



**PLEDGES TO PROTECT WHITE DOLPHINS**  
A regional conservation alliance will help protect the white dolphin endangered by the construction of the HKZMB

P2



**IM SIO KEI APPOINTED AS IPM PRESIDENT**

P4



**MOST FOREIGNERS BANNED FROM BUYING HOMES**  
New Zealand has banned most foreigners from buying homes as it tries to tackle runaway housing prices

P13



Thu. 16  
Aug 2018

T. 26°/ 31° C  
H. 70/ 95%

facebook.com/mdtimes  
+ 12,000

N° 3111  
**MOP 8.00**  
**HKD 10.00**



# Times

**MacauDaily** 澳門每日時報®

FOUNDER & PUBLISHER Kowie Geldenhuys EDITOR-IN-CHIEF Paulo Coutinho

www.macaudailytimes.com.mo



"THE TIMES THEY ARE A-CHANGIN' "

## WORLD BRIEFS

AP PHOTO



**JAPAN** For his last time, Japan's Emperor Akihito addressed a memorial service yesterday marking the end of World War II. Once again, he expressed "deep remorse" for the war. More on p12,13

**SOUTH CHINA SEA** The Philippine president said that China's claim to airspace above newly built islands and surrounding waters in the disputed South China Sea "is wrong" and Beijing should not tell others to leave those areas to avoid possible clashes. More on p11

AP PHOTO



**INDONESIA** is deploying 100,000 police and soldiers to provide security for the Asian Games, the biggest event ever held in its terror attack prone capital Jakarta.

**AUSTRALIA** A senator is being condemned for his speech in Parliament advocating reviving a white-only immigration policy and using the term "final solution" in calling for a vote on which migrants to admit into the country. More on p12

AP PHOTO



**INDIA** will send a manned flight into space by 2022, Prime Minister Narendra Modi announced yesterday as part of India's independence day celebrations.

More on backpage

# Death toll hits 39 in Italy bridge collapse

P14

PAULO BARBOSA



# Rate of water leakage reportedly lower than in neighboring regions

P3 MDT REPORT



HKZMB

# China pledges to more closely monitor endangered dolphins

As the world's longest sea bridge is almost ready to open linking Hong Kong to Macau and Zhuhai, the attention is not only fixated on the project's traffic convenience and economic benefits, but also on the Chinese white dolphin, an endangered species.

According to state media Xinhua, the Chinese government has prioritized the protection of the white dolphin following work commencing on the construction of the Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macau Bridge in 2009. A conservation alliance will facilitate future conservation work.

The alliance, overseen by authorities in Guangdong Province, Hong Kong and Macau, will be set up to boost cooperation among conservation groups in the three regions, according to the administration of the Pearl River Estuary Chinese White Dolphin Reserve.

The dolphin can be found in just a handful of coastal areas, with the Pearl River Estuary being one of its major habitats. Routine rescue and joint emergency rescue will be an important mission of the alliance and an expert team will be established to oversee the work. In addition, the alliance will conduct research on the dolphin's population, lifestyle, migration routes and physiology, according to Chen Hailiang, head of the administration.

Guangdong's fishery department, Hong Kong's agriculture, fisheries and conservation



A white dolphin the Pearl River Estuary

department, and Macau's Civic and Municipal Affairs Bureau have cooperated together on protection of the dolphin since 1995.

Since 2011, researchers from Guangdong, Hong Kong and Macau have identified more than 2,300 Chinese white dolphins within the Pearl River Estuary.

The 55-km-long bridge is situated in Lingding Bay of the Pearl River Estuary, a busy shipping channel that sees over 40,000 vessels each year. It will slash travel time between Hong Kong and Zhuhai from three hours to less than one.

Chen Tao, a researcher from the South China Sea Fisheries Research Institute, has tracked

the dolphins at sea every month between 2013 and 2017.

"Our monitoring showed that there are 950 to 1,000 Chinese white dolphins in the part of Lingding Bay, under the jurisdiction of Guangdong, during the past four to five years, compared with 1,100 to 1,200 before the construction of the bridge," he said. According to Xinhua, Chen speculated that some dolphins that used to live in the area might have moved to other waters.

Researchers are optimistic about the results of current monitoring, but remain alert to the possibility of reduced numbers.

"So far, the monitoring data is not sufficient for more precise analysis of the species, and

researchers are unable to efficiently track the dolphins with available measures," Tao said.

"After the opening of the bridge, assessments will be needed on the potential impact of the pier, artificial island, and tunnel on the dolphins. Year-long monitoring and surveys on the dolphins in the Lingding Bay and in their other habitats need to be made," he added.

Dolphin watchers play an important role in minimizing the construction's impact on the dolphins.

The Pearl River Estuary Chinese White Dolphin Reserve, in recent years, has supported more than 100 researchers in studying and protecting the mammal, and trained thou-

sands of dolphin watchers during the construction of the bridge, Chen Hailiang said.

"Before the construction started, we raised seven issues in white dolphin protection. One of them was to train people to observe and protect the dolphins. We conducted 29 training sessions overall and those who passed the exam received a dolphin watcher certificate," he said.

Luo Guocai, 34, is a certified dolphin watcher. His job is to conduct a 10-minute observation of the sea each time before construction starts. The dolphins have to breathe every few minutes above the sea.

"If we see them, we play the sound of their enemy, the killer whale, to warn them away," Luo said.

He Guomin, also a researcher with the South China Sea Fisheries Research Institute, co-authored a research report in 2005, concluding that "even in the worst-case scenario, the construction will not cause significant damage to the species."

"No Chinese white dolphin died due to the construction in seven years and I believe their numbers will recover in the future," He said.

Chen Tao said he was more concerned about the dolphins' food. "It is a grave challenge for the dolphins that the population of their favorite prey - demersal fish - has declined during the past decade. The quality of their food is declining."

A number of researchers also believe that increasingly busy shipping activity in the estuary poses a challenge to the species.

"What we have done is just the beginning. We are facing a more onerous task of monitoring and protecting the species," Tao said.

MDT/Xinhua

CRIME

## University student scammed over mobile game

A 27 year-old student from the mainland, currently studying at the University of Macau, has reportedly been targeted in a scam over a mobile phone gaming application.

According to a Judiciary Police spokesperson, the man found the app which allowed users to play ga-

mes but required an initial payment of RMB600.

Accepting this, he started to play and earned RMB50, which he tried to claim, which is when he realized there was an issue. While trying to claim back his money, the student was told that earnings would only be paid to accounts that accumulate

a minimum amount of RMB10,000.

Trying to go around this problem, he loaded RMB9,350 onto his account in order to reach the payable amount but even though his balance was RMB10,000, he lost access to the app and contact with the app administrator. This prompted him

to make a complaint that the app was a scam.

During a press conference this week, the police also revealed details of a case involving a secondary school student, who was also targeted in a scam when she received a call from someone pretending to be one of her friends. She believed the claim,

and recorded the new number under the friend's name.

On the next day the same person called asking for help using the well-known story of being arrested in mainland and needing money to bail him out. He requested RMB20,000, and she went straight to Zhuhai to transfer the

amount. After that, he called again asking for an extra RMB15,000, which she also gave him.

After a period of silence, she decided to text her friend at his "old" number, at which point she realized he never had contacted her and she had been involved in a scam, losing RMB35,000.

www.macaudailytimes.com.mo

+ 4 Million page views  
PER MONTH

Thank You!

+12,000 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 Beittler, 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, 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 amy@macaudailytimes.com

SEND NEWSWORTHY INFORMATION AND PRESS RELEASES TO: NEWSROOM@MACAUDAILYTIMES.COM WEBSITE: WWW.MACAUDAILYTIMES.COM.MO

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

Telephones: +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



# New technologies could save water leaking from pipes

Lynzy Valles

**O**FFICIAL data indicates that the leakage rate of public water pipes in Macau is lower than the leakage rates in Hong Kong, Taipei and Beijing, which range from 15 percent to 20 percent.

However, a scholar suggested that the city could nevertheless work on technologies that deal with water leaks, noting that a variety of sensor technologies are already in the market to help water utilities detect potential leakages.

Speaking to the Times, president of the Green Environment Protection Association of Macau, Ho Kin Chung, noted, "through these technologies, we are able to improve our water pipe maintenance and leakage can be reduced."

However, he emphasized that residential and commercial building management in the city could make use of a scheme that educates their employees about how to locate and repair leaky pipes.

In a statement issued to the Times, the Land, Public Works and Transport Bureau (DSSOPT) recalled that the government is committed to facilitating the replacement of public water pipes – one of the main reasons for water leakage from pipes.

"The main reasons for leaking public pipes are aged pipes, land settlement and other pipe burst incidents caused by works," the bureau said in reply to the Times. "The water supply company will strive to replace the old pipes with ductile iron and stainless-steel which are better quality, so as to reduce leakage rate," it added.

Annual water consumption in the region reached 88.436 million cubic meters in 2017, an increase of over 2 percent compared to the



PAULO BARBOSA

previous year.

The leakage rate of public water pipes in Macau in 2017 was around 9.1 percent, whereas the leakage level has been controlled at about 10 percent, as defined in Macau's Water Conservation Planning Outline.

The leakage rate in the distribution networks of 2016 stood at 10.4 percent, slightly higher than figures from 2014 and 2015, which totaled 10.2 percent.

"Macau's figures are not too bad. But it also depends so much on the geographical location of the land because a lot of times the leakage may be caused by heavy pressure [particularly] on reclaimed lands," Ho said.

Meanwhile, he stressed the need

for a regulator to actively check and maintain these water pipes.

"[There can also be] a watchdog to oversee the water pipes in all buildings to enhance building maintenance scheme. This is very fundamental," he added.

In Hong Kong, a recent investigation found that 15 percent of fresh water is lost due to leaking pipes – which is nearly HKD800 million of public money being poured down the drain.

A report released by Hong Kong's Office of the Ombudsman earlier this year criticized the bureau for also failing to investigate ways to reduce leakage, arguing that the public department had been failing to minimize water pipe bursts.

The office calculated that if Hong Kong could lower its leakage rate to 10 percent, some HKD530 million could be saved.

Thus, the scholar noted that this could also be prevented if the local government invested in improving its maintenance scheme.

"The government should force the industry to enhance water pipe maintenance," said Ho, reiterating the need to replace water pipes with those made of stronger materials.

**In Hong Kong, a recent investigation found that 15 percent of fresh water is lost due to leaking pipes.**

"The problems are also related to the kind of material of the pipe that you are using. Overseas, marble – which is relatively strong – is normally used for water pipes. But here you normally use iron pipe or PVC and they are more fragile," he said.

In March this year, the Housing Bureau announced that it had received 16,861 cases of water leakage between 2009 and 2018, with about 91.7 percent of the cases having been repaired.

Ho reiterated that if the problem is not fixed, bacteria will contaminate the city's waters, leading to e-coli infiltrating broken water pipes.

## Local investors interested in Sydney properties

Real Estate Colliers International recently expressed confidence in suitable homebuyers from China, Hong Kong and Macau in a combined development site of eleven houses in Sydney's northern suburbs, the Sydney Morning Herald reported. "We have just returned from China, Hong Kong and Macau with a number of new mandates from new entrants, who have a keen interest in development sites located near new infrastructure and rail transport," said Matthew Meynell from Colliers International. The site covers a 7842 square meter allotment in Sydney's suburb of Carlingford.

## Suncity delays Vietnam acquisition again

Hong Kong-based Suncity Group has again delayed a deal to acquire a 34 percent stake in a casino-resort in Vietnam's central Quang Nam Province. The USD76.8 million deal has been postponed until August 31. In a statement to the Hong Kong Stock Exchange, Suncity said it was still waiting for the joint venture between Vina Capital and Chow Tai Fook to obtain approval from a Vietnamese bank, which has provided a loan to the casino developer. "It is expected that the bank's consent will be obtained on or before August 31, 2018," Suncity wrote in the filing. "Save for the condition relating to the bank's consent, all other conditions have been fulfilled." Suncity initially announced its intention to acquire a stake in the casino-resort in July last year.

## Jockey Club investment plan not yet ready

The government has yet to submit a report to the Follow-up Committee for Public Administration Affairs of the Legislative Assembly (AL) concerning the Jockey Club's future investment plan. In June, the government promised it would require the Jockey Club to submit a report of the detailed investment plan and schedule. The investment plan is a key requirement for the government to extend the Jockey Club's concession until the end of August 2042. Lawmakers are concerned about how society will supervise Jockey Club's operations without knowing about the Club's planned activities.

# Bebinca causes 'no major adverse effect'

**T**YPHOON Bebinca "had no major adverse effect on community life and no major incident or damage was recorded during the storm," a statement issued by the Government Information Bureau noted. The Civil Protection Operations Centre was on full alert from 5.30 p.m. on Tuesday, prior to Typhoon Signal No.8 being issued at 7.30 p.m. The 29-member team – comprised of members of the public security forces, officials

of public departments, representatives of non-governmental organizations and representatives of private-sector companies – coordinated the region's civil defense mechanism.

