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WORLD BRIEFS

CHINA A Taiwanese pastor was detained for 15 days by Chinese police after visiting an unauthorized Christian church congregation in central China, the pastor of the Chinese church group said yesterday. Li Jia'en, who leads the church group in the central Chinese city of Luoyang, said Shen Zhenguo had returned to Taiwan after being released on Oct. 29. Li himself also was detained for the same length of time on the charge of holding an illegal religious gathering.



PAKISTAN A Pakistani official says the death toll from the collapse of a factory building last week has risen to 53. Jam Sajjad Hussain said yesterday that rescuers have sifted through nearly all the debris from the collapse of a four-story building in the eastern city of Lahore. Rescuers have retrieved 100 living workers from the rubble, including a teenager whose family assumed he was dead. The cause of Wednesday's collapse is yet to be determined.

VATICAN In his first public comments on the latest scandal rocking the Vatican, Pope Francis tells followers in St. Peter's Square on Sunday that the theft of Vatican documents describing financial malfeasance inside the Holy See was a "crime" but pledged to continue reforms.

USA An acoustic guitar that John Lennon used to record and write "Love Me Do," "I Want to Hold Your Hand" and other hit songs sells for USD2.4 million at auction.

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JIM Murren, 53, believes whatever works for Macau works for MGM, paraphrasing his mentor and long time boss Kirk Kerkorian who passed away this year. "Mr Kerkorian told me once 'what's good for Vegas is good for us.' I feel that way about Macau, too." This policy of accommodation contrasts with recent criticism by other casino bosses mainly concerning table allocations for Cotai 2.0.

MGM Cotai is built to accommodate 500 tables, but "if we were hypothetically permitted 250 tables we'd have to move tables from here [the peninsula] to there. We wouldn't have enough tables to do everything we would like to do in Cotai, but we would adjust to that. We would make the best of the situation. The focus on tables is, I know, very high but misses the broader point."

The "broader point" for the Chairman and CEO of MGM Resorts is the maturation and growth of the Chinese tourist and the need to respond to this change.

"Are you delivering incremental gaming activity, and therefore revenue to the government? That's what the tables and the slot machines are intended to do. And how do you drive traffic into your resort?! If you deliver on the entertainment, on the room product, on the food and beverage offerings, then you will get higher productivity on the tables and therefore more gaming revenue."

Mr Murren visited Macau last week to meet with partner Pansy Ho, Grant Bowie and team, and preside over the topping-off ceremony at the new property in Cotai due to open in a year.

In an interview with Macau Daily Times and Ou-Mun Daily, Murren revealed the Cotai property "will have a unique resident show," and a decision was being made last week between "three options which made the final cut."

MGM Cotai will have a versatile theater, The Spectacle, that can be converted quickly into a nightclub, concert or ballroom space, and a mall lined with restaurants, landscaping and video effects, Murren said. "It will be an indoor space that will feel very outdoors."

A confessed James Bond fan, he and Ms Ho were last week treated to a private viewing of the latest 007, "Spectre." "My all-time favorite is Sean Connery, but Daniel Craig is quite a Bond."

From movies to politics, being a Republican – like many Nevada top gaming executives – Murren says "no Republican candidate stands a chance against Hillary Clinton." Donald Trump has done more with "what he's got than anyone I know, but I have a few standards which I'd like to find in an elected official..."

Mr Murren has been with MGM for 17 years, first as CFO and COO and, since 2009, as CEO. Under his guidance the company has grown to be the biggest player in the US casino industry and the latest results show the company is turning a profit despite Macau's steep decline. In Macau, he concedes, "we're not ever going to be the biggest, but we could be the best."

MDT - MGM reported stronger than expected Q3 results including a USD66.4 million profit. What happened in Vegas to turn it around from a loss a year ago?

Jim Murren (JM) – Well, Las Vegas as a market has been growing for the past five years. MGM is the dominant operator in Las Vegas; we're bigger [there] than the other two concessionaires that are here. We're bigger than both of them combined. We have invested more in Las Vegas than our competitors over the past several years and as a result of an improving market, combined with some very important entertainment in food and beverage capital expenditures that we've made, we've been able to vastly outgrow the market itself and we reported the best quarter that we've had since 2007 and the best growth quarter that we've had in over ten years. Our profits in our wholly owned properties in the United States were up over 25%.

I'm not concerned about caps on tables or table allocations.

MDT - Was there a general improvement in the market in Vegas?

JM - Yes, the market in Las Vegas in general is improving. The tide has been rising, but not all boats have been able to rise with the tide and we certainly did far better than our competi-

Q&A **JIM MURREN**
CHAIRMAN AND CEO, MGM

What's good for Macau 'is



Murren with Pansy Ho and Grant Bowie at the Topping Off ceremony at MGM Macau, last week

tors in Las Vegas in the quarter.

MDT - At the same time, the company announced a plan to create a controlled Real Estate Investment Trust - REIT (MGM Growth Properties). So, you're going to shift casino assets and debt to the new property company, and lease the properties back from the trust. You told investors this isn't just a "spin-off". How's this beneficial to the company?

JM - A good question, thank you. So in the United States, for many, many years, there has been a recognition that the actual assets that casino companies own have not been properly valued in the marketplace and there has been a disconnect between the actual assets held by companies and the valuations that they have been able to achieve in the public marketplace. MGM owns more assets in Las Vegas than anyone. We own over 700 acres of land on the prized Las Vegas Boulevard and it has been a really rewarding but complicated exercise to conclude how best to allow investors to realise the value of this untapped, unlocked potential. We decided early on that a spin-off is not a good idea. A spin-off would be if we had taken our resorts and spun them or gave them to shareholders or sold them to another entity that we did not control and in some

cases, would not even manage. So instead, we came up with the structure of a company that simply moves many of our resorts into a subsidiary of MGM.

MDT - Ten, right?

JM - Ten resorts, into a new company that would be listed on the New York Stock Exchange, that MGM Resorts will hold a controlling economic interest in. So MGM Resorts will own about 70% of this new company and the public shareholders will own the balance of the shares. MGM Resorts will continue to manage all those resorts, all the employees will remain MGM Resorts employees, which is very important to the employees because they like being employees of MGM.

MDT - Will this in any way affect properties and operations in Macau?

JM - Not at all. MGM Resorts will remain the owner of 51% of MGM China. MGM Resorts will also own 50% of City Centre, the major new project we built in Las Vegas. The properties that are being moved into MGM Growth Properties are wholly owned properties. So therefore, there will be absolutely no impact whatsoever here.

MGM - In Macau, MGM China dropped around 33% during the third quarter,

which is more or less in line with general industry results. However, there was a slight improvement from quarter to quarter. Do you see any sign of stabilisation in these numbers?

JM - Yes, there was a slight improvement quarter to quarter and I have to emphasise how proud I am of Grant Bowie who runs this property. I do see many signs that the market is beginning to stabilise. I see it in various dimensions of the mass-market business. I even see parts of our VIP business improving. I see a tremendous level of interest when we have great non-gaming events and I've got to say, the must-see event of the year here in Macau is Oktoberfest right here. It's like everyone's got to go and it was more popular this year than last year and more popular last year than the year before and it really speaks to MGM that we're the entertainment company and every time we can deliver on entertainment we see a really nice jump in visitation to this property. Our greatest frustration has been the fact that we have not had a large enough pallet in order to paint upon. We have always had the smallest footprint here in Macau. It's very atypical for us, we're the dominant player everywhere else we are. We're the profit leader in every market that we're in but for here, because we haven't had yet

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the opportunity to have enough property to build out as much as we would like.

MDT - Why was that?

JM - There are several reasons. One is we were not an original concessionaire; two, I don't think we were aggressive enough early on when land was perhaps more accessible. We were delayed in opening this property; the neighbourhood here was not ready; we had a road that wasn't finished. We had a park that wasn't finished - One Central had not yet been completed - and so we started late relative to the other concessions and we started off poorly and slowly and we've been playing catch-up. So I blame no one, it's just the fact of what happened here. But if you were to be in Las Vegas where we compete against the same people, we dominate in Las Vegas and 70% of our revenues in Las Vegas are non-casino revenues. There is no one that's better than we are in entertainment, in retail, in MICE or convention business, in non-gaming entertainment.

MDT - Will art be the general topic for the new property?

JM - Art and entertainment. So just today [Wednesday, Nov 4] - tomorrow I'll be looking at different elements - but today we greenlight the retail components and how retail is going to be more unique, it's not just the same old stores. It will be more couture, more boutiques, more localized in a really fun, non-traditional retail environment. So it's not going to look like every other mall in Hong Kong, it's going to have a different feel to it.

The Spectacle that you've heard about isn't possible to articulate until you see it. It's over a football field long of this undulating glass, it will have 26 different LED walls that will be constantly animated. The theatre is completely erected and now we're putting in the mechanicals right now. It's the first of its kind in the world and if we get this right, and I hope we do, we're going to use it in other parts of the world too, from the standpoint of the functionality of the theatre and how adaptable it can be to dozens of different types of events. So, we can have a boxing event one night and a blowout concert the next night and nightclub environment and an art show another time and a ballroom for luxurious weddings, to a theatre style for a tradi-

tional performance or a lecture or other educational shows...

MDT - Are you going to have resident shows of any kind?

JM - I think we will. Tomorrow [Thursday, Nov 5] we have a board meeting. We are looking at three shows that have made the final cut and I'm sure there's going to be more to talk about.

MDT - Which are?

JM - Good try [laughs]. I'd be fired from my own board if I told you before, that would be a bad start... I can tell you the philosophy again - goes back to our heritage - which is MGM is the only US concessionaire here that has a local partner. MGM is the only concessionaire who has a joint venture with China. MGM is a global company with a very local emphasis, whether that means how active we're getting with SMEs, how active we are in the community in general, how engaged Pansy - my partner and co-chair, Pansy Ho - is in the design, development, entertainment, retail. I will tell you that what we would not do is just airlift a show from someplace else and think

“We're working on a [resident] show that will be a production uniquely Macanese.”

that it's good enough ... To bring a show from Europe or the United States and just repackage it here, would be insulting, I think, and would not work. So what I can tell you, is that we're working on a show that will be a production uniquely Macanese, unique to this region and complement the programming that we'll have throughout the year. We feel it's very important for us to make the effort to deliver something innovative and unique.

