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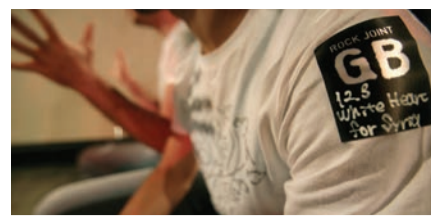
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CHINA will include another six destinations in its tax rebate scheme for overseas visitors to boost inbound tourism and consumption. Foreign tourists visiting Liaoning, Anhui, Fujian and Sichuan provinces, Tianjin Municipality and Xiamen City can enjoy value-added tax refunds on their purchases in specific shops starting from January.

SKOREA-JAPAN There's relief among South Korean and Japanese diplomats after the two countries announced an "irreversible" settlement of a decades-long standoff over Korean women forced into sexual slavery by Japan's World War II military.



MYANMAR Hundreds of people have staged a fifth day of protests against death sentences issued by a Thai court to two Myanmar men convicted of murdering a pair of British backpackers, but who are seen by many as scapegoats in the high-profile case. More on p12

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First of 17 detainees to be released from Guantanamo next week

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Adelson's purchase of newspaper mired in controversy

REPORTERS at The Las Vegas Review-Journal revealed Macau casino-owner and billionaire Sheldon Adelson as the buyer of their newspaper. Adelson's son-in-law had anonymously arranged the purchase of the broadsheet earlier this month.

According to the New York Times, Adelson's family secretly bought the newspaper for USD140 million through a shell company headed by executive Michael E. Schroeder, who had initially refused to reveal the new owners.

The revelation has prompted inquiries into the reasons behind Adelson's purchase. The paper is based in Nevada, home to Adelson's own Las Vegas Sands Corporation.

Concerns were heightened when three reporters were instructed to investigate three Nevada judges during the negotiations for the purchase of the Review-Journal.

The purchase of the Review-Journal signals a tectonic shift in the political landscape of Las Vegas and Nevada.

JOHN SMITH

One of the judges is currently overseeing a lawsuit against Adelson by a former executive of Sands Macau's operations.

In a statement published on the newspaper's website on December 22, the new owners pledged to operate in a "fair,



Sheldon Adelson

unbiased and accurate" manner, adding that the owners regard themselves "as stewards of this essential community institution" and that the paper will continue to serve the people of Las Vegas.

But the comments did little to alleviate anxieties at the newspaper, leading to the resignation of the Review-Journal's editor last week.

Additionally, the New York Times says that it has

received information from reporters at the Las Vegas Review-Journal indicating that their articles are being closely monitored and edited – allegedly to censor crucial information.

"The purchase of the

Review-Journal signals a tectonic shift in the political landscape of Las Vegas and Nevada and has the potential to reverberate all the way to the White House," wrote John Smith, a columnist at the newspaper.

Some have also alleged that Adelson might use the newspaper to promote his political allies – such as right-wing political parties in the U.S. and Israel, of which the billionaire is a known financial supporter – or even to promote the gaming interests of the Las Vegas Sands Corporation.

The Review-Journal is the latest in Adelson's series of media acquisitions. In 2007 he opened a free daily newspaper in Israel to bolster support for the country's Prime Minister, Benjamin Netanyahu, followed by the purchase of a small religious publication, Makor Rishon.

"I don't think anyone thinks he is doing this to benefit the Las Vegas community or Clark County," Alan Deutschman of the University of Nevada, told New York Times reporters, concluding that "everyone thinks this is in his [own] self-interest." **Staff reporter**

THE reclamation contract of Zone A has been formally extended from 2015 to 2017, according to a notice published in the Official Gazette this week.

The extension follows an announcement made by the Secretary for Transport and Public Works Raimundo do Rosário, who stressed earlier this month during the Policy Address debate that it would be impossible to complete all of the government's planned infrastructure measures in such a short time.

Authorities had initially scheduled the completion of the Zone A reclamation works, located in the Macau peninsula northeast, for last month. However, they failed to comply, allegedly due to a short supply of sand.

"I hope that there is sand in 2016. I do not know if it will be right at the beginning or the end of the year. It is merely my expectation. If we do not have sand, then we will proceed with

Zone A construction extended to 2017



This model depicts Reclamation Zone A, where 96,000 people are expected to live in 32,000 residential units that stretch along 138 hectares

the construction of a temporary bridge," said Raymundo do Rosario during the second day of the secretarial debate.

During the debate, do Rosário did not provide a deadline for the conclusion of the reclamation works. He explained

that he would not yet be able to fulfill all of the MSAR government's promises, due to the numerous works that still have to be completed by 2019. These range from public transport and housing to land management, taxis and more.

However, the consortium in charge of the construction says that there will be no change to the amount of money that will be used for the reclamation works, which is allegedly close to 1.9 billion patacas.

Due to the delay of the public housing projects planned for Zone A, the bridge will likely

open before the reclamation works are completed.

The secretary announced earlier that in the event of further delay to the reclamation works in Zone A, the government is willing to build a temporary bridge connecting the Macau peninsula directly to the HK-Zhuhai-Macau bridge.

PRO-DEMOCRACY GROUP SLAMS GOV'T FOR IDLE LAND

THE MACAU Community Development Initiative urged the government to retrieve three land plots that have passed the deadline for property development. The land resources, identified by the Commission Against Corruption (CCAC) in its report released last Thursday, have been idle for a long time. The group, which is linked

to the New Macau Association, attributed the issue to the authorities' inaction and demanded they publicize the information of all land swathes due for recovery. It also accused the officials in question of malfeasance. The above-mentioned land plots have a combined surface area of over 14,000 square meters.

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Billionaire Cheng transfers holdings to family, sells assets



Employees work inside a Chow Tai Fook Jewellery Group store in the Central district of Hong Kong

Dominic Lau and Daniela Wei

HONG Kong billionaire Cheng Yu-tung transferred some of his stock holdings to family funds and agreed to sell USD3.2 billion of Chinese property projects as the 90-year tycoon reorganizes his business empire for the next generation.

Cheng handed over shares valued at about HKD3.8 billion (USD490 million) in six Hong Kong-listed companies to a family investment firm called Chow Tai Fook Capital Ltd., according to regulatory filings late Monday. Separately, two Cheng-family companies said on Tuesday they'll sell property assets to Chinese billionaire Hui Ka Yan's Evergrande Real Estate Group Ltd.

The moves build on Cheng's efforts to put his affairs in order since he began stepping back almost four years ago, when he retired as chairman of his flagship company and put his son Henry in charge. Cheng's sprawling businesses range from real estate to jewelry and fashion.

"The point of all this is to pass his wealth on to the next generation," said Eddie Tam, Chief Executive Office of Hong Kong-based Central Asset Investment. Transferring the wealth early could be beneficial in terms of tax payments, he said.

The transfer of his holdings to Chow Tai Fook Capital took place on Dec. 21 and included stock in apparel retailer Giordano International Ltd., Hsin Chong Construction Group

■ Cheng was born in the southern Chinese city Shunde and later fled war-torn China for Macau

Ltd., Integrated Waste Solutions Group Holdings Ltd., Mongolia Energy Corp., New Times Energy Corp. and Shengjing Bank Co.

Shares of all the companies, except Shengjing Bank, have declined by more than 20 percent since February 2012, when Cheng stepped down as New World chairman.

Chow Tai Fook Capital owns 79 percent of Chow Tai Fook (Holding) Ltd., which in turn controls property developer New World Development and Chow Tai Fook Jewellery Group Ltd. Cheng, whose net worth is estimated at USD10.3 billion, was Hong Kong's fourth-richest man before the share transfers, according to the Bloomberg Billionaire Index.

The patriarch in early 2012 named his eldest son, Henry Cheng, as chairman of New World Development, which has businesses in property, infrastructure, hotels and retail. The elder Cheng was hospitalized in September 2012 and hasn't attended public events since. His son-in-law, Doo Wai-hoi, said last month that the elder Cheng's health was improving, the Hong Kong Economic Journal reported on Tuesday.

The son of a tailor, Cheng was born in the southern Chinese city Shunde and later fled war-torn China for Macau. He got his first job when he was 15 as an apprentice at the Chow Tai Fook gold shop that was founded by his future wife's family and expanded the jewelry chain in Hong Kong, according to Bloomberg Billionaire Index. Today, Chow Tai Fook Jewellery, which was listed in 2011, is one of the world's largest listed jewelry chains.

