



**INNOVATIVE CARE CENTER OPENS**  
 Caritas Macau will run the region's first integrated home care services center for senior citizens

P2



**MACAU, A SENSE OF HERITAGE**  
 An architect says that Macau is well positioned for strengthening its creative sector due to its history

P3



**CHINA, US SIGN USD253.4B MORE DEALS**  
 China yesterday signed business deals it said totaled USD253.4 billion with US companies during Donald Trump's visit

P10

**FRI. 10**  
 Nov 2017

T. 21°/ 28° C  
 H. 65/ 95%

facebook.com/mdtimes  
 + 11,000

N. 2924  
**MOP 7.50**  
**HKD 9.50**

2305 4271

**MacauDaily** 澳門每日時報®

# Times

FOUNDER & PUBLISHER Kowie Goldenhuys EDITOR-IN-CHIEF Paulo Coutinho www.macaudailytimes.com.mo

**Breakthrough boundaries**  
 China · City Link (HK & Macau)  
 Monthly Rental  
**\$198 / 3GB**  
 +\$38 for sharing data in Greater China

Note: CTM reserves the right to make the final decision in case of any dispute.

CTM

"THE TIMES THEY ARE A-CHANGIN'"

AD

澳門特別行政區政府衛生局  
 Direcção da Saúde do Governo da Região Administrativa Especial de Macau

**Starting 1st January 2018**  
**it is prohibited to use e-cigarettes in no smoking areas**

Report and enquiry hotline  
**28 556 789**  
 www.ssm.gov.mo

# HK football fans boo China anthem again

P11



DANIEL BEITLER

**WORLD BRIEFS**



**ASEAN** Human Rights Watch yesterday urged world leaders converging for annual summits in Southeast Asia to address the region's human rights crises led by the plight of Rohingya Muslims in Myanmar and what it calls the "murderous" anti-drug crackdown in the Philippines. More on p12

**INDONESIA** Police said yesterday that gunmen have occupied two villages in easternmost Papua province near a U.S.-owned gold and copper mine in a possible escalation of a separatist conflict in the region.

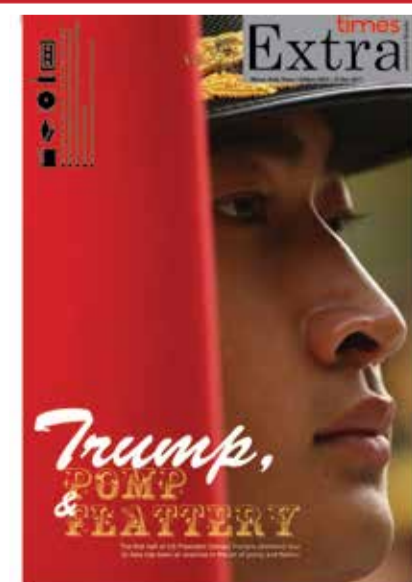


**INDIA** Volunteers took to the streets of India's capital yesterday and placed green pollution masks over the mouths of willing residents to make a statement about the city's choking smog.

More on backpage

# New TV show tries to 'bridge gap' between young and old

P7 MDT REPORT



**Extra**  
 times  
 weekend Guide  
 INSIDE



## Mandarin House promotes consignment sales

Mandarin House Cultural Relics Information Centre and Gift Shop is calling on the participation of the region's cultural and creative entities to sell their products on consignment, the Cultural Affairs Bureau (IC) announced in a statement. Application for the 2018 consignment program is open until November 17. Those already on the list of the Database for Macau Cultural and Creative Industries are qualified for selection and do not need to re-apply, but may submit any updates to the IC before the application deadline. Every year, the IC selects entities from the database to present and sell their own creative products on consignment in the Mandarin's House Cultural Relics Information Centre and Gift Shop. The Gift Shop markets souvenirs themed around Mandarin's House and the city's cultural heritage, IC publications and design items, as well as products of Macau's cultural and creative brands.

## BNU posts profit of USD70.5 million

Banco Nacional Ultramarino (BNU) posted a profit of MOP564 million (USD70.5 million) in the period from January to September, a year-on-year increase of 16.9 percent, according to a balance sheet published in the Official Gazette. The balance sheet states



that on 30 September the bank had recorded income of MOP1,399 million and costs in the amount of MOP835 million. BNU posted a profit of MOP482.36 million in the first nine months of 2016. In 2016 the bank posted a profit of MOP560.5 million.

## Fourth water supply pipe ready in Q1 2018

The fourth water supply pipe which will carry water from mainland China to Macau will be ready in the first half of 2018, the Director of the Marine and Water Bureau (DSAMA), Susanna Wong, said this week. According to Wong, the pipe's construction was originally planned to be completed by the end of this year. However, due to the unpredicted impact of Typhoon Hato, the deadline had to be postponed until the next year. Wong highlighted the fact that mainland contractors and the Macau government did not provide a detailed explanation regarding the delay. The fourth pipe will mainly transport water to the Seac Pai Van water plant. The construction's delay will not affect the current water supply in Macau.

# Integrated care services center for senior citizens launched

**T**HE opening of Macau's first integrated home care services center for senior citizens, called "Retribuição" [Retribution], was inaugurated yesterday at Seac Pai Van.

Both Chief Executive, Chui Sai On, and the Secretary for Social Affairs and Culture, Alexis Tam, were present at the center's inauguration ceremony.

The center is said to be the first senior citizens' care center which provides home-based care and support, community-based day care, institutional residential care services, and integrated care services.

Caritas Macau is the service provider of this center. Secretary-General of Caritas Macau, Paul Pun, expects to welcome the first

batch of senior citizens at the center by the end of this year.

"There are nearly 300 positions, and some of them [senior citizens] will live here temporarily. On a daily basis, approximately 200 senior citizens will live in the center," said Pun.

"With the opening of this center, the waiting time [for senior citizens to be accepted by a care center] will be shorter."

In Pun's opinion, being located in Seac Pai Van the center is surrounded with a good environment and has a convenient transportation network.

"Another advantage of the center is that it has nature nearby, which is quite difficult to find in Macau," remarked Pun.



Paul Pun, Secretary-General of Caritas Macau

According to Pun, the center already has sufficient human resources to provide services at this stage.

"However, community-

based work is really difficult to predict, [...] therefore we will attract a few social enthusiasts to support [the work]," said Pun.

## Number of registered companies increases

**T**HE total value of registered capital of incorporated companies went down by 6.4 percent year-on-year to MOP116 million, with that of business services decreasing by 5.3 percent to MOP17 million, according to data released by the Statistics and Census Service (DSEC). Companies in dissolution totaled 160 in the third quarter, and the value of registered capital of companies in dissolution amounted to MOP33 million. Analyzed by size of registered capital, there were 899 new companies with capital under MOP50,000, and the total value of capital was MOP23 million. On the other hand, there were 26 new companies registered with capital of MOP1 million or over, with their total value

of capital amounting to MOP48 million.

Meanwhile, the total number of newly incorporated companies in the third quarter of 2017 increased by 163 year-on-year to 1,250, and the number of companies operating in Wholesale & Retail went up by 122.

Analyzed by industry, there were 486 newly incorporated companies operating in Wholesale & Retail, 257 in Business Services and 179 in Construction.

Regarding the origin of capital, capital mainly came from the Macau region (MOP68 million) and mainland China (MOP22 million); capital from the nine provinces of the Pan-Pearl River Delta Region totaled MOP16 million, with 91.4 percent from Guangdong province.

Analyzed by combination of shareholders, there were 845 new companies established solely by local shareholders, and 136 joint ventures between shareholders from Macau and other countries or regions.

In the first three quarters of 2017, a total of 3,951 new companies were incorporated, up by 606 year-on-year; the total value of registered capital increased to MOP7.6 billion.

The number of companies in dissolution totaled 578, and the value of registered capital of companies in dissolution amounted to MOP119 million.

At the end of the third quarter of 2017, the number of registered companies totaled 60,045, an increase of 4,229 from a year earlier.

## MGS announces speaker lineup

**T**HE speaker lineup for the MGS Entertainment Show Summit at The Venetian Macao has been announced, featuring a host of influential and knowledgeable people in the gaming, entertainment, technology and public sector fields, according to statement from the organizer.

Among them are Paulo Martins Chan, the director of the Gaming Inspection and Coordination Bureau, who will kick off the summit on Tuesday as the keynote speaker, as well as Pansy Ho, executive chairman and managing director of Shun Tak Holdings and Wilfred Wong, president of Sands China.

According to the organizer, the focus of day one of the summit is the Belt and Road Initiative and "Smart City, Smart Economy", when professional speakers from the industry will share their ideas of how smart technologies can integrate with different businesses.

Day two will focus on the current trends in mobile gaming and esports technology development in Macau, and how these popular games connect the real and virtual worlds.

The third and final day of the summit will deal with "next generation gaming", with speakers ranging from university professors to business consultants giving their perspectives on new regulatory measures, the evolution of gaming equipment and new gaming jurisdictions in the Asia-Pacific region.

www.macaudailytimes.com.mo

+ 4 Million page views  
PER MONTH

Thank You!

+11,000 like us on facebook.com/mdtimes

Times

EDITOR-IN-CHIEF (DIRECTOR) Paulo Coutinho paulocoutinho@macaudailytimes.com  
MANAGING EDITOR Paulo Barbosa paulo.barbosa@macaudailytimes.com  
CONTRIBUTING EDITORS Eric Sautedé, Leanda Lee, Severo Portela

NEWSROOM AND CONTRIBUTORS Albano Martins, Annabel Jackson, Daniel Beitler, Emilie Tran, Grace Yu, Ivo Carneiro de Sousa, Jacky I.F. Cheong, Jenny Lao-Phillips, João Palla Martins, Joseph Cheung, Julie Zhu, Juliet Risdon, Lynzy Valles, Renato Marques, Richard Whitfield, Rodrigo de Matos (cartoonist), Viviana Segui  
DESIGNERS Eva Bucho, Miguel Bandeira | ASSOCIATE CONTRIBUTORS JML Property, MdME Lawyers, PokerStars, Ruan Du Toit Bester | NEWS AGENCIES Associated Press, Bloomberg, Financial Times, MacauHub, MacauNews, Xinhua | SECRETARY Yang Dongxiao army@macaudailytimes.com

A MACAU TIMES PUBLICATIONS LTD PUBLICATION

ADMINISTRATOR AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Kowie Geldenhuys kowie@macaudailytimes.com

SECRETARY Juliana Cheang juliana@macaudailytimes.com

ADDRESS Av. da Praia Grande, 599, Edif. Comercial Rodrigues, 12 Floor C, MACAU SAR Telephone: +853 287 160 81/2 Fax: +853 287 160 84

Advertisement advertising@macaudailytimes.com

For subscription and general issues:

general@macaudailytimes.com | Printed at Welfare Printing Ltd

# Architect: City can preserve sense of heritage, adapt to changes

Lynzy Valles

**M**ACAU is reaching a stage where it has the foundation, wealth and the know-how to build a sustainable city, said Christopher Law, founder and director of The Oval Partnership.

The Hong Kong-based architect is confident that Macau can develop its own technology that is intelligent and can assist to create sustainable urbanism.

At a talk held yesterday by the British Business Association of Macau (BBAM), Law reiterated the importance of rebuilding and developing communities in a way that does not lose the city's history and story.

The architect, who has received multiple awards for his design projects, highlighted the importance of involving local residents in projects that aim to conserve the city's heritage.

