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## UM vows to strengthen collaboration with Cape Verde

Judite Nascimento, rector of the University of Cape Verde, recently visited the University of Macau (UM) and thanked UM's Rector Wei Zhao for donating 93 UM-published books to his university, according to a notice published by UM. Both parties had an in-depth discussion on how to increase collaboration between the two universities. Nascimento said that he hopes the two universities will continue to share information and resources regarding education in Chinese and Portuguese languages and cultures. Nascimento said that his university recently launched a Confucius Institute to promote courses in the Chinese language and culture.

## Mainland woman arrested for pimping minor

Earlier this week, a 47-year-old mainland woman was arrested for facilitating work within the sex industry for a 17-year-old mainland girl in Macau. Liu is the core member of a prostitution group from mainland. According to the underage mainland resident, Liu found her in mainland last June and then coerced her into prostituting herself in Macau's casinos and hotels. Each time the minor provided prostitution services, Liu would take a minimum of MOP1,500 and up to MOP3,000 from the payment. Until now, Liu has reportedly made MOP700,000, which has all been taken by the prostitution group. However, Liu refused to provide the police with information about this group. The woman is also charged with human trafficking.

## Macao Post announces deadlines for Christmas carriers

Macao Post is reminding the public to pay attention to the updates over express service schedules concerning the Christmas season. The service published the deadlines regarding correspondence, parcel, and small packets to be sent by air which must be delivered before Christmas, depending on the destination. Including China, Malaysia, Portugal and Australia, correspondence is required to be mailed before December 5. For Philippines, customers should send them before December. Parcel and small packets should be sent before December 9 depending on the destination. Anyone who plans to send Christmas packages can refer to the Macao Post website to learn about the specific dates.

# MIF kicks off emphasizing cooperation between China and lusophone countries

Renato Marques

**T**HE 21st edition of the Macao International Trade and Investment Fair (MIF) was opened yesterday morning in a ceremony attended by the Chief Executive, Chui Sai On, and the Secretary for Economy and Finance, Lionel Leong, among other guests.

This year's edition is shorter (three days instead of four) and there is a reduction of about 20 percent in terms of number of exhibitors. With Portugal as invited guest, the atmosphere of the recently held Fifth Ministerial Conference of the Forum Macau is still in the air. During the opening ceremony, several officials recalled the Chinese Premier, Li Keqiang's conclusion from the recent event.

The cooperation between China and the Portuguese-speaking countries was well highlighted and noted in several speeches. The executive director of the Institute for Promotion of Trade and Investment of Macau (IPIM) noted that there was a decrease in participation this year, most likely due to the close scheduling of the Forum and the MIF.

The opening speeches highlighted the fact that, for the



first time, there are two partnerships. One partner country (Portugal) and the other partner city (Beijing) will be represented with a special exhibition pavilion each featuring the economic investment environments of both and they will partner again in the preparations for special upcoming events such as the Winter Olympic Games, to be held in Beijing in 2022.

The officiating guest representing Portugal, Paulo Alexandre Ferreira, Deputy Minister for Economy and State Secretary for Commerce, stressed in his speech the innovative features of the country as well as the quality of its universities.

"Portugal is now a modern country, well-endowed in terms of technological infrastructure, communications and institutions of learning," said Ferreira after explaining the strategic position of the country "in the European vanguard."

The mayor of the People's Government of Beijing Municipality, Wang Anshun emphasized the constant initiatives in his municipality, designed to improve innovation, coordination and environmental protection, under the larger "One Belt, One Road" initiative.

The official from Beijing remarked on the growth of foreigner investment that reached USD 13 billion in 2015. It was also noted that the in-

vestment of the municipality in projects in foreign countries reached USD9.6 billion, a sum that represents a growth of 150 percent when compared to the one of 2010.

On the Macau government side, Secretary Lionel Leong remarked on the role of the event in regards to the cooperation between Guangdong and Macau, as well as for the Young Entrepreneurship, Cooperation of Chinese Traditional Medicine and Finance and E-Commerce trade and services.

Macau and Shenzhen were discussed as examples of where cultural and creative industries, in the areas of design and fashion, had flourished.

There will be a fashion show from the Portuguese-speaking countries held in the exhibition area to showcase the products and services from those countries. Macau, Angola, Brazil and Portugal will be some of the countries' and territories represented.

The fair will be open for trade visitors and to the general public today from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the main hall, and from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. for the exhibition and sales area. The MIF 2016 closes its doors tomorrow at 6 p.m.

## Beijing and Macau launch new partnership

**T**HE Beijing municipal government and the MSAR government jointly launched the Beijing-Macau Cooperation Partnership 2016 in Macau yesterday. This event marked the beginning of a series of cooperation initiatives covering the economy and trade, youth exchanges, cultural affairs, and education.

Speaking at the launch ceremony, the Chief Executive, Chui Sai On, said further ties with Beijing would allow Macau to learn from Beijing's successes, as a step towards boosting Macau's efforts in achieving adequate economic diversification.

The mayor of the People's Government of Beijing Municipality, Wang Anshun, witnessed the signing of a total a num-

ber of agreements, including cooperation in science and technology between the Zhongguancun National Demonstration Zone in Beijing and Macau higher education institutions and promotion of the Beijing 2022 Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games.

The agreements also include the participation in the International Horticultural Exhibition 2019, in Beijing; and enhancement of economic and trade strategies, youth exchanges and exchanges for civil servants.

Highlights of the cooperation between Beijing and the MSAR will comprise of exchanging activities for young people from Beijing and this region. Other mutually beneficial results will include inno-



Wang Anshun pictured yesterday speaking at the MIF

vative entrepreneurship in the Historic Centre of Macau and events in relation to the promotion of Beijing 2022 Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games.

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# European Film Festival encourages audiences to consider another perspective

**T**HE third edition of the European Film Festival in Macau organized by the Alliance Française de Macao (AF), in collaboration with several French and local institutions opened on October 17 and will close tomorrow.

The festival was last held in Macau in 2014 and this year it has taken a different form, providing more than just screenings. The aim of the new format was to give the educational side of international films a highlighted importance, as explained to the Times AF's director Xavier Garnier.

"We had this idea of organizing not only screenings but also inviting some [film] directors to teach about cinema and do some workshops," Garnier mentioned, explaining that the idea comes directly from the French festival "Premiers Plans", held in d'Angers, is already on its way to its 29th edition next January. The French festival incorporates seminars and workshops on the topic of how to shoot a movie. These workshops are intended to engage a young generation of potential filmmakers

For this edition, the organizers invited, among others, French film director Marianne Tardieu. Her movie "Qui Vive" ("Who Lives") was screened and she held a seminar and a two-day workshop targeting MUST's PhD students. Professor Xu Feng, from the Dra-



From left: XuFeng, Marianne Tardieu, Xavier Masse and Xavier Garnier

ma Academy in Beijing and an expert on French movies in China joined her in presenting the seminar. "It makes sense for us as AF [to have this educational side] because we support culture promotion but we are also an education institution," Garnier said expressing hopes that in the near future "we can send some students to France [to study cinema]," in a possible partnership with MUST.

The idea to bring the French and European style movies is to introduce people to reflect on other topics, other ideas and different ways to "tell stories," as mentioned to the Times by Xu Feng, who has provided analysis on film style and film narrative throughout the festival.

"It is very interesting for the students. This morning [yesterday] I taught about the French

film system and how that system helped the national cinema and art cinema. Students have different perceptions, many of them had never heard of that system even, others are well aware and know about it," Prof Xu said, adding, "opportunities like this will give them more and different experiences that are fruitful."

In Xu's opinion, the contact of the students with this kind of European film promotes "very touching experiences of real life. These films appeal a lot to people's minds and emotions and I think they will be somehow marked by this experience."

The AF are responsible for the promotion of French culture and for educating audiences around the world about the evolution of French movies, starting from the "New Wave" era that made French cinema known worldwide.

Marianne Tardieu told the Times that the experience of showing her movie to Macau students was surprising.

"For a lot of them [students]

that was the first French movie that they ever seen so they were a bit surprised by my way of telling stories and by the way I take my time to show ordinary people in their lives," she said. "I think they were also a bit surprised by the movie addressing a lot of social situations, namely they wanted to know how it would be possible to find money [sponsors] to tell this kind of stories because they found that is not so easy here."

The director noted that the students were very interested and focused on learning techniques and styles from the French tradition. According to Tardieu they noted characteristic aspects "things like the rhythm and the way of highlighting the lives of young people, poor people or people living in the shadow."

"Although it sounds a bit cliché watching movies done by other people from other cultures no matter which always opens our mind, different points-of-view always creates richness," Tardieu remarked.

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Macau Daily Times contest



Photo of previous cast member

at The Parisian Macao

Question for readers:

When will Thriller Live final show be staged at The Parisian Theatre?

Please email the answers to: [thrillerlive@macaudailytimes.com](mailto:thrillerlive@macaudailytimes.com) Along with your name and contact details.

Tickets-Giveaway

Six sets of two tickets each will be awarded to the four readers who send us more correct answers the fastest. The contest will run for 3 days (Tuesday to Thursday), each day with a different question to be answered. Each ticket is valued at MOP480 for a total prize value of MOP5,760.



