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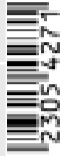


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RUSSIA Opposition leader Alexei Navalny was detained outside his home in Moscow ahead of planned nationwide anti-government protest rallies, and his spokeswoman said he was later taken to a hospital with a suspected broken finger.

IRAN's defense minister said yesterday his country will continue its support of the Syrian government to ensure improved security in the region, adding that the nature of the two countries cooperation won't be decided by a "third party."

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Sou files appeal against Ho Iat Seng's decision

Renato Marques

LAWMAKER Sulu Sou has filed an appeal against the decision of the president of the Legislative Assembly (AL) Ho Iat Seng to reject a proposal made by Sou on July 30 during a plenary meeting.

Sou had aimed to amend the bill under discussion, in which the AL ultimately voted to approve the transfer of the power to approve or forbid street protests and public demonstrations from the Civic and Municipal Affairs Bureau (IACM) to the Public Security Police Force (PSP).

In the proposal made that day, the lawmaker suggested the transfer of such powers from the IACM into the hands of the Chief Executive (CE) Chui Sai On, instead of the police. At the time, the proposal generated many doubts and questions from lawmakers, as well as from the president of the AL, who questioned the possibility of Sou filing such a request to amend the bill at the time that it was being discussed and voted upon.

The situation eventually created an imbroglio for the president of the AL, who admitted not knowing exactly how to proceed with such a request. However, the president noted that since the request of Sou had not been submit-



ted at least five days before, it could not be addressed by the plenary. Ho further noted that, as far as he understood, what could be done at this stage was to vote upon whether the proposal ought to be returned to the 1st Standing Committee for detailed scrutiny.

After the plenary, and analyzing the request that Sou directed to have submitted to the AL earlier that day, Ho replied to the request by the lawmaker, rejecting it "in accordance with articles 9 c) and 107 a), for alleged violation of the article 105," that is, "because it was considered to be a matter of

government policy."

Now, the lawmaker has presented an appeal against this decision, and in a letter to which the Times had access dated August 14, Sou addresses the president of the AL, explaining the reasons and fundamentals of his appeal, noting that he has "filed the Amendment Proposed under articles 1 b), 101 and 106, before the discussion and voting of the Law Proposal in the specialty and, therefore, before the 'start of the final global voting period,' as allowed by article 127/ 3," claiming in this way that the proposal had been submitted

in due time and, should have been addressed.

The lawmaker also notes in several points, "The right to file a complaint, such as the right to appeal, is an inalienable right of the lawmakers who know no restriction of the law, provided it is presented within the legal time-limit to produce effect."

As Sou noted in a statement, "my proposal was to [attribute the right over the] notice for an assembly or protest by citizens, should be given to the Chief Executive and not to the police, since this matter is regarding the gran-

ting of the exercise of a fundamental right."

In the appeal that has now been filed, Sou is requesting that Ho amend his previous decision, "as it is not in accordance with the law," remarking that the appeal against decisions made by the president of the AL is a right granted to the lawmakers by the Rules of Procedure.

Sou also notes, "it is my understanding, based on the Basic Law, on the Rules of Procedure and many precedent cases, that as a Legislator I do not need permission from the Chief Executive to make an amendment proposal," recalling as an example, "the Law 2/93/M was [previously] amended back in 2008 through a bill submitted by several well-known legislators without any need for an authorization from the Chief Executive," not seeing any reason or motive to change such a procedure now. As he concluded, "my goal is to protect and enrich the rights and interests of the Macau citizens," for the purpose of which he calls for the fulfillment of law and regulations provisions that grant such rights to all legislators.

In a statement released on Friday, Sou reiterated these concerns to the public, stressing that his actions were only about "guaranteeing the exercise of a fundamental right."

ASK THE VET

by Dr Ruan Du Toit Bester

TOTAL DOG HEALTH: THE COMPREHENSIVE GUIDE

COMPLETE dog health is a combination of key elements including nutrition, supplementation, and preventatives. Not only do these key elements integral to your dog's overall health, but they also promote vitality, mental stability, and overall well-being. Secondary aspects of dog health include remedies and treatments. Remedies such as aromatherapy and herbalism can aid in easing symptoms of hundreds of conditions and treatments such as massage, acupuncture, and hydrotherapy can help dogs stay healthy physically and mentally.

DOG NUTRITION

Good dog nutrition is one of the best ways to avoid a number of common conditions such as dog constipation, diarrhea, allergies, chronic skin conditions, frequent stomach upsets, bad breath, ear infections, hyperactivity, anxiety, aggressiveness, and anxiety, to name a few. To avoid common dog conditions the best thing you can do for your dog is to avoid low-quality, low-nutrition, commercial dog food and buy high-quality products with a 40/50/10 ratio. This means, 40% meat, 50% veggies, and 10% carbohydrate. It is also important to

avoid dog foods that use by-products as well as preservatives such as BHT, BHA, and Ethoxyquin. Choose premium brands as they do not contain fillers, by-products or harmful chemical preservatives. They contain 100% natural and nutritious human-grade ingredients. Adding bulking agents to the diet, such as bran, pumpkin, or methylcellulose, can help prevent constipation as well. In addition to feeding your dog a balanced, high-quality diet, you should:

- Always provide fresh filtered, distilled or mineral water. Do not give them tap water that is boiled. This does not remove any heavy metals from the water that damage the kidneys.
- Keep them away from trash and bones. Try get bins with lids that cover the content.
- Avoid feeding them table scraps. I know that this might be difficult if family members come over for dinner but its very important.

DOG SUPPLEMENTATION

Dog supplements can be a great benefit to your pet in the long-run. No matter how healthy a

type of dog food may be, not all dog food contains all of the vitamins and minerals your dog needs. Antioxidants, in particular, are important for optimal dog health for several reasons. Antioxidants have healing properties, they assist the body's natural defense mechanism and in turn boost the immune system, and they decrease the effects of free radicals. The best dog supplements should contain vitamins A, C and E, and vitamins B, B1, B2, B3, B5, B6 and B12.

