile technology.

South Korea uses a computerized lottery system to pick participants while North Korea reportedly chooses based on loyalty to its authoritarian leadership.

Most people who apply for the reunions are elderly and desperate to see their loved ones before they die. Nearly half of the 130,410 South Koreans who have applied to attend a reunion have died.

Family reunions were part of a slew of now-stalled rapprochement projects the two Koreas agreed upon following first-ever summit talks between their leaders in 2000. About 18,800 Koreans have since participated in 19 face-to-face reunions and about 3,750 others have been reunited by video. **AP**

Bullit Marquez, Cabanatuan

## PHILIPPINES

## Storm blows away after leaving 20 dead

A storm finally blew away from the main northern Philippine island yesterday, after leaving at least 20 dead over the weekend and forcing 70,000 villagers into emergency shelters and destroying rice fields ready for harvest.

Disaster-response agencies said there was still a danger that rains dumped by Tropical Storm Koppu in mountain areas may flood rivers and put hundreds of downstream villages at risk.

Koppu was a typhoon when it blew ashore on Sunday, but it has weakened into a storm and was blowing yesterday over the Luzon Strait with

winds of 85 kilometers per hour. It was expected to weaken further, according to the government's weather bureau.

The sun briefly shone in flood-hit northern provinces, where villagers started to shovel away thick mud that had covered homes, roads and farmlands in the country's main rice- and vegetable-growing region.

At least 20 people were killed, mostly due to drowning, landslides, fallen trees and collapsed walls. Several people were reported



A boy plays with mud as residents begin cleaning up their homes in Cabanatuan, northern Philippines

missing and more than 290,000 were affected by the storm, including

70,500 who fled to evacuation centers.

President Benigno Aquino

III, who flew to hard-hit Nueva Ecija province on Monday to check on

the flooding and distribute food packs, said there were still worries that up to 800 villages could be threatened if rivers become overwhelmed by rainwater flowing down from northern mountain provinces.

Koppu, Japanese for "cup," is the 12th storm this year to batter the Philippines, one of the world's most disaster-prone countries. In 2013, Typhoon Haiyan leveled entire towns in the central Philippines, leaving more than 7,300 people dead or missing. **AP**

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SOUTH AFRICA

# Pistorius under house arrest after release from jail

OSCAR Pistorius was with members of his family at his uncle's multi-story mansion yesterday after being released from prison and moved to house arrest a day earlier than expected, a spokeswoman for the Olympic athlete said.

"Oscar is here, and Oscar is at home with the family," spokeswoman Anneliese Burgess said, addressing dozens of reporters outside Arnold Pistorius' luxurious home in an upmarket suburb of South Africa's capital Pretoria. "The family is happy that Oscar is at home," Burgess said.

Pistorius, the double-amputee runner who fatally shot girlfriend Reeva Steenkamp in 2013, was moved from a central Pretoria jail on Monday night when he had been expected to be released yesterday.

He has served a year of his five-year sentence for manslaughter for killing Steenkamp. Under South African law, he is eligible to serve the remainder under correctional supervision, a form of house arrest.

The decision to release Pistorius, 28, a day earlier was only communicated to his family at short-notice, Burgess said. Confirming Pistorius' release,



Oscar Pistorius

South Africa's Department of Corrections said that the decision over when and how an offender is released is made by the prison.

"The handling of the actual placement is an operational matter of the local management, and how they handle it is their prerogative that is carried out in the best interest of all

parties concerned, the victims, the offender and the Department of Correction Services," Manelisi Wolela, a spokesman for the department, said in a cellphone text message.

The murder trial of Pistorius generated intense international interest, and the surprising decision to release Pistorius a day early, and at night,

appeared to have avoided the logistical challenges and spectacle associated with a large gathering of TV crews and other journalists hoping to catch a glimpse of Pistorius on the way out of prison.

Burgess was surrounded by reporters and camera crews when reading a prepared statement outside Arnold Pistorius' house yesterday morning.

Apparently responding to criticism that Pistorius' release after just a year in prison was too lenient, Burgess said Pistorius' sentence "has not been shortened or reduced."

"He now enters the next phase of his sentence. He will serve this under the strict conditions that govern correctional supervision," she said.