He hinted that government councils should improve their interaction with residents on developing communities with a foundation of history.

Questioned by the press on whe-

ther Macau could also be receptive of initiatives similar to the "Blue House" project in Hong Kong, a project he took part in, the expert noted that the city's diverse culture gives it an advantage in such an idea.

**Macau has a wonderful foundation for [strengthening] the creative industry because of its very unique culture and history.**

The "Blue House", a nearly century-old building, has undergone a significant revamp and revitalization project in Wan Chai, which has turned itself into a multi-func-



Christopher Law

tional services complex.

The space includes a House of Stories, which is dedicated to exhibiting creative works of the city, alongside restaurants and a community services center.

"It [Macau] has got the most unique culture in the Macanese community. What would be better than combining these two together so you can have a living community and a living heritage that not only concerns from the past but [also] developed in the future," Law told the press.

The architect believes that buildings are only able to last centuries if they know how to adapt to the changing needs of their residents.

exchange ideas, they can live, work and play. I think Macau has great potential for culture and creative industry," the expert added.

The architect also identified that the area next to St. Lazarus is an ideal place to create a hub for members of the creative industry to gather and exchange ideas as the area is comprised of different startups, noting the strong Portuguese influence in the area.

However, Law stressed that such initiatives would only be efficient when the local community cooperates with the government and private business sectors.

Meanwhile, questioned on his thoughts regarding the controversial Hotel Estoril, which has generated discussion on whether it should be revamped into a youth recreational and art center, Law only noted the significance of residents' opinion.

"I think what is very clear is that this initiative will be much more successful if they [are] initiated by the local community, [along with] working with the government and the private sector. In my experience it's actually a successful way to make this project happen," the architect explained.

In a bid to raise awareness on culture and heritage preservation, Law suggested that existing community groups should be allowed to perform and exhibit their creative works in certain areas to strengthen the local culture of the region.

AD



BRASSERIE



PORTOFINO



DYNASTY 8



NORTH



DRAGON KING



PING



GOLDEN COURT



LE BUFFET



ZI YAT HEEN

## SANDS DINING

SENSATIONS

Bringing the world to your plate – one dish at a time

Experience the sensations of savoury aromas and the succulent tastes of cuisines from over 150 different restaurants.

[SandsResortsMacao.com/dining](http://SandsResortsMacao.com/dining)

澳門金沙度假區  
**Sands**  
RESORTS MACAO

## Works in LRT Barra station start Monday

The first stone to mark the commencement of the works at the Barra station will be unveiled on Monday, November 13. The initial works at the station, which will connect the Macau peninsula to the Taipa section of the LRT, includes a subterranean wall with a length of 255 meters and a depth of 40 meters. According to a statement issued yesterday, the wall "will allow a safe environment for the construction of the Barra station in the next phase". The project contractor is the China Road and Bridge Corporation and it is expected that the conclusion of the subterranean wall will be concluded in the third quarter of 2018.

## ANM urges 90-day paid maternity leave

The New Macau Association (ANM) has suggested Macau extend the length of paid maternity leave to 90 days. Recently, the SAR government carried out a public consultation regarding labor relation laws, and suggested maintaining 56 days of paid maternity leave, referring to Hong Kong's 60 days paid maternity leave, which has not been amended for 22 years. The association felt the "Macau SAR government referred to outdated labor laws, [...] which obviously cannot protect women and children rights." Besides a longer paid maternity leave, ANM also expects an amendment of the laws to avoid arranging pregnant or postnatal (within three months) women to work from 10 p.m. to 7 a.m.

# Executive Council announces regulations on food coloring

Julie Zhu

**T**HE Executive Council has concluded its analysis of food safety regulations. This time, rules concerning the use of food color additives were elaborated on, the council's spokesperson Leong Heng Teng announced in a press conference yesterday.

The main reason why the government elaborated on the rules is related to the fact that "in recent years, food safety incidents have occurred in different places which were caused by the addition of industrial dyes, and had not been submitted to a safety assessment."

The draft proposes a criterion for food color additives to be allowed in food. It prohibits using food additives in unprocessed or raw meat, aquatic products, vegetables and food products for infants.

In total, 45 food color additives are allowed for usage, including 17 tar dyes and 28 natural dyes.

According to Ung Sau Hong,



member of the Administrative Committee of the Civic and Municipal Affairs Bureau (IACM), "no incidents were registered where industrial food coloring was added to food. However, we did find cases of food containing artificial coloring, although the number was small." Ung then added that the government "has conducted an investigation before it drafted this regulation, and all sampled food were qualified and met the food safety criteria."

This is the eighth regulation regarding the food safety topic, and the government is still working on other food safety aspects.

"Later, we have the sweeteners, preservatives, pesticide residues, heavy metals, and other related legal regulations to be introduced one after another," announced Ung.

This regulation will come into effect the day after its publication.

During the same press conference, an administrative regulation draft regarding the Macau SAR Identification Department's (DSI) operation and function was also revealed.

The draft suggested DSI add one more deputy director, one more department and eight more divisions.

According to the draft, DSI's

functions should also expand to handling nationality applications and approvals for applications of residence certification, as well as verification for Macau residents' applications for inviting their mainland's relatives to reunite with them in Macau, the reunification of a couple, and the reunification between Macau residents and their biological children in mainland China or children adopted from mainland China.

A new department responsible for general subjects, and a division for registration of associations or the registration of legal personalities has also been suggested for establishment.

The draft also proposed to increase the number of staff in the establishment from 131 to 186 workers.

"We don't have any recruitment plan [for DSI], this is just increasing the number of staff establishment, and the number of the staff is not increased," Executive Council spokesperson Leong Heng Teng pointed out.

AD

The Venetian Macao  
14 - 16 November 2017



Day 1 - 14 November 2017 (Tuesday)

**Belt & Road, Smart City, Smart Economy**

Day 2 - 15 November 2017 (Wednesday)

**Mobile Game Entrepreneur Alliance & E-Sports Association  
Sina Asia Esports Session**

Day 3 - 16 November 2017 (Thursday)

**Next Generation of Gaming**

Mail : enquiry@mgsentertainmentshow.com Tel : +853 63630080/+853 28787250/+852 63296008 Skype : skype.mgs Website : www.mgsentertainmentshow.com

Led By

中央人民政府駐澳門特別行政區聯絡辦公室經濟部  
Economic Affairs Department of the Liaison Office of the Central People's Government in the Macao S.A.R.

Event Organiser

澳門娛樂設備廠商會  
MGEMA  
Macao Gaming Equipment Manufacturers Association

Main Co-Organisers

南光文化創意產業有限公司  
NAM KWONG CULTURE AND CREATIVITY INDUSTRY CO., LTD.

新浪游戏  
games.sina.com.cn

澳門創意創新產業協會  
Macao Creative and Innovative Industry Association  
Associação de Indústria de Criatividade e Inovação de Macau

Registration



Wechat



AppStore



Google Play



# MGM Cotai wins six accolades at Asia Property Awards 2017

**M**GM Cotai has been recognized with six awards in three categories at both regional and local levels at the Asia Property Awards 2017 held in Singapore on November 8.

This is MGM Cotai's second property recognition before it even is officially opened, after it was awarded the largest property and is the first private sector project to achieve the China Green Building (Macau) Design Label Certification.

In a press release issued by the gaming operator, MGM said that the awards highlight the company's achievements in the field of resort development and architectural design within the competitive regional property arena.

The three regional awards included 'Best Hotel Development (Asia),' 'Best Hotel Architectural Design (Asia)' and 'Best Universal Design Development (Asia)'.

The property also acquired three local awards, which included 'Best Integrated Hotel Resort Development (Macau),' 'Best Contemporary Hotel Architectural Design (Macau)' and 'Best Universal Design Development (Macau)'.

"In the design concept phase, we set out with the vision to develop the most sustainable and innovative integrated resort in the city that would support the development of Macau as the World Center of Tourism and Leisure," said Grant Bowie, CEO and executive director of MGM China Holdings Limited.

"These accolades not only recognize our pursuit of excellence in this project, but also further promote MGM Cotai as the future icon of Macau," he added.

Meanwhile Paul Tse, chairman of the Hong Kong and Macau panel of judges of the Asia Property Awards and a



member of the Asia Grand Final panel of judges, noted that Macau fared well in the contest. "It is extremely gratifying to see that winners in the Best Hotel categories of the Asia Property Awards and the China Property Awards over the years have included some of the most luxurious and unique hotels and resorts from the region," he said.

"Given the high standard of hotels completed in Macau, it is not surprising that Macau again came out on top and we are delighted to see MGM Cotai and its unique design garnering so many awards," Tse added.

This year, developers from the Asian markets were selected to join the shortlist of the Asia Property Awards by an independent panel of judges, following several months of nomination, judging and site visits supervised by accountancy and auditing firm BDO.

Slated to open on January 29, MGM is the latest addition to the group's portfolio in China. Designed as the "jewelry box" of Cotai, it plans to offer approximately 1,400 hotel rooms and suites, meeting spaces, high-end spas, retail offerings and food and beverage outlets.

According to the MGM China, the new integrated

**In the design concept phase, we set out with the vision to develop the most sustainable and innovative integrated resort in the city.**

GRANT BOWIE

resort "is being developed to drive greater product diversification and bring more advanced and innovative forms of entertainment to Macau as it grows as a global tourist destination."



## Rebranded 'International Parade' with new route

The "2017 Macau International Parade", which was known as the "Parade through Macau, Latin City" until last year, is going to be held on December 17. Introduced yesterday at a press conference, the event follows the theme of "features of local districts and historic monuments." With the rebrand, the Cultural Affairs Bureau (IC) is hoping that "the event will move towards internationalization, demonstrating the unique charm of Macau." To do so, the parade "will break through the practice of the past editions by setting a new route, aiming at offering innovative elements and new perspectives to residents and tourists," IC stated. On the day of the event, crowd control measures will be implemented and some streets will be temporarily closed to traffic.



## DSI wants to ease information transfer

The Identification Services Bureau (DSI) has cooperated with other government departments to provide a contact information modification service, according to a statement issued by the bureau. Starting from this week, Macau residents, who are aged 18 or above and are holding an electronic identity card can authorize DSI to share portions of their relevant personal information with other government departments. The information that will become transferable will be chosen by the applicants at the time they update the contact information using the integrated self-service kiosks.

## Mainland man arrested for exchanging counterfeit currency

A mainland man was arrested for exchanging 1,845 counterfeit bills of HKD1,000 each with a person from the mainland. According to the Judiciary Police, the victim met the suspect through a casino VIP room event promoter. The victim transferred RMB1.1 million to the suspect's mainland bank account, and later received the aforementioned amount of HKD bills. The currency was revealed to be counterfeit after both parties were present at the accountant's office of the casino involved in the operation to check the banknotes. The suspect was then detained by the casino security.



## GAMING

## Galaxy sees Q3 revenue surge nearly one-quarter

**G**ALAXY Entertainment Group (GEG) yesterday reported its unaudited financial results for the three-month-period ending September 30. The third quarter performance saw revenue soar by 23 percent year-on-year and 10 percent quarter-to-quarter to a total of HKD15.9 billion.

Similarly, Adjusted EBITDA in the third quarter grew 31 percent year-on-year and 7 percent quarter-to-quarter to about HKD3.5 billion. GEG noted that it had "played unlucky in gaming operations" during the third quarter which deflated its Adjusted EBITDA by some HKD110 million.