DOG PREVENTATIVES

Besides feeding your dog a balanced diet and supplements, exercise is one of the most important ways to help prevent a number of common conditions. Just a few common dog conditions include heart problems and obesity. Exercise can even prevent emotional problems. Exercise also promotes joint health, healthy bones, bone density, and even self confidence. Walking, running, fetching/catching, and swimming are all excellent exercises for dogs. Several 15 minute walks per day might be plenty for some dogs, such as pugs, while walking for an hour or so with other dogs may be just what a German Shepherd needs in cooler times of the day. No matter what size or breed your dog may be, some exercise is always better than no exercise at all.

ORAL HEALTH

Oral health is one of the most neglected as-



pects of dog health. Unfortunately, when you neglect your dog's dental health, you open the door to a number of preventable health issues. In addition to the usual suspects such as bad breath gingivitis, and periodontal disease, poor oral hygiene can lead to tonsillitis, pharyngitis (sore throat), kidney infections, and infections involving the heart valves. To ward off diseases related to poor oral health, brush your dog's teeth regularly and see your vet for regular check-ups and cleanings.

Hope this info helps
Till next week
Dr Ruan

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Stanley Ho's sister Winnie dies aged 95

WINNIE Ho, Hong Kong businesswoman and sister of Macau's most famous casino tycoon, Stanley Ho, passed away earlier this year, though her death went unreported for almost two months.



Winnie Ho

Citing her spokeswoman, the South China Morning Post reported that Winnie Ho died at the Hong Kong Sanatorium & Hospital and would be buried in the Chiu Yuen Cemetery on Mount Davis, in Hong Kong.

Winnie Ho, who died of illness in early June aged 95, was a controversial business figure who found herself embroiled in several legal cases against her brother in the 2000s.

She worked for her brother's casino operator Sociedade de Turismo e Diversões de Macau (STDM), which held a gambling monopoly on the city for several decades.

In the 2000s, Winnie and Stanley fought for control over STDM, which resulted in her expulsion from the board in 2005. She sued the company the following year, seeking to reclaim HKD3

billion (USD382 million) in dividends owed to her.

The lawsuit, along with over 30 others which included claims for compensation and defamation, was ultimately unsuccessful. Winnie had refused to travel from Hong Kong where she resided to the MSAR, claiming that both she and her lawyers had received a number of threats.

Winnie was also involved in a separate legal dispute with her cousin and alleged lover, the late Eric Hotung. Hotung claimed that Winnie owed him over HKD2 million from an investment he made in Stanley Ho's then-fledgling business in 1961.

Stanley Ho has rarely been seen in public in the past decade. Winnie Ho is survived by her four children.

RENATO MARQUES



Yang Chongwei, coordinator of GPDP

Privacy watchdog issues penalties in 4pct of cases

THE Office for Personal Data Protection (GPDP) released its annual report regarding last year's work activities on Friday.

The number of personal data protection cases initiated in 2017 reached 217, a slight decrease compared with the previous year (224). Moreover, the report shows that 68.2 percent of the investigations involved private entities. The total number of cases

dealt with by the privacy watchdog (including cases left pending from 2016 and later concluded) reached 408 cases, 187 of which have been concluded.

The department issued penalties to 4.3 percent of the cases concluded and also made suggestions for improvement to the parties subject to complaints in 17.6 percent of the cases concluded.

A total of 1,944 inquiries related to personal data protection issues

have been received by the GPDP, with queries related to the "legitimacy of treatment of personal data" topping the list of concerns. Eighty-six percent of the inquiries were made by phone.

Yang Chongwei, coordinator of GPDP, said in the introduction of the report that he believed that 2017 would be a year of "transition and innovation," given the Macau government's aim to develop Macau into a "smart city."

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Land prepared for logistics industry on HKZMB

The MSAR government has reserved a piece of land on the Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macau Bridge's Macau port management district in order to set up, as planned, a large-scale logistics facility to enhance the industry's service. The project is being supervised by the Macau Customs Service. It is expected that the local government will outsource the logistics project for the first stage. Customs will ask the local logistics industry for its opinion. The project is planned to go on public tender within this year. Detailed logistics arrangements will be announced later after the local government meets with Hong Kong authorities.

Macau film projects selected to attend fair

The selection of local film projects for the 2018 Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macau Film Production Investment and Trade Fair has been concluded. The Cultural Affairs Bureau announced yesterday that the six successful applicants are: Vong Tin Leong, Lim Mi Mi, Hoi Kuok Meng, Ye Ting Hang, Lou Ka Hou, and Io Lou Ian. Applicants will be invited to attend the Fair held on September 4 and 5 in Macau, where they will be able to meet with film investors and producers from Guangdong, Hong Kong and Macau, promote selected film products, and seek opportunities for co-operation.

Court dismisses Steve Wynn's defamation case against AP

A Nevada judge has dismissed a defamation lawsuit by casino mogul Steve Wynn against The Associated Press and an AP reporter based on a report about two women's accounts to police alleging sexual misconduct by Wynn.

Clark County District Court Judge Ronald Israel's written order last week followed an Aug. 14 hearing at which he found that an AP article published in February fairly reported information from the police complaints. Wynn attorney L. Lin Wood said Friday he will appeal to the Nevada Supreme Court.

The judge noted Wood had argued that additional information should have been included in the news report to allow readers to reach their own conclusion about the truth of at least one woman's allegations.

But Israel sided with the AP position that its reporting on the two police reports was fair and could not have been investigated further at the time because the identity of the women had been blacked out in

documents obtained under a public records request, and Las Vegas police refused to provide more details.

A sworn statement filed in July by Halina Kuta, one alleged victim and a named defendant in the defamation case, contained inconsistencies about dates, names and other things that Kuta said happened to her.

Wood said Friday the article should have included more detail about what the Wynn attorney called "delusional details of the alleged childbirth."

The court order did not resolve Wynn's case against Kuta.

She told police in February that she had been raped by Wynn in Chicago in the early 1970s and gave birth to his daughter in a gas station restroom.

Kuta also said she was once married to Wynn and bore other children with him, though she acknowledged that she can't recall all their names or dates of birth.

Among other extraordinary claims, she told lawyers in the affidavit that she was the mo-



del for Pablo Picasso's painting "Le Reve" and that Wynn stole masterpieces by Picasso and Rembrandt from her.