By 1 a.m. yesterday, the Civil Protection Operations Centre had reduced its role to that of basic oversight, following the lowering of Typhoon Signal No.8. There was a total of 18 incidents recorded during various stages of the storm, including ob-

jects falling from height, the collapse of concrete from buildings and collapse of trees. During Typhoon Signal No.8, hotlines operated by the Civil Protection Operations Centre and the public security forces received nine enquiries, mostly concerning either public transport arrangements or the operation of boundary checkpoints. The Ilha Verde Centre for Victims of Disaster provided shelter for eight men and one woman during the storm.



DANIEL BEITLER

During Typhoon Signal No.8, the authorities identified 13 instances of alleged overcharging of passen-

gers by taxi drivers, and eight instances of people allegedly offering unlicensed transportation services.



## Another 200 special taxis put on auction

An additional 200 special licensed taxis have been put up for open auction since Monday, the Macau SAR government has announced. The special license's concession will consist of a period of eight years, with the starting date corresponding to the first day of the taxis' operation. The special licensed taxis are only allowed to operate for app-based hailing services, whereas they are forbidden from picking up passengers on the street. Together with the other 100 special licensed taxis outsourced in 2016, there will be a total of 300 radio taxis hitting the roads in the near future.

## Fishing moratorium to end tomorrow

This year's fishing moratorium will end tomorrow. The fishing ban was initially planned to end on August 16. However, due to the impact of this week's typhoon, the Guangdong Oceanic and Fishery Administration extended the ban until 12 pm, August 17. Currently, there are 140 fishing boats anchored at the anchorage in the inner harbor. The Marine and Water Bureau will continue to be on standby near the Inner Harbor to offer quick assistance to boats that are involved in accidents.

## Proposal to relocate greyhounds to Coloane farmland

The Canidrome company has proposed to relocate the greyhounds who formerly raced at the facility to farmland located in Coloane. The Civic and Municipal Affairs Bureau (IACM) has deemed this proposal better than the company's previous one, which suggested placing the dogs in a standalone building in Taipa. IACM President José Tavares said that the proposal, which was made by the Canidrome company last week, has already received approval from the Land, Public Works and Transport Bureau. According to the IACM president, if the Canidrome fails to take the dogs back before the deadline, the IACM will not allow any extensions and will fine Yat Yuen immediately.

**CHIEF** Executive Chui Sai On has appointed Im Sio Kei as the new president of the Macao Polytechnic Institute (IPM). This decision was announced yesterday in the government Official Gazette.

Im's term will commence on September 1, 2018, with the appointment valid for two years.

Im Sio Kei, is currently an IPM vice-president. He obtained his bachelor of Science majoring in Computer Science, Master of Science in Enterprise Information Systems, and Doctor of Philosophy, all from the University of London.

On March 7, 2016, Im began serving as IPM's vice president, having joined the institute in 2001, where he occupied various academic and administrative positions.

While at IPM, he assisted the Board of Management in establishing a teaching and quality management system, leading IPM to become Macau's first institution to be successfully re-

# Im Sio Kei appointed as IPM president



Im Sio Kei (center)

cognized by the Reviews Group of the Quality Assurance Agency (QAA) for Higher Education.

Im is also a visiting scholar at the University of California, Los Angeles, and at the University

of London, as well as an Honorary Professor at the Open University of Hong Kong.

Besides his work in the education sector, Im also participates in politics.

Im is a member of the Chief Executive Election Council, chairman of the Macau Public Service Evaluation Commission, vice president of the Association for the Promotion of Science and Technology, and a member of Guangdong province's Guangdong, Hong Kong and Macau Cooperation Promotion Committee.

He was a consultant at Bank of China, Macau Branch, and has 15 years of experience in multi-media image technology.

Secretary for Social Affairs and Culture Alexis Tam also appointed Vivian Lei as the vice president of IPM. Lei is the head of IPM's Academic Affairs Department. Lei's term will also commence on September 1.

## Future Bright records HKD15 million in losses

**FUTURE** Bright Holdings Limited has reported that, for the first half of the year, the company recorded some HKD15 million in losses.

The food and beverage firm of lawmaker Chan Chak Mo announced in a statement that the losses were mainly from its food souvenir businesses, and from some HKD25.1 million worth of property, plant and equipment that had to be written-off.

However, the overall losses were less than the HKD16.9 million it registered in the first half of 2017.

In a filing with the Hong Kong Stock Exchange, the group stated that the second quarter has always been a relatively "low season" for the group, and that its "Key Investment Property" has been without a tenant in that quarter and hence without rental income.

In the first quarter of 2018, Future Bright recorded a satisfactory performance of the group's food and catering business.

As compared to the performance of the group in the second quarter of 2017, the improved performance in

the second quarter has been largely due to an increase in turnover of the group's Japanese, Western and franchise restaurants, and food court counters.

Meanwhile, the company's HKD6.2 million in profits in the first quarter of this year were offset by some HKD21.2 million in losses during the second quarter.

Future Bright's turnover in the first six months of the year recorded an increase of 24.5 percent to HKD39.7 million, yet its direct operating expenses also increased 21.8 percent yearly to



Chan Chak Mo

HKD307 million.

In respect to the exchange differences in translating foreign operations, which relate mainly to the group's subsidiary companies in mainland China, the group has recorded an overall comprehensive loss of some HKD5.3 million, as compared to an overall other comprehensive income of some HKD9.9 million

for the same period of 2017.

The group has recorded no rental income for its investment property in Macau, but a gross gain of some HKD19 million from the disposal of office property in Hong Kong, and a net fair value gain of some HKD12.6 million in respect of its land use right applicable to land at Hengqin Island.

AD

# MAKE-UP

## FOR ALL OCCASIONS

- BRIDAL / WEDDINGS • PHOTO SHOOTS • PARTY •
- GRADUATION • SPECIAL EVENTS •

**MAKE YOUR APPOINTMENT TODAY!**

TEL / WHATSAPP: (853) 6685 3323 | WECHAT: MISSJ\_23

WWW.FACEBOOK.COM/JULIANAC.MAKEUPARTIST

## New Sunshine Cleaning Services Ltd.

Cleaning Specialists

FREE ESTIMATES

- Residential
- Move In / Out
- One-Time Cleanings
- Window Cleaning
- Office / Home General Cleaning
- Pest Control-Home / Offices
- Marble Crystallization
- Office / Home Carpet Cleaning
- Restaurant / Kitchen Cleaning
- Industrial Garbage Removal
- Grease Trap Pumping
- Portable Chemical Toilet
- Hiring & Daily Cleaning

**Call: 2883 3008**

Member of General Association of Macao Cleaning Service Industry





## Viva Macau: Gov't failed to submit update report

Julie Zhu

**T**HE Follow-up Committee of Public Administration Affairs of the Legislative Assembly (AL) reviewed seven follow-up reports concerning the region's public funds, with only one report having been signed off by the committee.

These reports are related to, among other issues, the supervision of and problems with companies funded by public money in 2016, investments in foreign currency and fiscal reserves made in 2017, and to matters concerning procurement and government offices in 2016 and 2017.

The signed report concerned the industrial and commercial development fund. The report proposed establishing the fund as a special organization. However, the committee still believes that the report is unable to fully reveal the fund's true financial situation.

Mak Soi Kun, when talking to the media, said that the AL will require the government to write a clear report regarding the Light Rapid Transit development.

On the issue of Viva Macau, the government has not delivered any reports to the committee yet either.

"We have found out that the [investment of] public funds is relatively unregulated. Every secretary can open a company

when they deem it necessary. These companies then give rise to offspring companies. All these companies will have representatives. But are they professional enough to represent the public in terms of supervising the money?" asked Mak.

According to Mak, the lawmakers will require the government to submit reports regarding the financial situation behind these companies in which public funds were invested.

The remaining six reports have to be signed off before October 15.

Additionally, the AL requested the government deliver a report on Viva Macau two weeks ago. However, with the two weeks already having passed, the government has failed to submit such a report to the committee.

Mak stressed that since Macau's political structure is an executive-led structure headed by the Chief Executive, the AL does not have the right to require the government to submit a report on a specific schedule.

"Regarding Viva Macau's loan, we have already expressed our view in the opinion report," said Mak, adding that "the opinion report will be put online later. [We asked for] the name list regarding who signed the loan approval. [...] Still, we have asked for the document in the opinion report."

## UM held seminar on Greater Bay Area career opportunities

The University of Macau (UM) held a seminar yesterday for new students from the Greater Bay Area on career opportunities in the region. During the seminar, UM Rector Yonghua Song encouraged new students to prepare themselves to take part in the development of the Greater Bay Area in the future. Mi Jian, chief advisor to the Policy Research Office, said that Macau residents will start to appreciate the convenience of living in the Greater Bay Area as its urban areas grow. According to a statement issued by the UM, this year more than 270 students from Guangdong province and Hong Kong were accepted by the university. The number has reportedly doubled compared to last year.

## Lawmakers call for better pre school education

Lawmaker Chan Hong has written a question to the government asking if it will increase free-education subsidies to pre school education classes. In addition, Chan hopes the government can enhance the teacher-to-student ratio in pre education levels. Since the start of the academic year of 2014/2015, there have been 1.9 teachers for each pre school class. In Chan's opinion, the ratio is still not as satisfactory as that of primary and secondary education levels, and it seems to be unable to meet the development demand within pre school education. Chan highlighted that the government still needs to boost the attention it dedicates to pre school education.

# Children taught important life values this summer through Melco volunteering

**T**HE summer is well under way, but the sweltering and humid weather typical in Macau is not deterring volunteers from Melco Resorts & Entertainment from devoting their time to making a difference to the community. To coincide with the summer school holidays, and having listened to employees' wishes to volunteer with their children for a good cause, Melco has partnered with the Pou Tai Integrated Service Center for the Elderly on the launch of an innovative project titled Show Your Kind Heart by Holding Hands.

Regular sessions with experts from the NGO teach children how to communicate with the elderly, and integrates several elements of the Company's corporate social responsibility (CSR) strategy; including volunteerism, youth and education to create meaningful experiences for both volunteers and beneficiaries. The project's ultimate goal is for children to learn, via volunteering, important life values through offering companionship to senior citizens, putting their newly-learned knowledge into practice.

Speaking about the project,

which has already several more events in the pipeline for the coming months, Melco's chairman and CEO Mr. Lawrence Ho expressed: "We are passionate in our mission to give back to the community, including developing youth and helping those in need. This latest initiative with Pou Tai combines such objectives by providing opportunities for children to learn virtues of respect for the elderly, to foster empathy, develop social skills and sense of responsibility, and a chance to really make a positive difference to the lives of others."

It is Melco's dedicated and enthusiastic volunteer team that make these goals a reality. Ada Gao, a regular volunteer from the table games department, said the company organizes plentiful and varied events throughout the year, calling these "excellent opportunities to learn about values such as offering help to those in need." She went on to share that she actively promotes volunteerism among her peers, encouraging them to join such purposeful events.

Other children from the community also benefit from Melco's CSR efforts.

