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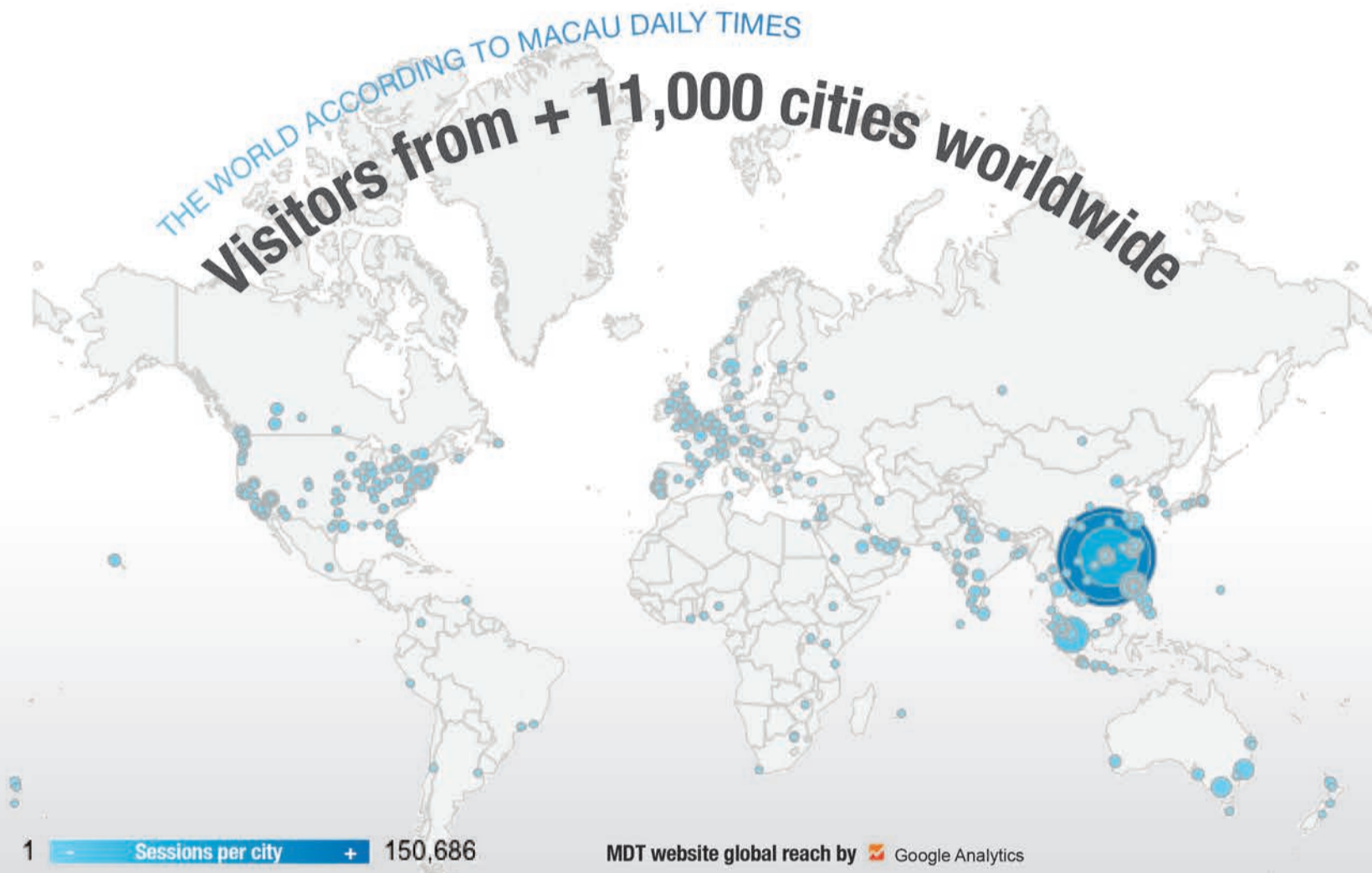


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WORLD BRIEFS

CHINA's booming electric vehicle industry, a flagship for Beijing's technology ambitions, has been rocked by scandal after five companies were caught collecting millions of dollars in subsidies for buses they never made. The affair of the phantom buses has prompted questions about whether it might disrupt the ruling Communist Party's financial support to an industry it is spending heavily to promote.

PHILIPPINE President Rodrigo Duterte says he won't allow government forces to conduct joint patrols of disputed waters near the South China Sea with foreign powers, apparently scrapping a deal his predecessor reached with the U.S. military earlier this year.



INDIA New clashes left two anti-India protesters dead and scores injured in the Indian-controlled portion of Kashmir yesterday, police said, as a security lockdown marred Eid festivities in the troubled region.

MALAYSIA plans to spend about USD1 billion over the next five years to refurbish and expand its airports as the Southeast Asian country paces infrastructure growth with a surge in passenger traffic, its main airport operator said.

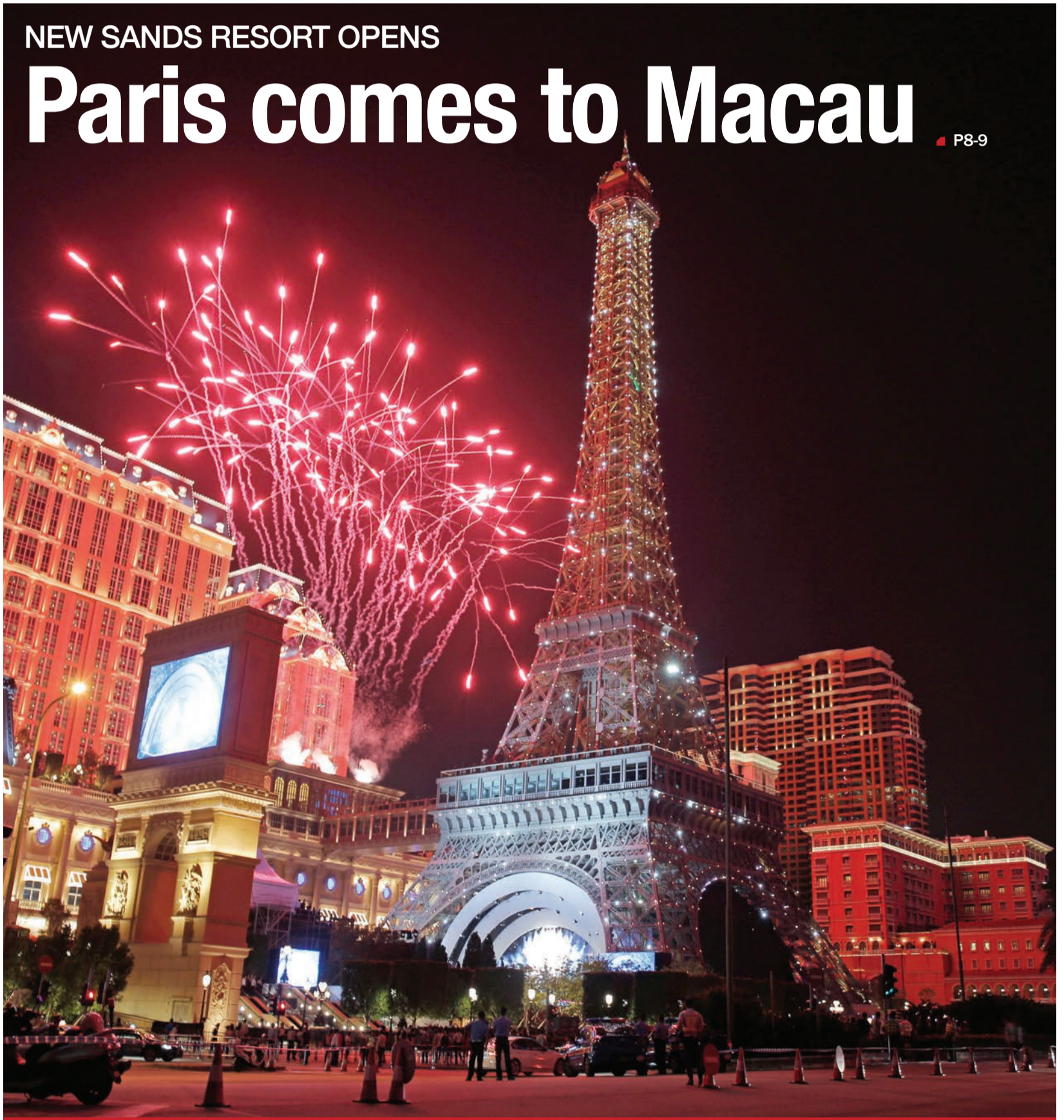
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Human trafficking victims mostly mainlanders



Judiciary Police director Chau Wai Kuong

Julie Zhu

A seminar on “Understanding Human Trafficking From A Global and Local Perspective” was held yesterday. The topics discussed varied from the difficulties faced by the Macau police force in combating human trafficking, to the protection of minors.

Representatives from the Human Trafficking Deterrent

Measures Concern Committee, the Social Welfare Bureau (IAS), the Good Shepherd Centre and the Judiciary Police (PJ) all referenced their personal experiences in expressing their views to the participants.

Some victims (whose identities were not disclosed) were invited to share their stories.

Chau Wai Kuong, director of the PJ, informed that the Macau police force has been inspecting locations that have a

high risk of human trafficking incidences occurring, night clubs in particular.