Total mass table games revenue was HKD6.1 billion, up 14 percent year-on-year, while total VIP revenue was HKD8.2 billion, up 34 percent year-on-year. Total electronic gaming revenue was HKD567 million, up 9 percent year-on-year.

By resort, Galaxy Macau remained the "primary con-



tributor" to the Group's bottom-line, recording revenue of about HKD11.3 billion (+20 percent year-on-year) in the third quarter, while StarWorld Macau's was HKD3.8 billion (+36 percent).

In a letter accompanying the report, GEG chairman Lui Che Woo said that the August 23 Typhoon Hato had impacted the gaming operator, however, the "busi-

nesses continued to perform well and have delivered satisfactory results for the three months period ended 30 September 2017."

Regarding its outlook for the future, the Group said it was confident over its long-term growth potential, with Phases 3 and 4 of Galaxy Macau on the horizon. It also noted continual progress on its concept plan for a Hengqin "leisure destination resort."

On the international level, GEG and Monte-Carlo SBM are continuing to strengthen their strategic partnership, "which includes a mutual commitment to enhance the respective businesses and brands of each company and to work together on the development [...] of integrated resort projects in the Asia-Pacific region, including opportunities in Japan."

## Slight growth in residential property price index

**T**HE overall residential property price index in the third quarter of 2017 grew by 1.3 percent quarter-to-quarter to 256.3, marking the sixth consecutive quarter of growth and yet it showed a slowdown from the 3.7 percent increase in the previous quarter. The indexes for the Macau Peninsula (257.1) and Taipa and Coloane (252.7) rose by 1.3 percent and 1.1 percent respectively. According to information released by the Statistics and Census Service, the index for existing residential units (263.8) went up by 1.6 percent quarter-to-quarter, with the index for the Macau Peninsula (248.8) rose slightly by 0.9 percent and Taipa and Coloane (331.6) increased by 4.2 percent.

In terms of building completion (grouped by year of completion), the indices for existing residential units completed between six and ten years ago (263.5) and between 11 and 20 years ago (267.3) registered a larger growth of 7.3 percent and 1.4 percent respectively, while the index for those built within five years or less (234.7) dropped by 2.6 percent. The index for pre-sale residential units (260.9) grew by 5.5 percent quarter-to-quarter.

Analyzed by usable floor area, the index for residential units with a usable floor area between 75 and 99.9 square meters (237.6) increased by 4.7 percent quarter-to-quarter and the index for those with a floor area of 100 square meters or more (235.4) rose by 1.4 percent.

AD



## EAST AND WEST UNITE

Pastry Bar's vibrant new menu features all the eastern tastes you love, as well as all the western dishes you crave. Have fun choosing between our contemporary selection of hearty Asian rice bowls, flavorful curries, and refreshing salads, all perfectly complemented by an array of marvelous desserts.

For enquiries, please call (853) 8802 2324

mgm.mo



CONVITE para a apresentação do livro

請柬 作品推介會邀請函

Fernando Sales Lopes

## Os Sabores das Nossas Memórias

A Comida e a Etnicidade Macaense

14/11/2017  
Terça-Feira  
星期二  
18h30

Academia Jao Tsung-I  
Avenida do Conselheiro  
Ferreira de Almeida,  
No. 95 C-D, Macau  
饒宗頤學藝館  
澳門荷蘭園大馬路  
95號C-D座

澳門特別行政區政府文化局  
INSTITUTO CULTURAL do Governo da R.A.E. de Macau

CASA DE PORTUGAL  
EM MACAU 澳門葡人之家協會

# New game show wants to 'bridge gap' between young and old

Daniel Beittler

A new audience-focused television show has launched in Macau, featuring interviews with Hong Kong and Macau celebrities, recurring games with audience participation and periodic features.

Starring host Felix Ferreira, and his Macanese co-hosts Palmira Pena and brothers Augusto and Joao Ramos, the "Felix Show" is 30-minute weekly game show that will explore an array of lifestyle topics including trends in Macau, fashion and a "paranormal" segment, as well as give away prizes to audience members.

Speaking to the Times this week, Ferreira said that there are a lot of cooking shows in Macau and a lot of young Chinese presenters covering culture, food and music, but what is missing is a variety entertain-



A sneak peak at a special feature segment, recorded on November 6 for an episode to be aired next month

ment show.

"For 33 years, Macau TV hasn't had a variety show with a crossover of Macau and Hong Kong celebrities. The local people in Macau don't have this kind of opportunity," he said. "Now we are doing a game show with audience participation and filling that gap."

Aiming to draw "female, ma-

ture audiences", Ferreira explained that the show hopes to bridge the gap between older residents in Macau and the young, media-savvy generation.

"We are seeking female, mature audiences. Why do these people [this demographic] watch TV? I think because there is nothing for them to do in

Macau and they are not familiar with using the internet [for entertainment]."

"There is a generation gap in Macau. The old people don't watch the young people [entertainers]. This show attempts to bridge that gap."

But the Felix Show is also attempting to do something a little bit different from similar programs in Hong Kong. Ferreira, who has worked on several such programs before in both Hong Kong and Macau, said he is putting the focus this time on audience participation.

"Hong Kong MCs never walk to the audience. They always play with the celebrities and the audience just watch. I am doing an American-style show with audience participation," he said. "We want to invite people who are eager to win games. We give away expensive electrical appliances, motorbikes, abalone, [and cash prizes]."

Four seasons have been commissioned, with 13 episodes per show. The first season is currently being filmed and produced, while the second season will be made next year.

Episode 1 of the Felix Show aired on November 1. It is currently scheduled for 9:30 p.m. every Wednesday night on TDM Chinese (Channel Ou Mun).

## 276,000 smoking inspections this year

Following the implementation of the Tobacco Prevention and Control Law in January 2012, law enforcement inspectors have performed a total of 1,566,542 inspections at several kinds of establishments, which have resulted in the identification of 43,764 people who have smoked in forbidden areas. The Health Bureau issued a statement yesterday indicating that between the beginning of the year and October 31, more than 276,000 inspections were performed resulting in 5,812 charges. This year, around half of the infractions were committed by Macau residents (2,882) and only 293 were done by non-resident workers.

## 65 percent of taxi infractions related to overcharging

The Public Security Police Force recorded 621 taxi infractions during the month of October. The infractions include 406 cases (65 percent) of overcharging and 165 cases (27 percent) of taxi drivers who refused to accept passengers. No infraction was related to taxis which did not take passengers according to their sequence. During the same period, the police recorded 30 cases involving unauthorized taxis, zero of which related to mobile taxi hailing services. There are 50 cases involving other infractions.

AD

澳門文化中心 · CENTRO CULTURAL DE MACAU · MACAO CULTURAL CENTRE

# TANGO

Estampas Porteñas Tango Company  
by Carolina Soler (Argentina)

# DESIRES

Deseos  
26-27.12.2017  
Tue & Wed  
20:00

澳門特別行政區政府文化局  
INSTITUTO CULTURAL do Governo da R.A.E. de Macau (853)2840 0555 www.ccm.gov.mo

仁德 CENTRO MEDICO PEDDER  
仁德醫療中心

We bring high quality of medical service to Macau

**General Surgery** : Dr. Fok Manson, Dr. Lai Cheuck Seen Edward, Dr. Lau Wing Kee Peter, Dr. Kwong Man, Dr. Nie Fu Zhong, Dr. U Chong San, Dr. Lei Chin Chong

**Breast Surgery** : Dr. Leong Iat Lun

**Urology** : Dr. Lo Kwong Yin Richard, Dr. Zhao Yun Qiao

**Paediatric Surgery** : Dr. Yeung Chung Kwong

**Paediatrics** : Dr. Zhang Zhiqin

**Obstetrics & Gynaecology** : Dr. Fong Kuan Io

**Plastic & Aesthetic Surgery** : Dr. Lam U Lin

**Orthopaedic Surgery & Sports Medicine** : Dr. Lam Kun Kuan

**ENT** : Dr. Cheng Zheng Ang

**Cardiology** : Dr. Wong Kwok Yiu Chris, Dr. Jin Chun, Dr. Leong Man Kin

**Gastroentero-Hepatology** : Dr. Zhan De Juan

**General Medicine** : Dr. Ng Kam Hong, Dr. Lam Weng Chio

**Dietitian** : Chan Lai U Joey

Avenida da Praia Grande No 599, Edifício Comercial Rodrigues 14 e 15 Andar, em Macau  
T. 2832 2298 / 2832 2229 Website: www.peddermacau.com  
Opening Hours: Mon - Fri 10:00 - 19:00 Sat 10:00 - 14:00 Sun & PH closed

REAL ESTATE MATTERS

Property Tax And An Uncertain Future ? - Part IV

Juliet Risdon is a Director of JML Property and a property investor. Having been established in 1994, JML Property offers investment property & homes. It specializes in managing properties for owners and investors, and providing attractive and comfortable homes for tenants.



JULIET RISDON

www.JMLProperty.com  
info@JMLProperty.com

This is the final instalment of the four-part series of articles on the 'thrilling' subject of land and property tax. This week we answer the remainder of the most popular questions we are asked by clients on land and property tax.

12. What do I have to do to register a tenancy agreement?

Requirements are:  
An M4 form original signed by the owner of the property  
A copy of the owner or tenant ID  
A copy of the Agreement  
A declaration of submission prepared and signed by the person submitting the documents  
The agreement is registered and a Stamp Duty of approx. 0.5% of the total value (length of lease x rental amount) of the agreement is payable at the time of registration or advised later if more than \$1,000 (this process is currently delayed by 3-4 months as pointed out at the beginning of this article).

13. Anything else I should know?

The Macau Government cal-

culates a nominal interest on overdue payments on a daily basis. The tax office and outstanding payments office are two different locations. Tax Exemptions are possible for Macau ID holders paying income tax. For full details check the Macau Gov DSF Website. New properties enjoy a tax exemption holiday that differs whether the property is located in Macau, Taipa or Coloane.

14. What do I need to do to check if there is any tax outstanding?:

Email a copy of the property address and form of ID to someone you trust in Macau,  
A) Change the address where tax bills are sent:  
Use an M10 form available from the government website to change the address to which tax bills are sent (Chinese & Portuguese, only). Bills can be sent to your home or office address or JML are happy to help. Take the M10 form to a notary in macau and have the signature notarized and pass the form to the person representing you in Macau.

If you are outside of Macau, take the form to a public notary, double check that the notary is recognized in Macau, then notarise the signature and send the form to your representative here.

The signature must be the same as the one shown on your ID / Passport

B) Register to access tax bills online (in chinese & portuguese only)

Go to the link Macau Gov DSF Website (in Chinese & Portuguese only) to register online. Register your own e mail address to receive updates and reminders from the tax office. Sign the registration form and the declaration forms. The registration form signature must be notarized in Macau. The signature must be the same as the one shown on your ID / Passport.

If you are outside Macau, please double check that the notary is recognized in Macau.

That concludes this article. Please let us know if you have any questions and we will be happy to answer you.

大湾区创意创新盛典  
2ND EDITION DELTA  
CREATIVITY & INNOVATION  
CONTEST

DCIC

主办方 An event by

特别支持 Special Supporter

组委会 Organising Committee

WWW.DCIC.ASIA

SATURDAY  
SUPER  
STACK

STILL THE BIGGEST POKER  
NIGHT OF THE WEEK

PokerStars LIVE Macau hosts the Saturday SuperStack with a HK\$100,000 guaranteed prize pool. With a buy-in of HK\$3,000, you start with a huge 15K starting chip stack.