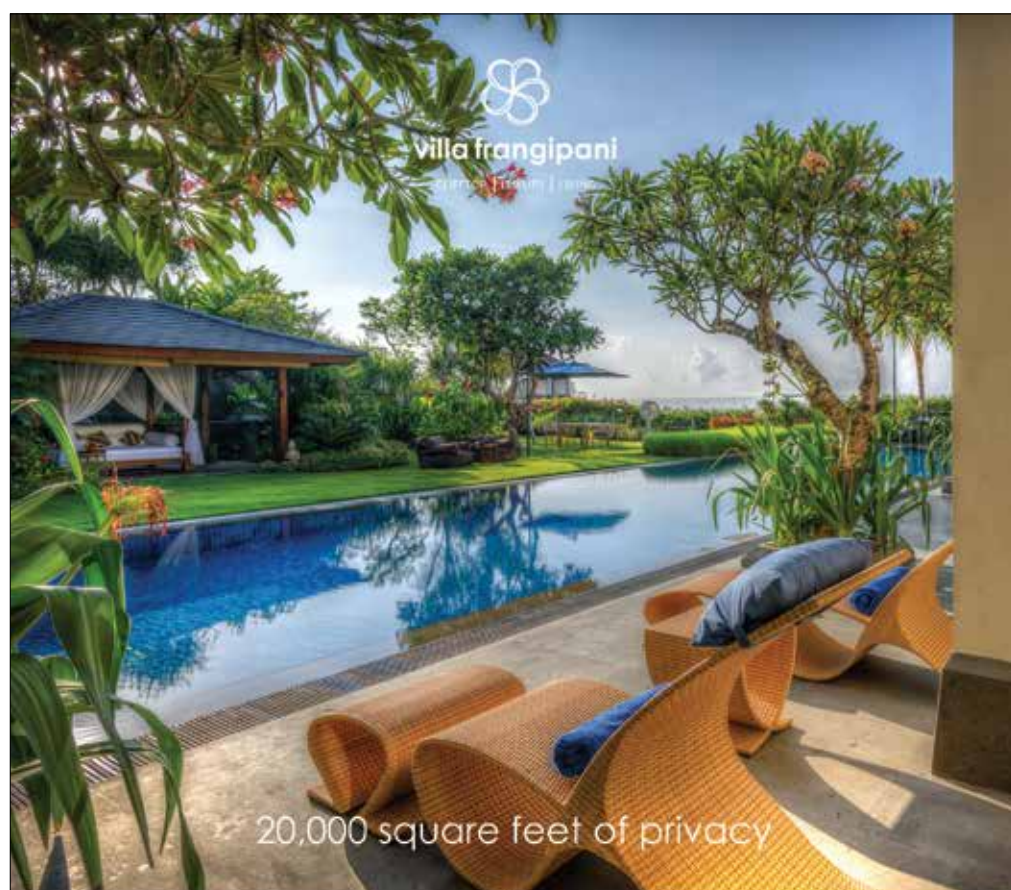
Working in collaboration with the Macao True Goodwill Friend Association, a group of 60 single-mothers and their children were invited for a morning of fun and entertainment at the City of Dreams' Kids' City. Guided by Melco volunteers, the children explored the 17,000 square foot space, enjoying varied activities designed to create surprises and ignite creativity, including a mother-and-child-bonding DIY arts session to craft their very own handheld fans, perfect for the summer heat. Arcade games, bouncy play areas and giant climber adventures were among other activities – each proving hugely popular.

Melco devotes its CSR efforts in proactive and innovative ways, seeking to develop one-of-a-kind programs to support local charitable organizations and those in need. Focused on giving back to the community it serves, in 2017, Melco volunteers dedicated over 136,000 hours of their own time to benefit 40 local NGOs, with more than 9,700 employee headcounts recorded at volunteering events.

**This article was sponsored by Melco Resorts & Entertainment.**







At Villa Frangipani impeccable service means knowing when you want to enjoy a private moment.

Whether that is in the Private Spa, your suite, the garden bale, or any other area, our Villa Staff anticipate your needs at all times.

Please visit [www.privatevillasofbali.com](http://www.privatevillasofbali.com) to get an idea of what we offer.

*...wish you could stay forever...*

PRIVATE VILLAS  
OF BALI

VILLA TIRTA KENCANA • VILLA FRANGIPANI

info@privatevillasofbali.com  
www.privatevillasofbali.com  
skype ID: privatevillasofbali  
+62361 8468513

**FRANCE MACAU**  
Chamber of Commerce  
法國澳門工商會

**FMCC champions Breakfast Meetings** in town with key speakers sharing their views on current business affairs. Our monthly events take place every last Wednesday of the month at Sofitel Macau at Ponte 16. **Open to all!**

Wednesday, 29/8/2018

**Are you seeing the results of training?**

Speaker: **Mr Tom Abbott**, Founder of SOCO/ Sales Training Pte Ltd, Singapore

**FMCC Breakfast Meeting**

**Introduction:** Little focus, poor retention, low impact and wasted capital are results of training done wrong. 40% of employees that do not receive adequate training end up leaving the company within a year. Doing training right is paramount to an organisation's health. **Tom Abbott** tells us how to plan and implement a holistic training system to reduce costs and optimise results.

Date: **Wednesday, August 29, 2018**

Time: **9:00 - 10:30am** (Reception: 8:45am)

Venue: **Sofitel Macau at Ponte 16**

Promenade Meeting Room (6th floor)

**RSVP before 2 pm on August 27<sup>th</sup>**  
info@francemacau.com or Tel: 8798 9699

- 2018 FMCC members join free-of-charge\*
- 2018 CANCHAM members join free-of-charge\*
- Guests and non-members @ MOP188\*
- Pass France holders @MOP158\*

[www.francemacau.com](http://www.francemacau.com)

\* Breakfast included

Organiser

**FRANCE MACAU**  
Chamber of Commerce  
法國澳門工商會

Co-Organiser

**CANCHAM**

Sponsors

**SOFITEL**  
MACAU AT PONTE 16

Partner

**af**  
ALLIANCE FRANÇAISE DE MACAU  
法蘭西聯盟澳門會

**SAN JIAO LING**  
公关传播 | PR & Marketing

新商机 始握手  
New Business Opportunities  
are Just a Handshake Away  
[www.sanjiaoling.com](http://www.sanjiaoling.com)

Follow our DB media channel  
[www.deltabridges.com](http://www.deltabridges.com)

**MACAU RUGBY CLUB**  
澳門橄欖球會

**MACAU BATS RUGBY CLUB**  
澳門蝙蝠欖球會

FOR BOYS AND GIRLS AGED 5-15 適合男生和女孩5-15歲

**Kids Rugby - Give it a Try!**  
兒童橄欖球 - 試試吧!

Email: [macaubats@gmail.com](mailto:macaubats@gmail.com) **f** Macau Bats Rugby



Renato Marques

**T**WELVE teams from five different countries and territories will meet in Macau next month to compete in the "The Terrific 12" (TT12) basketball tournament. The event promises to bring the best of Asian basketball to local audiences as well as tourists visiting the region, the organizers informed at a press conference on Tuesday at the Sports Bureau (ID).

At the press conference, basketball Asia League CEO Matt Beyer said, "We have some of the best teams from across Asia in this tournament," adding, "TT12 is the premier pre-season tournament for Asian basketball fans who want to see their team go head-to-head with the region's best competition."

For local fans, this is a unique opportunity to see several former NBA (US National Basketball Association) stars as well as CBA (Chinese Basketball Association) rising stars playing.

According to Beyer, the mission of Asia League "is to hold a high standard, promoting basketball matches that support the development of Asian basketball to a higher level."

Comparing the event to the recently held "Super 8 Summer League," Beyer said the TT12 will be a "comprehensive upgrade."

# Event promises to bring to Macau the best of Asian basketball



Asia League CEO Matt Beyer

In her opening speech, the vice president of the ID, Christine Lam, noted, "We are proud to bring this experience to the people of Macau and basketball lovers from across the region and to continue to raise the profile of the region as a sporting and entertainment destination."

As mentioned by the organizers, the pre-season event aims to provide the teams with training in real competition, and also aims to provide "a platform for exchange and development for professionals in the Asia-Pacific region."

Set to take place from September 18 to 23 at the Studio City Event Center in Cotai, the event will see the participation of leading teams from China (Guangzhou Long-Lions, Shandong Hi-speed Golden Stars, Xinjiang Flying Tigers and Zhejiang Guangsha Lions) as well as top teams from the South Korean league (Ulsan Hyundai Mobis Phoebus and Seoul Samsung Thunders) which will be joined by a trio from Japan's B League (Chiba Jets, Nagoya Diamond Dolphins and Ryukyu Golden Kings). This list will be comple-

ted with the inclusion of two top teams from Taiwan (Fubon Braves and Yulon Luxgen Dinos) and an "all-star" team organized by the Philippine Basketball Association (Ieco Green Warriors) that will first compete in four group round-robins and then an elimination round to the finals which will be held on September 23.

Tickets went on sale yesterday at Melco's ticketing network as

well as online through HK Ticketing platform.

Admission will cost MOP100 for the first three days of competition and MOP120 for the last two days (semi-finals and finals). The organizers also informed that a discount of 20 percent of the ticket price will be granted to all Macau ID holders as well as a special discount for all holders of local Student Cards, who will pay only half-price.

## 'MORE THAN JUST A SPORTS EVENT'

**AS ANNOUNCED** by the basketball Asia League company CEO, Matt Beyer, the "Terrific 12" (TT12) basketball tournament will be more than just a sports event. Included in the program is the "Asia League Fest," a dedicated music festival. "TT12 is not just a basketball tournament. Asia League Fest is a live musical performance that offers something for everyone, even fans who have never held a basketball," Beyer said, noting, "This [is another of

the features] that distinguishes TT12 from the SS8 (Super 8 Summer League)." As Beyer explained, the music festival will be held on September 21, on a day that the tournament has a break for the rest of the players between the round-robin stage and the final stage. Although not many details have been disclosed, it was revealed that "the concert will feature artists from across Asia," and will take place at the same venue as the basketball matches.

AD



美高梅

玩·欣賞  
ART IS PLAY

SHARE ART'S PLAYFULNESS  
AT MGM MACAU

27/6/2018 - 9/9/2018



Art out together to enjoy discounts

**3 tickets / MOP288**  
**4 tickets / MOP368**



# Civil servant recruitment process could be fast-tracked

**T**HE government has proposed taking further steps to create a faster central recruitment procedure for hiring civil servants.

Earlier this week, a number of government representatives met with the Follow-up Committee of Public Administration Affairs of the Legislative Assembly (AL).

The Chairman of the AL committee, Si Ka Lon, reported that the government considered shortening the employment application period for civil servants from the current 20 working days down to 10 working days, and also considered reducing the days for submitting documents from 10 to five working days. In order to accomplish this, the government would amend the relevant laws.

Moreover, the government is planning to restrict quotas for interviews. However, restricting the number of interviewees requires legal grounds, therefore the government must amend laws first. At the current stage, a final decision has not been made regarding the interviewees' quota restriction.



In addition, in order to speed up the recruitment procedure, it has been suggested that the marking and grading of examinations be conducted by computers or university professors.

Statistics show that the attendance rate for these exams has

been considerably low for the past few years. In order to solve this problem, the government has considered eliminating unqualified applicants through a computer system which would conduct the process automatically.

## Balance on SME loans increases

**T**HE outstanding balance of small and medium-sized enterprise (SME) loans recorded growth in the first half of 2018, according to statistics released yesterday by the Monetary Authority of Macao. While the share of SME loans to major industries remained broadly stable, newly-approved SME credit retreated.

In the first half of 2018, new SME credit limit approved by Macau banks totaled MOP10.6 billion, down 18.4 percent from the second half of 2017 or 16.1 percent from the same period of 2017. The collateralized ratio, which indicates the proportion of credit limit with tangible assets pledged, was 77.4 percent, up 4.2 percentage points when compared with the last survey period, but down 8.8 percentage points when compared with the same period of 2017.

As at the end of June 2018, the outstanding ba-

lance of total SME loans increased 5.7 percent from end-2017 or 12.6 percent from a year earlier to MOP81.9 billion. Compared to the last survey period, SME loans to "restaurants, hotels and similar activities", "construction and public works" and "information technology" increased at respective rates of 64.1 percent, 10.9 percent and 10.3 percent whereas those to "transport, warehouse and communications" dropped 0.4 percent.

At end-June 2018, the outstanding balance of delinquent SME loans rose 10.8 percent from six months ago or 12.5 percent from the preceding year to MOP578.5 million.

The delinquency ratio, a ratio of delinquent loans outstanding balance to total SME loans outstanding, rose 0.03 percentage points from end-December 2017 to 0.71 percent.

AD

+50m pageviews per year

www.macaudailytimes.com.mo



# Times App

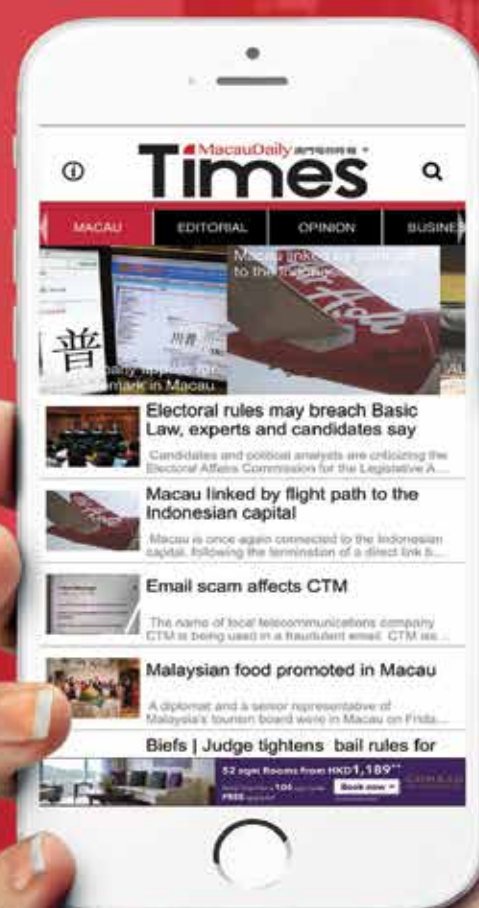
News At Hand



Available on the  
App Store



Get it on  
Google play



"THE TIMES THEY ARE A-CHANGIN'"



## RETAIL

# Tapestry now sees China as key market, not factory, for bags

Kim Bhasin

**T**APESTRY Inc. wants its handbags and boots to conquer Asia. The house of fashion brands, which owns Coach, Kate Spade and Stuart Weitzman, has taken measures to gain more control over its business in the booming region, where in some cases it didn't own the local operations that distribute and sell the products. Tapestry has signed purchase agreements to acquire the Stuart Weitzman business in Southern China and Kate Spade's operations in Singapore, Malaysia and Australia.