As to the victims’ identities, Chau revealed that 80 to 90 percent are mainlanders. According to him, some trafficking cases were coordinated by suspects from both Macau and the mainland.

Under Macau law, a suspect can be sentenced to a maximum of 20 years in prison for human trafficking. “Twenty years, I

personally think is enough,” said Chau.

The police head additionally voiced his concern that “it is not enough [to combat human trafficking] by simply relying on the police force.” He urged the public to dial the 24-hour hotline to report any information regarding incidents of human trafficking: 2888-9911.

Juliana Devoy, director of the Good Shepherd Centre, the organizer of yesterday’s seminar, voiced her opinions on the occurrence of human trafficking in Macau. “Macau’s situation is unique because of the casinos, which are a magnet for sex trafficking,” she said.

Devoy expressed the belief that both the casinos and the government have displayed a high level of awareness of the problem. However, she advocated greater attention and reaffirmed the need for judges to “receive training in order to identify a trafficking case.”

Data from the Human Trafficking Deterrent Measures Concern Committee shows that up until June of 2016 there had only been two cases of human trafficking, involving two victims and one suspect. The data also shows that 2013 was the year with the highest number of cases between 2008 and 2016, with 35 cases involving 38 victims and nine suspects. Between this period, in 2009, 2014, 2015 and 2016, one-digit cases and suspects were recorded.

TOURISM

New ‘Cultural and Creative Map’ launched



THE Cultural Affairs Bureau (IC) has released a new edition of the Macau Cultural and Creative Map (CCM Map), which introduces 49 local cultural and creative entities, as well as information about Macau’s World Heritage sites, museums, and performance venues, among others. The traditional Chinese and English versions have been released first, followed by the simplified Chinese and Portuguese versions. According to the IC, the number of “Tour Routes for the Experience of Culture and Creativity” included in the new edition of the CCM Map has increased from four to six, with the Ruins of St. Paul’s and the Senado Square as starting points.

The map is illustrated by local artist Chan Wai Lam, who takes Macau’s seven parishes as its frame theme in order to elaborate the features of each cultural and creative space, World Heritage site and performance venue, as well as Macau’s festivals and customs.

The new map will be distributed at all immigration checkpoints, museums, hotels, travel agencies and cultural and creative spaces. A CCM Map mobile app has also been released. The CCM map was first launched by the IC in 2014.

Residential and commercial loan approvals drop

BOTH the new approvals of residential mortgage loans (RMLs) and of commercial real estate loans (CRELs) decreased in July 2016, according to statistics released by the Monetary Authority of Macao. With regard to the outstanding balance, both RMLs and CRELs witnessed monthly increases.

In July, new RMLs, approved by Macau’s banks, decreased by 25.7 percent month-to-month to MOP 3.5 billion. Those granted to residents, accounting for more than 98 percent of the total, fell by 5.7 percent, while those to non-residents shrank by 94 percent. When com-

pared with the same period in 2015, new approvals of RMLs decreased by 16.5 percent overall.

Meanwhile, new CRELs shrank by 45.8 percent month-to-month to MOP 3.5 billion, of which 62.6 percent was granted to residents. In terms of value, new CRELs to residents and non-residents dropped by 50.2 percent and 36.5 percent respectively. On an annual basis, new approvals of CRELs declined by 72.2 percent.

At the end of July 2016, the outstanding value of RMLs amounted to MOP 177.2 billion, an increase of 0.4 percent from one month earlier and of 6.1 per-

cent from a year ago. The resident component made up 93.6 percent of the total. Concurrently, the outstanding value of CRELs rose by 0.3 percent month-to-month or 15 percent year-on-year to MOP 169.9 billion, of which the resident component accounted for 87.5 percent.

At the end of July, the delinquency ratio for RMLs was 0.12 percent, up 0.03 percentage points from a month ago or 0.06 percentage points from a year earlier. Meanwhile, the ratio for CRELs was 0.03 percent, up 0.01 percentage points from a month ago but down 0.02 percentage points from end-July 2015.

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CHUI Sai On yesterday [Macau time] met with the Portuguese President, Marcelo Rebelo de Sousa, during his official visit to Lisbon. During the meeting, the Chief Executive presented the results of the fourth Macau-Portugal Joint Committee that convened earlier in the day, focusing in particular on the strengthening of economic cooperation and Portuguese language teaching.

According to a statement issued by the Government Information Bureau (GCS), during the meeting with the Portuguese head of State, Chui mentioned that the local government is trying to diversify Macau's economy. The upcoming ministerial conference, the Forum for Economic and Trade Co-operation

CHUI SAI ON IN LISBON

Portuguese president praises friendship with Macau, China



tion between China and Portuguese-speaking Countries (Forum Macau), was also discussed.

Rebelo de Sousa highlighted that Chui's visit to Lisbon is evidence of the friendly rela-

tionship between Portugal and China, particularly Macau.

In a statement issued yesterday, GCS revealed details of another meeting included in the CE's program in Lisbon. As

the Times reported yesterday, before meeting with the President, Chui was received by the Prime Minister, António Costa.

During the meeting held at St. Bento Palace, Costa remarked that Macau is "a bridge for the friendly relations between Portugal and China." The PM also mentioned that the plans to diversify Macau's economy could represent an opportunity for Portuguese companies to invest in the region.

70 percent of surveyed teachers feel under pressure

The General Union of the Neighborhood Associations (UGAMM) has released the results of a survey conducted during the months of May and June, which enquired about the pressures faced by local teachers. 70 percent of the 181 teachers surveyed from non-tertiary education and special education institutions claimed to be facing relatively high pressure. 139 voiced the opinion that reducing non-teaching work will help relieve their pressure. 112 noted that schools should have more human resources for teachers and 108 suggested that schools should increase teachers' salaries. Over 93 percent have dealt with negative emotions in the past three months according to a report by All About Macau.

Free trade zone recruits seven SAR mediators

Seven mediators from Macau and Hong Kong have been recruited by a special mediation center, established last week in the Nansha Area of Guangzhou. Along with these new mediators from the SARs, another 38 have also been hired by the center. The 45 individuals will work with 12 mediation groups to serve the trade zone's court. The groups and mediators are expected to help the trade zone solve the growing commercial disputes in the area, according to a report by Nan Fang Daily.

TRANSPORTATION

LRT to be extended to Hengqin

NIU Jing, director of the Administrative Committee of Hengqin New Area, disclosed earlier this week that Macau and Zhuhai have reached an agreement to extend the Light Rapid Transit (LRT) to the Hengqin area.

Niu revealed that this decision and the relevant agreements have been confirmed by both authorities. However, the Secretary for Land, Public Works and Transport Bureau (DSSOPT), Raimun-

do do Rosário, did not respond to Niu's comments while attending an Urban Renewal Council (CRU) meeting on Sunday, according to a report by Hou Kong Daily.

Last June, Macau and Guangdong signed 12 cooperation framework agreements that were expected to come into effect in a short-term. The topic of Macau's single-plated cars entering Hengqin was also inclu-



Niu Jing

ded in the package of agreements. Niu also claimed to be confident regarding the issue of Macau single-plated cars finally being allowed to drive on Hengqin's roads by the end of this year. Niu noted that all sections related to the issues have been progressing at a normal pace and that both cities are preparing for the new arrangements.

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MGM 美高梅 translates as "pretty, tall plum blossom"



Sands 金沙 translates literally as "golden sands"

Daniel Beitler

CHINA BRANDING

What's in the name of Western casino operators

WHEN the subsidiaries of Western casino operators entered the Macau market after the gaming liberalization of the mid-2000s, they gave a great deal of consideration to how they would translate their brand names into written Chinese and spoken Cantonese.

Whether the operator carried the name of its founder-CEO, relied on its Las Vegas reputation, or a history of production and distribution of American media, those entering Macau a decade ago needed to translate their brand names while staying as true to their

original meaning as possible.

This is sometimes crucial to a brand's success in a new market, because its name must shoulder the reputation of the organization; acting as a valuable asset or in some cases a liability.

Macau's Western casino operators have been succes-

ful in striking a balance between a like-for-like literal translation of their brand names, while preserving their pronunciations.

Wynn 永利 can be translated literally as "profitable forever," but the way it is pronounced in Cantonese also resembles the English pro-

nunciation (Weng Lei). Interestingly - and perhaps coincidentally - the first character in Wynn 永 bears a historical connection to the character for water 水, alluding to the water fountain shows outside its Macau-based resorts.

Sands' most recent Macau property, The Parisian Macao, which opened its doors to the public yesterday, also preserved the literal translation of its name, as well as an approximate pronunciation of its China subsidiary.

Sands 金沙, which translates literally as "golden sands", is pronounced in Cantonese as "gum sa". Its two most notable Cotai properties, The Venetian 威尼斯人 and The Parisian 巴黎人, translate the same way in Chinese as they do in English.

MGM 美高梅, whose name was already familiar to the Chinese due to the early suc-

cess of its media division, gave greater priority to the closeness of its Cantonese pronunciation, "mei go mui", than to the literal translation of its composite characters.

Translated as, "pretty, tall plum blossom", which refers to the popular Asian flower, the name taps into the species' cultural significance for parts of China, Japan, Korea and Vietnam.

Melco Crown Entertainment 新濠博亞娛樂 and its properties have put less emphasis on the closeness of the pronunciation and more attention to the meaning behind the literal translation. "New wealthy gaming Asia," as the name translates, can also be understood as "making Asia wealthy". Specifically, the middle character in the operator's name 博 can mean "wealth", "plentiful", "win" or "gain".