Don't miss out on the biggest tournament of the week. Every Saturday from 4th November to 30th December.

Level 2,  
Estrada do Istmo,  
Cotai

POKER STARS LIVE  
MACAU

All tournaments are subject to regulatory approval.



Christopher Palmeri

GAMING | LAS VEGAS

# MGM Resorts says bookings rebounded after mass shooting

**M**GM Resorts International, in its first financial report since a gunman opened fire from one of its Las Vegas buildings and killed 58 people, said a short-lived wave of cancellations has ended and bookings are almost back to normal.

While the casino operator said its revenue from the Las Vegas Strip will drop by a low- to mid-single digit percentage in the fourth quarter, that's primarily because of ongoing work in transforming the company's Monte Carlo property to Park MGM, according to a statement Wednesday.

Investors responded to the bookings rebound by sending MGM shares up the most in more than a year. The Oct. 1 mass shooting became the worst in U.S. history when a gunman used his suite in an upper floor of MGM's Mandalay Bay resort to open fire on concert goers before taking his own life. More than 500 were also wounded.

Chief Executive Officer Jim Murren said the company shut down all of its marketing citywide after the attack, and didn't resume until the middle of the month. Cancellations by leisure travelers doubled.

"I'm happy to say that these cancellations progressively subsided by mid-October and our booking pace returned - remarkably returned to normalized levels almost immediately thereafter," Murren said on a conference call with investors.

MGM rose 5.1 percent to USD33.06 in New York trading Wednesday. That's the largest gain since March 2016.

The shooting was the latest in a series of attacks targeting concert goers, including the Ariana Grande show in Manchester, England, and a rock concert in Paris. Several marathons and concerts are scheduled for Las Vegas this



**■ The company shut down all of its marketing citywide after the attack, and didn't resume until the middle of the month**

weekend, part of the growing focus on entertainment over gambling.

MGM's profit in the period that ended Sept. 30, a day before the shooting, fell to 26 cents a share, the largest casino operator on the Las Vegas Strip said. Revenue of

\$2.83 billion topped analyst estimates of \$2.76 billion.

Revenue and profit could also be down in the first quarter, Murren said, but less so than in the current quarter. Any decline would be due to a lighter schedule of citywide conventions, rather than fallout from the shooting, he said. The Mandalay Bay, which accounted for 20 percent of the company's cancellations, is open for business except for one wing of one floor, Murren said.

MGM China Holdings Ltd., the Vegas-based operator's Macau unit, posted adjusted earnings before interest, tax, depreciation and amortization that dropped 21 percent from a year earlier to \$118 million.

While MGM's bookings for the Vegas properties are recovering from the shooting, the Macau property on the

Peninsula may face challenges in the next few quarters, according to a Sanford C. Bernstein & Co. note Wednesday. While its new Cotai project is scheduled to open in January, it may not be able to compensate for the market-share loss of the Peninsula property in the short term, according to the note.

Galaxy Entertainment Group Ltd., another casino operator in Macau, reported third-quarter adjusted earnings of HKD3.5 billion, 31 percent higher than a year earlier. Earnings were boosted by its VIP segment, whose revenue expanded 34 percent.

MGM China rose 1.9 percent to HKD19.30 as of 9:45 a.m. in Hong Kong trading, and Galaxy shares advanced 1.2 percent. The Bloomberg Intelligence index of Macau casino stocks was up 0.6 percent. **Bloomberg**



UNITED NATIONS

# Agency to stop taking funds from tobacco industry

**T**HE U.N.'s labor agency said yesterday that it will stop taking funding from the tobacco industry and will not extend its public-private partnerships with a business faulted for harmful health effects.

Anti-tobacco groups say the International Labor Organization, which brings together business, labor groups and governments, has been the last U.N. agency to retain ties to the tobacco business.

The Geneva-based body has struggled to calibrate its mandate to help ensure proper working conditions, particularly in an industry linked to child labor, amid a broader U.N. fight against the health risks of tobacco use.

The ILO has received over USD15 million through partnerships that aim to fight child labor in the industry. They include deals with Japan Tobacco International as well as with a nonprofit group that is linked to some of the world's biggest tobacco companies.

In its decision, the body "decides that no new funding shall be accepted by the ILO from the tobacco industry, and that existing Public Private Partnerships with the tobacco industry will not be prolonged beyond their expiry dates."

## corporate bits

### SANDS CHINA'S PURCHASES ON SMES AMOUNTS TO MOP5.5 BILLION



Since it launched in 2015, Sands China's Local Small, Medium and Micro Suppliers Support Programme's expenditure on local, small- and medium-sized enterprise (SMEs) suppliers amounts to MOP5.5 billion,

the gaming operator announced in a statement yesterday.

Sands China has already spent nearly MOP1.7 billion on purchases from local small- and medium-sized enterprises as of the third quarter of

2017, accounting for 21 percent of the company's total purchase amount.

Nearly 50 percent of that amount (MOP829 million) has benefited the three types of local enterprises targeted by the Local Supplier Support Programme - the small and micro companies, "Made-in-Macao" companies, and Macao young entrepreneurs.

In 2016, Sands China cooperated with 294 entities from the three local business types, increasing the number to 340 in 2017.

"The company is particularly pleased to see local enterprises expanding their business opportunities as a result of the programme, and we wish for continued success for our local SME suppliers," said Wilfred Wong, president of Sands China Ltd.

### MdME LAWYERS CO-ORGANIZE COMPETITION FOR LAW STUDENTS

The first "Brighter Future Student Awards" is jointly organized and supported by Macau law firm MdME Lawyers and their international network for the Portuguese Speaking Countries MLGTS Legal Circle, the University of Macau (UM) and the Faculty of Law Students' Association of UM's Students' Union.

The award program is open to any university student in Macau who majored in law or other domains relevant to law, the firm said in a statement.

The competition is comprised of two categories, "Macau Law" and "Portuguese Speaking Countries Law", and a "Brighter Future Student Award" will

be given for each category.

The winners in each of the categories will win a chance to visit and intern in leading Portuguese law firms for a month as well as attend a Portuguese language course.

During the awards launching ceremony this week, partner of MdME Lawyers, Gonçalo Mendes da Maia stated: "The purpose of creating these awards is to promote legal studies that would improve students' knowledge in subjects of Macau and Portuguese Speaking Countries' law, and also to foster greater participation of students in community affairs."



## Xi, Trump present united front despite differences

Jill Colvin &  
Jonathan Lemire, Beijing

**P**RESIDENT Donald Trump sought to present a united front with Chinese President Xi Jinping following two days of meetings yesterday, despite lingering differences over trade and North Korea.

On trade, Trump criticized the “very one-sided and unfair” trade relationship between the U.S. and China. But he stopped short of castigating Xi, saying he doesn’t blame the country for having taken advantage of the U.S. in the past.

Trump said China “must immediately address the unfair trade practices that drive” what he said is a “shockingly” large trade deficit, along with barriers

to market access, forced technology transfers and intellectual property theft. “But I don’t blame China,” he said. “After all, who can blame a country for being able to take advantage of another country for the benefit of its citizens?”

To applause, Trump said: “I give China great credit.”

His Secretary of State Rex Tillerson offered a blunter assessment of China’s trade surplus with the United States, which in October widened by 12.2 percent from a year earlier, to USD26.6 billion. The total surplus with the United States for the first 10 months of the year was \$223 billion.

“I think the best way to characterize it is that while we appreciate the long hours and the

effort that our Chinese counterparts have put into those trade discussions, quite frankly in the grand scheme of a \$3- to 500 billion trade deficit, the things that have been achieved are pretty small,” Tillerson told reporters in Beijing.

He said that, “in terms of really getting at some of the fundamental elements of why this imbalance exists, there is still a lot more work to do.”

Tillerson also acknowledged that there were differences “tactics and the timing and how far to go with pressure” on North Korea. But he insisted that the two countries were on the same page.

“There is no disagreement on North Korea,” he said.

Trump and Tillerson’s com-

ments came during Trump’s second and final day in China and after lengthy meetings with Xi. The day included announcements that the U.S. and China had signed agreements valued at more than \$250 billion for products including U.S.-made jet engines, auto parts, liquefied natural gas and beef.

Such contract signings are a fixture of foreign leader visits to Beijing and are intended to defuse foreign complaints about China’s trade policies.

Trump had made narrowing the multibillion-dollar U.S. trade deficit with China a priority for his administration. During the presidential campaign, he accused China of “raping our country” on trade and pledged to minimize the countries’ trade imbalance.

For his part, Xi promised a more open business environment for foreign companies in China and said his country was committed to further opening its economy to foreign investment.

“China will not close its doors” and will open them “even wider,” he said, pledging that foreign companies in China, including American ones, would find the market “more open, more transparent and more orderly.”

The United States and other trading partners have been pressing Beijing to give their companies more access to its state-dominated economy. But it remains unclear how far China will go to fulfill its pledges. Previous U.S. administrations have hailed market-opening promises only to be left disappointed.

North Korea remained a focus of the talks. Before arriving in China, Trump had delivered a stern message to Beijing, using an address in South Korea to call on China, North Korea’s biggest trade partner, to do more to confront and isolate the antagonistic nation. That included urging China to fully implement U.N. Security Council resolu-

tions aimed at depriving the North’s government of revenue for its nuclear and ballistic missile programs.

Trump yesterday appeared far more conciliatory, thanking China for its efforts and saying he’d been encouraged by his conversations.

“China can fix this problem easily. And quickly. And I am calling on China and your great president to hopefully work on it very hard,” Trump said. “If he works on it hard it will happen.”

Before the meetings, China rolled out the red carpet for Trump, treating him to an elaborate welcome ceremony on the plaza outside the Great Hall of the People before the leaders turned to their private talks.

Trump looked on approvingly as a Chinese honor guard played the national anthems of both countries, cannons boomed and soldiers marched. He clapped and smiled as children waving U.S. and Chinese flags and flowers screamed and jumped wildly.

Trump said the welcome “was truly memorable and impressive and something I will never forget.”

Trump was also feted at a state dinner that featured a video montage of the president’s visit, as well as footage of his granddaughter, Arabella, the daughter of Ivanka Trump and Jared Kushner, singing a traditional Chinese song in Mandarin.

Today, Trump heads to Danang, Vietnam for the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation conference — the first of two conferences he’ll attend on his trip to Asia.

While Trump had told reporters he expected to meet with Russian President Vladimir Putin on the sidelines of the conference, Tillerson said the two sides had never agreed to hold a formal one-on-one meeting. He said the two sides were still discussing whether they had “sufficient substance” to talk about. **AP**

**C**HINA yesterday signed business deals it said totaled USD253.4 billion with American companies during President Donald Trump’s visit in a tradition aimed at blunting criticism of Beijing’s trade policies.

The agreements, some of which were less than firm contracts, signed at a ceremony attended by Trump and his Chinese counterpart, Xi Jinping, included the purchase of U.S.-made chipsets, jetliners and soybeans. The two sides agreed to cooperate on a gas project in Alaska they valued at \$43 billion and a shale gas demonstration project valued at \$83.7 billion.

Chinese Commerce Minister Zhong Shan said

## China, US sign USD253.4b more deals

deals signed yesterday totaled \$253.4 billion. That was on top of \$9 billion in agreements signed Wednesday at an event attended by U.S. Commerce Secretary Wilbur Ross.

Such contract signings are a fixture of visits to Beijing by foreign leaders and are intended to defuse foreign complaints about China’s trade surpluses and market barriers. They often represent purchases Chinese mobile phone makers, airlines and other customers already planned to make that are collected for the visit, which would mean they do little to change the trade balance.

