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PHILIPPINES President Rodrigo Duterte says he might follow Russia's example and withdraw from the International Criminal Court, where his critics say he could be charged over the thousands killed in his war on illegal drugs. Duterte also said the United Nations has been useless in stopping wars. He said if China and Russia decide to create a new world order, he would be the first to join them and leave the U.N.

MALAYSIA Pro-democracy activists have vowed to go ahead with a massive rally this weekend to demand Prime Minister Najib Razak's resignation over a financial scandal despite a police ban and fears of clashes with a pro-government group.



JAPAN-US Prime Minister Shinzo Abe will likely seek reassurances that President-elect Donald Trump remains committed to the U.S.-Japan security alliance when the two meet in New York today. During the campaign, Trump said he would demand that allies such as Japan and South Korea contribute more to the cost of basing U.S. troops in their countries.

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Two red pandas brought to Macau



Two red pandas from the Chengdu Research Base of Giant Panda Breeding arrived earlier this week at Macau's Seac Pai Van Panda Pavilion. The three-year-old pandas, one female and one male, are currently under a 30-day quarantine period. The Civil and Municipal Affairs Bureau (IACM) said that the duo have been in good condition since arriving in their new environment. Public visiting schedules for the pandas have not yet been arranged. Red pandas are a Class II protected species in mainland China.

UM student wins national screenwriting award

Zhu Congqian, a PhD student from the University of Macau's (UM) Department of Chinese Language and Literature, recently won a national award for best young screenwriter, beating more than 400 other submissions from 500 mainland universities. His screenplay was an adaptation of his own science fiction novel, "Kong Long Ren Yu Wo Zou Chu De Qiu Ji (The Autumn the Dinosaur-man and I Left Behind)". The story emphasizes the importance of children learning how to face reality as they grow up. Zhu's book has received recommendations from renowned authors such as Mo Yan, the 2012 recipient of the Nobel Prize in Literature.

Mainland economists suggest labor market opening

A seminar on the demand and supply of Macau's labor force was held yesterday at the University of Macau (UM) in the presence of 15 guests, including professors from UM, the Macau University of Science and Technology, and a number of top mainland universities. Zhai Zhen Wu, dean of the School of Sociology and Population Studies, said Macau has a small number of professionals holding tertiary-level qualifications, and recommended that the city increase its employment quota for expatriate workers to 30 percent of the workforce. Zhai said that Macau, as a small city, can learn from Luxembourg or Switzerland when developing its technology-related industries. He even went on to question whether it is appropriate to install robot dealers in casinos, since the dealer's job consists primarily of repeated movements that a robot could easily replicate.

Macau fugitive Lau describes ex-girlfriend as 'greedy forever'

HONG Kong tycoon Joseph Lau has made new comments about his former girlfriend during a video interview in which he described her as being "greedy forever."

The comments come only days after Lau issued a public disclosure of their relationship published in full-page adverts in several newspapers.

In an interview with Apple Daily, the billionaire and major shareholder of Hong Kong listed company, Chinese Estates revealed that he was recovering from a kidney transplant, and that his former girlfriend Yvonne Lui Lai-kwan had been absent for most of his hospital stays and did not know about the transplant.

The fugitive billionaire, who was found guilty in 2014 of



Joseph Lau (center)

bribery and money laundering in Macau's La Scala land deal, said his ex-lover had been making up different excuses to ask for money.

"She never got enough. [...] Even [if] you give her HKD10 billion, she will still betray me for HKD1 ... she is greedy forever," said Lau.

Lau added that his former girlfriend, who is the mother

of his two infant children, would ask him to pay her back the HKD2,000 to HKD3,000 tips she gave to waiters at high-end restaurants.

In the "announcement", issued in several Hong Kong newspapers, Lau stated, "Prior to the breakup, I maintained and took care of Ms Lui and gave her lots of money, jewelry and other gifts, the total value of

which exceeded HK\$2 billion."

Yet despite the indictments, Lui still hailed Lau as "the best father in the world."

"I have heard your grievance. I am sorry. Please don't be angry anymore," she said. Lui also explained that it had been inconvenient to visit Lau during his hospital stays as he was already with "someone else."

Lau and his business partner, Steven Lo Kit-shing, were found guilty of bribing the region's ex-public works' chief, Ao Man-long, with HKD20 million to secure the site of the La Scala luxury development.

Lau was sentenced to jail in absentia for over five years, but avoided the detention by remaining in Hong Kong. The HKSAR has yet to sign an extradition treaty with Macau. **LV**

Over half surveyed report they keep electronic waste at home

A recent survey conducted by All About Macau indicates that over 50 percent of survey respondents have been keeping electronic devices that they no longer use such as phones or household appliances, at home.

The news agency's online questionnaire received more than 200 replies, with women representing more than 60 percent of respondents, most of them aged between 20 to 40 years old. Ten percent of respondents are younger than 20 years old, and only less than ten percent are aged between 40 and 60 years.

About 54 percent of individuals said

they keep household appliances that they no longer use, whereas 30 percent of this group gave these products to their friends and family. Sixty percent of respondents said that they retain unused personal electronic devices. The remainder of respondents indicated that they throw all electrical goods away, donate them to charities, return them to producers, sell them to second-hand shops, or even keep them in collections.

Around 78 percent of the interviewees believe that if the government enacts more policies and measures promoting environmental protection, then the amount of

electronic waste might be reduced. 84.2 percent say that the small number of recycling spots is one of the reasons preventing them from recycling electronic waste, while 27.8 percent recommend the government arrange battery recycling boxes in every building in Macau.

In addition, more than half of the interviewees own two or more phones, while 45 percent say that they only have one mobile device. More than 40 percent upgrade to a new phone every two to three years. Those who use one phone for three or more years account for only 20 percent.

Second Sino-Asia Pacific Medical Forum to kick off in Manila

THE second Sino-Asia Pacific Medical Forum will take place in Manila from November 21 until November 23, and in Macau on November 25, 2016.

This scientific symposium will host over 400 medical experts from 20 countries and regions which include Australia, India, the Philippines, Japan, China, Hong Kong and Macau.

The forum will be themed "building a regional and international network in pro-

moting healthcare and skills."

The president of the forum, Professor Manson Fok, who is also the Dean of the Faculty of Health and Sciences at the Macau University of Science and Technology (MUST), said that the purpose of the forum is to "emphasize the importance of collaborations and to build long-term relationships with all our health stakeholders."

He expressed the belief that the symposium will provide medical professionals with

essential medical and surgical knowledge. "I am sure we will pick up new ideas, innovative solutions and insights from other countries' experiences," said Fok.

VIP guests the Health Minister of Romania Dr. Evelyn Gusi, the current Secretary of Health of the Philippines Hon. Nicolae Banicioiu, Dr. Paultyn Jean Rosell-Ubial and the new Phillipine Medical Association president Dr. Irineo Bernado III, will attend the event.

The first edition of the forum was held in Manila and Macau in November 2015. This year, it will be organized by the Sino-Asia Pacific Medical Forum Committee and the Macau Healthcare Management and Promotion Association (MHMPA).

In the past year, the forum launched a special initiative between doctors in Macau and Cambodia.

In May, the Union Youth Federations of Cambodia (UYFC) and the State Secretary for Industry, Sokkung Heng, signed an MOU (memorandum of understanding) with the Faculty of Health Sciences at MUST regarding medical cooperation.

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'Justice in Macau isn't, at this moment, in its best shape' – Manuela António

JUSTICE in Macau "isn't, at this moment, on its best shape," veteran lawyer Manuela António said, commenting on the current state of justice in the region, in reference to Ho Chio Meng's corruption lawsuit.

The statement came on the sidelines of an event promoted by António's law firm on personal data protection, which took place yesterday evening at the Auditorium of the Macau Lawyers Association as part of the firm's 30th anniversary celebrations.

António was referring specifically to several problems; namely the delays, the lack of transparency and independence of the justice, as well as problems felt by the population, lawyers and investors.

"There are problems with delays and there are, in my opinion, problems with a lack



“The justice and the judges do not need to hide from the lawyers.
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MANUELA ANTÓNIO

of transparency and less independence especially in that which concerns the administration," she said.

On the other hand, she mentioned that despite these issues, "there are no problems regarding corruption at justice level." Their actual problems include a lack of resources, especially of judges. She highlighted the fact that there are also "some judges that lack competence and above all, lack experience."

Another big problem the lawyer highlighted regarding the local judiciary system was the relationship between judges and lawyers.

"When I started to work in Macau, 30 years ago, re-

lations between the judges and the lawyers were excellent and they had great mutual respect and recognition for one another. Today, this doesn't happen. The doors of the judges are completely closed to the lawyers."

António went on to say that "this is an example of how the justice system is not transparent [nowadays] because the justice and the judges do not need to hide from the lawyers."

Regarding the Ho case involving the former Public Prosecutor-General, the lawyer said it was "surprising that he had time to commit so many crimes without anybody around him noticing. In fact, I don't know how he had time to perform his duties, and I recall that he was never targeted with any critics for the way he performed for 10 years."

Still on the same topic, she remarked that it is "regrettable" that Ho's defense "isn't given the same rights, not even the most basic rights. And, once more, this comes to prove what I mentioned regarding the inequality of treatment between the parties."

Privacy law deemed outdated

THE Co-coordinator of the Office for Personal Data Protection (GPDP), Vasco Fong, was present at yesterday's conference on privacy protection. Fong stated that data facilitates the work and duties of many people and companies, but also "carries risks" in terms of "control over people."

Fong remarked that the region's current law comes from European laws, namely the Portuguese one, highlighting that "there are differences between Macau and Hong Kong [laws on the matter] since the regulations follow different philosophies."

Other topics of concern included jurisdiction,

since the GPDP can only deal with people or companies based in the region, and does not have the legal right to chase offenders outside Macau and the neighboring regions.

Fong also remarked that the matter has faced "constant changes over time," adding that "such a dynamism" is related to the constant changes on the topic and to the need to include different kinds of data in regulations and laws worldwide.

On the sidelines, Fong admitted that the privacy law in Macau "is outdated and work is being done to review it." However, he remarked that such a regulation "isn't [a] great priority."

Education scholar disagrees with the adoption of standardized history book in Macau

TERESA Vong, education scholar from the University of Macau, has disagreed with the local government regarding the adoption of a standardized history textbook in local middle and high schools.