Under South African law, an offender sentenced to five years or less in jail can be released to correctional supervision at home after serving one-sixth of the term — in Pistorius' case 10

months.

The full conditions under which Pistorius must now live for the next four years have not been released by the corrections department and Burgess would not detail them yesterday. Only two conditions for Pistorius' house arrest were previously made public by the correctional services department: Pistorius must continue to undergo psychotherapy while under house arrest and he is not allowed to handle any firearms.

Pistorius would "strictly adhere to" the conditions of his release, Burgess said, and his family would "support him."

Pistorius was acquitted of murder last year for the Valentine's Day shooting death of girlfriend Steenkamp, but prosecutors have appealed the trial verdict of culpable homicide, or manslaughter, and will seek a murder conviction again at South Africa's Supreme Court on Nov. 3. AP

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## CANADA

# Son of late PM Pierre Trudeau becomes new leader

Rob Gillies, Toronto

**C**ANADIAN voters emphatically reclaimed their country's liberal identity, putting Justin Trudeau, the youthful son of one of the country's most dynamic politicians, in the prime minister's office, and ending 10 years of leadership by Stephen Harper, whose dream was to recast Canada as a more conservative country.

The victory in Monday's election (early yesterday, Macau time) by Trudeau's Liberal Party was stunning. The Liberals were on a path to win at least 184 seats out of 338 - a parliamentary majority that will allow Trudeau to govern without relying on other parties. Harper's Conservatives were winning 100. The Liberals received 39.5 percent of the overall vote compared to 32 percent for the Conservatives and 19.6 for the New Democrats.

Harper, one of the longest-serving Western leaders, will step down as Conservative leader, the party announced as the scope of its loss became



Liberal leader Justin Trudeau stands on stage at the Liberal party headquarters in Montreal

apparent.

Trudeau's victory could result in improved ties with the United States, at least for the remainder of Barack Obama's presidency. Harper was frustrated by Obama's reluctance to approve the Keystone XL pipeline from Alberta to Texas and clashed with the president on other issues, including the Iran nuclear deal. Although Trudeau

supports the Keystone pipeline, he argues relations should not hinge on the project.

Trudeau is the son of the late Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau, who swept to office in 1968 on a wave of support dubbed "Trudeaumania." He was prime minister until 1984 with a short interruption and remains one of the few Canadian politicians known in America, his

charisma often drawing comparisons to John F. Kennedy.

Trudeau channels the star power - if not quite the political heft - of his father. Tall and trim, he is a former school teacher and member of Parliament since 2008. At 43, he becomes the second youngest prime minister in Canadian history and has been likened to Obama.

"Tonight Canada is becoming the country it was before," Trudeau told a victory rally in Montreal.

Trudeau has re-energized the Liberal Party since its worst electoral defeat four years ago when they won just 34 seats and finished third behind the traditionally weaker New Democrat Party. Trudeau promises to raise taxes on the rich and run deficits for three

years to boost government spending. He said positive politics led to his victory.

"We beat fear with hope," Trudeau said. "We beat cynicism with hard work. We beat negative, divisive politics with a positive vision that brings Canadians together. Most of all we defeated the idea that Canadians should be satisfied with less."

Canada shifted to the center-right under Harper, who lowered sales and corporate taxes, avoided climate change legislation, and strongly supported the oil and gas extraction industry.

"The people are never wrong," Harper told supporters in Calgary. "The disappointment is my responsibility and mine alone."

Harper said he had called Trudeau to congratulate him.

Hurt when Canada entered a mild recession earlier this year, Harper made a controversy over the Islamic face veil a focus of his campaign, a decision his opponents seized on to depict him as a divisive leader.

"Canadians rejected the politics of fear and division," New Democrat leader Tom Mulcair said of Harper's Conservatives.

Paula Mcelhinney, 52, from Toronto, voted Liberal to get rid of Harper.

"I want to get him out, it's about time we have a new leader. It's time for a change," she said. **AP**

## EUROPEAN MIGRANT CRISIS

## Slovenia accuses Croatia of lack of control on refugee surge

were to be escorted on foot to an already overcrowded reception center about 15 kilometers away.

"The pressure of immigrants arriving from Croatia is intensifying," the Slovenian government said in a statement. "They send immigrants toward Slovenia without control, deliberately dispersed."