Maria Cheung, a spokeswoman for New World Development, said the company doesn't comment on transactions related to the Cheng family's personal investments and personal issues. Joanne Wong, spokeswoman of Chow Tai Fook Jewellery, couldn't be reached immediately by e-mail and phone. **Bloomberg**

Gov't releases reports on latest elections

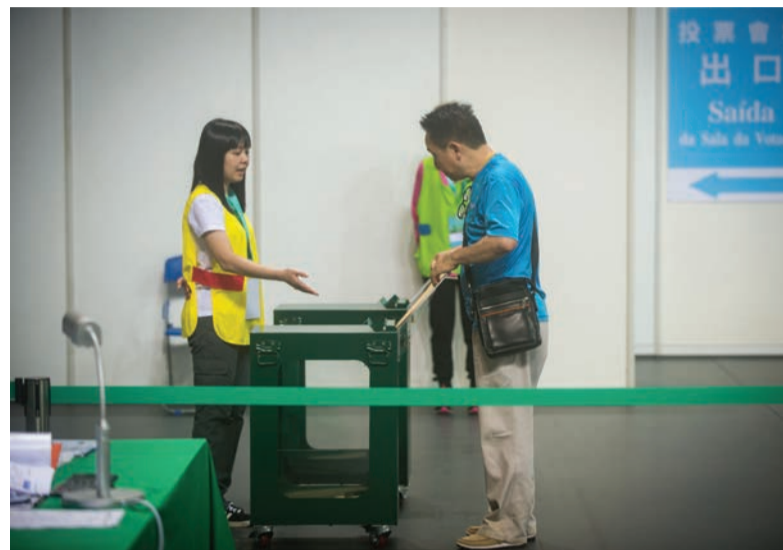
THE government will release two reports today on possible improvements to the operation of the last elections for the Chief Executive and the Legislative Assembly.

The reports, composed by members of the Electoral Affairs Commissions for both elections, pertain to the 2016 electoral regulation amendment and related bills, which will be released following a public consultation.

According to a statement issued yesterday by the Public Administration and Civil Service Bureau, the reports mainly seek to address the major issues identified by the members and offer corresponding solutions.

Currently, the administration is reviewing the analyses in the reports and collating the opinions offered by the Commission Against Corruption and the Public Prosecutions Office.

The reports explore issues such as improved commission management, the locations of poll stations, the balloting process, and scrutiny



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over funds linked to the elections.

In several recent elections, candidates running for the legislature election were accused of bribing supporters with banquets, gifts, favors and even cash. However, due to the flawed regulations, the anti-graft agency faced challenges in bringing the offenders to justice.

The reports will be available for perusal today on www.eal.gov.mo and www.ece.gov.mo.

CRIME

College student falls prey to new phone scam

A college student has lost MOP160,000 to an unknown group from the mainland in a new telephone scam, according to the Judiciary Police.

The female local student, in her early 20s, hid herself in an undisclosed location after she was told in a call that police authorities had withheld a parcel she had sent because it contained inappropriate objects.

The caller, who identified him or herself as from the mainland, requested that the student seek shelter in a location not known to anybody.

In the meantime the scammers approached her family, who were on the mainland at that time, and fabricated that the victim had been kidnapped and requested a ransom for her release.

The family subsequently remitted the requested sum to the unknown group only to later realize that it was a hoax.



It remains unclear how the scammers obtained the family's information.

The police urged citizens to stay vigilant while receiving calls purportedly from mainland police authorities, which they said would not make direct calls requesting the transfer of funds.

Since last year the number of mainland phone scams has been on the rise, often involving the impersonation of mainland security authorities and post office personnel.

ONE SHOT NEWS



Award-winning Australian photographer, Richard Woldendorp, will share his passion for aerial photography in an upcoming talk at Creative Macau in March. For the past 45 years, 88-year-old Woldendorp, who is also an author, has captured landscape images and specialized aerial photography.



Border crossings leap 9pct over Christmas

IMMIGRATION authorities have presented the figures of the recorded movement of people crossing the Macau border's seven immigration checkpoints over the Christmas season. A total of 3.3 million people crossed the borders between December 20 and 26 this year, representing a year-on-year growth of about 9 percent.

Around 1.1 million were tourist arrivals, representing a growth of 9.92 percent year-on-year.

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In 2014, the total number of tourist arrivals reached 1.3 million for the period between December 20 and 28, representing a growth of 7.78 percent when compared with 2013.

The Border Gate continues to be the most popular checkpoint, with over 2.4 million people (73.16 percent of the total) crossing the Gate both ways.

There was also a decrease in the number of arrivals and departures via the Maritime Terminals of both Outer Harbor and Taipa (Temporary Ferry Terminal), while the Cotai checkpoint registered increased human traffic between the territory and the neighboring region of Zhuhai. **RM**

'Tourist police' on the horizon

THE Macau Security Forces Training College (ESFSM) announced a tourist-friendly training plan that aims to improve the police officers' services for the tourist population.

The measure follows a recent announcement made during the Policy Address debate, where it was hinted that authorities could establish a "tourist police." Secretary for Security Wong Sio Chak said then that additional manpower would be deployed to major tourist attractions next year, with specific crowd control and crime prevention duties.

Public Security Police Force commissioner Leong Man Cheong added that police officers with higher language proficiency are among the poten-

tial candidates for enlistment into the ever-expanding team.

The training courses will focus on three areas: communication, social matters and cultural knowledge of Macau. Subjects include Mandarin, English, Portuguese, International Etiquette, Customer Service, Emotional Management, History of Macau and basic knowledge of the Macau World Heritage Sites.

The classes will be provided in collaboration with the Institute for Tourism Studies (IFT), Public Administration and Civil Service Bureau (SAFP) and the Portuguese Institute of the Orient (IPOR).

Starting in 2016, there will be eight training courses in total, with each course slated to run for 70 hours.




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HERITAGE

Traditional pawnshop exhibition reopens in January



The former Tak Seng On Pawnshop

THE Heritage Exhibition of a Traditional Pawnshop Business will be open to the public from 1 January to showcase the history of Macau's pawnshop business. The exhibition venue was formerly the Tak Seng On Pawnshop.

To preserve this part of Macau's cultural heritage, the Cultural Affairs Bureau (IC) undertook the restoration of Tak Seng On in 2000. In the process, the old architectural exterior design of the pawnshop, the internal decorations, as well as the instru-

ments and procedures required for a pawnbroker's business records, were reinstated in accordance with the basic layout of the early period of the Republic of China.

The venue is the first industrial museum jointly operated by the government and a private entity. It received an Honorable Mention in the UNESCO 2004 Asia-Pacific Awards for the Conservation of Cultural Heritage. It was also selected as an Urban Best Practices Area by the Shanghai World Expo 2010.

IC launches cultural and creative map

THE Cultural Affairs Bureau (IC) is preparing to launch the 2016 edition of the Macau Cultural and Creative Map (CCM Map) to further promote Macau's cultural and creative industries to residents and tourists. A mobile application will be launched in tandem with the CCM Map.

The map will display cultural and creative spaces in the SAR as selected from the Database of Cultural and Creative Industries.

The existing edition of the CCM Map covers the city's seven parishes, and highlights local cultural and creative entities in those areas through dynamic illustrations and



simple text. It also includes information about World Heritage sites, museums and bus routes.

According to the IC, the map is distributed in over 160 locations throughout Hong Kong, including at border checkpoints, museums, hotels, travel agencies and cultural and creative entities.

GAMING

Bulls return to Melco Crown as revenue mix offsets Macau slump

Ye Xie and Bonnie Cao

AFTER a nearly two-year slump, some analysts are saying the worst is over for Melco Crown Entertainment Ltd. Macau's fourth-largest casino operator has been accumulating buy ratings after the total number of them slumped to a four-year low in September, according to data compiled by Bloomberg. Since then, banks including Daiwa Securities and HSBC Holdings Plc. upgraded the stock, while Gabelli & Co. initiated coverage, advising clients to buy. That made 13 analysts with bullish calls.

Melco Crown, which has dropped 62 percent in New York from a peak in March 2014, is seen rebounding as it focuses on mass-market players instead of the high rollers who have been avoiding the gambling enclave amid a government crackdown on corruption and illegal money transfers. The opening of the USD3.2 billion Studio City casino resort in Macau and expansion in the Philippines and other neighboring nations provide more diversified revenue, according to the analysts who recently turned bullish on the stock.

"Melco is a little different from some of the other Macau operators," Brian Egger, a Bloomberg Intelligence analyst, said by phone from New York. "It's certainly more exposed to the segment of the market that is more stable," and with the opening of new projects, "there's at least some underpinning of hoping," said Egger, who doesn't make recommendations on stocks.