MDT - There's been a lot of talk and criticism about the balance of non-gaming and gaming. The government has put forward a plan that it clearly wants to have more non-gaming, diversification they call it: from Lawrence Ho who says there's no money in non-gaming to Steve Wynn who blasted the government for



Jim Murren, CEO MGM Resorts

not allocating the number of tables they needed to make that property work. What's your comment regarding this situation?

JM - First, both of those individuals are incredibly creative and very, very talented and both way wealthier than I am so, they must be doing something right. I'm an employee of this company and I understand my role and my role is to lead a group of men and women in different jurisdictions where holding a license is a privilege, not a right. The hallmark of MGM from its founder, Mr Kerkorian...Mr Kerkorian always taught me, for the 18 years that I knew him before he passed away this year, is what's good for Las Vegas is good for MGM. I feel that way about Macau, too. I feel that, yes, we were late to this market, but I think we're small but mighty. We've done, I think, a really great job with the tools that we've had, size, scale and we're going to have an opportunity to show more of what we can do when we build a much larger property in Cotai. I'm not focused on tables at all, table caps, table limits...

MDT - There is no cap on tables in Vegas...

JM - I'm not concerned about caps on tables or table allocations. I've more confidence when I'm seeing Studio City more recently and phase 2 in Galaxy. We'll see what Wynn gets next year and we'll open up next year ... I think from what I can see the market's evolving that way where you're going to find more and more opportunities to continue to develop non-gaming profitably.

MDT - So you believe non-gaming in the future can be

because a few early efforts didn't succeed and there has been some hits and misses early on in non-gaming in this market, doesn't mean that they won't over time. I'm a huge believer of that trend of diversification and that revenues will continue to grow on the non-gaming side.

The challenge Macau has is land. The challenge that Macau has that we do not have in Las Vegas is we have a much different land dynamic in Las Vegas. The private developers own the land, and if you want more land you can buy it, buy it from somebody else and that's what I did. In 2000, I bought Mirage Resorts from Steve Wynn. Five years later I bought Mandalay Resorts. Now we have, as I say, over 700 acres of land. No one gave me that land, we bought it.

MDT - There is no such opportunity here?

JM - Not that I see. If we could find opportunity to acquire more land through more land concessions we would build on it tomorrow.

MDT - Do you feel that the general expectation among the current operators is that you will all stay in business after current licenses expire?

JM - I think, as driving around Cotai and being here on the peninsula, I'm just really very, very impressed. I'm going to Studio City tonight. It looks gorgeous from the outside. I really feel like everyone is making a great effort. None of us is perfect. I've made so many mistakes I can even fill up a magazine full of them, but I've not seen any rationale for any of the concessions here not being rewarded for the efforts that they've made in this marketplace. I think there's a great diversity of ideas, of perspectives, of nationalities. I don't see any rationale for more or less concessionaires than there are right now. I can only say that from our perspective, we don't take this lightly.

DIAOYUTAI DEAL: A RELATIONSHIP WITH CHINA

MGM RESORTS formed a joint-venture in 2007 with Diaoyutai Guest Houses "to build bridges with China, particularly in hospitality, knowing that as a casino hotel company we were never going to be able to develop casinos in China. We wanted to develop a relationship with the Chinese people and we found a partnership with Diaoyutai," Jim Murren explained to MDT.

Since then, two properties have been opened: the MGM Grand in Sanya and the Diaoyutai Art Hotel in Chengdu. And more to come: "We're opening a Bellagio in Shanghai next year. And we have hotels under development: in Hangzhou, in Beijing (two). We have a total of 12 of them under development."

The idea was to continue "to build these relationships and, for me and my company, to show that we can contribute to China's vision, and we can contribute with our intellectual property, our knowledge, and maybe along the way build stronger friendships and relationships - business and personal relationships - in China." Besides visiting the mainland often, "I've been honoured to be at the Whitehouse a couple of weeks ago when the Chinese President was there," Mr Murren stated. "We're in a privileged business and we've known this for a long time," he said, adding that "we want to prove to China and Macau that we are the kind of corporate citizens that's contributed to this community."

'The Phenomenon' competing in Macau PokerStars event



Renato Marques

FOOTBALL legend Ronaldo Nazário de Lima, dubbed by sports fans "The Phenomenon", is currently in the territory, not to take to the pitch but to instead hit the felt of the PokerStars 2015 Asia Championship of Poker (ACOP), taking place until November 13 at PokerStars Live Macau in the City of Dreams casino.

"It is a great pleasure to be here as it is my first time in Macau and my second big tournament. I'm very excited to begin playing and to give my best performance," the Brazilian expressed.

This is Ronaldo's second tournament as PokerStars Brand Ambassador, after having played in the PokerStars Caribbean Adventure (PCA) at the beginning of this year. He finished 26th overall, a rank that he hopes to improve upon now.

"I started playing poker back in 2000 when I got my first knee injury in Inter Milan, from there I kept playing with other team mates in the hotels before the games. It was there that my passion for this game started," he said.

Ronaldo has been playing with PokerStars for the last 3 years and says he has been happy to do so. "Poker gave me

a new challenge in life, a way of returning to competition and its emotions in a different way," he commented.

The former star, who retired from football in 2011 and is considered one of the greatest football players of all time, says that poker is a great mind game from which players can take a lot of information and skills that they can use in their daily life. He thinks that it is time to see poker as a "mind sport" and not like the "old times when it had a dark connotation with the game being played underground, in closed places, and by heavy smokers and heavy drinkers".

Answering the press' ques-

tion about which game he plays better, Ronaldo had no doubt: "I was a much better football player than I am a

I was a much better football player than I am a poker player.

RONALDO NAZÁRIO DE LIMA
POKERSTARS BRAND
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poker player," but he highlighted the fact that he is now "too old to play football but still very young playing poker so that might also explain it".

In the little time spent in the city so far, the former football player found "the road and street signage in Portuguese" interesting but noted it was "weird to find out that there are not many that can actually speak the language."

The tournament's main event that kicked off yesterday will continue for two days with a HKD100,000 buy-in on both days which features a HKD15 million prize pool guarantee. November 13 will be reserved for the Super High Roller event.

CRIME

Illegal migrant commits burglary in three separate Taipa eateries

THE Public Security Police Force caught a mainland Chinese man yesterday morning red-handed after he was captured on a surveillance camera attempting to steal goods from a Taipa restaurant.

The 37-year-old suspect, who claimed to be a chef, has also been linked to two separate aggravated thefts that occurred in September, said the security force's representative in a media debriefing yesterday afternoon.

Around 6 a.m. the owner of the restaurant called the police after the anti-burglary application on his mobile phone notified him of the suspect's trespass. Meanwhile, the burglar was also spotted searching for valuable items on the premises through the software.

The suspect is reported to have arrived in the territory illegally by swimming last Saturday. After losing all of his money gambling, he conceived the idea of burglary while wandering along the street where the restaurant is situated.

He slid into the restaurant after prying open the gate on the side with a steel bar. The suspect was seen holding six bottles of wine and several pataca notes worth around MOP10,800 when the owner and police officers arrived at the scene. The safe inside the eatery was also found damaged, yet the possessions inside remained intact.

The suspect had also managed to make away with about MOP14,200 and MOP4,400 separately from two restaurants also in Taipa after sneaking into one of them through a window.

On an unrelated note, the police also announced yesterday that what started as a minor spat between two meat vendors in the Red Market on Sunday night ended with one of them being stabbed in the abdomen. It was said that an abrupt noise that frightened one of the pair was the source of the squabble, which escalated into a physical scuffle.

One vendor reportedly threw raw pork at the other after he appeared unapologetic. During the argument, both also exchanged provocative physical contact and one vendor who was wielding a cleaver accidentally stabbed the other in his stomach. The police were called to the scene by bystanders and the injured vendor was subsequently rushed to the public hospital. **AU**

Public car park management firm issues unlawful monthly passes to users

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MACAUI Forehap Parking Management Limited is facing a maximum fine of MOP250,000 after admitting to the Transport Bureau (DSAT) that it issued government-authorized monthly passes to users of Comendador Ho Yin Garden car park behind the regulator's back.

The facility is not among the government's 16 parking lots with an allowed monthly-pass mechanism. DSAT's director Lam Hin San said during a press conference yesterday that the management firm, which is currently supervising 15 public car parks, issued a total of 390 passes to motorists and private car drivers using the abovementioned parking lot since May 2012, a time shortly after the management company was granted the permit to run the 900-plus bay car park.

However, DSAT has allegedly remained in the dark despite regular checks carried out by its eight inspectors on the government's 38 parking lots. "Regarding patrols and inspections, I admit there's room for improvement," acknowledged Lam, adding that the

bureau would tighten its oversight.

As the malpractice investigation is still underway, the bureau's head said that he was unsure of when the results would come, to which a penalty was subject. However, he said that the harshest penalty would be a fine of MOP250,000 given that only a small part of the terms in the concession agreement was violated.

According to the existing regulation, concessionaires only lose their partnership with the government if the misconduct committed is worthy of at least MOP1 million in fines.

Furthermore, the government is still allowing the monthly-pass operation to run until the beginning of next month in order to let the management firm, which was said to "have promised to bear all of the responsibility for the incident" and liaise with its monthly-pass holders on the issue.

"We also need time to probe the incident thoroughly to see if it also requires criminal punishment," Lam Hin San said, pledging to transfer the case to related law enforcing departments if found criminally related.



Comendador Ho Yin Garden car park

Asked if the episode was linked to the scandal divulged by the Commission Against Corruption in April where two officials allegedly helped three companies secure their concessions from the government, Lam refused to offer any comments, citing that the watchdog's inquiry was still in process.

Still, according to the authorities, the tariff devised by the firm, which is higher than currently regulated, consists of three rates - MOP1200 or MOP1000 per card for private cars and MOP200 per card for motorbikes each month.

It also transpired that the monthly-pass holders had received notifications from the car park's management firm earlier reminding them to renew their subscriptions.

Political group calls for probe over land reserve handling

THREE members from the Macau Community Development Initiative (MCDI), which is supported by lawmakers Au Kam San and Ng Kuok Cheong, approached the Public Prosecutions Office and the Commission Against Corruption yesterday afternoon, appealing for an inquiry into the Land, Public Works and Transport Bureau over its handling of the land reserve around the Nam Van Lake.