THRILLER LIVE, a stunning theatrical concert created to commemorate arguably the world's greatest ever entertainer, Michael Jackson, is coming to the newly-built The Parisian Theatre from Sept. 30 to Nov. 13, 2016 for a limited season. It will be the first show held at the 1,200-seat theatre at The Parisian Macao which officially opens Sept. 13, 2016 as the newest addition to Sands Resorts Cotai Strip Macao. Tickets for THRILLER LIVE go on sale NOW and are available at all Cotai Ticketing box offices.

Direct from London's West End where it is now in its eighth year, the constantly evolving show, which has

been performed over 5,000 shows and seen by over 4 million people in more than 30 countries continues to moonwalk around the world and is now finally in Macao. A 90-minute, high-energy explosion of pop, rock, soul and disco takes the audience on a magical audio-visual journey through Michael Jackson's astonishing 45-year musical legacy. We challenge you to stay in your seat!

As well as experiencing his legendary live performance and innovative dance routines, fans can expect to hear their favourite Jackson songs perfectly rendered by the exceptionally talented cast, including I Want You Back, ABC, Man in the Mirror, Black Or White, The Way You Make Me Feel, Smooth Criminal, Beat It, Billie Jean, Dirty Diana, Bad, They Don't Care About Us, Dangerous, Thriller and many more.

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# Cross-borders 'InstaMeet' in Macau tomorrow

Renato Marques

A group of users of the mobile app "Instagram", who are commonly known as "Instagrammers", are holding a meeting with their pairs (InstaMeet) in the region tomorrow.

As usually happens, "InstaMeets" are occasions that provide opportunities to relate and get connected with other fans of the worldwide Instagram community and to explore different places under one or several topics (for example: to explore Macau specifically through the topic of food or fashion.).

This particular event will be held by the Portuguese Cultural Association "Gerador" with the support of the Macau resident and Instagrammer Ana Morais (@anitados7oficios). The Macao Government Tourism Office (MGTO) will have the role of providing guided tours of some of UNESCO's featured heritage sites.

Starting at the Senado Square around 10am, the tour will visit several sites from the Holy House of Mercy building, the D Pedro V Theatre, and Mandarin's house, the Moorish Barracks



and will come to an end at around 1pm at the A-Ma temple.

Several "instagrammers" that have travelled all the way from Portugal and Spain to join the group of Macau resident participants have already confirmed that they will be attending but the good news is, that there are no restrictions on the participants so anyone that would like to participate can simply join the group at the Senado Square on Saturday morning.

The Times spoke with one of the confirmed local presences Felix Januario Vong (@felixja-

nuario) that said that the weather conditions are one of the concerns for the moment due to the approach of Typhoon Haima. According to the forecast by the Macau weather bureau, the typhoon should reach its peak over the territory today.

InstaMeets are becoming an increasingly frequent way for the Instagrammer community to connect, explore and learn more about new areas. They also provide the chance to discover different niches of cities in depth through with the guidance of long term residents.

## EDUCATION

# MUST ranked the best university in Macau

MACAU University of Science and Technology (MUST) ranks at position 32 in the ranking of top universities in Greater China of 2016, according to the latest ranking listed by the Academic Ranking of World Universities (ARWU). The University of Macau (UM) sits in 45th place.

The distance between the respective positions of UM and MUST has grown from last year. In 2015, MUST ranked 46 while UM ranked 49, in what marked the first time MUST took over UM to become the best higher education institution in Macau.

However, although MUST surpassed UM to become the best in Macau, both universities' ARWU ranking improved compared to the results attained from 2011 until 2014. During this period, UM's ranking in ARWU was always higher than MUST's.

According to the data provided by ARWU, in 2011, UM ranked 72, nine places ahead of MUST. In 2012,

the positions then shifted to 85 and 91, concerning UM and MUST, respectively. In the next year, UM and MUST reached the positions 62 and 72, respectively. In 2014, the rankings showed UM in position 54 and MUST in position 57.

Tsinghua University from mainland China has remained the top one university across the time period discussed above. This year, the National Tsing Hua University sits at third place while the University of Hong Kong has been ranked the fifth best, each representing the best from Republic of China and Hong Kong, respectively.

ARWU was first published in June 2003 by the Center for World-Class Universities (CWCU), Graduate School of Education (formerly the Institute of Higher Education) of Shanghai Jiao Tong University, China, and updated on an annual basis. Since 2009, ARWU has been published and copyrighted by Shanghai Ranking Consultancy.

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# Library-abundant Macau questions need for new project

**A**CCORDING to the results of a survey conducted last year by the Macau Library and Information Management Association, Macau ranks as one of the most library-prolific places in the world per capita.

The survey results, which have been recently released, stressed that there were a total of 68 public libraries in the MSAR in 2015, "making it the most dense of its neighboring regions."

In addition, there are more than 30 private libraries in the city, and 103 school libraries, of which some 34 belong to tertiary education institutions or are "specialized" in a particular subject area.

Online media All About Macau jokingly remarked that it seems "we have been surrounded by libraries all this time without knowing it."

However, with some 68 public libraries in Macau and many others of different types, the government project to convert (most of) the Old Court Building into a new Central Library is bought sharply back into question.

There are, for example, 18 public libraries in the broad vicinity of the Old Court Building, based within a half-kilometer radius from the site and easily accessible by foot. This is just but one criticism leveled at the project: its location.

In an emailed statement to the Times last month, Cultural Affairs Bureau (IC) media representatives recognized the significant presence of library resources within Macau but argued that they are mostly of "communal nature [...] serving as the points of communal services."

"Central libraries in every city have their own specific functions," the statement continued. "[They are] the conductor of the public library network, introducing different kinds of applied technology and innovative thinking, allowing residents to use various library resources in an equal and fair manner."

"In accordance with the standards of [...] the International



The Old Court Building



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**The public libraries are full to the brim. We need more book storage space urgently.**

CARLOS MARREIROS  
ARCHITECT

Federation of Library Associations and Institutions, it is recommended [that a Central Library] be located in an area centralized with cultural facilities in big cities; while in the city center in medium and small cities," noted the bureau statement.

Local architect and city planner Carlos Marreiros agrees that the city needs the central

library and reasoned that the location makes perfect sense. "A lot of people are against the Central Library being based in that area, but actually cultural services should be in an outstanding position in the city; the [city] center is not just for cathedrals..." said Marreiros.

The IC says that it backs the project's specific location at the site of the Old Court Building on the basis of two key criteria: convenience and spacing. With regards to the former, the IC notes that the location must facilitate accessibility for residents in each district and foreign researchers, and it must have unimpeded access to public transport services.

It must also have adequate space for the installation of facilities and the potential development of a large-scale book and document collection.

Storage appears to be another crucial concern for those who

back the project. Advocates say that, despite being one of the most library-prolific places in the world, Macau has an urgent need for more library space and storage space.

"The public libraries are full to the brim," Marreiros put forward. "We need more book storage space urgently – especially for the [historical] manuscripts which require a lot of space and [resource] to preserve."

"Another challenge in Macau is the humidity," he explained, adding that the facilities needed for proper storage in the sub-tropics are costly.

Indeed, aside from its controversial location, some are also disputing what they regard as the project's excessive cost. Outlined in the government's five-year plan and set to be initiated before 2020, the project could cost the city as much as MOP900 million. The president of the Legislative Assembly, Ho Iat Seng, is just one of those who has called for clarification on the need to spend such resources on a library.

The IC head Ung Vai Meng, said at a press conference in August that he considers the sum "reasonable", taking into consideration the scope of what is envisioned and the potential value of the public resource.

Marreiros agreed with the opinion, stressing that the building could become a great monument to the government's advancement of culture-based industries in the city. "It proves that culture has its own dignity," he said.

"[MOP900 million] sounds like a lot, but you need to remember that building something inside an existing [structure] always costs much more [than starting from nothing]. It sounds very expensive, but you need to understand what is involved exactly," said Marreiros. "Think about how much a hospital or a casino costs!"

The project, which envisions a possible 11-storey tower built on the site of the Old Court Building, seeks to preserve at a minimum the structure's façade and internal staircase at the entrance.

Although studies in the past have found the public libraries can exert positive influence in areas of education, reading and literacy, as well as the dissemination of general information to the less wealthy strata of society, the digitalization of reading services and storage threatens to make these enormous municipal buildings somewhat obsolete in the near future.

An issue widely raised in conjunction with such studies is that while the costs of new public libraries can be quantitatively measured, the benefits are far more elusive. They are also, to some extent, reliant on the perceived value of the service by the public itself.

The IC believes that the project will bring "the development of cultural diversity, in addition to enhancing dialogues and exchange between different cultures [...] and] these cultivate the power of knowledge and the basis of competition for both individuals and the society."

## Macau would rank 3rd in libraries per 100,000 people

**T**HOUGH international data on the number of public libraries per capita is sometimes contradictory or unreliable for even some of the world's most famous cities (and virtually non-existent for Macau), a popular measure used by several sources is "libraries per 100,000 people."

By this measure, Macau, with a total population of around 650,000 as of earlier this year, would come in at just under 10.5. According to information from the World Cities Culture Forum,

this puts the MSAR behind the highest ranked cities of Edinburgh, UK (60.5) and Warsaw, Poland (11.4), but ahead of Brussels, Belgium (10) and Paris, France (9.2). Were it to be included in the forum's survey of 20 international cities worldwide, Macau would be ranked third.