The stock has risen 24 percent to \$16.87 from a three-year low on Sept. 29, reducing its decline in 2015 to 33 percent. Short interest slipped to 10 percent of outstanding shares on Dec. 24, near the three-year high of 11 percent it touched a week earlier, accor-



Melco Crown opened the Hollywood-themed Studio City on Oct. 27

ding to data compiled by Bloomberg and Markit.

Macau is going through its worst downturn on record as China's slowing economy and a crackdown on corruption deterred high-stakes gamblers from

Hollywood-themed Studio City on Oct. 27 featuring a Batman ride, a Ferris Wheel in the shape of a figure-8 and other attractions as part of a strategy to reduce its reliance on gambling. Its City of Dreams Manila, which

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BRIAN EGGER

visiting the city. Gross gaming revenue fell for the 18th straight month in November.

While Melco's earnings have slumped, the downturn is showing signs of abating. Third-quarter profit fell 22 percent to \$237 million, beating the median forecast of five analysts surveyed by Bloomberg. Mass-market gaming revenue overtook the VIP segment for the first time during the period.

Billionaire chairman Lawrence Ho said at a briefing after the November earnings announcement that the worst is over for Melco Crown. While the VIP segment will be challenging in 2016, the mass market has stabilized "and should see some reasonable growth hopefully," he said.

Melco Crown opened the

ch opened in February and contributed 10 percent of revenue in the third quarter, will become a "meaningful contributor of value" by 2017, Adam Trivison, an analyst at Gabelli & Co., wrote in a Dec. 9 research report initiating coverage of the company.

HSBC analyst Charlene Liu raised the stock to buy from hold in October, less than one month after Jamie Soo at Daiwa upgraded it to outperform from underperform. In all, 13 analysts now advise clients to buy Melco Crown, compared with 10 who rate it hold and three who say sell. The average 12-month price target is \$20.11, implying a potential 19 percent return from Monday's closing price. **Bloomberg**

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CHINA
Second shipping related merger approved

CHINA has approved another strategic restructuring of two state-owned shipping-related conglomerates, the second such move in the state sector this month as the government steps up efforts to shrink industries plagued by overcapacity and create globally competitive businesses.

Sinotrans & CSC Holdings Co. will become a wholly owned subsidiary of China Merchants Group Ltd. and will cease to be directly controlled by the State-Owned Assets Supervision and Administration Commission, the agency also known as SASAC, said Tuesday on its website. Sinotrans Ltd. said Sinotrans & CSC Holdings will remain its controlling shareholder, but it will be a listed subsidiary of China Merchants. No financial details were provided.

"The reorganization aims to achieve economies of scale and synergies in particular in the areas of logistics, energy and bulk shipping, property development, ports and marine and off-shore engineering between the two groups to speed up the development of an internationally competitive leading enterprise," Sinotrans Ltd. said in a filing to the Hong Kong Exchange.

The announcement comes after SASAC on Dec. 11 approved a reorganization of China Ocean Shipping Group and China Shipping Group, with combined revenue of more than USD40 billion. Shipping companies in other countries also are exploring mergers and acquisitions amid a slump in global freight rates.

Zuckerberg makes personal appeal for free Internet in India

Siddharth Philip

FACEBOOK Inc. Chairman Mark Zuckerberg made a personal appeal in one of India's leading newspapers for the country to allow a free Internet service that has stirred controversy and invited questions from regulators.

Facebook's proposed Free Basics plan allows customers to access the social network and other services such as education, health care, and employment listings from their phones without a data plan. Yet activists say the program threatens the principles of net neutrality and could change pricing in India for access to different websites.

The backlash in India centers on net neutrality, the principle that all Internet websites should be equally accessible. Critics accused the world's largest social networking company of favoring a limited swath of the Internet and excluding rival services. And Facebook's broader Internet.org initiative, including Free Basics, is seen as an effective way to draw more users onto a social network already used by over a billion people.

"We haven't got a problem with free Internet as long as it's open to all. Free Basics is just a way of locking in users into the Facebook ecosystem. There's no Google, no YouTube," said Mahesh Murthy, a venture capitalist who co-founded Seedfund and marketing startup Pinstorm. "It can't be that the rich get access to the entire Internet and the poor



Mark Zuckerberg

get access only to Facebook."

Zuckerberg's Facebook is spending billions of dollars on Internet.org, including projects to deliver the Web to under-served areas via drones, satellites and lasers. The billionaire co-founder has said Facebook or its partners will not make money off this initiative and that the goal is to bring Internet access to the developing world and alleviate poverty.

"This isn't about Facebook's commercial interests - there aren't even any ads in the version of Facebook in Free Basics," Zuckerberg wrote in an opinion piece in the Times of India. "If people lose access to free basic services they will simply lose access to the opportunities offered by the Internet today."

This month, the Telecom Regulatory Authority of India asked in a "consultation paper" whether telecommunications service providers should be allowed to charge different pricing for data usage on websites, applications and platforms. The initial comment

If people lose access to free basic services they will simply lose access to the opportunities offered by the Internet today.

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period for the Indian consultation paper ends today.

Activists have argued that Free Basics is a "land grab on government property" and that with data rates in India already being low, eventually "everybody will be on the full and open Internet."

With two days to go before the deadline on comments, Facebook is scrambling to drum

up support for Free Basics, a program already offered in 37 countries from Bangladesh to Zambia.

Beyond Zuckerberg's op-ed, his company has taken out full-page advertisements to make its case. One features a smiling Indian farmer and his family who the ads say used new techniques to double his crop yield.

It's started a "Save Free Basics In India" campaign, asking Indian users to support "digital equality" by filling out a form that shoots an e-mail to regulators. That also has the effect of sending notifications to users' friends unless they opt out.

"There's just a tremendous opportunity in India," Zuckerberg told students at the Indian Institute of Technology in New Delhi in October. "If there are a billion people who are not connected, then this is one of the biggest opportunities I think to help develop the economy here and to help obviate poverty and really lift up a lot of folks." Bloomberg

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SHERATON ANNOUNCES CNY AND VALENTINE'S FEASTS

The Sheraton Macao Hotel has announced a new range of festive cuisines at their "Xin" restaurant for the Chinese New Year (CNY) holidays and Valentine's Day, including a "Prosperity Hotpot Set" and a "Valentine's Luxury Lobster Set."

The Prosperity Hotpot Set is available from February 8 to 12 and will include gigantic oysters, Japanese beef karubi, abalone and sea cucumbers, amid a variety of other seafood offerings.

The Valentine's Luxury Lobster Set offers customers the chance to sample fresh Boston lobster, followed by a "decadent" dessert buffet to celebrate Valentine's Day.

In addition, the Sheraton has



announced the launch of CNY hampers and CNY cakes, which are available for purchase

at the "Xin" and "Palms" restaurants for MOP1,588 and MOP328, respectively.

1,200 JOIN GEG'S GAMING AWARENESS WEEK

Galaxy Entertainment Group (GEG) has launched its third "Responsible Gaming Awareness Week" to raise employees' awareness of gambling-related risks.

This year's awareness week, themed "How much do you know about responsible gaming?", attracted more than 1,200 employees.

The five-day campaign featured activities such as quizzes, a word game and a workshop.

Volunteers from Associação de Juventude Voluntária de Macau (AJVM) were invited to provide employees of GEG with information on responsible gaming. AJVM set up booths at GEG's properties including StarWorld Hotel, Galaxy Macau, and Broadway Macau.



GEG also invited social workers from Sheng Kung Hui Gambling Counseling and Family Wellness Center to educate employees on assisting

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Since GEG's first awareness week in 2013, more than 2,600 employees have participated in the campaign.

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Germany funds projects in Cape Verde

GERMANY will pay for the reconstruction of the headquarters of the Natural Park of Fogo Island (PNF), announced Cape Verde's Minister of Rural Development, Eva Ortet, cited by news agency Inforpress.

The headquarters of the Natural Park of the island of Fogo, whose construction cost about 120 million escudos, were destroyed following a volcanic eruption on the island just a few months after its inauguration.

The minister, who at the time was also delivering irrigated plots, and livestock and cheese production equipment to the families of Chã das Caldeiras, said

that Germany would also pay for construction of a road and soil and water conservation work as well as the development of fruit growing in the Montinho area.

The road project, whose construction cost is estimated at 600 million escudos, was drawn up over 10 years ago, as part of a project to preserve the island's natural resources, which was also funded by Germany.

At the same ceremony, the Mayor of São Filipe, Luis Pires, announced negotiations were underway with the German Bank for Reconstruction to extend the runway of the island's airfield.