Trump has made narrowing the U.S. trade deficit with China — \$347 billion last year — a priority. Ross said that was a “central focus” of his talks with Xi.

The American Chamber of Commerce in China said ahead of Trump’s visit that it welcomed such contracts but expressed concern Trump’s focus on trade in goods might mean he pays less attention to equally important issues such as complaints about restrictions on access to finance, health care and other industries in China’s state-dominated economy.



Trump and Xi attend a business event at the Great Hall of the People

Following the signing ceremony, Xi promised a more open business environment for foreign companies after Trump vowed to change unfair trade relations.

Xi said China is committed to further opening its economy to foreign investment, though he gave no details.

“China will not close its doors and will open even

wider,” said Xi. He said American and other foreign companies would find China’s market “more open, more transparent and more orderly.”

Previous administrations have celebrated similar market-opening promises only to be left disappointed.

Contracts signed yesterday included the Chinese purchase of Boeing Co. jetliners for \$37 billion, mobile phone chipsets from Qualcomm for \$12 billion, \$1.6 billion of soybeans and vehicles and parts from General Motors Co. and Ford Motor Co. for a total of \$11.7 billion. **AP**



## KOREAN CRISIS

# Pope seeks to defuse tension, push nuclear disarmament

Nicole Winfield, Vatican City

**P**OPE Francis is seeking to defuse rising nuclear tensions on the Korean peninsula and to boost support for disarmament with a Vatican conference that will bring together 11 Nobel Peace Prize winners, United Nations and NATO officials, and representatives from a handful of countries with the bomb.

For some analysts, Francis' address at the gathering today will provide a welcome break in the heated war of words between U.S. President Donald Trump and North Korean leader Kim Jong Un as Trump continues his first trip to Asia as president.

The Vatican hopes the conference will do more by further discrediting the Cold War-era idea that atomic weapons serve a purpose for deterrence and global security.

"For some people, it's pie in the sky," conference organizer and top papal adviser Monsignor Silvano Tomasi said. "But at this time, I think it's very important to alert public opinion that the presence in the world of thousands of atomic bombs doesn't guarantee the security of anyone."

The conference is the first major international gathering since 122 countries approved a new U.N. treaty in July calling for the complete elimination of nuclear weapons. However, none of the nuclear powers and no NATO members signed on. They argued the treaty's lofty ideals were unrealistic given the rapid expansion of North Korea's nuclear weapons program.



Archbishop Silvano Maria Tomasi

The treaty received a boost from the Nobel committee when it awarded the peace prize this year to the International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons, an advocacy group that was instrumental in getting the pact approved. ICAN's executive director, Beatrice Fihn, is one of the Nobel laureates who will address the Vatican conference.

"What's so significant about this conference is that it draws attention to and underscores the treaty and the Nobel prize, and says, 'This is serious stuff,'" said George Lopez, who served on an experts panel that advised the U.N. Security Council on North Korea sanctions.

Francis is "keeping the issue alive and adding a new dimension," said Lopez, who is attending the conference as a member of a delegation from the University of Notre Dame.

The Holy See has consistently opposed nuclear weapons and supported nonproliferation and disarmament efforts, and history's first Latin American pope has strongly backed that line. But Francis brings to the table arguments based on his other papal priorities: that atomic weapons are a threat to the environment, that the costs of developing them could be put to far better use, and that the world would be a far safer place

if dialogue prevailed over confrontation.

Monsignor Tomasi said the Vatican hopes to send both Washington and Pyongyang a clear message through the conference: that the only way forward is dialogue, without "excessive aggression" in rhetoric.

Francis "keeps saying we need to build channels of communication and not walls," Tomasi said in an interview. "If the conference that we are organizing succeeds in conveying this message, we have done our jobs."

One outcome the Vatican is ruling out — at least publicly — is that the conference could

lead to a mediation role of some kind. The Vatican under Francis has facilitated talks between the U.S. and Cuba and, more recently, between the Venezuelan government and opposition.

But it has denied any interest in mediating the Korean standoff and suggested that other experienced facilitators, such as Norway, could play that role.

“The presence in the world of thousands of atomic bombs doesn't guarantee the security of anyone.”

ARCHBISHOP SILVANO TOMASI

The United States is set to be represented at the conference by its deputy ambassador to the Holy See. Ambassador Calista Gingrich hasn't presented her credentials yet and can't participate in official Vatican events. Russia is sending a top nuclear expert, and NATO's deputy secretary general, Rose Gottemoeller, is scheduled to speak.

China and North Korea have been invited, but organizers said they do not know if the countries would send representatives. Neither has diplomatic relations with the Holy See.

Beyond the current Korean standoff, there is a growing consensus — as evidenced by the 122 countries backing the U.N. treaty — that governments should no longer regard nuclear capability as the defining barometer of national, regional or global security, Tomasi said.

"Instead of 'Let's guarantee peace or security with the threat of mutual destruction,' let's try to construct in a positive way a sense of trust, solidarity, cooperation," he said. **AP**

## APEC SUMMIT

# Abe keen to reach accord on Pacific Rim trade pact

**J**APAN'S Prime Minister Shinzo Abe has pledged to do his utmost to get fellow leaders of countries participating in a Pacific Rim trade pact to stick with the plan despite the withdrawal of the U.S. from the deal.

Abe said yesterday that Japan is leading the effort among the remaining 11 members of the Trans-Pacific Partnership to revise the initiative during talks on the sidelines of the Asia-Pacific Economic

Cooperation summit in Vietnam.

He said Japan, as co-chair of TPP meetings taking place alongside the APEC summit, hopes to achieve a "basic agreement." Abe made the remarks before leaving for the summit in Danang.

President Donald Trump pulled the U.S. out of the TPP earlier this year. He is seeking to renegotiate several major trade agreements to, he says, put "America First."

Philippine President Rodrigo Duterte said the United States is the first victim of "globalization" and that's why President Donald Trump is pushing back with an "America First" stance.

Duterte made the comments at a business conference on the sidelines of the regional summit. He said the flight of American manufacturing to China after it opened to foreign trade and investment hurt U.S. workers.

Duterte described how reforms launched by Chinese leader Deng Xiaoping in the 1970s led the country to open its once-closed borders to foreign trade and investment. U.S. businesses were eager to take advantage of less expensive labor and lower taxes.

He said, "America was the first victim of globalization and that is why Trump is trying to lure them back and said 'America First.'" **MDT/AP**



Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe (left)

知得更多 活得更好  
KNOW MORE LIVE BETTER

OUT NOW

# MACAUCLOSER

TALENTED  
**10**  
俊傑十面觀

為慶祝《特寫》創刊十周年，我們邀請到十位城中年輕才俊，與我們大談澳門未來

CELEBRATING OUR 10<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY, WE MEET 10 YOUNG LOCAL TALENTS MAKING THEIR MARK IN THE CITY



MACAUCLOSER.COM

生活藝術雜誌 LIVING & ARTS MAGAZINE

Follow us: [Social media icons] available on: [App icons]



BLEU RASCALS

COUNTDOWN TO THE  
**MACAU GRAND PRIX**  
WITH THE BLEU RASCALS AT THE  
**ROADHOUSE MACAU**  
PLAYING EXCLUSIVELY LIVE AND LOUD  
UNTIL 26TH NOVEMBER

**WELCOME TO D2 CLUB**

# HIP-HOP PARTY

EVERY WEDNESDAY

ALL GLASS DRINKS & BLACK LABEL BOTTLE  
BUY 1 GET 1 FREE ALL NIGHT

所有杯裝飲品 & 支裝黑牌威士忌  
全晚買1送1

**D2 CLUB**  
www.d2club-macau.com

Macau Fisherman's Wharf, Edif. New Orleans 111  
澳門漁人碼頭新奧爾良館 111  
Tel: (853) 2872 3777

WELCOME TO Playmate's club  
花心公子俱樂部

**WILD NIGHT OUT**

Come and buy a Standard drink Mop45 only  
You can see a European Striptease Show

Attention  
No admission under 18

Business Hours: 8:00pm-4:00am

Address: Basement, Hotel Guia, Macau Tel: 28532081 www.macauplaymatesclub.com

AP PHOTO



Syrian pro-government troops taking up positions and firing on militants' positions on the Iraq-Syria border (image taken from video)

SYRIA

# IS militants evacuate last stronghold to government

Sarah El Deeb, Beirut

**I**SLAMIC State militants withdrew yesterday from their last stronghold in Syria, a strategic town near the border with Iraq, following a government offensive that has effectively left the extremist group's fighters dispersed in villages and small towns in the desert.

The Syrian military declared the town liberated after intense battles that killed a large number of militants, including leaders. The military said they are still chasing other IS militants in different directions in the desert.

"The liberation of Boukamal

is of great importance because it is a declaration of the fall of this group's project in the region generally and the collapse of its supporters' illusions to divide it, control large parts of the Syria-Iraq borders and secure supply routes between the two countries," said Army spokesman Gen. Ali Mayhoub in a televised statement.

Syrian pro-government media said Syrian troops had clashed with remnants of IS militants in the town after they entered it. Yesterday, they reported the town clear of IS fighters.

Pro-Syrian media reported the town was liberated.

Al-Ikhbariya TV's journalist reported from the road to the town, joyfully breaking out on camera: "Daesh is finished. Live."

The Britain-based Syrian Observatory for Human Rights said government forces and allied troops, including Iraqi forces who linked from across the border, are coming through Boukamal after IS militants withdrew.

With the collapse of IS in Boukamal, Islamic State militants have no major territorial control in Syria and Iraq and are believed to have dispersed in the desert west and east of the Euphrates River. U.S. officials have estimated

that there were between 2,500 and 3,500 IS militants around Boukamal. Leading members of the group were also believed to have taken refuge in Boukamal.

IS has suffered consecutive defeats at the hands of separate but simultaneous offensives in Iraq and Syria by the Russian-backed Syrian forces and allied militias as well as U.S.-backed Iraqi and Syrian fighters.

Despite its fall, the group's media apparatus has remained active and its fighters are likely to keep up their insurgency from desert areas.

The swift fall of Boukamal in eastern Deir el-Zour pro-

vince was accelerated after Iraqi forces seized Qaim, the town across the border last weekend, also controlling a strategic crossing between the two countries.

A senior Iraqi official said there was an agreement earlier this week to send Iraqi paramilitaries to Syria to take part in the Boukamal operation, adding that the Syrians were to supply them with weapons and gear. The official spoke on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to speak to reporters.

An Iraqi spokesman for the Popular Mobilization Forces has told The Associated Press last week that his forces, part of the Iraqi security forces, will participate in the operation and will head north to protect the borders and secure the road from Iran to Lebanon.

Boukamal is the last urban center for the militants in both Iraq and Syria where Syrian troops —backed by Russia and Iranian-supported militias — and U.S.-backed Syrian Democratic Forces are vying for control of the strategic border town.

Washington is wary of increasing Iran influence in the area and has backed the SDF in their bid to uproot IS from the borders with Iraq. The proximity of forces in the area has raised concerns about potential clashes between them as they approach Boukamal from opposite sides of the Euphrates River, and now from across the border with Iraq.

It was not clear if the government seizure of the town means the end of the race for control of territory previously held by IS.