In mid-September, the media outlet All About Macau alleged that the government had shelved four available parcels of land for no reason. The land reserve, together with the neighboring lots already granted to property developers, is still undeveloped despite the latter already passing the required time to do so.

"The land lots have been idle for over 20 years and they're simply for growing grass and flowers," said MCDI's vice president Lei Man Chao. The group told media that the bureau should be blamed for its inaction, which could be punishable by law.

"As the government always claims they have no land, yet such land parcels have been there for a long time," he said. "Why haven't the authorities recovered them?"

Au Kam San, who established the group with other pro-democracy activists, also founders of the New Macau Association, estimates that aside from the four land lots in the government's hands, there are 14 other parcels that should have been properly developed.

"The 14 parcels, although expired, are not on the government's list of recovery seemingly," the lawmaker argued. MCDI members are confident that there must be malpractice within the public department and petitioned for the law enforcers' intervention.

The Secretary for Transport and Public Works Raimundo do Rosário responded to the allegations later in the day stating that the above four land lots are now going through relevant judicial procedures, which would determine if they belong to the government, according to a TDM report. **AU**

STATISTICS

Money supply circulation 'rebounds' in September

MACAU has experienced a healthy "rebound" in money supply, according to data released recently by the Monetary Authority. The amount of currency in circulation grew by 2.1 percent month-on-month, while demand deposits were up by 1.2 percent.

The share of the money supply defined in MOP stood at 28.5 percent, up by 0.5 percentage points from a month ago. Meanwhile, the HKD was up by 0.1 percentage points month-on-month (49.2 percent), the RMB was down 0.8 percentage points (9.2 percent), and the USD rose by 0.2 percentage points (10.9 percent).

Deposits submitted by residents increased by 0.8 percent compared to the previous month, amounting to MOP470.6 billion, of which MOP, HKD, and RMB increased by the respective rates of 2.8 percent, 1 percent, and 7.6 percent. The USD increased at 3.1 percent.

Domestic loans to the private sector increased by 1.1 percent month-on-month to MOP390.3 billion. External loans dropped by 1.7 percent to MOP388.3 billion, of which HKD, RMB, and USD accounted for 24.4 percent, 20.4 percent, and 48.2 percent, respectively.

As total deposits increased but total loans decreased, the overall loan-to-deposit ratio of the banking sector dropped from a month earlier.

ALEXIS TAM

Carmo area to be revamped into entertainment hub

Renato Marques

THE Secretary for Social Affairs and Culture stated yesterday that the government intends to revamp Taipa's Carmo area and find a new use for the Taipa Houses-Museum. During a visit to the facilities that are being used by the House of Portugal (Casa de Portugal) in the Areia Preta district, Alexis Tam revealed that he plans to invite the association to be part of a government project that aims to boost the "Carmo" district in Taipa, namely the Taipa Houses-Museum. "I want to invite the House of Portugal to be part of our project exploring the area of the Houses-Museum where we will develop a Portuguese restaurant as well as a Portuguese-style coffee shop and esplanades," he said.

But Mr Tam went even further and announced that he wants the activities in the area to be happening day and night with "Portuguese music performers to play in the area every night". The offer will not be restricted to the Portuguese. The Secretary also mentioned that they are considering creating food festivals for different countries from



Alexis Tam (right)

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Europe, Latin America or even Asian countries, in order to "transform the area into a multicultural venue".

It is known, and was referred to again by the President of the House, Dra Maria Amélia António, that the House of Portugal has been struggling since 2013 when its Portuguese restaurant "Lvsitanvs" had to temporarily close its doors. The restaurant and all other tenants of the yellow building, located close to the Ruins of St Paul, had to leave the

space that was rented by restaurant operator Futu-re Bright Holdings to the Macau Government Tourism Office.

The move left the association with a high amount of financial debts resulting from the investments required for the opening and setup of the space. The Portuguese association head sees the government's invitation as "an opportunity to bring back to life a project that has previously proven to have potential and that since the closing has been continued in poor conditions [at Casa de Portugal's headquarters]".

Mr Tam praised the association and said the government will continue to support it. "I recognize the role of the House of Portugal in Macau. It is very important and very positive. I have been following the activities undertaken and developed by it and I think that the government, and especially my secretary, should continue to support them," he said.

According to the figures presented by the association, about 700 people attend its training courses and workshops every year, which for Alexis Tam is "a very significant number."

Architect favors Hotel Estoril preservation

THE architect José Manuel Fernandes is in favor of the preservation of the Hotel Estoril, arguing that the building is part of the collective memory of Macau.

Interviewed by Radio Macau, the professor at the University of Lisbon stated that he did not understand the reasons for a possible demolition. "What is the problem? It's kitsch, it's from the 60s, is from an architect named Alvarez," he asked rhetorically, defending a prudent assessment of the architectural value of the building. "It having its presence and a history that is linked to Stanley Ho is the genesis of a very important thing in Macau," he argued.

"Honestly, it deserves to be evaluated, and I am certain that if the right documents are given to whichever architect that will be invited to assess this information, any good architect will know that he is in the presence of something with a collective memory," he added.

The architect was in the territory



The former Hotel Estoril

to speak at a seminar held last Saturday by the Albergue SCM entitled "Contemporary Architecture and Urbanism in Portugal - Present Days," in which Mr Fernandes shared his views on Portuguese architecture and urbanism.

The Secretary for Social Affairs and Culture, Alexis Tam, reacted to these statements yesterday, expressing that he believes that Macau cannot put the old Hotel Estoril facilities to any good use due to its current condition.

"That area of the Hotel Estoril is

of no use at all! This architect [José Manuel Fernandes] is one of the few people who think we should keep that hotel. But I ask for what reason? What is the use of it? We have to think ahead. It is not like Portugal here. Portugal has plenty of space and lots of land," Alexis Tam said.

According to Mr Tam, the plan to revamp the former hotel is currently on hold while experts analyze the request for the building's classification. **RM**

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JOSÉ MANUEL FERNANDES

'Guide of the Portuguese Citizen in Macau' launched

Renato Marques

THE "Guide of the Portuguese Citizen in Macau" is a book that seeks to answer most of the questions raised by Portuguese national's with an interest in Macau. As the lawyer Gonçalo Mendes da Maia, one of the promoters of the book, explained, the guide has a broad view of Macau citizenship and it is targeted mostly at two kinds of people: The first being "Portuguese citizens who live in Portugal or in any other country who want to come to Macau to live, to work, to do business, and so forth, and seek to know more about Macau, its procedures, bureaucracies, rights, among others"; and the second, "people from Macau, who have Portuguese citizenship but have a limited knowledge of Portugal, its laws and procedures and are interested to know more about that too."

The guide was made with contributions from both Macau and Portuguese authors. It is



Lawyer Gonçalo Mendes da Maia

a partnership between several organizations and companies, namely MdME Lawyers, Private Notary, MLGTS (Morais Leitão, Galvão Teles, Soares da Silva & Associados) and the Portuguese Consulate-General in Macau. Many of the Frequently

Asked Questions arose from questions asked at both the consulate and lawyers' offices, as well as in the above-mentioned companies' operations in the territory.

The tome's first edition has printed 3,000 copies and was fully financed by the law firm.

ms. It has both Portuguese and Chinese language versions. It will be given to the Portuguese Consulate-General in Macau to be distributed free of cost. In the words of the firm's representatives, "This book is part of the companies' social responsibility."

The book was launched on Friday in a ceremony held at the Consul-General's official residence.

As explained by MdME partner Gonçalo Mendes da Maia, "This is a courtesy gift and also a way to thank Macau and our clients for the support that has allowed us to grow to be in January of 2016 the second biggest lawyers' office in Macau with 18 lawyers". The occasion also marked the 9th anniversary of the law firm.

Research foresees promising future for hospitality sector

RESearch conducted by higher education institutions and entrusted to the Talents Development Committee has hinted at broad prospects for practitioners in gaming, catering, retail and conventions.

According to the government think-tank, which received the findings from four institutions, the industries' demand for manpower will continue to grow in the next three years. More specifically, the gaming sector is expected to require 30 percent more management personnel than previously.

It was also said that the upward demand in hotels and retail would open up around 27,000 and 16,000 job vacancies respectively, while retail-related positions could go up by 25 percent in the territory,

with robust demand for human resources positions in high-end brands. The conference and exhibition industry will see the workforce double the current pool in the future.

The committee, headed by the region's leader, Chui Sai On, finished its second meeting of the year last Friday. The commission will continue to ramp up future collaboration with other overseas tertiary education institutions in nurturing talent and encouraging locals to undertake more training.

The committee, comprised of officials mainly from the education sector, was founded last year with the aim of luring back what the officials regard as talented professionals from overseas, while encouraging locals to better their skills.

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Maggi noodles back on shelves in India after lead scare

Nirmala George, New Delhi

MAGGI noodles are back on shelves in India five months after the popular snack was found to contain lead above permissible limits.

The Indian unit of Swiss food company Nestle said yesterday that samples of newly made Maggi instant noodles had been cleared for consumption by three food-testing laboratories in India.

"The rollout has begun today. It has been a challenging period for the Nestle Organization, and therefore, there is a feeling of satisfaction at bringing back Maggi noodles to the market," Nestle India said in a statement.

Maggi has been reintroduced in 100 cities and towns across India and will be made available soon in more states, said Nestle India Chairman and Managing Director Suresh Narayanan.

Maggi noodles will not be available in eight states that had banned their sale. The company said it was in talks with local governments to lift the ban.

In June, India's Health Ministry ordered the removal of Maggi noodles from stores after tests by several states found high levels of lead. This was after the country's food safety regulator found that the noodles were "unsafe and hazardous" for consumption due to the presence of lead beyond



A packet of Maggi instant noodles is displayed

permissible limits.

Nestle India maintained the noodles were safe to eat and challenged the accuracy of the tests. The ban was overturned in the Bombay High Court in August. But the company had to destroy 400 million packets of Maggi products, which cost it more than USD67 million.

Narayanan said the company was not immediately considering taking legal action against the food regulator.

"At the moment, we are very clear that we will be focusing on building the brand," he told

reporters.

Maggi noodles are a hugely popular snack among school and college students and young working people in India.