"Le Reve" was painted in 1932, before Kuta was born.

The discrepancies raise ques-

tions about the information she provided to Las Vegas police in February.

In state court filings and interviews with The Associated Press, Kuta said she stands by the Las Vegas police report. AP

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MIA released tender notice for expansion

THE Macau International Airport (MIA) has released a public tender notice for the design and construction of the south extension of the passenger terminal building at MIA.

"Due to the continuous increase in passengers, the Passenger Terminal Building (PTB) will be extended on the south side," the tender document explained.

"After the completion of the entire PTB South Extension project, the designed passenger handling capacity is expected to be increased from 7.8 million up to around 10 million. This project will have three new passenger boarding bridges serving multi-centerline parking stands, thus there will be a total of 8 boarding bridges commissioned after completion of the project. The PTB South Extension building will be integrated seamlessly with the current Passenger Ter-

minal Building to provide a uniform, seamless architectural appearance of both the interior and exterior of the building," the tender document reads.

"A multi-storied Car Park Building will be constructed at the existing MIA South Car Park space during Phase II Works. PTB South Extension Phase III will involve modification and expansion works at the existing VIP Building. These two projects are not included in the scope of this project, but the Contractor shall consider the integration of these two projects into his design and construction for ease of future extension works," reads the tender document.

According to the tender document, all works should be completed within a period of 20 months.

The deadline for proposal submission is September 26.

Remarks on homosexuals 'misunderstood'

ACTING head of the Education and Youth Affairs Bureau (DSEJ), Leong Vai Kei, explained that her recent remarks, which caused public criticism, were misunderstood.

On Friday, the bureau called for a press conference to clarify her stance in a statement she disclosed, which suggested that students who show signs of homosexuality are to be referred to the relevant authorities for "medical examination."

She previously said, "if [a student] has evidence of this homosexuality, we refer this case to other competent authorities. If the children or the students think they are homosexual, we can transfer the case to a doctor or psychologist for a clinical examination."

Thus, Leong apologized on Friday, noting that there was a misinterpretation on her part.

"I was thinking of gender dysphoria and I made a mistake in my saying.

I apologize for this misunderstanding," said Leong, as cited in a



Leong Vai Kei

TDM report.

Although no students with any sexual identity crises have been referred for clinical diagnosis, she noted that students are still too young to decide whether they are homosexual or not.

"If [a student] says they are homosexual, I don't think that he or she really means that. [...] The student is in a developmental stage and [the student] is searching for one's identity, not only gen-

der, but everything," said Leong.

Meanwhile, Leong also stressed that students should be taught about their legal responsibilities, noting that 16-year-olds might face criminal responsibility for having sexual relations, consensual or not.

"As an educator, we have to let the students know [their] responsibilities and that if they go against the law, they will be put to jail," she stressed.

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MACAUS gross domestic product (GDP) grew by 6 percent year-on-year in real terms in the second quarter of 2018, according to the latest information from the Statistics and Census Service (DSEC). The government agency attributed this growth to steady growth in the export of services and private consumption.

Nevertheless, economic growth in the second quarter was lower than the 9.2 percent rise in the previous quarter, due to a smaller increase in the export of services and a notable decline in investment.

Meanwhile, the GDP deflator, which measures the overall change in prices, went up by 3.5 percent year-on-year.

According to DSEC, the total exports of services increased by 13 percent year-on-year, on the back of external demand, with exports of gaming services and other tourism services rising by 13.7 percent and 13 percent

Economy grows 6 percent in 2nd quarter



respectively. Meanwhile, the export of goods went up by 30 percent.

Domestic demand eased slightly, owing to a 11.9 percent decrease in investment; private consumption expenditure and government final consumption expenditure rose by 5.3 percent and 5.1 percent respectively year-on-year, while imports of

goods increased by 10 percent.

Private consumption expenditure showed solid growth. Total employment and employment earnings increased amid a satisfactory employment situation, driving private consumption expenditure up by 5.3 percent year-on-year, higher than the 4.8 percent rise in the previous quarter.

Government final consumption expenditure registered growth of 5.1 percent year-on-year, higher than the 2.2 percent growth in the previous quarter, while compensation of employees and net purchases of goods and services went up by 3.3 percent and 8.8 percent respectively.

For the first half of 2018, the economy of Macau grew by 7.6 percent year-on-year in real terms. In terms of the major expenditure components of GDP, private consumption expenditure and government final consumption expenditure rose by 5.1 percent and 3.7 percent year-on-year respectively, whereas investment dropped by 7.1 percent.

Police association member arrested for tour fee fraud

A member of a local police association (unidentified) has been arrested for fraud, the Judiciary Police (PJ) reported on Friday. In July 2017, the police association paid a mainland travel agency to organize a group tour to Russia. The total price charged by the agency for the tour was RMB373,000. The suspect, surnamed Lei, collected fees from each member of the tour group, but did not give all the money to the travel agency. The travel agency only reported the case to the PJ in July this year, claiming to have lost RMB220,000.

Physical therapist denounces unprofessional courses

The Macau Physical Therapists Association is reminding the public not to attend physical therapy courses organized by non-authorized organizations. Recently, the association has been receiving frequent inquiries from the public regarding the accreditation of physical therapy courses in Macau. The association informed that the majority of inquiries were targeting a course which has been deemed unprofessional. These courses do not allow students to provide physical therapy services, and in no way can students become physical therapists through these same courses.

Lawmaker wants a thorough investigation of lifeguards' case

Lawmaker Lei Cheng I suggested the government thoroughly investigate the recent incident involving swimming pool lifeguards. In Lei's opinion, the case should not be simply regarded as an employment dispute, and the government should investigate if there are indeed situations of overworking. Lei further declared that this situation would eventually impact the safety of residents. Lei said that, according to the Labor Law, the case cannot be settled simply by having the company pay the lifeguards compensation. The government should clearly enforce the lifeguards' right to rest.

Gov't to study environmental impact of Coloane chemical depots

THE government has decided to conduct an environmental impact assessment on two sites in Coloane proposed to house storage facilities for hazardous materials, following several weeks of public campaigning against the project.