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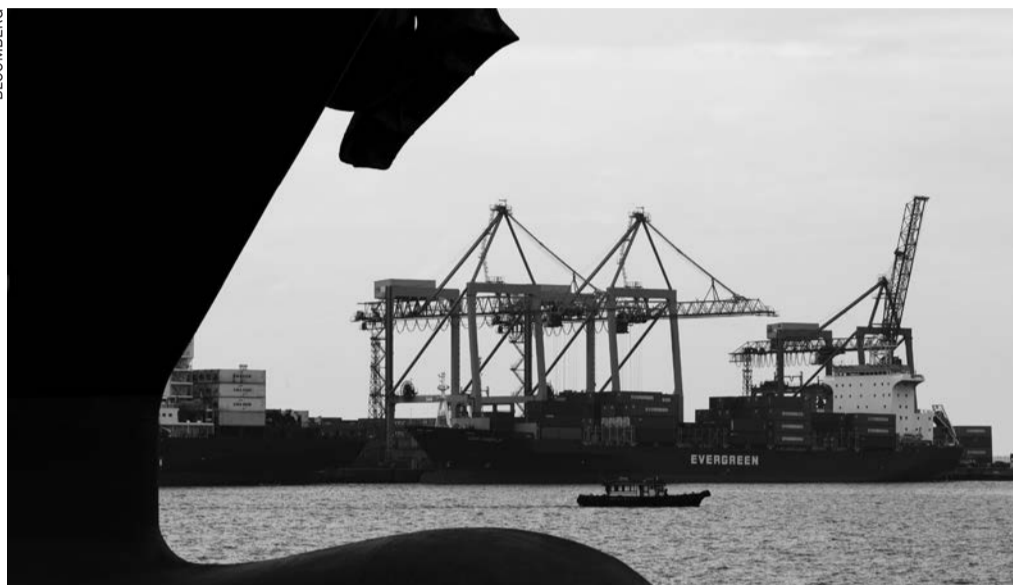
Deep-water port of Cabinda expected to start construction in 2016

CONSTRUCTION of the deep-water port of Cabinda in Caio Litoral, is scheduled to start in the first quarter of 2016, said the president of the Port of Cabinda, Nazareth Neto.

Cited by state newspaper Jornal de Angola, Neto said construction of the port was his company's most important construction project and said conditions were in place for work to begin, "after overcoming all the constraints experienced in 2015."

In 2016 the port company also plans to undertake other works including construction of the breakwater along the coastal area of Cabinda, in order to slow down the huge waves that affect the region, making it safer for ships to dock and unload and load goods.

There are also plans to build a Sea Passenger Ter-



minal, taking into account the national program to transport Cabinda residents to other parts of the country and mainly to operate routes between Cabinda, Soyo and Luanda.

The future deep-water port will have a minimum draft of 12.5 meters, which is

enough to receive large ships arriving from Nigeria, South Africa and other countries, as well as ships in the service of the oil companies.

The first phase, with an estimated cost of USD600 million, includes a terminal with a 675-metre quay for large ships, 31 hectares

of land area developed and includes a breakwater to protect against winds and waves.

When the work is complete the port is expected to receive over 50,000 containers per year, compared to 26,000 at the moment. MDT/Macauhub

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Activists welcome China's 1st domestic violence law

ACTIVISTS largely welcomed China's first national anti-domestic violence law on Monday, although some criticized the apparent omissions of sexual violence and gay couples.

The law approved Sunday by China's legislature will take effect in March, the official Xinhua News Agency reported.

Women's federations and civil organizations have been pushing for a law to protect victims of domestic violence for more than 10 years. In that time, almost all the country's provinces have instituted regulations against domestic violence.

Part of the battle was a traditional belief that family conflicts are private, which an official alluded to at a news conference on Sunday

when announcing the law.

"Relations between family members are complex, it is this complexity that has caused us much delay in promulgating this law," said Guo Linmao, a member of the legislative affairs commission of the legislature.

Xinhua said the law defines domestic violence as physical, psychological and other harm inflicted by family members with beatings and verbal threats listed as examples. It protects married partners, children and the elderly, as well as cohabiting heterosexual couples.

People in immediate danger can file for a personal protection order that can require the abuser to move out of the home and the

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GUO LINMAO

court must rule within 72 hours.

Longtime campaigner Feng Yuan welcomed the law, but said it doesn't protect gay partners or state clearly whether sexual violence is covered.

"It cites physical and psychological violence, but it does not say clearly whether sexual violence is also violence," she said.

At least one in four women in China is estimated to have been a victim of domestic violence at some point in her life, surveys show, with the rate in rural areas as high as two out of every three women. The violence takes many forms, from physical and sexual assault to emotional abuse or economic deprivation. **AP**

TWO men were detained in Shenzhen for spreading a rumor that hundreds of terrorists have arrived in the city, police said, just days before a new law banning false terror information goes into effect.

Police in the Shenzhen city district of Guangming said Monday that two executives of an unspecified local company were detained after they posted the rumor-containing notice at their firm.

A photo posted by the police shows the notice warning company employees that 300 people from the far northwestern region of Xinjiang who were trained by the Islamic State group had arrived in the city.

Xinjiang is home to members of the Muslim minority Uighur community. Uighurs (pronounced WEE-gurs) have been involved in several violent attacks denounced as part of global terrorism by Chinese authorities, although critics say it is more likely to be home-grown under Beijing's repressive

2 men detained in Shenzhen for spreading terrorist rumor



ethnic and religious policies and practices in Xinjiang.

The violence, which has left hundreds of people dead in and outside Xinjiang over the past several years, has prompted Beijing to launch an anti-terror campaign in Xinjiang and, most recently, to approve the country's first anti-ter-

rorism law.

The law, which takes effect on Friday, bans fabrication of terror information. The law says that in times of possible terror attacks, only China's anti-terrorism leadership agencies can release information on how the attacks occurred, developed and are dealt with.

More Chinese students seeking US community college degrees



A student in China

WEALTHY Chinese undergraduates aren't the only ones looking to get a college degree in the U.S. So are a growing number of Chinese students from lower middle-class families who are enrolling in community colleges.

The number of Chinese students in U.S. community colleges has increased from 2,500 in 2007 to more than 16,200, The Los Angeles Times reported.

Many are searching for an alternative to China's high-pressure and overcrowded educational system.

Thousands of Chinese students from affluent families enroll in U.S. colleges each year. But for every Chinese student who shows up with unimaginable wealth, there are several who are struggling financially, said Amy Yan, assistant director of the international student center at Pasadena City College.

"It is a stereotype that all Chinese students are rich and have (Mercedes) Benzes and Bentleys. It's just not true," she said. "It's just that the rich students show off more."

According to a 2014 report by the Los Angeles County Economic Development Corp., nearly half of the 20,000 students from China studying in LA County attended community colleges.

In China, intermediary agencies are marketing U.S. community colleges as a stepping stone to a four-year university course.

"It used to be that only the top students could come to the U.S.," Michael Wan, chief executive of the Irvine-based Wenmei Education Consulting Group, told the newspaper. "Now, anybody with money can come."

Some in academia worry community colleges are not equipped to handle the growing number of international students. University of California regents voted earlier this year to cap the number of out-of-state and international students at UCLA and UC Berkeley.

Meanwhile, supporters note foreign students contribute billions to the U.S. economy and expose students to other cultures and help them build international networks.

Chinese students say they are attracted to the freedom the U.S. educational system offers in comparison to their country's more rigid approach.

Lantian Xiang, the only child of two white-collar workers from Hunan Province, said he found the pressure of taking the Chinese college entrance exam stifling. He ended up attending Pasadena City College and is now a third-year financial actuarial mathematics major at UCLA.

"I wanted to have an experience in a foreign country," said Xiang, 22. "And I wanted to figure out what my heart wanted." **AP**

CHINA boasts the world's largest nuclear power capacity under construction as it strives to reduce pollution from coal-burning generators, an official said yesterday.

The approved nuclear power projects that are currently under construction will be able to provide 32.03 million kilowatts of energy, said Nur Bekri, head of the National Energy Administration. In 2015, projects worth 8.2 million kilowatts were put

World's largest nuclear power capacity under construction

into operation and projects set to generate 8.8 million kilowatts were approved for construction, he added.

China currently has a 25.5 million kilowatt operating capacity. According to a Xi-

Rapid nuclear power growth halted after Fukushima disaster

nhua report, the country aims to raise the total installed nuclear power to 58 million kilowatts by 2020, as per an energy development action plan released by the State Council in 2014.

China saw rapid nuclear power growth in recent years, but suspended approval of new programs after the 2011 nuclear disaster in Fukushima, Japan.