At Tuesday's presentation of the Policy Address for 2017, Chief Executive Chui Sai On noted that the Education and Youth Affairs Bureau (DSEJ) has already reached a consensus with mainland authorities to produce standardized materials for the study of history.

Chui said that the government has already amended and published the latest Moral and Civic Education textbook, as well as a history textbook regarding China and Macau. Moreover, Chui said that the DSEJ will work



This is a June 5, 1989 file photo of a Chinese man as he stands alone to block a line of tanks heading east on Beijing's Cangan Blvd. in Tiananmen Square



China's troubled Cultural Revolution

closely with the People's Education Press (PEP), which is under the direct leadership of the Ministry of Education (MOE) of China.

Together, the two education authorities will draft history textbooks for both middle and high schools. The new textbook is scheduled for implementation at the beginning of the academic year of 2019/2020.

Vong, who opposes this decision, told the Times

that, "Macau and mainland China are within the framework the 'One Country, Two Systems' policy. How can such a history book implement this policy?"

She added that PEP history textbook criticizes and even vilifies capitalism, even though Macau has adopted a liberalized economy.

Some colleges in Macau currently work with a version of a history book completely drafted by the

PEP. Vong considers Macau to have done a lot in order to emphasize the relationship between Macau and China.

Vong told the Times about her concerns regarding the possible contents of the history book, saying she doubted whether historical events such as the Tiananmen Square protests of 1989 would be featured.

"If these things are not talked about in the history book, then there will

be a gap [in the students' understanding of history]," said Vong.

Chui's comments on Tuesday followed lawmaker Mak Soi Kun's question about when Macau will adopt a standardized history textbook in all its schools, and when the city will have qualified teachers for the subject.

Chui agreed with Mak on the importance of these matters and added that adopting a single history book will enhance stu-

dents' knowledge about China's and Macau's histories, as well as the traditions of the local youth. He added that it would also foster patriotic feelings in students.

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Vong also remarked that Mak had shone a spotlight on the implementation for some time, which she considered to be a way of consistently leaking out a message to the public, so that people "can be prepared to accept the reality." **JZ**

Art exhibition to kick off on Sunday



The "Tanuki's Nest" exhibition will commence this Sunday at the Lakeside Gallery – S2 room in Anim' Arte Nam Van until December 31. Co-organized by the Cultural Affairs Bureau and the Macau Artist Society, the exhibition features local artist Lio

Hak Man in collaboration with 12 fellow artists, who will present their new artwork for the "Paint Brush Tempering" series. Since 2011, Lio has gathered his friends for joint annual exhibitions of "Paint Brush Tempering" to showcase their achievements and record their artistic process. The collaboration has allowed more people to evaluate their works and offer suggestions to stimulate improvement. The "Walk and See – Youth Artist Art Exhibition", which is currently on display at the Lakeside Gallery – S1 room, will be extended until December 31.

Chinese movie week closes in Lisbon

A Chinese movie week, organized by the Macau Economic and Commercial Delegation in Lisbon and the Confucius Institute, closes today in Portugal's capital. Approximately ten movies were presented during the event. The organizers said that they hoped the event would help Portuguese residents discover Chinese movies and spark interest in visiting China to seek opportunities in its giant movie market. The Chinese Cultural Counselor to Portugal, Shu Jianping, called the film week an unprecedented event.

SPORTS

Fewer players to attend Macau Open Badminton

Julie Zhu

THIS year's Macau Open Badminton will feature 234 players from 18 countries and regions, including China, the United Kingdom, Indonesia, Korea, and Malaysia, a decline of 32 players and two regions compared to last year's edition.

Sixty-one players will participate in the Men's Singles and 41 in the Women's Singles. 40 men will compete in the Men's Doubles, 27 in the Women's Doubles and 36 in the Mixed Doubles.

Part of the BWF Grand Prix Gold Series, the tournament is organized by the Badminton Federation of Macau and will run from November 29 to December 4 at the Tap Seac Multisport Pavilion. The five separate tournaments will be held in stages over the six-day competition.

This year's Macau team comprises seven male



players and five female players who will participate in all categories except for the Mixed Doubles.

This year, the referee and the deputy referee come from New Zealand and Malaysia respectively. Athletes who won medals in the Rio 2016 Olympics will participate in the competition, including

Chinese player Zhang Nan, Indian player P.V. Sindhu, and Malaysian players Chan Peng Soon and Goh Liu Ying. A number of the world's top badminton players will also attend, including Lee Hyun-il from Korea, Chou Tien-chen from Taiwan, and Angus Ng Ka Long from Hong Kong.

During a press conference this week, organizers described the international sporting event as a way to provide opportunities for Macau spectators to witness the world's top players and to develop the sport's popularity within the SAR.

The qualifying rounds will take place on November 29 with the following two days reserved for the Rounds of 32 and Rounds of 16, respectively. The Quarter Finals will be held on December 2, the Semi-Finals on December 3, and the Finals and Prize Awarding Ceremonies on December 4.

The 11th Macau Open Badminton is the BWF Grand Prix Gold Series tournament, one level below the Super Series. The prize money this year totals MOP1 million. Ticket prices range from MOP150 to MOP400 per person per day, depending on the date.

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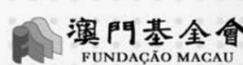
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REAL ESTATE

Housing sales slump

A total of 3,166 building units and parking spaces were purchased and sold as per Stamp Duty record in the third quarter of 2016, down by 18.4 percent quarter-to-quarter.

According to information from the Statistics and Census Service (DSEC), the total value of transactions was MOP 17.22 billion, down 10 percent quarter-to-quarter.

Purchase and sale of residential units totaled 2,399, amounting to MOP14.54 billion, down by 19.5 percent and 4.8 percent respectively.

Pre-sale residential units purchased and sold increased by 49.6 percent to 347, and the total value rose significantly by 112.3 percent to MOP3.79 billion. DSEC attributes the hike to the commencement of pre-sales of new and large-scale housing estates.

On the other hand, purchase and sale of existing residential units totaled 2,052, amounting to MOP10.75 billion, down by 25.4 percent and 20.4 percent respectively.

The average price per square meter of usable area of residential units increased by 12.8 percent quarter-to-quarter to MOP88,564 in the third quarter. The average price per square meter of pre-sale residential units rose by 10.1 percent to MOP118,097.

The average price in the Macau Peninsula rose by 8 percent, while that in Taipa and Coloane dropped by 10 percent and 1.3 percent respectively. Many of the pre-sale residential units purchased and sold were in Cidade & Hipódromo da Taipa (182), Coloane (45) and Móng Há & Reservatório (34), and the average price per square meter was MOP 122,415, MOP103,352 and MOP 103,828 respectively.

According to DSEC, the average price of existing residential units increased by 7.2 percent quarter-to-quarter to MOP81,302 per square meter.

Launch of Tap Seac Craft Market

THE Tap Seac Craft Market, which kicked off yesterday and will run until Sunday, features a total of 240 cultural and creative booths with a budget of MOP1.5 million.

The booths will feature creative products from Macau, mainland China, Hong Kong and Taiwan, as well as Malaysia, Singapore and Korea.

Products for sale at Tap Seac Square include accessories, clothing, paintings, home furnishings, creative potted plants, natural handmade products, eco-friendly products, as well as creative food and beverages.

Speaking on the sidelines of the opening ceremony yesterday, Cultural Affairs Bureau (IC) president Ung Vai Meng said the fair aimed to attract creative practitioners from other regions. The bureau has provided housing facilities for foreign artists in Hac Sa.

"This fair is for creative participants to have a platform to showcase their products," he told the



press. "We also want to attract practitioners from other regions by providing them with resources such as dormitories in Cheoc Van."

This is the second time this year that the bureau has organized a creative fair in Tap Seac. The craft market received some 50,000 visitors back in May. The IC head is optimistic that more residents and tourists will visit this

edition of the fair.

More than 20 workshops conducted by experts from different regions will be held for the public. The Craft Market also features a "Craft Market Concert" of local and foreign original music.

Inaugurated in 2008, the Tap Seac Craft Market is the region's first large-scale integrated platform for the display and sale of cultural and creative produc-

ts, and also features original music performances.

Organised by the Cultural Affairs Bureau and co-organized by the Civic and Municipal Affairs Bureau, the craft market will run from 5 p.m. to 10 p.m. today and from 3 p.m. to 10 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday.

The public is welcome to participate and purchase creative works, both local and foreign. **LV**

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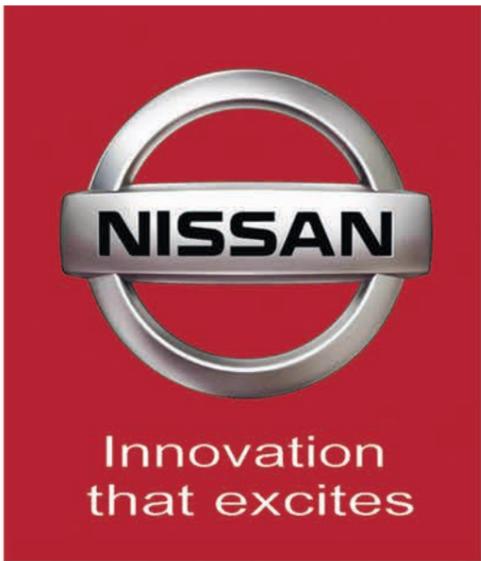
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ECONOMY

Int'l business in banking falls

THE proportion of international business in the local banking sector dropped slightly in the third quarter of 2016, according to statistics released yesterday by the Monetary Authority of Macao.

At end-September 2016, the share of international assets in total banking assets fell to 84.3 percent from 84.9 percent at end-June 2016. The share of international liabilities in total banking liabilities declined to 79.1 percent from 80.4 percent during the same period.

Non-local currencies remained the dominant denomination in international banking transactions. At the end of September 2016, shares of MOP in total international assets and total international liabilities were 0.8 percent and 1.7 percent, respectively. HKD, USD and RMB accounted for 43.2 percent, 41.6 percent and eight percent of total international assets as well as 50.2 percent, 38.2 percent, 6.6 percent of liabilities, respectively.

At the end of September, total international assets dropped by 1.4 percent from the previous quarter and by 4 percent year-on-year to about MOP1,151 billion.

Meanwhile, total international liabilities decreased by 2.3 percent from three months ago and 5.7 percent year-on-year to about MOP1,080 billion.

Foreign currency deposits held by residents and the MSAR government in local banks continued to form a major component of international liabilities during the month. This type of deposits grew by 6.2 percent to MOP463.6 billion at the end of September 2016, compared to MOP436.7 billion last year.