In comparison, Hong Kong, which is known for its plethora of bookshops and book readers, weighs in at just 4.2 with around 300 libraries, according to the World Cities Culture Forum, for a population in excess of 7 million.





Ng Lap Seng

## Ng Lap Seng asks to explore New York

Larry Neumeister, New York

A Chinese billionaire confined to a luxury Manhattan apartment while awaiting trial in a United Nations bribery case is asking a judge to let him explore New York City a little.

Ng Lap Seng, 68, would like

to stroll through a park, visit a museum or go on a shopping trip at least once a week, defense attorney Hugh H. Mo told a judge in a letter late Tuesday.

Ng is under 24-hour guard, awaiting a January trial after pleading not guilty to charges that he and other Chinese businessmen funneled over USD1

million to pressure diplomats into supporting construction of a U.N. conference center in Macau.

Ng was arrested in September 2015. A year ago, he was freed on \$50 million bail but was required to wear an electronic bracelet and submit to armed guards to ensure he

would not flee.

"There is no legitimate concern of a flight risk," his lawyer told U.S. District Judge Vernon S. Broderick. The lawyer noted that Ng is already permitted to leave his residence for court appearances or attorney and doctor visits or to go to his building's gym or to get a haircut.

"Mr Ng would like to have at least one day a week to be outside of his residence, to walk in a park, to dine at a restaurant, to shop, to visit a museum, city landmarks, library or bookstores, or simply to be outside of his apartment to relieve the stresses of home confinement

and the uncertainties of his court proceedings," he said.

The lawyer said Ng's yearlong confinement had been unexpected and had caused his client "severe mental and physical hardship."

"Being confined at home may have its benefits, but it certainly

**■ Ng would like to stroll through a park, visit a museum or go on a shopping trip at least once a week**

does not eliminate many of the stresses that Mr. Ng has to endure on a daily basis, given his prolonged separation from his family and loved ones, inability to manage his extensive business holdings, and the omnipresence of his 24-hour security monitors in his apartment," he added.

In July, the judge rejected a request for Ng to be permitted to be outside his residence three times a week during daylight hours. But in the same order, he permitted Ng to use his building's gym up to three times per week, though he prohibited him from interacting with unapproved individuals and from using a phone or other electronic device. **AP**

## Conrad holds charity lunch for breast cancer awareness

Lynzy Valles

AS the National Breast Cancer Awareness Month is coming to an end, Conrad Macao held its third 'Pink Inspired Charity Lunch' yesterday to raise funds and awareness for the treatment and prevention of the disease.

Held in partnership with the International Ladies Club of Macao, the event is part of the hotel's month long campaign "Pink Inspired," which raises money for Hong Kong Cancer Fund's Pink Revolution. This year the lunch event raised over MOP 91,000 for the campaign.

Guests who attended the event were entertained with the cast of Thriller Live, a Michael Jackson tribute show at Studio City, who perfor-

med at the kick off of the gathering.

The event also invited Australian television celebrity Kerri-Anne Kennerley and welcomed the return of the Hong Kong television host Sean Lee Davies as the MC.

"We're slowly raising the awareness within the community and we'd love it to become a 400 to 600-member event," said Bede Barry, vice president of Hotel Operations of The Venetian Macao and Sands Cotai Central.

This year's lunch attracted nearly 260 supporters, a large increase compared to last year's 150-attendance, according to Bede.

"We also do [pink] themes by coordinating with the restaurant [such as] pink afternoon tea. We also do pink menu at

dinner and [the] signature bear."

Throughout this month, the hotel has turned all its floral arrangements and decorations in pink, along with donation boxes that have been available to guests.

The donations contributed will be offered to

the non-profit Happy Garden Association (Associação de Feliz Paraíso) founded by cancer patients, family members and local medical professionals in 2014. The association provides cancer education and seminars for the public. [see more on page 18]

### BREAST CANCER HITTING YOUNGER WOMEN

ACCORDING TO the director of Associação de Glândula Mamária, Leong Iat Lun, younger patients are being diagnosed with breast cancer. "In the past, patients were usually aged 45 and 55 years old, but recently, they appeared to be patients around 20 and 30 years old," he told Jornal Tribuna de Macau. The medical expert attributed the rise of the affected

women in the younger age due to work pressure and urban pollution. The expert believed that through the efforts of the government and society to raise awareness of disease prevention and detection, the number of breast cancer patients will decrease. In 2014, statistical data from the Health Bureau showed that there were 176 registered cases of breast cancer in the region.

MUSIC

## Cellist Mischa Maisky to play Macau recital

THE Macao Cultural Centre (CCM) has announced it will host a recital from the world-renowned cellist Mischa Maisky on December 2.

Mischa Maisky was the sole disciple of master cellists Mstislav Rostropovich and Gregor Piatigorsky. Born in Latvia and repatriated to Israel, Maisky embarked on a prolific international career before beginning to perform exclusively with Deutsche Grammophon.

Frequently collaborating with pianists such as Martha Argerich, Boris Berman or Radu Lupu, among many others, his recordings have won numerous awards, such as the Record Academy Prize in Tokyo. Besides his prizes and studio work,



Mischa and Lily Maisky

Maisky has played with many of the best orchestras in the world, such as the Vienna and Berlin philharmonics.

Accompanied by his daughter Lily Maisky on the piano, at CCM's recital the virtuoso will be performing Gabriel Fauré's well-known cello work *Elégie*, César Franck's *Sonata in A major* and Astor Piazzolla's everlasting *Le Grand Tango*, as well as other arranged compositions by Camille Saint-Saëns and Francis Poulenc.



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REAL ESTATE MATTERS

Is Now A Good Time To Buy Macau Property ?

Are prices going to drop or climb again ?

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It's a question that comes up in almost every conversation at present; Should I wait for prices to drop before buying a Macau property ?

Perhaps surprisingly, it's not a simple YES or NO response. The answer varies according to your requirements and circumstances.

The first decision to make is whether you are looking for a home or an investment property.

Just to be clear, it is fully understood that if you buy a home you also want it to be a good investment of course. The fundamental difference between a home and an investment property is simply 'are you going to live in it' ?

If yes, it's a home, if no, it's an investment property (even if you think you might live in the property later).

If you are looking for a home, the equation is relatively straightforward. Whilst prices are high, so are rents. By renting, the entire cost of your rent is a liability.

If you buy a property, only the cost of the interest is a liability,

and the part of the loan payment that reduces the debt is an asset.

Although in reality it is a little more complex, the easiest comparison to make is between the amount you would pay in interest if you bought a home versus the amount you are paying in rent.

If you would pay less interest than rent, it makes sense to buy a home, especially when you consider the other factors such as the likelihood of rents increasing, and the instability of renting a property instead of controlling your destiny by owning it.

As an investor, you are well aware that although prices have dropped from their record high two years ago. No-one knows whether prices will go up or down in the short term, but if we look ahead 5 years the question to ask is 'do I project that prices will be higher or lower than today' ?

The demand for rental property remains strong in this highly transient city, and it is likely that this situation will remain as the status quo for the foreseeable future.

seeable future.

The points to consider include the possible 24/7 opening of the border with China, the influence that Hengqin may have if Macau is ever granted free access, and what effect the Hong Kong / China bridge may have on Macau.

If you believe that Macau still has room for growth, investing with 'responsible' leverage is the way to maximize your returns. By 'responsible' leverage we mean borrowing an amount of money that can be covered by the rent on the property under normal circumstances, and can be covered from your own pocket if necessary.

On the other hand, if you are lucky enough to be able to purchase a property using only your cash, the investment and return may not be so attractive now.

In summary the decision on whether or not to buy a property depends primarily on your circumstances and requirements. Our suggestion is not to get carried away with the idea of getting rich, and only do things that allow you to sleep peacefully at night.

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GAMING

## Icahn: NJ bill would prevent Taj Mahal's reopening or sale

**B**ILLIONAIRE Carl Icahn's Atlantic City management team is holding out the possibility of reopening or selling the shuttered Trump Taj Mahal casino, but says a bill pending in the New Jersey Legislature would make it impossible to do either.

The New Jersey state Senate is to vote today [Macau time] on a bill that would effectively punish Icahn for shutting down the Taj Mahal on Oct. 10, stripping him of a casinolicense for the property for five years.

Tony Rodio, who ran the Taj Mahal for Icahn, said the proposed bill would prevent the company from reopening the casino and restoring lost jobs.

Many union workers say they suspect the company will try to reopen the Taj Mahal in the spring as a non-union facility following a 102-day strike by Local 54 of the Unite-HERE union that lasted until the casino's final day.

Rodio, who also runs the Tropicana for Icahn, said in a statement Wednesday that the billionaire saved that casino when it was in danger of closing six years ago.