The company introduced the quick-cooking noodles to India in the early 1980s, and they can be found in the remotest villages.

The June tests also detected the chemical flavor enhancer monosodium glutamate, or MSG, which is not mentioned in the product's list of ingredients. Nestle said it did not add the flavor enhancer to the noodles. **AP**

Yuan falls to three-week low on China trade data, Fed rate bets

THE yuan dropped to the lowest in almost three weeks after a slump in China's trade flows worsened the outlook for Asia's largest economy and as the Federal Reserve prepares to raise interest rates.

China's exports fell for a fourth month in October, exceeding the decline estimated by all 31 economists in a Bloomberg survey, official data showed Sunday. Imports fell for a 12th month, matching a record stretch of contractions. A gauge of the dollar's strength versus its major peers soared to the highest level in a decade on Friday after a report showed U.S. payrolls last month gained the most this year in October. That boosted the odds of a Fed rate increase in 2015 to 70 percent from 34 percent two weeks earlier.

"China's trade data showed that its economy is challenged by sluggish demand at home and abroad, and the fundamentals are still weak," said Kenix Lai, a foreign-exchange analyst at Bank of East Asia Ltd. in Hong Kong. "There are stronger expectations for

a rate increase in the U.S., which will attract capital from emerging markets such as China, and that's also pressuring the yuan."

The yuan in Shanghai, which is allowed to diverge a maximum 2 percent from the central bank's fixing, dropped 0.14 percent yesterday to close at 6.3622 a dollar, according to China Foreign Exchange Trade System prices. It fell to 6.3678 earlier, the lowest since Oct. 20.

Singapore's quota under the RMB Qualified Foreign Institutional Investor scheme will be doubled to 100 billion yuan, the Monetary Authority of Singapore said in a statement yesterday. The change was one of the key outcomes from President Xi Jinping's recent visit to the city-state, MAS said in the statement.

PBOC Fixing

The People's Bank of China weakened its daily reference rate for the currency by 0.19 percent to 6.3578 a dollar. The offshore yuan, which trades freely in Hong Kong, gained 0.03 percent to 6.3899 as of 4:47 p.m. local time, data compiled by Bloomberg show. **Bloomberg**



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CONRAD MACAO'S 2015 'PINK INSPIRED' CAMPAIGN RAISES OVER MOP 200,000



Conrad Macao, Cotai Central's 2015 'Pink Inspired' campaign has been hailed a success with the hotel raising MOP200,319.20 to support the Hong Kong Cancer Fund's Pink Revolution, an annual campaign that raises awareness and funds for breast cancer research. As a Diamond sponsor of the campaign for the third year in a row, the hotel offered

its guests a series of 'plush pink' experiences from 1st October to 31 October, to raise funds for this worthy cause.

Conrad Macao also acknowledged the support of ARTÉ Madrid who helped this year's fund-raising campaign by donating a Glorioso necklace featuring 49 pear-shaped and 13 marquise-shaped white stones valued at MOP7,000.

WYNN MACAO GAINS ADDITIONAL MICHELIN STAR

Wynn Macao is now home to four Michelin stars. Signature Japanese restaurant, Mizumi joined Wynn Macao's other awarded restaurants for the first time as it gained a Michelin Star in the 2016 Hong Kong and Macau Michelin Guide. This also marks the fourth consecutive year for Golden Flower to receive two Michelin stars and the seventh consecutive year for Wing Lei to be awarded one star.

"We are proud that three of our restaurants have been recognized as among the best restaurants in Macau and Hong Kong. This is a particularly exceptional and exciting achievement for Chef Hiroshi and his team for being newly awarded with the accolade



this year," said Olivier Bonard, Vice President - Food & Beverage of Wynn Macao.

MGM CHINA STAGES PRIVATE BOND SCREENING



MGM China presented a special screening of Spectre, the latest James Bond film, on Friday evening following its topping-out ceremony of MGM COTA. Jointly organized with the British Consulate-General Hong Kong & Macau, MGM China screened the film to offer an entertaining evening to its Macau partners and friends and promote British cultural exchange.

Spectre was premiered on November 6 after a cocktail party. Guests of honor in attendance included Consul General Caroline Wilson of the British Consulate in Hong Kong and Macau, Mr Jim Murren, Chairman and CEO of MGM Resorts International and Ms Pansy Ho, Co-Chairperson and Executive Director of MGM China.

ANGOLA

Apiex agency is the gateway for investors

THE Angolan Agency for Investment Promotion and Export (Apiex) is structured to be the gateway for entrepreneurs who want to invest in the country, said the Minister of Trade, Rosa Pacavira, last Friday in Luanda.

The minister, who was speaking at the headquarters of Apiex, said the new institution has a website (<http://www.anip.co.ao/>), through which business owners can put together the draft of their investment in Angola and solve any problems that may arise from wherever they are located.

Pacavira said so far the agency had already registered about 2,500 domestic and foreign investors, a fairly significant number, although she noted that Angolan trade is dominated by foreigners.

Cited by Angolan news agency Angop, the minister said currently there are seven Angolan companies that export their products, which means that these companies are already able to compete in foreign markets. **MDT/Macauhub**

Trade between China and Portuguese-speaking countries shrinks

TRADER between China and the Portuguese-speaking countries during the first nine months of the year continued on a downward trend, with a contraction of 25.45 percent to USD76.477 billion, according to official figures published in Macau.

From January to September the value of trade between China and the eight Portuguese-speaking countries amounted to US\$102.587 billion.

Trade recorded in the period under review resulted from Chinese exports of US\$28.667 billion (-13.76 percent) and Chinese imports worth US\$47.809 billion (-31.06 percent).

With Brazil, China's main trading partner globally, exchanges totaled US\$55.608 billion (-18.51 percent) and China exported goods worth US\$21.968 billion (-14.51



percent) and imported goods worth US\$33.639 billion (-20.92 percent).

Angola comes second in terms of importance with trade worth US\$15.564 billion (-44.93 percent), with Chinese exports worth US\$2.938 billion (-24.34 percent) and

imports of US\$12.626 billion (-48.21 percent).

Portugal comes a distant third with total two-way trade of US\$3.382 billion (-6.39 percent) as a result of Chinese exports worth US\$1.195 billion (-5.89 percent) and Portuguese exports worth

US\$1.187 billion (-7.3 percent).

Mozambique appears as usual in fourth place with trade worth US\$1.789 billion (-23.18 percent), a result of Chinese exports worth US\$1.45 billion (+17.84 percent) and Mozambican exports of US\$338 million (-69.16 percent).

China's trade with other Portuguese-speaking countries - Cape Verde, Guinea-Bissau, East Timor and São Tomé and Príncipe - in the first nine months totaled US\$133 million.

In September, the value of China's trade with Portuguese-speaking countries fell 5.62 percent to US\$8.637 million, with Chinese exports amounting to US\$2.820 billion (-7.63 percent) and Chinese imports totaling US\$5.817 billion (-4.61 percent). **MDT/Macauhub**

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The new birth control: Sky-high cost of raising kids

WHILE China's Communist Party rolled back its long-standing one-child policy last month, economists are expecting another equally powerful deterrent to kick in: the soaring cost of raising kids.

Their projections are borne out by middle-class Chinese like Liu He. A project manager in Beijing's thriving technology industry, 38-year-old Liu and her husband together make 40,000 yuan (USD6,300) a month. About 40 percent of that goes toward their three-year-old daughter. There are fixed costs like food, kindergarten and a nanny besides savings for future painting and piano lessons, and even college in the U.S. some day.

In the U.S., a middle-class couple, on average, can spend about 16 percent of their income on a child, according to a U.S. government report last year that examined spending till the age of 18. The budgetary constraints on Chinese families show how economic pressures might stymie the government's efforts to boost its labor force by allowing couples to have two children.

While the new policy was also intended to boost consumption, financial realities may prevent a big jump in the

fertility rate - a case of market forces trumping the iron fist of the state. In the past, Chinese children were raised at modest cost to produce future labor. Now, for China's growing middle class, rearing kids is an expensive process focused on keeping them ahead in a fiercely competitive economy. Liu says her family simply can't afford a second child.

Financial realities may prevent a big jump in the fertility rate - a case of market forces trumping the iron fist of the state

"The high cost of raising a child is probably China's new birth control," said Credit Suisse economist Dong Tao.

Introduced in the late 70s to manage scarce resources, China's one-child policy has since emerged as a threat to growth, with the country's working-age population shrinking last year for the first time in two

decades.

The day after the Communist Party loosened its regulation many "two-child stocks" - shares of companies such as baby food maker Danone, skincare products maker China Child Care Corp. and stroller company Goodbaby International Holdings Ltd. - surged as investors bet that families would loosen the purse strings to have another baby.

"The demographics are not going to change overnight, the market is probably getting overexcited about that," said Dong about the policy to allow two children. "It'll help China's consumption story but the impact is probably substantially more muted than the market is indicating."

Dong estimates that the child rearing cost for an additional kid until he or she is 18 would be around 499,200 yuan in China, which translates to about 27,700 yuan a year.

When Dong first did the calculation in December 2013, the figure - which includes baby toys, medical expenses and standard school fees - was 416,000 yuan. Dong estimates the costs would have gone up around 10 percent a year, and says that the calculation doesn't include other factors such as the surging price of education.

The government estimates that 90 million couples are eligible to have two children, and births will increase over the next few years peaking at over 20 million newborns a year, Wang Peian, an official with the National Health and Family Planning Commission said the day after the new two-child policy was announced on Oct 29. The commission didn't respond to a fax seeking comment.

The government has proven overly optimistic before. At the end of 2013, it allowed couples where either husband or wife was a single child to have two kids. At the time, the health authorities estimated an extra 2 million births each year from that policy. But only 1.76 million couples had applied for approval to have a second child as of September under those rules, according to Wang. The government did not disclose the number of people who actually gave birth to a second child.

It may also take a while for the new, two-child policy to actually come into effect. China has ordered local family planning agencies to keep enforcing the one-child policy until legislators formally amend the law this spring.

"Bear in mind the mentality of young Chinese couples - they are of the one-child ge-

neration. The social DNA is in place and it's okay for them to not think about having brothers or sisters," said Credit Suisse's Dong.