According to a government statement, the decision was taken in light of the opinions expressed by members of the public and suggestions from the Secretary for Security, Wong Sio Chak.

"Having an environmental impact assessment would address the

issue of the security of any such facilities and ensure maximum safety for the public and for their property," noted the government in the statement.

The two proposed sites, both located in Coloane at Estrada do Dique Oeste and Avenida Marginal Flor de Lotus, will be studied by local public works departments to determine their potential environmental impact should they be used for storing hazardous materials.

The government said that it understands the concern of the public and recognizes "their

perception [that] there might somehow be a threat to the community [from] the proposed storage facilities."

As such it is stepping up efforts to provide the public with further details regarding the criteria applied to selecting the proposed locations and the safety management measures that would be applied. The government believes that such efforts will improve transparency regarding the management of hazardous materials.

Meanwhile, the leader of a group of dissatisfied Coloane residents,

Edith Mak, has said that another demonstration against the proposal will be held on September 9. According to public broadcaster TDM, a few hundred protestors are expected to join the demonstration.

The proposal to relocate the storage facilities for hazardous materials to the Concordia Industrial Park in Coloane was first raised in mid-July as a "temporary solution" until the government could devise a more suitable location.

Following scrutiny of the proposal by Macau's Urban Planning

Committee, which found several matters of concern, a group of residents of the Seac Pai Van area gathered to protest the decision, lamenting the lack of public consultation.

Late last month, a petition signed by over 7,400 people was delivered to the government, calling for a halt to the project on the basis of safety concerns and what they described as "poor urban planning".

But the government contests this idea and says that the proposed locations will reduce the likelihood of accidents. It said that the locations would avoid the unnecessary storage and transportation of dangerous chemicals.

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The Lui Che Woo Prize – Prize for World Civilization announced the three laureates of the 2018 Lui Che Woo Prize, an award recognizing their efforts to overcome the significant issues facing the world.

The 2018 Positive Energy

Prize, which had a focus on "Elimination of Illiteracy" this year, was awarded to India's Pratham Education Foundation.

Pratham Education Foundation directly helps one million children attain basic literacy and numeracy

skills annually.

Meanwhile, the 2018 Welfare Betterment Prize focused on "Reduction of the Impact of Natural Disasters" was awarded to the World Meteorological Organization (WMO).

WMO sets worldwide standards and provides a framework for international co-operation by supporting its 191 member states and territories in implementing the adopted policies.

The 2018 Sustainability Prize focused on "Development of Renewable Energy" was awarded to Hans-Josef Fell.

Fell founded the world's first energy community to produce solar power in 1994 and transformed the market for renewable energy, and successfully fought for the adoption of the Renewable Energy Act in the German Parliament.

MELCO LAUNCHES NEW PENSION FUND FOR EMPLOYEES



Melco Resorts & Entertainment Limited will launch a new pension fund plan with matching contributions of up

to 5 percent of base salary and provide guaranteed tips (if any).

The gaming operator, as

cited in a statement, will also award a one-time special gift of a month's salary to eligible Macau non-management employees upon completion of the new pension fund plan participation process.

This will be implemented in the coming months and payment of the one-time special gift to eligible employees, if applicable, is expected to be made around the end of October 2018.

As part of this review, various other benefits were announced to employees, including but not limited to, enhanced employee discounts, a new sick leave policy which will be trialed for one year, perfect attendance recognition and service award recognition programs honoring 10 years or more of service.

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Where's the Chairman?

Landing shares have fallen sharply after Yang went missing



according to a Hong Kong exchange filing.

Questions now surround the tycoon at a particularly bad time for Landing. The company's stock has been sinking since Philippine President Rodrigo Duterte unexpectedly ordered a review of Landing's casino lease contract on Aug. 7, the day the company broke ground on the project. Duterte called the contract "flawed."

Landing opened its only casino resort, Jeju Shinhwa World in Korea, earlier this year

Landing declined to comment, while a China Huarong representative didn't reply to requests for comment.

Landing opened its only casino resort, Jeju Shinhwa World in Korea, earlier this year. Yang is the company's largest shareholder with a 50.5 percent stake. Landing, his main holding, has plunged about 74 percent since he debuted on the Bloomberg Billionaires Index in April at \$1.6 billion.

It's not the first time a Chinese tycoon has gone missing after an aggressive expansion. Financier Xiao Jianhua, who led the Tomorrow Holding Co. empire, was taken away by Chinese authorities in early 2017, the South China Morning Post reported at the time. The newspaper subsequently cited mainland sources as saying that Xiao was helping with investigations into matters that included "bribery and stock market manipulation." **Bloomberg**

China ex-billionaire goes missing, sparking rout in casino stock

Daniela Wei, Blake Schmidt

LANDING International Development Ltd. shares suffered their biggest weekly plunge ever after the casino operator said Chairman Yang Zhihui was unreachable.

Company officials have been unable to reach Yang since Aug. 23, Landing said in a Hong Kong stock exchange filing last week. Caixin reported earlier that Yang is a target of investigators looking

into ties with China Huarong Asset Management Co., a state-owned bad-debt manager whose former chairman, Lai Xiaomin, is under investigation for alleged corruption.

The news delivered another shock to investors just two weeks after the company's USD1.5 billion Philippine project was thrown into doubt. Landing dropped as much as 16 percent on Friday. The company has lost 42 percent of its value this week and

now has a market capitalization of about \$1.2 billion.

Since becoming China's president in 2013, Xi Jinping has led an anti-corruption campaign that has nabbed more than 1.5 million Communist Party cadres.

More recently, the campaign has been reaching into corporate boardrooms as part of an effort to halt the debt-fueled expansion of China's biggest businesses. High-profile executives at state-owned enterprises and private

sector billionaires are finding their wealth and connections are no longer enough to shield them from probes into corruption and financial crimes.

Missing Bosses Add to Risks of Investing in China: QuickTake Q&A

A unit of Huarong International Financial Holdings lent HK\$660 million (\$84 million) to a holding company of Yang's in December 2016, debt that was personally guaranteed by Yang,

Bank of Thailand's hawkish tilt adds another tailwind for baht

David Finnerty

THE Bank of Thailand is giving the baht - the most-loved emerging-market currency this month -- one more reason to keep up its outperformance.