"Punishing Mr. Icahn by revoking his ability to reopen the Taj or making further investments in Atlantic City for five years, as well as restricting his ability to sell the Taj, is unconscionable especially in light of his record in saving the Tropicana," Rodio said. "It is particularly ill-advised because with this legislation Carl Icahn's ability to further invest in Atlantic City has been constrained and the possibility of creating additional jobs, as he did at the Tropicana, has been seriously limited." AP

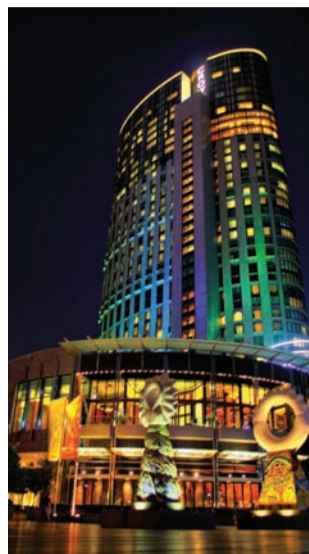
## Crown says China's VIP gamblers bring in less than 12pct of sales

Angus Whitley and Rebecca Keenan

**C**ROWN Resorts Ltd. said high-stakes gamblers from China generate less than 12 percent of total revenue, as the company warned it's too early to gauge damage from China's detention of 18 employees.

The contribution to Crown's total profit from these big-spending, top-priority clients is even smaller, Chief Executive Officer Rowen Craigie told reporters after the company's annual meeting in Perth on Thursday. Crown is working with its legal team in China to understand why the staff are being held, Chairman Rob Rankin said at the meeting. No charges have been laid.

Shares of Crown fell further yesterday, extending their decline since the detentions to 17 percent and taking the company's market-value loss to A\$1.6



Crown casino in Melbourne

billion (USD1.2 billion). The roundup of the staff in China has sparked concern that the government in Beijing may be cracking down on casino companies that promote gambling abroad. "It's too speculative to talk about the long-term impact of the detentions," Craigie told reporters. "We don't want to talk about any of the details of what is happening in China."

Crown reported net income of A\$948.8 million in the year ended June 2016. Revenue was A\$3.62 billion, of which VIP gamblers worldwide accounted for 28 percent, according to Crown's annual report.

Anyone who entices Chinese citizens overseas to bet, or who tries to force them to repay their debts, faces jail. Macau, a special administrative region, is the only Chinese city where casinos are legal. Elsewhere, it's illegal to organize people to gamble, operate a casino or make a living from such activities. The punishment is no more than three years in jail.

Rankin said the staff being held in China are entitled to be presumed innocent. There's so little information available that "informed commentary" on the detentions is impossible, he said.

"Now is not the time to comment on this particular incident," Rankin said.

"There will be a day when we should and will."

Mirroring comments by Crown's billionaire shareholder James Packer, Rankin said he accepts China's jurisdiction over the matter and the company is subject to China's laws and legal processes. The immediate concern is the welfare and safety of those held, Rankin said.

One of the employees is a Malaysian citizen and Crown is in contact with the Malaysian consulate, he said.

The Crown staff held in China since last week include three Australians, among them Jason O'Connor, head of international high-roller operations. The trio are being detained for gambling-related crimes, according to China's foreign ministry. Officials from Australia's department of foreign affairs have arranged to meet all three Oct. 21, it said in an e-mail yesterday. Bloomberg

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## Chinese officials contest Dalai Lama's Milan visit



The Dalai Lama Tenzin Gyatso, center, leaves after visiting a Tibetan Buddhist institute, in Mila

**T**HE Chinese Embassy in Rome has strongly protested plans by Milan city council to bestow honorary citizenship on the Dalai Lama, saying it would have a negative impact on bilateral relations and regional cooperation.

The embassy said in a statement that honoring the Dalai Lama "has seriously wounded the feelings of the Chinese people" and expressed its "strong protest and firm opposition."

Protests were expected at the University of Milan-Bicocca, where the Dalai Lama was scheduled to speak to students and where officials plan to give him a key to the city. He also was meeting with Milan Cardinal Angelo Scola on the first day of a three-day visit that includes a series of spiritual talks.

China accuses the Dalai Lama of leading a campaign to split Tibet from the rest of China. The Dalai Lama says he simply wants a higher degree of autonomy under Chinese rule.

He said in an interview with the Italian daily La Repubblica that the climate in Tibet "remains extremely grim and repressive, characterized by constant controls of Tibetans, who are denied many basic human rights."

"Whether they admit it or not, Tibet remains a thorn for China, which wants to play an important role in the world," he was quoted as saying. **AP**

### FOOTBALL

## Lippi expected to take over as China's head coach

**W**ORLD Cup-winning manager Marcello Lippi is reportedly on the verge of returning to China as a coach, this time as head of the national team rather than the big-spending club where he spent three years.

China Football Association official Huang Shiwei yesterday confirmed the selection process to replace Goa Hongbo was ongoing, but declined to give any details except to say that an announcement was expected by Nov. 1.

Italian media reports suggested the 68-year-old Lippi, a former Juventus manager who guided Italy to the 2006 World Cup title, would sign a lucrative deal next week to take over a Chinese team that is struggling in Asian qualifying for the 2018 World Cup.

Gao stepped down as head coach after a 2-0 loss in Uzbekistan last week, leaving China with one point from four qualifying matches and with little hope of making it to Russia in 2018.

Lippi was head coach at Guangzhou Evergrande from 2012-14, guiding the southern China club to three domestic titles and an Asian Champions League crown. **AP**

### CHINA-PHILIPPINES

## Bilateral talks over sea dispute to resume

Christopher Bodeen, Beijing

**C**HINA and the Philippines have agreed to resume a dialogue on their dispute over the South China Sea, a senior Chinese diplomat said yesterday following talks between the countries' leaders.

The move appeared to be a diplomatic victory for Beijing several months after an international arbitration tribunal invalidated China's expansive territorial claims over the resource-rich waters in a case put forward by the Philippines.

Philippine President Rodrigo Duterte met with his Chinese counterpart Xi Jinping in Beijing as part of a charm offensive aimed at seeking trade and support from the Asian giant by setting aside the thorny territorial dispute.

Duterte hailed a warming of relations with China and said that ties between them go back centuries.

"China has been a friend of the Philippines and the roots of our bonds are very deep and not easily severed," he told Xi in his opening remarks. "Even as we arrive in Beijing, close to winter, this is a springtime of our relationship," he added.

Xi said the meeting had "milestone significance." In a reference to the South China Sea tensions, Xi said that "although we have weathered storms, the basis of our friendship and our desire for cooperation has not changed."

Following the talks, Chinese Vice Foreign Minister Liu Zhenmin told reporters that the leaders only touched on the topic briefly during their talks.

"Both sides agreed that the South China Sea issue is not the sum total of the bilateral relationship," Liu said.

The two sides agreed to return to the approach used five years ago of seeking a settlement through bilateral dialogue, he said.

While not mentioning the South China Sea specifically, Xi said that the two sides could set aside "issues on which an agreement is hard to reach" in their discussions, according to the official Xinhua News Agency.

Philippine diplomats cou-



Philippine President Rodrigo Duterte, front, walks near Chinese President Xi Jinping during a welcome ceremony outside the Great Hall of the People in Beijing

ld not be immediately reached for comment.

The talks had been suspended after China seized control of Scarborough Shoal, off the main Luzon island in the northern Philippines, and the Philippines launched the arbitration process under Duterte's predecessor. The Philippines has in the past insisted that the ruling form the basis for any negotiations with China, while Beijing has insisted on the opposite.

The leaders did not discuss whether China would allow Filipino fishermen to return to Scarborough Shoal, Liu said, an outcome likely to disappoint the Southeast Asian country.

The Hague-based international tribunal found the Philippines and China both retained traditional fishing rights in the area. Duterte had previously said he would ask Beijing to allow Filipino fishermen to again operate in the area.

But China would lift restrictions on imports of tropical fruit from the Philippines and also cancel a travel advisory that had discouraged Chinese tourists from going to the Philippines, Liu said.

Vice Premier Zhang Gao-li told Duterte that China is willing to help the Philippines build and provide preferential loans to finan-

Although we have weathered storms, the basis of our friendship and our desire for cooperation has not changed.

XI JINPING

ce infrastructure such as railways, roads, ports and airports.

Duterte was greeted by Xi

with full military honors at the Great Hall of the People, the seat of the ceremonial legislature in the heart of Beijing. The two leaders oversaw the signing of agreements between their governments.

China has framed Duterte's visit as a step toward ending years of estrangement between the countries.

Duterte has walked a tightrope in trying to mend damaged relations with China while defending his country's claims in the disputed South China Sea.

His visit is being watched by Washington for signs of just how seriously the new Philippine leader intends to pursue a shift away from Washington and toward Beijing, a move that could have a major impact on regional power dynamics. **AP**

### XI OFFERS USD9B IN LOANS

**THE PHILIPPINES** says China's president has committed more than USD9 billion in low-interest loans to the impoverished Southeast Asian nation in his meeting with the Philippine leader who has set aside territorial disputes in a bid for Beijing's help.

The Presidential Communications Office in Manila said in a statement yesterday that the loans that Chinese leader

Xi Jinping offered will go toward funding development projects.

The office says about a third of the \$9 billion loan offer will come from private banks. About \$15 million in loans will go toward drug rehabilitation programs.

Philippine Trade Secretary Ramon Lopez says his country and China will sign \$13.5 billion of deals during his president's visit to China.



Todd Pitman, Manila

**T**HE bodies terrified Betchie Salvador, because she always knew her husband could be next.

They had begun turning up all over the Philippines ever since President Rodrigo Duterte launched a controversial war on drugs this year — so many that one local newspaper had to create a “Kill List” just to keep track. Dealers and addicts were being shot by police or unidentified gunmen, who were dumping them on darkened streets beside cardboard signs that warned, “I’m a pusher. Don’t Be Like Me.”