Other factors are also likely to play a role. At 64 percent, China has the highest female workforce participation rate among the world's ten largest economies, according to data from the World Bank. Without help from the grandparents, Chinese mothers often have little choice but to drop out of work, at least for a few years.

Some like 30-year-old Wang Dandan aren't keen to do that. "At this stage I do not want to have a second child because the time you have to make good career progress is from your thirties to forties - it's crucial," said Wang, the mother of a two-year-old girl and a magazine reporter in Shanghai.

"If I were to have a child, for the next two to three years I would have little to no income," she said. "It's not that we wouldn't survive, but there will be a strong sense of crisis."

Wang and her husband have some 20,000 yuan of disposable income each month after paying mortgages on their house and car. While they only spend 10 percent of that on their daughter at the moment, Wang expects to have to devote most if not all of her 8,000 yuan monthly salary to her daughter's expenses soon.

"Once she enters kindergarten and there are education investments, it will be a very big need," said Wang. "It's like a ticking time bomb." **Bloomberg**

Joe McDonald, Beijing

Beijing promises action on climate ahead of Paris talks

CHINA has changed course and emerged as a leader in curbing greenhouse gas emissions six years after it was accused of obstructing the last high-level climate talks in Copenhagen.

Heading into this month's Paris meeting, the world's biggest source of climate-changing gases has yet to accept binding limits. But it has invested in solar, wind and hydropower to clean up its smog-choked cities and curb surging demand for imported oil and gas. That contributed last year to a surprise fall in coal consumption.

Beijing's about-face began last year when President Xi Jinping, in a joint declaration with his American counterpart, Barack Obama, set a 2030 deadline for emissions to stop rising. This June, Beijing promised to cut carbon emissions per unit of economic output by 65 percent from 2005 levels. In September, Xi pledged USD3.1 billion to help developing countries combat climate change.

Beijing "recognizes it should take a different responsibility than a few years ago," said Li Shuo, senior climate officer for Greenpeace East Asia.

China's status as the leading source of emissions makes its cooperation essential for any global climate deal to succeed.

Until now, China has been exempt from limits. But pressure on Beijing intensified as its share of world carbon output rose last year to 28 percent, double the U.S. level. Forecasts show its historic total will soon pass the United States as the biggest.

Washington and Beijing "had fundamental disagreements in Copenhagen" over China's obligations, said Li. "I think this has been resolved over the past two years."

Without a formal commitment, China is making faster progress than most countries as a side effect of Communist Party efforts to nurture more self-sustaining growth based

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Wind turbines are built on a hill along a highway near Jiamusi, in northeastern China's Heilongjiang

on consumer spending and technology instead of trade and energy-hungry heavy industry.

Pollution has "created immense and escalating social pressures for change," said researchers Fergus Green and Nicholas Stern in a June report for the Grantham Research Institute on Climate Change and the Environment at the London School of Economics.

In 2005, communist leaders launched a campaign to improve efficiency in an economy that devours two to three times as much energy as the United States, Europe or Japan per unit of output. Older power plants and steel mills were closed. Utilities were ordered to invest in wind turbines and gas-fired generation.

Last year, China spent USD83.3 billion on renewables, or nearly one-third of the global total, according to a report by the Frankfurt School and the U.N. Environment Program. The United States was a distant second at \$38.3 billion.

The slowdown in steel and other heavy industries has prompted suggestions China can beat its 2030 deadline.

"Emissions are likely to peak by 2025, and could well peak even earlier than that," said Green and Stern in their report. "China's emissions could fall strongly after their peak."

China has reduced carbon intensity, or emissions per unit of economic output, by 33.8 percent from 2005 levels, the Cabinet planning agency said in a June letter to the Paris organizers.

That is "a greater rate than

most other countries have ever been able to achieve," said Xiaochen Zhang, associate director for climate change of the group Business for Social Responsibility, in a report in October.

In Copenhagen in 2009, some participants complained China and India stymied global emissions reduction efforts, possibly for fear they might hamper economic growth.

"China wrecked the Copenhagen deal," wrote an aide to one negotiator in The Guardian newspaper.

Since then, growth of renewables has allowed China to raise economic output without boosting emissions.

China leads the world in hydro and wind capacity and is No. 2 behind Germany in solar, according to the Renewable Energy Policy Network for the 21st Century, a Paris-based alliance of environmental groups.

Last year's coal consumption fell 2.9 percent while the economy grew 7.4 percent, according to the National Bureau of Statistics. It was the first reduction in 14 years, according to the China National Coal Association, an industry group.

Still, China is forecast to rely on coal for at least 60 percent of its power for the foreseeable future.

China accounted for 80 percent of new coal generating capacity worldwide over the past decade, according to

Greenpeace.

"The extreme growth of coal power generation, especially in China, undercuts many successes with renewables," said the group in a report.

The Chinese Cabinet's energy plan through 2020 promises to hold coal's share of energy to 62 percent, down from last year's 66 percent.

It calls for doubling the share of energy from non-fossil fuels to 20 percent by 2030. But that will only bring China into line with today's global average.

And Beijing has yet to say how high emissions might be allowed to rise before the 2030 peak.

It is too early to assume last year's decline in coal use is permanent, said Greenpeace's Li. He said Chinese leaders might face pressure in coming years to stimulate China's cooling economy by launching resource-intensive construction projects. AP

“ [Beijing] recognizes it should take a different responsibility than a few years ago.”

LI SHUO
GREENPEACE EAST ASIA

AP PHOTO



Solar panels are seen near the power grid in northwestern China's Ningxia Hui autonomous region

2.9%

The fall in coal consumption last year

MYANMAR

Suu Kyi party projects landslide in historic vote

Esther Htusan and
Shonal Ganguly, Yangon

OPPPOSITION leader Aung San Suu Kyi's party was confident yesterday that it was headed for a landslide victory in Myanmar's historic elections, as the democracy icon urged supporters not to provoke losing rivals who mostly represent the former junta that ruled this Southeast Asian nation for a half-century.

The opposition National League of Democracy had won about 70 percent of the votes counted by midday yesterday, party spokesman Win Htein said. The comments, if confirmed by official results that began trickling in, indicate that Suu Kyi's party would not only dominate Parliament but could also secure the presidency despite handicaps built into the constitution.

■ **The opposition National League of Democracy had won about 70 pct of the votes counted by midday yesterday**

"We will win a landslide," Nyan Win, another party spokesman, told The Associated Press.

"I want Mother Suu to win in this election," said Ma Khine, a street vendor, referring to the 70-year-old Suu Kyi with an affectionate term many here use. "She has the skill to lead the country. I respect her so much. I love her. She will change our country in a very good way."

The government's Election Commission started announcing official results late yesterday afternoon, saying that the NLD had won 12 lower house seats from the main city of Yangon. The announcement elicited raucous cheers outside the opposition party's headquarters.

The 12 seats were among 45 representing townships in Yangon. The commission was expected to announce more results later yesterday.

The NLD has been widely ex-

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Leader of Myanmar's National League for Democracy party, Aung San Suu Kyi delivers a speech from a balcony of the NLD headquarters in Yangon

pected to finish with the largest number of seats in Parliament.

Anticipating an imminent victory, more than 1,000 people gathered in front of the NLD headquarters in Yangon, many wearing red party T-shirts with the slogan "We Must Win" on the back.

No matter the results, the election will not create a fully democratic Myanmar, which ended a half-century of military rule in 2011, followed by a quasi-civilian government run by a party made up of former military figures now expected to fare badly in the elections. The constitution reserves 25 percent of parliamentary seats for the military, and was rewritten to keep Suu Kyi from the presidency.

The amendment bars anyone

with a foreign spouse or child from holding the president's and vice presidents' positions. Suu Kyi's two sons are British, as was her late husband.

Suu Kyi, however, has said she will act as the country's leader if the NLD wins the presidency, saying she will be "above the president."

In her first comments after Sunday's elections, Suu Kyi told a crowd gathered at the NLD party headquarters that while vote tabulations wouldn't be announced until later, "I think you all have the idea of the results."

"It is still a bit early to congratulate our candidates who will be the winners," she said. "I want to remind you all that even candidates who didn't win

have to accept the winners but it is important not to provoke the candidates who didn't win to make them feel bad."

The NLD had thousands of monitors deployed across Myanmar during the vote, keeping track as each polling station closed and publicly announced its totals. That was expected to give NLD leaders a solid estimate of final numbers long before official totals were announced.

Win Htein, the NLD spokesman, told the AP that the party's strongest showing is in the heartland states, where it appears to be garnering 80 percent of the votes. The support falls off slightly to 70-50 percent in the states dominated by ethnic minorities.

"DAWN OF A NEW ERA. Millions vote in historic election," was the banner headline yesterday of the New Light of Myanmar, a government-owned newspaper and long a mouthpiece for ruling juntas, reflecting just how much Myanmar has changed in recent years.

The vote was billed as the freest ever in this Southeast Asian nation, which for the first time was monitored by thousands of domestic and international observers, who said it went well. Many of the eligible 30 million voters cast ballots for the first time, including Suu Kyi, widely revered as the embodiment of the country's dreams for democratic reform.

"I am so happy and I am not the only person, the whole country is happy. I think she is a perfect leader for our country and a woman of perfection," said 71-year-old Khin Maung Htay, who was listening to Suu Kyi's speech.

Although 91 parties fielded candidates Sunday, the main fight was between the NLD and the ruling Union Solidarity Development Party, which is made up largely of former junta members. A host of other parties from ethnic minorities, who form 40 percent of Myanmar's 52 million people, are also running.

The junta, which seized power in a 1962 coup, annulled the results when Suu Kyi's party won a sweeping victory in 1990 elections. A new vote was held in 2010, but the opposition boycotted it saying the election laws were unfair.

The USDP won by default and took office in 2011 under President Thein Sein, a former general who began political and economic reforms to end Myanmar's isolation and jump-start its moribund economy. But the USDP was battered in a 2012 by-election in which the National League for Democracy won 43 of the 44 parliamentary seats it contested.

After the election results are finalized, the new members of parliament and the military appointees will propose three candidates, and then elect one as president. The other two will become vice presidents.

The NLD would need an overwhelming win to take the presidency because of the seats reserved for the military, all of which now go to the USDP.