On external liabilities, Hong Kong and mainland China accounted for 51.5 percent and 21.4 percent of the total, respectively. Portugal and France took up 0.8 percent and 0.7 percent, respectively. Portuguese-speaking countries represented 1.1 percent of total liabilities.

Gov't brings back 'new housing scheme' proposal

Renato Marques

CHIEF Executive (CE) Chui Sai On has announced that the "government would consider [...] the feasibility of introducing a new type of public housing in order to provide the young generation with one more option [in terms of housing]."

A public consultation will be organized to debate the details of the proposal.

The CE made the announcement in response to a question by lawmaker Zheng Anting during the Q&A Session that followed the Policy Address presentation.

Chui said that the proposal is justified given the "pressure" felt by the younger generations and middle class regarding ac-



The CE delivered the Policy Address this week

cess to their own housing.

The CE raised a similar idea at last year's Policy Address, when he said that a new housing scheme might be established to cater for the needs of younger residents who are unable to buy residential properties at inflated prices. He hinted that the new

policy would not be along the same lines of "Macau Property for Macau Residents", which had previously been studied and dropped.

During this week's Q&A session, the CE had responded to another question by lawmaker Chan Meng Kam on the rich-poor gap that has mostly affected what he called the "working poor". Chui mentioned that the bigger issue behind the phenomenon was housing and related expenses.

"In Macau, the income [necessary] to support a housing unit is, in fact, higher than what we have set [referring to the conditions in which residents can apply for social housing]," the CE said, adding that "housing is a heavy burden on family ex-

penses. To pay for a house takes a long time. Forty to 60 percent of the income of a couple is canalized to housing."

"The government will undertake all the efforts to reserve land plots for public and private housing, hoping that it will be a right balance that leads to a fall in prices since we consider that the prices are still very high," he said.

In this way, the CE pledged to find better solutions for the middle class or "sandwich class", again stating that people with an income between MOP20,000 and MOP40,000 currently cannot apply for social benefits from the government but cannot afford to buy a house.

Although no details were forthcoming on the implementation of the idea, the CE explained that "the government is preparing a public consultation document to collect society's opinions and suggestions on this new type of public housing, with the aim of giving another option to the population."

ANALYSIS

UM professors voice opinions on Policy Address

ELEVEN academics from the University of Macau (UM) organized a seminar on Wednesday in which they voiced their opinions on the government's Policy Address, which was delivered by Chui Sai On on Tuesday at the Legislative Assembly (AL). The UM speakers belong to the Faculty of Arts and Humanities and to the Faculty of Social Sciences.

Yao Jingming, head of the Department of Portuguese at UM, started by praising the policy address, and then indicating that he considered the section regarding people's livelihood to have been the key point of the address. The professor says that the cash handout is very attractive for Macau residents, although he thinks that this policy needs to be reviewed.

He proposed that "the cash handout is like chronic poisoning: once [people] get addicted to it, what can it [the government] do to solve the problem?" The academic further indicated a belief that if the government in

the future decided to decrease the amount of the cash handout, or discontinue it, it might create animosity toward the government. "Money does not buy [lasting political stability]" remarked Yao.

In the address, the government once again pledged to train human resource staff who are fluent in both Chinese and Portuguese. However, the Chinese academic questioned whether the Macau government means to train local Portuguese-Chinese speaking human resource staff or people from greater China. Yao also pointed out that this specific detail is unclear and general.

Yao recommended the local government assign four or five middle schools to conduct bilingual education in Chinese and Portuguese. These schools should each become an affiliated school of UM, according to Yao. By doing so, the education system can provide Portuguese training service to those who want to be Portuguese-Chinese translators.

Agnes Lam, assistant dean of the Faculty of Social Sciences, also praised the address in the chapter related to people's livelihood. Lam expressed the opinion that the government is not supporting the cultural industry enough.

"This time, the diversification of the industries took an obvious spotlight in the address, [...] it needs to have more policies to promote diversified industries," said Lam.

In addition, Lam criticised the authority for not making it clear how will they will handle problems which have been a point of concern to the public in recent months, as well as for failing to provide any clear solution to problems such as the city's traffic.

Kwan Fung, assistant professor of the Department of Economics, believes that this is still not the time for the city to judge whether Macau's economy has already reached its weakest point. He suggests that two or three more months should be granted for the public to evaluate the city's economic situation.

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CONRAD MACAO RECEIVES THREE HOSPITALITY AWARDS



Conrad Macao, Cotai Central has added another three accolades to its awards: China's Top 10 Most Popular Resort Hotels at

the 2016 Golden Pillow Awards, Recommended Chinese Restaurant in the 2016 Target Taste Awards and China's Top 100 Ho-

tels by the China Travel Awards 2016. The awards ceremony was held by the Chinese edition of leading travel magazine, Travel + Leisure.

Conrad Macao, Cotai Central was the only Macau hotel named in the 2016 China's Top 10 Most Popular Resort Hotels category at the 13th Golden Pillow Awards in Shanghai on September 3.

The award specifically targets five-star hotels in mainland China, Macau, Hong Kong and Taiwan.

Launched in 2004 by China's 21st Century Business Herald, China Hotels' Golden Pillow Awards represent one of China's most closely followed and authoritative hospitality award platforms, with more than 500 five-star hotels entering each year.

MGM KICKS OFF RESPONSIBLE GAMING WORKSHOPS



MGM rolled out a series of internal Responsible Gaming activities this month to support the eighth annual Macau Res-

ponsible Gaming Campaign. The three-week activities, part of the Company's comprehensive Employee Assis-

tance Program – Enrich Your Life (EAP), consists of the premiere of MGM's first homemade short film, workshops and other interactive games for its 6,000 team members.

A special ceremony took place at the resort's back-of-house area last week to launch MGM's first short film on the subject of "Gambling with Borrowed Money is Harmful", echoing the theme of the Macau's Responsible Gaming Campaign 2016.

The gaming operator said it would run a workshop today, titled "Understand Why Gambling with Borrowed Money is Harmful", to raise awareness of gambling disorders and educate employees on coping with such conditions.

REAL ESTATE MATTERS

25 Property Questions We Were Asked This Year Part 4 of 5

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10. Question: Should we invest in an older building or a newer one?

There are pros and cons with each of these investments.

Both people and banks prefer newer buildings. Banks find it easier to loan on new developments, although they do also finance older properties of course. However, new properties tend to be more expensive, smaller, and carry higher management fees whilst rents are not significantly higher. As such, the rental yield tends to be much lower.

Alternatively, older buildings tend to be cheaper, larger and charge less money for management fees. They also return a higher rental yield, especially if the apartment has been renovated. However, they may be harder to sell when the time comes simply because banks are more reluctant to loan on older properties.

9. Question: Who is responsible for looking after my rental apartment?

The tenant is responsible for the safekeeping and care of the contents of the apartment, and returning the apartment in the same condition that it was handed over with an allowance for reasonable wear and tear.

The owner is responsible for the infrastructure of the apartment such as the shell of the apartment itself, the plumbing, the provision of power etc. In other words, providing reasonable and safe conditions for habitation.

Under Macau Law the owner has minimal responsibility, which is why many tenants find themselves with landlords with are not concerned with the upkeep of the apartment.

8. Question: I have a family, where's the best place to live?

With a family, the best place to live is in a complex that provides a club facility.

As Macau suffers from a lack of space, the absence of a garden or recreational areas make a club facility extremely important. Complexes such as Nova City or Ocean Gardens have large club areas, whilst buildings such as The Manhattan and The Buckingham also have club facilities such as a swimming pool and Gym.

7. Question: I'm alone, where's the best place to live?

If you have access to recreation facilities through your work, or have joined a recreation club such as The Grand Coloane Resort,

then an older block in Taipa is probably the best place to reside as a single person.

You have convenient access to stores and restaurants, you are central to Macau, Cotai or Coloane, and there is a bigger choice of accommodation than you might find in Macau.

6. Question: Is it a good time to buy property in Macau?

If you are buying with the long term in mind, it's still a good time to buy in Macau.

As more new Casinos and resorts take shape on Cotai, the demand for housing will increase as the population grows. Property of a 'livable' quality is in short supply, and basic economics tell us that prices will continue to rise.

However, rising prices cannot continue indefinitely, and we are currently experiencing a slow-down of course. But we have to live somewhere, and it makes good financial sense to own the property we live in.

Apart from anything else, we are at least in control of our living arrangements, and not looking for a new place to live every 2 years.

Next week look out for our Top 5 and final part of the 25 Questions We Are Asked About Macau Property.



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GAMING

Imperial Pacific falls after denying reports casino in probe



IMPERIAL Pacific International Holdings Ltd., the operator of a casino in the U.S. territory of Saipan, tumbled to an 18-month low as it resumed trading in Hong Kong after the company denied reports that its Best Sunshine gaming operation is being investigated by a U.S. regulator in charge of anti-money laundering efforts.

Bloomberg News reported Nov. 14 that the U.S. Treasury's Financial Crimes Enforcement Network has taken notice of activities at Best Sunshine. Imperial Pacific never received any investigation notice from the U.S. Treasury unit, it said in a stock exchange statement this week that was in response to "certain media articles," after requesting a trading halt earlier that day. Fincen, as the unit is known, is responsible for alerting prosecutors and other authorities of suspicious financial flows.

Imperial Pacific has implemented stringent internal control measures and has fully applied an anti-money laundering system to ensure compliance with all applicable U.S. laws and regulations, according to the exchange filing.

The stock fell 7 percent by the close of trading Wednesday to the lowest level since April 29, 2015, giving the company a market value of HKD16.9 billion (USD2.2 billion). It slumped as much as 11 percent earlier.

Imperial Pacific reported daily revenue of about \$170,000 for each of its 16 VIP tables in the first half of the year - almost eight times the average of Macau's largest casinos. In September, Imperial Pacific posted a record \$3.9 billion in total bets at its casino - meaning the 100 or so high-rollers who it says come through its doors monthly each wagered an average of \$39 million.

Imperial Pacific says its casino, overall, is attracting visitors at full capacity.

"As there are only 38 gaming tables in the casino and each table is able to serve 5 to 6 customers at the same time, our service capacity has saturated," Imperial Pacific said in its statement. "Each night, around 100 customers could not be arranged with a seat and had to queue or stand to participate."