Croatia didn't seem ready to slow the flow. Yesterday morning, a train carrying more than 1,000 migrants from the town of Tovarnik and some 20 buses full of migrants from the Opatovac refugee camp were headed toward the Slovenian border.

Slovenia's parliament was expected to decide later yesterday on a government proposal to allow the army to assist police

with border control.

The government said 8,000 migrants arrived on Monday, while only 2,000 continued toward Austria and at least 4,000 more, including many babies and young children, had entered Slovenia early yesterday.

"Slovenia is publicly calling on member states and European institutions to become actively involved in taking on the unevenly distributed burden that Slovenia is under," the government said. "It is delusional to expect a country with a population of 2 million to stop, regulate and resolve what much bigger member states have failed to do."

Slovenia has been confronted by the surge since Hungary closed its border with Croatia

to the free flow of migrants on Saturday, forcing migrants to find new routes to Austria, Germany and other favored destinations in the European Union.

Not a single migrant has entered Hungary from Croatia since the border was closed with a fence protected by razor wire, soldiers and police patrols. **AP**



Migrants walk after crossing from Croatia, in Brezice, Slovenia

Sabina Niksic, Brezice

**S**LOVENIA accused Croatia yesterday of sending thousands of migrants toward its borders "without control," ignoring requests to contain the surge, and urged the rest of the European Union to get involved in solving the crisis.

While Slovenia has said it can

handle only 2,500 migrants a day, Slovenia police said that around 8,300 migrants seeking to head toward Western Europe were in reception centers in the small country, with thousands more arriving.

Police in riot gear surrounded hundreds of migrants in a muddy field near the border village of Rigonca, from where they

8,000

The number of migrants who arrived in Slovenia on Monday

## what's ON

## BONSAI AND FLORAL ART, 3-DIMENSIONAL PAINTINGS - BONSAI PHOTO EXHIBITION

TIME: 8am-8pm

UNTIL: October 25, 2015

VENUE: Taipa Houses-Museum

ADMISSION: Free

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TIME: 10:30am-6:30pm (Closed on Mondays)

UNTIL: November 1, 2015

VENUE: Calçada da Igreja de S.Lázaro, 10, Macau

ADMISSION: Free

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TIME: 10:30am-6:30pm (Closed on Mondays)

UNTIL: November 1, 2015

ADMISSION: Free

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## Offbeat

## SOPHIA LOREN: RETIRE? NEVER!



Some things about the film business have changed for actresses in the more than five decades since Sophia Loren was first discovered, and some things have stayed exactly the same.

Take pay equity, for instance, and the reality that worthy actresses sometimes make less than their male counterparts.

"It never changed. It's always the same. It's always the same like before, but not only in the movies. Even in life sometimes, unfortunately," Loren said on the red carpet yesterday before the nonprofit

Americans for the Arts honored her at its National Arts Awards.

Loren received the Carolyn Clark Powers Lifetime Achievement Award, presented to her by director and choreographer Rob Marshall before a star-studded crowd that included Tony Bennett, Lady Gaga and artists Chuck Close and Jeff Koons. Herbie Hancock and Gaga were also among the honorees, but it was Loren who stole hearts in a black evening gown, accompanied by son Edoardo Ponti and daughter-in-law Sasha Alexander.

At 81, Loren still works when the mood strikes. The word retirement is not in her vocabulary.

"That's terrible, the word retire. Never," she said. "We start always like it was the beginning of a long career."

What is Loren's best advice for young actresses today?

"To take life seriously," she said, "to do the right things and not to take life easily, as sometimes the girls, they do because they don't have experience."

## TV canal macau

13:30	News (RTPi) Delayed Broadcast
14:30	RTPi Live
15:25	Documentaries
15:45	Feature Films
17:25	Zig Zag
18:20	Trail of Lies (Repeated)
19:00	TDM Interview (Repeat)
19:40	Soap Opera
20:30	Main News, Financial & Weather Report
21:00	Montra do Lilau
21:40	Miscellaneous
22:10	Trail of Lies
23:00	TDM News
23:30	Champions League Highlights
23:45	Miscellaneous
01:40	Main News, Financial & Weather Report (Repeated)
02:10	RTPi Live
02:45	UEFA Champions League: Galatasaray - Benfica (Live)