Piggybacking on a strong current-account surplus, the baht has braved developing-market doldrums and topped returns among 24 currencies tracked by Bloomberg. It is also the sole gainer in Asia this quarter. As investors await the Aug. 31 release of Thailand's latest balance of payments data, a recent hawkish tilt by the central bank is adding to the currency's

allure.

There is less need now for an extremely accommodative stance since the recovery in the economy is clearer, Governor Veerathai Santiprabhob said Aug. 20, adding that it can't go against the global trends in interest-rate policy. The baht's stability and benign inflation have enabled Thailand to hold interest rates at a near record-low of 1.5 percent even as countries including Indonesia, India and the Philippines have tightened.

Veerathai's comments have already prompted Nomura Holdings Inc. to forecast a 25-basis points rate hike at the

Sept. 19 meeting. Minutes of the BOT's latest gathering showed officials discussed "conditions and appropriate timing to begin normalizing monetary policy in the future."

Technical analysis also points to potential gains for the currency, as the dollar-baht's failure to breach a key resistance around 33.50 has seen the pair resume its downtrend.

Dollar-baht below its 50-day moving average on Monday, and may look to test support around 32.363 - its high from May 21, given the growing bearish momentum. The pair's moving-average

convergence-divergence has declined below zero, having already fallen below its signal line. A breach of the May high may see it head toward support around 32.00 in the medium term.

At 32.76 to a dollar on Friday, the currency has climbed 1.6 percent this month, after data July 31 showed a higher-than-estimated current-account surplus of \$4.08 billion for June.

The baht is holding up well while investors get increasingly picky about emerging markets amid a savage sell-off spurred by higher U.S. interest rates, trade tensions and a turmoil in Turkey. At more than 10 per-

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cent, Thailand has the second-highest current-account balance as a percentage of gross domestic product among developing markets in Asia. Only Taiwan has a better buffer.

While the Taiwan dollar has been hit by foreign outflows from equities and the China-U.S. trade war, Deutsche Bank AG says the baht offers the best value in emerging Asia. Thailand has also seen

net foreign inflows of \$4.4 billion into its bond markets, higher than peers in Southeast Asia.

The baht is up 1.1 percent this quarter. It is also the only currency showing a gain for August among 24 developing-market exchange rates. That's no mean feat given that the MSCI Emerging Markets Currency Index has dropped about 2 percent this month. **Bloomberg**



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2,305 sq.ft. HKD 29,800

Fabulous family apartment on a high floor in the Manhattan, located in central Taipa. Four bedrooms: three doubles & one single, separate shower room and en-suite bathroom off the master room. Kids outdoor climbing frame, large terrace for with BBQ pits, indoor private dining room for twenty, and a state of the art gym (better than many local hotels). Two car parks are available for sale separately



The Buckingham

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Bright and spacious 3 bedrooms, 1dressingroom and 1utility room apartment in Macau. Furnished Partly. Front balcony with the great view of Macau skyline and Nam Van Lake. Convenient location, close to Grand Lisboa and Senado square.

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Jubilee Court, Macau

(Ref: 18030672)
2,200 sq.ft. HKD 15.98M
Rate: HKD 7,263

Great size four bedroom apartment in downtown Macau, across the road from Star World and next to the Landmark this apartment is well located. Two double bedrooms have built wardrobes and walk in shower rooms. The other two bedrooms share a bathroom. Plenty of bespoke storage throughout the property.



Old Macau, Unique Walk Up

(Ref: 18065557)
950 sq.ft. HKD 4.48M
Rate: HKD 4,715

Located close to St Lazarus church on the Macau peninsula this apartment has three bedrooms (one on the rooftop), it's a duplex the property has a lofty feel about it. Modernised a few years ago it needs little renovation.



Jou Fai Kuok, St Pauls Ruin's Macau

(Ref: 18055556)
627 sq.ft. HKD 3.9M
Rate: HKD 6,347

One bedroom apartment in Heritage Area of Macau. A five minute from the Ruins of St Pauls. Renovated 3 years ago. Good size master bedroom with built in wardrobes. Modern shower room with built in under counter cabinet. Well equipped kitchen. S shaped living / dining area with small nook for desk.



Va Nam Top Floor

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Rate: HKD 5,573

This property is centrally located in Taipa and enjoys exclusive access to the corresponding rooftop area. The internal area does need some TLC which makes it a unique opportunity for investors to renovate and force appreciation. The property is currently tenanted but can be viewed with prior arrangement.



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Rate: HKD 7,905

Its unusual to find such a beautifully designed apartment in Macau especially with stunning views over Hac Sa beach. The interior renovation has been thoughtfully designed by the owners cousin a well known architect in Portugal. The quality of this apartment is second to none and a real show piece.



Choi Long Meng Chui, Taipa

(Ref: 18045555)
3,398 sq.ft. HKD 21M
Rate: HKD 6,180

Fabulous apartment with stunning open views across to Macau. Originally four bedrooms converted to three bedrooms with three bathrooms, two en suite. The open plan dining area at the back of the property has another balcony with a view of the original University of Macau. Two parking spaces (one covered and the other open).

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China blasts Trump comment; Seoul regrets Pompeo trip delay

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CHINA on Saturday lashed out at President Donald Trump for accusing Beijing of not being supportive in efforts to denuclearize North Korea, while South Korea called the U.S. decision to call off a trip to the North by Secretary of State Mike Pompeo "unfortunate."

The reaction in Seoul and Beijing came hours after President Donald Trump directed Pompeo to delay his trip because of what he saw as a lack of progress on nuclear disarmament talks with the North. Trump also said the nuclear negotiations with North Korea have been hampered by a lack of support from China, which is the North's only major ally and is engaged in an intensifying trade dispute with the United States.

The Chinese foreign ministry blasted Trump's comments. "The U.S. statement violates basic facts and is irresponsible," the ministry said on its website. "We are seriously concerned about it and have made solemn representations to the U.S. side."

Beijing supports "advancing the process of a political settlement" following the Trump-Kim meeting in Singapore, the statement said. It appealed to both sides to "show more sincerity and flexibility" instead of "being capricious and overly prejudiced."