Lost in translation

WHILE Macau's casino operators seem to have struck the balance quite well, not all Western brands have been as fortunate when entering the Chinese market.

When Coca Cola originally entered mainland China, it opted for a close phonetic equivalent of the brand, similar to how it is pronounced in English. Retailers in China had already produced a phonetic mimic of Coca Cola, albeit with a humorous literal translation of the brand, "Bite the Wax Tadpole", much to the displeasure of the company's marketing executives. The name was quickly revised.

However, today the Chinese name for Coca Cola 可口可乐 is regarded as an exemplary benchmark for other companies. In Mandarin it is pronounced, "Ko Kou Ko Le" - staying about as true as one can get to the English equivalent, while its far more palatable translation reads, "to permit a mouth to be able to rejoice".

Other examples of successful brands that have made the transition to the Chinese market are Reebok ("quick steps"), Heineken ("happiness power") and Colgate ("revealing superior cleanliness"). DB

Parisian to be 'the most likely property to grow the market'

Renato Marques*

GAMING analysts have underscored the optimism shown by the CEO of Las Vegas Sands, Sheldon Adelson. Among them is Union Gaming Group LLC analyst, Grant Govertsen.

"We have fairly high expectations for The Parisian to be the most likely property to grow the market," Govertsen said. "Sands China does a better job than its peers in delivering what



mass-market consumers want, and The Parisian should hit a sweet spot given the Chinese affini-

ty for Europe in general, and Paris specifically," he added.

Ahead of the Parisian's

opening, Las Vegas Sands and Sands China have both surged about 30 percent so far this year through Monday, outperforming their peers' 18 percent rise according to Bloomberg Intelligence's Macau gaming index. Sands China fell 2 percent to HKD33.75 at the close of Hong Kong trading yesterday while Las Vegas Sands shares dropped 0.5 percent to USD56.63 at 10:06 a.m. in New York.

Adelson was opti-

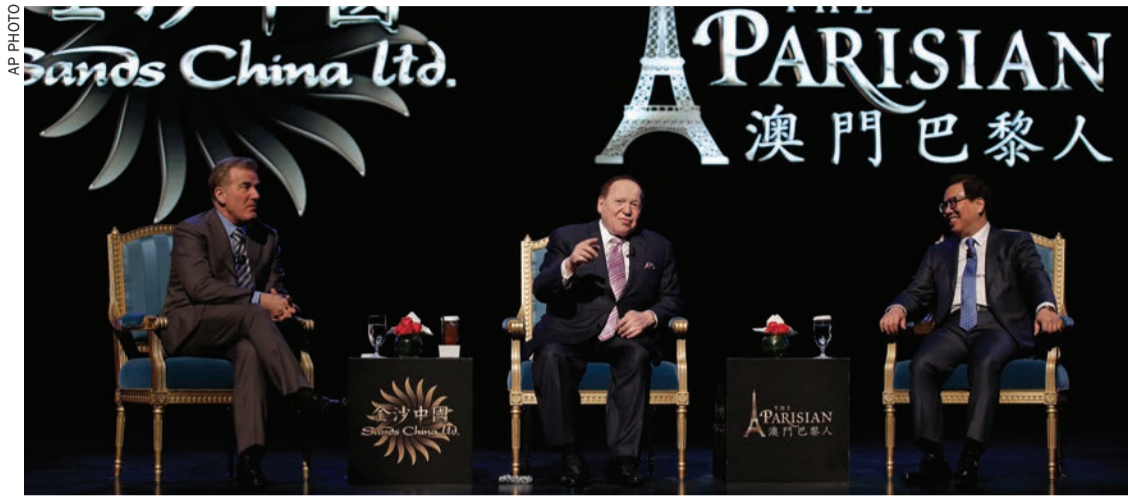
mistic, openly declaring that a gaming recovery is underway - an opinion shared by MGM Resorts International chairman and CEO, James Murren. This opinion contrasts with the view of Lui Che Woo, chairman of Galaxy Entertainment Group. Lui called for caution, arguing it to be necessary to achieve sustained growth.

The Parisian opened its doors yesterday and is said to target the rising Chinese middle-

class. Its facilities include a water theme park, a children's play area, a shopping mall, as well as other family-friendly facilities.

With 3,000 guest rooms and suites, The Parisian also plans to attract visitors with resident and guest performances. One of these will be the musical and dance show "Thriller Live," a revival show based on the work of the late pop-star Michael Jackson.

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From left: President and COO of Las Vegas Sands, Robert Goldstein; Sheldon Adelson and Wilfred Wong



People walk in front of The Parisian

The Parisian opens with optimism

Renato Marques

THE Parisian, the latest addition from Sands China to the company's portfolio in Macau, opened its doors yesterday in a ceremony presided over by Las Vegas Sands chairman and chief executive officer, Sheldon Adelson.

The MOP24 billion project, which took five years to be built, is carrying hopes of great success in times that some, like Adelson, say are "the end of the downturn [of gaming revenues]."

Commenting on the potential of the territory in terms of revenue and taking as reference the latest results for August 2016 - when the gaming industry finally left negative growth territory after 25 months and registered positive growth of 1.1 percent, Adelson said: "Now, is it sustainable for a long time to come? I can't answer that question, but based upon the pre-bookings we have, based upon the convention bookings we have, I think we have essentially hit the bottom."

The LVS chairman recalled having made such a prediction about seven months ago. "Macau still has very good days to come and I can't predict what

the percentage of growth will be but I am optimistic about the future," he added.

"With the opening of the Parisian tonight we have completed the available land and parcels for what I call the Cotai Strip," Adelson remarked, putting voice to his wishes for an even bigger expansion.

"Actually I wanted 20 properties but we only got six plots. We are very happy with this, we are not unhappy," Adelson explained. He recognized however that his "dream" for Cotai was not always that clear.

"When the government sent me out to Cotai I frankly thought they were exiling me because the bigger activity and

the gaming resorts were on the peninsula," he said. He claimed that because of what was necessary to accomplish to construct the properties that today stand in Cotai, the achievement attained with the opening of The Parisian is even more important.

"This is the only place in the world (that I know of) that you can go under one roof to 13,000 rooms and suites, close to 900 retail shops, two and half million square feet of MICE venues," he remarked, reaffirming a bet on non-gaming elements.

Adelson additionally remarked that the non-gaming services on offer will expand with facilities. In the Parisian,

the offer includes a new amphitheater with capacity for 1,200 people. The CEO further announced, "we have another [theatre] that is going to open within a couple of months in Sands Cotai Central where the Pacifica Casino is."

For the Las Vegas Sands CEO, the main drivers of the local economy in the near future will be the completion of two big projects, one at the regional level (the Hong Kong-Macau-Zhuhai Bridge) and another at the local level (the Light Rail Transit).

According to Adelson, the two projects will greatly improve mobility within and accessibility to the territory, especially the

HMZB that "will provide access to two international airports within 20 minutes."

Questioned on how long he expects it will take for the Parisian property to "break even," the gaming tycoon said, "we hope it is one year but I might be disappointed if it is over four years. I just hope it is sooner rather than later." His comment was in reference to the break-even timeframes achieved by the company in previous developments (Sands Macao and The Venetian Macao).

During the press conference held prior to the opening, Sands China's president and COO, Wilfred Wong, highlighted the excitement of the whole team in opening the new property.

"All of us here, close to 30,000 team members, were so excited that everybody wanted the building to be open yesterday," he said.

Wong also remarked on the importance of "belonging to Macau." "In our company the policy has always been to groom the local people as far as we could," he said, claiming that in the 12 years since the opening of Sands Macao, the management team of Sands China has increased its proportion of local employees from 7 to over 85 percent.

Looking for investment opportunities

WITH the completion of the Parisian, Sands has finished developing all its land in Macau, bringing its total investment in the city to between USD13 billion and USD14 billion. The company will now focus on looking at opportunities elsewhere in the region to build new casino resorts, Adelson said. "There doesn't seem to be too much more growth here," he said.

"We are aggressively and continuously, let me call it lobbying for other locations throughout the Asia-Pacific countries. We've been looking at Japan, Korea, Viet-

nam and Thailand," said Adelson.

"We have some ideas for additional growth here in Macau, but not any major integrated resorts like the opening of Parisian today," he added. "I do look at Europe, to build a Europe Vegas, but we couldn't negotiate the kind of terms we needed." Back in 2013, the LVS chairman had said he was considering building integrated resorts in major European cities, after abandoning a plan for a \$30 billion mega-resort in Spain. Gambling liberalization has also proceeded slowly elsewhere in Asia. **AP/Bloomberg**



Sony promises VR music video, other entertainment content



Visitors take photos of PlayStation VR headgear device during a PlayStation event in Tokyo

Yuri Kageyama, Tokyo

SONY Corp.'s video game division is readying not just games but also music, movies and other kinds of entertainment for its Virtual Reality headgear, set to go on sale next month.

Sony Interactive Entertainment Japan Asia President Atsushi Morita appeared at a Tokyo event yesterday, ahead of the Tokyo

Game Show annual exhibition opening later this week. The latest in video games, including VR, will be on display at the show at Makuhari Messe in the Tokyo suburb of Chiba.