## cinema

## CINETEATRO

15 Oct - 21 Oct



## OUR TIMES

ROOM 1

2.15, 4.45, 7.15, 9.45 pm

Director: Ding Sheng

Starring: Andy Lau, Liu Ye, Wu Ruofu, Wang Qianyuan

Language: Chinese (English and Cantonese)

Duration: 134min

## THE WALK

ROOM 2

2.30, 4.45, 9.30 pm

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

2.30, 4.45, 7.15, 9.30 pm

Director: Guillermo Toro

Starring: Mia Wasikowska, Jessica Chastain, Tom

Hiddleston

Language: English (Cantonese)

Duration: 119min

## MACAU TOWER

15 Oct - 04 Nov

## THE MARTIAN

2.30, 4.45, 7.15, 9.30 pm

Director: Ridley Scott

Starring: Matt Damon, Jessica Chastain, Kate Mara

Language: English (Cantonese)

Duration: 141min

## this day in history



## 1982 SINN FEIN TRIUMPH IN ELECTIONS

Sinn Féin, the political wing of the Provisional IRA, has won its first seats in the elections to the new Ulster Assembly.

Gerry Adams, vice president of Sinn Féin, took the Belfast West seat. It is the first time his party has stood for election since the Troubles began.

Mr Adams, 34, made clear that being elected would not stop the IRA's campaign of violence.

"The IRA have said that while the British army is in Ireland they will be there fighting" he said.

As he emerged from City Hall in Belfast, where the votes were counted, he was met by chants of 'murderer' and 'scum' from members of the Democratic Unionist Party.

Former IRA 'brigade' commander Martin McGuinness was elected to a seat in Londonderry.

The seats gained by Sinn Féin are at the expense of the Social Democratic and Labour party (SDLP), traditionally a voice for Roman Catholics in Ulster.

Referring to the creation of the Ulster Assembly the leader of the SDLP John Hume said: "It's dead. It's dead as a dodo. There is no possibility of cross-community partnership; there is no possibility of devolution of power".

The elections were called to introduce a power sharing executive to Northern Ireland.

The Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, James Prior, said it would be a while before the full implications of the results were apparent.

"We shall have to wait and see how it gets on. We are not going to change the situation in Northern Ireland quickly and I think we shall have to persevere. Every solution put forward in recent years has had great difficulties" he said.

The date of the first meeting of the 78-seat Ulster Assembly is yet to be announced.

Courtesy BBC News

## IN CONTEXT

When counting in the first Ulster assembly poll finished it was revealed that Sinn Féin had won 10.1% of the votes.

Neither Sinn Féin nor the SDLP took up their seats on the Assembly when it opened in November 1982. In 1986, following the withdrawal of several other parties the Assembly was dissolved.

In April 1998 the Good Friday Agreement was signed by the British and Irish governments. In June of the same year the Northern Ireland Assembly was resurrected with the SDLP taking most of the seats.

This power-sharing executive has been suspended four times. Lack of weapon decommissioning by the IRA and accusations of IRA intelligence gathering in the Northern Ireland office were the main causes.

The Northern Ireland Assembly met for the first time after a five year suspension in May 2007 with DUP leader Ian Paisley as first minister.



YOUR STARS

Aries Mar. 21-Apr. 19 Try to make a play today - your goals are that much closer to completion!

Taurus April 20-May 20 People are poking at you relentlessly today - so see if you can resist the urge to poke back!

Gemini May 21-Jun. 21 You could be swayed by surprising arguments today - so see if you can pay attention when folks are trying to persuade you.

Cancer Jun. 22-Jul. 22 Someone asks a simple question early today - but it might make you lose your temper if you're not careful!

Leo Jul. 23-Aug. 22 Your ego is getting in the way today - but only if you let it! Try not to get involved in any conflicts, as you are sure to find that you are at least half wrong by the end of the day.

Virgo Aug. 23-Sept. 22 Your mental flexibility is the key to success today - a crazy idea is exactly what's needed, so keep an open mind!

Libra Sep.23-Oct. 22 Creative energy is filling you up and forcing you in bold new directions. See if you can get your people to help out as you dream up ever wilder things to try - they are inspired by your leadership!

Scorpio Oct. 23 - Nov. 21 Someone blows up, probably at home. It could be you, an upset child or maybe a guest who's het up over something they heard on the news today.