"Our number one priority for this upcoming year is China," Tapestry Chief Executive Officer Victor Luis said in an interview Tuesday. "We're buying back distribution."

Mainland China, Hong Kong and Macau accounted for

BLOOMBERG



about 14 percent of Tapestry's \$4.49 billion in annual revenue in its fiscal year ended July 1, 2017, prior to the company's acquisition of Kate Spade. Tapestry's Coach be-

gan acquiring the brand's retail businesses across Asia, from Macau to South Korea, from its distributors in 2009.

The Coach line is poised to receive "an unprecedented

amount of attention and investments" in China, Coach CEO Josh Schulman said on a conference call with analysts Tuesday. The label will significantly hike spending on ad-

vertising, and in December, Coach will host its first-ever fashion show in Shanghai.

China's growing middle class is a key target for upscale retailers. The demand for premium goods is gaining traction as an increasing number of Chinese families cross the income threshold to become affluent.

A few years ago, Coach considered China a hub for making handbags, not selling them. In 2011, about 85 percent of Coach's accessories were produced in China. Ever since, the company has slowly diversified, moving production to facilities in Southeast Asia and India. Now just 3 to 4 percent of Tapestry's bags, under the Coach and Kate Spade labels, are made in China, Luis said. That will help protect the company if the Trump administration puts into effect tariffs on \$200 million worth of products, including handbags, imported from China.

Tapestry is on the recovery path after re-engineering itself as a portfolio of luxury labels. Its handbags suffered as deep discounting hurt their cachet, so the company has dialed back flash sales in an effort to bolster its brands and is beginning to rebound. **Bloomberg**

## Tencent stuns with 1st profit drop in at least a decade

**T**ENCENT Holdings Ltd. joined the ranks of Facebook Inc. by reporting shockingly poor quarterly numbers, underscoring how tech superstars that led the market to new heights are showing signs of strain.

Tencent surprised investors with its first profit drop in at least a decade - a consequence of a freeze on game approvals in China that smothered its pipeline. That puts more pressure on a company that has lost more than USD160 billion of market value since its January peak. The company's German-traded shares plunged as much as 10 percent.

The poor result punctuates an abrupt about-face in sentiment this year as Beijing chilled the world's largest gaming arena. The Shenzhen-based company relies on new content to draw and keep users on WeChat, via which it sells in-game items and advertising to a billion-plus users. A regulatory freeze and this week's removal of hit game Monster Hunter: World is hampering that effort, spooking investors long accustomed to

BLOOMBERG



Tencent's favored position as one of China's leading corporate lights.

Net income fell 2 percent to 17.9 billion yuan (\$2.6 billion) in the three months ended June, the Shenzhen-based company said. That's well short of the 19.3 billion-yuan average of analysts' estimates and reflects fading allure of older titles, increased spending and fewer investment gains. Mobile gaming revenue dropped 19 percent from the first quarter.

"The results were really bad," said Benjamin Wu, an analyst at Shanghai-based consultancy Pacific Epoch. "The fact that Monster Hunter got taken down

shows that even Tencent isn't immune from regulatory crackdowns."

Shares of Naspers Ltd., the biggest investor in Tencent and considered a proxy for the stock, fell 10 percent in Johannesburg.

China is said to have halted new game approvals and this week forced the pulling of the Monster Hunter game just days after its debut.

China may resume approvals around September, Wu said. Even if the process starts, it typically takes two to three months to work its way through, signaling potential weakness in the third quarter for companies like Tencent. **Bloomberg**

## GAMING

## New Jersey betting rises, but gains go to two new casinos

**T**HE Hard Rock and the Ocean Resort, two new casinos in Atlantic City, New Jersey, boosted betting in the Garden State last month, though revenue for their rivals fell.

The Hard Rock, run by Florida's Seminole tribe, and the Ocean Resort, owned by Denver developer Bruce Deifik, generated USD32.4 million and \$15.8 million in July casino revenue, their first full month of operation, according to data released Tuesday by New Jersey. Revenue fell for the state's other seven casinos, including properties owned by Caesars Entertainment Corp. and MGM Resorts International.

The results show the initial impact of the new resorts on the city, an East Coast gambling hub. Total betting revenue for the casinos rose 13 percent to \$302.1 million.

The results include sports betting, first introduced in June at

BLOOMBERG



casinos and racetracks. Sports wagering totaled \$3.83 million in July, compared with \$3.46 million for the two weeks in June that it was available. Online wagering grew 26 percent to \$26 million.

Among the locations with sports wagering, the Meadowlands led with \$1.36 million in revenue. On July 14, PaddyPower Betfair Plc opened a FanDuel-branded sports book at the track in East Rutherford, New Jersey. Ocean Resort, which has reached a

deal with London-based William Hill Plc, took in \$1.04 million, while Monmouth Park, also William Hill's site, took in \$856,280. MGM's Borgata took in \$562,830, while Bally's did \$17,788.

The results allowed the Hard Rock, a remodeling of President Donald Trump's Taj Mahal casino, to claim the No. 3 spot among the city's nine casinos. That property, and the Ocean Resort, formerly known as the Revel, both opened in June. **Bloomberg**



# Mattis: US needs Space Force to counter Russia, China

Robert Burns, Rio De Janeiro

A U.S. Space Force is necessary to protect American satellites from being targeted by attack weapons in the hands of China and Russia, Defense Secretary Jim Mattis said yesterday [Macau time].

Mattis' comments came days after Vice President Mike Pence announced ambitious plans to create a sixth, separate U.S. military warfighting service by 2020 to ensure American dominance in space.

Speaking during a trip to Brazil, Mattis said repeatedly that the U.S. has no plans to put weapons in space, but he emphasized the vital and growing role that satellites play not just in military operations but in the world economy.

He recalled China's use of a ground-based missile to destroy one of its own nonfunctional weather satellites in January 2007, which he suggested was a calculated demonstration to the United States of Chinese capabilities.

"We understand the message that China was sending — that they could take out a satellite in space," Mattis said in remarks to about 270 military officers and civilians at Brazil's premier war college. "Since then our intelligence services have watched other nations, including Russia, develop a space attack capability."

He was responding to a question from an audience



U.S. Secretary of Defense Jim Mattis receives military honors in Brasilia

member who expressed concern that the planned Space Force could lead to an international arms race in space.

Mattis said the U.S. cannot ignore potential threats to satellites that are crucial to communication, navigation, weather information and other underpinnings of modern life.

"So this is a reality," he said. "We are not initiating this. We are saying we will be able to defend our satellites in space. At the same time, if someone is going to try to engage in space with military means, we will not stand idly by. We don't intend to militarize space. However, we will defend ourselves in space if necessary."

He did not say this meant the U.S. would respond to a satellite attack by attacking the aggressor's satellites or with any other use of force. But that scenario is one that worries many who have warned that space could become the next global battlefield. The U.S. military has worked on anti-satellite weaponry in the past but has no deployed weapon dedicated to that mission today.

Asked later to elaborate on how the U.S. would respond to an attack on a satellite, Mattis said he preferred to maintain ambiguity.

"I don't tell adversaries in advance what we will do or what we will not do," he said. "We will not stand idly by if someone tried to deny us the

use of space." He added: "I wouldn't read anything more into" his comments.

Mattis' point about countering the space capabilities of other nations was reinforced Tuesday by the State Department's top arms control official, Yleem Poblete, speaking in Geneva at the U.N. Conference on Disarmament.

She said that despite Russian claims it wants to prevent an arms race in outer space, Moscow is developing new anti-satellite missiles and has given its forces a mobile laser system. She also voiced suspicion about Russia's deployment last October of a satellite whose behavior she said was inconsistent with its supposed purpose of conducting in-orbit space inspections.

"Russian intentions with respect to this satellite are unclear and are obviously a very troubling development," Poblete said. Russia denies any hostile intent.

The timing of Mattis's visit to Brazil, so soon after Pence announced the Space Force plan last Thursday, was coincidental. Mattis's trip, which includes follow-on stops in Argentina, Chile and Colombia, had been in planning for many months.

In a speech prior to fielding

**We understand the message that China was sending — that they could take out a satellite in space.**

ROBERT DUJARRIC  
SCHOLAR AT TEMPLE

questions from the war college students, Mattis made a detailed pitch for closer U.S.-Brazilian security relations. He noted that Brazil was an ally during World War II; later he visited a monument in Rio to Brazil's role in the conflict.

He emphasized U.S. interest in partnering with Brazil in space research, an area in which China has shown growing influence in South America. The Chinese operate a space center in the Patagonia region of Argentina.

Brazil's Alcantara space center is located near the equator, making it advantageous for space launches. The closer a launch is to the equator, the more velocity the rocket gets from the Earth's rotation. **AP**

## TRADE WAR

# Chinese gov't files WTO challenge to US tariffs on solar panels

CHINA says it is challenging a U.S. tariff hike on solar panels before the World Trade Organization, adding to its sprawling conflicts with President Donald Trump over trade and technology.

The 30 percent tariffs announced in January improperly help U.S. producers in violation of WTO rules, the Commerce Ministry said. It said a formal complaint was

filed yesterday [Macau time] with the WTO in Geneva.

The solar duties are separate from tariff hikes imposed by the Trump administration starting in July on Chinese imports in response to complaints Beijing steals or pressures companies to hand over technology.

The duties also apply to imports of solar cells and modules from Europe, Canada, Mexico and South

Korea. That strained relations with U.S. allies.

The Trump administration has defended the solar tariffs as necessary to protect American producers, saying import prices were unfairly low due to subsidies and other improper support.

Washington took action under a 1974 U.S. law instead of through the WTO. That led to complaints it was undermining the global trade body. U.S.

officials say such action is necessary because the WTO lacks the ability to address Chinese trade tactics.

China has tried to portray itself as a defender of the WTO-based trading system. It has attempted to recruit European and other governments as allies against Washington, but they echo U.S. complaints about Chinese market barriers and industrial policy.

The European Union filed its own WTO complaint in June against Chinese technology policies it said violate Beijing's free-trade commitments.

The U.S. solar action "seriously damaged China's trade interests" and "also affects the seriousness and authority of WTO rules," said a Commerce Ministry statement.

WTO complaints begin with negotiations between parties to the dispute. If those fail, the case moves to a panel of experts who can decide whether the trade controls are improper.

In their technology dispute, Washington imposed 25 percent duties on \$34 billion of Chinese goods it said benefit from improper industrial policies. Beijing responded with similar penalties.

Another round of U.S. tariff hikes on USD16 billion of Chinese goods is due to take effect Aug. 23. Beijing says it will retaliate.

Earlier, Beijing filed a separate WTO challenge on July 16 to Trump's proposal for yet another round of increases that would add 25 percent import duties on an additional \$200 billion of Chinese goods. **AP**



Jim Gomez, Manila

## SOUTH CHINA SEA

# Duterte says Beijing should temper its behavior in disputed waters

**T**HE Philippine president said that China's claim to airspace above newly built islands and surrounding waters in the disputed South China Sea "is wrong" and Beijing should not tell others to leave those areas to avoid possible clashes.

President Rodrigo Duterte's remarks in a speech to an audience that included the American ambassador and other foreign guests were a rare public criticism of China, which he has refused to antagonize to nurture closer relations.

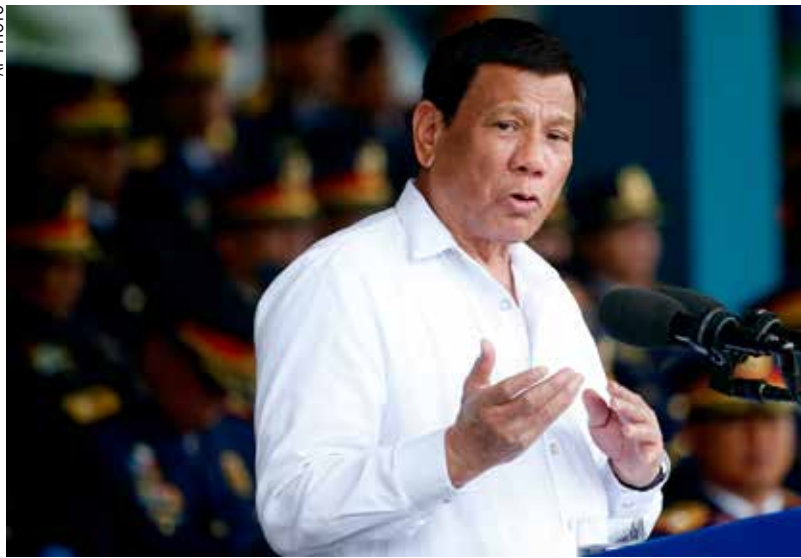
"They have to rethink that, because that would be a flashpoint someday and even, you know, warning others," Duterte said of China's actions to uphold its claims in the disputed waters. "You cannot create an island, it's man-made, and you say that the air above these artificial islands is yours."