One of the VR experiences promised is a music video that's a collaboration between the "Biohazard" horror game, called "Resident Evil" in the U.S., from Japanese game maker Cap-

com, and L'Arc-en-Ciel, a Japanese rock band, that takes advantage of VR technology's illusion of 3-D and 360-degree surround imagery.

VR can make games more immersive, enhancing the effects of horror, razzle-dazzle and erotic titillation.

The Japanese electronics and entertainment company's PlayStation VR headgear device, going on

sale next month for about USD400, less than rival VR headsets. Oculus Rift's goes for about \$600, and HTC Vive's for \$800.

Another VR shown at Tokyo-based Sony's event was the "Anywhere VR," which delivers to headset wearers a relaxing scene, such as a beach or a star-studded sky, even in their living rooms, while they take care of smartphone chores in VR.

Morita said the PlayStation VR will also be used to show live-theater performances, tours of historical sites and karaoke video.

"As a child, I learned so much from games," he said.

Morita defended his industry against the common criticism that it distracts children from education and real-life development.

He said he learned about societal rules and human drama from games, manga and music. That spirit of creativity must be passed down to future generations, he said. AP

Ikea targets China, India expansion to meet sales growth aim



Niklas Magnusson, Anna Molin

IKEA Group laid out plans to accelerate its expansion in China and open its first store in India as the world's largest furniture retailer seeks to boost sales by almost 50 percent over the next four years.

In China, where the company opened its first store almost two decades ago, sustained growth will enable an accelerated pace of expansion, Chief Executive Officer Peter Agnefjaell said in a telephone interview yesterday. Ikea plans to open its first outlet in India next year and aims to have 25 there by 2025, he said.

The retailer has a goal for revenue of 50 billion euros (USD56 billion) by 2020. Sales in the 12 months through August rose 7.1 percent to 34.2 billion euros, it said yesterday. The expansion in China and India, the world's two most populous countries, may help the company achieve the target as sales growth stalls in Russia amid an economic slowdown.

Ikea will accelerate the pace of its Chinese expansion to four-to-five stores a year from the three it opened in the past year, Agnefjaell said. It has 21 stores in China.

In India, the company has started construction of its first store in Hyderabad, has bought land in Mumbai and is also looking at cities such as Delhi and Bangalore.

"India is one of the biggest growth markets we see going forward," Agnefjaell said. "But it of course hinges on a continued good economic development."

India's gross domestic product rose 7.1 percent in the second quarter, though that was the slowest pace of growth in more than a year.

Ikea's total store numbers in the 2017 financial year will be about the same or slightly higher than in the past year, Agnefjaell said. The retailer also plans to roll out e-commerce to all its markets in coming years, up from 14 currently, he said. The CEO reiterated a target of e-commerce accounting for 10 percent of total sales by 2020.

In the 12 months through August, Ikea opened 12 new stores and 19 collection points, where customers can see a limited part of the range and get pre-ordered items. It had 783 million visits to its 340 stores, which cover 28 countries.

China remained one of the closely held company's fastest-growing markets, together with Australia, Canada and Poland, while Germany continued to be its largest country, closely followed by the U.S.

Excluding currency shifts, sales advanced 7.9 percent. Same-store sales grew 4.8 percent. Bloomberg

Samsung's quick fix for Note 7 is no full recharge

Youkyung Lee, Seoul

SAMSUNG plans to issue a software update for its recalled Galaxy Note 7 smartphones that will prevent them from overheating by limiting battery recharges to under 60 percent.

The front page of the Seoul Shinmun, a South Korean daily newspaper, carries a Samsung advertisement announcing the software update plan for any users of the Note 7 who may be disregarding its recall notice and continuing to use the smartphone.

"It is a measure to put consumer safety first but we apologize for causing inconvenience," Samsung Electronics said. The update for South Korean users will start at 2 a.m. on Sept. 20, it said.

South Korean media earlier reported the software upgrade plan, citing Samsung. It was not clear when the update may roll out overseas. The Yonhap news agency reported that Samsung is in talks with mobile carriers to carry out the same update plan to keep battery power at 60 percent or below at all times.

Samsung plans to begin issuing new Note 7s with batteries it says will not be prone to overheating beginning on Sept. 19. It has recalled 2.5 million of the devices after dozens of cases of them exploding or catching fire. Sam-

sung says the problem stems from a manufacturing glitch in the batteries.

The company has urged consumers to immediately turn off the phones and get them replaced with the new Note 7. But implementing such a large-scale recall is a challenge. Consumers have to visit Samsung service centers or retailers twice — once to get a replacement phone — not a Note 7 — and have a safety check of their existing Galaxy Note 7, and a second time to get a new Note 7. South Koreans are traveling for one of their two biggest national holidays of the year starting Wednesday, which complicates the recall plan.

Samsung did not answer emails and calls seeking comment yesterday.

Analysts said the update appears to be a last-ditch effort to contain the crisis.

Samsung "has to contain the battery explosions but people are not returning the phone," said Peter Yu, an analyst at BNP Paribas. "It is taking a desperate measure."

Keeping the battery level low could reduce the risk of overheating, but would be equivalent to getting a downgrade of a top-of-the-line phone, said Kim Young Woo, an analyst at SK Securities. The Galaxy Note series is one of the most expensive handset lineup made by Samsung.

"It means that the phone has not been optimized before the release," Kim said.



Samsung is the world's largest smartphone maker, and analysts said the recall may leave a larger impact on its brand than earlier estimated. Aviation regulators and airlines have deemed the Note 7 a flight hazard and the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission is considering an official product recall. Canada issued a recall notice on Monday.

The company did not say how many more faulty batteries in the Note 7 have been reported since Sept. 1, when 35 cases were confirmed. In announcing its recall, the Canadian government said one case was confirmed in Canada while Samsung received more than 70 reported cases in the United States alone. AP

Nomaan Merchant, Beijing

CHINESE police fired rubber bullets at villagers and arrested 13 people yesterday in an overnight crackdown to suppress demonstrations in a southern fishing village that became internationally known five years ago for protesting land seizures.

Police stormed into the village of Wukan in the southern province of Guangdong and arrested leaders of ongoing demonstrations in their homes. Videos posted on social media show one person with blood on his arm and chest, and another being treated for an apparent bullet wound on his hand.

Another video shows a line of black police vans streaming into the village, a hamlet of about 13,000 people on the South China Sea near Hong Kong.

Wukan carries symbolic importance due to the success of 2011 protests that broke out over land seizures and corruption. Villagers were able to expel government officials and police, and barricaded the village. The siege was resolved only after the provincial secretary of China's ruling Communist Party agreed to allow a local election.

The winner of that election was Lin Zuluang, a former protest leader. Lin was planning to lead a new round of protests this year over more land grabs. Instead, authorities detained him and then charged him with taking bribes.

Lin's supporters say he was wrongfully charged and have staged more than 80 straight days of rallies since he was detained. Those protests continued after his sentence was announced Thursday despite official state warnings to disperse.

An official statement issued



Pro-democracy protesters hold a picture of Wukan village's leader Lin Zuluang during a demonstration near the Chinese central government's liaison office in Hong Kong, Friday, Sept. 9

Protests in fishing village suppressed, 13 arrested

■ A video shows a line of black police vans streaming into the village

yesterday said 13 villagers in Wukan were arrested, allegedly for inciting a mob and spreading rumors.

The statement levies several

allegations at "a small number of lawless persons," including disturbing school, preventing fishermen from working and hampering shopkeepers. It says officials tried to "educate and persuade" protest leaders, but that guidance was evidently disregarded.

"In order to safeguard the interests of the masses and restore the normal order of production and local people's lives, local police decided to take action and apprehended them," the statement said.

Chinese law requires official permission be granted for all protests, a condition that is almost never met. Large-scale protests are usually met with action intended to quell dissent. In recent decades, China has allowed a small number of elections for positions below the township level, though national and provincial party officials continue to be selected internally.

State news media reported Lin was accused of taking bribes totaling 593,000 yuan (about

\$89,000) to "influence livelihood and economic projects" in Wukan, and he gave a televised statement admitting to the allegations.

The Chinese government often broadcasts purported confessions of people accused of corruption in an apparent attempt to win public support, but instead are condemned by human rights groups as a sham. A former attorney of Lin's told The Associated Press last week that Lin likely made the confession to protect his family. **AP**

Boeing boosts China demand outlook as middle class expands

BOEING Co. lifted its forecast for aircraft demand in China in the next two decades, saying a rising middle class would spur leisure and business travel.

The planemaker projects demand in China for 6,810 aircraft valued at \$1.025 trillion, making the nation the first trillion-dollar aviation market in its forecast, Boeing said in a statement distributed in Beijing Tuesday. The aircraft maker last year predicted China would need 6,330 new planes worth USD950 billion in the next two decades.

In China, "we continue to see very strong passenger traffic growth. We've seen a very strong consumer seg-

■ The planemaker predicted China will need 5,110 new single-aisle jets with a market value of \$535 billion through 2035

ment of the market," Randy Tinseth, vice president of marketing at Boeing Commercial Airplanes, said at a briefing in Beijing. "The good news for aviation is that is the segment of the economy that services the aircraft market."

Carriers across Asia are expanding their fleets as economic growth makes air travel affordable to more people, lifting orders for Boeing and Airbus Group SE. The more-optimistic outlook from Boeing, which last year announced a plan to build an aircraft-completion center in China, comes after it delivered a record number of planes to China in 2015.

The planemaker won more orders from Chinese carriers including China Southern Airlines Co.'s Xiamen Airlines unit this year.