Sagittarius Nov. 22-Dec. 21 You need to say hello to new people today - someone you met is sure to change your life, but that's only true if you get out there and mix it up!

Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 19 Your big plans may not work out all that well, so do what you can to come up with contingencies. You should be able to minimize the stress and damage that could have been done.

Aquarius Jan. 20-Feb. 18 A mounting sense of excitement keeps you going today - so much so that you may actually inspire others to freak out and join your parade!

Pisces Feb.19-Mar. 20 A dream points you toward something new and exciting. It could be cryptic, but more likely, it's pretty straightforward. You may need to make some big changes to bring it about.

THE BORN LOSER by Chip Sansom



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

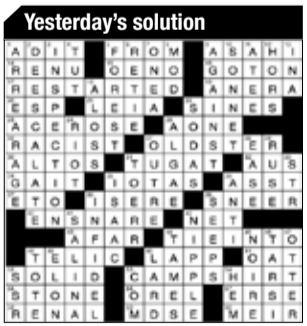
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Weather forecast table with columns for MIN, MAX, and CONDITION. It lists weather for various cities in CHINA and the WORLD.

CROSSWORDS

ACROSS: 1- Jai alai basket; 6- First Arabic letter; 10- Ali \_\_\_ & the 40 thieves; 14- Brown-furred aquatic carnivorous mammal; 15- Up \_\_\_ good; 16- Regrets; 17- Task; 18- Super server; 19- Bryce Canyon site; 20- Process of capitalizing; 23- Connections; 24- Cheer for Manolete; 25- Belief system; 26- Cry out loud; 27- Termite; 32- Anything \_\_\_?; 35- Jewelled crown worn by women; 36- Juan's uncle; 37- In spite of; 41- Craggy hill; 42- Nostrils; 43- Frozen treats; 44- Functor; 46- Aliens, for short; 48- A Bobbsey twin; 49- Language suffix; 50- Go, team!; 53- Extremely tender; 58- Inside info; 59- PDA entry; 60- Gives a 9.8, say; 61- Hint; 62- At no time, poetically; 63- Fights; 64- Zaire's Mobutu \_\_\_ Seko; 65- Prefix with logical; 66- Sensation provided by buds on the tongue;

DOWN: 1- Spherical bacteria; 2- Patriot Allen; 3- Halts; 4- TV's Hatcher; 5- "Am not!" rejoinder; 6- \_\_\_ of Two Cities; 7- Sites; 8- Don Juan's mother; 9- \_\_\_ song (cheaply); 10- Contusion; 11- Involuntary; 12- Frijole; 13- Volcanic output; 21- Liturgical vestment; 22- Saturn's largest moon; 26- Attach a patch; 27- Smarter; 28- Panama and bowler; 29- 401(k) alternative; 30- Baseball team; 31- Duds; 32- Within (prefix); 33- Coil; 34- Energetic; 35- Comin' \_\_\_ the Rye; 38- Silly; 39- Flat-a-\_\_\_; 40- Put down, in slang; 45- Strong snuff; 46- Road curve; 47- Need for liquid; 49- Emcee's job; 50- Rudner and Moreno; 51- Deflect; 52- "Siddhartha" author; 53- Flat-fish; 54- Title bestowed upon the wife of a raja; 55- Exceeded the limit; 56- Blunted blade; 57- Spanish appetizer; 58- IBM products;



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## INNOCENCE OF YOUTH

# Self-belief helps young S Koreans down Brazil in U-17 upset

John Duerden, Seoul

**W**HEN South Korea pulled off a 1-0 shock win over Brazil in the Under 17 Soccer World Cup on Saturday, it may have been as much a case of the young players not realizing they were underdogs as it was a display of self-belief.

Just as Japan impressed the rugby world with its poise and confidence in its remarkable win over powerhouse South Africa at the Rugby World Cup last week, South Korea was not content to rest on its 79th minute goal against Brazil, continuing to press forward and looking to extend its lead in the Chilean city of Coquimbo.

The South Koreans put on a display of pace and skill that at times looked more like the traditional Brazilian style of play than their Brazilian opponents were playing.

