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Global Tourism Economy Forum emphasizes Macau's strategic position

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Renato Marques

ONE of the Global Tourism Economy Forum sessions held yesterday focused on the topic, "Embracing the Multi-faceted Chinese Travelers." A group panel comprised of figures from the international tourism panorama highlighted, among other aspects, the need for European countries to "adapt" and/or "adjust" to the needs of the Chinese traveler. They contended that European tourism operators should oppose and abandon the "stereotypical" behaviors that dominate their interactions with Chinese tourists.

The keynote speaker, Arthur de Haast, chairman of the Capital Markets Board and Hotels & Hospitality Group of Jones Lang LaSalle said that China has recently been perceived as one of the "big players" in the hotel and tourism related industry.

In his presentation, Haast relayed precisely the acquisitions and injections of Chinese capital in many worldwide companies and explained how these investments have resulted in the existing interest in Chinese consumers. Top international competitors in the market have already made adjustments to accommodate these clients, for example "loyalty" and "memberships" benefits specifically for Chinese tourists.

"This investment [in multinational companies] is driven by the interest for Chinese consumers," Arthur de

New Chinese tourists open new markets for industry



Arthur de Haast

Haast said.

Founder and CEO of Maison de la Chine, Patricia Tartour, underscored the importance of the idea that the industry needs to abandon frequent stereotypes about Chinese

consumers, saying that the new Chinese traveler expects more than leisure. They often travel not just for leisure or work, but a combination of mutual interests.

In Tartour's opinion, the

Chinese traveler "looks for fashion, for education and etiquette and for world knowledge that assumes the position of a new status symbol."

Henri Giscard d'Estaing, president of Club Med, goes even further on the topic adding that the profile of the Chinese traveler has changed totally in the last 15 years, remarking on two important drivers for this change: introduction of the individual visas for Chinese citizens in 2003 and the change on the Chinese labor law in 2008 that established a mandatory four weeks of annual holidays. In his opinion, the measure brought a "sociological change" that is followed today by the trend for family travel with educational purposes.

"Chinese now travel in family groups and travel for the education of the kids," Giscard d'Estaing mentioned.

The opinion of this dramatic change, which is shared by all speakers, was also noted by EuroPass CEO, Guillaume de Roquefeuil who

noted the fact as a challenge for the industry.

"They speak English. They don't travel in tour groups anymore. They are more informed and autonomous and they do not use the services of the travel agencies anymore," he said. He added that, "they want to do many things and they want to share those [with their family and

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EUROPASS CEO

friends] on social networks," noting the importance of the social media and the online platforms for the purposes of promotion of services.

For the vice president of the International Affairs Office and the president and CEO of Etihad Airways, Vijay Poonosamy, the secret to attracting these consumers is innovation. The top executive remarked that "in order to innovate we need to know people." He agreed on the need to abandon the stereotypes and to focus specifically on the needs of these consumers.

"If you are in this industry to make money and you ignore the Chinese market you better change your industry field," Poonosamy said, naming a few aspects in which Etihad Airways made efforts to "adjust" to the market, for example, adding more Chinese crew members, more Chinese films and entertainment on board and betting on Chinese Social Media platforms like WeChat, Weibo and others.

Over 1,000 delegates attended GTEF

THE annual Global Tourism Economy Forum (GTEF) opened on Saturday at Studio City Macau. Themed as "The Growing Consumer Class – Rethinking and Reshaping the Future Tourism Landscape", the fifth edition of this conference gathered over 120 ministerial officials, leaders of international corporations, as well as experts and scholars. The aim of the discussion was to zero in on how this group, through their resourcefulness and use of technology, is increasingly becoming the influential force in the tourism industry.

According to the organizers, this edition is being attended by over 1,000 delegates from many countries and cities around the world, including delegations from the event's partner country (France) and partner city (Beijing).

During the opening ceremony, Edmund Ho, vice chairman of the National Committee of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference and Chairman of GTEF,



remarked: "Tourism is an economic activity beneficial to the society, an industry peacefully bridging the world together, and a core industry promoting regional cooperation and connectivity."

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TOURISM

GTEF emphasizes Macau's strategic position

Renato Marques

THE 2016 Global Tourism Economy Forum (GTEF), which was held over the weekend and brought a large number of worldwide experts in the tourism field to the region, concluded yesterday evening after two intense days of discussions. The main topic of these discussions was the "Growing Consumer Class" and how this class is reshaping the

tourism landscape.

During the final remarks, the vice chairman and secretary-general of GTEF, Pansy Ho, highlighted China's Premier Li Keqiang's belief that Macau is a region gifted with attractions and capable of becoming a world tourism and leisure center.

"GTEF has embarked on a wonderful journey of making friends and allies through creating synergies and common objectives in sharing and nurturing an invaluable

platform via tourism economy to continue pursuing positive and sustainable economic growth and social harmony among nations," said Ho, adding: "This forum is a strong bridge between Asia and Europe today and will continue to create a much needed bridged between the East and the West."

Ho also remarked that focus on consumers is always a logical topic as they are the most important component in tourism development. This GTEF shared

the view that tourism is not seen as a luxury anymore but as a natural need worldwide. The forum also noted a series of connections between tourism and all other industries, as well as some strategic points in which those other industries can benefit from.

Also remarking on the results achieved by the forum, Maria Helena de Senna Fernandes, director of the Macao Government Tourism Office (MGTO) and Vice Chairman of the GTEF, said "in these two days, the forum has outlined the latest prospect for the global tourism industry and the 'new normal' in the tourism economy from a broad vision and advanced angle, inspiring key decision-makers in the industry." She added that "smart tourism will be transformed into a new dynamic for regional cooperation across the globe."

On the importance of GTEF for the region, the MGTO head remarked on how the industry is one of the region's "pillars" as well



Maria Helena de Senna Fernandes

as highlighting the strategic position of Macau in this context as well as its status.

"By hosting the forum, we not only demonstrate Macau's strategic position in promoting multicultural and international interchanges but also embrace a great opportunity to raise Macau's international profile," Senna Fernandes said.

During the closing ceremony of the event, the Central and Eastern Europeans countries were mentioned as the new partner countries for GTEF's 2017 edition. Gusztav Bienerth, government commissioner for Tourism of Hungary, briefly presented the latest tourism development update on these countries, anticipating some of the topics and discussions expected in next year's edition.

Discrimination claims rejected

SPEAKING during the press conference that kicked off the forum, Helena de Senna Fernandes rejected the claims of discrimination against Indian and Iranian visitors as the Times previously reported. "I can say it's not an issue of discrimination. Perhaps they [police officers] have access to some information we are unaware of, which can raise some security concerns. Of course we must continue to talk to our police authori-

ties to prevent any unpleasant situations," the MGTO head said.

Several cases recently reported indicated that many Indian tourists and even Miss Iran had troubles to enter the territory although the into force visa-free policy for such visitors. Tourists holding passports from several countries have reportedly been asked to show proof of hotel reservations, return flight tickets and at least MOP5,000 in cash.

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Prize presentation



Pavit's win is 'all for the King!'

Lynzy Valles

ALL for the King!" was the chant from the audience when Thailand's Pavit Tangkamolprasert prevailed over Asian Tour number one Anirban Lahiri in a play-off yesterday, which marked his first Asian Tour victory at the Venetian Macao Open.

The 27-year-old Thai beat India's Lahiri, shooting a seven under par 64 and 65 respectively in the final round to tie at 16 under par 268 at the Macau Golf and Country Club.

Pavit earned USD198,000 after triumphing in extra time with a birdie on the par five 18th hole after Lahiri. The 2014 Venetian Macao Open champion, found the water hazard with his second shot following an errant drive en-route to a bogey.

Pavit dedicated his win to the late King Bhumibol of Thailand, as it has been an emotional week for the Thai residents and players.

"All the Thai players are very sad after hearing the news back home. The King is our inspiration this week. Our lives and this trophy are for the King. I dedicate this win to the King," he said.

The 2016 Venetian Macao Open winner was a five-time winner on the Asian Development Tour where he was number one in 2014. He only had one top-10 finish on the Asian Tour in 65 starts previously.

According to him, he did not expect to win, as he does not even hold an Asian Tour Status.

Pavit said: "I didn't think I would be in a play-off but I got lucky as Anirban hit his second shot into the water.



Pavit Tangkamolprasert

All the hard work paid off this week. [...] I just wanted to play my best. This win will now give me a two-year exemption," he told the press.

The third Thai 'first-time' winner on the Asian tour this season also admitted that he did not feel nervous throughout the tournament, as he had "nothing to lose."

"I had nothing to lose in the play-off. My caddie, my mum and dad texted me to say I had nothing to lose. Kiradech (Aphibarnrat) also sent me a message to say "Come on, you can do it," and that was a big motivation for me," said Pavit in the press conference.

Big-hitting Pavit turned a one-shot deficit into a three-shot lead with some skilled putting, reaching six under through 13 holes of play; he was seemingly coasting to a well-deserved victory.

Lahiri, who looked out of contention and trailed by five at one stage, produced his best stuff coming home as he nailed seven successive birdies to force a play-off.

Yet, the 29-year-old Lahiri was obviously frustrated by his loss.

"I was happy I won the toss and I wanted to go first [in the play-off]. I think I rushed into that and I was trying to lay up on the second shot but the rough was a bit thick," he said.

"I didn't even think of the hazard being there. I guess that was unfortunate to finish like that. I'm happy with the way I played the back nine but disappointed I finished second again," Lahiri added.

The runner up result has se-

cured him entry into the next week's CIMB Classic Malaysia via the Asian Tour's Order of Merit.