Passenger traffic will expand 6.4 percent annually in China over the next 20 years, Boeing said.

About 71 percent of the new aircraft demand in China will be for growth, the planemaker said. Including a retained fleet of 910 planes, China will have 7,720 aircraft by 2035, the company said in presentation materials.

The depreciation of the yuan has improved profitability of Chinese airlines and hasn't damped orders at Boeing, Tinseth



said. The Chinese currency has weakened 4.6 percent against the dollar in the past 12 months, the worst performer among 11 Asian currencies tracked by Bloomberg.

The aircraft-maker predicted China will need 5,110 new single-aisle jets with a market value of \$535 billion through 2035, or 75 percent of total new deliveries. The widebody fleet will triple in size, requiring 1,560 new airplanes. China's narrowbody and widebody fleet account for about 18 percent and 5 percent respectively of the glo-

bal figures, Boeing said.

In September last year, Boeing said it will open a facility in China with Commercial Aircraft Corp. of China Ltd. to paint, complete interiors of and deliver the single-aisle 737 aircraft to Chinese companies. The U.S. company is still working closely with Chinese partners on the details and will issue a statement at a later date, Tinseth said.

The planemaker said it expects 39,620 new aircraft valued at \$5.9 trillion to be delivered worldwide in the next 20 years. **Bloomberg**

POSTAL Savings Bank of China Co. is seeking as much as USD8.1 billion in a Hong Kong initial public offering, which could become the world's biggest share sale this year.

The Beijing-based bank is offering 12.1 billion shares at HKD4.68 to HKD5.18 apiece, according to terms for the deal obtained by Bloomberg yesterday. Cornerstone investors, who commit to hold their shares for six months, agreed to buy about \$5.9 billion of stock, accounting for 76 percent of the offering at the midpoint of the marketed range.

The price range values Postal Savings Bank at about 1 to 1.1 times its net assets at the end of March this year, a person with knowledge of the matter said, asking not to be identified as the information is private. Chinese lenders listed

China's Postal Savings Bank seeks up to USD8.1b in IPO

in Hong Kong trade at a median 0.88 times their latest book value, data compiled by Bloomberg show.

Postal Savings Bank, ubiquitous in small-town China, joins Bank of Tianjin Co. and China Zhesang Bank Co. in selling shares in Hong Kong to fund expansion. The bank, which has more outlets than any other Chinese lender, boasts a non-performing loan ratio that was less than half the official industry figure at the end of March, and has the poten-

tial to use a strong deposit base to grow lending faster than its peers.

"Even though there are some positives for Postal Savings Bank, the valuation is not attractive enough," Edmond Law, an analyst at UOB Kay Hian (Hong Kong) Ltd., said by phone yesterday. Investors may prefer the shares of other listed state-owned banks due to their more attractive price-to-book ratios, Law said.

A Hong Kong-based external spokesman for Postal Savings Bank declined to comment on the

valuation.

Even at the bottom end of the price range, Postal Savings Bank's first-time share sale would be the largest globally this year, surpassing the \$3 billion offering from Danish utility Dong Energy A/S in June, according to data compiled by Bloomberg. The IPO is set to be the largest globally since e-commerce billionaire Jack Ma's Alibaba Group Holding Ltd. priced its \$25 billion New York share sale in September 2014, the data show. **Bloomberg**



Legislature expels 45 deputies over fraud

CHINA'S national legislature expelled 45 deputies representing the northeastern province of Liaoning over allegations of electoral fraud yesterday, in the latest effort to root out corruption and the buying of offices within the country's authoritarian one-party system.

No details were given of the action taken at an extraordinary session of the National People's Congress Standing Committee, which normally meets bimonthly.

The move followed an announcement last week that the former vice head of the Liaoning provincial legis-

lature was under investigation on suspicion of taking bribes and committing other illegal acts related to elections.

The state prosecutor announced last week that it had taken legal action against the official, Zheng Yuzhuo, who will likely face formal charges and a trial.

The province's former Communist Party chief, Wang Min, was also taken into custody in August and expelled from the party on suspicion of having taken bribes.

Members of the rubber-stamp national legislature are nominally elected from provincial, county and township bodies, although

the process is highly opaque and exceptions are common. Although the roughly 3,000-member body only meets once a year for about two weeks, membership bestows considerable authority and access to inside information on government policies and projects.

The head of the legislature, Zhang Dejiang, pledged in 2014 to strengthen the body's oversight of elec-

tions when speaking out against an earlier case of vote buying in the central province of Hunan.

Chinese President Xi Jinping has pursued a sweeping campaign against corruption and waste at all levels, although its effectiveness is difficult to gauge due to the lack of a free press or supervision by bodies independent of the ruling Communist Party. **AP**

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Abe's support hits two-year high after N Korea nuclear test

SUPPORT for Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe's cabinet has risen to a two-year high in separate opinion polls published this week by public broadcaster NHK and the Yomiuri newspaper.

The Abe administration had the support of 62 percent of respondents in a survey by the Yomiuri conducted between Sept. 9 and 11, up eight percentage points from a month earlier. A survey published by NHK Monday put support at 57 percent, up four percentage points on the previous month. Another poll published by the Asahi newspaper found his support had risen to 52 percent.

One factor in the improving perceptions of Abe, who has increased the defense budget and sought to expand the role of the military, may have been North Korea's fifth nuclear weapons test last week. About 81 percent of respondents to the Yomiuri survey said Japan should step up sanctions against its unpredictable neighbor.

Some 68 percent of respondents to the NHK poll said they supported an agreement between Chinese President Xi Jinping and Abe at a meeting earlier this month for Asia's two biggest economies to persevere with dialogue to prevent any incidents around disputed islands in the East China Sea. Even so, a majority of respondents to the Asahi survey said they didn't have high expectations that the meeting would relieve tensions. **Bloomberg**

US flies bombers over S.Korea in show of force against North

THE United States on Tuesday sent two nuclear-capable supersonic bombers streaking over ally South Korea in a show of force meant to cow North Korea after its recent nuclear test, and also to settle rattled nerves in the South.

The B-1B bombers, escorted by U.S. and South Korean jets, were seen by an Associated Press photographer as they flew over Osan Air Base, which is 120 kilometers from the border with North Korea, the world's most heavily armed. The bombers were likely to return to Andersen Air Force Base in Guam without landing in South Korea.

Such flyovers are fairly common when animosity rises on the Korean Peninsula, which is technically in a state of war because there has never been a peace treaty to officially end the 1950-53 Korean War.

South Korea does not have nuclear weapons and



U.S. B-1 bomber, center, flies over Osan Air Base with U.S. jets in Pyeongtaek

relies on the U.S. "nuclear umbrella" as a deterrent to North Korea. Washington also stations more than 28,000 troops in the South, and tens of thousands more in Japan.

The B-1B doesn't currently carry nuclear weapons under a disarmament treaty, but the United States has yet to convert the B-1s to non-nuclear heavy bombers using treaty procedures, according to

a 2016 report by the U.S. Congressional Research Service. U.S. Forces Korea wouldn't comment on the bombers' capabilities, but South Korean military officials and analysts said that they could carry nuclear weapons if reconfigured.

North Korea is keenly aware of the U.S. presence on the peninsula and of what it considers the U.S. nuclear threat. It uses such flyovers and the American military

influence in the South in its propaganda as alleged proof of U.S. hostility that it says is the reason it needs a nuclear bomb program.

Last week's nuclear test, the North's fifth, was its most powerful to date. Pyongyang's claim to have used "standardized" warheads in the detonation makes some outsiders worry that it is making headway in its push to develop small, sophisticated war. **AP**

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Nearly 400 arrested for looting, vandalism in India's IT hub

POLICE arrested nearly 400 people for looting and vandalism in India's information technology hub of Bangalore after a curfew was imposed to quell violence set off by a court ruling over a disputed water source, a police officer said yesterday.

Police gunfire killed one protester and injured another on Monday night after rampaging mobs set fire to dozens of buses, trucks and cars and attacked shops and businesses in Bangalore and other parts of the state.

Top police officer N.S. Megarikh said there has been no major incident after the imposition of curfew in parts of the city on Monday night. Protesters set some trucks on fire in rural areas of the state yesterday.

The Cauvery River, which originates in Karnataka and flows into Tamil Nadu, has been the source of a bitter water dispute for decades. India's top court last week ordered Karnataka state to release water downriver to Tamil Nadu state.

Karnataka's top elected official Siddaramaiah said yesterday he



A television journalist reports amidst the charred remains of passenger buses owned by a transport company from the neighboring Tamil Nadu state, after they were set on fire by a mob in Bangalore

was bound by the court ruling, but there was not enough water to share. Siddaramaiah uses one name.

Thousands of policemen patrolled the streets of Bangalore. All schools, shops and businesses were closed and no public transport, including metro rail, was available to the residents.

Bangalore is home to several top Indian IT and multinational

companies such as Infosys Ltd., Wipro Ltd and Samsung Electronics. In May this year, Apple announced it was setting up an app design and development center in the city.

Farmers in India are largely dependent on monsoon rains and rivers to irrigate their crops. But successive poor monsoons have depleted rivers and reservoirs. **AP**

Gay senator opposes Australian plan for marriage equality

GOVERNMENT plans to hold an opinion poll in February on whether gay marriage should be legalized in Australia suffered a blow yesterday when a gay government senator announced that he opposed the plan.