With each new death, Betchie imagined losing the man she had loved for a decade — a proud father of three who was also an addict.

“We talked about it a lot,” she said. “I told him, ‘Please don’t go out at night.’”

“Don’t worry,” Marcelo told her. “It’s gonna’ be OK.”

Marcelo, who worked as a driver, had been introduced to a potent methamphetamine known as “shabu” two years earlier by a colleague who said it helped him stay awake at night.

In his campaign for the presidency, Duterte described the drug as a life-or-death threat to a nation. And the nation, exasperated by decades of crime and corruption, believed him.

It didn’t matter that government statistics showed the rate of methamphetamine use had dropped from 6.7 million in 2004 to 1.7 million today. It didn’t matter that this rate — an estimated 2 percent of Filipinos — was no higher than that of other countries like the United States or Australia in recent years. It didn’t matter that drug wars mounted in countries like Thailand or Colombia or America had failed.

What mattered was that this was a cause the nation could rally around.

Duterte modeled his drug war in part on a brutal anti-crime campaign he spearheaded while mayor of Davao, where he rode a Harley-Davidson and cultivated a New Sheriff in Town image, with nicknames like “Duterte Harry” and “The Punisher.” The campaign was fought not just by state security forces, but by motorcycle-riding assassins known as the “Davao Death Squads” who massacred more than 1,000 people.

Duterte’s speeches were often fueled by provocative statements. He has encouraged the police to eliminate drug suspects, even called on the public to “do it yourself if you have the gun.” On his last day of campaigning on May 7, he said: “All of you who are into drugs, you sons of bitches, I will really kill you. I have no patience, I have no middle ground.”

After he was sworn into office



Police take out a bag of marijuana from the pocket of one of two unidentified drug suspects after they were shot dead by police as they tried to evade a checkpoint in Quezon city

June 30, the anti-drug operation — called “Double Barrel” — began. Police drew up “watch-lists” of suspected addicts and dealers, and security forces began carrying out raids. Vigilantes also went to work. Near Marcelo’s home, a couple was found murdered in their rickshaw. Later, another man was found with his neck slashed beside a placard labeling him an addict and a thief.

By then, Marcelo’s family was starting to fear for his life. He made a living driving a “tricycle” — a rickshaw taxi — earning just enough to support their two boys, ages 6 and 7, and a newborn baby girl. His mother, Betty Soriano, decided to accompany him to keep him safe and discourage him from doing drugs.

Marcelo also promised to quit shabu, saying it had become too dangerous. He told Betchie she didn’t have to worry “because I’m not using drugs anymore.”

At one point, a government official told Marcelo to turn himself in, a process called “surrendering” that has drawn about 700,000 drug users so far. Most are released after acknowledging their crimes and pledging never to use again.

Marcelo waved the man off, saying he had quit.

In the meantime, the number of deaths piled up: At least 1,578 drug suspects were killed by state security forces since Duterte took office, police statistics show. Vigilantes killed even more, with 2,151 murders either linked to the drug trade or classified as “unexplained.”

## PHILIPPINES

# In drug war, a family struggles to stay safe

As a result, crime fell in some areas by nearly half, police say. But in a country that banned the death penalty a decade ago, the huge death toll has left many aghast.

“What I don’t understand is, how can — it boggles my mind — how can you actually propose that to address the problem of injustice, you perpetuate more injustice?” said Jose Luis Martin “Chito” Gascon, director of the independent Commission on Human Rights.

On the night of Sept. 5, Marcelo parked his rickshaw at a small roadside kiosk, where he had stopped to buy essentials for the morning — coffee for his family, chocolate drinking powder for his kids.

When Malvin Balingatan, who worked at the shop, leaned forward to hand him change, shots rang out, according to the police report.

It was 10:05 p.m.

As Balingatan ducked, he caught a glimpse of two men in black on a motorcycle, helmets covering their faces.

Marcelo managed to run 10 or 15 meters (yards) to the corner, where more shots were fired. He collapsed.

His mother screamed out, “My son! My son!”

At their family home, a five-minute walk away, Soriano broke the news to Betchie. Marcelo’s children appeared, woken by the chaos and the crying.

“Where’s Daddy?” one of them asked. “Where’s Daddy?”

“He’s gone,” Betchie replied, tears streaming down her cheeks.

By the time Betchie got to the scene, Marcelo — her Marcelo — was sprawled face-down in a pool of blood, his body lit by a halo of light from a bank of te-

■ **Vigilantes killed even more [than regular forces], with 2,151 murders either linked to the drug trade or classified as ‘unexplained’**

levision cameras. A small translucent packet of white methamphetamines was visible beside his fingertips.

Her mother-in-law insists the drugs weren’t there when he died. She doesn’t know who put them there, or why. But she won’t press the issue with police, who say they have no leads.

“We don’t want any trouble,” she says. “What’s the point? What for?”

Betchie says she hopes they find who did this. But there is resignation in her voice. She is looking down toward her lap, eyes half closed.

Three days have passed since the shooting, and she is trying not to cry.

“I keep wondering what will happen to me, to my children,” she says, explaining that Marcelo, 39, was their family’s sole breadwinner. “All we can do now is pray.”

Outside, Marcelo’s rickshaw is parked on the curb, empty and quiet. A pair of red and blue wrist bands are wrapped around its headlight and speedometer, propaganda from the election campaign.

Each is inscribed with seven white letters: D U T E R T E. AP



## PHILIPPINES

# Typhoon Haima leaves at least seven dead in northern provinces

Bullit Marquez, Vigan

**SUPER** Typhoon Haima weakened and blew out to sea yesterday after smashing the northern Philippines with ferocious wind and rain overnight. Flooding, landslides and power outages were evident, but large casualties appeared to have been averted after nearly 100,000 people fled to safer ground.

Haima's blinding winds and rain had rekindled fears of the catastrophe wrought by Typhoon Haiyan in 2013, but there were no immediate reports of any major damage. Several villages are cut off by fallen trees, landslides and floods, impeding communications and aid.

Although storms are a part of life in the country's north, many villagers were still horrified by Haima's fury.

"In my age, I'm 60 years old, this



AP PHOTO  
Filipino Joybin Marayo, 58, salvages metals on a damaged boat that was washed ashore by strong waves brought about by Typhoon Haima

is the strongest typhoon I have ever seen," village councilor Willie Cabalteja told The Associated Press in Vigan city in Ilocos Sur province. "We haven't slept. Trees were forced down, houses lost their roofs and fences and metal sheets were flying around all night."

At least seven people were killed in the storm, officials said. But the

evacuations from high-risk communities helped prevent a larger number of casualties.

Two construction workers died when a landslide buried their shanty in La Trinidad town in the mountain province of Benguet, officials said, while two villagers perished in another landslide and another was swept away in

a river and remains missing in Ifugao province, near Benguet. A 70-year-old man died apparently of a heart attack in an emergency shelter while another man died after being pinned by a fallen tree in Isabela province. One other typhoon-related death was reported in northern Ilocos region but details were not immediately available.

Haima, with sustained winds of 225 kilometers per hour, hit northeastern Cagayan province late Wednesday then barreled northward before blowing out into the South China Sea with sustained winds of 150 kilometers (93 miles) per hour and gusts of up to 185 kph, according to forecasters.

Although weakening, the typhoon was expected to blow toward China, Filipino forecasters said.

After dawn, the extent of damage in Cagayan — about 500 ki-

lometers north of Manila — and nearby regions became evident, with overturned vans, toppled or leaning electric posts and debris blocking roads. Most stores, their window panes shattered and canopies shredded by the wind, were close.

In northern Ilocos Sur province, ricefields resembled brown lakes under waist-high floodwaters, although cleanup operations had started.

"Search, rescue and retrieval operations are ongoing," Office of Civil Defense administrator Ricardo Jalad said in a statement. **AP**

## MACAU LIKELY TO BRACE FOR TYPHOON HAIMA

**A SPOKESPERSON** from the Macao Meteorological and Geophysical Bureau told the Times yesterday that there is a possibility of raising the Typhoon 8 (T8) signal today because of Typhoon Haima. "It depends on how the typhoon can affect the region by its rain and wind," the spokesperson said. The T3 warning was raised last night. As a result, probably there will be no classes for the kindergarten and primary schools today.

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ANALYSIS

# Trump needed debate reset, instead riles GOP

**D**ONALD Trump needed a game changer. Instead, he landed a jaw dropper.

When the Republican nominee for president refused to say he would accept the results of the election, he rattled American democracy and openly flirted with the notion of a contested transition of power. He overshadowed an otherwise improved debate performance. And, with an almost-flip, five-word sentence, he created a headache for every Republican running for re-election who will be asked again and again to either defend or reject their nominee.

"I'll keep you in suspense," Trump said, when asked at yesterday's third and final debate if he would vow to accept the results.

It was a moment that could have been expected but was stunning nonetheless. Trump has been railing for weeks about a "rigged" system tilted to favor Democrat Hillary Clinton. As he slips further behind Clinton in the polls, Trump has alternately blamed, with no evidence, a corrupt media, fraud at the polls and government officials trying to protect his rival.