"That is wrong because those waters are what we consider international sea," the president said. He added that "the right of innocent passage is guaranteed. It does not need any permission to sail through the open seas."

The Associated Press reported two weeks ago that the Philippines has expressed concern to China over an increasing number of Chinese radio messages warning Philippine aircraft and ships to stay away from Beijing-held artificial islands in the disputed waters.

CNN reported last week that the Chinese military repeatedly warned a U.S. Navy P-8A Poseidon plane, which they were allowed to board, to "leave immediately and keep out to avoid any misunderstan-

AP PHOTO



**You cannot create an island, it's man-made, and you say that the air above these artificial islands is yours.**

DUTERTE

ding" while the reconnaissance aircraft flew close to some of the man-made islands.

"I hope that China would temper ... its behavior," Duterte said, warning that in the disputed sea, "one of these days a hothead commander there will just press a trigger."

During the rambling speech, Duterte nevertheless praised Beijing for its readiness to provide help.

A Philippine government report seen by the AP showed that in the second half of last year, Philippine military aircraft received Chinese radio warnings at least 46 times while patrolling near the artificial islands built by China in the South China Sea's Spratly archipelago.

Philippine officials have raised their concerns twice over the radio transmissions, including in a meeting with Chinese counterparts in Manila earlier this year that focused on the Asian countries' long-unresolved territorial disputes, according to two officials who spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to discuss the issue publicly.

China transformed seven disputed reefs into islands using dredged sand. The new islands stand in close proximity to islands occupied by Vietnam, the Philippines and Taiwan. Malaysia and Brunei are the other claimants to the chain of islands and barren islets and atolls.

The messages used to originate from Chinese coast guard ships, but military officials suspect the transmissions now also come from the Beijing-held artificial islands, where far more powerful communications and surveillance equipment has been installed along with weapons such as surface-to-air missiles.

"Our ships and aircraft have observed an increase in radio queries that appear to originate from new land-based facilities in the South China Sea," Commander Clay Doss, public affairs officer of the U.S. 7th Fleet, told the AP by email in response to questions about the Chinese messages.

"These communications do not affect our operations," Doss said.

Although the U.S. lays no claims to the strategic waterway, its Navy has deployed ships and aircraft in operations to promote freedom of navigation and overflight, but which China protests as foreign meddling in an Asian dispute.

A Philippine air force plane on patrol near the Chinese-held islands received a particularly offensive radio message in late January when it was warned by Chinese forces that it was "endangering the security of the Chinese reef. Leave immediately and keep off to avoid misunderstanding," according to the Philippine government report.

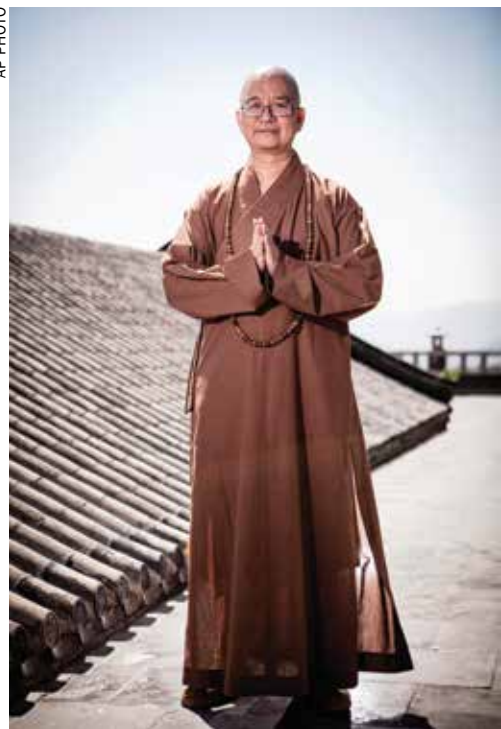
Shortly afterward, the plane received a veiled threat: "Philippine military aircraft, I am warning you again, leave immediately or you will pay the possible consequences." The Filipino pilot later "sighted two flare warning signals from the reef," said the report, which identified the Chinese-occupied island as Gaven Reef.

China has repeatedly said it has the right to build on what it says is its territory and defend its sovereignty at all costs.

Philippine air force chief Lt. Gen. Galileo Gerard Rio Kintanar Jr. said Filipino pilots respond calmly to the Chinese radio messages and proceed with their mission as planned, adding that the higher number of reported radio challenges reflects the Philippine military's commitment to protect the country's territorial interests through intensified patrols. **AP**

## Senior monk accused of sexual misconduct quits post

AP PHOTO



Shi Xuecheng of the Beijing Longquan Temple

**O**NE of China's most high-profile Buddhist monks has resigned from a top national post following reports of sexual misconduct, a religious association said yesterday.

The Buddhist Association of China said its president Xuecheng had passed his duties to a deputy.

The case, which was covered widely in the Chinese press and discussed on social media, was seen as a sign of the #metoo movement's growing momentum in China. A small but increasing number of academics, civil society activists and one of China's best-known television hosts have been called out for inappropriate behavior, although the movement has yet to percolate into government circles.

The announcement of Xue-

cheng's resignation was included in a report about the Buddhist association's regular meeting and did not mention the controversy surrounding the powerful monk. Fellow monks accused Xuecheng earlier this year of harassing and demanding sexual favors from nuns at his Beijing monastery as well as embezzling funds, allegations that Xuecheng has denied on social media.

Xuecheng has not commented publicly on his resignation.

One of China's best-known monks and authors, Xuecheng was an influential political adviser to the central government while heading the national Buddhist association. His monastery in the outskirts of northwest

Beijing, Longquan, is popular with educated Chinese, including many who give up high-paying jobs to devote their lives to religious study.

Two long-serving monks compiled a 95-page dossier on Xuecheng this year and turned it over to Beijing police. The document, which included alleged screenshots of the abbot's text messages to nuns and the monastery's financial statements, leaked on Chinese social media in July and became a national sensation. Xuecheng has dismissed the records as fabrications.

China has roughly 250 million Buddhists. That number is likely growing fast at a moment when some young Chinese are turning increasingly spiritual — and

embracing Taoism, Christianity and Islam as well.

The powerful State Administration of Religious Affairs, which regulates religion under the Communist government, announced an investigation into Xuecheng last week.

The agency reposted the Buddhist Association of China's report on its own website on Wednesday but did not carry additional comment or provide updates on its investigation.

Separately, lawyers representing Zhu Jun, a high-profile host on state-operated China Central Television, said they were suing social media users who posted and recirculated allegations of harassment against Zhu by one of his former interns. **AP**



## JAPAN

# Emperor tries to make amends for father's war

Mari Yamaguchi, Tokyo

**F**OR his last time, Japan's Emperor Akihito addressed a memorial service yesterday marking the end of World War II. Once again, he expressed "deep remorse" for the war.

It was in keeping with what by all appearances has become a mission for Akihito over his 30-year reign: to make amends for a war fought in the name of his father, Hirohito. The 84-year-old monarch is set to abdicate next spring.

"Reflecting on our past and bearing in mind the feelings of deep remorse, I earnestly hope that the ravages of war will never be repeated," Akihito said in a two-minute speech on the 73rd anniversary of Japan's surrender.

As emperor, he has made unprecedented visits to the Philippines and other Pacific islands conquered by Japan early in World War II and devastated in fierce fighting as the U.S.-led allies took them back. Though Akihito has avoided a direct apology, he has subtly stepped up his expressions of regret in recent years in carefully scripted statements on the war.

His words have taken on greater importance as Prime Minister Shinzo Abe has sought to move Japan beyond its troubled past since coming to power in December 2012. Opponents of Abe's policies have grabbed onto the emperor's statements as a counterbalance to the prime minister's push to revise Japan's war-renouncing constitution and build up its military.

Akihito's World War II-related trips and pronouncements form part of a broader effort to bring the royal family closer to the public. In so doing, he has won over pacifists, leftists and other critics of the emperor system in a way his father was never able to do.

Hirohito, who was worshipped as a living god until the end of the war, remains a controversial figure even today, with historians still debating his responsibility for the war.

During his father's reign, Akihito himself was almost hit by a Molotov cocktail on a 1975 visit to Japan's southern Okinawa island, where tens of thousands of civilians died in intense fighting near the end of World War II.

He has since visited the island 10 times. Okinawans warmly welcomed him and his wife Michiko earlier this year in what was likely his last as emperor.

Akihito was 11 years old when he heard his father's voice announcing Japan's surrender on the radio on Aug. 15, 1945. During the subsequent U.S. occupation of Japan, he was tutored in English by Elizabeth Vining, a Quaker, an experience that experts say gave Akihito his pacifist and democratic outlook.

Though Hirohito hardly changed the wording of his Aug. 15 message for a quarter century, Akihito's has evolved since he became emperor after his father's death in 1989.

On the 50th anniversary of the war's end in 1995, he expressed for the first time the hope that the same tragedy would never be repeated.

The same year, then-Prime Minister Tomiichi Murayama acknowledged Japan's war-time aggression and made a landmark apology to victims in the rest of Asia.

His successors expressed remorse to other Asian countries until Abe dropped them and any reference to aggression in his Aug. 15 remarks beginning in 2013. He has pledged that Japan will not repeat the devastation of war, and did again Wednesday.

Abe also sent a religious offering to a Tokyo shrine that honors the war dead, including



Emperor Akihito and Empress Michiko, offer prayers for the war dead

**Reflecting on our past and bearing in mind the feelings of deep remorse, I hope that the ravages of war will never be repeated.**

EMPEROR AKIHITO

convicted war criminals. He has avoided visiting the shrine since 2013 in a bid to avoid overly angering China and South Korea, which see the Yasukuni shrine as a symbol of Japan's military aggression.

In his 70th anniversary address in 2015, Akihito started using the expression he used Wednesday, stronger words than he had used previously.

The contrast with Abe captured media attention, with the prime minister portrayed

as a nationalist pushing for a stronger military versus a pacifist Akihito. Abe wants Japan to stop dwelling on the past, while the emperor doesn't want his country to forget it.

Akihito visited China early in his reign and has traveled to some of the harshest World War II battlefields in the Pacific. His 2005 visit to the U.S. territory of Saipan was hailed as a statement of his desire to be part of the postwar healing

process. Akihito traveled to the western Pacific nation of Palau in 2015 and the Philippines in 2016.

While his Aug. 15 address is always short, Akihito has expressed his thoughts about the war more clearly in annual birthday remarks and on overseas trips. He has repeatedly stressed the importance of studying history and passing it down to the next generations.

"Now that the memories of the war have started to fade, I think it is extremely important for everyone to study time and again the course of history Japan has followed and to reflect on peace," he said in his 2011 birthday address.

His son, Crown Prince Naruhito, has largely echoed his father's pacifist stance, but it is unclear if the first postwar-generation emperor will be able to strike a similar chord with today's younger Japanese. **AP**

## AUSTRALIA

# Parliament speech on 'final solution' condemned

**A**N Australian senator is being condemned for his speech in Parliament advocating reviving a white-only immigration policy and using the term "final solution" in calling for a vote on which migrants to admit into the country.

Fraser Anning has refused to apologize for the content of his first upper house speech. But politicians across the spectrum were united in denouncing his words. Prime Minister Malcolm Turnbull and opposition Labor leader Bill Shorten gave passionate

Parliament speeches yesterday opposing Anning's comments.

Anning also called for a complete ban on Muslim immigration and linked Muslim communities to terrorism and being on welfare programs. Turnbull said in his own speech,

"Those who try to demonize Muslims because of the crimes of a tiny minority are only helping the terrorists."

A member of the minor Katter's Australian Party, Anning was unapologetic about using the same phrase Nazi leaders used in planning the Holo-

caust during World War II.

"The final solution to the immigration problem is, of course, a popular vote," Anning said in his Senate speech.

He claimed to be simply referring to the "ultimate solution" to a political problem and said people who were of-

fended took the two words out of context.

Shorten said those two words evoke trauma and come from history's darkest moments. "Two words would speak for the brutalization and murder of millions. Two words that evoke fear and grief and trauma and loss," Shorten said.