The country restarted nuclear power plant construction in 2014 in a bid to increa-



se clean energy production and consumption.

"China will promote the development of nuclear power in a secure and efficient

way," said the Communist Party of China Central Committee in its proposals for the 13th Five-year Plan (2016-2020). **Xinhua**

Several nuclear plants close to Macau

A controversial nuclear waste plant in Jiangmen, some 90km north of Macau, was scheduled to commence construction at the end of 2013. The plan to build the structure on the south bank of the Yangzi river was scrapped after public protest.

The nuclear plants closest to Macau are located in Yangjiang (Guangdong province) and Shenzhen (Daya Bay plant). The first is currently undergoing expansion. The Yangjiang nuclear plant's six units are expected to generate 48 billion kwh of electricity a year, after commencing commercial operations in 2019. **MDT**

Anti-terror law raises practical concerns: Europe Chamber

THE vague wording of China's new counter-terrorism law raises concerns about how telecommunications carriers and network service providers will be expected to implement the regulations in practice, the European Chamber of Commerce in China said yesterday.

The law, approved by the legislature this week and effective from Jan. 1, requires technology companies to assist authorities by providing encryption keys - a condition that's sparked U.S. criticism it could disadvantage foreign players.

While the new law dropped requirements in earlier drafts for technology companies to submit encryption codes and other sensitive data for pre-vetting, it indicates that firms will have to hand over that material if requested.

"The more general language requiring telecom carriers and network service providers to carry out preventative measures, implement supervisory systems and prevent the dissemination of terrorist or extremist information still leaves concern about how companies will be expected to carry out this in practice," the chamber



said in its statement.

The law is seen as part of a broader national strategy to purge most foreign technology from the banks, state-owned enterprises and the military by 2020. Chinese President Xi Jinping said this month that cyber-scrutiny is necessary and urged nations to respect each other's sovereignty over the Internet.

An initial draft of the law required foreign companies to keep servers and user data within China, but the clause was removed from the latest edition.

"The final version of the Anti-Terrorism Law reflects this concern in part by removing the language on encryption reviews and ser-

ver/data localization that was present in a previous draft," the chamber said.

The group said it hopes such new regulations "will not limit market access to European companies, impinge upon intellectual property rights, or create ambiguity in terms of compliance."

In January, 17 U.S. business groups sent a letter to key officials including U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry, calling for immediate action to reverse the law. The groups said the law threatened the ability of U.S. companies to participate in China's USD465 billion market for information technology products if fully implemented. **Bloomberg**

PetroChina says Beijing, HK natural gas supplies resume

PETROCHINA Co. said it has unloaded a liquefied natural gas cargo near Beijing, easing a shortage of the fuel in northern China, while also restarting pipeline supplies in the south toward Hong Kong that were disrupted last week by a landslide.

With the unloading of a LNG cargo at the Tangshan terminal in northern China, the supply tightness in the region has been "greatly alleviated," PetroChina spokesman Mao Zefeng said by phone. The LNG cargo, imported to meet peak gas demand in the Chinese capital, couldn't be unloaded earlier because of heavy fog and wind, he said.

Separately, the company's pipeline gas supply to Hong Kong has returned to normal, Mao said. The landslide accident in Shenzhen last week damaged a pipeline that supplied the Lung Kwu Tan power plant in Tuen Mun, which accounts for a quarter of Hong Kong's electricity, according to ICIS China, a Shanghai-based commodities researcher.

CLP Holdings Ltd., an electricity supplier in Hong Kong and a PetroChina cus-

tommer, said in an e-mail yesterday that gas supplies from mainland China haven't been restored and the company is working with the gas supplier to repair the pipeline. PetroChina's Mao didn't answer two calls to his mobile phone

The landslide accident in Shenzhen last week damaged a pipeline that supplied HK

and didn't immediately reply to an e-mail seeking a response to CLP's statement.

Beijing ordered offices to reduce heating to as low as 14 degrees Celsius (57 degrees Fahrenheit) and suspended supplies to some industrial users in response to the shortage of natural gas. The lowest temperatures in more than six decades in northern China is leading to a surge in natural gas consumption, according to China National Petroleum Corp., PetroChina's parent. **Bloomberg**

Foster Klug and Hyung-Jin Kim,
Seoul

Relief, anger, indifference over SKorea-Japan sex slave deal

A day after trumpeting an “irreversible” settlement of a decades-long standoff over Korean women forced into sexual slavery by Japan’s WWII military, there’s relief among South Korean and Japanese diplomats, fury among activists and many of the elderly victims and general public indifference in both countries.

Both sides compromised on Monday’s surprise deal, so no one got everything they wanted. Nationalists in Japan are angry over Prime Minister Shinzo Abe’s apology. Some South Koreans say President Park Geun-hye settled for far too little money — about USD8 million — and that Japan still hasn’t taken legal responsibility for atrocities during its colonial occupation of the Korean Peninsula from 1910 to 1945.

But the apparent finality of the deal — both sides called the matter “resolved finally and irreversibly,” if faithfully implemented — has been largely accepted so far, after decades of the issue ruining ties between the two powerful Northeast Asian democracies.

Historians say tens of thousands of women from around Asia, many of them Korean, were sent to front-line military brothels to provide sex to Japanese soldiers. But only 46 known former Korean sex slaves, most in their late 80s and 90s, still live, and with time running out and with frustration growing, this deal is seen by many here as the best to be had from a hawkish Abe government.

“Insisting that Japan take legal responsibility is the same thing as saying we don’t want to resolve the issue of comfort women,” said Jin Chang Soo, an analyst at the Sejong Institute think tank, who called the deal an important step forward.

There’s also a recognition that Washington, which is Seoul’s military protector and ally, has pushed more forcefully for a detente between the neighbors, which together play host to 80,000 U.S. troops and are key bulwarks as China rises and North Korea threatens.



South Korean First Vice Foreign Minister Lim Sung-nam, left, explains the government’s position at talks with former sex slaves Kim Bok-dong, second left, Gil Won-Ok, center, and Lee Yong-su, second right

The reaction yesterday among people in both countries has been low-key: a sparsely attended anti-Japan rally in Seoul, a few dozen right wingers in Tokyo, but little media or public outcry, and nothing like the thousands who choked Seoul’s streets in outrage in 2008 after a beef deal with the U.S. raised fears of mad cow disease.

The story’s popularity on South Korean news sites was surpassed yesterday by other domestic stories, including a business tycoon’s revelation of a love child and his plans to divorce the daughter of a former president.

In the sex slave deal, Abe expressed “his most sincere apologies and remorse” to the women. Japan also agreed to contribute 1 billion yen (\$8.3 million) for a foundation to help support the victims. The

money will come from the national budget, not private sources, a distinction Tokyo has resisted in the past.

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Japan, however, doesn’t consider the 1 billion yen as compensation, saying such issues

were settled in a 1965 treaty that restored diplomatic ties and was accompanied by more than \$800 million in economic aid and loans from Tokyo to Seoul.

Seoul, meanwhile, said it will refrain from criticizing Japan over the issue and will try to resolve Japan’s grievance over a statue of a girl representing victims of sexual slavery that sits in front of the Japanese Embassy in downtown Seoul.

At a care home in Seoul where some former wartime sex slaves live, senior Foreign Ministry official Lim Sung-nam was interrupted and chastised by an elderly victim as he apologized for failing to tell the women about Seoul’s consultations with Tokyo in advance.

“Japan’s Abe should say that what his country did was illegal and beg for forgiveness in front of reporters,” said another

victim, Kim Bok-dong, 88.

One of the women interviewed Monday said she would accept the deal reluctantly because she knew the South Korean government made efforts to settle the issue.

In Tokyo, about 180 members of a rightist group, Ganbare Nippon, chanted, “Your act of selling out the country is unforgivable,” and “Retract it!” One wore a placard saying, “The military use of comfort women is a fiction by Korea.”

A handful of people gathered in Seoul near the statue of the girl representing sex slaves.

“We want to see the prime minister kneel down before this girl’s statue and apologize like West German Chancellor Willy Brandt did at the memorial” for Nazi victims in Poland, Kim Won Wung, a former lawmaker, said at the small rally. AP



Protesters display placards calling to boycott Thai products, right and center, and a sign reads as “Releases our people immediately,” left, during a protest rally against a Thai court’s verdict

MYANMAR

Protests grow against Thai beach murder verdict

HUNDREDS of people in Myanmar have staged a fifth day of protests against death sentences issued by a Thai court to two Myanmar men convicted of murdering a pair of British backpackers, but who are seen by many as scapegoats in the high-profile case.