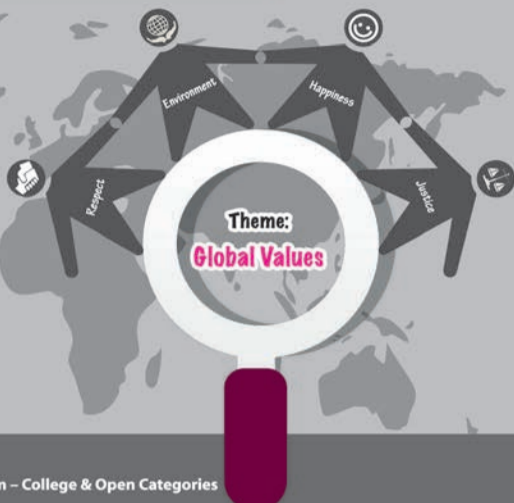
As hundreds of supporters waited outside the NLD headquarters in Yangon, crowds started singing a song called "The Strong Peacock," in reference to the party's symbol, which became popular during the campaign period.

"She is the people's leader that the whole world knows," they sang. "Write your own history in your hearts for our future, so the dictatorship will end. Go, go, go (away) dictatorship." AP

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AUSTRALIA

Officials try to halt unrest at immigration detention camp

Kristen Gelineau, Sydney

AUSTRALIAN officials were working yesterday to contain unrest at a remote detention center for asylum seekers in the Indian Ocean, with protesters lighting a series of small fires and guards withdrawing from the compound.

The immigration department confirmed there was a "major disturbance" at the detention center on the Australian territory of Christmas Island. Immigration Minister Peter Dutton said one detainee caught up in the fray had requested medical assistance for an unspecified reason, but no serious injuries had been reported.

Refugee advocates say riots broke out following the death of an asylum seeker who escaped from the facility on Saturday. The man's body was found the following day at the bottom of a cliff on the island. The cause of his death is under investigation.



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The immigration department denied there was a large-scale riot, but said staff had withdrawn from the facility for safety reasons.

The department said the problem began when a small group of Iranian detainees staged a peaceful protest following the asylum seeker's death. Other detainees then began damaging

the property, including lighting several small fires.

Officials were negotiating with the detainees in a bid to end the standoff, Dutton told reporters. He declined to elaborate on what the detainees wanted, and said he didn't know how many people were involved in the protest.

The group leading the unrest appeared to be detainees who

Riots broke out following the death of an asylum seeker who escaped from the facility on Saturday

are being held at the facility due to their visas being canceled — not asylum seekers, immigration officials said.

Australia last year strengthened the power it has to cancel visas, making it mandatory to do so if a person has been sentenced to at least a year in jail. That has led to an influx of New Zealanders with criminal records — some of whom were long-term residents of Australia — ending up in immigration detention while they

await deportation. Some of them are appealing the government's decision to revoke their visas.

New Zealand Prime Minister John Key said he was told there may be a few New Zealanders involved in the unrest and if so, they're doing nothing to help their case to stay in Australia.

"The risk is that they actually damage their own appeals because they undertake other criminal activity," Key told reporters.

New Zealand lawmaker Kelvin Davis, who recently visited the island, said a New Zealander held at the facility told him that detainees had taken over the center.

"They have put holes in the walls, so even if they are rounded up and put back in the cells they actually can't be locked up," Davis told the Australian Broadcasting Corp.

The immigration department said the perimeter was secure.

Australia has taken a tough stance in recent years on asylum seekers who try to reach its shores illegally. Asylum seekers who pay people smugglers to take them in rickety boats to Australia from Indonesia are detained on Christmas Island and on the impoverished Pacific island nations of Nauru and Papua New Guinea. AP

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Julie Pace, White House Correspondent, Washington

USA-ISRAEL

Obama, Netanyahu look to mend fractured relationship

PRESIDENT Barack Obama and Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu were seeking to mend their fractured relationship at the White House yesterday, the first time they have talked face to face in more than a year.

Tensions over the U.S.-backed nuclear deal with Iran continue to strain ties between the longtime allies. But there's also little hope of progress on other matters, with U.S. officials downplaying the chance of a breakthrough in ongoing security talks and ruling out the prospect of a peace deal between Israelis and Palestinians before Obama leaves office in 14 months.

"The president has reached that conclusion that right now — baring a major shift — that the parties are not going to be in a position to negotiate a final status agreement," White House Middle East adviser Rob Malley said ahead of Netanyahu's arrival in Washington.

Even with the low expectations, the fact that Obama and Netanyahu are meeting at all is seen as an important step. While the two leaders have long had a chilly relationship, tensions boiled over earlier this year amid Obama's pursuit of the Iranian nuclear deal.

Netanyahu views Iran's nuclear program as an existential



Israel's Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu

threat to Israel and argued that the international agreement struck earlier this year leaves Tehran within reach of a bomb. The Israeli leader unsuccessfully

lobbied U.S. lawmakers to oppose the deal, even delivering a rare speech to Congress that infuriated the White House. Obama didn't meet the pri-

me minister when he traveled to Washington to address lawmakers, citing the proximity to Israeli elections that resulted in Netanyahu staying in power. The leaders also did not meet while Netanyahu was in the U.S. in September to speak to the United Nations General Assembly.

Officials in both governments have been discussing a new security agreement that could result in increased U.S. military assistance to Israel. U.S. officials said that while they were not expecting yesterday's talks to result in a final agreement, it was significant that the leaders planned to discuss the matter given that Netanyahu had refused to do so in the immediate aftermath of the nuclear agreement.

"We do believe it's very important that in an uncertain security environment, we are signaling our long-term commitment to Israel and its security, and are designing a package that is tailored to the threats and challenges that Israel will be facing over the course of the next decade," said Ben Rhodes,

Obama's deputy national security adviser.

U.S. officials say Obama will also express his commitment to a two-state solution between Israel and Palestinians, even as the White House acknowledges that elusive breakthrough won't occur before Obama leaves office in January 2017.

Officials said Obama would instead press Netanyahu on what could be done to avoid confrontations between Israelis and Palestinians in the absence of a peace deal. A new wave of violence broke out about two months ago, beginning with unrest at a major Jerusalem shrine revered by both Muslims and Jews, and quickly spreading to Israel, the West Bank and the Gaza border.

Netanyahu said he would discuss "possible progress with the Palestinians, or at least stabilizing the situation with them."

Israel has accused Palestinian political and religious leaders of inciting the violence. Palestinians say the violence is due to a lack of hope for gaining independence after years of failed peace efforts. **AP**

EGYPTIAN PLANE CRASH

Russia fears Islamic terror blowback over Syria amid Sinai downing

Ilya Arkhipov

AS evidence grows that a bomb may have downed a Russian passenger jet over Egypt, the Kremlin is focused on countering the threat of terrorism at home from Islamic State sympathizers.

Officials insist they were prepared for the risk of terrorist reprisals after President Vladimir Putin ordered air strikes against militants in Syria. Even if an attack on Russians abroad wasn't among their most likely scenarios, the loss of 224 lives in the Metrojet crash is underlining the importance of keeping a simmering domestic insurgency under control.

"We need to ring the alarm bells, there's a significant increase in the level of risk," said Rizvan Kurbanov, a member of parliament for Dagestan, a North Caucasus region



The mountains of south Sinai are viewed from the window during a flight to Cairo from Sharm el-Sheik, Egypt

that's experienced some of Russia's worst terrorism. "If the problem was a local one in the past, now it's in a number of other regions of the country."

An Islamic State affiliate claimed it blew up the jetliner that left Sharm el-Sheikh for St. Petersburg on Oct. 31, saying it was in retaliation for Russian bombing in Syria. Russians becoming the targets of international terrorism

adds another element of risk that Putin must navigate in his quest to restore his country's role in global affairs. He built his political strongman image while fighting home-grown attacks and the Kremlin will be keen to avoid a new wave of violence undermining support for the military campaign that began Sept. 30.

Russia's Federal Security Service says people sus-

pected of financing international terrorism, a term usually used to describe Islamic State and similar groups, have been found in 77 of the country's 85 regions. There's also been a steady stream of arrests of suspects linked to Islamic State, which was named as the prime target of the Syria air strikes.

"We understand of course that, with the start of this operation, all these terrorist organizations in Syria and those that morally and financially support them will try to activate groups in the underground who remain in Russia," Viktor Ozerov, chairman of the defense committee in the Federation Council, the upper house of parliament, said in an interview.

Russian authorities should set up a program to "conduct ideological warfare against Islamist terrorism," particularly on

the Internet, as children as young as 12 are playing at being militants in schools, said Kurbanov, a former top security official in Dagestan. "We know very well how to destroy and pre-empt" terrorists "though we're doing little to fight

their ideology."

Putin ordered Russian flights to Egypt halted on Friday to ensure "the safety of our citizens," his spokesman, Dmitry Peskov, told reporters. The U.S. and the U.K. said a bomb may have caused the plane crash in the Sinai desert, a view echoed by France. Egypt and Russia said they have no evidence for this, though they haven't ruled anything out and investigators are probing a last-second noise heard on the flight data recorder. **Bloomberg**

RUSSIAN ARTIST SETS SECURITY AGENCY'S DOOR ABLAZE

A RUSSIAN artist known for his radical performances has been detained after setting fire to the door of the headquarters of Russia's chief security agency. Russian news agencies quoted Pyotr Pavlensky's lawyer Olga Chavdar as saying his client was detained early yesterday. Pavlensky's associates released a video on his social media account that showed him standing next to the burning door

of Russia's main security agency FSB, holding a petrol canister. The building on Lubyanka square previously housed the KGB. Pavlensky said in the script accompanying the video that his performance was meant as a protest against FSB's heavy-handed tactics. In his arguably most shocking performance, Pavlensky in 2013 nailed his scrotum onto the cobblestones of the Red Square.

what's ON



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Offbeat

UNESCO REJECTS MEMBERSHIP FOR KOSOVO

Members of the U.N. cultural agency have narrowly rejected Kosovo's bid for membership, in a victory for Serbia and Russia and a blow to Kosovo's mission for global recognition as a state.

Most nations that participated in Monday's voting favored Kosovo's membership, with 92 "yes" votes and 50 "no" votes and 29 abstentions. According to UNESCO rules however, the bid needed the support of two-thirds of those voting, or 94 "yes" votes, said Stanley Mutumba Simataa, the Namibian diplomat presiding over the vote.