He said most Australians did not want to see the country go back to 1958 and moved a unanimous motion praising the dismantling of discriminatory immigration policies over several decades. **AP**





NORTH KOREA

## Country marks war anniversary, preps for big spectacle

A wedding couple pose for photos at the Mansu Hill Grand Monument in Pyongyang

Eric Talmadge, Pyongyang

**N**ORTH Korea marked the anniversary of the end of World War II and its liberation from Japanese colonial rule with a series of ceremonies ahead of what is expected to be a much bigger event next month — the 70th anniversary of its national foundation day.

The celebrations yesterday were decidedly low-key.

A group of war veterans from the former Soviet Union participated, and thousands of people cheered their soccer team to victory over a South Korean squad in the opening match of an under-15 youth

tournament in Pyongyang featuring players from several countries. People also streamed to statues of the country's leaders or other monuments to observe the anniversary, as is customary.

North Korea's big party is expected next month. It has been preparing an extravagant celebration complete with parades, foreign VIP delegations and mass gymnastics on its Sept. 9 foundation day.

The September festivities in the North are intended to be spectacular homage to Kim's campaign to bolster his country's image abroad and ease tensions on the Korean Peninsula through diplomacy with its neighbors and the United States.

But after a surprisingly successful start, the diplomacy appear to be faltering somewhat, with negotiations on Washington's demands for the North to abandon its nuclear weapons bogging down after what were seen by many as overly optimistic public statements after Kim's summit with President Donald Trump in Singapore two months ago.

Pyongyang claims Washington must first make a stronger effort to build confidence and assure its security before denuclearization can occur.

North Korea recently accused the United States of trying to force other countries to strengthen their sanctions enforcement and to block high-

level delegations from attending the September events.

South Korean President Moon Jae-in, who is to visit Pyongyang in September for his third summit with leader Kim Jong Un, gave a speech in Seoul to mark the anniversary and said the upcoming summit would mark a "bold step" toward the complete denuclearization of the Korean Peninsula and a formal declaration to end the 1950-53 Korean War.

Moon also talked about potential joint economic projects between the Koreans, but said that could only happen as an outcome of a complete denuclearization of the peninsula. He mentioned the resumption of joint tours to North Korea's scenic Diamond Mountain resort, res-

tarting operations at a joint factory park in North Korea's Kaesong and also potential projects surrounding inter-Korean railways and development of North Korea's natural resources.

Kim's diplomacy with Beijing, and with Moscow as well, seems to be progressing more smoothly. Chinese tourism is reportedly already on the rise and there are signs that Chinese businessmen are looking to resume and even broaden their activities in the country as soon as the political climate will allow them to do so.

That's crucial to Kim, who is hoping to undermine support for the U.S.-backed sanctions so that he can focus on improving North Korea's economy. **AP**

### NEW ZEALAND

## New law bans most foreigners from buying homes

**N**EW Zealand has banned most foreigners from buying homes as it tries to tackle runaway housing prices.

Previously the housing market was open to investors worldwide, but the government yesterday

passed legislation that allows only New Zealand residents to buy homes.

In recent years, there have been many anecdotal stories of wealthy foreigners from Silicon Valley and beyond

buying ranches in picturesque rural New Zealand as a "bolt hole" or escape option from a turbulent world.

There have also been stories of wealthy Chinese buyers outbidding New Zealanders on suburban

homes in the main city of Auckland.

Statistics indicate about 3 percent of New Zealand homes are being sold to foreigners, but the amount rises to 5 percent in the scenic Queenstown region and

22 percent in central Auckland.

Last month, the directors of the International Monetary Fund executive board said they encouraged New Zealand to reconsider the ban, which they thought would be unlikely to improve housing affordability.

But the government says there is no doubt that foreigners are driving up prices, and the

only question that remains is by how much. The new law fulfils a campaign pledge by the liberal-led government which came to power last year.

There are some exceptions. Foreigners with New Zealand residency status will still be able to buy homes, as will people from Australia and Singapore, thanks to existing free-trade agreements. **AP**



# Death toll hits 39 in Italy bridge collapse; blame begins

Paolo Santalucia & Frances D'Emilio, Genoa

**I**TALIAN emergency experts pulled two more bodies out of tons of broken concrete and twisted steel yesterday after a highway bridge collapsed in Genoa, raising the death toll in the disaster to at least 39 people.

The collapse of the Morandi Bridge sent dozens of cars and three trucks plunging as much as 45 meters to the ground Tuesday as many Italian families were on the road ahead of yesterday's major summer holiday.

Civil protection authorities confirmed that 39 people had died and 15 were injured. Interior Minister Matteo Salvini said three children were among the dead.

Working with heavy equipment, rescuers climbed over concrete slabs with sniffer dogs all through the night and into the day, searching for survivors or bodies.

Investigators, meanwhile, were working to determine what caused an 80-meter (260-foot) long stretch of hi-



Rescue teams work among the rubble of the collapsed Morandi highway bridge in Genoa, northern Italy

ghway to break off from the 45-meter high bridge in the northwestern port city.

Italian politicians, for their part, were trying to find who to blame for the deadly tragedy.

The 1967 bridge, considered innovative in its time for its use of concrete around its cables, was long due for an upgrade, especially since the structure was more heavily trafficked

than its designers had envisioned. One expert in such construction, Antonio Brencich at the University of Genoa, had previously called the bridge "a failure of engineering."

An unidentified woman who was standing below the bridge told RAI state TV that it crumbled Tuesday as if it were a mound of baking flour.

Engineering experts, noting that the bridge was 51 years old, said corrosion and weather could have been factors in its collapse.

The Italian CNR civil engineering society said structures dating from when the Morandi Bridge was built had surpassed their lifespan. It called for a "Marshall Plan" to repair or replace tens of thousands of Italian bridges and viaducts built in the 1950s and 1960s. It said that simply updating or reinforcing the bridges would be more expensive than destroying and rebuilding them with new technology.

Mehdi Kashani, an associate professor in structural mechanics at the University of Southampton in the U.K., said pressure from "dynamic loads," such as heavy traffic or wind, could have resulted in "fatigue damage" in the bridge's parts.

Italy's minister of transportation and infrastructure, Danilo Toninelli, said there was a plan pending to spend 20 million euro (USD22.7 million) on bids for significant safety work on the bridge.

While the collapse's cause is yet to be determined, political bickering moved into high gear yesterday. **AP**

US

## Priests molested 1,000 children in Pennsylvania, report says

**A**PRIEST raped a 7-year-old girl while he was visiting her in the hospital after she'd had her tonsils removed. Another priest forced a 9-year-old boy into having oral sex, then rinsed out the boy's mouth with holy water. One boy was forced to say confession to the priest who sexually abused him.

Those children are among the victims of roughly 300 Roman Catholic priests in Pennsylvania who molested more than 1,000 children — and possibly many more — since the 1940s, according to a sweeping state grand jury report released Tuesday that accused senior church officials, including a man who is now the archbishop of Washington, D.C., of systematically covering up complaints.

The "real number" of abused children and abusive priests might be higher since some secret church records were lost and some victims never came

forward, the grand jury said.

While the grand jury said dioceses have established internal processes and seem to refer complaints to law enforcement more promptly, it suggested that important changes are lacking.

"Despite some institutional reform, individual leaders of the church have largely escaped public accountability," the grand jury wrote in the roughly 900-page report. "Priests were raping little boys and girls, and the men of God who were responsible for them not only did nothing; they hid it all."

Top church officials have mostly been protected and many, including some named in the report, have been promoted, the grand jury said, concluding that "it is too early to close the book on the Catholic Church sex scandal."

In nearly every case, prosecutors found that the statute of limitations has run out,

meaning that criminal charges cannot be filed. More than 100 of the priests are dead. Many others are retired or have been dismissed from the priesthood or put on leave. Authorities charged just two, including a priest who has since pleaded guilty.

Attorney General Josh Shapiro said the investigation is ongoing.

The investigation of six of Pennsylvania's eight dioceses — Allentown, Erie, Greensburg, Harrisburg, Pittsburgh and Scranton — is the most extensive investigation of Catholic clergy abuse by any state, according to victim advocates. The dioceses represent about 1.7 million Catholics.

Until now, there have been just nine investigations by a prosecutor or grand jury of a Catholic diocese or archdiocese in the United States, according to the Massachusetts-based research and ad-



Victims of clergy sexual abuse, or their family members react as Attorney General Josh Shapiro speaks during a news conference at the Pennsylvania Capitol

vocacy organization, BishopAccountability.org.


The Philadelphia archdiocese and the Johnstown-Altoona diocese were not included in the investigation because they have been the subject of three previous scathing grand jury investigations.

The grand jury heard from dozens of witnesses and reviewed more than a half-million pages of internal diocesan documents, including reports by bishops to Vatican officials disclosing the details of abusive priests that they had

not made public or reported to law enforcement.

The grand jury concluded that a succession of Catholic bishops and other diocesan leaders tried to shield the church from bad publicity and financial liability. They failed to report accused clergy to police, used confidentiality agreements to silence victims and sent abusive priests to so-called "treatment facilities," which "laundered" the priests and "permitted hundreds of known offenders to return to ministry," the report said. **AP**





**BUNNY NIGHTS**  
EVERY WEDNESDAY

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

Macau Fisherman's Wharf, Edif. New Oriens III  
澳門漁人碼頭新奧爾良館 III  
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**

**Business Hours: 8:00pm-4:00am**  
Address: Basement, Hotel Guia, Macau Tel: 28532081 www.macauplaymatesclub.com

Attention  
No admission under 18



www.rcr-macau.com

# RCR Electronics (Macau) Ltd.

## 中葡電子(澳門)有限公司

ELV Systems Specialists 專業的弱電系統				Surveillance Systems 監控系統
Design & Budgets 設計和預算				Intrusion Alarm Systems 入侵警報系統
Project Management 項目管理				Access Control Systems 門禁系統
Maintenance & Service 維修和服務				AV/TV, Telephone & Display Systems AV/TV, 電話和顯示系統
Risk Assessment & Management 風險評估和管理				Fire Detection & Suppression Systems 火焰偵測和滅火系統
Survey & Troubleshooting Services 檢驗和故障診斷與維修服務				Network & Structure Cable 網絡和綜合佈線

澳門馬場東大馬路25-69號福泰工業大廈12樓B座

Avenida Leste do Hipodromo N.S 25-69, Edif. Industrial Fok Tai, 12 Floor "B", Macau

TEL: + (853) 2822 1341      FAX: + (853) 2822 0824      www.rcr-macau.com      email: contact@rcr-macau.com



**what's ON**

MARC CHAGALL, LIGHT AND COLOUR IN SOUTHERN FRANCE  
TIME: 10am-7pm (last admission 6:30pm; closed on Mondays)  
UNTIL: August 26, 2018  
VENUE: Macau Museum of Art  
ADMISSION: Free  
ENQUIRIES: (853) 8791 9814

SCULPTURE — A JOURNEY, EXHIBITION BY ANTÓNIO LEÇA  
TIME: 3pm-8pm (Mondays)  
12pm-8pm (Tuesdays to Sundays)  
UNTIL: October 21, 2018  
VENUE: A2 Gallery, Albergue SCM  
ADMISSION: Free  
ENQUIRIES: (853) 2852 2550

KAMEN RIDER EXHIBITION (MACAU)  
TIME: 1pm-8pm daily (last entrance 7:30pm)  
UNTIL: August 26, 2018  
VENUE: 2/F Exhibition Hall, Broadway Macau  
ADMISSION: MOP128, MOP180 (Tickets are available at Kong Seng Ticketing Service [www.macauticket.com](http://www.macauticket.com))  
ENQUIRIES: (853) 2855 5555

DISCOVER MACAU: MUSEUM OF TAIPA AND COLOANE HISTORY  
TIME: 10am-6pm daily (last admission at 5:30pm; closed on Mondays)  
ADDRESS: Rua Correia da Silva, Taipa  
ADMISSION: Free  
ENQUIRIES: (853) 8988 4000

**Offbeat****THE WILD ASCENT OF 'CRAZY RICH ASIANS' STAR HENRY GOLDING**

Henry Golding was working as a travel show host in Singapore when news broke that "Crazy Rich Asians" was going to be a movie. The city, he remembers, was abuzz about a major Hollywood production coming to Southeast Asia.

"I thought, 'Wow that's going to be amazing...for someone else,'" Golding, 31, said recently. "I was so excited for someone else, it was weird."

Even with his chiseled good looks, undeniable charisma, acting ambitions and comfort in front of a camera after nearly a decade of hosting shows for ESPN Asia, BBC and Discovery Channel Asia, he never imagined that he would ultimately end up being in, let alone co-leading the film — his first ever — as the debonair, Oxford-educated heir Nick Young.

"I knew I wanted to be an actor I just figured they wouldn't want to take a chance when there are so many amazing actors and all these super handsome male models in China who would translate to acting I'm sure," Golding said. "And I was like, 'Man, they're going to get it and I'm happy for them. But it's not me.'"