Yesterday’s protest was held outside the Thai Embassy, which has closed its consular section for the entire week due to the ongoing demonstrations since last week’s verdict.

Win Zaw Htun and Zaw Lin were sentenced to death for the murders of David Miller

and Hannah Witheridge, whose bodies were found on the Thai island of Koh Tao on Sept. 14, 2014. Autopsies showed that Witheridge had also been raped.

Both men say they are innocent and that police tortured them to force them to confess. AP

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Japan, wary of outsiders, keeps doors closed to refugees

FOR Mohammed, the perils of staying in Damascus crystalized when a sniper's bullet whizzed past his head while he and his cousins were on his rooftop, watching the Syrian air force bomb rebel forces.

The same roof where Mohammed and his lifelong friend Jamal used to sit in a tent and play video games. Now, instead of studying for a law degree, Mohammed is working as a fitness instructor in Tokyo, trying to squeeze in some language study and hoping that like Jamal, he'll beat the odds and win official status as a refugee in Japan. The odds aren't good.

Out of the 7,533 people who applied for refugee status in 2014, or appealed earlier refusals, only 11 were approved. That includes Jamal, his mother and sister, whose approvals came after a year-and-a-half wait.

For most, the approval never comes: In the past five years, the proportion of applicants granted refugee status in Japan has dropped to below 1 percent — in 2014 it was just 0.2 percent. In contrast, Germany has accepted nearly 40,000 Syrian asylum-seekers since 2013, while the U.S. has pledged to accept 10,000 Syrian refugees and has resettled 2,234 since 2010.

Japan's hands-off response to the global refugee crisis, despite its generous humanitarian aid, reflects deep unease over allowing in outsiders given the insular customs of this island nation. Despite growing concerns over a shrinking labor force, the government has so far resisted calls to open the door wider, both for humanitarian and economic reasons.

Immigration officials say they suspect many applicants of being job seekers, not true refugees fleeing persecution or conflict.

But for Mohammed, the reason was "just surviving," he said. "I was on my roof, in my favorite spot," the 24-year-old said. "Then I heard, like, fluff, next to my ear. A sniper just missed me. So we laid down on the floor, me and my brother and two of our neighbors and we started laughing, but this kind of laughing is like, ah, OK, we're alive."

Mohammed is among 50 Syrians in Japan who have applied for asylum. Ten left the country voluntarily. Asylum-seekers are allowed to work while their applications are being processed.

In the past, Japan in some instances has allowed in refugees. During World War II, Chiune Sugihara, a Japanese diplomat stationed in Lithuania, granted transit visas to thousands of Jews, defying requiremen-

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Japan Association for Refugees Secretary General Eri Ishikawa speaks at her office in Tokyo

ts that they have proper funds and a clear final destination after Japan. Another official, Tatsuo Osako of the Japan Tourism Bureau's office in the port of Tsuruga, helped many Jews and Europeans who arrived to stay on. And in the 1980s, Japan resettled more than 10,000 Indochinese refugees, mostly Vietnamese boat people.

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But for the most part, Japan has shut its doors. Of the 22,559 people of all nationalities who have sought political asylum in Japan since 1982, immigration figures show, only 633 were granted refugee status.

Immigration officers do not provide reasons for their decisions, but Nobuhiro Tsuru, assistant director of refugee recognition at the Immigration Bureau, admits approvals are

slowed by the volume of applications that must be handled by only 130 screening officers.

"As a result, those people who most need quick protection are affected. That's a fundamental problem," Tsuru said. "We haven't caught up with all kinds of recent developments, but we are trying to figure out how we can help those who really need help."

Limited public support for allowing in more displaced people weakened after the November attacks in Paris, "but we do take the criticisms seriously," he said.

To alleviate labor shortages in the construction sector and other industries, the government has expanded a program that brings in foreign technical trainees. The understanding is that those trainees will go home; in reality, many escape the menial, low-paying jobs they are sent to fill, in some cases seeking refugee status. The program is now being reviewed after being criticized as a cover for slave-like labor.

As of the end of 2014, there were 59.5 million individuals forcibly displaced worldwide as a result of persecution, conflict, violence or human rights violations, and is on track to exceed 60 million this year for the first time.

During a recent visit, U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees Antonio Guterres appealed to the government to increase the number of people allowed to resettle in Japan, "and especially now to look into the humanitarian admissions of Syrians."

Guterres also urged Japan to improve its asylum system, which many working with refugees say is flawed, and to do a better job of integrating those it accepts into their new communities.

Japan's Refugee Recognition Act does not include war refugees in its narrow interpretation of the international Refugee Convention. That excludes most of the millions fleeing the 5-year-old conflict in Syria, said Eri Ishikawa, who chairs the board of the Japan Association for Refugees, a group that helps asylum seekers with legal issues, food, housing and other needs.

"The government understands that everybody in a war zone would be in danger," said Ishikawa. "The Japanese interpretation of the refugee convention is unique and needs to be changed."

Shogo Watanabe, a lawyer who has been helping refugees seek asylum for years, says the biggest problem is that Ja-

pan's immigration policy is geared toward keeping people out.

"The immigration bureau's main focus is to prevent undesirable foreigners from entering the country," he said. "So accepting refugees is contrary to their main mission. They have little motivation to accept outsiders."

Most of those refused asylum are not sent back straight away; dozens each year — 110 in 2014 — are granted special protection on humanitarian grounds. But heavy reliance on such arbitrary policies leaves many newcomers in a state of limbo, preventing them from getting language instruction, health insurance and other help they need to cope in their new home.

Maung Aung Thura Myint, a dapper, intense man who fled Myanmar as a 20-year-old political dissident, has lived with that uncertainty for half his 41 years, appealing repeated rejections of his requests for asylum, never knowing if or when he might be detained, yet again, or deported.

"Japan says it is supporting countries overseas. But it already has people in its own country seeking help," Maung said. "People who are seeking help need to be treated properly regardless of their religion or color."

Like many other exiles from Myanmar, Maung says he hopes to return home if the Southeast Asian country's shift in 2011 to a civilian, democratic government proves to be stable. But he fears leaving Japan without gaining a legal status guaranteeing he can return.

Distant Japan is an option for only a few of the more than 4 million Syrians who have fled their country, often ending up in overcrowded refugee camps, risking perilous voyages across the Mediterranean and treks through the mountains to enter Europe.

Mohammed and Jamal, who asked that their last names not be used out of concern for family members still in Turkey and Syria, managed to get tourist visas with the help of one of Jamal's relatives who lived in Japan for years.

A change in the policy toward Syrian refugees would require better planning on how to provide housing, education and jobs, says Tsuru, of the Immigration Department.

But he said, "I think Japan should consider taking a share in accepting the refugees." AP

USA | CUBA

First of 17 detainees to be released from Gitmo next week

AP PHOTO



THE first of 17 detainees scheduled to be released from the Guantanamo Bay prison in January will be transferred next week, as the Obama administration continues to reduce the population at the controversial detention center, a senior U.S. official said on Monday.

Another three detainees are slated to appear before a review board during January to determine if they can also be considered eligible for transfer to another country, the official added.

Defense Secretary Ash Carter notified Congress earlier this month that 17 detainees would be transferred to other countries in January. Those transfers will begin with several moving out next week. The 17 are more transfers than Carter has approved all year, and they will reduce the total detainees at Guantanamo to 90, with 31 still eligible for

transfer.

In the 10 months since Carter took office in February, he transferred 15 detainees out of Guantanamo.

The White House has been struggling to close the Guantanamo Bay detention center, but efforts stalled in recent months amid staunch opposition in Congress to any plan to move detainees to a U.S.-based prison site. The USD607 billion defense policy bill passed by Congress in November includes a provision that bans any movement to the United States.

President Barack Obama opposed the provision, but signed the bill. He promised during his election campaign that he would close Guantanamo, but has been stymied by Congress' opposition to relocating detainees to the U.S., and by the slow process of transferring prisoners to other countries. **AP**

Guinea declared free of Ebola transmissions

GUINEA has been declared free from transmission of Ebola, the World Health Organization said yesterday, marking a milestone for the West African country where the original Ebola chain of transmission began two years ago leading to the largest epidemic in history.

The U.N. organization is holding a ceremony on Tuesday in Conakry, the capital, to mark the step forward. More than 2,500 people have died in Guinea from Ebola. The deadly virus has killed more than 11,300 people worldwide, mostly in Liberia, Sierra Leone and Guinea.

Guinea will now enter a 90-day period of heightened surveillance. Dr. Mohamed Belhocine, World Health Organization representative in Guinea, said the organization and partners will continue to support Guinea through this period and "in its early efforts to restart and strengthen essential health services throughout 2016."