The fearless attitude of the

**I know that in Korea I've been told that I lack maturity and physicality.**

LEE SEUNG-WOO  
BARCELONA B PLAYER



South Korea's Jang Jae-won, center, and Brazil's Leandro Do Nascimento vie for the ball during the Under 17 Chile World Cup at Estadio Francisco Sanchez Rumoroso Stadium in Coquimbo

South Korean under-17s is something the senior players would do well to remember. At the 2014 World Cup in Brazil, Asia's four teams returned home without a win between them in 12 games.

Japan-based, U.S.-born Tom Byer, an Asian youth development expert and football consultant to the Chinese Ministry of Education, says the ignorance of youth can be blissful.

"There is less of an intimidation factor involved as these are 16 year-old kids who aren't

in as much awe as the senior players are. So there is way less pressure at this age," Byer told The Associated Press.

"Also, the Under-17 Tournament is held every two years instead of four so these countries are always working toward qualification even on the off years," he added. "Korean players are extremely technical and motivation is always high, especially when a medal can bring exemption from military duty."

Lee Seung-woo, who plays

for Barcelona's B team and is widely regarded as one of Asia's brightest young talents, impressed against Brazil. The 17 year-old has been criticized in South Korea for a perceived "cockiness" that was evident in July when he returned home to represent his country in a friendly tournament.

The striker, sporting dyed blond hair, was openly unhappy at being substituted by coach Choi Jin-cheul, a reaction unusual in South Korea where players are expected to

bow to their teammates and coach upon being taken off. If Lee is a little arrogant, it is perhaps the kind of quality that South Korea needs.

"I know that in Korea I've been told that I lack maturity and physicality," Lee — who was at the center of Barcelona's transfer ban in 2014 as the Spanish giant was found to have breached FIFA regulation when signing youth players — told Korean media after the game. "But Barcelona just promoted me to their professional team. Over there, they see me differently, so I thank them."

Lee was again taken off late in the win over Brazil, but this seemed to be a precautionary measure by coach Choi.

"Some people say that Lee is not a good team-player but this is not true," said Choi earlier this month. "He is just very lively and though he can be a little greedy, he is an excellent player."

South Korea takes on Guinea today with its home fans now expected to be watching with more expectation. With a win, the young Taeguk Warriors will confirm a place in the knockout stage with a game to spare.

It could be that the more important lesson has already gone out to Asia. As Japan showed at the Rugby World Cup, a little more self-belief and a little less respect given to others can go a long way. AP

**T**HE British Open is heading across the Irish Sea for the first time in nearly 70 years, with Royal Portrush announced yesterday as the 2019 venue for golf's oldest major championship.

Royal Portrush staged the British Open in 1951, when Max Faulkner of England lifted the claret jug. That is the only time the event has been held outside England or Scotland.

The push to bring the Open back to Northern Ireland gained momentum after three players from country — Graeme McDowell, Darren Clarke and Rory McIlroy — won majors since 2010. McIlroy is now a four-time major champion and one of the world's best players.

The R&A said last year

## GOLF

## Royal Portrush to host British Open in 2019



Former Open golf winner Darren Clarke during a photocall at Royal Portrush golf course

that Royal Portrush was returning to the Open rotation, but didn't give a year and said there would be logistical challenges to get the venue in shape.

The Dunluce course has been given the first available slot on the calendar.

"Royal Portrush is one of my favorite golf courses in the world," said McIlroy, the British Open champion in 2014. "I think it will be a fantastic Open venue."

The R&A said it is expected to be the biggest sporting event ever held in Northern Ireland, and Northern Irish

lawmakers predicted an economic boost of 70 million pounds (USD108 million).

Royal Portrush held an extremely successful Irish Open in 2012, attracting some 130,000 fans for the week. It has also held the Senior British Open six times.

Work to create two new holes — Nos. 7 and 8 — on the Dunluce Links is underway, using land from the adjacent Valley Course to develop a new par-5 hole. Those new holes will replace the current 17th and 18th holes, freeing up land to be used to accommodate the spectator village and

other infrastructure.

The length of the course will increase by just less than 200 yards to 7,337 yards, and the number of bunkers will be increased by three to 62. That still leaves Royal Portrush with the fewest bunkers of any of the courses on the British Open rotation.