Chief Executive Officer Mark Brown said in an interview this month that he believes that comparisons with Macau casinos reflect that Imperial Pacific's peers are under-reporting figures, with off-books betting not showing up in official reports. Many gaming tables at Macau resorts are underused, which accounts for the high revenue from the limited tables in Saipan, according to Imperial Pacific. **Bloomberg**

GAMING STOCKS ON A HIGH NOTE

MACAU GAMING counters rose across the board in afternoon trade yesterday at the HK stock exchange. Galaxy Entertainment and Sands China surged 4.3 percent and 5.2 percent to HKD34.95 and HKD36.35, respectively. Melco Crown International rose 2.6 percent to HKD11.08. S&P Glob-

al Ratings this week forecast Macau's gaming revenue will be flat to 10 percent higher in 2017. Also this week, Chief Executive Chui Sai On made a more conservative yet positive prediction for gambling revenue in 2017: flat or a little better than this year.

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ANALYSIS

Hong Kong needs a champion to preserve its autonomy

WHEN he retired from Hong Kong's Court of Final Appeal in 2012, Justice Kemal Bokhary predicted that a "storm of unprecedented ferocity" was gathering over the city's judicial system and rule of law. Though dismissed as alarmist at the time, he's turned out to be right. And all of Hong Kong's friends - both within and abroad - should be paying attention.

The latest blow fell last week, when the Standing Committee of China's parliament intervened in the controversy surrounding the swearing-in of two young and rebellious lawmakers in Hong Kong. The pair had deliberately sabotaged their first oath-taking by using insulting language and displaying banners that read "Hong Kong is not China." While egregious, their behavior could have been dealt with under the Hong Kong legislature's own disciplinary procedures. Indeed, the case was under review in the Hong Kong courts. Yet the Standing Committee went ahead and barred the lawmakers from retaking their oaths, interfering directly in Hong Kong's judicial processes.

The irony is that the courts came to the same decision on their own, ruling against the pair this week; China's intervention was completely unnecessary. The move has done grave damage to the rule of law, a fundamental pillar of the city's system of governance. It threatens the autonomy guaranteed both by international treaty - between China and Britain - and our own Basic Law. In a striking march last week, thousands of legal professionals took part in a silent protest against the decision.

This would be bad enough in isolation. But China's interven-

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tion appears to be part of a larger plan. In recent years, the city has witnessed a progressive erosion of freedom of speech and of the press; threats to academic freedom and the autonomy of our universities; extra-judicial abduction and detention of Hong Kong citizens in China; and the arbitrary and unexplained removal from a top post of a respected anti-corruption investigator, who was looking into allegations involving Hong Kong's Chief Executive Leung Chun-ying.

The fear now is that the Standing Committee's "interpretation" of the Basic Law might be extended to include other legislators who have been sworn in, but who campaigned on similar



platforms to the ousted pair. The loss of just two more seats would deprive the pro-democracy camp in the legislature of its ability to veto controversial bills and prevent unwelcome changes to rules and procedures.

Even more worrying is the possibility, floated by Leung last week, that the government may now reintroduce controversial anti-subversion legislation aimed at treason, secession and sedition against China. While Hong Kong is bound to enact such legislation at some point, the government has held

off ever since a first draft provoked massive street protests in 2003. Meanwhile, the central government in Beijing has made clear there will be zero tolerance for any form of social activism that promotes Hong Kong's separate identity from the rest of China.

Hong Kong citizens find themselves in a lonely place - desperately in need of a champion who will stand up for their interests, but with none in sight. The city's government has failed them, led by a Chief Executive who appears more concerned with pleasing

Beijing and winning reelection next year than with maintaining Hong Kong's place as a vibrant financial hub. Britain, bound by treaty to defend Hong Kong's autonomy, is increasingly reluctant to ruffle the feathers of an important trading partner.

Perhaps the saddest part is how many Hong Kongers - not just the pro-Beijing camp within the legislature, but many members of the business community - are willing to acquiesce to this whittling away of the bulwarks of our free society. If Hong Kong bankers and business leaders think that interference in the judicial process will be strictly limited to political and social issues, they're sadly mistaken. Now that a precedent has been set, what is to prevent Chinese leaders from intervening in commercial disputes involving mainland companies? Where will it end?

This has been the fear ever since Hong Kong's handover to China in 1997. Nearly two decades later, the city remains Asia's preeminent financial center, a global fintech hub and a great source of wealth and expertise for the mainland. It should be in everyone's interest to defend its autonomy and its reputation for transparency, efficiency and rule of law. Not just Hong Kong's friends, but China's should remind leaders in Beijing of what they risk losing if they persist in their self-destructive course. **Bloomberg**

HK democracy activist appears at US Capitol

Matthew Pennington, Washington

A prominent young Hong Kong democracy activist urged president-elect Donald Trump yesterday [Macau time] to support human rights in the semiautonomous city that he says are under threat from Beijing.

Twenty-year old student Joshua Wong spearheaded huge 2014 street protests in Hong Kong against Beijing's plan to restrict elections. He spoke at an event on Capitol Hill organized by a U.S. congressional panel that monitors rights issues in China.

Wong said the international community has a moral responsibility



Joshua Wong

to "keep their eyes on Hong Kong" as the communist government on the mainland was eroding freedoms enshrined in

the agreement that underpinned the handover of the former British colony to China in 1997.

Wong said that Hong Kong's 7 million people deserve democracy, and the free market system in what is a global financial center is threatened when Beijing "hijacks" the rule of law.

"Being a businessman, I hope Donald Trump could know the dynamics in Hong Kong and know that to maintain the business sector benefits in Hong Kong, it's necessary to fully support human rights in Hong Kong to maintain the judicial independence and the rule of law," Wong said.

Last week, China's top legislature effectively

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barred two legally elected separatist lawmakers from taking office in Hong Kong's Legislative Council after they altered

their oaths of office by adding anti-China insults. That spurred fears that Hong Kong's own courts were being circumvented.

A High Court judge has since ruled that the city's mini-constitution, the Basic Law, was violated by the lawmakers.

Wong is secretary-general of the Demosisto party, which wants a referendum on "self-determination" on the future status of Hong Kong, which is in the middle of a 50-year transition period to Chinese rule.

He predicted massive protests if more pro-democracy lawmakers were disqualified.

Two Republican senators on Wednesday introduced legislation that

would punish Hong Kong or Chinese mainland officials who suppress basic freedoms in Hong Kong. There is little time remaining in the current congressional session to achieve its passage into U.S. law.

"Beijing has consistently undermined the 'one country, two systems' principle and infringed on the democratic freedoms the residents of Hong Kong are supposed to be guaranteed," said Sen. Marco Rubio, a cosponsor of the legislation.

"It is critical in the days ahead that the democratic aspirations of the people of Hong Kong be a vital U.S. interest and foreign policy priority," he said in a statement. **AP**

Gerry Shih, Beijing

CYBERSECURITY

Beijing doubles down on internet control after tough new law

CHINA'S leaders and official media are pushing for greater control of the internet and technology products as tensions surrounding a far-reaching Chinese cybersecurity law loom over a gathering this week of the world's leading tech firms and Chinese officials.

The Communist Party's mouthpiece People's Daily warned in an editorial yesterday that China must break monopolies over core technologies and standards and remain untethered to other countries' technology supply chains.

The commentary, aimed apparently at Silicon Valley in unusually stark terms, comes one day after President Xi Jinping called for "more fair and equitable" governance of the internet at the opening of the state-run World Internet Conference. Since 2014, China has hosted executives from the likes of Microsoft, Apple, Facebook and Alibaba in eastern China to promote its vision of an internet that is more tightly controlled by national governments rather than running unchecked as a transnational network.

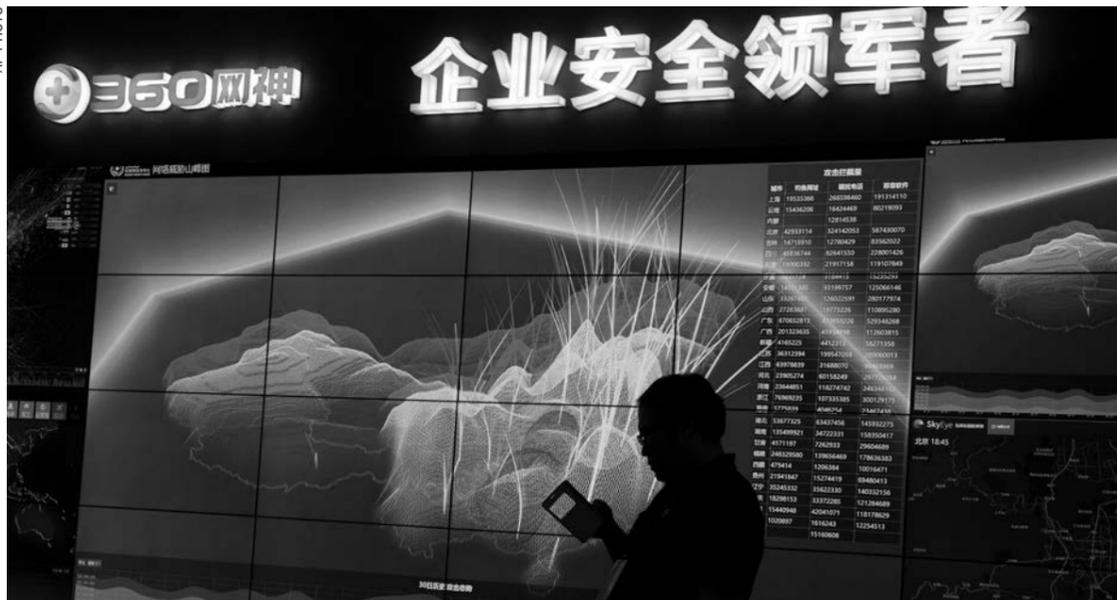
The conference this week has highlighted U.S. and China's competing and increasingly entrenched views about the internet, trade and cybersecurity, and the potential for these issues to become an enduring irritant in bilateral relations.

Xi reiterated this week the Chinese position of "internet sovereignty" over its 700 million Internet users, while other top leaders declared the country's willingness to work with the global industry for mutual benefit — if security could be assured on China's terms.

The People's Daily made clear in its editorial that China needed to avoid dependence on foreign firms

Earlier this month, China passed a broad cybersecurity law that gives law enforcement greater powers to access private data and requires data to be stored locally on Chinese servers. Human rights groups have voiced concern about police overreach while U.S. firms have lobbied against the measure, saying it would wall off China's internet and unfairly hamper their access to the market.