Chinese Taipei's Chan Shih-chang shot a superb 65 to be tied third with co-overnight leader Chikkarangappa S. of India; both finished three shots behind the play-off duo.

"I was hitting all over the place but I managed to hang in there. I lost some momentum on 11 again, making that bogey. I can take some positives from this. I've never seen a finish like that before," he said.

"I know how strong Anirban was in the head. He had a bad start with some bad tee shots but the way he came back, that was amazing," added the 23-year-old Chikkarangappa, whose third straight top-10 locked up his tour card for 2017.

Chan, already a two-time winner this season, wished he had a stronger start to put the pressure on the leaders. "My back nine was perfect but not the first nine, I had many tries for birdies but my putting speed wasn't good. The leaders were also too far in front after that," he said.

As previously reported, the total prize fund this year has reached USD\$1.1 million, making it Asian Tour's most lucrative full field tournament.

President of Sands China, Wilfred Wong, thanked the sponsors of the Open and its participants and relayed that the tournament is one of the most anticipated events in The Venetian's calendar. He also said that he sees both Pavit and Lahiri as winners of this year's open.

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PAVIT TANGKAMOLPRASERT

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GP rescue training sessions conclude today



The Macau Grand Prix Organizing Committee (MGPOC) in conjunction with the FIA, is organizing a professional rescue training in order to ensure that all rescue team members are trained to the highest internationally-recognized standards of proficiency. The training (that will conclude today) has taken place at the Macau Grand Prix Building. Extrication consultant for this year's race, Jean-Jacques Issermann, and FIA medical delegate, Jacques Tropenat, were invited to conduct this year's rescue training course. Both experts provided professional instruction, shared their experience and gave demonstrations. Course content included car accident simulation training, rescue practice and assessment. Participants who successfully passed the examination received certificates from the FIA.

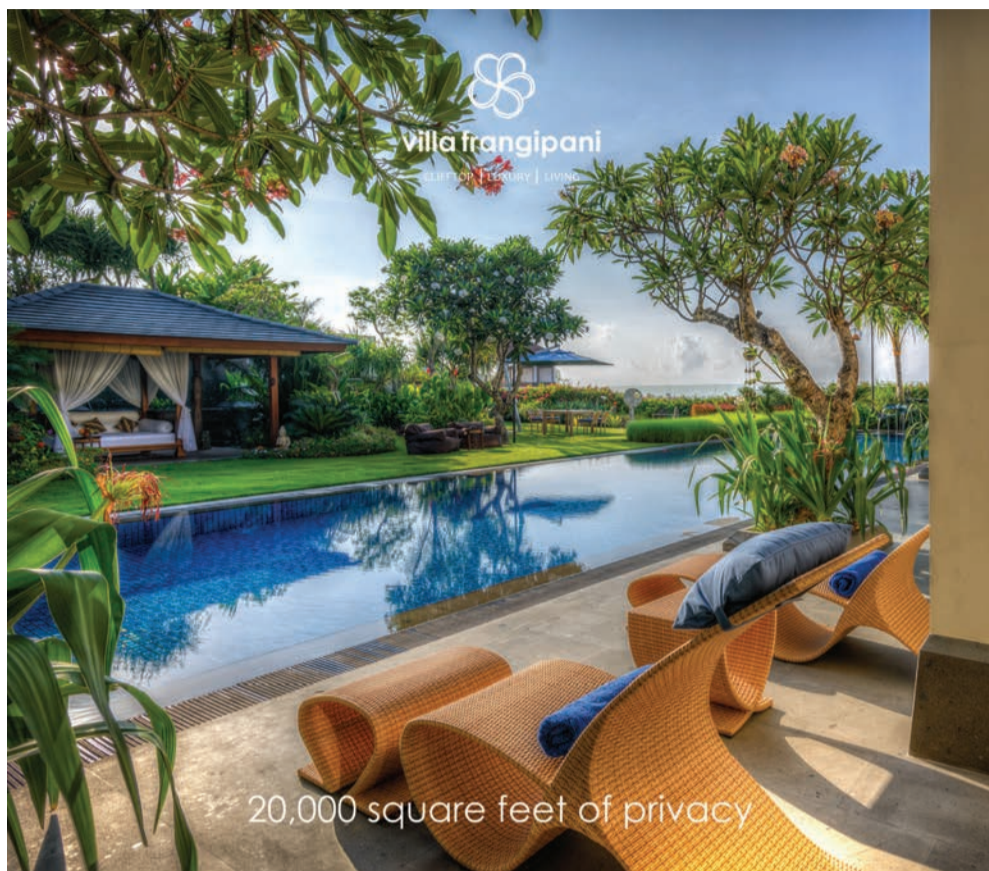
Shekhar Kapur to be Macau Film Festival chairman

Filmmaker Shekhar Kapur accepted the invitation to be the chairman of the Macau Film Festival that will be held from December 8 to 14. The Indian director said on Twitter that the appointment was an opportunity to act as a bridge between India and China. On the sidelines of an event held yesterday, the Macau Government Tourism Office's (MGTO) director, Maria Helena de Senna Fernandes said that the appointment is good news for the new festival. "He is an internationally recognized director. We are taking a further step in order to make people recognize the international dimension of the event," she said. The first edition of the festival is expected to bring over 500 participants from the global movie industry. It will be directed by Marco Müller, who was previously a director at the Locarno, Venice and Rome festivals and has a large experience of organizing events in China.

Gov't expresses condolences on the death of Thai king



On Friday, the Macau government sent a telegram to the Thailand's Prime Minister to express their condolences on the death of His Majesty King Bhumibol Adulyadej of Thailand. "Having ruled Thailand for 70 years, His Majesty King Bhumibol Adulyadej devoted his life to the country and its people. Under his rule, Thailand achieved steady development, enhancing the love and respect the Thai people felt for him," a Government Spokesperson Office statement read.



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EDUCATION

UM makes agreement on teaching mobility with US university

THE University of Macau's (UM) Faculty of Arts and Humanities has signed an agreement on teaching mobility with George Washington University (GWU) in the United States.

UM stated in a press release that one of the outcomes of the agreement is the teaching staff exchanges in subjects taught in Portuguese and English, with incoming staff initially specializing in English literature.

To mark the beginning of this series of exchanges, the Department of English hosted a roundtable symposium on 'Synergies in English Literature Teaching and Research'.

The purpose of this symposium was to add value to the teaching exchanges by exploring shared teaching and research interests. During the symposium, faculty of the two institutions discussed their educational and research interests, and identified potential areas of collaboration, such as Asian-American literary research, creative writing pedagogy, language and poetics, and English.

The aim was to begin a series of conversations which will develop over time and which may result in the sharing of best practices in teaching and, potentially, joint research projects.

The symposium and the advent of the teaching mobility exchange together mark a key moment in the development of literary teaching and scholarship in the Faculty of Arts and Humanities. UM's statement concluded that scholars from its institution and GWU look forward to deepening their relationships in the future.

EDUCATION

Training to improve Chinese-Portuguese fluency in human resource teams

Julie Zhou

OVER the next five years, the government will implement new measures to train more members within human resource teams to be able to speak both Chinese and Portuguese in order to better serve the city. The Education and Youth Affairs Bureau (DSEJ) made the announcement on Friday at the conclusion of a meeting held between the non-tertiary education committee and the youth affairs committee of the DSEJ.

Tang Wai Keong, director of the DSEJ president's office, told the media that the government will expand its support in order to train Chinese and Portuguese speaking human resources. Currently, scholarships are offered only to students of Chinese and Portuguese translation, but the future additional measures will expand to training human resources in finance, accounting and engineering fields, Tang informed.

The goal of the expansion is to aid the commercial and trade cooperation between China and Portuguese-speaking countries. Tang elaborated on this point, saying, "scholarships will help in training talented people, particularly in regards with finance and accounting, for the China and Portuguese-speaking countries trade platform. In the past, we were already paying



Aspect of Friday's meeting, presided by Secretary for Social Affairs and Culture, Alexis Tam

close attention to Portuguese-speaking talented people. This year, more scholarships will be arranged to support them. The government will continue to invest and support the training of talented people in learning how to speak Portuguese."

According to Tang, starting from the academic year of 2016/2017, the Portuguese classes will be given priority within the educational curricula in local schools. This is a measure written in the SAR's Five-Year plan.

Schools will be required to have a minimum number of hours of Portuguese courses. In addition, more private schools will add Portuguese courses to their educational programmes and lectures will use Portuguese as the language of instruction.

The cooperation between Macau and Portugal regarding education will mean that courses and departments evolve, and in the long term this will ensure a pathway for Macau resident students who want to pursue tertiary degrees in Portugal.

■ Starting from the current academic year, Portuguese classes will be given priority in the educational curricula in local schools

Increased scholarship quotas will also be assigned to the tertiary education section in order to support college leavers choosing Portuguese as their university major. The scholarship will also apply to students choosing Chinese-Portuguese translation courses.

More subsidies will be provided to teachers and students to participate in exams to obtain professional certificates, including Portuguese proficiency certificates. As revealed by Tang, the DSEJ has been preparing the establishment of a language training center, located at Seac Pai Van.

Friday's DSEJ meeting introduced a middle-term review of the ten-year non-tertiary education development. The review shows that during 2011 to 2014, the government investments in non-tertiary education increased 15.2 percent. In the academic year of 2013/2014, gross high school enrolment rate was 92.5 percent, compared to 82.7 percent in the academic year of 2010/2011; university enrolment rate was 90.2 percent, 4.3 percent more than that of 2010/2011.

The grade retention in primary school, middle school and high school recorded at 2.5 percent, 8.5 percent, and 3.4 percent in the year of 2013/2014, respectively, compared to 4.2 percent, 11.8 percent and 4.8 percent of the academic year of 2010/2011.