The World Health Organization declares that the Ebola disease transmission has ended when the country goes through two incubation periods — 21 days each — without a new case emerging.

Guinea was the last to struggle to stamp out the deadly disease, until Liberia saw a new case in November. Sierra Leone was declared free from transmissions Nov. 7. Liberia was declared Ebola-free twice, but has entered a third countdown after the new cases emerged. **AP**

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PLAYER FIRED FOR POSTING 'OFFENSIVE' TWEETS



Barcelona says one of its youth teams fired a player eight hours after signing him because the club discovered he posted "offensive tweets" on his Twitter account.

The club says it "has decided to terminate the contract signed" with Sergi Guardiola, who had joined Barca B on Monday, "after confirming that he had posted offensive tweets against Barcelona and Catalonia." Two years ago, the 24-year-old forward had posted comments hostile to Catalonia and also showing his support for Real Madrid. Guardiola could not be reached for comment.

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STAR WARS: THE FORCE AWAKENS_

ROOM 1
(2D) 2.15, 4.45, 9.45 pm
(3D) 7.15 pm

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Language: English (Cantonese)

Duration: 135min

POINT BREAK_

ROOM 2
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Duration: 113min

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ROOM 3

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Director: Mark Osborne

Language: English (Cantonese)

Duration: 108min

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this day in history



1971 IRANIANS DEPORTED FROM IRAQ

Iraq has expelled some 60,000 Iranian men, women and children in the past few days, Iranian officials announced today.

It is unclear whether the figures from the Iranian Red Lion and Sun (Red Cross) Society also include previous deportations over the past weeks and months.

An Iranian Government spokesman today accused Iraq of moving thousands of people to within seven miles of the border in convoys of an estimated 1,000 buses in the last few days.

He said they were dumped in freezing weather conditions without shelter and were forced to make their own way on the final leg of their journey across the border.

It is understood most of the people were expelled from cities such as the capital Baghdad, Basra, the oil rich center of Khanaqin and the holy city of Karbala. Iranian police claimed they detained many Iraqi nationals, some armed with weapons and explosives, among the deportees arriving at the border towns of Khosrowi and Ghassr Shirin.

The move comes after a bitter exchange of words and actions in recent weeks. Iraq severed relations with Iran at the start of this month after the Iranian seizure of its Gulf Islands of Abu Musa, Lesser Tunb, and Greater Tunb in the Persian Gulf.

But Iran said relations between the two countries deteriorated in 1969 because of a dispute over navigation rights in the Shatt al-Arab waterway, the jointly shared estuary of the Tigris and Euphrates rivers.

The Shatt is economically important to both countries. Iran has taken no action against Iraq over the latest expulsions but is said to be moving troops up to the borders. The Red Lion and Sun Society said it had set up special camps along the borders and relief workers are on hand with aid.

Courtesy BBC News

IN CONTEXT

The Shatt Al Arab river defines a border between Iran and Iraq and is important economically for shipping and production to both.

Iran's occupation of the Gulf Islands near the outlet of the river was considered provocative because it transferred the islands from Arab to Persian control.

In 1969 Iran rejected a 1937 agreement about how to share the waterway and openly challenged Iraq's authority to use it. Iraq also accused Iran of supporting armed Kurdish separatist movements in the north of the country and inciting civil unrest.

Jordan's King Hussein brokered a peace deal between both countries to end the six year long dispute.

In March 1975 the Iran-Iraq Treaty on International Borders and Good Neighbourly Relations was signed outlining each state's access to the waterway.

YOUR STARS

Aries Mar. 21-Apr. 19 This is not a good time to sit around waiting for things to happen...

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Gemini May 21-Jun. 21 Your partners - in business, in love or in other parts of life - are calling in favors...

Cancer Jun. 22-Jul. 22 Take care of your own needs first - otherwise, you will never get around to them!

Leo Jul. 23-Aug. 22 Small-minded people really get under your skin today...

Virgo Aug. 23-Sept. 22 Roll the dice - take a risk today. You need to believe in yourself...

Libra Sep.23-Oct. 22 Explore new territory today - whether it's online, out in the world...

Scorpio Oct. 23 - Nov. 21 Trust your gut today - even if it's telling you some pretty weird things...

Sagittarius Nov. 22-Dec. 21 You're feeling quite jolly today - and it's easy to share this feeling...

Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 19 Your sense of discipline and rigor makes today more focused...

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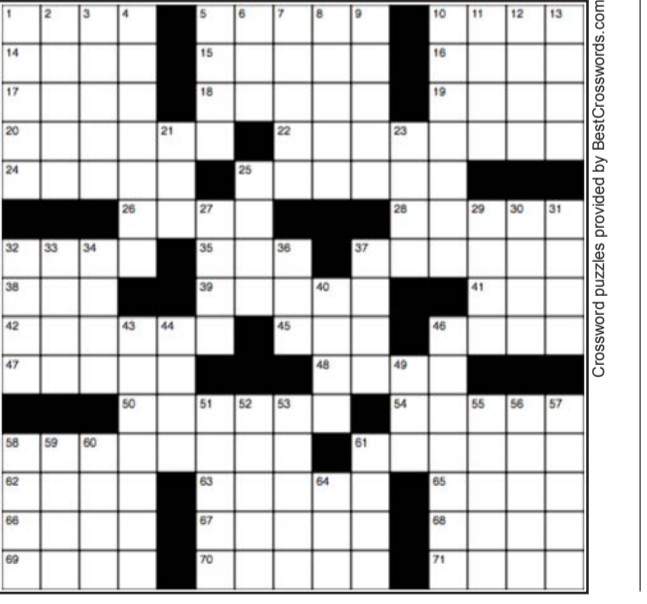
Sudoku puzzles categorized by difficulty: Easy, Easy+, Medium, and Hard. Each puzzle is a 9x9 grid with some numbers pre-filled.

WEATHER

Weather forecast table with columns for MIN, MAX, and CONDITION. Includes sections for CHINA (listing cities like Beijing, Harbin, etc.) and WORLD (listing cities like Moscow, Frankfurt, etc.).

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EPL

Arsenal moves top, Van Gaal says he won't leave United

ARSENAL moved top of the Premier League with a 2-0 win against Bournemouth on Monday, while Manchester United manager Louis van Gaal said there was "not any reason" for him to resign despite a 0-0 draw with Chelsea extending his team's winless run to eight matches.

Gabriel Paulista and Mesut Ozil led Arsenal to the top — for 24 hours at least — with goals in each half, while goalkeeper Petr Cech set a Premier League clean sheet record with his 170th shutout.

The victory was an authoritative response from Arsenal after losing 4-0 to Southampton on Saturday. Arsenal is a point clear of second-place Leicester and four points above Tottenham and Manchester City. Leicester can replace Arsenal at the top by beating City on Tuesday.

"We were focused from the start," Arsenal manager Arsene Wenger said. "It took us a while to get going but (we) were in control of the game and did very well."

At Old Trafford, United produced an attacking display against Chelsea to end its four-match losing run but missed good chances for a first league win since Nov. 21 against Watford.

Juan Mata and Anthony Martial hit the crossbar and the post,



Arsenal's Aaron Ramsey, front, attempts to control the ball

while Thibaut Courtois denied Ander Herrera from point blank range and Wayne Rooney missed from six yards late on.

Chelsea also had chances to score, with David De Gea turning John Terry's header over the bar, before making an impressive double save from Pedro and Cesar Azpilicueta early in the second half.

The draw leaves United five points behind the Champions League positions but Van Gaal, who said he could resign as manager after defeat at Stoke two days ago, was encouraged by his team's display.

"When the players can give such a performance, when there is a lot of pressure, then it is not any reason to resign for me,"

Van Gaal told BT Sport. "I shall not do that. It is not a question of staying, it is a question of fulfilling my contract."

Elsewhere, Tottenham won its third straight league match to provisionally go third with a late 2-1 victory over 10-man Watford, while Stoke beat Everton 4-3 with a last-minute penalty from Marko Arnautovic.

Erik Lamela put Tottenham ahead with a low effort in the 17th minute before Odion Ighalo leveled for host Watford with his 14th goal of the season.

The equalizer ushered in a period of dominance by Watford, but it had Nathan Ake sent off after 63 minutes before substitute Son Heung-min hit Tottenham's winner in the 89th.

"It was a crazy atmosphere and a really important goal for the team," Son said. "We are so happy."

Tottenham will be dislodged from third if City gets at least a draw against Leicester.