Meanwhile, while describing the postponement of Pompeo's trip as a setback, South Korea's Foreign Ministry said



In this July 6 file photo, Mike Pompeo (second from left) is greeted by North Korean Director of the United Front Department Kim Yong Cho

it expects China to continue serving a "constructive role" in international efforts to solve the nuclear crisis and noted that Beijing continues to express commitment to fully implement sanctions against the North.

"It's most important to maintain a long-term view while maintaining a momentum for dialogue and concentrate diplomatic efforts to faithfully implement the agreements from the summits between South Korea and North Korea and between North Korea and the United States, instead of attaching meaning to each change in the situation," the ministry said in a statement.

"While we consider the delay of the visit to North Korea as

unfortunate, we believe it's most important for the North Korea-U.S. dialogue including Secretary Pompeo's visits to North Korea to contribute to substantial progress in complete denuclearization and the establishment of a permanent peace regime in the Korean Peninsula," the statement said.

South Korean Foreign Minister Kang Kyung-hwa spoke with Pompeo over the phone and agreed that the allies should work to keep the atmosphere of dialogue alive, it said.

Trump's surprise announcement appeared to mark a concession by the president to widespread concerns that his prior claims of world-al-

tering progress on the Korean Peninsula had been strikingly premature. Ending a period of animosity over North Korea's nuclear and missile development, Trump made history by meeting North Korean leader Kim Jong Un in Singapore in June. But the meeting only produced a vague statement on a nuclear-free peninsula without describing how and when it would occur.

Post-summit nuclear talks got off to a rocky start, with North Korea accusing the United States of making unilateral demands on denuclearization. The North has been demanding that the United States ease or lift the sanctions that are crippling its economy. It also wants the United States

to fast-track discussions to formally declare an end the 1950-53 Korean War, which stopped on an armistice and not a peace treaty, leaving the peninsula technically at war.

Pompeo and other administration officials have suggested some concessions short of easing or lifting sanctions are possible before verified denuclearization, but have refused to be specific about what they could be. And they have been skeptical about an end-of-war declaration in the absence of any progress on the nuclear matter.

Trump's decision to call off Pompeo's trip is clearly a frustrating development for South Korean President Moon Jae-in, who continues to push for inter-Korean engagement. Moon, who lobbied hard for the meeting between Trump and Kim, plans to visit Pyongyang in September for his third summit with Kim this year. Moon says improving relations between the rivals would be an important part of the global diplomatic efforts to resolve the nuclear standoff because Kim wouldn't give up his arsenal unless he feels safe.

The summitry has led to a variety of conciliatory steps between the Koreans, which have held military talks to reduce tensions across the border, agreed to open a South Korean liaison office in the North, and are currently holding highly emotional reunions between elderly war-separated relatives in North Korea's Diamond Mountain resort.

Moon has also proposed more ambitious ideas, such as reconnecting railways and highways between the Koreans, but the fate of such projects hinges on progress in negotiations between Washington and Pyongyang to denuclearize the North. **AP**

Didi halts hitch service after second woman killed

DIDI Chuxing said it will suspend a carpool service and has removed two executives after a second female customer in three months was allegedly killed by a driver in China.

The ride-hailing app company said in an emailed statement yesterday that it will halt its Hitch service starting Monday and re-evaluate the carpool operation's business model. Didi has removed Huang Jieli as Hitch's general manager and Huang Jinhong as vice president for customer services, according to the statement.

A driver in the eastern city of Wenzhou suspected of killing a female

passenger on Aug. 24 has been detained, Chinese state media reported. Didi came under intense scrutiny in May, when state media reported a driver used his father's account to pick up and kill a woman in the central city of Zhengzhou.

Didi apologized for the latest incident and said that it would upgrade its processes for handling complaints. The Hitch service, which the company said handled 1 billion trips over the past three years, was being suspended "because of our disappointing mistakes."

"Growth of our service

scale puts our safety management mechanisms under huge pressure, especially in terms of identifying potential risks, designing effective and efficient processes, and rapid response," Didi said. "We take to our heart all criticisms from the public and the relevant authorities."

Officials from China's ministries of transport and public security said in a statement they met with Didi representatives yesterday. The government said it ordered the firm to immediately rectify its Hitch service, protect the safety and rights of passengers, and publish the details of any progress it makes. Didi agreed to

submit a compliance plan and submit it to the government before Sept. 1, and to add more customer service personnel.

The company said the suspect in the second alleged killing provided full and authentic documentation, and had no criminal record. He passed a facial-recognition test before starting work for the day, Didi said.

Hitch has been marketed as a social ride-sharing service, allowing drivers and passengers to label or rate each other by appearance. Such features have attracted criticism because the platform was rife with comments that marked



A receptionist walks by the front desk of the service station for Didi Chuxing's drivers in Hangzhou

female passengers as "goddesses" and "beauties."

Didi said in May it was overhauling safety measures across its business after the first killing. One of the changes would involve the redesign of its emergency help button to display it more prominently on the

app interface, it said.

Users of carpooling or similar services should send information including the car's license plate number and the driver's name to relatives, the Wenzhou Public Security Bureau said in a statement on its WeChat account. **Bloomberg**

Police detain owner of hotel where fire killed 19

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POLICE in northeastern China have detained the owner of a resort hotel where a fire killed 19 people and injured 23 others.

The public security bureau of the city of Harbin said on its official social media account it was questioning the legal representative of the Beilong Hot Spring Leisure Hotel on suspicion of negligence leading to Saturday's fire.

The disaster added to a string of deadly blazes that have plagued China despite official efforts to improve public safety over the past two decades.

The fire broke out at the four-story hotel in Harbin's Sun Island recreation area at 4:36 a.m. and was extinguished at 7:50 a.m. by a force of 105 firefighters with 30 firetrucks, Chinese state television said.

Firefighters found 18 people dead and one more died at a hos-

pital, the Harbin city government said on its social media account. It said 23 people were injured and more than 80 evacuated.

Harbin, with about 5 million people, is the second-largest city in China's northeast, after Shenyang. It is known for the Russian architecture of its inner city and as the site of a winter festival with sculptures made of ice blocks cut from the Songhua River.