Other Chinese proposals in recent years have effectively discouraged state-backed companies and agencies from buying foreign products out of cyber-spying concerns. China has also encouraged its state-backed sector to develop — or outright acquire — technologies in strategically critical industries like semiconductors, which it believes to be an Achilles heel of the Chinese economy. Recent efforts to acquire U.S. chip com-



A worker is silhouetted against a computer display showing a live visualization of the online phishing and fraudulent phone calls across China during the 4th China Internet Security Conference (ISC) in Beijing

panies have been rebuffed by U.S. regulators on national security grounds.

Foreign technology trade groups say the regulations have used security as a pretext for enacting protectionist trade policies to benefit China's tech industry, and more than 40 groups signed a letter to Communist Party cyberspace officials last week urging China to respect its World Trade Organization commitments.

"We are concerned that these commitments are undermined by public statements and other

forms of high-level guidance that call for indigenous and controllable substitution plans for information technology products and services," the trade groups said, while acknowledging that China faced "legitimate security concerns."

Beijing has said the internet has been overwhelmingly dominated by the United States and it has backed a proposal to transfer control over some of the internet's core architecture to a U.N agency, the International Telecommunication Union.

Critics, however, objected to letting authoritarian regimes like Iran and China get equal votes on matters affecting speech. The U.S. government in September privatized control over the systems by transferring them to a nonprofit oversight organization.

The People's Daily made clear in its editorial yesterday that China needed to avoid dependence on foreign firms "particularly by breaking monopolies over core technologies and standards and not allowing other countries to control vital supply chains." AP

TAIWAN

People protest for, against same-sex marriage bill



THOUSANDS of Taiwanese protested yesterday outside the island's legislature both for and against a bill that could make Taiwan the first place in Asia to legalize same-sex marriage.

Organizers estimated that more than 20,000 people protested, carried placards, flew flags and chanted slogans as lawmakers deliberated the bill inside.

Most were affiliated with

conservative religious and social groups that chartered buses to bring protesters to the capital, Taipei.

Some demanded an island-wide plebiscite with slogans such as "Marriage and family, let all the people decide," while speakers argued that same-sex marriage would psychologically harm future generations.

Backers of the bill, separated from the main group by a line of police, waved

rainbow flags and chanted their support for gay rights.

Both the ruling and major opposition parties support legalization of same-sex marriage, as do a majority of the public along with President Tsai Ing-wen, Taiwan's first female head of state.

The bill would change the legal definition of marriage from between "male and female parties" to between "two parties." Supporters hope to pass it by the end of the current session in December.

Taiwan would join Canada, Colombia, Ireland, the United States and 16 other countries that have legalized same-sex marriage. But it would be a notable exception in Asia and the Middle East where many countries still ban gay sex.

Gays and lesbians in Taiwan have formed an effective lobby in recent years, with an annual Gay Pride march in Taipei last month drawing tens of thousands. AP

Dalai Lama to visit Mongolia, possibly sparking China anger

THE Dalai Lama will visit Mongolia this week, Buddhist leaders said yesterday, potentially sparking an angry response from China.

Davaasurev, a monk at the Gandan monastery in the Mongolian capital, Ulaanbaatar, said the exiled Tibetan spiritual leader's four-day visit starting today was for purely religious purposes.

He is to receive an honorary degree, take part in religious observances and hold meetings with academics and representatives of the nation's youth, said Davaasurev, who is organizing the visit. No word was given on any meetings with political figures.

The visit is "separate from politics and for religious purposes only," Davaasurev said.

China, landlocked Mongolia's giant southern neighbor, accuses the head of Tibetan Buddhism of seeking independence for Tibet and routinely objects to his overseas travels. Beijing has in past used the Mongolian economy's heavy dependence on trade with China as leverage, cutting off rail links and disrupting air travel during a visit by the Dalai



Lama in 2006.

Mongolian Buddhism is closely tied to Tibet's strain and traditionally reveres the Dalai Lama as a leading spiritual figure.

However, the abbot of the rival Ikh Khuree monastery, Sanjdorj Zandan, criticized the visit as interference in Mongolia's internal affairs and said it appeared the Dalai Lama planned to name the new head of Mongolian Buddhism. Davaasurev denied any such appointment would be made. AP

THAI authorities cracking down on online insults to the royal family following the recent death of their king pressed Google and Facebook for help as they shut down 1,300-plus websites last month — more than they had in the previous five years combined, according to records released exclusively to The Associated Press.

While the nation has collectively grieved since the Oct. 13 passing of King Bhumibol Adulyadej, the government has also focused on eliminating online remarks it deems offensive to the late monarch, his queen or his heir-apparent, Crown Prince Maha Vajiralongkorn. Thailand's lese majeste law, the world's toughest, makes defaming any of the three a crime punishable by up to 15 years in prison.

Since the king's death, Thailand has charged more than 20 people with making anti-royalty statements, requested deportations of suspects from at least seven countries and attempted to wipe out content it finds offensive from websites and social media.

"The amount of content restricted in Thailand under these laws is absolutely of concern, particularly as the lese majeste provisions are used to stifle legitimate dissent, both through blocking and content removal," said Madeline Earp, who researches Asian internet censorship for the nonprofit Freedom House.

The military says the lese majeste law is necessary to safeguard the monarchy and national security.

Data compiled by the Ministry of Defense's support group and released to the AP shows that the government shut down 1,370 websites in October, more than the

AP NEWSBREAK

Thai website shutdowns soar after king's death

1,237 shut down in the previous five years. Just two had been shut down in September.

Thailand orders the country's internet service providers to block offensive websites. Users who click on them see only a government seal and a statement in Thai: "This website contains content and information that is deemed inappropriate. It has been censored by the Ministry of Digital Economy and Society."

Deputy Prime Minister Prachin Chantong said the government has set up a team to quickly control online content.

"Thais have been attacked by websites that twist the truth," Prachin said.

The approach is different for Google, Facebook and other online and social media platforms based outside of Thailand. Prachin said he has contacted those companies and asked them to monitor and remove content that could insult the monarchy.

Prachin said Google and Facebook agreed. Both companies dispute that, and say they are only responding to complaints brought to them rather than actively seeking content offensive to the monarchy.

"We have never provided account information or content of any Facebook user to the government of Thailand, nor do we proactively monitor people's content or conversations for potential violations of local law,"



A blocked website shows a notice from Thailand's Ministry of Digital Economy and Society with the message, "This website contains content and information that is deemed inappropriate. It has been censored by the Ministry of Digital Economy and Society"

Facebook spokesman Tim Inthirakoth said after his company met with Prachin yesterday.

Google said that last year it removed 1,331 items at the request of Thai authorities, up from 74 items in 2014. Facebook said it had five requests related to criminal cases in 2015 and didn't produce data for any of them. Facebook and Google refused to release how many requests they've had since the king's death, saying they will publish that in their regular biannual online reports.

Thailand has long censored online content deemed insulting to the monarchy, but has done so more frequently since a military

coup ousted an elected government in late May of 2014. According to the Ministry of Defense data, the junta censored 974 websites in its first two years, more than three times as many as the prior government censored in its last two years.

Thai authorities are thought to be particularly concerned with websites with content about Vajiralongkorn, the 64-year-old designated heir to the throne who lacks the popularity of his father. The public at large has long traded rumors about Vajiralongkorn's finances, hot temper and other matters. Three stormy marriages are a matter of public

record. But critical news reports from abroad about Vajiralongkorn are commonly blocked in Thailand.

Thailand remains somber in many ways more than a month after the death of Bhumibol, who was 88 and the world's longest-reigning monarch. Millions continue to dress in black or white every day, boisterous events have been canceled and mourners are flocking by the tens of thousands to pay their respects at the Royal Palace.

Online, for the first 30 days many websites and Facebook pages were also without color. Even Google's trademark red, green, blue and yellow search box was, in Thailand, simply monochrome.

Daphne Keller at the Stanford Center for Internet and Society said internet companies doing business in countries with laws restricting speech know they will be expected to comply with the rules. One common means of doing so without deleting lawful speech elsewhere is to offer country-specific versions of services, like YouTube Thailand, said Keller.

Emma Llanso, who directs the Free Expression Project at the Washington, D.C., based Center for Democracy and Technology, said that "this is a perfect example of the kinds of conflicts that make it difficult to protect freedom of speech in the digital age." AP

AUSTRALIA

Prime minister got Trump's number from golf great

AUSTRALIA'S prime minister beat other world leaders to an early call with President-elect Donald Trump by getting his cellphone number from Greg Norman, the golfing great said yesterday.

Prime Minister Malcolm Turnbull said last week he had a warm and "very frank" 15-minute discussion with Trump within hours of the Republican nominee claiming victory in the presidential election.

The U.S.-based Australian golfer confirmed he gave Trump's number to Australia's ambassador to the U.S., Joe Hockey, after the election.

"It was a pleasure and an honor to facilitate the connection between P.M. Turnbull and President-elect Trump at the request of Ambassador Hockey," Norman said in a statement.

"I have great respect for both men who have been voted in by the people of their respective coun-



Greg Norman

tries and I am fortunate enough to call Mr. Trump a friend, so I was happy to put them in touch to further the incredible long-standing relationship the two countries have experienced," he said.

Turnbull described Norman as "a great advocate for strengthening the Australian-American alliance."

Turnbull declined to explain why Australia did not have Trump's number before the election or say whether he had thought Democrat

nominee Hillary Clinton would win.

"In diplomacy and politics, you use lots of networks and all I can say is we have great networks, great connections and Greg Norman is a great Australian," Turnbull told reporters.

Turnbull was the second world leader to call to congratulate the president-elect, Sydney's The Daily Telegraph newspaper reported. Egypt's President Abdel-Fattah el-Sissi has said Trump told him that he was the first world leader to get through.

The New York Times reported on Tuesday that prominent U.S. allies were scrambling to figure out how and when to contact Trump in a sign that his transition was in disarray. At times, leaders had been patched through to Trump in his office block with little warning, an unnamed Western diplomat told the newspaper.

But Trump tweeted the following day: "I have recieved (sic) and taken calls from many foreign leaders despite what the failing @nytimes said. Russia, U.K., China, Saudi Arabia, Japan, Australia, New Zealand, and more. I am always available to them." AP

PHILIPPINES

Economy posts 7.1 pct growth in third quarter

THE Philippine economy grew faster than expected in the third quarter at 7.1 percent from the same period a year ago, cementing the country's chance of achieving its full-year growth target of 6 to 7 percent, officials said yesterday.