So far the Kurdish-led SDF have focused on the area east of the Euphrates, seizing a number of oil and gas fields and securing large swathes of areas along the border with Iraq, as well as the newly liberated Raqqa city. **AP**

AD

advertising@macaudailytimes.com

Times App  
News At Hand  
+50m pageviews per year  
www.macaudailytimes.com.mo  
Available on the App Store | Get it on Google play

"THE TIMES THEY ARE A-CHANGIN'"

## New Sunshine Cleaning Services Ltd.

- Septic Tank Pump Outs
- Sewer Transfer
- Grease Trap Pump Outs



Call: 2883 3008

Member of General Association of Macao Cleaning Service Industry

Lorne Cook & Jill Lawless, Brussels

EU

**N**EGOTIATORS from the European Union and Britain met yesterday for an abbreviated round of divorce talks, amid warnings that time is running out to reach an agreement before Brexit in March 2019.

Technical talks were due to fill the first day of the two-day round, as the sides look to move forward on the key issues of Britain's financial commitments, the status of Irish borders and the future of citizens hit by Britain's departure from the bloc.

Chief EU Brexit negotiator Michel Barnier tweeted Wednesday: "More progress needed."

EU leaders are increasingly frustrated with Britain's reluctance to signal how much it is willing to pay to settle its commitments to the 28-nation bloc. The Brexit bill—estimated by the EU at somewhere around 60 billion euros (USD70 billion) — is a key sticking point preventing the EU from allowing talks to move on to trade and future relations.

With less than 18 months until Britain leaves the EU, the U.K. is eager to start discussing future relations, in-

# Brexit talks resume amid warnings of time running out

cluding a hoped-for free trade deal and a two-year transition period after Brexit.

But the 27 other EU leaders refuse to address that until "sufficient progress" has been made on the divorce terms. They will decide in mid-December whether to move forward.

EU leaders agreed last month to speed up talks, but this new round has taken time to organize and is scheduled to last just two days. Few expect a major breakthrough.

U.K. officials insist progress is being made behind the scenes, saying repeatedly in recent weeks that the two sides are close to a deal on the status of 3 million EU nationals in Britain, and 1 million Britons in other EU countries.

Brexit Secretary David Davis — due to meet Barnier in Brussels today — said this week that "safeguarding the rights of EU citizens is our top priority in negotiations."

AP PHOTO



British Secretary of State for Exiting the European Union David Davis speaks during a media conference at EU headquarters in Brussels

But the European Parliament's Brexit steering group said earlier that "There are still major issues that have to be resolved" on citizens' rights.

Britain's position is complicated by multiple crises for Prime Minister Theresa May's minority Conservative government. It is deeply divided over what kind of deal it

is seeking with the EU, faces strong opposition in Parliament to key Brexit legislation and has been shaken by two Cabinet departures in the past week. AP

AD



C&C LAWYERS & NOTARIES

Since 1996



### 合伙人 PARTNERS:

官樂怡 Rui José da Cunha • 山度士 Álvaro Rodrigues • 馬天龍 Nuno Sardinha da Mata • 趙魯 Zhao Lu ••

### 聯營律師 ASSOCIATES:

馬傑安 João N. Marques  
高文軒 Adelino Correia  
羅善齡 Zelina Rodrigues  
馬德龍 Nuno da Luz Martins  
白秀蘭 Susana Batalha  
杜慧盈 Rita da Costa Andorinho  
馬潔冰 Maria João Marques  
陶義德 António Isóo Azeredo  
白穎怡 Iolita Berenguel  
沈玲鳳 Mariana Afonso Esteves

### 實習律師 TRAINEE LAWYERS:

羅成軒 José J. Rodrigues  
歐文傑 Miguel Evaristo  
王洋玲 Ema Wong  
陳祖恩 Joana Chan  
顏曉蓉 Teresa Xiaorong Yan  
孟民諾 Carlos Maurício  
吳安妮 Ana Leon  
康靜雅 Viviana Hong  
黃瀚賢 Frederico Vong

安東尼 António Manuel dos Santos

WWW.CCADVOG.COM  
TEL: (853) 2837 2642 / 2837 2623

• 私人公證員 Notary Public • 中國委託公證人 China Appointed Attesting Officer •



## TV canal macau



## FRIDAY

13:00	TDM News (Repeated)
13:30	News (RTPi) Delayed Broadcast
15:00	Miscellaneous
15:40	Miscellaneous
16:35	Miscellaneous
17:30	Zig Zag
18:10	Portuguese Serie Sr.1
18:50	Brazilian Mini Serie (Repeated)
19:10	TDM Talk Show Repeated
19:50	Soap Opera
20:30	Main News, Financial & Weather Report
21:15	Portuguese Serie
22:10	Brazilian Mini Serie
22:40	Miscellaneous
23:00	TDM News
23:30	Miscellaneous
01:35	Main News, Financial & Weather Report (Repeated)
02:25	RTPi Live

## SATURDAY

10:30	Comedy
11:30	Miscellaneous
12:00	Miscellaneous
12:30	Miscellaneous
13:00	TDM News (Repeated)
13:30	News (RTPi) Delayed Broadcast (PT)
14:50	Soap Opera (PT)
16:50	Non-daily Portuguese News
17:20	Miscellaneous
18:15	Miscellaneous
19:00	Miscellaneous
20:30	Main News, Financial & Weather Report (PT)
21:00	Drama (PT) - Final
21:50	Miscellaneous
22:40	Portuguese Serie
23:00	TDM News
23:30	Miscellaneous
00:35	Main News, Financial & Weather Report (Repeated)
01:10	RTPi Live

## SUNDAY

10:25	The Last Treasure
11:00	Sunday Mass (Live)
12:00	Miscellaneous
12:30	Miscellaneous
13:00	TDM News (Repeated)
13:30	News (RTPi) Delayed Broadcast
14:50	Zig Zag
16:45	Pop Lusa
17:40	Brainstorm
18:15	Miscellaneous
19:20	Soap Opera
20:30	Main News, Financial & Weather Report (PT)
21:00	Non-daily Portuguese News
22:00	Documentary Serie
23:00	TDM News
23:30	Bocage
23:50	Miscellaneous
00:25	Main News, Financial & Weather Report (Repeated)
01:05	RTPi Live

## Offbeat

IMITATING 'CURB,' ST. LOUIS MAN  
TICKETED FOR HONKING AT COP

A St. Louis man is feeling pretty ... pretty ... pretty ... pretty miffed over a recent traffic ticket.

In an instance of life imitating art — in this case a recent episode of HBO's "Curb Your Enthusiasm" — computer programmer Scott Smith says he was ticketed for honking his horn at a police officer.

Smith told the St. Louis Post-Dispatch that he repeatedly honked at the officer in an unmarked car Friday because the light had turned green and the officer wasn't moving.

He was pulled over and used his cellphone to record the heated exchange with the plainclothes officer, who asked, "Is your horn stuck?" Smith replied: "Is your brake stuck?"

Smith was ticketed for excessive noise from a vehicle. He plans to file a formal complaint.

In the "Curb Your Enthusiasm" episode, Larry David's character was ticketed for honking at a police car at a stoplight.

## cinema



## CINETEATRO

09 Nov - 15 Nov



## LOGAN LUCKY

ROOM 1

2:15, 4:30, 9:30pm

Director: Steven Soderbergh

Starring: Daniel Craig, Channing Tatum, Adam Driver,

Ridley Keough

Language: English (Chinese)

Duration: 118 min



## THOR: RAGNAROK

ROOM 1

7:00pm

Director: Taika Waititi

Starring: Chris Hemsworth, Cate Blanchett, Tom Hiddleston

Language: English (Chinese)

Duration: 109 min



## MIX!

ROOM 2

2:30, 4:45, 7:15, 9:30pm

Director: Junichi Ishikawa

Starring: Yui Aragaki, Eita Ryoko, Hiroe Koji Seto, Mei

Nagano, Yu, Aoi

Language: Japanese (Chinese &amp; English)

Duration: 120 min



## FLATLINERS

ROOM 2

2:30, 4:30, 9:30pm

Director: Niels Arden Oplev

Starring: Ellen Page, Diego Luna, Nina Dobrev, James Norton

Language: English (Chinese)

Duration: 110 min



## LET ME EAT YOUR PANCREAS

ROOM 3

2:30, 4:30, 7:30pm

Director: Sho Tsukikawa

Starring: Minami Hamabe, Takumi Kitamura, Shun Oguri

Language: Japanese (Chinese &amp; English)

Duration: 115min

## this day in history

1997 BRITISH AU PAIR FREED  
AFTER APPEAL

British au pair Louise Woodward has been freed from jail in the United States after her conviction for murdering a baby was reduced to manslaughter.

The appeal judge at the court, Hillar Zobel, reduced her life sentence to 279 days in jail - which she had already served awaiting trial.

Judge Zobel said he had decided to reduce Woodward's conviction because he believed her actions were characterised not by malice but by confusion, inexperience and frustration.

Ten days ago a jury in the same court in Cambridge, Massachusetts, found that Woodward, 19, had murdered eight-month-old Matthew Eappen.

The jury reached its verdict in spite of evidence the baby may have been injured when he was not in Woodward's care.

The case has aroused strong feelings on both sides of the Atlantic and provoked sharp criticism of the American justice system.

Campaigners fighting for Louise Woodward's freedom had been calling for her conviction to be quashed and were dismayed by the decision to reduce her conviction to manslaughter.

A campaign spokeswoman said: "We believe, as we always have believed, in Louise's total innocence. This campaign will continue until Louise comes home."

Woodward has been ordered to remain in the US while the prosecution appeals against the reduction in her conviction.

Philip Johnson, president of EF Au Pair, the agency which employed Woodward, said his company would continue to support Louise until her name was cleared.

"We appreciate Judge Zobel's willingness to reconsider the jury's verdict," Mr Johnson said.

"However, we see his decision to reduce the charge against Louise to involuntary manslaughter as the first step in the process leading to her total exoneration."

Courtesy BBC News

## IN CONTEXT

The prosecution failed to get Louise Woodward's murder conviction reinstated.

She was later unsuccessful in getting her manslaughter conviction quashed and was sued for damages by Matthew Eappen's parents.

The case was later settled out of court in return for an agreement she would not profit financially from the case, for example, by selling her story.

After returning home Louise Woodward enrolled at London's South Bank University to study law.

Her parents were later charged with stealing from a trust set up in their daughter's name.

They were cleared in July 2000 when a judge ruled there was no case to answer



**YOUR STARS**

**Aries**  
Mar. 21-Apr. 19  
If you've got a little less zest in your attitude overall, now is a great time to take action so you can get back to your old, more energetic self. Today's energy may call for plenty of rest.

**Taurus**  
April 20-May 20  
Take time out to appreciate that you're happy with yourself. There's no reason to think you won't continue to be. That doesn't mean you haven't been thinking about introducing a new and improved version of yourself to the world.

**Gemini**  
May 21-Jun. 21  
You know full well that your soul has unplumbed depths. Like the ocean, there are things living down deep that might become endangered if you don't take time to cultivate them.

**Cancer**  
Jun. 22-Jul. 22  
Good times are on the way, and your good energy is totally ready for fun. Whether you choose to go out as part of a crowd, a pair or all by yourself, you can tell that a marvelous time will be had by all.

**Leo**  
Jul. 23-Aug. 22  
You need intense, meaningful conversation right now, and anyone who deliberately tries to avoid the issues via pointless, trivial chitchat receives their due. You're happy to dispense a quick glimpse of the back of your head.