At Goodison Park, Stoke nar-

rowly edged Everton in an entertaining encounter.

Stoke held a 2-1 halftime lead thanks to a double from Xherdan Shaqiri but Romelu Lukaku equalized for Everton with his second of the match.

Gerard Deulofeu tapped in to put host Everton ahead but Joselu scored his first Premier League goal for Stoke with a volley to haul his side back on level terms.

And Mark Hughes' side then snatched the win through Arnautovic's penalty, after he was fouled by John Stones. There is real anger at the final decision," Everton manager Roberto Martinez said. "The penalty is never a penalty. It's a situation where it cost us the draw."

Also Monday, Norwich beat last-place Aston Villa 2-0, West Bromwich Albion defeated Newcastle 1-0 and Crystal Palace drew 0-0 against Swansea.

West Ham also came from a goal behind to beat Southampton 2-1 and move seventh in the standings, a point behind United. **AP**

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YOU LIGHT UP MY TOWN

One of the biggest buzz among citizens of Macau during this Christmas Break is undoubtedly the Macao Light Festival 2015. The Tinkerbell-like Butterfly Fairy has met with enormous success, as proven by the numerous pictures and discussions on Facebook, blogs and other social media. To my surprise, the Macao Light Festival 2015 has been featured in quite a number of Taiwanese and Hong Kong backpackers' blogs, who recommend that their fellows visit Macau this month to enjoy the amazing exhibit. Whether it was guerilla marketing or genuine word-of-mouth recommendation, this event seems to have effectively drawn attention away from the newly opened casino-resorts and to the beauty of this little town. As an event to attract overnight visitors to Macau, and to promote visits to the cultural heritage sites, this festival has succeeded in spreading wanderlust even to local residents.

Through the Light Festival, I came to realize that some local citizens have never visited any of the cultural heritage sites, despite having lived in Macau all their lives; nor have they tasted any of the famous almond cakes and beef jerky. For them, these locations and delicacies are for tourists. According to my brief survey of couch-potatoes and locals who follow the same day-to-day routes (merely to and from work and avoiding downtown), they went out of the way to see the 3D mapping shows because their friends had posted pictures online. Even non-Facebook users claimed that the "lights" were what everyone was talking about, so they had to go out and see what the show was, and most of them were amazed by Macau's beauty under the light installations. One citizen even exclaimed, "It's been a long time since I thought of Macau as a beautiful town."

I ventured down to the Ruins of Saint Paul at the peak hour of the light show, and noticed that I wasn't surrounded by the tourists who usually frequent the area. I honestly couldn't have counted the number of people watching the show, but from the conversations I overheard, many of the audience members were local. What's more – maybe it was the festive atmosphere – many of them were snacking on almond cakes, ginger candies and peanut crunches, which are usually considered souvenirs for tourists. When in Rome, one might as well do as they do. I soon stopped by one of the many shops for some "Macao snacks" to really get into the mood.

After the show, while strolling away from the Ruins, I heard my fellow Macanese commenting on the splendor of the light show and making plans to visit other local shows and exhibitions. Ironically, in a city famous for its entertainment industry, there has arguably been a dearth of entertainment for local citizens. There are various local shows during the Music Festival or the Art Festival, but those shows often require one to purchase tickets in advance. In a small place like Macau, local youth are used to going anywhere on an ad hoc basis and do not like committing to planned entertainment. I have often overheard students discussing upcoming shows, unable to make up their minds as they might have other things to do that month or week. This Light Festival, spread out at different locations across the city, appeals to the desire for excitement and novelty, and the ease of not having to plan in advance. Most importantly, it really lights up this "City of the Holy Name of God."

THE BUZZ COAL OFFICIAL WHO HID USD30M ADMITS TO CORRUPTION

A low-ranking Chinese energy official accused of hiding more than USD30 million in cash in his home has admitted to corruption charges in a northern Chinese court.

The Baoding City Intermediate People's Court said in a statement yesterday that Wei Pengyuan, a former energy administration official, admitted to taking 211 million yuan (\$32.5 million) in bribes and failed to account for another 131 million yuan (\$20.2

million) in assets.

Under President Xi Jinping's administration, Beijing has launched a sweeping anti-corruption campaign that has netted both senior and junior officials.

Wei's case created a sensation after reports said investigators wore out four of the 16 cash-counting machines they used to tabulate his trove, China's largest-ever cash seizure. The court has not issued a verdict

Saudi Arabia cuts dependence on oil amid crude price slump



Families relax by the Jiddah corniche during sunset, in Saudi Arabia

Wael Mahdi

Saudi Arabia, the world's biggest crude exporter, is cutting its dependence on oil revenue due to the slump in crude prices while boosting production to defend its market share.

Revenue from oil sales in the kingdom will make up about 70 percent of the budget next year, John Sfakianakis, a Riyadh-based economist and a former adviser to the government, said by phone. That will be 73 percent in 2015, compared with 89 percent in the previous year, according to a statement posted on the finance ministry website on Monday.

"The kingdom reduced its dependency rate on oil revenues in 2015 and it will do the same in 2016 to overcome any negative impact from the decline in oil prices,"

Sfakianakis said. "It's very clear that Saudi Arabia will continue with its oil policy of defending its market share in 2016 as it prepared itself for low oil price environment."

Saudi Arabia announced its first budget under King Salman, who ascended to the throne in January, amid plans to gradually cut subsidies and sell stakes in government entities to counter the drop in oil revenue. Brent crude has declined 36 percent this year. The kingdom also announced on Monday that it was raising domestic fuel, power and water prices, according to the official Saudi Press Agency.

The Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries on Dec. 4 effectively abandoned its limits on output amid efforts to squeeze higher-cost producers such as Russia and U.S. shale drillers out

of the market. Saudi Arabia produced 10.33 million barrels a day in November, up by 830,000 barrels a day since the end of last year, according to data compiled by Bloomberg.

Brent for February settlement rose 5 cents, or 0.1 percent, to USD36.67 a barrel on the London-based ICE Futures Europe exchange at 8:22 a.m. Dubai time. Prices touched \$35.98 on Dec. 22, the lowest since 2004.

Saudi Arabia forecast revenue to decline to 513.8 billion riyals (\$137 billion) in 2016 from 608 billion riyals this year. Revenue from oil sales in 2015 will drop 23 percent to 444.5 billion riyals, according to the finance ministry statement.

"The 2016 budget is the first budget in more than 10 years that is based on an oil price of less than \$50 a barrel for Brent. This signals that the Saudis are ready for the new market reality in 2016," Sfakianakis said.

The Saudi 2016 budget is estimated to be based on a \$37 a barrel for Brent oil prices and an annual average export level of 7.2 million barrels a day of crude oil, he said. The 2015 budget was based on a Brent price of \$47 a barrel and the same level of crude exports, he said. **Bloomberg**

THE DECISIVE MOMENT

Billy H.C. Kwok/Bloomberg



Volunteers pour Taiwanese coins from donations collected from 'piggy banks' for the Democratic Progressive Party (DPP) campaign fund into containers at the party's headquarters in Taipei.

Station	Air quality
Roadside	55-75 Moderate
High Density Residential Area	55-75 Moderate
Ambient	60-80 Moderate

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WORLD BRIEFS

SINGAPORE A total of 377 dengue cases were reported in the week ending Dec. 26, the highest weekly number reported in 2015 so far. The figure is considered unusually high for this time of year.

SAUDI ARABIA A Filipino murder convict was publicly beheaded in Saudi Arabia after failing to meet the demand of the Sudanese victim's family for payment of USD1 million to save him from the death penalty, officials say.

AFGHANISTAN Police are refusing to return to the streets of a volatile southern district under Taliban attack, claiming that promised government help has not yet arrived.

UK Husband and wife Mohammed Rehman and Sana Ahmed Khan have been found guilty of preparing terrorist acts in London, Sky news reported. Rehman, planed a massive terror attack under the Twitter username "Silent Bomber." Chemicals for bomb making were found at his home.



USA The attack on the satirical newspaper Charlie Hebdo made France the second deadliest country for journalists in 2015, while 69 journalists worldwide were killed for their work during the year, the Committee to Protect Journalists says in its latest annual report.

USA The storm system that spawned deadly tornadoes in Texas over the weekend brings heavy snow, ice and blustery winds to several states in the nation's midsection, as well as heavy rain in already water-logged areas

CANADA Relatives of a Syrian boy whose lifeless body washed up on a Turkish beach, sparking worldwide concern for the refugee crisis, have landed in Canada.

COSTA RICA Central American nations have reached a deal to let the first of thousands of stranded Cuban migrants continue their journey north toward the United States next month, officials said.