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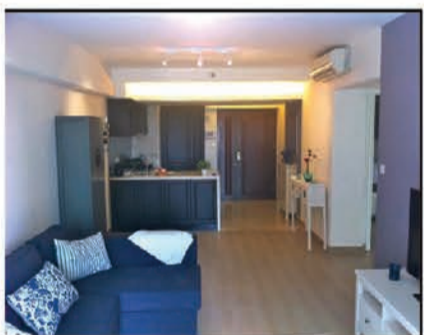
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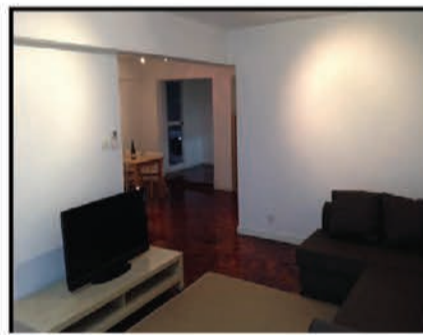
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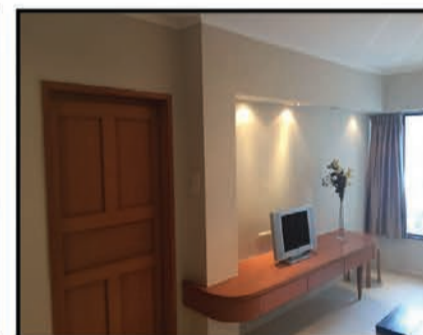
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Rate: HKD 7,271sq ft

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1,633sq. ft. HKD 7.8M
Rate: HKD 4,776sq ft

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Michelle Rindels, Carson City

Stadium deal passes, Raiders move to Vegas looks more likely

NEVADA took a giant step closer to becoming home of the Raider Nation on Friday, after state lawmakers narrowly approved a hotel tax increase that would put USD750 million in public money toward an NFL stadium partly funded by billionaire casino mogul Sheldon Adelson.

A cadre of lobbyists for the project strained over the past week to overcome conservative anxiety over a tax increase and liberal objections to subsidizing one of the world's richest men, eventually securing the bare minimum number of Assembly votes to hit the required two-thirds majority. Republican Gov. Brian Sandoval, who views the \$1.9 billion stadium as a way to ensure Las Vegas' continued dominance in tourism, is expected to sign the deal Monday in Las Vegas.

Raiders owner Mark Davis praised Sandoval and lawmakers in a statement.

"All parties have worked extremely hard to develop and approve this tremendous stadium project that will serve as a proud new home for the entire Raider Nation," he said.

But it's far from settled that Oakland's team will move to Las Vegas, a city that's only now ending its drought of professional sports after landing an NHL expansion team over the summer. Oakland still holds out hope that it can keep the Raiders from leaving them a second time, and a relocation needs the blessing of three-fourths of NFL team owners — a conservative bunch that's historically shunned Las Vegas because of its legalized sports betting.

Still, proponents who envision Raiders games in Sin City by 2020 will have a persuasive bargaining chip to show when NFL owners meet next week: The prospect of a sparkling, 65,000-seat domed venue close



Oakland Raiders owner Mark Davis, center, meets with Raiders fans after speaking at a meeting of the Southern Nevada Tourism Infrastructure Committee in Las Vegas.

to the Las Vegas Strip, backed by \$650 million from Adelson, \$500 million from the Raiders and the NFL and a \$750 million public investment.

"It's exciting," said Andy Abboud, chief lobbyist for casino mogul Adelson's Las Vegas Sands, after the financing deal passed its toughest vote on Friday. "But this is really about jobs, and I think at the end of the day people saw this as a fantastic economic stimulus package."

Sandoval called lawmakers into a rare special session to consider the deal, which raises a 12 percent hotel tax in the Las Vegas area by up to 1.4 percentage points to fund the stadium and a convention center expansion. Casino industry heavy-hitters from Wynn Resorts, MGM Resorts and Caesars Entertainment urged lawmakers not to miss the game-changing business venture backed by their

competitor, Adelson.

Construction workers from the Laborers Union festooned the legislative building in Carson City with silver-and-black flags, pleading with lawmakers to give them back jobs that dried up in the recession and also threatening to sabotage the campaigns of Democrats who voted against the deal.

Eventually, the Senate voted 16-5 and the Assembly voted 28-13 for the bill. Opponents included both Republicans and Democrats, many of whom balked that the Legislature put new tax revenue toward a stadium instead of bolstering Nevada's bottom-ranking public education system and mental health services.

"We are funding luxury items before we're taking care of our needs," said Democratic Assemblywoman Teresa Benitez-Thompson, who opposed the deal. "I don't let that happen in

my home and I'm not going to let it happen ... in this house."

The public contribution will be larger in raw dollars than for any other NFL stadium, although the public's share of the costs — 39 percent — is smaller than for stadiums in cities of a similar size, such as Indianapolis, Cleveland and Cincinnati.

Critics pointed out that some

■ The two projects are projected to bring 25,000 construction jobs and 14,000 permanent jobs to the Las Vegas area

outside economists, including Stanford professor and sports economist Roger Noll, have panned the deal as a boondoggle based on outlandish financial expectations. Defenders of the stadium say Las Vegas' outsized tourism economy, with 150,000 hotel rooms and 42 million visitors each year, is just so different than other markets that are more dependent on locals.

"If we take the visitor component out of our economic impact model, it is negative," said economic analyst Jeremy Aguerro, who helped develop the deal. He said he didn't disagree with analyses that other cities have been burned in stadium deals, but "it's inappropriately applied here."

Proponents project 451,000 new visitors will come to Las Vegas as a result of the stadium, ushering in \$620 million in economic impact. That's based on the stadium hosting 46 events, including 10 NFL games, 6 UNLV football games and a variety of concerts, sports and other events.

The deal puts \$420 million toward renovating and expanding a dated convention center, which proponents say will help Las Vegas accommodate the largest conferences and keep its edge against competitors like Orlando. The two projects are projected to bring 25,000 construction jobs and 14,000 permanent jobs to the Las Vegas area.

Tourists, mostly, will finance the improvements. They can expect to pay about \$1.50 more per night on their hotel bill for an average-priced room on the Las Vegas Strip. **AP**

corporate bits

PHILIPPINE AIRLINES TO LAUNCH Q400 AIRCRAFTS



Bombardier Commercial Aircraft announced that Philippine Airlines, Inc., flag carrier of the Philippines, has signed a Letter of Intent (LOI) to acquire up to 12 Q400 aircraft.

"For close to a decade, the Bombardier Q Series family of aircraft has been instru-

mental in evolving our domestic network operations," said Jaime J Bautista, president and chief operating officer, Philippine Airlines.

"We are proud that our continued fleet growth now makes us the first airline to launch service with the two-class, 86-seat Q400 aircraft,"

he added.

Fred Cromer, president of Bombardier Commercial Aircraft said that integrating the extra-capacity, two-class Q400 aircraft into its operations is the ideal solution for Philippine Airlines as it reshapes its domestic air travel strategy.

"As Philippine Airlines looks to develop its domestic operations from secondary hubs and increase intra-island connectivity, the 86-seat Q400 [...] will increase the carrier's competitiveness by offering the lowest seat-mile and operating costs in the regional aircraft market," said François Cognard, vice president, Sales, South-East Asia and Australasia.

GRAND COLOANE TO HOST CHILDREN'S HALLOWEEN PARTY



Grand Coloane Resort's Kids' Club will be hosting a Kids' Halloween Free Open Day on October 30. The re-

sort will offer a large green lawn where kids can enjoy a Sunday packed with "fun stuff and spooky treats."

All pre-registered participants will be catered for with free activities in the resort's outdoor area from 10:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Activities include a Halloween catwalk, pumpkin carving, scary fun fair games, a spooky family relay, arts & crafts workshops and make-up workshops.

The resort encourages participants to dress up in Halloween costumes, put on some eerie make-up at one of its booths and participate on the catwalk.

According to a release issued by Grand Coloane, all event-goers, including parents, can also enjoy a 50 percent discount on The Club day-pass (including pool and gym), and a 20 percent discount at all restaurants and on bike rental.

Nirmala George, Benaolim

THE leaders of five of the world's rising powers ended a two-day summit yesterday with a pledge to speed global economic recovery as well as fight terrorism and extremism, forces that they said pose a threat to regional and international peace and stability.

Meeting in the state of Goa in southwestern India, the five countries known collectively as BRICS — Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa — adopted a final declaration endorsing their commitment to act against the financing of terror groups and their supplies of weapons and other equipment.

"We agree that those who nurture, shelter and support the forces of violence and terror are as much a threat as the terrorists themselves," the declaration said.

Presidents Xi Jinping of China, Vladimir Putin of Russia, Michel Temer of Brazil and Jacob Zuma of South Africa, and their host, Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi, also vowed in the declaration to tackle the global economic slowdown and reform the world's financial architecture.

The group, which represents nearly half of the world's population and a quarter of its economy, with a combined annual GDP of USD16.6 trillion, renewed its commitment to speed global recovery by investing in infrastructure projects and the manufacturing sector.

The BRICS leaders adopted three agreements, including two to set up separate research networks for developing agriculture and railways. They agreed to crack down on economic crime by fighting tax evasion, money laundering and corruption.

"We have agreed to make

BRICS leaders vow to speed global recovery, fight terrorism



Russian President Vladimir Putin, Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Chinese President Xi Jinping, and Brazilian President Michel Temer, arrive for a group photo for media at the start of the summit in Goa

the BRICS a strong voice on emerging regional and global issues," Modi told reporters.