Crazier yet is how Golding got in the running. A studio accountant working in Malaysia had met Golding years ago at a party. He had made enough of an impression on her that she suggested him to a line producer, who then recommended him to director Jon M. Chu, who was nearing the start of production and running out of time to find his Nick.



Henry Golding

**TV canal macau**

13:00	TDM News (Repeated)
13:30	News (RTPi) Delayed Broadcast
15:00	Portuguese Soap Opera
15:55	Cartoon
16:15	Portuguese Comedy
17:40	Miscellaneous
18:15	Miscellaneous
19:35	Portuguese Serie
20:30	Main News, Financial & Weather Report
21:15	You, Me & Apocalypse
22:20	Liberty 21 (Portuguese Serie)
23:15	TDM News
23:50	Miscellaneous
00:20	Main News, Financial & Weather Report (Repeated)
01:05	RTPi Live

**cinema****CINETEATRO**

10 AUG - 16 AUG

**ALONG WITH THE GODS: THE LAST 49 DAYS**

ROOM 1

2:30, 7:00, 9:30pm

Director: Kim Yong-hwa

Starring: HA Jung-woo, JU Ji-hoon, KIM Hyang-gi

Language: Korean (Chinese &amp; English)

**THOMAS & FRIENDS****BIG WORLD! BIG ADVENTURES! THE MOVIE**

ROOM 1

7:00pm

Director: David Stoten

Starring: Dona Adwera, Peter Andre, Richie Campbell

Language: English (Chinese)

Duration: 85min

**THE MEG**

ROOM 2

2:30, 7:30, 9:30pm

Director: Jon Turteltaub

Starring: Jason Statham, Bingbing Li, Rainn Wilson

Language: English (Chinese)

Duration: 113min

**HOTEL TRANSYLVANIA 3: A MONSTER VACATION**

ROOM 2

4:45pm

Director: Genndy Tartakovsky

Starring: Adam Sandler, Andy Samberg, Selena Gomez

Language: English (Chinese)

Duration: 97min

**CHRISTOPHER ROBIN**

ROOM 3

2:30, 9:30pm

Director: Marc Forster

Starring: Ewan McGregor, Hayley Atwell, Bronte Carmichael

Language: English (Chinese)

Duration: 147min

**DORAEMON THE MOVIE: NOBITA'S TREASURE ISLAND**

ROOM 3

4:30pm

Director: Kazuaki Imai

Starring: Wasabi Mizuta, Megumi Ohara, Yumi Kakazu

Language: Cantonese (Chinese)

Duration: 109min

**INCREDIBLES 2**

ROOM 3

7:15pm

Director: Brad Bird

Starring: Craig T. Nelson, Holly Hunter, Sarah Vowell

Language: Cantonese (Chinese)

Duration: 118min

**this day in history****1977 ROCK AND ROLL 'KING' PRESLEY DIES**

Elvis Presley, whose singing and style revolutionized popular music in the 1950s, has died.

Presley, 42, was discovered slumped in a bathroom at his mansion in Memphis, Tennessee on Tuesday.

He was rushed to the Baptist Memorial Hospital in Memphis but was pronounced dead on arrival.

The Tennessee state pathologist, Dr. Jerry Francisco, said a post mortem examination of the singer's body had revealed he died of cardiac arrhythmia - a form of heart attack.

"The precise cause has not yet been determined for the cardiac arrhythmia," Dr Francisco said.

"It may take several days to several weeks to determine that specific cause and in some cases it never is determined."

The three-hour examination uncovered no sign of any other diseases or any drug abuse, Dr Francisco added.

Presley was divorced from his wife Priscilla in 1973 but it was rumoured that he had recently become engaged to Ginger Alden, 20.

She was reportedly spotted wearing a \$50,000 (£20,315) diamond engagement ring from Presley.

Ms Alden and other members of his entourage were at Graceland when he collapsed.

There had been indications of Elvis Presley's declining health for some time.

Earlier this year the singer had cancelled several performances in Louisiana and returned to Memphis suffering what his doctors termed "exhaustion".

No arrangements have been announced yet for his funeral which is scheduled for Friday.

Courtesy BBC News

**IN CONTEXT**

Thousands gathered to file past Elvis Presley's body which lay in state at his mansion, Graceland, the day after his death.

Although it was officially stated that he died of heart failure there has always been speculation that an overdose of cocaine and barbiturates also played a part.

Since his divorce from Priscilla in 1973 he had relied heavily on prescription drugs and was known to be a junk-food addict, gaining a considerable amount of weight.

During his lifetime he sold over 300 million albums and made 33 films. His death has been lucrative for the "Elvis industry".

In 2001 he came top in US magazine Forbes' poll of "Richest Deceased Celebrities".

It put Elvis estate's earnings in 2000 at \$35m (£23m) - \$15m (£10m) of it from Graceland admission fees.



YOUR STARS

Aries

Mar. 21-Apr. 19

You've got quite the day ahead of you, so get up early and get it started as soon as possible. Of course, no one's ever had to prompt you to get the show on the road.

Gemini

May 21-Jun. 21

It's not hard to tell when you're excited. It's a natural state of affairs when your eyes are open. You approach every day with the kind of excitement most people only see (and adore) in children.

Leo

Jul. 23-Aug. 22

The stuff you're putting out can only lead to one thing, no matter what direction you aim it in: A serious attraction. If you're already in that mode, you're guaranteed success.

Libra

Sep.23-Oct. 22

You're restless, and quite eager to jump right out of your rut - for the moment, at least. You'll have absolutely no problem finding someone to go with you, and with your encouragement.

Sagittarius

Nov. 22-Dec. 21

At the moment, however, you'd better wield this weapon carefully, because your already lethal charm will be even more irresistible. It won't just be tough to say no to you, it will be downright impossible.

Aquarius

Jan. 20-Feb. 18

You've got a lot going on at home now, but someone you love seems to be intent on getting you to take a little trip - and it's not going to be down Memory Lane, either.

Taurus

April 20-May 20

You've been dutiful, diligent and respectful to your elders. You've done everything you could possibly do for all parties concerned - not just lately, but for as long as you can remember.

Cancer

Jun. 22-Jul. 22

You've never been a fan of letting the sun set on angry words - or uncertain ones, for that matter. If you and a loved one have left things unsolved between you, don't let that continue any longer.

Virgo

Aug. 23-Sept. 22

Your coworkers will be more than willing to attest to that fact, but if a higher-up fails to follow the rules or drops the ball in any way now, no one will need to say a word. You'll be more than willing to let them have it

Scorpio

Oct. 23 - Nov. 21

This is one of those days that can't deliberately be arranged and won't easily be forgotten. Your job is to spend each and every minute with someone who'll appreciate just how special it is.

Capricorn

Dec. 22-Jan. 19

Once again, you'll be asked to take charge of a situation that's been left unmanaged. Fortunately, you just love that sort of thing, and with recent successes under your belt, you'll be even more confident.

Pisces

Feb.19-Mar. 20

You've gone way past just thinking there might be something between you. You're sure of it, and you know they feel the same. So what's the next step? Well, it might be to talk to them about it.

THE BORN LOSER by Chip Sansom



SUDOKU

Easy

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

Easy+

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

Medium

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

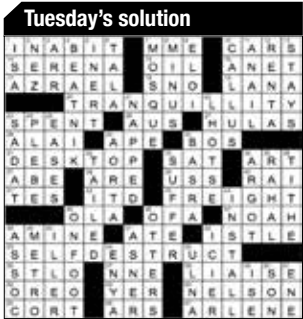
Hard

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

CROSSWORDS

ACROSS: 1- Carol start; 6- Flat sound; 10- Petty quarrel, ejected saliva; 14- Sovereign; 15- In a bad way; 16- Sheltered, at sea; 17- \_\_\_ there yet?; 18- Large cat; 19- Nothing more than; 20- Baton Rouge sch.; 21- City treasurer; 24- Natives of the Middle East; 26- \_\_\_ Pieces; 27- D.C. advisory grp.; 28- Erno anxiety; 30- Venetian blind part; 33- Night flight; 35- Feedbag morsel; 38- Columbus's birthplace; 40- "Evil Woman" band; 41- Autocrats; 43- Leaves in a bag; 44- Boldness; 47- Actor Estrada; 48- Pulsate; 49- Conductor \_\_\_-Pekka Salonen; 51- Shooting star; 54- Blast of a trumpet; 58- Magical incantation; 61- Male child; 62- Fragrant neckwear; 63- Verne captain; 64- Point in question; 66- Sea eagle; 67- Profit; 68- Tibet's capital; 69- Fr. holy women; 70- Waiting for the Robert \_\_\_; 71- Ancient Mideast region;

DOWN: 1- Ph.D. hurdles; 2- Swearword; 3- Fuming sulphuric acid; 4- Cry of a cat; 5- Puts up; 6- Eliot's Manner; 7- Meager; 8- Oscar Madison, for one; 9- Combined action; 10- Young salmon; 11- Entreaties; 12- Eagle's nest; 13- Mall frequenters; 22- Get wind of; 23- Do-over button; 25- Hooked on; 28- Go off-script; 29- Vegas gas; 30- Cpl.'s superior; 31- Levi's rival; 32- Santa \_\_\_ winds; 34- Eliel Saarinen's son; 35- Implement used when rowing a boat; 36- Jackie's second; 37- Sound of disapproval; 39- Committee type; 42- Show to a table; 45- Place in order; 46- Equipment; 48- Tantalizes; 50- Slowpokes; 51- Men; 52- Movie critic Roger; 53- Triple; 54- Steak order; 55- Indian state; 56- Shake awake; 57- Lend \_\_\_ (listen); 59- Distribute cards; 60- French friend; 65- Moo \_\_\_ pork;



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



FOR SALE  
www.JMLProperty.com

FOR RENT  
More info, please contact us  
Info@JMLproperty.Com

Choi Long Meng Chui  
Taipa  
3,398 sq ft / HKD 21M  
HKD 6,180sq ft  
Three Bedroom Apartment  
Ref: 18045555

The Buckingham  
Taipa  
Two double bedroom  
Fully Furnished  
HKD 18,000 / 700 sq ft  
Ref: 18060681

Old Macau, Unique Walk Up  
Macau  
950 sq ft / HKD4.48M  
HKD 4,715sq ft  
Three Bedroom Apartment  
Ref: 18065557

Office - Dynasty Plaza  
Macau  
Park-Side Work Space  
Spacious Commercial Space  
HKD 72,000 / 3,500 sq ft  
Ref: 18070685

Manhattan D unit, High Floor  
Taipa  
2,305 sq ft / HKD 17.98M  
HKD 7,800sq ft  
Four Bedrooms Apartment  
Ref: 18075558

Lakeview, Macau  
Macau  
3 Bedrooms Apartment  
Front Balcony  
HKD 72,000 / 3,430 sq ft  
Ref: 18060680

Violet Court, Hellene Gardens  
Coloane  
2,530sq ft / HKD 20M  
HKD 7,905sq ft  
Beautifully Designed Apartment  
Ref: 18035546

Venus Court NAPA Macau  
Macau  
3 Bedrooms Apartment  
Fully Furnished  
HKD 16,200 / 1,230 sq ft  
Ref: 18070686







## ACCURATE, TIMELY & COMPETITIVE TRANSLATIONS

### Services

TRANSLATIONS,  
PROOFREADING, COPYWRITING,  
DATA INPUT, NEWS MONITORING

### Languages:

ENGLISH, CHINESE,  
PORTUGUESE, JAPANESE,  
KOREAN, SPANISH,  
FRENCH, ARABIC,  
RUSSIAN

**We translate +10,000 words a day**

Contact: Ms. Amy Yang

Email: [amy@ktranz.com.mo](mailto:amy@ktranz.com.mo)

Tel: +853 2871 6081/2 Fax: +853 2871 6084

Av. da Praia Grande, 599, Edf. Comercial Rodrigues, 12 Floor C, MACAU SAR



## FOOTBALL | LA LIGA PREVIEW

# With Ronaldo gone, only Griezmann can hope to stop Messi

Joseph Wilson, Barcelona

**C**RISTIANO Ronaldo's departure from Real Madrid has left a gaping hole at Real Madrid and in the Spanish league.

How will Madrid ever replace the forward who scored an average of 50 goals per season for nine straight years?

The answer, of course, is that it won't.

The only player capable of producing a similar impact is the longtime leader of Madrid's biggest rival. So Ronaldo's departure appears to have given Barcelona free reign to increase its almost perennial hold on the Spanish league title.

But it also gives Antoine Griezmann, boosted by France's World Cup victory, an excellent opportunity to make Atletico Madrid the Spanish capital's top team.