The ruling Communist Party has tried to improve fire safety following deadly blazes at hotels, shopping malls and apartment buildings. But the country still suffers major fires.

In November, a fire blamed on faulty wiring at a Beijing apartment building killed 19 people.

A 2010 blaze at a Shanghai apartment tower killed at least 58 people. Authorities blamed sparks from a welder's torch. **AP**

Gov't keeps promises to Wall Street

CHINA removed limits on foreign ownership of its banks and bad-debt managers, pushing ahead with a previously announced plan to open its financial system despite rising trade tensions with the U.S.

Overseas financial institutions will now be treated the same as local companies, the China Banking and Insurance Regulatory Commission said in a statement last week, following through on a pledge announced last year. Stakes were previously capped at 20 percent for a single foreign institution and 25 percent for a group.

The move is part of China's longstanding effort to increase its integration with the global financial system, but it may also help President Xi Jinping counter criticism from U.S. President Donald Trump that China has been a one-sided beneficiary of global commerce. Xi's government announced a number of financial opening initiatives in November, before the tit-for-tat trade conflict that saw the world's biggest economies raise tariffs on USD50 billion of each other's exports. Most of the Chinese opening measures are expected to take effect by the end of this year.

"China is showing they are keeping their promise and that regulators are interested in opening up, rather than closing down," said Chen Long, a Beijing-based economist at research firm Gavikal Dragonomics. "Given the ongoing trade dispute, from a reputation perspective, this is helpful."

Foreign banks held 2.9 trillion yuan (\$420 billion) of assets in China at the end of 2016, some 1.3 percent of the total and the lowest share since 2003, CBIRC data show. They earned 12.8 billion yuan in the nation last year, less than 1 percent of the profits at Chinese counterparts.

Yet even if they take full control of their China ventures, international companies will face multiple challenges. One of the biggest is competition from government-controlled rivals, who currently dominate the nation's financial system and have longstanding relationships with state-owned companies that drive much of China's economic activity. A recent government clampdown on financial leverage has also made the country's regulatory environment trickier to navigate. **Bloomberg**

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Sands China Takes the Lead in Screening Documentary 'Amazing China' for Team Members

First integrated resort operator to hold such screening
Part of the company's professionalism education efforts

Sands China Ltd. held a screening July 26 of the first episode of the multi-part documentary series, **Amazing China**, for its team members at The Venetian Macao's Adelson Advanced Education Centre. The event is part of the company's ongoing efforts to promote professionalism education, and aims to deepen team members' understanding of China's historical changes and its latest achievements.

Also shown during the screening were the **Macao SAR Government – Push for Diversity and Steady Development and The Five-Year Development Plan of the Macao Special Administrative Region (2016-2020) – Cultivate Emerging Industries** promotional clips, to help team members familiarise themselves with the guidelines and policies introduced by the Macao SAR government.

The screening attracted more than 150 team members from different departments. The first episode of **Amazing China – the Chinese Dream** – is a 50-minute-long episode that focuses on the continuous development and improvement of China's infrastructure. It features the Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macao Bridge, the China Railway Revival Express (Fuxing Hao) high-speed train, the Shanghai Yangshan Deep Water Port and China's Mobile Internet, among other mega projects. Sands China is the first integrated resort operator in Macao to hold such a screening for its team members.

Invited guests of honour at the event included Director of the Economic Affairs Department of the Liaison Office of the Central People's Government in the Macao SAR Zuo Xianghua, Advisor to the Office of the Secretary for Social Affairs and Culture Lam Io Pak, President of the National Conditions Education Association (Macao) Wang Haitao, Vice President of the Macao Federation of Trade Unions Ho Sut Heng, and Senior Vice President of Human Resources for Sands China Ltd. Wen Hongyan.

Zuo remarked: "Sands China is the largest private employer in Macao, so it means a lot for them to hold a company-wide documentary screening. With the city's increased economic integration with mainland China, Macao plays a crucial role in the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area. We are very pleased to see that Sands China has put a lot of effort into promoting professionalism education, and that these efforts are bearing fruit. We look forward to further collaboration with local associations in order to develop a more diversified training programme in professionalism education."

Wang stated: "We are very grateful to Sands China for holding this documentary screening today. Since the establishment of our association a decade ago, our work has been widely recognised by the community. Professionalism education is closely related to many aspects of our lives – economy, tourism, gastronomy and culture, among others. Today's event shows that Sands China attaches great importance to professionalism training."

Wen said: "The Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area initiative – together with the construction of the tourism and leisure district of Zhuhai and Macao, and the multi-destination tourism zone connected by the Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macao Bridge – will bring unprecedented opportunities to Macao. As one of the leading integrated resort developers in Macao, Sands China is always looking out for the best interests of our team members, especially in terms of career development. To that end, we are pleased to be offering diverse educational opportunities to keep our team members up-to-date with the latest economic and cultural developments in Macao, the Greater Bay Area and mainland China. These are essential to their professional growth, as well as to the continuous development of Sands China and Macao."

Amazing China is a multi-part documentary series co-produced by the Publicity Development of the Communist Party of China (CPC) Central Committee and China Central Television (CCTV). It chronicles China's economic and social achievements by highlighting its new development concepts of innovation, coordination, greening, opening up and inclusiveness. **Macao SAR Government – Push for Diversity and Steady Development and The Five-Year Development Plan of the Macao Special Administrative Region (2016-2020) – Cultivate Emerging Industries** are promotional clips created by the MSAR government to promote its policies.

As part of the company's promotional efforts, Sands China has set up professionalism education banner stands in its properties' back-of-house areas. Meanwhile, video screens show the promo clips and the documentary series to raise Sands China's 28,000 team members' awareness and understanding of professionalism education. The company will, at a later stage, hold the screening of the remaining episodes: **Energetic Innovations** and **Opening up of China**, for its team members to help them learn more about China's situation and development trends.



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Shim Goo-seob, 83, shows a photo of his family member during an interview at his office in Seoul

Elderly Koreans shut out of family reunions use backchannels

Hyung-Jin Kim, Seoul

KIM Kyung-jae will probably never be chosen in the government lottery that would allow him to reunite one last time with his relatives in North Korea. But that's no problem, he said this week in an interview, even as a small group of the lucky South Koreans who won the lottery met with their loved ones in North Korea.