The rhetoric has vexed a GOP already riven by his candidacy and fretting about its future. Before the debate, Trump's vice presidential running mate, his campaign manager and his daughter all had said he would accept the election results. His effort to stir doubts about the outcome drew condemnation from President Barack Obama, who called it "unprecedented."

But under the bright lights of prime time, Trump showed he will not be clipped by criticism or convention from any corner. As he has throughout the campaign, Trump chose to channel the sort of loose talk and frustration of disaffected Ameri-



Democratic presidential nominee Hillary Clinton waves to the audience as Republican presidential nominee Donald Trump puts his notes away after the third presidential debate at UNLV in Las Vegas

■ **'I'll keep you in suspense,' Trump said, when asked at the final debate if he would vow to accept the results**

cans, consequences aside.

"She shouldn't be allowed to run. It's crooked — she's guilty of a very, very serious crime. She should not be allowed to run," Trump said, of his rival, pointing to no crime.

Clinton called Trump's comments about accepting election

results "horrifying."

"That is not the way our democracy works. We've been around for 240 years," she said. "We've had free and fair elections. We've accepted the outcomes when we may not have liked them. And that is what must be expected of anyone standing on a debate stage during a general election."

Trump's campaign and allies quickly tried to cast his comments as no different than Vice President Al Gore waiting to concede his defeat in the 2000 election until December, after a Supreme Court decision and the recount in Florida. But Trump made no exception for such extraordinary circumstances.

Other Republicans quickly bemoaned the comment: "He

should have said he would accept the results of the election. There is no other option unless we're in a recount again," tweeted conservative commentator Laura Ingraham.

Barring an unexpected implosion, Clinton walked into the debate on track to win 270 electoral votes — and then some. Trump arrived needing a performance that would stabilize his campaign — if not for his own prospects, then for the good of his party.

In recent weeks, Senate races in Nevada, Florida, New Hampshire and Missouri appear to have tightened. Republican incumbents in Pennsylvania and North Carolina are fighting for their political lives in states where Clinton appears to be pulling ahead.

Republicans hoped he would prove he was serious about trying to win as many votes as possible in the most important places — and not, as some of his rhetoric about the "rigged" election indicates, merely trying to spin his impending loss.

For roughly an hour, Trump

■ **Hillary Clinton called Trump's comments about [not] accepting election results 'horrifying'**

showed he was serious. He and Clinton conducted largely substantive and focused policy debate on issues that have received short shrift in previous face offs, including abortion, gun control and immigration.

The Republican businessman effectively branded Clinton with 30 years of "bad experience" and raised, for the first time in a debate, the hacked emails that have illustrated a gap between her private and public positions, particularly on Wall Street banks and trade.

But Clinton's preparation and skill at the podium also showed through. She effectively managed to dodge a question about her support for free trade, instead drawing Trump into sharp exchange over Russia's role in the hack and alleged meddling in the election.

When moderator Chris Wallace asked the candidates about allegations of sexual harassment and assault — in Clinton's case, allegations against her husband — Clinton used the moment to stand up for women, voters Trump has struggled to win, while ignoring the question of Bill Clinton's infidelities.

"Donald thinks belittling women makes him bigger. He goes after their dignity, their self-worth, and I don't think there is a woman anywhere who doesn't know what that feels like," she said.

The reemergence of sexual assault and misconduct allegations proved to be turning point in the night. Trump continued to issue flat, broad denials, but from that moment on became increasingly agitated as the conversation moved on to issues like Social Security.

"Such a nasty woman," he blurted, in a remark that on any other night may have stood out for its caustic tone.

But yesterday it was only the second most memorable comment of the night. **AP**

## European Central Bank keeps door ajar for more stimulus

**T**HE European Central Bank has left the door open to an extension of its stimulus program at its next meeting in December, when it will be armed with new forecasts for the economy of the 19-country eurozone.

The central bank yesterday left its main interest rates on hold and maintained the scale and duration of its bond-buying program.

In a press briefing, ECB President Mario Draghi said the bank is ready to do more to shore up the

eurozone economy over the coming months. But that there was no discussion at this meeting over any changes to the current array of stimulus measures.

The bank, he insisted, "is committed to preserving the very substantial degree of monetary accommodation" but that other policy measures, such as structural reforms by governments in the eurozone need to be "substantially stepped up." Draghi said reforms would boost productivity, improve the

business environment, and boost jobs.

"In an environment of accommodative monetary policy, the swift and effective implementation of structural reforms will not only lead to higher sustainable economic growth in the euro area but will also make the euro area more resilient to global shocks," he said.

Though Draghi continued to stress the importance of structural reforms to the eurozone's economy, many experts think the bank will ex-

pand its stimulus program in December. One measure it could take would be to extend the 80 billion euros (USD88 billion) in monthly bond purchases beyond March 2017, currently the earliest possible end-date.

He said an abrupt end to the current bond purchases is "unlikely" and that tapering a gradual phasing of the bond-buying program was not discussed at yesterday's meeting.

The ECB's other stimulus measures have in-



President of European Central Bank Mario Draghi

cluded cutting to zero its benchmark refinancing rate, which means banks can borrow from it interest-free, offering unlimited cheap loans to banks, and cutting the rate on deposits banks leave with it overnight to minus 0.4 percent. That negative rate is in effect a tax intended to push banks to lend excess funds, not

hoard them at the central bank.

What the ECB does over the coming months will hinge on economic developments, many of which the bank can do little about, such as the scale of the slowdown in China, the outlook for oil prices and the impact of Britain's exit from the European Union. **AP**



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19:30	Soap Opera
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21:15	Documentary Serie
22:10	Precious Pearl
23:00	TDM News
23:30	Portuguese Movie
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12:00	Miscellaneous
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16:30	Miscellaneous
17:00	Documentary Serie
18:10	Miscellaneous
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19:40	Miscellaneous
20:30	Main News, Financial & Weather Report
21:00	Drama
22:00	Revenge S.3
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## offbeat

## FISHERMAN REELS IN WHOPPER OF A LOBSTER IN BERMUDA



Hurricane Nicole may have brought more than wind and rain to Bermuda. Two fishermen are crediting the storm with bringing in an enormous 14-pound spiny lobster.

Charter boat captain Matthew Jones tells The Associated Press he and one of his workers, Tristan Loescher, were fishing off the shoreline on Friday, the day after the storm blew through the island. Jones says Loescher thought he had a snapper on the line after it somehow got

wrapped around a mooring. When Loescher went in closer to investigate, he instead spotted the huge crustacean.

Jones says it's one of the biggest lobsters he's ever seen. Loescher held up the lobster for pictures before releasing it back into the water.

Jones says spiny lobsters are known to head to shore before storms.

## cinema



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## JACK REACHER: NEVER GO BACK

ROOM 1

2.30, 4.45, 7.15, 9.30 pm

Director: Edward Zwick

Starring: Tom Cruise, Cobie Smulders, Damika Yarosh

Language: English (Cantonese)

Duration: 118min



## HEARTFALL ARISES

ROOM 2

2.30, 4.30, 7.30, 9.30 pm

Director: Ken Wu

Starring: Nicholas Tse, Sean Lau

Language: Chinese (English and Cantonese)

Duration: 108min

## THE AGE OF SHADOWS

ROOM 2

2.15, 4.45, 7.15 pm

Director: Kim Jee-woon

Starring: Song Kang-Ho, Gong Yoo, Han Ji-Min

Language: Korean (English and Cantonese)

Duration: 140min

## SADAKO VS KAYAKO

ROOM 3

9.45 pm

Director: Koji Shiraishi

Starring: Mizuki Yamamoto, Tina Tamashiro, Masanobu Ando

Language: Japanese (English and Cantonese)

Duration: 98min

## MACAU TOWER

06 Oct - 26 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



## 1982 SINN FEIN TRIUMPH IN ELECTIONS

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Courtesy BBC News

## IN CONTEXT

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

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

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

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

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



**YOUR STARS**

**Aries**

Mar. 21-Apr. 19

Now is a good time to check in with that one troubled friend or relative — you can really help them, maybe just by showing concern. Every scrap of karma you earn will come in handy soon.

**Gemini**

May 21-Jun. 21

Romance is a definite possibility today — whether you're single or not. It may be a rekindling of an old flame, but it's just as likely to be a brand-new crush that comes from out of nowhere.

**Leo**

Jul. 23-Aug. 22

Today is great for making decisions about technical equipment — whether you're buying, repairing or reconfiguring. Your mental energy is perfect for interfacing with computers and other gear.

**Libra**

Sep.23-Oct. 22

Your energy level is tremendous today — so make good use of it! You can tackle any issue you want, and should be able to deal with it more easily than you had feared. Have fun while you're at it!

**Sagittarius**

Nov. 22-Dec. 21

It's a fun day for you and your people, so make sure that you're sharing as much as you can with as many people as possible. Your responsibilities can wait for at least one more day.

**Aquarius**

Jan. 20-Feb. 18

Your amazing personal energy is helping you to see the truth behind whatever is really going on these days — so make sure that you're open to almost anything. New people are key.

**Taurus**

April 20-May 20

A minor health complaint inspires something big and bold and wonderful — maybe a new phase of your life! It's definitely time for you to pay attention to what's going on inside you.

**Cancer**

Jun. 22-Jul. 22

Try to open up to that new person in your life — at work, at home or wherever. This could be the start of a great partnership, but it's certainly up to you to make the first move.