The BRICS leaders stressed the need to strike a balance between economic development and environmental protection, and hailed the early entry into force of the Paris climate agreement.

The BRICS nations agreed that the New Development Bank, which the group set up in 2014, should continue to focus on infrastructure, technology and renewable energy sectors, adding that "in order to further bridge the gap in the global financial architecture, we agreed to fast track the setting up of a BRI-

CS credit rating agency."

"In a world of new security challenges and continuing economic uncertainties, BRICS stands as a beacon of peace, potential and promise," Modi said.

The thrust of the declaration reflected the flagging economic fortunes of the BRICS countries in recent years due to the global slowdown.

In Russia, the decline in global oil and commodity prices coupled with biting Western sanctions have dealt a blow to the economy. The Chinese economy has slowed to its slowest pace in 25 years, although its 7 percent growth rate still places it among the fastest-growing global eco-

nomies.

South Africa remains caught in severe economic tur-

moil, with the country's credit rating at risk of being downgraded to junk by the end of the year.

Brazil is only just emerging from months of the worst economic recession it has seen since the 1930s, a situation that was further worsened by recent political turmoil.

India, although the fastest-growing country in the world at 7.5 percent annually, is grappling with widespread poverty and the challenge of strikes against militants in Kashmir.

The high priority that the summit's final declaration gave to fighting extremism will likely be seen as a major victory for India. New Delhi has long been trying to gather international support for the fight against terrorism stemming from its own concerns about militants who it says cross the border from Pakistan into Indian-controlled Kashmir. Pakistan denies the allegation. **AP**

SECURITY TIGHT AT INDIAN BEACH RESORT VENUE OF BRICS SUMMIT

INDIA'S BEACH resort state of Goa was turned into a high-security zone Saturday, with thousands of paramilitary troops, coast guard personnel and police officers guarding venues where the leaders of five emerging market economies are meeting over the weekend. Sniffer dogs and troops with mine detectors combed the white sandy beaches adjacent to the five-star hotel in the village of Benaolim where the leaders of Brazil, Russia, India, China and



An Indian policeman from bomb squad checks a round about with a huge BRICS logo in Goa

South Africa were meeting for their eighth BRICS summit, beginning with a dinner on Saturday.

Jia Jia, world's oldest-ever panda in captivity, dies at 38

THE world's oldest-ever panda in captivity was euthanized yesterday at the Hong Kong theme park where she lived because her health had deteriorated.

Ocean Park said in a statement that a veterinarian euthanized 38-year-old Jia Jia to prevent further suffering and for ethical reasons.

Guinness World Records recognized Jia Jia as the oldest giant panda to live in captivity. The average lifespan for a panda in the wild is 18 to



In this Tuesday, July 28, 2015 file photo, giant panda Jia Jia eats bamboo next to her birthday cake made with ice and vegetables at Ocean Park in Hong Kong

20 years, while in captivity it's 30 years, according to Guinness.

Born in the wild, Jia Jia was taken to live at a wildlife reserve's breeding

center in central China's Sichuan province in 1980, when she was around 2 years old.

She and another panda, An An, were given to Hong Kong as a gift from Beijing in 1999, on the second anniversary of the city's handover from Britain to China.

Pandas, a beloved symbol of China, were long considered one of the world's most endangered animals, although last month a leading international group lowered its classification to "vulnerable."

The International Union for the Conservation of Nature cited conservation efforts that helped the wild panda population jump to 1,864 in 2014 from 1,596 in 2004. However, the Chinese government rejected the group's decision, saying the panda's status was no less serious because its natural habitats have been splintered by human and natural causes.

Jia Jia, who celebrated her birthday in August, had shown signs of poor health in her old age, in-

cluding high blood pressure and arthritis, which required regular medication. Over the past two weeks, her condition had worsened significantly, with her weight falling as she stopped eating.

"This is a day we knew would eventually come, but it is nevertheless a sad day for everyone at the park, especially for the park's keepers who took care of her over the years," Ocean Park's chairman, Leo Kung, said in the statement.

Three other pandas still live at Ocean Park — 30-year-old An An, and Ying Ying and Le Le, both 11. **AP**

TAIWAN

Casinos rejected by outlying islands in referendum vote

Yu-Huay Sun

RESIDENTS of Taiwan's Penghu County voted against having casinos on the islands to attract tourists, dampening sentiment around legislation proposed to attract overseas investments to the area.

It's the second time since 2009 the outlying islands have rejected the construction of gambling developments. In a ballot asking whether to allow "recreational complexes" featuring casinos, 26,598 people voted "no," compared with 6,210 who voted "yes," the Penghu government said in an e-mail on Saturday.

President Tsai Ing-wen said last week her Democratic Progressive Party, which also controls the legislature, remains opposed to gambling developments and Penghu should look to develop tourism in other ways, government-backed Central News Agency reported Oct. 13. Meanwhile lawmakers have yet to pass new implementing regulations, even



after residents of Matsu voted in favor of gambling establishments in 2012. A Taiwan gambling ban on the outlying islands was repea-

led in 2009.

Taiwan's gross domestic product is forecast to grow 1 percent this year, according to

economists surveyed by Bloomberg. That would be the slowest pace among the economies once known as the "Asian Tigers,"

including Hong Kong, Singapore and South Korea. Tourism from China, Taiwan's largest trade partner and historical political foe, has dropped since May, when Tsai took office. The Taiwan leader doesn't accept Beijing's one-China principle, which it considers to be a condition for normal relations.

"People of Penghu have shown their collective will," the ruling

■ It's the second time since 2009 the outlying islands have rejected the construction of gambling developments

DPP said in an e-mailed statement Saturday. "The government will work to help Penghu develop tourism with its own characteristics."

Billionaire Sheldon Adelson, who leads Las Vegas Sands Corp, and Francis Lui, deputy chairman of Hong Kong's Galaxy Entertainment Group Ltd., had previously expressed interest in Taiwan if gaming were allowed. **Bloomberg**

REPORT

China better; still must cut trade surplus with US

Marcy Gordon, Washington

CHINA has improved its position by reducing its current-account surplus relative to its economy but it remains one of a handful of countries that need to trim their large trade imbalances with the U.S., the Obama administration says.

The assessment came in a report sent to Congress on Friday. The twice-yearly report, submitted by law by the Treasury Department, doesn't designate China or any other nation as a currency manipulator. But it singles out the six countries, all major U.S. trading partners — China, Germany, Japan, Korea, Switzerland and Taiwan — for special monitoring and U.S. pressure on their governments to change practices.

In the new report, Treasury added Switzerland to the list, saying its trade with the U.S. is now large enough to make it a major trading partner and subject to the Treasury's analysis.

Being on the list opens the way to U.S. negotiations over lopsided trade balances with the countries' governments.

Under a process Congress established this year, if the negotiations fail, the U.S. can seek to impose trade sanctions such as penalty tariffs,



though those sanctions must win approval of the World Trade Organization.

There are three criteria for putting a country on the list: The size of the country's trade surplus with the U.S., the size of the country's current-account trade surplus overall, and the frequency with which it intervenes in currency markets.

In the case of China, Treasury said it met only one of the criteria, the large trade surplus with the U.S., compared with two in the last report issued in April. China's current-account surplus fell to 2.4 percent of its gross domestic product for the last four quarters through June, below the 3 percent critical level, the report says.

In addition, China has intervened

in the currency markets to prevent a rapid depreciation of its currency, the renminbi, that would have had a negative impact on the Chinese and global economies, the report notes. The renminbi recently hit a six-year low against the dollar.

It's important for China to continue market-oriented change of its currency system, Treasury says.

The last country designated a currency manipulator by the U.S. government was China in 1994 during the Clinton administration.

The large U.S. trade imbalances with countries such as China, Japan and Mexico became an issue in the presidential campaign.

Republican presidential nominee Donald Trump has contended that the Obama administration and previous administrations have failed to enforce U.S. trade laws. He has said those failures have allowed foreign countries to run huge trade surpluses with the United States, costing millions of American jobs.

Trump has said he would direct his Treasury secretary to immediately declare China a currency manipulator as a way to bring the country to the bargaining table to change trade practices that hurt U.S. workers and companies. **AP**

Manned spacecraft Shenzhou-11 launched today

David Ramli, Keith Zhai

CHINA is preparing to launch a manned spacecraft today, marking a crucial step toward the country's ambition to build and operate its first space station by 2020.

The spacecraft is scheduled to blast off on a Long March-2F carrier rocket at 7.30 a.m. Beijing time from Jiuquan Satellite Launch Center in western Gansu province, Wu Ping, deputy director of China Manned Space Agency, told reporters Sunday. It will be Beijing's third space-lab mission this year.

The world's second-largest economy has spent billions in the past decade to compete in a space race with the U.S. and Russia, as well as Asian rivals India and Japan, with plans to send an astronaut to the moon by about 2025 and to land an unmanned vehicle on Mars.

Astronauts Jing Haipeng and Chen Dong will dock with orbiting space lab Tiangong-2 within two days. They will stay 30 days in the space lab, which was launched last month.

In 2003, China became the third nation to send a man into space and successfully completed its first docking mission with an orbiting space lab in 2011. **Bloomberg**



Thais cry as they pay their last respects to a van carrying the body of King Bhumibol Adulyadej arrives at Grand Palace

Late Thai king's confidant confirmed as temporary regent

Natnicha Chuwiruch, Vijay Joshi

A 96-year-old confidant of late King Bhumibol Adulyadej has been formally confirmed as the regent to manage the throne in the place of the crown prince and heir apparent, but it wasn't clear how long the caretaker arrangement would last.