**Virgo**  
Aug. 23-Sept. 22  
Aren't you tired of the same old excuses from your people? They might be coming from your best friend, who's always late. Alternately, they might come from a coworker who can never keep your travel itinerary straight.

**Libra**  
Sep. 23-Oct. 22  
Though you may feel like monopolizing someone's company today, it's a good idea not to get too greedy. Let them have their fun for now - they're sure to come back to you sooner or later.

**Scorpio**  
Oct. 23 - Nov. 21  
You need to figure out a way to drop some of your prized attachments before they make your life even more unnecessarily complicated. Though it might feel impossible not to cling tightly onto something or someone.

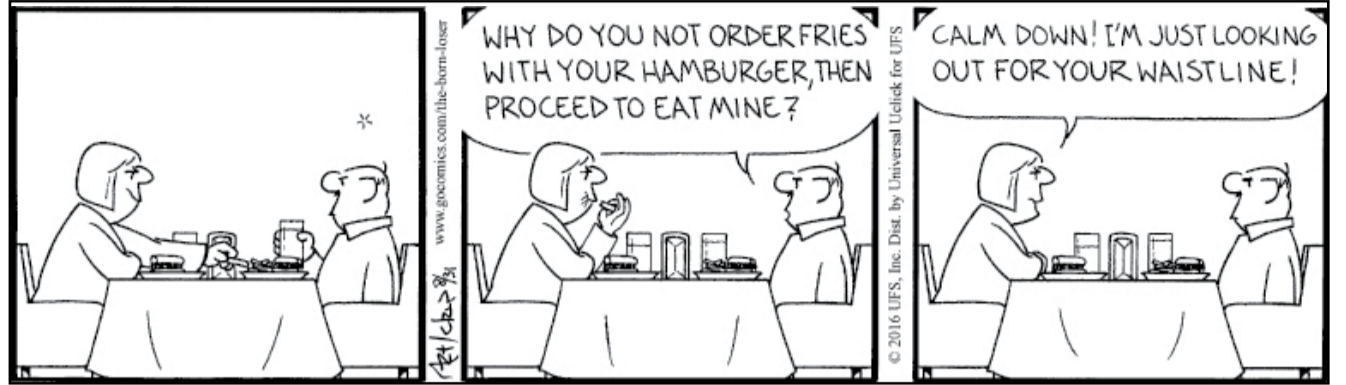
**Sagittarius**  
Nov. 22-Dec. 21  
Before you put your signature on that legal agreement or throw in your allegiance with someone new, be sure to scrutinize the fine print and go over every last detail. It might not come naturally to you.

**Capricorn**  
Dec. 22-Jan. 19  
Cupid is sometimes too cautious for your liking. You can't just strut up to him out of nowhere and demand that he shoots the object of your affections just to power up your love life!

**Aquarius**  
Jan. 20-Feb. 18  
You generally accept change pretty easily - regardless of the kind of changes that happen to be taking place, and how or when they're due to arrive. When you hear about a major shift in your life that's just around the corner.

**Pisces**  
Feb. 19-Mar. 20  
It's time once again for yet another serious conversation, but don't run off quite yet - no matter what happened last time. This talk is practically guaranteed to turn out extremely well for all parties.

**THE BORN LOSER** by Chip Sansom



**SUDOKU**

**Easy**

4			3			7	5	
		7	2				4	
		3		6	1			
	4		5				1	
2			8	7				6
	7			2		9		
		1	9		3			
	3				1	7		
9	6			8				1

**Easy+**

		2	9					
8				6	1		7	
		9				2		4
7	3		4					
5			3	2	8			6
					7		8	3
3		1					5	
	2		7	3				9
						2	3	

**Medium**

	2	1		4				
9						8	1	
6			7	5				
3					5		6	
		6	2	3	7	9		
	5		4					7
				8	2			4
	6	4						2
				9	7	8		

**Hard**

		5	3	6	2			
				4				1
		8						
				7	1			
7			3					
						9	8	
4								6
					1			
					9			

**WEATHER**

	MIN	MAX	CONDITION
<b>CHINA</b>			
Beijing	5	11	overcast/clear
Harbin	-2	5	sleet
Tianjin	6	12	overcast/clear
Urumqi	2	9	clear/drizzle
Xi'an	9	14	drizzle/cloudy
Lhasa	-2	14	cloudy/clear
Chengdu	13	17	drizzle/overcast
Chongqing	16	21	drizzle
Kunming	9	21	clear
Nanjing	10	20	cloudy
Shanghai	15	22	cloudy/overcast
Wuhan	12	19	cloudy/overcast
Hangzhou	12	21	cloudy/drizzle
Taipei	23	29	cloudy
Guangzhou	19	28	cloudy
Hong Kong	23	28	cloudy
<b>WORLD</b>			
Moscow	-4	5	clear/drizzle
Frankfurt	5	10	drizzle
Paris	8	12	drizzle
London	6	13	drizzle/overcast
New York	1	12	cloudy/clear

**CROSSWORDS**

**ACROSS:** 1- "Barton Fink" director; 5- Genius; 10- Salamander; 14- Initial stake in a hand of poker; 15- Wingless insect; 16- Melville novel; 17- In spite of; 20- Lock of hair; 21- DDE's bailiwick; 22- Large artery; 23- \_\_\_-jongg; 25- Some horses; 27- Ceremonial suicide; 31- African fly; 35- Cooking appliance; 36- Parish officer; 38- "Michael Collins" actor; 39- Greek letters; 40- Covered vehicle; 41- Actor Holm; 42- Mag. staffers; 43- Samuel's teacher; 44- Shrewdness; 46- Hourly rate; 47- Pertaining to Denmark; 49- Outmoded; 51- Hot stuff; 53- Earthlink competitor; 54- Be silent, musically; 57- Cool \_\_\_ cucumber; 59- Gumbo pods; 63- Direct; 66- Sleep like \_\_\_; 67- In \_\_\_ (unborn); 68- Juan's water; 69- Starchy food grain; 70- Sheer fabric; 71- Pull abruptly;

**DOWN:** 1- Pessimist's word; 2- \_\_\_ about (approximately); 3- Kitchen add-on?; 4- Reporter; 5- Diner order; 6- Architect Mies van der \_\_\_; 7- Republic in central Europe; 8- Playground retort; 9- PBS supporter; 10- Jointed or knobby at intervals; 11- Bahrain bigwig; 12- Habit; 13- Forum wear; 18- Author Dinesen; 19- Norwegian arctic explorer; 24- Small charcoal brazier; 26- Capital of Georgia; 27- Wished; 28- Walled Spanish city; 29- Gum; 30- Bausch & Lomb brand; 32- Pay for; 33- Marsh plant; 34- Alleviated; 37- Mon \_\_\_; 40- Queen of Ahasuerus; 45- Dampen; 46- Passage for walking; 48- Glacial period; 50- Entrance; 52- Actress Christine; 54- Winter Palace ruler; 55- King of the Huns; 56- Gator's kin; 58- Bushy hairstyle; 60- Hindu music; 61- Give \_\_\_ for one's money; 62- Minn. neighbor; 64- Firearm; 65- Suffix with ball;


**Yesterday's solution**

C	P	A	S	H	A	D	E	D	P	A	C	T		
G	O	R	D	C	A	M	E	R	A					
G	O	D	O	R	I	G	I	N	A	L	I	T	Y	
E	S	O	P	E	A	R								
N	A	N	C	E	S	T	S		Y	A	T			
T	I	T	I	C	L	E	A	R		U	R	I	S	
C	O	N	G	R	E	S	S	I	O	N	A	L		
E	O	E			N	I	B							
I	M	M	A	T	E	R	I	A	L	I	T	Y		
A	B	E	A		A	T	A	L	L		N	A	E	S
N	O	L		A	N	A	I	L		A	D	L	A	I
A	L	A	M	O		S	E	A	S		T	I	R	R
C	A	N	D	L	E	L	I	G	H	T		P	O	R
T	T	I	S		N	O	N	A	M	E		E	N	E
N	E	N	E		A	N	G	L	E	R		S	E	E

**USEFUL TELEPHONE NUMBERS**

- Emergency calls 999
- Fire department 28 572 222
- PJ (Open line) 993
- PJ (Picket) 28 557 775
- PSP 28 573 333
- Customs 28 559 944
- S. J. Hospital 28 313 731
- Kiang Wu Hospital 28 371 333
- Commission Against Corruption (CCAC) 28326 300
- IACM 28 387 333
- Tourism 28 333 000
- Airport 59 888 88
- Taxi 28 939 939 / 2828 3283
- Water Supply - Report 2822 0088
- Telephone - Report 1000
- Electricity - Report 28 339 922
- Macau Daily Times 28 716 081






卓雅物業  
since 1994

Scan QR Code to Download the JML app

- Find the right property for you
- See property location and details
- Find your JML contact and request viewing



Audi Vorsprung durch Technik



# You drive this. You feel that.

The all-new Audi A4 with Audi Virtual Cockpit and 5 years warranty.  
Progress is intense.  
Starting from HKD 399,000.00



[www.audi.com.hk](http://www.audi.com.hk)

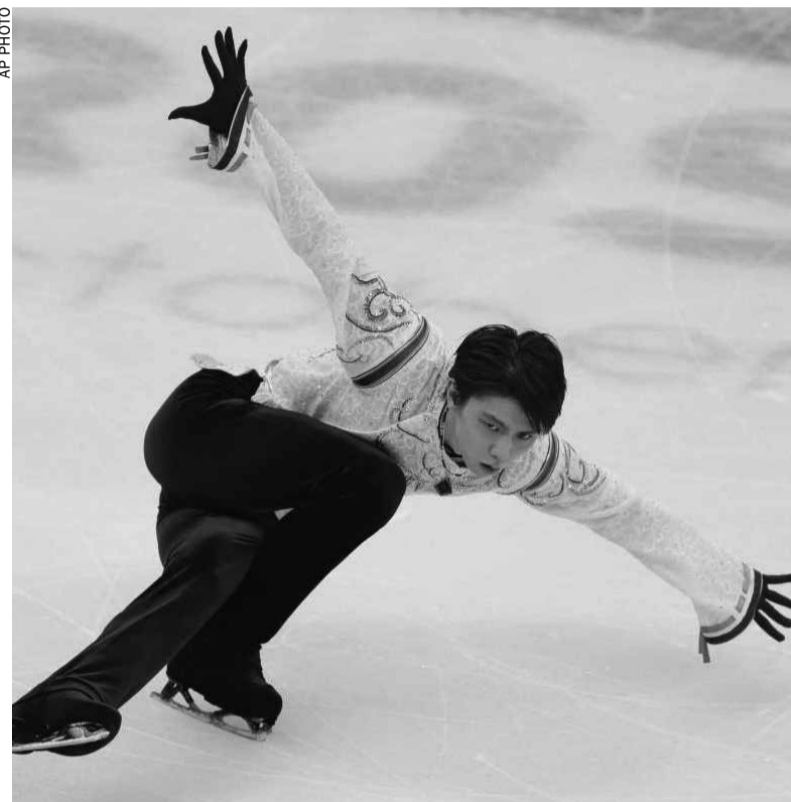
Prosperity Motors Ltd.

Avenida Dr. Sun Yat-Sen, No.230-246 Edf. Chun U Villa, R/C, D. E. F. Taipa, Macau. Tel.: 2931 6318



FIGURE SKATING

# Hanyu set to test Olympic preparations at NHK Trophy



Japan's Hanyu Yuzuru

**Jim Armstrong, Osaka**

**O**LYMPIC champion Yuzuru Hanyu wants to get a good measure of how his preparations are going for next year's Pyeongchang Games, so he's aiming high at the NHK Trophy.