Kosovo has been recognized by 111 countries since it declared independence from Serbia in 2008. Russia, which backed Serbia in Kosovo's 1998-99 war for independence, has used its U.N. Security Council veto to block Kosovo from becoming a full U.N. member.

Kosovo has won membership in the World Bank and International Monetary Fund. The predominantly ethnic Albanian leadership had promised that if it became a UNESCO member, it would protect the cultural heritage of Serbs, despite tensions that have lingered since the war.

Serbia had warned that allowing Kosovo into UNESCO would fuel those tensions and hurt an EU-brokered dialogue aimed at normalizing ties between the former foes. **AP**

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23:00	TDM News
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05 Nov - 11 Nov



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ROOM 1

2.15, 6.45, 9.30 pm

Director: Sam Mendes

Starring: Daniel Craig, Christoph Waltz, Léa Seydoux

Language: English (Cantonese)

Duration: 148min

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ROOM 1

5.00 pm

Director: Jill Wong

Starring: Nina Paw, Helena Law, Susan Shaw

Language: Cantonese (Cantonese/English)

Duration: 86min

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ROOM 2

2.15, 4.45, 7.15 pm

Director: Ding Sheng

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

Language: Mandarin (English/Cantonese)

Duration: 134min

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ROOM 2

9.45 pm

Director: Jill Wong

Starring: Nina Paw, Helena Law, Susan Shaw

Language: Chinese (Cantonese and English)

Duration: 86min



SHE REMEMBERS, HE FORGETS

ROOM 3

2.30, 4.30, 7.30, 9.30 pm

Director: Wong Say Ping

Starring: Miriam Yeung, Jan Lamb

Language: Cantonese (Cantonese/English)

Duration: 110min

MACAU TOWER

05 Nov - 25 Nov

007 - SPECTRE

2.30, 4.45, 7.15, 9.30 pm

Director: Sam Mendes

Starring: Daniel Craig, Christoph Waltz, Léa Seydoux

Language: English (Cantonese)

Duration: 148min

this day in history



1982 BREZHNEV RUMORS SWEEP MOSCOW

Speculation is growing that Leonid Brezhnev, who has ruled the Soviet Union for the past two decades, has died. Suspicions that a senior Communist party figure had died were fuelled by a sudden change of the television schedules on Wednesday evening.

Light entertainment programs were replaced by somber documentaries about the Russian revolution and the Second World War. Newsreaders on the main evening news bulletin dressed in black but made no announcement of any death.

Mr Brezhnev was last seen in public on Sunday at the traditional Red Square parade in Moscow to mark the anniversary of the 1917 revolution. The 75-year-old leader had not looked well for several years but there was no indication of his imminent death.

Mr Brezhnev's failure to sign a public message of congratulations to Angola's president on Wednesday - Angola's national day - has fuelled belief he is dead. The Soviet leader normally signs messages to all "friendly" heads of states so the absence of his signature represents a previously unheard of breach of protocol.

If he has indeed died it will mark the end of an era for the Soviet Union. Leonid Brezhnev ousted Russia's former leader, Nikita Khrushchev, in a coup in 1964. He has since been in undisputed control of USSR and its 260 million people.

His control of the fates of another 120 million people in eastern-bloc Communist states was famously demonstrated by the crushing of an attempt to liberalise Czechoslovakia in 1968.

Despite his declining health his grip on power has never weakened and he has outlasted five American presidents. The delay in confirmation of Mr Brezhnev's death may mean his successor has not yet been chosen.

Commentators say the most likely candidate is Mr Brezhnev's closest colleague, Konstantin Chernenko.

Courtesy BBC News

IN CONTEXT

The following day an official announcement was made of Leonid Brezhnev's death. He had died of a heart attack early on Wednesday morning.

After five days of national mourning he was given a state funeral and buried in the Kremlin in Red Square.

Leonid Brezhnev was succeeded by another Communist hardliner, Yuri Andropov, the former head of the secret police.

In March 1985 Mikhail Gorbachev became leader of the Soviet Union.

He immediately began a policy of "glasnost" and "perestroika" - openness and restructuring.

Less than a decade later, in 1991, the Soviet Union was consigned to history when the Congress of People's Deputies voted for its dissolution.

YOUR STARS

Aries
Mar. 21-Apr. 19
You're being forced to put your more selfish impulses on hold. Should circumstances beyond your control qualify you for karmic points? You may be shooting yourself in the foot just by asking the question.

Taurus
April 20-May 20
Putting a positive spin on things has got to stop somewhere. But you're not there yet. Keep looking on the bright side. If nothing else, it will prime your pump for future profits.

Gemini
May 21-Jun. 21
If you've let your partner make all the financial decisions, you could have good reason to be upset with them. Find a way to convert all that anger into good energy and you could make a pretty penny.

Cancer
Jun. 22-Jul. 22
Someone isn't on the same page as you, in a big way. It's making being home a bit of a challenge. If money has more to do with happiness than you've always thought, at least it's not because of shallowness on your part.

Leo
Jul. 23-Aug. 22
You want your needs met by others, even if you can take care of everything yourself. It's just a matter of comfort, not necessity. Allow yourself the crutch today, if you can find someone willing.

Virgo
Aug. 23-Sept. 22
Funny how impulse buying goes up before it goes down in the face of bad financial news. You should already be in the cutting back phase, but you're still spending as if there's no tomorrow. Take a breath and relax.

Libra
Sep. 23-Oct. 22
The beauty of the situation should not be wasted on you. Balancing between success and failure is truly an art. The trick is in waiting patiently. Don't kid yourself that you're flirting with either.

Scorpio
Oct. 23 - Nov. 21
It's a time for thinking, not acting. That's because there's no way to make decisions rationally. With so much in the air, your best bet is to simply toss ideas back and forth.

Sagittarius
Nov. 22-Dec. 21
Give yourself extra time to think things through. Even a screaming deal is not what it seems. In fact, there's almost no way to see the big picture, because it's still forming.

Capricorn
Dec. 22-Jan. 19
If connecting with the money is becoming less and less likely no matter how much energy you're putting into it, it may be time to start something completely new. You're not giving up: Think of it as starting fresh.

Aquarius
Jan. 20-Feb. 18
Face it, you need help. Connect with someone who can give it to you. That won't happen if you stay aloof or act like there's nothing wrong, so start letting down your guard.

Pisces
Feb. 19-Mar. 20
You may have waited too long to settle any balances due you. Collecting now would be like trying to get blood from the proverbial stone. Consider the benefits of a write off.

THE BORN LOSER by Chip Sansom



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WEATHER

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Beijing	3	7	foggy
Harbin	-9	-1	snow shower/cloudy
Tianjin	4	12	cloudy
Urumqi	-3	6	clear
Xi'an	6	14	overcast/drizzle
Lhasa	-3	13	clear
Chengdu	12	18	overcast
Chongqing	15	19	drizzle
Kunming	8	21	clear
Nanjing	8	16	cloudy
Shanghai	12	16	overcast/cloudy
Wuhan	6	16	clear/drizzle
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Guangzhou	19	25	overcast
Hong Kong	23	26	cloudy

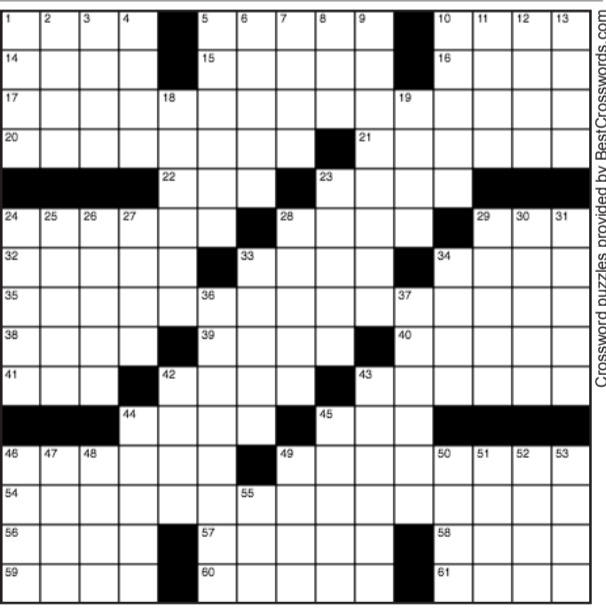
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Moscow	1	3	drizzle
Frankfurt	11	16	drizzle
Paris	9	16	cloudy
London	13	15	drizzle
New York	9	14	cloudy/moderate rain

CROSSWORDS

ACROSS: 1- Humorist Bombeck; 5- Capital on the Atlantic; 10- Entr'...; 14- Chits; 15- Light ...; 16- Person of action; 17- In spite of; 20- Work boot feature; 21- Indicates a direction; 22- Shelter; 23- They're fired; 24- Angora fleece; 28- Long luxuriant hair; 29- Actress Arthur; 32- Continental identity of a Chinese person; 33- 27th president of the U.S.; 34- Cauterize; 35- Direct; 38- Evens the score; 39- Stringed instrument; 40- Poker Flat chronicler; 41- Airline to Oslo; 42- Hoar; 43- Capital of United Kingdom; 44- Explosive weapon; 45- DC bigwig; 46- Relax; 49- Upper part of the intestines; 54- Make a trade?; 56- Spitting sound; 57- Varnish resin; 58- Put a lid ...; 59- Spanish muralist; 60- Celtic priest; 61- Mission control gp.;

DOWN: 1- Half of zwei; 2- Dig like a pig; 3- Silent; 4- Even ... speak...; 5- Hunting cat; 6- ... who lived in ...; 7- Not acid; 8- Small island; 9- Quilting; 10- ... Ababa; 11- Quarter, e.g.; 12- Camp sight; 13- Energy units; 18- "Fighting" Big Ten team; 19- Zero; 23- Faux pas; 24- Poles for sails; 25- Port of old Rome; 26- Takes on; 27- Small batteries; 28- Dull finish; 29- Facial hair; 30- Keep an ... the ground; 31- "As You Like It" forest; 33- Pollex; 34- Stately aquatic bird; 36- Saw fleetingly; 37- Girl in a Beach Boys song; 42- Womanizer; 43- Soviet leader Brezhnev; 44- Suit; 45- Finnish name of Finland; 46- Actor Omar; 47- Commedia dell'...; 48- Tart; 49- Mon ...; 50- North Carolina university; 51- 1492 vessel; 52- Israeli guns; 53- Intro to physics?; 55- Camera type, briefly



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MACAU GRAND PRIX

Defending champion admits 'winning in Macau requires luck'

REIGNING European Formula Three Champion and two-time winner of the Macau Grand Prix, Felix Rosenqvist, has said that "winning in Macau requires a massive amount of luck", ahead of the racing competition that will take to Macau's streets this month.