Prime Minister Malcolm Turnbull said yesterday that legislation would be introduced to Parliament on Wednesday to hold a plebiscite in which voters would be asked whether Australia should allow marriage equality. But such a plebiscite has no legal weight, and Parliament would ultimately decide whether the law would be changed.

A gay senator in Turnbull's conservative Liberal Party, Dean Smith, announced that he would not vote for the Feb. 11 plebiscite to be held. Like most marriage equality advocates, he wants Parliament to decide without the divisive public debate.

They fear that government plans to spend 15 million Australian dollars (\$11 million) on publicizing the cases for and against marriage equality would give legitimacy to bigoted and

homophobic views. Some also balk at the AU\$175 million price tag.

Australian lawmakers rarely vote against party lines, and Smith is the first government lawmaker to publicly break ranks on gay marriage since July elections.

Smith said Australia's fourth plebiscite in a century could justify future plebiscites on euthanasia, abortion, military deployments and spending cuts.

"In an age where public respect for the institution of Parliament is already at a low ebb, we can ill afford to further undermine public confidence by effectively admitting that our federal Parliament can no longer deal with the big questions," Smith wrote in Fairfax Media.

The only plebiscites in Australian history rejected conscription twice during World War I and chose Australia's national anthem in 1977.

The government does not have a majority in the Senate, and two minor parties that support same-sex marriage have said they won't vote for a plebiscite. **AP**

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Lagarde says globalization's benefits need to be shared by all

Andrew Mayeda, Eric Lam

WORLD leaders need to better manage the frustration over the failure of globalization to deliver widely shared benefits, IMF Managing Director Christine Lagarde said.

While the world has enjoyed unprecedented economic progress over the last 70 years, the transformation has caused "dislocation and hardship," Lagarde said in the text of a speech to be delivered yesterday in Toronto.

"Growing inequality in wealth, income, and opportunity in many countries has added to a groundswell of discontent, especially in the industrialized world -- a growing sense among some citizens that they 'lack control,' that the system is somehow against them," Lagarde said.



History has shown that closing borders and increasing protectionism isn't the solution, she said. Instead, countries need to extend the benefits of openness and integration, while alleviating the side effects, Lagarde

said. "We need to make globalization work for all."

Governments can help by creating a sound basis for growth, and fiscal policy needs to play a bigger role, Lagarde said. Countries should also step

up support for lower-skilled workers and strengthen social safety nets, she said. The U.S. could cushion job losses by raising the federal minimum wage and increasing the earned income-tax credit, she said.

She also encouraged countries to redouble their efforts to expand trade. "There is a growing risk of politicians seeking office by promising to 'get tough' with foreign trade partners through punitive tariffs or other restrictions on trade," she said.

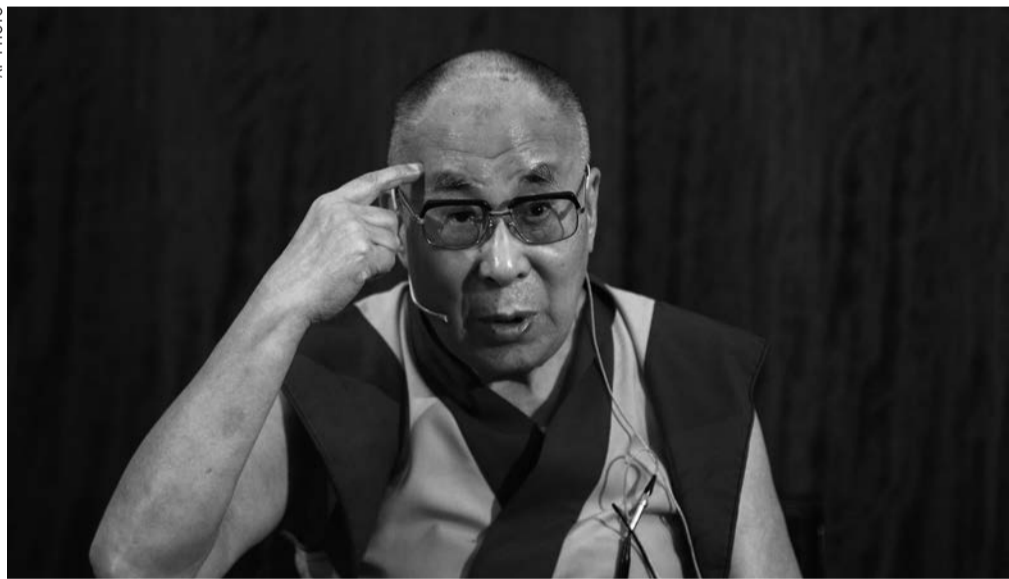
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Growing inequality in wealth, income, and opportunity in many countries has added to a groundswell of discontent.

CHRISTINE LAGARDE
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candidate Donald Trump has promised to impose tariffs on imported goods to protect American workers, an approach the IMF has said may actually hurt the U.S. economy. **Bloomberg**

Dalai Lama urges talks with Islamic State, help for refugees



THE Dalai Lama says there should be dialogue with Islamic State extremists to end bloodshed in Syria and Iraq, and argues that religion is never a justification for killing.

The Tibetan Buddhist spiritual leader, speaking yesterday in Paris, said dialogue "is the only way," but didn't elaborate on how it should take place or with whom. He insisted that Islam should never be conflated with terrorism.

"A genuine practitioner of Islam must respect others' lives," he said, adding that someone who kills in the name of Islam

or Buddhism "is no longer a Muslim, or a Buddhist."

He urged European countries to take in refugees, such as those fleeing Syria's war, but said European governments should also work toward ending the war so that the refugees can go home.

The Dalai Lama himself fled Tibet and has lived in India for decades, effectively as a refugee, and is viewed by China as a separatist.

He slammed Chinese censorship as "immoral" but said he's optimistic that China will eventually relax restrictions and open

up more.

He is on a weeklong visit to France for conferences on the environment, spirituality, secular ethics and preserving Tibetan language and culture.

While he is no longer involved in politics, the Dalai Lama said he'd be happy to meet French President Francois Hollande. Hollande's office said no such meeting was considered, however.

China has frequently imposed diplomatic and economic punishments on countries whose leaders meet with the Dalai Lama. **AP**

BRAZIL

Mastermind of impeachment stripped of his own mandate

Samy Adghirni, Bruce Douglas

THE politician who led the drive to impeach president Dilma Rousseff lost his mandate himself during a congressional trial that could rattle her successor's government.

An overwhelming majority of 450 Brazilian lawmakers voted to expel former speaker Eduardo Cunha and ban him from public office for eight years on charges he lied over holding Swiss bank accounts. He denies wrongdoing, including accusations by prosecutors he stashed kickbacks in the accounts. Only 10 congressmen voted in favor of Cunha during a lower house session that ended around midnight. Nine abstained.

The expulsion of one of the most influential lawmakers in Brazil's recent history could stall President Michel Temer's reform agenda if he decides to retaliate by revealing corruption among his peers. "The fear amongst party leaders is that he could implicate key ministers within Temer's administration, or even the president himself," Eurasia Group political consulting firm said in a research note.

Cunha has rejected the idea that he would incriminate others by signing a plea bargain deal with prosecutors. Such deals are "only for those who committed crimes and I haven't committed any," he told reporters after being expelled from office.

Dozens of legislators, including Cunha, are being investigated in relation to the



Eduardo Cunha

scheme of kickbacks from state-owned oil company Petrobras, which has already landed some of the country's leading executives behind bars.

The case of the former Evangelical radio host, who has repeatedly outmaneuvered his critics to avoid punishment despite mounting accusations of wrongdoing, has gripped Brazil. Cunha, who abandoned Rousseff's coalition last year, initiated the impeachment proceedings in December against the then-president for manipulating public accounts.

Temer relies on congressional support to pass austerity measures and pull Latin America's largest economy out of its worst recession in decades. These include cuts to pension benefits and other unpopular measures. While he nominally enjoys an ample congressional majority, some of his allies have voiced concern over controversial bills, particularly ahead of municipal elections next month. **Bloomberg**

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206 OF CAMBODIA'S RARE ROYAL TURTLES RELEASED AT NEW CENTER

AP PHOTO



Conservationists prepare to release Royal Turtles at a conservation center in Mondul Seima

More than 200 of Cambodia's nearly extinct royal turtles were released yesterday in muddy waters at a new breeding and conservation center that was built in hopes of keeping the national reptile from disappearing.

The Koh Kong Reptile Conservation Center in western Cambodia is a joint effort between the government's fisheries department and the New York-based Wildlife Conservation Society.

The 206 turtles belong to one of the world's 25 most endangered tortoise and freshwater turtle species. It's also known as the southern river terrapin, but its primary name harkens to historical times when only the royal family could consume the turtle's eggs.

The turtle was believed extinct until 2000 when a small population was rediscovered, and it was designated the national reptile in 2005.

Since 2001, a joint project between the government and conservation society has saved 39 nests with a total of 564 eggs that resulted in 382 hatchlings. The hatchlings are raised in captivity and later released into the wild.

"With very few Royal Turtles left in the wild and many threats to their survival, Cambodia's national reptile is facing a high risk of extinction," said Ouk Vibol, director of Fisheries Conservation Department.

"By protecting nests and head starting the hatchlings, we are increasing the chances of survival for this important species for Cambodia," he said.