"We are delighted with the progress being made on the course preparations and they will undoubtedly enhance the challenge presented by these historic links," said Peter Unsworth, chairman of the R&A's championship committee. AP

opinion

Made in Macao

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THE INNOVATION CHALLENGE TO LOCAL ENTREPRENEURS

According to entrepreneurship studies, innovation is considered a significant factor to the successful growth and sustainability of enterprises. However, we often hear complaints of the lack of innovation among SMEs in Macao.

A local entrepreneur once commented that there is a need for more young entrepreneurs to bring in new ideas to local SMEs. But is nurturing more and younger entrepreneurs the solution to the lack of innovative business in Macao?

According to a research by a local MBA student, there has been an increasing number of freshly graduated business students starting their own ventures thanks to the government's MOP300,000 young entrepreneurship aid scheme opening up opportunities to fresh graduates. Though not that many of these young entrepreneurs actually applied for the grant, it did cause more young people to think about entrepreneurship as a career. As a result, we have more and more coffee shops. Ok, that is not exactly fair, there are more organic product shops too. But how much more innovative are Macao's SMEs, in general, now that there is an increasing number of young businesses being set up? There are more new shops everywhere for sure, but the differences between these new shops, specifically coffee shops, may be a bit hard to identify.

So, are entrepreneurs in Macao really lacking creativity? Or are there obstacles to innovative actions?

According to some SME owners who have been in business for around 10 years, showing a certain level of success even in terms of survival rather than flourishing expansion, innovation is not really an important factor for their business. One main reason is that most SMEs in Macao are service businesses, and customers are comfortable with services they are familiar with. Sometimes, it is the entrepreneurs who got bored and want to try new things, but this does not always appeal to their clients who are reluctant to try things they haven't heard of, or tried before.

We may think that things are different with events planning or marketing related firms, whose customers should be demanding more creativity in their service. But this doesn't seem to be the case in Macao. SME entrepreneurs in this industry expressed that clients tend to choose their service because of good experience from previous purchase or recommendation from acquaintances, and therefore demand things to be exactly the same as before, or as were told to by word-of-mouth. These entrepreneurs seem to be stuck in a culture of - better be safe than innovative, creating one of the major obstacles to even an attempt of innovativeness.

But what do these all tell us? That innovation is not applicable for entrepreneurship in Macao? Probably not true. I think innovation happens within local SMEs from time to time, but they are internal actions which are not seen easily. From the outside, SMEs in Macao seem to look quite alike, and there do not seem to be any new products created in Macao or new services being introduced. However, entrepreneurs of local SMEs may be engaged in process innovation. In order to provide the same products or service packages for years, they may have to come out with new ways of doing things for cost or time reduction in order to catch up with the increasing demand for lower cost and more efficient service.

So, Macao's SMEs are not uninnovative. They just seem to be traditional, and even considered old fashioned by some, because they do not invest much in product or service innovation. And most of them have stayed that way by popular demand. In fact, of the many new coffee shops opened in the last few years by young entrepreneurs, one of the most successful ones is a traditional Chinese style café.

I guess local customers prefer to buy what they can expect rather than trying new things. That's why, the innovation challenge faced by local entrepreneurs is not coming out with new products, but providing the same things more efficiently and cost-effectively.

THE GOV'T CALLS FOR CITIZENS' HELP IN EXPANDING INTANGIBLE HERITAGE LIST

The Cultural Bureau will start a half-year program to collect information from citizens about intangible cultural relics, in order to expand its existing list.

Citizens are encouraged to submit related pictures or documents on the item they see as

culturally valuable to the authority.

The bureau will conduct an analysis of the submission to see if it is eligible to be enlisted for further protection. So far, there are a total of ten items on the list, and these became official in March 2014.

7TH CULTURAL WEEK OF CHINA AND PORTUGUESE-SPEAKING COUNTRIES

A fair tasting of a 'world of flavors'



The five chefs

THE gastronomic event "World of Flavors" has been taking place at Macau Tower's Tromba Rija Restaurant from October 16 and will continue until the 22. It gathers five chefs from Cape Verde, Goa, Daman and Diu, Guinea-Bissau, Mozambique and Macau, and these culinary masters are presenting their delicacies to the public in a special buffet held side by side with the traditional Portuguese dishes featured by this restaurant. This has given local residents and tourists the opportunity to experience the different tastes of the Lusophone world.