In a speech late Saturday, Prime Minister Prayuth Chan-ocha said that Crown Prince Maha Vajiralongkorn invited him and regent Prem Tinsulanonda to an audience to discuss the situation "as his royal highness was deeply concerned for the Thai people during this time of national bereavement."

Prem heads the Privy Council,

a body of advisers to the monarchy, and was the closest adviser of Bhumibol. He is also known to be close to Bhumibol's highly popular daughter Maha Chakri Sirindhorn. Vajiralongkorn, who should have ascended the throne, has asked for more time to grieve along with the nation before taking over the monarchy. The constitution dictates that the Privy Council head be the regent in such a situation.

"His Highness's only wish is to not let the people experience confusion or worry about the service of the land or even the ascension to the throne because this issue has the constitution, the royal laws and royal traditions to dictate it," Prayuth said in his message broadcast on te-

levision.

The 64-year-old crown prince implores everyone to help each other get through the grief first before thinking of his ascension to the throne, Prayuth said.

"Once merit-making and the cremation has passed ...then it should be the right time to proceed. This procedure should not impact the work plan or any steps," he said.

No date has been set for the cremation, which in royal families is usually months if not years later. Officials have suggested it would be at least a year. Buddhist funeral ceremonies have already begun at the Grand Palace complex in Bangkok's historic center where Bhumibol's body is kept in an

ornate hall for the royal family members to pay respects. The hall will be opened to the public on Oct. 28.

Analysts say the question of succession is important because the late king had been the unifying glue that had held Thailand's often fractious politics together, and diffused tensions during crises when the dominant military was pitted against the civil society. While the institution of monarchy is generally revered and respected in Thailand, it is more so because of Bhumibol's popularity that no other royal member commands.

"His death means that the Thai political system must find an alternative focal point arou-

nd which to unite the country's factionalized population," said Tom Pepinsky, a Southeast Asia expert at Cornell University.

For ordinary Thais, succession was not particularly top on their minds for now as they were consumed by grief at the loss of a man many saw as their father and a demigod.

Tens of thousands of people are thronging at the palace complex to pay their last respects to a beloved monarch who dominated the memories of generations of Thais. Authorities have allowed people to enter the complex for a limited time, and only to sign condolence books in another hall.

The king of Bhutan is also expected to visit later Sunday.

Bhumibol's death after 70 years on the throne was a momentous event in Thailand, where the monarch has been glorified as an anchor for a fractious society that for decades has been turned on its head by frequent coups. Over the past 10 years, Thailand has suffered particularly intense political turmoil pitting arch-royalists against those seeking a redistribution of economic and political power, allied with Thaksin Shinawatra, a populist prime minister ousted in a 2006 coup.

But in recent years, Bhumibol had suffered from a variety of illnesses and seemed far removed from the upheavals of Thai politics, including the 2014 coup that brought current prime minister, an army general, to power.

A one-year mourning period for the government has been declared together with a 30-day moratorium on state and official events. But no substantial demands have been made of the private sector.

The government has only urged people to refrain from organizing entertainment events for a month, apparently mindful of the need to ensure that the sputtering economy, which relies heavily on tourism, does not suffer too much. AP

Kanga Kong, Heejin Kim

NORTH Korea fired a ballistic missile on Saturday that immediately exploded after launch. The missile was thought to be a mid-range weapon capable of hitting U.S. military bases in Japan or Guam in a move that comes as the international community considers further sanctions on the isolated nation.

The projectile, believed to be a Musudan missile, was fired from near an airfield in the western city of Kusong, at 12:33 a.m. South Korean time,

according to a statement from South Korea's Joint Chiefs of Staff.

"The failed launch shows North Korea's launch capability isn't perfect, so Kim Jong Un might fire a Musudan again or any other missile soon given his temper," Yoo Dong Ryul, President of Korea Institute of Liberal Democracy in Seoul, said by phone.

Military officials from South Korea and U.S. shared information on the launch and concluded Sunday that the missile seems to be a Musudan, South Korea's JCS said. The launch of "a

North Korea mid-range ballistic missile explodes during launch

ballistic is an apparent violation of UN Security Council resolutions" and South Korea "strongly denounces illegal provocation by North Korea," the Joint Chiefs said in a statement.

This latest provocation comes after the launch of 22 ballistic missiles and tests of two nuclear devices already this year -- all against United Nation's resolutions. Saturday's

firing had been anticipated as a way to commemorate the Oct. 10 anniversary of the founding of the workers' party.

With sanctions imposed by the UN Security Council in March failing to stop Pyongyang's nuclear ambitions, the U.S. and its allies are striving to come up with stronger measures. China, North Korea's only major ally and by far its biggest

trading partner, is locked in negotiations with the U.S. over curbing its energy trade with North Korea. South Korea last month picked a site to deploy a U.S. missile system aimed at defending the nation from any North Korean attack.

North Korea is likely to continue to test its weapons as it aims to further develop its capacity to make smaller and high-

ter warheads that can fit into its intercontinental ballistic missiles, the Institute for Far Eastern Studies said in a report on Sept. 30.

The weekend launch puts the situation in a "new phase," Japan's Defense Minister Tomomi Inada said in a Fuji television program on Sunday, adding Tokyo is seeking a new response to the threat. **Bloomberg**

Jim Gomez, Manila

Typhoon leaves 2 dead, strands thousands in Philippines

A powerful but fast-moving typhoon blew out of the northern Philippines on Sunday after leaving at least two people dead and displacing more than 15,000, though the region was spared a major disaster due in part to the storm's speed.

Typhoon Sarika blew into Aurora province early Sunday and exited around midday after barreling rapidly through heavily populated agricultural provinces, including landslide-prone mountainous regions, government forecasters said.

At 4 p.m., the storm was over the South China Sea, about 260 kilometers (160 miles) off the Philippine coast, moving northwestward at 24 kilometers (15 miles) per hour. It had sustained winds of 130 kph (80 mph) and gusts of up to 200 kph (125 mph), according to the Philippines' weather agency.

Despite its strength, the typhoon did not linger long enough to wreak havoc in regions along its path and the weather started to improve in provinces that it had struck, including Aurora.

Still, the typhoon forced more than 15,700 villagers to flee their homes in five northern provinces and take refuge in 132 emergency shelters, accor-



A few residents walk on a promenade under a slight rain brought about by Typhoon "Karika" yesterday in Manila

ding to disaster-response agencies.

Strong winds and rain knocked down trees and electricity poles, causing power outages and floods in the five provinces.

"We have yet to receive the complete details, but I think the situation is manageable," said Ricardo Jalad, who heads the Office of Civil Defense. "Roofs of some houses were ripped off, there were fallen trees. Those are the damages we received so far, so it's not that serious."

Mayor Nelianto Bihasa of Baler, a popular surfing town in Aurora, said strong winds ripped tin roofs off many houses and knocked down trees and electricity posts, causing power outages and blocking access roads to some villages. Coastal villagers were warned early to move to safer areas, preventing widespread casualties, he said.

In the eastern province of Cagayan, a man drowned after being swept by strong river currents and a farmer died after his head hit the ground amid fierce winds, provincial safety officer Gerry Beo said, adding that three fishermen had not returned home from a fishing expedition and were reported missing.

A month's worth of rain fell Friday as the typhoon approached from the Pacific, swelling rivers and creeks and flooding low-lying farming villages, Beo said, adding that most towns in the island province of about 260,000 people have no electricity and spotty communica-

tions.

In Bataan province, about 100 mountaineers were stranded on Mount Tarak in stormy weather, but all managed to descend safely later with the help of police and other authorities. In the northern mountain province of Benguet, 16 mountaineers were stranded on Mount Pulag and forest rangers were en route to rescue them, officials said.

About 200 domestic and international flights were canceled and thousands of passengers stranded in seaports after inter-island ferries were orde-

red not to venture out in rough seas.

About 20 typhoons and storms lash the Philippines each year, adding to the many burdens in a country that's also threatened by earthquakes and volcanic eruptions.

As Typhoon Sarika, which was named after a singing bird in Cambodia, blew out, Philippine authorities turned their attention to another storm that has been spotted far out in the Pacific and may strengthen into a powerful typhoon as it moves toward the Philippines this week. AP

DUTERTE SAYS HE WON'T CONCEDE

THE PHILIPPINE president acknowledged yesterday that he can be impeached if he concedes his country's territorial claims in the South China Sea in talks with President Xi Jinping and other Chinese leaders this week in Beijing. President Rodrigo Duterte

said in a speech before leaving for Brunei and China that while he will not bargain the Philippines' territorial claims, "there will be no hard impositions" as he tries to renew his nation's strained friendship with China and intensify two-way trade and investment.

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U.N. Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon, right, speaks with women whose homes were destroyed by Hurricane Matthew



A U.N. peacekeeper from Senegal runs after throwing a tear gas grenade as security forces clash with rock-throwing neighborhood residents outside a U.N. base in Les Cayes, Haiti

UN chief in Haiti gets glimpse of Matthew's destruction

David McFadden, Ben Finley

U.N. Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon visited victims of devastating Hurricane Matthew on Saturday, saying the destruction wrought by the storm was “heartbreaking,” and he renewed a pledge to help the nation cope with a deadly scourge of cholera that was introduced by U.N. peacekeepers.

Ban's brief visit came as victims of the storm continued to express frustration — sometimes violently — at delays in aid about a week-and-a-half since Matthew hit southwest Haiti with 235 kph winds, killing at least 546 people and demolishing or damaging tens of thousands of homes.

“I met so many displaced persons, young people, women who were pregnant and sick people. It was heartbreaking,” he said, describing his tour of an emergency shelter in the town of Les Cayes packed with families whose homes were destroyed.