The breeding and conservation center has five big ponds with grass and sand banks for the resettled turtles to nest, society spokesman Eng Mengey said by telephone from Koh Kong province where the center is located.

"We hope in time to have other species like Siamese crocodiles at the center, and may even develop it into a site for ecotourism to generate revenue to be used for conserving the turtles in the center," Ross Sinclair, the society's country director for Cambodia, said in the statement. AP

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08 SEP - 14 SEP

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ROOM 1

2.30, 4.45, 7.15, 9.30 pm

Director: Yeon Sang-ho

Starring: Gong Yoo, Jung Tu-mi, ma Domng-Seok

Language: Korean (Cantonese/English)

Duration: 97min



AT CAFE 6

ROOM 2

2.30, 4.30, 7.30, 9.30 pm

Director: Neal Wu

Starring: Zijian Dong, Cherry Ngan, lin Bohong, Ouyang Nini

Language: Mandarin (Cantonese/ English)

Duration: 103min



NERVE

ROOM 3

2.30, 4.30, 7.30, 9.30 pm

Director: Henry Joost, Ariel Schulman

Starring: Emma Roberts, Dave Franco, Emily Meade, Miles Heizer

Language: English (Cantonese)

Duration: 96min

MACAU TOWER

01 SEP - 14 SEP

WAR DOGS

2.30, 4.30, 7.30, 9.30 pm

Director: Todd Phillips

Starring: Jonah Hill, Miles Teller, Steve Lantz

Language: English (Cantonese)

Duration: 106min



this day in history



Oleg Gordievsky

1985 USSR EXPELS 25 IN TIT-FOR-TAT SPY ROW

Two days after the British Government ordered the expulsion of 25 alleged Soviet spies, the USSR has retaliated by throwing out 25 British nationals.

It follows the defection of Soviet double-agent and KGB chief Oleg Gordievsky to the West.

He gave British security services an unprecedented amount of information about Soviet agents operating in the UK. In fact he had recently been appointed head of the KGB in London in charge of the USSR's whole spy operation in Britain.

He is the highest-ranking KGB espionage source to be identified and his defection was described by Foreign Secretary Sir Geoffrey Howe as "a very substantial coup for our security forces".

The Foreign Office revealed that Mr Gordievsky had been a double agent since 1966. He was persuaded to work for the Danish intelligence service soon after the KGB posted him to Copenhagen posing as a press attaché.

Three Soviet diplomats were expelled from Denmark in 1977 thanks to information he gave to the Danes.

In 1982 the KGB sent him to London as a "counselor" for the Soviet Embassy when he began working for MI5.

Mr Gordievsky's revelations are a severe blow to the KGB, but MI5's greatest asset is also gone. It is believed he is behind the expulsion of several other Soviet diplomats in the last few years.

He is now in the hands of British security, along with his wife, after requesting asylum some weeks ago. Precise details of his defection remain unknown.

The British Government had expected some kind of retaliation but was surprised by such a tough response as this is the first time Moscow has sent out an equal number of foreigners in reprisal.

There was a flurry of activity in Whitehall when news broke of the Soviet tit-for-tat expulsions. Sir Geoffrey held meetings with Foreign Office and security service officials to discuss Britain's next move and the impact on Anglo-Soviet relations.

President Mikhail Gorbachev and Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher have developed a certain personal rapport that has boosted trade between the two countries.

But the current crisis could undermine Anglo-Soviet relations. In a statement Sir Geoffrey said: "We utterly condemn this unjustified action directed against British businessmen and journalists, as well as embassy staff."

Although the embassy in Moscow has been hit hard - 18 of their 43 diplomats have been told to pack their bags - only two of the 25 people expelled were businessmen. Analysts suggest this means President Gorbachev wants to maintain the trade links that bring in much-needed hard currency.

Courtesy BBC News

IN CONTEXT

Two days later the British government ordered the expulsion of a further six Soviet officials and lowered the ceiling on the number of officials allowed to work in the UK from 211 to 205. On 18 September the USSR expelled six more Britons at which point UK Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher announced a halt to the tit-for-tat expulsions.

Some months later details of Mr Gordievsky's dramatic defection emerged.

His KGB bosses in Moscow had suspected him of betraying his country in May 1985 and summoned him back to Russia for interrogation.

He then contacted his "handlers" who helped him get to the British Embassy. From there he escaped to Finland in the back of a van.

After the British secret service had interrogated him he was flown to the UK with his family. He has since written books detailing the operations of the KGB.

YOUR STARS

Aries

Mar. 21-Apr. 19

Your terrific personal energy makes action easy and fun — so get busy! You may find that something you had thought was an obstacle is actually a tool you can use to get ahead. Go for it.

Taurus

April 20-May 20

You'd rather get things done right than get them done quickly — but today, you may not have that luxury. A deadline looms, or maybe a colleague is falling behind and needs you to help pick up the slack.

Gemini

May 21-Jun. 21

Step up and make the first move — your initiative is almost sure to be rewarded. Whether it's romance or career-related, all you need to do is get the ball rolling and you should find success.

Cancer

Jun. 22-Jul. 22

Your big brain is a potent force — so make sure that you're using it! It's one of those days when your people need guidance, and you can offer it quickly. Once you see the problem, you know what to do.

Leo

Jul. 23-Aug. 22

Amazing energy is coursing through your spirit and body today — and it lights up your pleasure centers! It's one of those days when you have fun doing almost anything, so get out there!

Virgo

Aug. 23-Sept. 22

Duck any requests to share resources today — even if it makes you feel bad. There are hidden costs, and you are sure to be better off if you learn more, but that can't happen until tomorrow.

Libra

Sep. 23-Oct. 22

A one-on-one meeting changes everything — in a good way, of course! It may relate to finance, romance, or new pants, but somehow, this meeting of the minds really takes off quickly.

Scorpio

Oct. 23 - Nov. 21

You're starting on something new and cool today — or you should be! Your energy is perfect for beginnings, and anything that starts today is sure to be positive for you in the long run.

Sagittarius

Nov. 22-Dec. 21

Your love life is really taking off — in one way or another. Maybe you have a new crush, or maybe your long-term partner is stepping up their game and really making life sweeter.

Capricorn

Dec. 22-Jan. 19

You are likely hung up on an old family issue that lingers long after it should have been resolved. Now is a good time to make a clean break or to tell someone directly that they're being irresponsible.

Aquarius

Jan. 20-Feb. 18

You are pretty far out there today, and it may feel as if you're destined to be misunderstood for your entire life. Don't despair! There are others who think like you do, out there waiting for you to speak up.

Pisces

Feb. 19-Mar. 20

You feel trapped in a maze of twisty passages — but it's all just a matter of perspective. Once you've wandered for a while, you are sure to find a secret exit that only occurs to those who feel lost.

THE BORN LOSER by Chip Sansom



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WEATHER

CHINA

Table with columns: MIN, MAX, CONDITION. Rows: Beijing, Harbin, Tianjin, Urumqi, Xi'an, Lhasa, Chengdu, Chongqing, Kunming, Nanjing, Shanghai, Wuhan, Hangzhou, Taipei, Guangzhou, Hong Kong.

WORLD

Table with columns: MIN, MAX, CONDITION. Rows: Moscow, Frankfurt, Paris, London, New York.

CROSSWORDS

ACROSS: 1- Rock clinging plant; 5- Reprimand; 10- Depression-era migrant; 14- Bickering; 15- "The Taming of the Shrew" locale; 16- Bandage; 17- Conveying to destination; 19- gin fizz; 20- Decorative ivy; 21- Large owl; 23- Error; 25- Give guns again; 26- Omit in pronunciation; 28- Waterways; 31- Great quantity; 34- 1994 Jodie Foster film; 36- Knot again; 37- Maze!; 38- Pertaining to fire; 40- Greek letter; 41- and the Night Visitors; 43- Struck, old-style; 44- Curses!; 45- Small galley; 47- Skater Slutskaya; 49- Sleep disorder; 51- Goes by; 55- Bask; 58- Breathe in; 59- Sacramento's Arena; 60- At right angles to the vertical; 62- "All the Way" lyricist Sammy; 63- Eliminate; 64- Actress Skye; 65- "Twittering Machine" artist; 66- Like most movies; 67- No ifs, ands, or buts.

DOWN: 1- Woman in charge of a household; 2- Cheri of "Saturday Night Live"; 3- Eliot's Marner; 4- Pompous; 5- Talking; 6- Saturn or Mercury; 7- Comics canine; 8- Pertaining to the moon; 9- Short swordlike weapon; 10- Notice; 11- 0.621 miles; 12- pronounce you...; 13- Pulitzer-winning biographer Leon; 18- Antidote holder, maybe; 22- Dens; 24- Utopias; 27- Varnish resin; 29- Moreno of "West Side Story"; 30- Senate position; 31- For men only; 32- Prolonged unconsciousness; 33- Large mass of sliding snow; 35- River of Tours; 38- Actress Massey; 39- Used; 42- Ilium; 44- Waterflea; 46- Hopple; 48- Second start?; 50- Now, in Nogales; 52- Squelched; 53- African antelope; 54- Tennis's Monica; 55- Large bag; 56- Russian range; 57- Part of QED; 61- British verb ending;



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UEFA presidential favorite criticizes Champions League deal

Rob Harris, Athens

THE favorite to become UEFA president has criticized the secret deal - accelerated ahead of today's election - guaranteeing four Champions League group-stage places for Europe's top four leagues.