**Virgo**

Aug. 23-Sept. 22

You can't quite make up your mind about something or someone today — and there's nothing wrong with that, of course! If you can just shut your door and work on your own, that's optimal, but you may need to interact at least a little.

**Scorpio**

Oct. 23 - Nov. 21

You're feeling a bit introverted today — and there's nothing wrong with that, of course! If you can just shut your door and work on your own, that's optimal, but you may need to interact at least a little.

**Capricorn**

Dec. 22-Jan. 19

A fresh challenge asserts itself early today — and you may be alarmed or excited about this. Just let yourself face it directly and see what your nimble brain comes up with.

**Pisces**

Feb.19-Mar. 20

How is your cash flow? Now is the time to really think about your relationship with money, and it may be somewhat easier for you to deal with things like budgets and investments.

**THE BORN LOSER by Chip Sansom**



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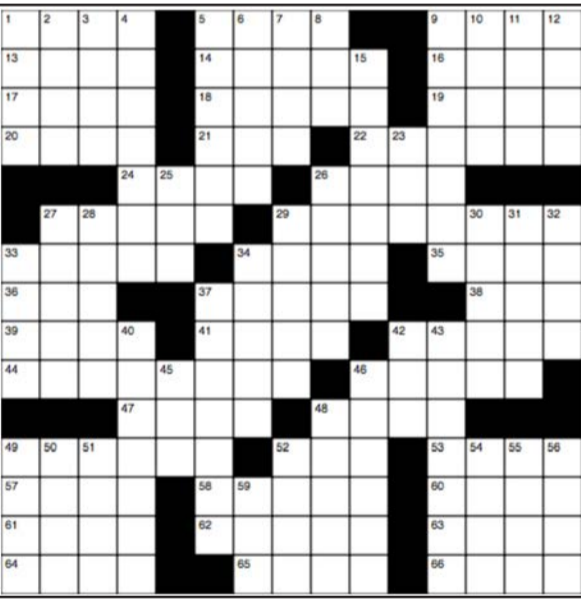
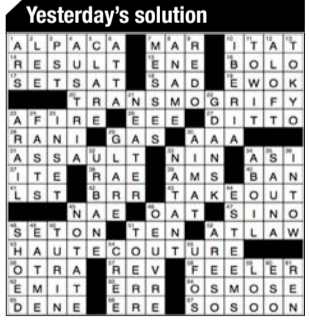
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Lhasa	8	23	cloudy
Chengdu	14	29	drizzle
Chongqing	15	32	drizzle
Kunming	16	22	shower
Nanjing	16	34	overcast
Shanghai	19	35	overcast
Wuhan	16	33	drizzle
Hangzhou	17	35	overcast/cloudy
Taipei	25	32	drizzle
Guangzhou	21	31	shower/moderate rain
Hong Kong	20	29	shower
<b>WORLD</b>			
Moscow	10	19	drizzle
Frankfurt	11	17	cloudy/drizzle
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London	10	15	clear/cloudy
New York	13	18	clear

**CROSSWORDS**

**ACROSS:** 1- Ballpark figs.; 5- Hanna-Barbera bear; 9- Together, in music; 13- Yonder thing; 14- Chosen few; 16- Slender missile; 17- River to the Ubangi; 18- Southpaw; 19- Gymnast Korbut; 20- Romeo's last words; 21- Back muscle, briefly; 22- Catches sight of; 24- Unskilled laborer; 26- The wolf \_\_\_ the door; 27- Permit; 29- Recondite; 33- Berlin's "Blue \_\_\_"; 34- The Beatles' "Back in the \_\_\_"; 35- \_\_\_ kleine Nachtmusik; 36- Kenan's comedy partner; 37- Come next; 38- On in years; 39- \_\_\_ breve; 41- 1997 Peter Fonda role; 42- First name in cosmetics; 44- Sudden collapse into failure; 46- Are; 47- Monetary unit of Thailand; 48- Flat sound; 49- Shrew; 52- Simple shelter; 53- Tailless amphibian; 57- Arabian gulf; 58- I \_\_\_ vacation!; 60- Patron saint of sailors; 61- Jai \_\_\_; 62- You can get a rise out of it; 63- Jockey's strap; 64- Mother of Helen of Troy; 65- Eyelid irritation; 66- Pop;

**DOWN:** 1- Decorative case; 2- Storage shelter; 3- Anklebones; 4- Spire; 5- Egg yolk; 6- Upstate New York city; 7- Present; 8- Addams family cousin; 9- Person with new parents; 10- Surrealist Salvador; 11- Impulse to act; 12- JFK postings; 15- Billboards, some say; 23- Posed; 25- Dawn deity; 26- Magazine copy; 27- Pack leader; 28- Actress Palmer; 29- Ruhr city; 30- Mob scenes; 31- Bay; 32- Relinquish; 33- Three-player card game; 34- Dark; 37- Agreeableness of sound; 40- Republic in S Europe; 42- George Strait's "All My \_\_\_ Live in Texas"; 43- Nuns; 45- Droop, sink; 46- Fancy home; 48- Like bubblebaths; 49- South African river; 50- Just lying around; 51- Interpret; 52- Warmth; 54- Yellow spread; 55- During; 56- Lisbon lady; 59- Some MIT grads;



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CONRAD MACAO has supported the Pink Revolution campaign, an annual event that raises awareness and funds for breast cancer research, again this year, making it the fifth year in a row.

This year the lunch event raised over MOP91,000 for the campaign thanks to the support of major retail sponsors.

The Australian television celebrity Kerri-Anne Kennerley who flew in from Australia especially for the event also gave an inspiring speech to the audience.

Kerri-Anne is one of Australia's most iconic media personalities and has had an impressive line-up of television hosting roles including 'Good Morning Australia' and 'Monday to Friday with Kerri-Anne'.

She also performed in one of Australia's most popular TV shows 'Dancing with the Stars' and more recently she appeared as an advisor on Australia's 'Celebrity Apprentice' television show. Away from the spotlight she is a passionate charity worker with the 'Look Good, Feel Better' program and multiple breast cancer awareness organizations.

Guests were all dressed in various shades of pink; all while they dined on a special pink themed menu created by the chefs at the hotel.

More than MOP120,000 in prizes were donated by sponsors. The lucky draw included luxury hotel getaways to Conrad Maldives, Conrad Istanbul Bosphorus, Conrad Koh Samui, Conrad Manila, Conrad Bali, Conrad Seoul, Conrad Beijing. LV



**A**FTER all the hype about Pep Guardiola returning to face his former club, Lionel Messi made sure it was no contest.

Messi scored a hat trick to deal a humbling defeat to his former mentor yesterday, leading Barcelona to an emphatic 4-0 victory over Manchester City in the Champions League.

Messi sped through City's defense and around former Barcelona goalkeeper Claudio Bravo before giving the hosts the 17th-minute lead in a Group C match that both teams finished with 10 men.

It only got worse for Bravo, who was sent off in the second half for using his hands to block a shot outside the area after his poor pass gifted the ball to Luis Suarez.

Messi struck again in the 61st and 69th to take his total to 89 goals in Europe's top club competition. The Argentina forward is second only to Cristiano Ronaldo's 98.

Neymar rounded off the win from a pass by Messi, moments after the Brazil striker had missed a penalty that Messi had earned.

Guardiola lost for the second time upon returning to Camp Nou where he established himself as one of the world's top

BARCELONA BEATS CITY 4-0

# Guardiola is no match for Messi



Barcelona's Lionel Messi scores his side's third goal during a Champions League, Group C soccer match between Barcelona and Manchester City

managers by leading Barcelona to 14 titles from 2008-12. The former Barcelona midfielder coached Bayern Munich when the German side lost 3-0 at the Catalan side in the Champions

League semifinals two years ago, when Messi scored twice.

Barcelona leads Group C with a perfect nine points, City has four and Borussia Moenchengladbach three after its 2-0 win

at last-place Celtic, which has one point.

In Group A, Mesut Ozil fired a second-half hat trick as Arsenal took a big step toward the knockout stage with a 6-0 rout

of Bulgarian champion Ludogorets. The north London side, which is now unbeaten since the opening game of the season two months ago, tops the group with seven points.

In Group B, Vincent Aboubakar scored twice as Besiktas beat Napoli 3-2 to deny the Italian club a chance of advancing from the group stage in record time. If Napoli had won, it could have become the first team in Champions League history to advance from its group after just three matches. Now, Napoli has just a one-point lead over Besiktas, with Benfica two points back after its 2-0 win at Dynamo Kiev.

In Glasgow, Borussia Moenchengladbach capitalized on two defensive errors by Kolo Toure to beat Celtic 2-0, earning the German team its first points, in Group C.

Bayern Munich (Group D) dispelled any doubts about its commitment by ending a three-match winless run with a comfortable 4-1 victory over PSV Eindhoven. **MDT/AP**

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CROWNED ROGUE

Australians have a fondness for rogues. Tomes have been written about the Aussie finger-flick at authority. Our naughtiness is generally transparent, with a wink and a nod, even bared bottoms, and a savoir faire of a teenage boy just finding his stature. Don't get me wrong, we're a law-abiding citizenry: there's incredible community pressure to comply (drive like we do in Macau on the streets Downunder and the storm of impatience will weigh heavily upon you). We have little tolerance for contextualised games and subterfuge. We stand up to laws that don't protect the little guy and see chinks in administrative armour when regulations aren't implemented by laissez-faire authorities.