Shortly before Ban's helicopter was due to land in Les Cayes,

a clash broke out between rock-throwing residents and peacekeepers at a U.N. base there. Roughly 100 frustrated residents began hurling rocks when trucks ferrying food aid arrived. Haitian police officers and U.N. peacekeepers scattered the group with tear gas. Calm was restored as Ban's helicopter approached.

In recent days, Associated Press reporters have observed a number of skirmishes between Haitians in hard-hit areas seeking emergency aid distributed by international and local organizations.

At the close of his roughly 4 1/2 hour stop in Haiti, Ban told reporters at Port-au-Prince's airport that a cholera-focused trust fund announced in recent weeks was part of the U.N.'s “new approach” to helping Haitian families who lost loved ones since the waterborne disease was introduced here in October 2010 — an outbreak that has been aggravated by the hurricane.

The U.N. said the fund is designed to help Haiti overcome

cholera and build stronger water, sanitation and health systems.

There's long been ample evidence that cholera was introduced to the nation's biggest river by inadequately treated sewage from a U.N. peacekeeping base about 10 months after Haiti's devastating earthquake.

But the U.N. only acknowledged in August, following a leaked internal report, that it played a role in introducing cholera to Haiti and vowed to aid victims in the impoverished Caribbean nation, which has experienced the worst outbreak of the disease in recent history. U.N. deputy spokesman Farhan Haq said that “the United Nations has a moral responsibility to the victims.”

U.N. officials at one point said they were seeking about \$181 million for the special fund, but Ban mentioned no figures Saturday as he vowed to help the families of victims and “most of all prevent and stop this cholera epidemic” by mobilizing more U.N. resources. He expressed disappointment, however, that

international funding to fight cholera in Haiti and rebuild after Matthew is so far falling far short.

“I know that the world economic situation is not favorable, and I know that there is some donor fatigue by certain countries,”

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he told reporters at the close of his brief visit.

Beatrice Lindstrom, a human rights lawyer with the nonprofit Institute for Justice and Democracy in Haiti, said before the visit that activists were hopeful that Ban would “fully acknowledge the U.N.'s responsibility for introducing cholera to Haiti.”

“The need for a new U.N. response that both controls and eliminates cholera and compensates the victims who have suffered so much is now more dire than ever,” she said.

Health authorities say they have been struggling with a surge of patients with cholera in the wake of the Category 4 storm that struck on Oct. 4 in a rugged region of southwest Haiti that's home to more than 1 million people.

The wreckage left behind by the hurricane has created perfect conditions for spreading the waterborne disease. Rivers and outdoor latrines overflowed across the mountainous landscape.

Cholera, caused by bacteria that produce severe diarrhea and is contracted by drinking contaminated water or eating contaminated food, is easily treatable if caught in time and the proper treatment is provided. But it can lead to a rapid, agonizing death through complete dehydration.

Ban departed Haiti for Ecuador's capital of Quito in a U.N. jet on Saturday evening. AP

Pope makes Argentina's 'gaucho priest' and 6 others saints

POPE Francis canonized Argentina's “gaucho priest” yesterday, bestowing sainthood on the poncho-wearing pastor with whom the first Argentine pope shares many similarities, from a taste for mate tea to a dedication to bringing the ministry to even the most isolated people.

Francis honored Jose Gabriel del Rosario Brochero along with six others in a Mass before a crowd of 80,000 in St. Peter's Square, saying the new saints, “thanks to prayer, had generous and steadfast hearts.”

“The saints are men and women who enter



Pope Francis leaves after celebrating a Mass to canonize seven new saints

fully into the mystery of prayer. Men and women who struggle with prayer, letting the Holy Spirit pray and struggle in them,” the pope said.

Also made into saints

were two Italian priests, Lodovico Pavoni and Alfonso Maria Fusco, French martyr Salomone Leclercq, French nun Elisabeth of the Trinity, Spanish bishop Manuel Gon-

zalez Garcia and Mexican layman Jose Sanchez del Rio.

Born in 1849 in the province of Cordoba, Brochero was one of the most famous Catholics in the Argentina of Francis' youth. He died in 1914 after living for years with leprosy that he was said to have contracted from one of his faithful.

Brochero was beatified in 2013, after Pope Benedict XVI signed off on a miracle attributed to his intercession. Francis moved Brochero closer to sainthood soon after being elected pope, and cleared him for sainthood earlier this year.

At the time of Brochero's beatification, Francis wrote a letter to Argentina's bishops praising Brochero for having had the “smell of his sheep.” That's a phrase Francis has frequently used to describe his ideal pastor: one who accompanies his flock, walking with them through life's ups and downs.

“He never stayed in the parish office. He got on his mule and went out to find people like a priest of the street — to the point of getting leprosy,” Francis wrote.

A papal biographer, Austen Ivereigh, says Brochero exemplifies

Francis' idea of a priest.

Among the parallels shared by the two Argentines is Brochero's spirituality, which is deeply rooted in the Jesuit spiritual exercises dear to Francis. Francis, who like Brochero adores his mate tea, has exhorted his pastors to travel to far-flung peripheries to minister to the poor, as Brochero did on his trusty mule Malacara.

Argentines, many waving flags, made the journey themselves to Rome to see Brochero elevated to sainthood, including Argentine President Mauricio Macri and his wife. AP

Trump tries to change it up as polls show growing women problem

Kevin Cirilli

DONALD Trump continued to push back yesterday as polls show his support among women faltering after several allegations of sexual misconduct and the disclosure of a years-old videotape in which the billionaire bragged about forcing himself on women.

The Republican presidential nominee tweeted early Sunday that he's "lost large numbers of women voters based on made up events THAT NEVER HAPPENED," and repeated an assertion that the media is "rigging" the election for Democrat Hillary Clinton.

A new CBS poll of 13 "battle-ground" states shows women voters favor Clinton by 15 points over Trump, versus a 5-point edge held by the Democrat a month ago. That's powered Clinton to a 6-point overall lead in the states surveyed.

The noise surrounding the allegations threatens to drown out Trump's policy ideas, most recently including a plan unveiled



Trump, second from left, and Shalli Kumar, second from right, light a traditional candle before speaking during a charity event hosted by the Republican Hindu Coalition

on Saturday to combat growing opioid addiction in the U.S. While discussing the plan at a rally in New Hampshire, Trump challenged his Democratic competitor to take a drug test before their final debate this week.

Trump also couldn't completely drop the subject of sex. In Charlotte, North Carolina, on Friday night, he vowed to "stick to the issues," moments before referencing his sex life. "You would be very impressed, actually, with my life in so many regards, including

that regard," he said.

On Saturday, Trump rallied in front of boisterous crowds in Portsmouth, New Hampshire, Bangor, Maine, and finally at a Bollywood-themed Hindu event in Edison, New Jersey.

The events came a day after two more women came forward with accusations of sexual harassment against Trump, which he has denied with vigor. He's linked the stream of allegations to a theory the presidential race is being tilted by the media in favor of Hillary

Clinton.

"The election is being rigged by the corrupt media pushing completely false allegations and outright lies in an effort to elect her president," Trump said in Portsmouth.

Alluding to one of the allegations, in which an accuser says he groped her for a period of about 15 minutes, Trump sought to refute the claim on the grounds of common sense: "Fifteen minutes? With the ladies in this place, it'd be one second and then it'd be, 'Smack,'" Trump said before a crowd of about 5,000 people at a car dealership.

Trump has been on the defensive since the Washington Post on Oct. 7 reported on a recording of the real-estate developer talking in 2005 about being able to "do anything" to women because of his fame. Figures released on Saturday show he's also trailing Clinton in fund-raising by a wide margin and is spending heavily on direct-mail marketing.

In Bangor, Trump mostly avoided discussing the sexual-harass-

ment allegations. "They take these lies and they put 'em on the front pages," he said.

Trump ended the evening by speaking to several thousand people in a convention hall at the Republican Hindu Coalition in Edison. He made no mention of the allegations at that event.

He spoke in between performances of Bollywood dancers, held a candle and partook in a Hindu blessing. While the handful of organizers closed their eyes, Trump smiled and made eye-contact with several people in the crowd.

Trump's speech, read from a teleprompter, was just as well-received as the Bollywood performances. "I love Hindu and I love India," he said. He then vowed to be a partner for India, particularly its Prime Minister Narendra Modi, seeking to portray himself as America's Modi by vowing to lower taxes and regulation. Organizers distributed fliers to people in the crowd that stated Clinton was against Modi and organized raids against him when he was emerging as a political figure in India. **Bloomberg**

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Offbeat

AIR PASSENGERS WITH SAMSUNG NOTE 7 PHONES FACE FINES IN US

Airline passengers who try to carry Samsung Electronics Co. Note 7 smartphones on flights will have them confiscated and may face fines under an emergency U.S. order that significantly expands restrictions on the devices linked to almost 100 incidents of overheating and fires.

The devices won't be allowed aboard passenger or cargo aircraft even if they've been shut off, the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration and the Federal Aviation Administration announced Friday. Flight restrictions will be extended to each of the 1.9 million Note 7s sold in the U.S. starting at noon New York time on Saturday.

"We recognize that banning these phones from airlines will inconvenience some passengers, but the safety of all those aboard an aircraft must take priority," U.S. Transportation Secretary Anthony Foxx said in a statement. "We are taking this additional step because even one fire incident in flight poses a high risk of severe personal injury and puts many lives at risk."

Samsung on Tuesday said it was halting production and sales of the device following the latest spate of smoke, overheating and fire incidents in what was supposed to be a version that replaced a faulty lithium-ion battery with a safe one. The company estimates the crisis will cost it \$5.3 billion in profits.