A rise in food manufacturing, a rebound in the agricultural sector after five consecutive quarters of decline, a jump in private investments in construction and expansion in public construction fueled the expansion, they added. The growth rate is above the 6.2 percent rise in gross domestic product in the third quarter last year, and the 7 percent expansion in the first half of 2016.

Reynaldo Cancio, a director of the National Economic Development Authority, said the growth was above median market expectation of 6.8 percent and higher than major Asian economies that have released third-quarter data so far, including China's 6.7 percent third-quarter growth.

"This cements our chance of achieving our target of 6 to 7 percent for the whole of 2016," he said.

He said the economy needs to only attain at least 3.4 percent growth in the fourth quarter to attain the low end of its growth target of 6 percent for the year and to grow by 6.9 percent to attain 7 percent.

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TRADE

Trump's future role looms over Asia-Pacific summit in Peru

DONALD Trump will be on the minds of world leaders as they gather for an Asia-Pacific trade summit.

The president-elect has made it clear that he is hostile to the kind of free trade deals that tend to be the focus of the annual Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation forum, taking place this year in Peru's capital. He's also singled out group members China and Mexico in a populist campaign standing up for displaced American workers.

That has likely changed the tone and the agenda of a meeting that was expected to be part of a valedictory tour for U.S. President Barack Obama. It will be his last international summit before he leaves office Jan. 20 and those in attendance are to include Chinese President Xi Jinping, Russian President Vladimir Putin and Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe.

Instead of promoting a now all-but dead trade deal known as the Trans-Pacific Partnership, economic experts expect Obama will field uncomfortable questions about Trump's pledges to overhaul U.S. trade policy, crack down on illegal immigration from Mexico and withdraw from a global agreement to fight climate change.

"World leaders like everyone else are hoping he will be more moderate in office than he was on the campaign trail," Fred Bergsten, a senior fellow at the Peterson Institute for International Economics in Washington. "But they are going to be worried."

APEC's 21 member-nations comprise more than a third of the world's population and half of global trade. It was established three decades ago to accelerate economic growth by removing trade barriers and helping integrate global supply chains.



A man dressed in traditional Andean clothes walks past the logo of the APEC 2016 summit in Lima

The group's annual summits also deal with current international challenges such as security following the terrorist attacks on Sept. 11, 2001, or in Paris last year or the global economic crisis of 2008. This year, the big issue is Trump.

"As you can imagine, the issue of the day will consume a lot of the energy," said Scott Miller, a senior adviser to the Center for Strategic and International Studies who previously advised the U.S. on APEC matters.

Manufacturing has been declining in the U.S. since the 1950s and today represents less than

10 percent of employment. Despite Trump's promises to revive industry, those jobs are unlikely to return in large enough numbers, said APEC executive director Alan Bollard. At the same time, developing nations — the biggest beneficiaries of globalization — are more upbeat about free trade.

"The pessimism about trade does seem to be more of a developed, affluent country phenomenon," Bollard said in an interview.

Bollard, a former central banker in New Zealand, said world leaders haven't done a

good enough job selling the benefits of globalization and cited studies that credit trade for helping lift half a billion people out of poverty in the APEC region.

He said there has also been an overriding focus on manufacturing, what Bollard called the "old wave" of globalization, instead of helping companies in the services industry navigate complex, cross-border regulations.

"With the advantages of electronic commerce, it's possible for small, remote businesses to be world traders in a way they never could before," he said.

While Trump has threatened a trade war with China, vowing higher tariffs and declaring it a currency manipulator, the Asian giant has emerged as an unlikely champion of borderless buying and selling. The leaders gathering in Peru will be presented with a joint U.S.-China study ordered up in 2014 about the feasibility of a vast free trade area including all APEC members.

Beijing is also promoting a regional trade partnership grouping it with 10 southeast Asian economies as well as Japan, India, South Korea, Australia and New Zealand. That proposed pact has become more relevant with Trump's victory all but killing the 12-nation Trans-Pacific Partnership, which excludes China and was widely seen as an attempt by the Obama administration to keep Asian trading partners in the U.S. orbit.

When it comes to U.S. trade, said Miller, Trump's actions as president seem unlikely to be as dramatic as he sounded on the campaign trail. He said 48 of the 50 states have either Canada or Mexico as their leading trade partner, which means disruptions to business from tearing up NAFTA could be politically as well as economically devastating.

"He's a skeptic of trade agreements, and he's held that position for a long time as a private citizen," Miller said of Trump. "What he has not been in a position to do is consider and then represent the broader interests of the American people. That's usually how presidents become free traders." AP

PAKISTAN

Turks challenge their expulsion order in court

PAKISTAN'S order for 400 Turkish nationals, mostly schoolteachers and their families, to leave the country within 72 hours was being challenged in court yesterday as hundreds of students took to the streets to denounce the expulsions.

The developments come as Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan is making a high-profile visit to Pakistan.

The Turkish nationals include staff at the Pak-

Turk International school chain and their family members. Ankara has accused the school of links with the movement of U.S.-based dissident cleric Fethullah Gulen, which Pak-Turk denies.

Erdogan has accused Gulen supporters of staging the failed July 15 coup in Turkey.

The school yesterday posted a new statement on its website saying the "Pak-Turk International Schools and Colleges in Pakistan

have no affiliation or connection with any political individual or any movement or organization."

The Islamabad High Court, which took up the petition by the 400 Turkish nationals, heard arguments from the school's lawyer yesterday before a break in the proceedings, according to court official Faheem Rizvi.

The petition said the expulsion would adversely affect 11,000 students in 28 branches of the school

across the country. It requested that the orders be rescinded and that the school's expatriate staff be allowed to continue to work in Pakistan, he said.

Meanwhile, hundreds of PakTurk students blocked the main road in the eastern city of Lahore to protest the expulsion orders, said Pakistani police officer Adnan Naseer.

"Don't play with our future," student Tariq Ahmad told Pakistani Capital News TV.

After talks in Islamabad, Erdogan and Pakistani Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif held a joint press conference, pledging to enhance bilateral cooperation, share their experience in fighting terrorism and complete a free trade agreement by



Pakistan's President Mamnoon Hussain (right), receives Turkey's President Recep Tayyip Erdogan at the President House in Islamabad

the end of 2017.

On the expulsion issue, Erdogan thanked the Pakistani government for taking action against what he described as supporters of Gulen's network, and assured the media that

PakTurk students will not suffer.

Erdogan also said Turkey is seeking help from allies in dismantling Gulen's "evil network," which he claimed was also a threat to Pakistan's security. AP

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- 07:25 Suncity Group Macau Motorcycle Grand Prix - 50th Edition - Qualifying
- 08:40 Suncity Group Chinese Racing Cup - Qualifying
- 09:35 Suncity Group Formula 3 Macau Grand Prix - FIA F3 World Cup - Practice
- 10:40 SJM Macau GT Cup - FIA GT World Cup - Practice
- 11:35 Suncity Group Macau Road Sport Challenge - Qualifying
- 12:30 Suncity Group Macau Guia Race 2.0T - Practice
- 13:10 TDM News (Repeat)
- 13:55 CTM Macau Touring Car Cup - Qualifying
- 14:55 SJM Macau GT Cup - FIA GT World Cup - Qualifying
- 15:55 Suncity Group Formula 3 Macau Grand Prix - FIA F3 World Cup - Qualifying
- 18:20 Precious Pearl (Repeated)
- 19:10 TDM Talk Show (Repeated)
- 19:40 Drama
- 20:30 Main News, Financial & Weather Report
- 21:15 Documentary Serie
- 21:45 Documentary Serie
- 22:10 Precious Pearl
- 23:00 TDM News
- 23:30 Portuguese Movie
- 00:50 Main News, Financial & Weather Report (Repeated)
- 01:40 RTPi Live

SATURDAY

- 07:25 Suncity Group Macau Guia Race 2.0T - Qualifying
- 09:00 Suncity Group Macau Road Sport Challenge - 10 laps
- 10:20 Suncity Group Chinese Racing Cup - 10 laps
- 11:20 Suncity Group Macau Motorcycle Grand Prix - 50th Edition - Warm Up
- 12:10 SJM Macau GT Cup - FIA GT World Cup - Qualification Race 12 laps
- 13:15 TDM News (Repeat)
- Suncity Group Formula 3 Macau Grand Prix - FIA F3 World Cup - Qualification Race - 10 laps
- 14:40 Parade
- 15:30 Suncity Group Macau Motorcycle Grand Prix - 50th Edition - 12 laps
- 17:30 Drama
- 18:15 Miscellaneous
- 18:45 Contest
- 19:40 Miscellaneous
- 20:30 Main News, Financial & Weather Report
- 21:00 Comedy
- 22:00 Revenge S.4
- 22:45 Non-Daily Portuguese News
- 23:00 TDM News
- 23:30 Comedy

SUNDAY

- 07:00 Safety and Rescue Cars - Testing laps
- 08:30 CTM Macau Touring Car Cup - 12 laps
- 10:00 Suncity Group Macau Guia Race 2.0T - 2 Races of 10 laps each with 15 minutes break between races
- 12:10 TDM News (Repeat)
- 12:55 SJM Macau GT Cup - FIA GT World Cup - 18 laps
- 14:15 Parade
- 15:10 Lion Dance
- 15:30 Suncity Group Formula 3 Macau Grand Prix - FIA F3 World Cup - 15 laps
- 16:50 Documentary Serie
- 19:00 Miscellaneous
- 19:30 Comedy
- 20:10 Miscellaneous
- 20:30 Main News, Financial & Weather Report
- 21:00 Non-Daily Portuguese News
- 22:00 The Long Road : Europe's Border Crisis
- 23:00 TDM News
- 23:30 Non-Daily Portuguese News
- 23:45 UEFA Europa League 2016/2017 Magazine Programme
- 00:40 Main News, Financial & Weather Report
- 01:15 RTPi Live

Offbeat

THAI FISH WITH NATIONAL FLAG COLORS SELLS FOR RECORD SUM

A Siamese fighting fish with the colors of the Thai national flag has been bought for a record breaking 53,500 baht (USD1,530) at an online auction, making it the most expensive Betta fish to ever be sold.

Pictures of the fish, with its blue, red and white horizontal stripes mimicking the Thai flag, went viral after its breeder Kachen Worachai posted them on a private Betta fish auction group on Facebook.