This is one of the events run as part of the 7th Cultural Week of China and the Portuguese-Speaking Countries. The initiative was organized by the Permanent Secretariat for Economic and Trade Cooperation between China and Portuguese-Speaking Countries of the Macao SAR, and seeks to use

Macao as a platform to promote economic, commercial and cultural cooperation between China and Portuguese-speaking countries. This is being done through a variety of activities that include gastronomy, a fair for crafts sourced from China and Portuguese-speaking countries, a theatre showcase, a music and dance show including acts from China and various Portuguese-speaking countries, and contemporary art exhibitions.

In the gastronomic event, chefs have been preparing a different daily set of dishes that has been gathering very positive feedback from the diners. These dishes include the famous "Caldo de Man-carra", the "Oyster Soup", and the "Cabaceira Mousse" from Guinea-Bissau. Macau is represented by the "Min Chi", "Pork Bafassa" and the "Tacho", all dishes that hold different inspirations and represent several aspects of Macau's culture and tradi-

tions. Mozambique dishes include "Beef Curry with Peanut", "Matapa" and the "Shrimp Curry", which promises not to leave any foodie indifferent by making good use of peanuts and fresh coconut milk, two essentials for Mozambique's cuisine. The chef from Cape Verde has no doubts in saying that his "Cachupa" is a must-have, but the same can be said for many other delights from Cape Verde. From Goa, Daman and Diu come the rich flavors and colors of "Indian-inspired cuisine with a twist", as explained Chef Ian de Souza, with many dishes on offer varying from starters to desserts.

In addition, a set of activities to promote trade and investment will be held this month: the China and Portuguese-Speaking Countries' Young Entrepreneurs Forum; a roundtable gathering with provincial and municipal officials from China and Portuguese-speaking countries; participation in the 20th MIF; participation in the 5th Summit for Trade and Industrial Development of Jiangsu Province, Macao and Portuguese-Speaking Countries; and an introductory session to business and investment opportunities in the field of fishery in Portuguese-speaking countries.

By organizing and participating in these activities, the Permanent Secretariat of Forum Macao aims to promote the guiding principles of the "The Belt and Road Initiative", strengthening Macau's role as a platform between China and Portuguese-speaking countries and creating new trade and business opportunities. RM

THE DECISIVE MOMENT

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Mah Song. A devotee to the Chinese shrine of Bang Liao has spikes pierced through his face as he walks in a street procession in Phuket, Thailand. The annual Vegetarian Festival and its accompanying sacred rituals are believed to bestow good fortune on those who practice the religious rites.

Station	Air quality
Roadside	75-105 Bad
High Density Residential Area	85-115 Bad
Ambient	80-110 Bad

SOURCE: DSMG

WORLD BRIEFS

**CAMBODIA** welcomes the return of two stone statues from the Angkor period that were looted during the country's civil war and taken to Europe, where they spent the past three decades.

**AFGHANISTAN** About 18 Afghan police officers are missing after the Taliban seized a remote district in the northwestern Faryab province, an official says.

**PHILIPPINES** A storm finally blows away from the main northern Philippine island after leaving at least 22 dead over the weekend and forcing more than 100,000 villagers into emergency shelters. More on p12

**PHILIPPINES** A mayor who helped the Philippine government combat insurgents is abducted and killed along with his son by suspected communist rebels, police and military officials say.



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**JAPAN**'s government says a former worker at the Fukushima nuclear plant is the first person confirmed to have developed cancer from radiation exposure after meltdowns at three of the plant's reactors.

**BANGLADESH** Police investigate an email sent to various media organizations reportedly by a banned Islamist group threatening to topple "towering buildings" and telling the media not to run anything that goes against what it called jihad.

**S KOREA-JAPAN** South Korean prosecutors ask for an 18-month prison term for a Japanese journalist for allegedly defaming South Korea's president by reporting rumors that she was absent for seven hours during a ferry disaster last year because she was with a man.

**INDIA** The top official in the north Indian state of Punjab convenes an emergency meeting to try to defuse days of violent protests set off by the desecration of a Sikh holy book.

**INDIA** An overcrowded minibus falls from a Himalayan mountain road and plunges into a deep gorge in the disputed region of Kashmir, killing 14 passengers and leaving another 18 injured.