Unfortunately, the Aussie battler's principled view of legal compliance and a healthy ambivalence towards authority does not translate well elsewhere. We trust too much that we will be protected, and if the prevailing mode is to turn a blind-eye to illegal activities, we believe that authorities will forewarn change. Often, we're just a little too brazen.

Australians are increasingly getting into trouble abroad. DFAT noted in the Consular State of Play 2015-16 report that they assisted 1,551 people arrested overseas (up 23 percent), and Macau, you've just helped add to that with last week's detentions in China of 18 Crown Casino employees, including three Australians.

Aussies are a little protective of the way our people are treated and naively believe that the odds of a fair trial are good. Cross-border judicial cases such as Schapelle Corby's Indonesian drug trafficking indictment, the execution of two members of the Bali Nine last year, Sara Connor currently awaiting trial over the death of an Indonesian policeman and the antics of the nine "Budgy Smugglers" at the Malaysian Grand Prix earlier this month are fodder for classroom discussion and talk-back radio outrage.

Foreign businesses may believe they understand how it works in China but even Australian government officials agree that although you may think you know the lay of the land, the game changes with the politics of the day. Three Australian executives being held in Shanghai has Australia searching for explanations. However, this time, it's more than an Australian problem - the detainees' foreignness and seniority seems "designed for maximum attention and maximum damage".

Australian Casinos have been courting Chinese players more aggressively since the gates to Macau have been monitored more rigorously. David Fickling's (Bloomberg) question "When Australia sneezes does Macau catch a cold?" pointedly ridicules any concerns of longer term effects on Macau's gaming industry. The truth is that Macau's already caught a cold that's put it to bed with a hot toddy and the fun has been moving to someone else's place. The control of capital and players across Macau's border has been a boon for Australia's gaming industry as elsewhere in the region, regardless of Beijing's warnings that the crackdown is not limited to the Macau-bound.

The detentions' impact has been substantial. James Packer's wealth alone tumbled half a billion on Monday after the news of the arrests had sunk in over the weekend. Crown's plans for restructure and ability to raise funds for expansion has been further compromised by its interconnected businesses. One would be hard pressed to support some analysts' views that this is unlikely to hurt Macau gaming stocks and VIP revenue beyond the short-term. I note that interests of "independent" analysts and tame journalists lie in helping support share prices of their patrons in gaming even as China-based marketing activity and debt collection is curtailed and VIP client details are potentially compromised.

We are complicit in this grey area of gaming. Macau government coffers, real-estate investors, casino stakeholders and employees; we have all bought into a culture of acceptance, for the risk/return equation was on our side. To date the heavy hand of the law has been felt but as a slow vice upon the Chinese-based VIP business model that built Macau. As some analysts continue to play down this pressure, they and the rest of us that sit on our pedestals of Rolls Royce judicial systems stand culpable. Are we listening yet?

THE BUZZ SPAIN'S TOP COURT OVERTURNS CATALAN BULLFIGHTING BAN

Spain's top court overruled a local ban against bullfighting in the powerful northeastern region of Catalonia, saying it violated a national law protecting the spectacle.

The Constitutional Court ruled that Catalan authorities generally could regulate such public spectacles, and even ban them, but in this case the national parliament's ruling that bullfighting is part of Spain's

heritage must prevail.

Catalonia stirred controversy when it banned bullfighting in 2010, becoming Spain's second region to do so after the Canary Islands in 1991.

The decision was part of the growing movement against bullfighting but it was also seen as another step in the Catalan government's push to break away from Spain.

USD165,000 SPENT ON TRIP

Australian officials fly to Paris to discuss saving money



Rod McGuirk, Canberra

AUSTRALIA'S foreign department, searching for ways to shrink its spending, flew 23 bureaucrats business class from Canberra to Paris to attend a three-day conference and discuss ways to save money, officials said yesterday.

A Senate committee quizzed senior Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade officials on whether a video

conference or a less expensive city had been considered as cheaper alternatives when the department was trying to reduce its spending by 12.6 million Australian dollars (USD9.7 million) a year.

The official who chose Paris, John Fisher, told the committee the agenda of the in-house conference in September included ways to save money.

"We flew people to Paris to talk about how we might

do things in a more effective way," Fisher told the committee.

Fairfax Media yesterday conservatively estimated the cost of flying 23 bureaucrats from their Canberra headquarters on the 34,000-kilometer round trip to Paris plus accommodation at the four-star Mercure Paris Center Eiffel Tower Hotel, where most stayed, at USD165,000.

Some participants questioned why a video conference had not been held instead, Fairfax reported.

Fisher, who attended the conference, said he considered a video conference before opting for Paris.

Fisher said he did not know the total cost of the conference because it had been paid for out of various training budgets.

He could not say whether the Fairfax estimate was accurate.

Fisher said Paris was chosen because it was a regional hub and the Australian Embassy was available as a free conference venue.

Another 40 department staff from Europe also attended, as well as six from Beirut, Cairo, Doha, Islamabad and Kathmandu. AP

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High Density Residential Area	75-105 Bad	
Ambient	75-105 Bad	

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WORLD BRIEFS



INDONESIA A court sentenced an Islamic militant to 10 years in prison for his involvement in a suicide bombing and gun attack in the capital Jakarta earlier this year. Dodi Suridi, 23, was captured a day after the Jan. 14 attack that killed eight people including four militants, who police said claimed allegiance to the Islamic State group.

AUSTRALIA The government has quietly lifted the threat of jailing doctors who speak out against child abuse and neglect of asylum seekers in detention, doctors' lawyers revealed yesterday.



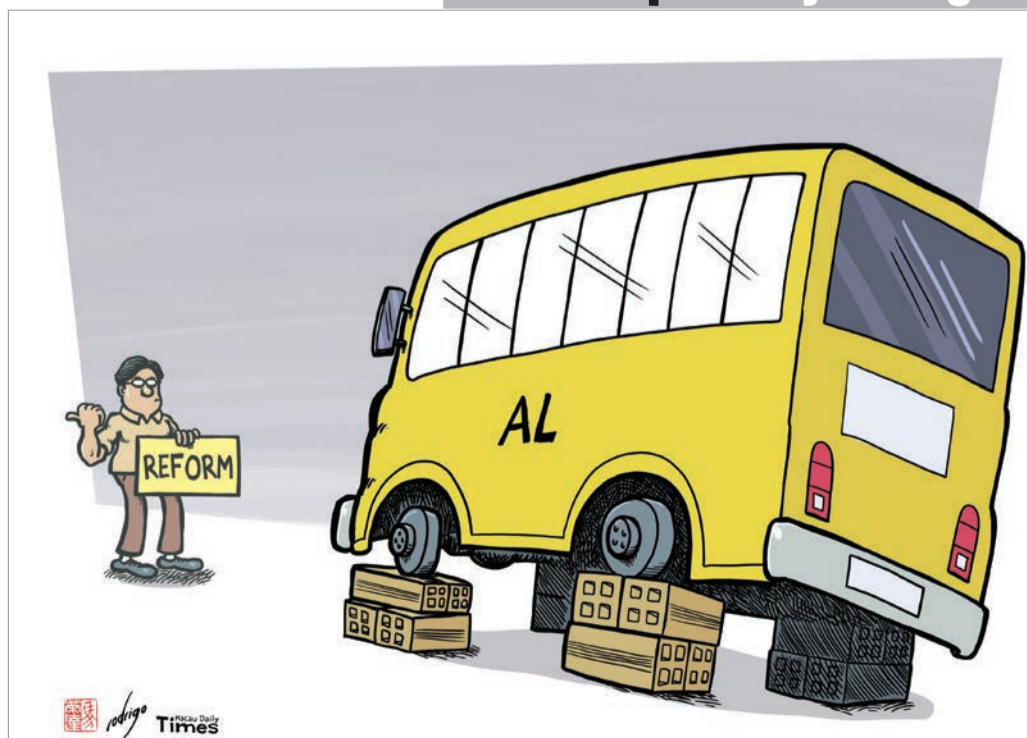
HONG KONG An Asian consortium is looking to buy English Premier League club Hull for 130 million pounds. A document on the Hong Kong stock exchange said GreaterChina Professional Services has entered into a "heads of terms agreement" with Hull's Egyptian-born owner, Assem Allam, relating to the sale of the northern club.

MARKETS Asian stocks rose yesterday as traders watched U.S. presidential candidates Hillary Clinton and Donald Trump argue economic policy and looked ahead to a meeting of euro zone central bankers. More on p15

PAKISTAN A government official says rescuers have retrieved the bodies of two Chinese engineers from a mine weeks after they were trapped while trying to rescue a Pakistani co-worker. Pakistan is making arrangements to repatriate the bodies of the Chinese engineers.

AUSTRIAN Airlines says that a crack in a cockpit windshield forced one of its flights from Cyprus to Vienna to make an unscheduled landing in Belgrade, leaving passengers to spend the night in the Serbian capital. The company said the decision to cut the flight short between the Vienna and Lamaca was purely a precautionary measure. The crew and 190 passengers on Flight OS832 spent the night in hotels and are scheduled to fly to Vienna today.

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