The government urged passengers not to side-step the order. "Passengers who attempt to evade the ban by packing their phone in checked luggage are increasing the risk of a catastrophic incident," the DOT said in a release. "Anyone violating the ban may be subject to criminal prosecution in addition to fines."

People in the midst of travel who have the phones were urged by the government to contact Samsung or their wireless carrier "immediately" to arrange for a replacement phone.

The government now considers the Note 7s "forbidden hazardous material" under U.S. law. Anyone observed with one of the phones will be prohibited from boarding an aircraft, the release said. **Bloomberg**

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13 Oct - 19 Oct



CELL

ROOM 1

2.30, 4.30, 9.30 pm

Director: **Tod Williams**Starring: **John Cusack, Samuel L. Jackson, Isabelle Fuhrman**Language: **English (Cantonese)**Duration: **98min**

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ROOM 1

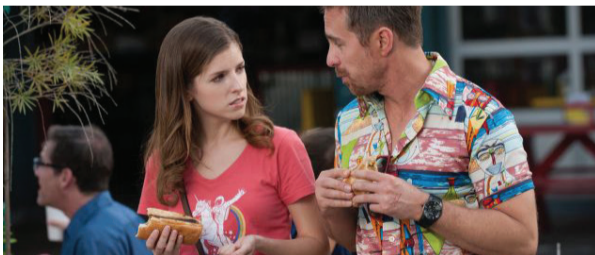
7.15 pm

Director: **Tim Burton**Starring: **Eva Green, Asa Butterfield, Samuel L. Jackson**Language: **English (Cantonese)**Duration: **127min**

THE ACCOUNTANT

ROOM 2

2.30, 4.45, 7.15, 9.30 pm

Director: **Gavin O'Connor**Starring: **Ben Affleck, Anna Kendrick, J.K. Simmons**Language: **Japanese (English and Cantonese)**Duration: **128min**

MR. RIGHT

ROOM 3

2.15, 5.50, 9.30 pm

Director: **Paco Cabezas**Starring: **Sam Rockwell, Anna Kendrick, Tim Roth**Language: **English (Cantonese)**Duration: **90min**

SADAKO VS KAYAKO

ROOM 3

4.00, 7.30 pm

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06 Oct - 19 Oct

SNOWDEN

2.30, 4.30, 7.30, 9.30 pm

Director: **Oliver Stone**Starring: **Joseph Gordon-Levitt, Shailene Woodley, Melissa Leo**Language: **English (Cantonese)**Duration: **134min**

this day in history



1989: EARTHQUAKE HITS SAN FRANCISCO

A powerful earthquake has rocked San Francisco killing nine people and injuring hundreds.

The number of dead is expected to rise significantly. The two-tier Bay Bridge and Nimitz freeway both partially collapsed and rescuers are waiting to recover bodies from cars crushed by the quake.

The epicentre of the quake, which measured 6.9 on the Richter scale, is thought to have been Loma Prieta, 10 miles north of Santa Cruz on the San Andreas fault.

A massive rescue effort is now underway in what experts believe is the second biggest earthquake ever to hit the United States.

Officials have reported "unbelievable damage to infrastructure" with collapsed bridges and freeways, fires, shattered buildings, gaping cracks in roads and land slides.

Tremors from the quake, which lasted 15 seconds, were reported 400 miles away in Los Angeles and 200 miles away in Reno, Nevada.

The quake struck at 1704 local time (18 October, 0004 GMT), as people were making their way home after work. Traffic was brought to a standstill and many homes left without power.

Fans waiting to see the baseball World Series match at Candlestick Park were also caught up in the quake. Supporters ran onto the pitch as the whole stadium swayed. Hospitals have been flooded with injured victims. Ambulance worker Kimberly Kelly said: "We're getting mainly shock, cuts and shortness of breath."

Officials are said to be shocked at the amount of damage as freeways and buildings are supposed to be earthquake-proof.

The Governor of California, George Deukmajian, said: "I had been under the impression that the highways had been constructed to deal with any severe earthquake and I am very surprised to see what has happened to some of those."

"I think we are going to have some kind of inquiry to determine why they did not survive a quake of the severity of this one."

Courtesy BBC News

IN CONTEXT

The final death toll of 63 was well below the 300 expected deaths. Over 3,500 people were injured and 100,000 buildings damaged. The reason for the lower-than-expected death toll was put down to the fact that most people had left work early to watch the third of the World Series baseball games which was being shown on television.

Over 12,000 people were made homeless by the earthquake. Some were eventually able to return to their homes following extensive repairs.

Extensive structural damage meant others were given 15 minutes to collect their belongings before their houses were demolished.

YOUR STARS

Aries Mar. 21-Apr. 19 A big adventure is yours for the taking today...

Taurus April 20-May 20 A close friend or colleague suggests an alliance to strengthen you both...

Gemini May 21-Jun. 21 Someone is taking you just a bit too seriously today...

Cancer Jun. 22-Jul. 22 Don't worry about how great things are today...

Leo Jul. 23-Aug. 22 You've got enough heart for any problems that come your way today...

Virgo Aug. 23-Sept. 22 A big plan may be unraveling somewhat today...

Libra Sep.23-Oct. 22 Explore your creative side today - things are definitely looking up for you...

Scorpio Oct. 23 - Nov. 21 This is not a good time for you to expect privileged treatment from the boss...

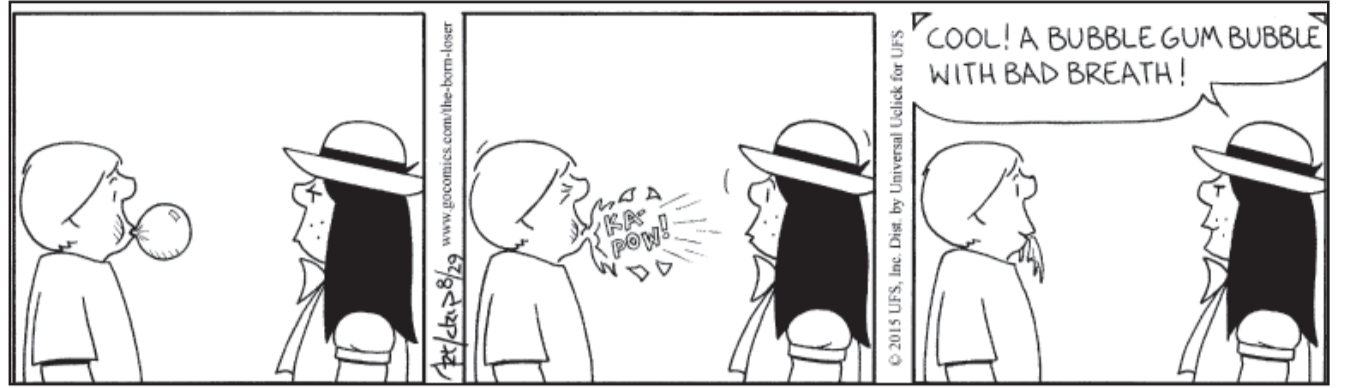
Sagittarius Nov. 22-Dec. 21 Creative juices are flowing today. That could mean it's time to make a cake...

Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 19 At least one - and likely many more - of your people could be making trouble for you...

Aquarius Jan. 20-Feb. 18 Sudden changes just don't faze you like they do most people...

Pisces Feb.19-Mar. 20 Those around you are harder to deal with than usual - but where can you go?

THE BORN LOSER by Chip Sansom



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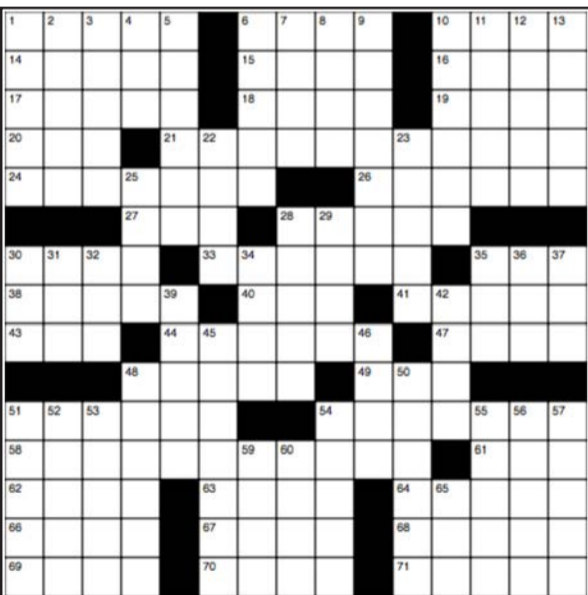
Sudoku puzzles categorized by difficulty: Easy, Easy+, Medium, and Hard. Each category contains a 9x9 grid with some numbers pre-filled.

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

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Justin Bergman, Shanghai

Murray wins 6th title of dominant season at Shanghai Masters

ANDY Murray defeated Roberto Bautista Agut 7-6 (1), 6-1 to win the Shanghai Masters yesterday, his second title in as many weeks and the sixth overall in what is shaping up to be his most successful season on tour.

Bautista Agut challenged Murray with his powerful forehands and sharp angles in the first set, keeping the second-seeded Scot on the defensive and forcing him to commit errors.

Serving for the set at 5-4, Murray appeared distracted by movement in the crowd and wasted three set points before Bautista Agut broke back to level the match. Murray settled down in the tie-breaker, however, and closed out the second set in just 31 minutes.

He had 16 unforced errors in the opening set, but only three after that.

Bautista Agut, the 15th-seeded Spaniard, upset No. 1 Novak Djokovic in the semifinals, but faced an uphill task to capture the title: No player outside the top 10 had beaten the top two ranked players in the same tournament since David Nalbandian beat Roger Federer and Rafael Nadal

AP PHOTO



to win the Paris Masters in 2007.