"As this year's NHK is in an Olympic season, I need to take extra care of my condition and to execute all of my elements carefully while aiming for the title," the Japanese skater said as he fine-tuned for the fourth event on the International Skating Union's Grand Prix series.

Hanyu, a two-time world champion, last month placed second at the Rostelecom Cup in Russia, where he skated well but wasn't his dominant self.

The 22-year-old Hanyu nailed the quad lutz he has been working hard on, but said after the competition in Moscow that he needs to improve on the rest of his program.

American skater Nathan Chen won in Russia, pulling off four quad jumps in a clear indication that he is ready to challenge Hanyu at the Olympics. Other contenders in Osaka include Jason Brown, Adam Rippon and Sergei Voronov.

Patrick Chan was scheduled to compete at the NHK but withdrew to focus on the Canadian national cham-

pionships and the Olympics. Another absentee will be Daisuke Murakami, who has withdrawn because of pneumonia and will be replaced by 2016 junior national champion Kazuki Tomono.

The ice dance competition will be headlined by three-time and reigning world champions Tessa Virtue and Scott Moir, who won their seventh Skate Canada title last month with a record score and will be the clear favorites in Osaka.

In the women's event, world champion Evgenia Medvedeva won in Russia and will be bidding to book her trip to a fifth consecutive Grand Prix Final with another victory in Osaka. Her main competition is likely to come from five-time European champion and Rostelecom Cup silver medalist Carolina Kostner and 2015 world silver medalist Satoko Miyahara, who is competing in her first Grand Prix this season.

World champions Wenjing Sui and Cong Han of China are favored in the pairs competition.

The Grand Prix series consists of six events and culminates in the ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating Final in Nagoya, Japan, in December - the last competition featuring the world's top skaters before the Feb. 9-25 Olympics. **AP**

AD



澳門特別行政區政府  
Governo da Região Administrativa Especial de Macau  
體育局  
Instituto do Desporto

**Barrier Gates Closing Schedule for the Macau Grand Prix**

The Suncity Group 64th Macau Grand Prix will be held from 16th to 19th of November. Due to the event, the following roads will be closed starting from 13th November, and will be reopened progressively after the conclusion of the event. The Macau Grand Prix Organizing Committee would like to seek the understanding of the public and motorists and to advise all road users to respect the temporary traffic signage and instructions from the Traffic Authorities.

Start of Closure	Road	Location
13 <sup>th</sup> November (Monday) 15:00	Av. da Amizade	Corner near the Casino Oceanus (Av. da Amizade - Avenida do Dr. Rodrigo Rodrigues)
		Exit from former Casino Macau Palace
		Exit from the garage of Hotel Grand Lapa
		Entrance and exit from the World Trade Center
	Est. de Cacilhas	Exit from the garage of the Chong Tou San Chong Garden
		Depósito de Pólvora
		From the flyover near the Reservoir to Hoi Fu Garden
Est. D. Maria II	Exit from the garage of <i>Correios de Macau</i>	
Rua dos Pescadores	Locations under constructions	
	Exit from Macao Water	
14 <sup>th</sup> November (Tuesday) 10:00	Av. da Amizade	Exit from the garage of Edifício Seng Vo and Edifício Jubilee Court (Approx. 70m including Mobil Petrol Station)
14 <sup>th</sup> November (Tuesday) 15:00	Est. dos Parses	Exit from the garage of the Monetary Authority of Macao
	Av. da Amizade	Rua de Nagasaki (PJ)
		Corner next to the Hotel Landmark Plaza (Av. da Amizade - Alameda Dr. Carlos d'Assumpção)
Av. Ramal dos Mouros	Exit from work shop	
15 <sup>th</sup> November (Wednesday) 10:00	Av. da Amizade	Amizade Bridge - exit to Av. de Amizade (Approx. 100m, including the barrier gates in Amizade Bridge Exit)
15 <sup>th</sup> November (Wednesday) 15:00	Av. Ramal dos Mouros	Exit of the Reservoir overpass to Baguio Court
15 <sup>th</sup> November (Wednesday) 19:00	Est. D. Maria II	Main entrance of CEM

opinion

**Kapok**  
 Eric Sautédé



**AS LITTLE AS POSSIBLE**

This is rather unfortunate timing. On the one hand the project of law on Labour Unions proposed by José Pereira Coutinho gets defeated during in the October 27th plenary session of the Legislative Assembly — the 9th rejection! And on the other hand, the ongoing public consultation regarding a (very) partial amendment of the Labour Relations Law and the introduction of a legal framework defining part-time employment provides a caricatural demonstration of what is wrong with participative processes, especially when designed and acted upon with an exclusively bureaucratic mindset — initiators are to be blamed, not the ill-fated civil servants asked to deliver under ubiquitous constraints.

As far as the project of law on unions is concerned, the rejection of such legislation is not only counter to the Macao Basic Law (art. 27) and the many international conventions to which Macao is a signatory — including the 1948 ILO Convention concerning Freedom of Association and Protection of the Right to Organize — but also against commonly admitted and well-established “good practices” concerning work-related disputes and their resolution. With the passing of time such a dismissive attitude borders on illegality. If Korea, Singapore, Taiwan, Hong Kong and even the People’s Republic of China can do it, why not Macao?

In the previous legislature, Fong Chi Keong presented self-serving tautologies: the defeat of such a bill on so many occasions simply demonstrated that there was no need for it and that indeed Macao society was so “harmonious” that the passing of such a law could ultimately only help stir trouble (!). This time, only Vong In Fai took the stand — Ma Chi Seng having run out of arguments thanks to the economic recovery — to brush off the bill for its lack of preparatory consultation with relevant governmental departments. Mr Vong, just like most indirectly-elected legislators, would easily forgo his right (and duty) to initiate law-making — in contravention of article 75 of the Basic Law. And yet, what is really troubling is not the fact that the bill was defeated by 15 votes against 12, but that 10 out of 14 directly elected legislators voted in favour whereas all seven legislators appointed by the Chief Executive voted against: a dismissal in first reading not only indicates a refusal to debate, but also a constant denial of the legislators’ right to introduce a bill, and a possible breach of the constitution. But then, if you start giving unions legal status, you soon have to regulate political parties, and then in no time conditions for competition flourish and thus accountability takes root: who would want that?

It is very hard not to look at the consultation as a missed opportunity. Regarding part-time work, there is not much to say: a maximum of 72 hours over a period of four weeks would fall under the “short part time” category as defined by the ILO, and then part-time is merely a way to remove already very limited protection(s) offered by the Labour Relations Law — so it boils down to a “race to the bottom”. Then, regarding the creation of paternity leave and the extension of maternity leave — a farcical addition of 14 days unpaid leave on top of the existing 56 days paid leave — if the consultation document does mention Hong Kong, China, Taiwan, Singapore and even Portugal as references, it utterly fails to allude to the comprehensive ILO report on “Maternity and paternity at work — Law and practice across the world” published in 2014. Convention No. 183 of the ILO “mandates a minimum leave period of 14 weeks” of maternity leave with a marked attention to raise that period “to at least 18 weeks”!

With this new law, Macao falls in the same category as Saudi Arabia, Jordan or Kuwait. So much for being progressive!

**THE BUZZ** CHINESE AUTHORITIES SAY 3 AMERICAN STUDENTS ARE UNDER INVESTIGATION

Chinese authorities are investigating three Americans following media reports that three UCLA freshmen were arrested for shoplifting ahead of their basketball game against Georgia Tech in Shanghai.

Chinese foreign ministry spokeswoman Hua Chunying said yesterday that the case was in the hands of local police.

“Three American men are being investigated in Hangzhou by Chinese law enforcement agencies

for alleged theft,” Hua said during a regularly scheduled news briefing. “China has informed U.S. side of this case in accordance with the consular treaty.

“China will handle this case in accordance with law and protect the lawful rights and interests of the people involved.”

Hua did not give details of the individuals, who have been identified by the Los Angeles Times as Cody Riley, Jalen Hill and LiAngelo Ball — the brother of Los Angeles Lakers rookie Lonzo Ball.

**Uber reaches for the skies with plan for sleek flying taxi**



Barry Hatton, Lisbon

**COMMUTERS** of the future could get some relief from congested roads if Uber’s plans for flying taxis work out.

The ride-hailing service unveiled an artist’s impression of the sleek, futuristic machine it hopes to start using for demonstration flights in 2020. The company aims to have its first paying passengers in various cities around the world by 2023, though the plan still faces major hurdles.

The battery-powered aircraft looks like a cross between a small plane and a helicopter, with fixed wings and rotors. It was presented at the Web Summit 2017, an international technology conference in Lisbon, Portugal.

The vehicle is intended to soar over traffic congestion, sharply reducing city travel times. Uber hopes it will eventually become a form of mass transport and cost commuters less than using their own car, though initially it will be more expensive than that, Uber’s Chief Product Officer Jeff Holden said.

The scheme still faces plenty of challenges, including certification of the new vehicle by authorities, pilot training and conceiving urban air traffic management systems that prevent collisions.

Holden said that Uber is joining NASA’s project to expand air traffic systems, which scores of other companies already belong to.

He told The Associated

Press in an interview that he has no dollar figure for the total investment. He said Uber is putting some of its own money into the project, developing software, while other investors are also involved, such as aircraft manufacturers that are developing the vehicle and real estate companies that are providing so-called ‘skyports’ where people will catch their airborne taxi.

Uber is keen to move on from a troubled period in which its image has been damaged by investigations that found rampant sexual harassment of employees and multiple reports of drivers assaulting passengers. Holden said those episodes did not slow development of the flying taxi project. **AP**

**THE DECISIVE MOMENT**

MDT/ Paulo Barbosa



The last preparation works before the inauguration of the Macau Food Festival, which is expected to start today. This year’s invited country is Japan.

Station	Air quality	Icon
Roadside	50-70 Moderate	☹️
High Density Residential Area	55-75 Moderate	☹️
Ambient	65-85 Moderate	☹️

SOURCE: DSMG

**WORLD BRIEFS**

**SAUDI ARABIA** announced yesterday it has detained 201 people as part of a sweeping probe, estimating that at least USD100 billion has been misused through embezzlement and corruption in past decades.



**ISRAEL**’s military is holding its largest-ever air drill with pilots from eight countries simulating combat scenarios. It said yesterday that Germany, India and France are taking part for the first time in the two-week drill codenamed “Blue Flag.”

**EGYPT** President Abdel-Fattah el-Sissi says Islamic State militants are making their way to his country via Libya after the defeat of the extremist group in Syria and Iraq. *More on p14*

**GERMANY** A nurse who is already serving a life sentence for two murders may have killed more than 100 patients over several years at two hospitals in northwestern Germany, prosecutors said yesterday.



**THE VATICAN** announced yesterday that it would no longer sell cigarettes to employees in its duty free shop and supermarket — giving up an estimated 10 million euros (USD11 million) a year in profit. Pope Francis made the decision because “the Holy See cannot contribute to an activity that clearly damages the health of people.” *More on p12*

**CUBA** Americans seeking to visit Cuba must navigate a complicated maze of travel, commerce and financial restrictions unveiled Wednesday by the Trump administration, part of a new policy to further isolate the island’s communist government.

**COLOMBIA** Authorities in Colombia have seized 12 tons of cocaine worth an estimated USD360 million in what has been described as the nation’s largest drug bust.