Kachen said yesterday he had expected someone to buy the fish for a few thousand baht but was shocked when the bid hit 10,000 baht (\$285) on the second day.

"I never expected my fish to go for this price," said Kachen, a 40-year-old convenience store owner who breeds Betta fish as a hobby. He posted the pictures on Nov. 6 with a starting bid of 99 baht (\$2.82) and closed the auction on Nov. 8.

Betta fish have been bred previously to reproduce the colors of the Thai flag but none have come close.

The highest previous price was for a half-moon Betta fish that sold for 23,500 baht (\$671).

"The chance of getting a fish with the flag's exact color is like one in 100,000," said Kachen.

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17 Nov - 23 Nov

YOUR NAME

ROOM 1

2.30, 4.30, 7.30, 9.30 pm

Director: Makoto Shinkai

Language: Japanese (English and Cantonese)

Duration: 115min



FANTASTIC BEASTS & WHERE TO FIND THEM

ROOM 2

2.15, 4.45, 7.15, 9.45 pm

Director: David Yates

Starring: Katherine Waterston, Dan Fogler, Alison Sudol

Language: English (Cantonese)

Duration: 133min



INFERNO

ROOM 3

2.15, 9.30 pm

Director: Ron Howard

Starring: Tom Hanks, Felicity Jones, Irrfan Khan

Language: English (Cantonese)

Duration: 121min

FANTASTIC BEASTS & WHERE TO FIND THEM

ROOM 3

4.30, 7.30 pm

Director: David Yates

Starring: Katherine Waterston, Dan Fogler, Alison Sudol

Language: English (Cantonese)

Duration: 133min

MACAU TOWER

17 Nov - 30 Nov

FANTASTIC BEASTS & WHERE TO FIND THEM

2.30, 4.30, 7.30, 9.30 pm

Director: David Yates

Starring: Katherine Waterston, Dan Fogler, Alison Sudol

Language: English (Cantonese)

Duration: 133min



this day in history



2003: HIGH SECURITY AS BUSH VISITS UK

The United States President, George Bush, has arrived in Britain for the first full state visit by an American president amid some of the tightest security London has ever seen.

He was met by Prince Charles at Heathrow Airport before travelling via helicopter to Buckingham Palace for a private reception with the Queen.

The visit is highly controversial, coming just six months after the overthrow of Saddam Hussein in Iraq.

Public opinion in both Britain and the United States is deeply divided over the war.

During the four-day visit President Bush will meet the families of British victims of the September 11 attacks in New York, and British soldiers who fought in Afghanistan and Iraq.

London is the focus of an unprecedented security operation during the visit involving thousands of extra police officers and costing an estimated £5m.

Officers at Scotland Yard say the security measures reflect the general terrorist threat as well as the need to police the mass protests expected in two days' time.

The Deputy Assistant Commissioner at Scotland Yard, Andy Trotter, said: "We are on a very high level of alert at the moment."

Mr Bush will also be protected by hundreds of armed guards from the US during his visit.

The guards will not be granted diplomatic immunity and will be subject to the British legal system if they shoot anybody, the Home Office has promised.

The Stop the War Coalition, CND and the Muslim Association of Britain say they expect hundreds of thousands of people to march in protest at President Bush's visit.

Police have now agreed to allow marchers to follow a route through Whitehall after the organisers assured them it would be peaceful.

UK Prime Minister Tony Blair urged supporters of Mr Bush to make their voices heard along with those of the protesters.

He defended his decision to invite President Bush to the UK, saying, "This is the right moment for us to stand firm with the United States in defeating terrorism wherever it is and delivering us safely from what I genuinely believe to be the security threat of the 21st century."

Courtesy BBC News

IN CONTEXT

Protests followed President Bush wherever he went during his four-day visit to the UK.

However, the violence that had been feared did not materialise and the massive security operation kept the president himself well away from protesters.

The organisers of the mass march claimed 200,000 joined the demonstration, although police put the numbers closer to 100,000.

It was described as good-natured and non-violent.

The president's visit was also overshadowed by a bomb attack in Turkey on 20 November in which 27 people, including four Britons, lost their lives and at least 450 were injured.

As had been widely predicted, there was no progress during the visit over the two main issues of contention between the two countries - the treatment of British detainees at Guantanamo Bay, and the US tariffs on European steel imports.

However, after further developments the steel tariffs were lifted later in the year and all nine British prisoners held at Guantanamo Bay were transferred into British custody by January 2005.

George W Bush was re-elected president on 2 November 2004 by a comfortable margin.

YOUR STARS

Aries
Mar. 21-Apr. 19
You're feeling the heat and it has nothing to do with weather! You should find that your energy levels are peaking and that you need to get out there and do something physical. Enjoy what you've got!

Taurus
April 20-May 20
You know the difference between right and wrong — but on a day like today, you may feel like you're the only one who does. Try to gently persuade others to do what's right while leading by example.

Gemini
May 21-Jun. 21
You can get to the bottom of almost anything through light-hearted argument today. Others may not understand that you're just trying things out, so see if you can stave off any serious conflict.

Cancer
Jun. 22-Jul. 22
It's time to really shake things up — in one way or another. You may find that your energy is better spent on some dramatic gesture or wild impulse purchase than on mundane tasks at home or work.

Leo
Jul. 23-Aug. 22
Your creative powers are the center of your world today. That could mean art, brainstorming or just fantastic conversations, so let loose and indulge your inner spirit. It's a blast!

Virgo
Aug. 23-Sept. 22
Try not to brag too much today — though you're busting out with pride over something or someone that's resonating deep within you. Let that go and let others talk up your achievements.

Libra
Sep.23-Oct. 22
It's vital that you remain active today — otherwise, you may find that your energy levels plummet quickly. Just a wee bit of socializing is all you need to keep your game face on, though.

Scorpio
Oct. 23 - Nov. 21
You need to deal with an ego problem — but the thing is, it may be yours. Try not to inflict your own issues on anyone else, and remember that what you feel now may not feel true tomorrow.

Sagittarius
Nov. 22-Dec. 21
Your devotion to friends is a real asset, and today you can improve their lives and your own at the same time. Things are sure to get better in the near future, too, but keep focused outward.

Capricorn
Dec. 22-Jan. 19
Things are not quite going your way today, so see if you can pull back and hope for a better situation tomorrow. It's certain that things are going to be different very soon.

Aquarius
Jan. 20-Feb. 18
It's hard to get very much done today — but not because of anything going on within you. It's one of those days when your energy is better spent on putting out little fires than focusing on long-range plans.

Pisces
Feb.19-Mar. 20
You need to do whatever you can to keep your mind focused today — even if that means shutting the door and even being rude to family or colleagues. It's just for today, so don't worry too much about it.

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WEATHER

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CHINA

Beijing	1	11	cloudy
Harbin	-6	1	heavy snow
Tianjin	3	13	clear
Urumqi	-3	6	clear
Xi'an	3	18	cloudy/clear
Lhasa	-1	16	clear
Chengdu	9	15	cloudy
Chongqing	10	19	cloudy
Kunming	9	21	cloudy
Nanjing	6	18	clear/cloudy
Shanghai	9	19	clear
Wuhan	5	18	clear
Hangzhou	7	18	cloudy/clear
Taipei	18	24	drizzle
Guangzhou	12	20	overcast/cloudy
Hong Kong	17	22	cloudy

WORLD

Moscow	-1	1	sleet
Frankfurt	3	6	drizzle
Paris	5	9	drizzle
London	3	10	drizzle/clear
New York	8	12	clear

CROSSWORDS

ACROSS: 1- Mideast airline; 5- Peaks of Peru; 10- Not fem.; 14- Window piece; 15- City in Tuscany; 16- Now ___ me down...; 17- "___ She Lovely?"; 18- Jargon; 19- Capone foe; 20- Virginal; 22- Most gruesome; 24- Precious stone; 25- Informal greeting; 26- Republic in NW South America; 30- Plain writing; 35- Fruit drink; 36- Actor Chaney; 37- Old sailors; 38- Asses; 41- To-do lists; 43- Chalice; 44- Camera type, briefly; 45- Strong feeling of anger; 46- Blue book filler; 47- City of northeast Scotland; 50- Roe source; 53- Compass dir.; 54- Gilded metal; 58- Spuds; 62- 401(k) cousins; 63- System of Japanese writing; 66- Yalies; 67- Singer k.d.; 68- Patriot Allen; 69- Strip of wood; 70- Be that ___ may...; 71- Baseball commissioner Bud; 72- Soviet news service;

DOWN: 1- Large-scale; 2- Whip; 3- Sigmund's daughter; 4- Releases; 5- Gathering; 6- Nada; 7- Narc's employer; 8- Boredom; 9- Tending to sag; 10- Short skirt; 11- "Hard ___!" (sailor's yell); 12- Back talk; 13- Fluid-filled sac; 21- President pro ___; 23- Pass into disuse; 25- Solo of "Star Wars"; 26- Mooch; 27- Smells; 28- Horne and Olin; 29- Colorful moths; 31- Hurried; 32- Song from the past; 33- Blank look; 34- Ruhr city; 39- Sportage maker; 40- "Family Ties" mom; 41- Liturgical vestment; 42- Salutation; 44- In a funk; 48- Genetic messenger; 49- Abhor; 51- Long walks; 52- Having wings; 54- TV handyman Bob; 55- Notable times; 56- Hindu queen; 57- High-ranking NCO; 59- Scat queen; 60- Narrow inlets; 61- Fast fliers; 64- Maple Leafs' org.; 65- ___ alai;



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RUGBY

NZ reunites Retallick & Whitelock, lose Kaino for Ireland

NEW Zealand regained two senior players but lost another to injury ahead of the rugby rematch against Ireland at Lansdowne Road tomorrow [Sunday, 1:30am].

Locks Sam Whitelock and Brodie Retallick will be reunited after absences through injury, but seasoned flanker Jerome Kaino was ruled out with a calf strain.

Whitelock and Retallick missed the test in Chicago two weeks ago in which the Irish won 40-29, their first win over the All Blacks in 111 years. Retallick returned to the bench for last weekend's clash with Italy but Whitelock has not played in four weeks because of an ankle injury.

Kaino started at lock in Chicago in the absence of Retallick, Whitelock and Luke Romano.

Liam Squire replaced Kaino yesterday, and New Zealand will otherwise be at full strength.