Plus, he had to play Murray.

And nobody is performing better on tour at the moment.

After triumphing at Wimbledon

and the Rio de Janeiro Olympics, Murray hasn't let up this autumn: He hasn't lost a set in his last 10 matches in Asia, winning back-to-back titles at the China Open and in Shanghai.

His win yesterday was also his tour-best 65th of the season and gave him his sixth trophy, which ties a career best.

With Federer injured, Nadal still trying to regain his confidence and Djokovic dealing with the effects of a mentally exhausting season, Murray has established himself as the clear dominant force in the game.

He credits the return of Ivan Lendl to his coaching team this year, coupled with his victory at Wimbledon after several tough losses in slam finals, for giving him the belief he could compete for the top prizes again.

"Really since the French Open, (I've) played the best three months of tennis of my career," he said.

The only thing left is the top ranking, and he's closing in fast on that, too. It may be difficult to catch Djokovic this year, but Murray is already looking ahead to next season.

"I will try to finish this year as strong as I can. And next year if the opportunity is there to reach No. 1, then I want to try and take it," he said. "It's going to be a tough thing to achieve that. I'm aware of that."

"But I believe I can get there. ... These last few months have proved that to me."

Bautista Agut said he thinks the way Murray is playing, it's only a matter of time.

"Andy is doing everything to get Novak," he said. "I can see it in his eyes. He's really focused on getting No. 1" **AP**

Wozniacki grabs 2nd title in a month at Hong Kong Open

FORMER No. 1 Caroline Wozniacki defeated Kristina Mladenovic 6-1, 6-7 (4), 6-2 to win the Hong Kong Open yesterday, her second title in Asia in the past month.

Wozniacki is having a resurgent second half of the season, winning titles in Hong Kong and Tokyo and reaching the U.S. Open semifinals. She had a 13-14 record for the season before the U.S. Open; she's 15-3 since then.

Mladenovic's serve let her down as the match wore on. She made less than half of her first serves in the final set and was broken three times.

The Frenchwoman fell to 0-3 in career finals.

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Marquez's victory in Japan wraps up 2016 MotoGP title

HONDA rider Marc Marquez of Spain won the MotoGP of Japan on Sunday to secure the 2016 title with three races remaining.

Marquez beat Ducati rider Andrea Dovizioso by 2.992 seconds at Twin Ring Motegi for his fifth win of the season and his third world championship. Suzuki rider Maverick Vinales was third, 4.104 seconds

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Marc Marquez, center, celebrates with team staff as he won the MotoGP of Japan to secure the 2016 title

back.

Pole-sitter and Yamaha rider Valentino Rossi crashed on the 15th lap. Rossi entered Sunday's race 52 points behind Marquez in the overall standings.

Marquez's championship bid got a further boost when Yamaha rider Jorge Lorenzo lost control of his bike with five laps to go. Lorenzo was in second place at the

time and needed to finish on the podium to extend the championship battle to the next race at Phillip Island, Australia on Oct. 23.

At 23 years old, Marquez is the youngest rider to win three premier class world championship titles.

The 2016 MotoGP title is his third in four years in the premier class, and his fifth world championship after becoming 125 world champion in 2010 and Moto2 world champion in 2012. **AP**

opinion

Rear Window

Severo Portela



BEST FRIENDS FOREVER

Despite its origin being disputed...the well-known and eternal Taoist saying about giving fish, or teaching how to fish in order to satisfy or kill the hunger, has unlimited potential, so much so that it can be adapted to many a situation. As everybody knows for a fact and otherwise, China has been giving the SAR of Macau plenty of fish, schools of fish, indeed, if we chose this metaphor to refer to the now declining number of visitors, or number of rolling chips, if we prefer gambling tokens as a metaphor for Mainland tourists betting at the Macau casinos. It is now ancient history that China provoked the dwindling of the VIP market to a more sober 50/50... the GGR happened to dwindle accordingly.

At the same time, Beijing warned Macau to diversify its way of life, or else; and supported the role of Macau as a bridge to the Portuguese-speaking countries as the true path, together with regional integration, to succeed in restoring its DNA. Apparently it was not enough to shake the affluent gambling enclave into decisive action.

However this time not even the goodwill of the Golden Week jump in the casino chiffre d'affaires - a boost before scandal? - as a warm-up to the Fifth Ministerial Conference of the Forum for the Economic and Trade Cooperation between China and Portuguese-speaking Countries led to a laissez-faire response in the Macau executive. Whether the Li Keqiang package to boost and advance cooperation has 19 or 18 measures - the media seems to be divided on the exact number - the fact that is the importance of the role Macau is expected to perform is such that Chief Executive and Finance Secretary Lionel Leong left immediately to Nanchang, Jiangsu, to attend a Pan River Delta Regional Cooperation Conference. A coincidence, indeed, but one that illustrates the salience of the call Prime-minister Li Keqiang gave to MSAR - and the level of understanding with his counter-part António Costa, between China and Portugal. Macau can no longer return to an appearance of efficiency or a desire not to be ignored.

One by one, the 18-19 measures and the projects joining Portugal and China in Macau, as well as the understanding between Lisbon and Beijing on how to advance the bilateral-cooperation, deemed as a long friendship, send directly into irrelevance the old days of cooperation and business antics and players. The bilateral cooperation is now to a level that rejects any sort of ambush from any Macau fellas' old style lobbying.

From now on, as Macau can assume the role of the clearing house for RMB financial transactions between China and Portuguese-speaking countries, handles the Cooperation Fund, adds the Three Centers, plus an Innovation Center, it is not the game that changed. It is the board and some of the old pieces.

Finally, we do have to say something about the 2016 Nobel Prize in Literature. The so-called Swedish Academy has a history of negligence and other petty things. The same academy that ignored Dylan Thomas now seems to have corrected its misjudgment and has given the prize to an iconic musician named Zimmerman, the lyricist that took the name of the poet Dylan. If the academy could go deeper, they went willingly and cited (Bob) Dylan for having created new poetic expressions within the great American song tradition. Ah! If I had a hammer!

Bob Dylan starred in Sam Peckinpah movie "Pat Garret & Billy the Kid". He was a knife-throwing goon named Alias. He had a memorable part. Garret (James Coburn) asks, "Who are you?"

Bob, Dylan, Zimmerman, and alias, Alias answers: "That is a good question". What next to the Laureate, read hymns at Davos? And congrats to MDT that took Dylan as its motto.

THE INDUSTRIAL ACCIDENT IN COLOANE LEAVES ONE DEAD

A gruesome industrial accident occurred yesterday morning in a cement factory in Coloane, leaving one construction worker dead. The man, who was a non-resident worker, was found by the Fire Services Bureau buried inside a sand-processing machine.

TDM cited a witness, who was working at the site and said that the victim was on a mission to

clear blockage inside the sand-processing machine, some 15 meters tall and three meters wide. According to the firemen, the mainlander had already lost his heartbeat when he was rescued from the bottom of the 15-meter-tall machine. The Labor Affairs Bureau is investigating the case, particularly if the man was wearing the proper protective clothes.



Macau debuts at the e-Sports World Championship



MACAU was represented for the first time at the "e-Sports World Championship" which took place in Jakarta between October 6 and 9. The Macau players were selected in August this year at a regional event organized by Grow up eSports association.

According to a press release issued by the local organization, the annual championship, which was organized by the International e-Sports Federation (IeSF), had brought together the best players from across the

world. A total of 340 participants of 32 nationalities had participated in this event.

Macau's representatives took part in the "Hearthstone" and "League of Legends" tournaments. The "League of Legends" team succeeded against opponents from Sweden, Macedonia and Switzerland, losing to China and Australia. In "Hearthstone," Kyle Wong had victorious clashes with players from Switzerland and Australia. "Despite the good performance of these rookie athletes, these victories were insu-

fficient to pass the group stages," reads the press release. The team from South Korea won the "League of Legends" tournament and Austria won in "Hearthstone."

Macau has also become a full member of IeSF during the IeSF annual general meeting, also held in Jakarta.

Following the debut at the World Championship, Grow up eSports stated it "will actively develop the Macau e-Sports industry by organizing more e-Sports events and provide international championship participation opportunities to support and strengthen the athletes."

The 8th e-Sports World Championship, organized by IeSF, is considered the only international competition of electronic sports focused on the nationality of the participants. **PB**

THE DECISIVE MOMENT



Many residents and tourists visited the government headquarters over the weekend. The palace was open to the public. The Chief Executive, Chui Sai On, was at the palace yesterday and took pictures with visitors.

Station	Air quality
Roadside	45-65 Moderate
High Density Residential Area	90-120 Bad
Ambient	85-115 Bad

SOURCE: DSMG

WORLD BRIEFS

INDONESIA At least eight people were killed and 30 others injured yesterday after a small suspension bridge crowded with people returning from temple prayers collapsed near the Indonesian resort island of Bali, officials said. The bridge links the small islands of Lembongan and Ceningan, close to Bali.



TURKEY A suicide bomber blew himself up yesterday during a Turkish police raid against suspected Islamic State members near the Syrian border, killing three police officers and wounding nine other people, an official said.



FRANCE Tens of thousands of people have marched in Paris to call for the repeal of a law allowing gay marriage, six months before France's next presidential election. The protesters ended up at Trocadero Plaza, near the Eiffel Tower. Police estimated the crowd at 24,000, while organizers gave a figure of 200,000.



SWEDISH officials say they have evacuated about 40 people from a refugee center in southern Stockholm after a fire engulfed the building. Kurt Jansson, who headed the fire operations, said the alarm came in the early hours of yesterday, adding that police were investigating the incident. Investigators are treating the matter as possible arson.