Felix Rosenqvist

Defending champion, Rosenqvist, has declared that he has nothing left to prove after his successes last year. Rosenqvist won the competition last year – a personal triumph for the Swedish racer – after failing to win the blue riband race on four previous occasions.

"Last year, I had a lot of pressure on me. I had a tough season in Europe and I needed to prove myself in Macau," Rosenqvist told the South China Morning Post. "This time around it's very different. I arrive without any pressure at all and I know what I'm capable of."

"Winning in Macau requires a massive amount of luck and you have this in the back of your mind all weekend, so if somebo-

dy else puts me out of the race, I won't grieve about it," the Swedish racer added.

Rosenqvist, who recently turned 24, will race with the Italian team, Prema Powerhouse, on November 22. For the third year, Prema Powerhouse is aligned with the Theodore Racing name established by Macau Grand Prix "godfather" Teddy Yip.

Rosenqvist is the only driver to have won the Macau Grand Prix, Masters of Formula Three twice, and the European F3 Championship. He aspires to race in Formula One in the future.

Competition is expected to be red-hot for this year's 62nd edition of the race, with several new faces seeking to make their mark on the challenging circuit.

266 players to participate in local badminton open

THIS year's Macau Open Badminton will feature a total of 266 players from 20 countries and regions, including China, the UK, Indonesia, Japan, Korea, and Malaysia.

Part of the BWF Grand Prix Gold Series, the tournament organized by the Badminton Federation of Macau is being held this month, from November 24 to 29 at the Tap Seac Multisport Pavilion. The international sporting event is described by organizers as a way to provide opportunities for Macau spectators to witness the world's top players and to enhance the popularity of the sport within the SAR.

The Macau team for this year consists of six male players and six female players who will participate in all categories except for the Mixed doubles.

The competition will be held across six days, where the respective stages of the five separate tournaments will be held in daily synchronization. The qualifying rounds will take place on November 24 with the



following two days reserved for the Rounds of 32 and Rounds of 16, respectively. The Quarter Finals will be held on November 27, the Semi-Finals on November 28, and the Finals and Prize Awarding Ceremonies on November 29.

The 10th Macau Open Badminton is the 11th BWF Grand Prix Gold Series tournament, one level below the Super Series, with the total prize money of MOP 1 million this year. The world ranking points of this tournament will also be included in the Rio 2016 Olympic Games Qualification Period.

Tickets for these events range from MOP150 to MOP400 per

person per day, depending on the date. Macau residents are entitled to receive a 50 percent discount, whereas non-residents can enjoy a 20 percent discount if they book before November 22.

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World Views

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VIRTUAL PRODUCTS ARE DRIVING TODAY'S JOB MARKET

The U.S. economy added an impressive 271,000 jobs in October, as you've surely heard. The industry that led the way was professional and business services, with an increase of 78,000. That was an especially good month, but this sector has been leading the way for the entire recovery, adding 3.4 million jobs since March 2010.

The rise of professional and business services goes back much further than that, actually. Here's employment in the sector since 1980 compared with manufacturing, which it has overtaken as a leading source of good jobs with better-than-average pay:

What exactly are these professional and business services? A bit of a grab bag.

Legal services is a big piece, but it has barely contributed to the past few years' gains. There are actually fewer people working at law offices and other legal-services organizations now than there were in 2002. What's been growing instead are computer-systems design, management consulting, temporary-help services, business-support services and accounting and bookkeeping services. Some of these are high-status, high-pay fields, some aren't. Put them all together, though, and average hourly pay in professional and business services was USD30.30 in October, compared with \$25.20 in the private sector overall.

The establishment data used here classifies jobs by what business the employer is in, not what kind of work the employee does. So the rise of professional and business services employment can be understood partly as a result of a restructuring of American corporations since the 1970s. Many things that used to be done in-house at manufacturers and other big corporations — from taking out the trash to running the computer systems to devising corporate strategy — have been outsourced to specialist providers. In the process, the professional and business services category has gained jobs.

That's not the only thing that's been going on, though. We all know that the U.S. economy has become increasingly services oriented. It also seems to be going increasingly virtual:

The tech industry in the U.S. is to a large extent no longer about tech products. It's about the software and systems that run on those products. Software publishing and Internet publishing and broadcasting and web search portals (that's an establishment category) show similar trajectories to computer-systems design, although they employ many fewer people.

Is this shift from tangible products to virtual ones a good thing or a bad thing? Average hourly pay is actually much higher in computer-systems design (\$44.38) than in computer and electronics manufacturing (\$34.22). And if software is eating the world, that seems like a good business to be moving more people into. But allowing computer and electronics manufacturing to move to other countries, mainly China, isn't risk-free. As Gary Pisano and Willy Shih put it in the Harvard Business Review back in 2009:

"The U.S. has lost or is in the process of losing the knowledge, skilled people, and supplier infrastructure needed to manufacture many of the cutting-edge products it invented."

We've got ever more management consultants, technical consultants and computer-systems designers, though. Let's hope they can see us through.

THE BUZZ FUTURE BRIGHT EXPECTS PROFIT NOSEDIVE

Future Bright Holdings Ltd stated yesterday that it expects to revert to a loss for the full year of 2015, following last year's profits of HKD168.8 million. The Hong Kong-listed company attributed the loss to reduced gains from an investment property in Macau and an impairment loss of HKD30.5 million due to the closure of 19 food court counters this year.

The Future Bright Group operates in two primary

sectors; property investment and the sales of food and beverage, the latter of which is primarily sold in Macau and mainland China. The weak performance from its food souvenir business, and the three restaurants and a food court in Zhuhai also contributed to the expected full-year net loss, the company added. The company has recorded an unaudited loss of HKD29.8 million over the first nine months of 2015.

Station	Air quality	
Roadside	20-40 Good	
High Density Residential Area	25-45 Good	
Ambient	20-40 Good	

SOURCE: DSMG

WADA report devastatingly critical of doping in Russia

In a devastatingly critical report, a World Anti-Doping Agency panel accused the Russian government yesterday of complicity in widespread doping and cover-ups by its track and field athletes and said they should all be banned from competition — possibly even next year's Olympics in Rio de Janeiro — until the country cleans up its act.

The report from a WADA commission that has been probing media allegations of widespread doping and deception in Russia — host of soccer's next World Cup — said even the country's intelligence service, the FSB, was involved, spying on Moscow's anti-doping lab, including during last year's Winter Games in Sochi.

The commission chaired by Dick Pound recommended that WADA immediately declare the Russian federation "non-compliant" with the global anti-doping code, and that the IAAF suspend the federation from competition.

"It's pretty disturbing," Pound said. "It's worse than we thought."

"It may be a residue of the old Soviet Union system," he added at a news conference in Geneva.

Pound said the doping could be called state-sponsored.



Canadian Richard Pound, Chairman of WADA's (World Anti-Doping Agency)

"They would certainly have known," he said of Russian officials.

The commission said the International Olympic Committee should not accept any entries from the Russian athletics federation until the body has been declared compliant with the code and the suspension has been lifted. Such a decision could keep Russian athletes out of next year's Olympics in Brazil.

If Russia doesn't clean up, "the outcome may be that there are no Russian track and field athletes in Rio," Pound said.

But he also said there may still be time for Russia to avoid that, if it starts reforming immediately.

"I think they can do it, I

hope they can," Pound said.

The commission accused the Russian state of complicity. It said its months-long probe found no written evidence of government involvement but it added: "It would be naive in the extreme to conclude that activities on the scale discovered could have occurred without the explicit or tacit approval of Russian governmental authorities."

The report said agents from the FSB even infiltrated Russia's anti-doping work at the Sochi Olympics. One witness told the inquiry that "in Sochi, we had some guys pretending to be engineers in the lab but actually they were from the federal security service."

Staff at Russia's anti-doping lab in Moscow believed their offices were bugged by the FSB and an FSB agent, thought to be Evgeniy Blotkin or Blokhin, regularly visited.

This was part of a wider pattern of "direct intimidation and interference by the Russian state with the Moscow laboratory operations," the report said.

Pound said Russian Sports Minister Vitaly Mutko must also have known.

"It was not possible for him to be unaware of it," Pound said. **AP**

THE DECISIVE MOMENT

Justin Chin/Bloomberg



An employee guides a horse as it swims in an equine swimming pool at the Sha Tin Racecourse, operated by Hong Kong Jockey Club, in Hong Kong, on Wednesday, Oct. 28. The HK Jockey Club is the city's sole provider of horse racing, football betting and lotteries.

WORLD BRIEFS



SWEDEN Levels of carbon dioxide and methane, the two most important greenhouse gases, reached record highs last year, continuing the warming effect on the world's climate, the U.N. weather agency said yesterday. CO2 levels rose to nearly 398 parts per million, from 396 ppm in 2013, the World Meteorological Organization said.

CONGO A firefight between rangers and poachers in Congo's Garamba National Park that left three rangers and an army colonel dead highlights the challenge of protecting wildlife in a part of Africa plagued by insurgencies, civil wars, refugee flows and weak governments.

JORDAN A Jordanian government spokesman says a Jordanian policeman opened fire Monday on foreign trainers at a police compound, killing two Americans and a South African before being shot dead.



CROATIA's conservative opposition has won the Balkan country's first parliamentary election since joining the European Union in 2013, but without enough votes to rule alone and with tough government negotiations looming. The state electoral commission said yesterday that with 99 percent of the vote counted, the conservatives, led by former intelligence chief Tomislav Karamarko, won 59 seats in the 151-seat parliament. The ruling Social Democrats, led by incumbent Prime Minister Zoran Milanovic, got 56 seats.

SPAIN The regional parliament of northeastern Catalonia approved a plan yesterday to set up road map for independence from Spain by 2017, in defiance of the central government. The Barcelona-based chamber passed the motion by 72 votes to 63.