In an interview with The Associated Press, Aleksander Ceferin expressed frustration UEFA caved into the demands of powerful clubs from Spain, Germany, England, and Italy. Those countries are guaranteed 16 Champions League places from 2018-21, rather than 11 currently - squeezing teams from lower-ranked leagues like Ceferin's Slovenia.

"The problem is we didn't know anything that was going on - that shouldn't happen again," Ceferin said in Athens yesterday. "It's not frustrating just for me; it's frustrating for all 55 national associations."

"The process was not OK be-



Aleksander Ceferin

cause it was not communicated well. Nobody knew what is going on. There was a group who decided, and the lack of communication is the main problem why clubs and national associations are mad now."

The current qualification system, which makes one of the teams from the English Premier League, La Liga, Bundesliga, and Serie A contest a playoff to reach the Champions League group stage, is the "ideal mo-

del," Ceferin said.

But UEFA announced in August the new deal, which assists more powerful teams, after months of talks with the influential European Club Association, whose members raised a long-standing threat of breaking away to form a closed Super League dominated by the rich and storied elite.

Ceferin, who is seeking to complete the presidential term of the banned Michel Platini until

2019, warned that "any Super League is out of the question."

"It is a bargaining chip," said Ceferin, the Slovenian federation president. "I am sure they do not want to leave UEFA and UEFA's competitions. It would be boring to play in some closed league and it will mean war with UEFA."

"They pushed it more becau-

Spain, Germany, England, and Italy are guaranteed 16 Champions League places from 2018-21, rather than 11 currently

se we didn't have any leadership and that was a problem with UEFA. But at the same time they are very important stakeholders, they bring a lot of money to UEFA, and we have to sit down with them - 55 associations and clubs - and talk about how we should do it in the future."

An ECA document obtained by the AP said "UEFA accelerated the process" in part to "avoid interference with UEFA presidential election process (do not allow the topic to be subject of political capture)."

The presidential election in Athens is down to a contest between Ceferin and 68-year-old UEFA vice president Michael van Praag of the Netherlands. The 48-year-old Ceferin said he has the backing of 32 of UEFA's 55 members to succeed Platini, who has been suspended from UEFA duties since October.

"UEFA is not very broken - public opinion is worse than actually UEFA is," Ceferin said. "We have to work on transparency. We have to adopt term limits for presidents and ExCo (executive committee) members because you cannot stay in a certain position for 20 years. We have seen in the recent past what is happening if you are there for too long. You think you own the organization." AP

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Macau Matters

Richard Whitfield



THE NEW KA HO PRISON

I note with interest the recent sit-in by a subcontractor complaining about construction and progress payment delays on the project to develop a new prison at Ka Ho on Coloane Island - I have been wanting to rant about this topic for a while!

Generally, I believe that criminal justice systems exist to deter crime and reduce re-offending and punish criminals at least cost to the community. I am not a big fan of prisons, though, because they seem to encourage recidivism while not deterring crime too much and being very expensive to run.

As yet another example of needless government secrecy, I cannot find out anything about Macau's prison system online - no information on the prisons and prison population, no statistics on crime rates and punishments for different crimes. No information on whether prisoners are mostly locals or tourists who have committed crimes while visiting Macau. Without this kind of information it is very difficult to form a reasonable view on whether a new prison is needed in Macau, or what the alternatives might be. Citizens should always "trust but verify" the work of their civil servants and, unfortunately, the competence of many can be seriously questioned.

Given the rising tourist numbers, and lesser rises in the local population, I can believe that crime is increasing. Further, I suspect, but cannot confirm, that many prisoners in Macau are tourists. If this is the case, why not return these prisoners to their home country to complete their sentences? This would be less costly for Macau, and means that these prisoners would be closer to their families. I understand that prisoner return arrangements are being negotiated for Hong Kong (and possibly China) but that the discussions are dragging. Again, getting information is difficult, but why don't we make concluding these arrangements a higher priority than building a new prison in Macau.

Without information on crime rates and punishments it is impossible to consider whether there are alternatives to prison sentences. There is a lot of petty crime carried out by tourists - maybe barring these people from re-entering Macau is a solution than keeping them in prison here.

If, and this is a big if, we accept that a new prison is needed in Macau then I have several problems with the one being, very slowly, built in Ka Ho.

First, the site is on the side of a mountain and is about the worst possible place to locate a prison. I have never seen higher prison walls in my life, and guard towers are also humongous. I am baffled as to why this site was chosen. Second, the new prison seems to be about 5 times the size of the existing prison in Coloane Village - why is such a large new prison needed, on such an awkward site? This new prison seems to be a major case of infrastructure overkill.

Lastly, we have the contract to build the prison. Once again, the government publishes little about how it awards public tender contracts so it is difficult to comment. Nonetheless, there seems to be a problem with the main contractor for the prison project - not meeting completion deadlines and not paying sub-contractors. I understand that the government rarely has penalty clauses in its construction contracts, which totally amazes me.

Government contracts should always include severe penalty clauses, and they should be rigidly enforced. Failures of main contractors to pay sub-contractors should also not be permitted. Construction companies with a history of problems in this area should be banned from bidding for future government work.

THE SINGAPORE INVESTIGATING ZIKA STRAIN AS INFECTIONS RISE

Singapore says it is investigating the strain and severity of its locally transmitted Zika virus, amid a rising number of cases.

Health Minister Gan Kim Yong told Parliament yesterday that it is not yet clear whether the virus found locally causes more or less severe disease than that found in South America.

He said further research will be needed to deter-

mine the answer.

Researchers concluded last week that the strain of Zika in two patients here was not from South America, but similar to those found in the region decades ago.

Singapore announced its first Zika infection in May, with the virus imported by a 48-year-old man who had traveled to Brazil.

Syrian migrant musicians sell out shows in Germany



Jona Kallgren, Berlin

AT the neoclassical Concert House in Berlin's Gendarmenmarkt, busts of German composers Beethoven, Bach and Handel looked on as the 65 musicians took their seats for a sold-out weekend concert.

The Syrian Expat Philharmonic Orchestra settling in to play represents a much more recent chapter in German history, consisting entirely of professional musicians who fled civil war in their homeland to seek refuge in Europe.

Founded in Germany a year ago by Raed Jazbeh, who plays the double bass and acts as the artistic director, it has since performed concerts across the

country and soon plans to tour Sweden.

All the members of the orchestra are classically trained, and most studied for at least five years at the Higher Institute of Music in Damascus. Their recent concert fused together a mix of classical European music, classical Arab music and Arabic folkloric music.

The musicians' hope is that their concerts will give the European audience a reference point to understand Syrian music and culture.

"I feel that it is my responsibility as a musician to present our culture, our music and show that we can be together in peace in Europe," said Mohamad Fityan, who plays the Ney, a type of traditional Ara-

bic flute. "I think the best way to do that is through music."

Fityan, an Aleppo native, fled to Germany in 2015 and was quickly granted asylum. Others settled in other countries around Europe, and when the musicians come together for concerts it is often an emotional reunion.

"I never imagined that I would be here in Europe, playing with a whole orchestra of Syrian musicians - and that we are all living in Europe. I never imagined that," said Rasha Rizk, a soprano soloist who now lives in Paris.

More than a million migrants entered Europe last year and Syrians were the largest single group.

The musicians tire, however, of seeing the images of their country at war - the reason for their flight to Europe - and other negative portrayals of Syrians and hope that the concerts can help show a glimpse of themselves in normal times.

"This is us," said Ghasan Alaboud, who guest directs the orchestra for the Berlin concerts. "This is Syria and these are the Syrian people." **AP**

THE DECISIVE MOMENT

Xinhua/Lin Yiguang



Boats set sail for fishing on the Dianchi Lake in Kunming, capital of southwest China's Yunnan Province. Dianchi Lake officially opened for fishing yesterday. This year, fishing is divided into two periods. During the first period, from Sept. 13 to 24, fishermen can catch big fish. During the second period, from Sept. 29 to Oct. 23, they can fish for whitebaits and shrimps.

Station	Air quality
Roadside	45-65 Moderate
High Density Residential Area	60-80 Moderate
Ambient	55-75 Moderate

SOURCE: DSI/MG

WORLD BRIEFS



USA The mosque that Orlando nightclub gunman Omar Mateen attended was heavily damaged in an arson fire that Muslim leaders said was the latest incident in an escalating campaign of harassment and violence against the house of worship and its members.

BRAZIL The once-powerful speaker of Congress' lower house is the latest top politician to fall before the mammoth corruption scandals that have caused widespread anger among Brazilians. **More on p15**



SPAIN A small group of local people and anti-bullfighting activists scuffled and exchanged insults at a centuries-old Spanish festival where for the first time in its history the gory killing of a bull was banned, and the beast was unharmed. Mounted police intervened before hundreds of people ran alongside a lone bull and taunted it in the town of Tordesillas 200 kilometers northwest of Madrid.

SOUTH AFRICA An American pastor who has made anti-gay comments has been barred from entering South Africa. Steven Anderson and members of the Faithful Word Baptist Church of Tempe, Arizona will not be allowed to travel to South Africa because they allegedly promote hate speech and "social violence," said Malusi Gigaba, the home affairs minister.



SOMALIA yesterday hosted its first regional summit of African heads of state in 30 years, a source of pride in this Horn of Africa country after decades of chaos and deadly attacks by al-Shabab extremists. On social media, people marveled that their country was trending for something other than explosions.