Ireland made just one change



to the team that started in Chicago, with Sean O'Brien coming in for the injured Jordi Murphy at openside flanker.

The All Blacks selectors chose Aaron Smith at scrumhalf despite him being outplayed by his Ireland opposite Conor Murray in the shock loss. TJ Perenara came off the bench to replace Smith and performed well, but the selectors elected to show faith in Smith.

Beauden Barrett will start at

flyhalf despite his own dip in form. Anton Lienert-Brown will combine with Malakai Fekitoa in a midfield in which New Zealand has been depleted by injuries, while Israel Dagg retained his spot at right wing from the Italy game. Waisake Naholo started there in Chicago, and was in the reserves.

"As expected, there is huge excitement and anticipation within our squad ahead of this weekend's test," coach Steve

Hansen said. "While there was obvious disappointment at the loss in Chicago, disappointment doesn't win test matches. It's about having great preparation and attitude and delivering on the day."

"[Ireland] will be full of confidence and committed to delivering on their home patch so we will have to take a massive step up to get the performance we are looking for."

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LINEUPS

IRELAND: Rob Kearney, Andrew Trimble, Jared Payne, Robbie Henshaw, Simon Zebo, Johnny Sexton, Conor Murray; Jamie Heaslip, Sean O'Brien, CJ Stander, Devin Toner, Donnacha Ryan, Tadhg Furlong, Rory Best (captain), Jack McGrath.
RESERVES: Sean Cronin, Cian Healy, Finlay Bealham, Iain Henderson, Josh van der Flier, Kieran Marmion, Paddy Jackson, Garry Ringrose.

NEW ZEALAND: Ben Smith, Israel Dagg, Malakai Fekitoa, Anton Lienert-Brown, Julian Savea, Beauden Barrett, Aaron Smith; Kieran Read (captain), Sam Kane, Liam Squire, Sam Whitelock, Brodie Retallick, Owen Franks, Dane Coles, Joe Moody.
RESERVES: Codie Taylor, Wyatt Crockett, Charlie Faumuina, Scott Barrett, Ardie Savea, TJ Perenara, Aaron Cruden, Waisake Naholo.

FOOTBALL

EPL managers counting cost of international games

Steve Douglas, Manchester

Saturday, 8:30pm
Manchester U v Arsenal
H 2.63, D 3.4, A 3

THE final round of international fixtures in 2016 did no favors for managers of some of the English Premier League's title hopefuls.

Jose Mourinho and Arsene Wenger, in particular, will vouch for that ahead of the renewal of their often-heated coaching rivalry.

When Mourinho's Man-

chester United and Wenger's Arsenal meet at Old Trafford tomorrow for the standout game in the 12th round of matches, there could be some major names missing because of injuries sustained on international duty.

United captain Wayne Rooney has caused a furor by being photographed, looking bleary-eyed, alongside some guests at a wedding party taking place at the England team hotel on Saturday. But by then, he'd picked up a knee injury during England's 3-0 win over Scotland the ni-

ght before, causing him to miss Tuesday's match against Spain, and Rooney is now doubtful for the Arsenal game.

It was the last thing Mourinho would have wanted, considering he is already without suspended striker Zlatan Ibrahimovic and center backs Eric Bailly and Chris Smalling, as well as having serious doubts over the fitness of midfielder Marouane Fellaini and full backs Luke Shaw and Antonio Valencia.

Wenger, meanwhile, will ask Alexis Sanchez for an

honest assessment of his fitness after Arsenal's star forward sustained a hamstring injury while away with Chile. Sanchez missed a draw against Colombia but returned for the 3-1 win over Uruguay on Tuesday, although his right leg was heavily strapped for the match.

Sanchez isn't due to return to Arsenal's training base until Friday and the match against United is a lunchtime kickoff on Saturday.

"What I will consider is the risk of injury because he played while reco-

vering from a hamstring injury," Wenger said yesterday. "I'll consider the way he feels as well. On that front you depend on the honesty of the player, how they feel and how they recover."

Wenger will be careful about overloading Sanchez, who has scored eight goals for Arsenal this season from his new position as converted striker. This time last year, Sanchez picked up a hamstring injury following a grueling run of back-to-back games for club and country and ended up missing the



José Mourinho

next two months, which proved to be a huge blow to Arsenal's title hopes.

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AN EXPATRIATE'S NOSTALGIA

It was November 1995. We were relaxing after dinner, probably watching television, when the door-bell rang. In walked a close friend, beaming. He'd just left his wife safely tucked up in bed in the maternity wing of a private hospital, a fifteen-minute drive down the road. Their first child, a sweet cherub of a baby girl, had been born.

This special moment had additional meaning for me, for dropping by on his way home after this momentous event to share his joy and tell the tale and finally announce her name – "It's Claire, with an 'i'" – and dream the dreams that the birth of a first child can bring, this man touched us by that visit. One does not forget friendship reaching out like that.

As years went by there were the marriages and additional births in those friendship groups; other proud mums and dads chancing by with emotionally charged gifts and troubles, helping hands offered when young parental life got a little too hard, meals delivered, babies sat, and other meals partaken together. The honour of godmother roles, standing by to catch those little ones in case they fell from play-ground equipment, putting on sunscreen, guiding and encouraging, packing picnic lunches, going for walks, turning up early and leaving late for birthday parties – we knew a lot and felt a lot for each other's children. We were prepared to stand in when asked and imposed ourselves and lent a shoulder when we knew our friends hadn't the strength to seek help.

So it goes: we trust that friendships of old and family connections shall continue once we pack up and leave our home-towns and move to far-flung places like Macau. As an expatriate, I've travelled back and forth between the old and the new. In the first few years, we'd select and stock up on presents of exotic 'only in Macau' gifts delivered to the little ones in the round or two of hectic holiday visits – "When can you visit again this trip?" As time wore on, even as the adult friendships remained, it became harder to figure out what the kids would appreciate. As those little ones grew, the emotional connection waned. We became less visible and less relevant.

Expatriate life has these downsides. Relationships, with children especially, require time, frequency and face-to-face contact. Although it helps, social media cannot hope to fill in the void. We go from always being there, to rarely being there and no longer having a big role to play, no longer relied upon. Missing friends over distance is hard enough, but realising that we are, although wanted, no longer the go-to person is a tough realisation for expatriates and repatriates.

Being internationally mobile means we miss out on being involved in parts of people's history. I would argue that short assignments at one end of the spectrum and semi-permanent moves and immigration at the other have less impact on relationships. With short assignments we can step out and then back into our own community without missing too many beats. Meaningful long-term relationships in the new home are possible in long-term moves. It's those that come back and forth, never spending long enough in any one place, that risk these connections most.

Claire's 21st birthday bash is this weekend. In Australia, the twenty-first is the big birthday event; it's a celebration of young life lived so far and a sending off as an adult into the big wide world. Blissfully, I'll be there, just as I was invited into her world 21 years ago, but an expatriate life lived between two homes changed the trajectory of our history together. Rather than being a part of her stories, I'll be hearing some of them for the very first time.

THE INDIAN POLICE SUSPEND TWO OFFICERS FOR FAKE EVEREST CLAIM

Two police officers – a husband and wife – have been suspended in India for falsely claiming they scaled Mount Everest in Nepal in May, police said yesterday.

Nepal's government earlier canceled the climbing certificates issued to Dinesh Rathod and Tarkeshwari Rathod after it found they had

presented a fake photograph of themselves on Everest's summit.

Fellow climbers said the couple never reached the summit and altered someone else's photographs to earn their climbing certificates. The couple has stayed away from work since the controversy erupted in May.

Swedes create hotline to raise mansplaining awareness

INDEPENDENT.CO



Jan M. Olsen, Copenhagen

A large Swedish trade union has been running a weeklong hotline where people can talk about condescending or patronizing co-workers in an effort to raise awareness about workplace sexism and start a discussion about relations between employees.

Jennie Zetterstrom, a spokeswoman for Unionen, says the hotline has been "a huge success" with hundreds of calls.

Zetterstrom said yesterday that women and men can anonymously call to ask about sexism and get advice

Survey: 20pct of female employees believe they're given unnecessary help by men who assume they know better

on how to have more inclusive workplaces. The "mansplainingakut" hotline – a fusion of mansplaining and the Swedish word for emergency – closes today.

She said a recent survey by Unionen, which has more than 620,000 private sector members, concluded that 20 percent of female employees believe they're given unnecessary help by men who assume they know better.

Equality between sexes is thoroughly ingrained in the Scandinavian country of almost 10 million. Prime Minister Stefan Lofven heads a 24-member Cabinet with 13 women, including a minister for gender equality.

"People call in to explain what they see and how they live it. In our opinion, a lot still needs to be done in Sweden, where we see inequalities when it comes to salaries and careers where men often are chosen," Zetterstrom told The Associated Press.

An often-asked question was "what to do if a female co-worker is being ignored by a man in your work group," Zetterstrom said.

"Our advice is that men should ask more questions before embarking on explanations," she said. "And listen to women."

She said after it closed the hotline, Unionen planned to continue working on reducing mansplaining at Swedish workplaces. AP

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WORLD BRIEFS

AUSTRALIA's prime minister beat other world leaders to an early call with President-elect Donald Trump by getting his cellphone number from Greg Norman, the golfing great said.

More on p12

INDONESIA An Indonesian court has sentenced an American man to life imprisonment after finding him guilty of drug smuggling. Philip Russell was sentenced by the District Court in Semarang, Central Java. A court spokesman said that 56-year-old Russell was arrested with seven other people in possession of 97 kg of crystal methamphetamine hidden inside 54 electrical generators from China that were stored in a workshop.

TUNISIA People who faced abuses under decades of authoritarian rule are publicly airing their grievances to a special commission seeking to reconcile lingering tensions after a democratic revolution. More than 62,000 complaints have been filed to the Truth and Dignity Commission since its creation in 2013, and the first public hearing will be televised today.

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YEMEN Amid more clashes, the Shiite rebels confirmed their endorsement of a U.S.-brokered cease-fire deal previously announced by Secretary of State John Kerry. However, the backing of the deal by Yemeni rebels, also known as Houthis, was a moot point since Yemen's internationally-recognized government has already dismissed the plan as "unilateral."

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BRITAIN's Prince William has praised Vietnam, China and other Asian countries for taking unprecedented steps to battle wildlife trafficking but says the truth is that rhinos, elephants, pangolins and lions are still being killed in horrifying numbers.

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