Here is a look at the biggest impacts Ronaldo's move to Italian champion Juventus could have across the Spanish league.

## ONE-MAN SHOW

Despite its revenue disparity with the Premier League, the Spanish league has offered the greatest two-man duel in the world's most popular sport for nearly a decade.

Constantly being compared and measured against one another, Lionel Messi and Ronaldo pushed each other to ever greater heights. Their hunger to shine made it normal for them to not just score, but score in bunches, with each earning five Ballon d'Or awards.

Now Messi, Barcelona and the Spanish league face the pair of "clasico" matches without Ronal-



do dressed in white.

Messi has helped Barcelona win nine Spanish league titles in the past 14 seasons, including last year when the Catalan club lost only once in 38 matches.

And Madrid's loss should be Barcelona's gain, making the team the clear favorite to remain on top even after midfield great Andres Iniesta left for Japan and Paulinho returned to the Chinese league.

Barcelona has brought in midfielders Arturo Vidal and Arthur, defender Clement Lenglet, and winger Malcom, and it looks to give more of a leading role to Philippe Coutinho as its playmaker for Messi and Luis Suarez.

## REALITY CHECK

Ronaldo turned off more than one neutral fan by his constant

preening, muscle flexing and bouts of pouting when the praise didn't consistently go his way. But no one can argue with his unmatched work ethic.

The 33-year-old Ronaldo's departure leaves Madrid without its all-time leading scorer — 451 goals in 438 matches — and the main engine behind its run of three straight Champions League titles.

So life after Ronaldo will be hard to adjust to for the fans at the Santiago Bernabeu, who at times harshly jeered the Portugal forward but will surely miss his spectacular performances.

If losing its best player in club history wasn't enough, Madrid also lost coach Zinedine Zidane, who quit after the team won its record-extending 13th Euro-

pean Cup in May.

Julen Lopetegui has replaced Zidane, but he arrives with his reputation tarnished after being fired from Spain's national team two days before its World Cup opener for having negotiated his contract with Madrid behind the back of the Spanish soccer federation.

As for not having Ronaldo to count on, Lopetegui said: "As a coach, it is a thrilling challenge to build a competitive team without Cristiano."

Gareth Bale, who at times struggled to make Zidane's starting lineup, now has a chance to become Madrid's focal point in attack. Midfielders Francisco "Isco" Alarcon and 22-year-old Marco Asensio, coming off his breakout season, should also

play more consistently.

"We are convinced that Bale will have a great year and we are expecting a lot from him," Lopetegui said. "We will work to get the most from him."

Madrid president Florentino Perez has held off on a blockbuster move to replace Ronaldo. Instead, Madrid focused on the future by signing right back Alvaro Odriozola from Real Sociedad and a pair of Brazilian teenagers in Vinicius Junior and Rodrygo. The club also added Belgium goalkeeper Thibaut Courtois, who will be competing for the starting position with Keylor Navas.

## ATLETICO'S CHANCE

With Madrid entering an uncertain period, could Atletico Madrid seize the moment and truly become Barcelona's most dangerous challenger?

Atletico's offseason appears to indicate the club senses the moment has arrived.

The club, which won the 2014 Spanish league title, will hope to benefit from the boost in confidence that Griezmann received from winning the World Cup with France only a few weeks after the forward led Atletico to the Europa League title.

Griezmann's decision to reject an offer by Barcelona and remain as Atletico's top player has been followed by the team signing wingers Thomas Lemar and Gelson Martins. The club also snatched 22-year-old defensive midfielder Rodrigo "Rodri" Hernandez from Villarreal, and added Croatia forward Nikola Kalinic from AC Milan. **AP**

## FOOTBALL

# All former European champions advanced to CL play-offs

**A**EK Athens eliminated Scottish champion Celtic in the third round of Champions League qualifying. The three other former European champions in action all advanced as Benfica, Ajax and Red Star Belgrade won their games.

AEK beat Celtic 2-1 in Greece thanks to goals from Rodrigo Galo and Marko Livaja to secure a

3-2 win on aggregate. Scott Sinclair responded with a goal for Celtic, the 1967 European Cup winner.

Celtic reached the Champions League group stage in the last two seasons, but the defeat continues a difficult start to the season for Brendan Rodgers' team following a 1-0 loss to Hearts in the Scottish league on Saturday.

Portuguese club Benfi-

ca earned a 2-1 aggregate win over Turkish team Fenerbahce, while Dutch league runner-up Ajax cruised past Belgium's Standard Liege, winning 3-0 for a 5-2 aggregate victory.

Serbia's Red Star Belgrade needed extra time to defeat Spartak Trnava 3-2 over two legs thanks to a 98th-minute goal from Nemanja Radonjic. There was no pos-

t-World Cup buzz about Spartak Moscow, which lost 3-2 to Greece's PAOK on aggregate after a red card for striker Luiz Adriano.

Dynamo Kiev, Salzburg, Dinamo Zagreb, Vidi and BATE Borisov also advanced to the last stage of qualifying. Yesterday's losing teams drop into the Europa League qualifying playoff round. **AP**



Fenerbahce's Andre Ayew (left) walks past Benfica's Gedson Fernandes at the end of the Champions League third qualifying round



opinion

Girl About Globe

Linda Kennedy



No more getting horizontal?

New bank notes were unveiled in Hong Kong recently, with the designs in vertical layout for the first time.

Ulster Bank in Northern Ireland will launch bills with a vertical design in 2019. (This is good. They're rethinking a standard border arrangement. Brexit may require such an attitude.)

And Canada printed a vertically-oriented bank note earlier this year, featuring civil rights icon Viola Desmond.

It's a cash revolution. Well, a cash 90 degree turn. I'm almost expecting the USA to make the \$20 note vertical and polymer: 'Stiff and up standing' - Trump's phallic financial response to the attempt to have women on US bank notes. Maybe he'd consent to a six-foot tall supermodel on a vertical bank note. Or tweet:

@realDonaldTrump:  
'If vertical bank notes need tall images - women in high heels! I'm a genius FEMINIST!!'

Some places would do well with vertical money: Nepal, as they could feature Mount Everest. Dubai, seeing as the Burj Khalifa is simply made for vertical notes. And in Macau, an image of The Parisian could certainly fill a vertical bill.

But there could be consequences. If the Bank of England, the main issuer of sterling, went vertical, the British ten pound note would likely carry a full-length image of writer Jane Austen. An ankle on sterling? Makes it a sexy currency for the first time in ages. Winston Churchill would spill over the edges of a vertical version of the five pound note, undermining his reputation for being a man on whom you can rely to respect a border. And it's a mighty burden for icons of the future: if you've any hope of getting on a bank note, you have to watch your weight. Being honoured in portrait layout is unforgiving.

Practical issues. Will vertical notes fold differently? Roll differently? Will your wads change shape prompting people to ask 'is that a y-axis in your pocket or are you just pleased to see me?'

And you never know about political risks. The prospect might encourage the Netherlands to leave the EU. Free from the Euro, they could print vertical notes on which to honour their tall population. A true people's currency.

Secular society could even be at peril. Cathedrals are steeply deeply vertical, and their note appeal might augur a religious revival.

The reasons behind the move to a new orientation need pinning down. Perhaps social media plays a part. Is vertical video format turning Instagram itself into an influencer?

Or is this a last push by banknote designers to remain relevant? In China, mobile payments dominate. In other countries, debit and credit cards are becoming preferred to physical money. New note designs may be a bid to create financial stationery, a strategy based on the fact that some people favour books over reading online because of the book cover, or albums over downloaded music, in part because of the sleeve design. Could a pretty banknote charm people away from cards and apps? If not, the design battles of the future may be over your credit card.

The Ulster Bank designers said they were challenging convention. In Hong Kong, no mention of rebellion from the authorities; instead, it maintained vertical design enabled 'aesthetic presentation of the subject'.

Cantonese opera is the subject of one HK note; tea-gathering is another. To those, I would add baijiu-drinking. Featuring it would challenge the convention of what's celebrated in Chinese culture and, moreover, require one solitary landscape design among the new notes. No one drinking baijiu stays vertical for long. That note would keep horizontal on the table. Just while we see how the land lies.

THE HONG KONG INTERVENES TO DEFEND PEG FOR 1ST TIME SINCE MAY

Hong Kong intervened to defend its peg to the dollar for the first time in three months after the local currency fell to the weak end of its trading band. The Hong Kong Monetary Authority bought HKD2.159 billion (USD275 million) of local dollars during New York trading hours Tuesday, according to the de facto central bank's page on Bloomberg. The last intervention was on May 18. The city's currency traded at HK\$7.8500 as of 4:22 p.m. local time. The permitted trading range for Hong Kong dollar is HK\$7.75-7.85 against the dollar.

The Turkey-induced turmoil in emerging markets has spurred risk aversion among investors and strengthened the greenback, putting the

Hong Kong dollar under pressure. Lower rates than the U.S. have also made the local currency an attractive target for shorting. "Further intervention cannot be ruled out as Hong Kong dollar is trading very near HK\$7.85 per dollar," said Frances Cheung, Singapore-based head of Asia macro strategy at Westpac Banking Corp.

The HKMA has spent HK\$72.5 billion so far this year protecting the currency system, which has the effect of tightening liquidity in a city that's enjoyed ultra-low borrowing costs as it imports U.S. monetary policy. The aggregate balance of the banking system will drop to HK\$107.25 billion Thursday.

India to send manned flight into space by 2022

Ashok Sharma, New Delhi

INDIA will send a manned flight into space by 2022, Prime Minister Narendra Modi announced yesterday as part of India's independence day celebrations.

He said India will become the fourth country after Russia, the United States and China to achieve the feat and its astronaut could be a man or a woman. The space capsule that will transport India's astronauts was tested a few days earlier.

Rakesh Sharma was the first Indian to travel in space, aboard a Soviet rocket in 1984. As part of its own space program, active since the 1960s, India has launched scores of satellites for itself and other countries and successfully put one in orbit around Mars in 2014.

It hopes to showcase its technological ability to explore the solar system while also using research from space and elsewhere to solve problems at home. The \$1 billion-a-year space program has already helped develop satellite, communication and remote-sensing technologies and has been used to gauge underground water levels and predict weather in the country prone to cycles of drought and flood.



Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi

India won independence from British colonialists in 1947. Modi's 80-minute speech, broadcast live from the historic Red Fort in New Delhi, comes months before national elections.

Modi listed his government's achievements in the past four years in reforming the country's economy, reducing poverty and corruption. He announced a health insurance scheme for 500 million poor people providing a cover of 500,000 rupees (\$7,150) per family a year.

He said India will become a growth engine for the world economy as the "sleeping elephant" has started to run on the back of structural economic reforms.

He said its economy was

seen as fragile before 2014 but was now attracting investment. India is the sixth-largest economy in the world and Modi said international institutions see India as giving strength to the world economy for the next three decades.

He said the structural reforms like a national tax replacing various state and local taxes, bankruptcy and insolvency laws, and a crackdown on corruption have helped transform the economy.

Modi became prime minister when his Hindu nationalist Bharatiya Janata Party won a resounding victory in the national elections in 2014. He will seek another 5-year term for his party at elections due by March-April next year. AP

THE DECISIVE MOMENT

AP Photo/Miriam Karou



A local official has discovered a forgotten remnant of the Berlin Wall close to the new headquarters of Germany's foreign intelligence service. It's the second long-lost piece of the barrier to be identified and given protected status this year.

Station	Air quality	
Roadside	40-60 Moderate	
High Density Residential Area	20-40 Good	
Ambient	40-60 Moderate	

SOURCE: DSMG

WORLD BRIEFS

**AFGHANISTAN** A suicide bomber targeted students preparing for university exams in a Shiite neighborhood of Kabul yesterday, killing at least 48 people and wounding 67 in an attack blamed on the Islamic State group, officials said.

**TURKEY** said yesterday it is increasing tariffs on some U.S. products like cars, alcohol, and coal - a move that is unlikely to have much economic impact but highlights the deteriorating relations with the U.S.

**ISRAEL-PALESTINE** Israel yesterday opened its only cargo crossing with the Gaza Strip weeks after closing it amid a surge in violence with the Islamic militant group Hamas.

**RUSSIA** The Defense Ministry said yesterday it is coordinating efforts to help Syrian refugees return home and rebuild the country's infrastructure destroyed by the civil war.



**BRITAIN** Detectives searched several properties as they built up a profile yesterday of a Sudan-born man who crashed a car outside Britain's Parliament in what police are treating as an act of terrorism.

**MEXICO** Federal prosecutors investigating the alleged forced disappearances of 36 people in the northern Mexico border city of Nuevo Laredo have inspected a marine base in the city.



**VENEZUELA** An estimated 2.3 million Venezuelans had fled the crisis-racked country as of June, mainly to Colombia, Ecuador, Peru and Brazil, the United Nations said.