The 86-year-old Kim is one of a dwindling number of elderly South Koreans who, frustrated with North Korea's reluctance to allow more frequent reunions and by the small chance that they'll be selected before they die, found unofficial networks to communicate with their North Korean relatives. For three decades Kim has been sending his North Korean sister letters and aid.

"It's absolutely regrettable that other South Koreans don't know about these communication channels," Kim said, showing a bunch of letters with North Korean stamps that his sister has sent to him over the years.

During the latest reunions, which ended yesterday and were organized by the rival governments, hundreds of Koreans, many in their 70s or older, have been reunited for the first time since the 1950-53 Korean War. But they are just a tiny fraction of the separated families in the Koreas, where millions were split during the turmoil of the war. This is the

21st time the Koreas have had such reunions, but they don't occur regularly because of long periods of bad feelings between the rivals, and Pyongyang's reluctance to expose its people to the outside world.

So Kim and others turn to friends, brokers and others in China, Japan and elsewhere to try to find out whether their relatives in North Korea are still alive and to arrange exchanges of letters, photos, phone calls and sometimes face-to-face meetings with them.

Officially, both Koreas ban their citizens from contacting each other without government approval. But South Korea allows and even quietly helps finance backchannel contacts among separated families on humanitarian grounds. It's likely that Seoul keeps the backchannel programs low-key because of worries about angering North Korea, which refuses South Korea's push to have more frequent official reunions because it uses them as political leverage. South Korean officials have occasionally told separated families of their support for unofficial exchanges, but they've stopped short of major publicity campaigns because of concerns about brokers swindling people.

According to a Seoul government tally on civilian-arranged exchanges between separated families, there have been about 11,610 cases of letter exchanges and 1,755 face-to-face encounters involving 3,416 Koreans since

1990. By comparison, before this week's reunions, government-sponsored programs saw 19,770 people reunited in person since 2000; none was given a second chance to reunite.

The backchannel exchanges flourished during a previous "Sunshine" era of inter-Korean detente, but the number has sharply decreased in recent years as many elderly refugees in South Korea have died and North Korea has tightened control on its once porous border with China.

Because thousands of separated family members die each year in South Korea without getting a chance to attend the on-again off-again government-organized reunions, these informal exchanges are often the only way for some to communicate with their relatives in the North.

Kim, who once ran a fisheries export business in Japan, said he has friends there who print out his emails and mail them to his

■ **It's likely that Seoul keeps the backchannel programs low-key because of worries about angering North Korea**

younger sister and other relatives in North Korea. When they get replies from North Korea, they scan and email them to Kim.

When he wants to give his relatives clothes, shoes and other items, he uses brokers in China to send them by parcel post after paying them 200 yuan (\$30) for each 20-kilogram (44 pounds) box.

He said he's helped about 30 other South Koreans correspond with their relatives in North Korea or send them aid parcels. These South Koreans are mostly from where Kim grew up in North Korea, before the war, on the east coast.

Kim said his mail exchanges and aid shipments run smoothly, in part because he has never criticized North Korean leadership in his letters and his sister, now in her mid-70s, used to start her letters by praising North Korea's ruling Kim family.

His letter exchanges began in the early 1990s when he found the address of his sister, who years earlier sent him a photo of his parents and the news of their deaths via a former neighbor who'd acquired a U.S. citizenship and visited the North. "After looking at the photo, I cried a lot, really a lot, because I had thought they were still alive," he said.

In 2002 when Kim lived in Japan, his sister made a collect call to him and they had an hour-long conversation. She repeatedly called him "Oppa," a term women use for their elder bro-

thers. "I told her 'Don't cry; just say something,' but she could only weep and say 'Oppa' again," Kim said.

Kim now runs an organization with a fellow refugee to help others connect with their long-lost kin in North Korea. The organization receives a state subsidy.

His partner, Shim Goo-seob, 83, said he has arranged face-to-face reunions in China among North and South Koreans via his own network of brokers and helpers.

Shim said he was able to meet with his younger brother living in North Korea in the Chinese border town of Yanji in 1994 after a Chinese helper disguised himself as his brother's uncle and invited him to visit. Shim said he spent three days with his brother in Yanji, and they stayed up all night talking about their lives on the first day.

Shim tried to get his younger sister to come to China for another brief family reunion, too, but she couldn't get a Chinese visa so he had her come to a border river and watched her with binoculars in 2003. He said she shuffled from side to side to make herself stand out among the other people on the riverbank. "My heart ached," Shim said of seeing her.

Some refugees don't know about these unofficial ways to see their relatives in the North, while others are afraid of being swindled by brokers or think they'll be breaking South Korea's anti-Pyongyang security law.

Cho Il Woong, 86, has repeatedly been rejected for government-organized reunions, and while he's desperate to see his siblings in the North before dying, he worries that using a broker would get him in trouble with the South Korean government.

The son of a late South Korean woman who never remarried while waiting for her husband in the North said brokers helped him exchange letters more than 20 years ago with a North Korean man who they said was his father. But the son, Park Yong Ho, said he suspected that the brokers tried to bilk him out of money with a false promise of a face-to-face reunion, which never happened.

Even if separated families are reconnected, their relations don't usually last long, often because South Koreans don't want to continuously financially support their relatives in the North, according to Kim and Shim.

One of Kim's brothers once asked him why he was helping their sister, who was completely alone when their parents died because her other siblings fled to South Korea during the war.

"I wanted to help her because it was heart-breaking to imagine how much she cried when our parents died," Kim said. "I told my brother that I would have done the same thing for him if he'd stayed behind in the North." AP

Terry Tang

'Crazy Rich Asians' draws immigrant parents to the movies

WHEN "Crazy Rich Asians" surpassed expectations and grabbed the top spot at the box office in its opening weekend, the film also pulled off another surprising feat: It put Asians of a certain age in theater seats.

Younger Asian-Americans have been flocking with their parents to see the first movie in 25 years with an all-Asian cast. For many older, first-generation Asian immigrants, going to the movies doesn't rank high among hobbies and interests. The crowds, the language barrier and ticket prices are often turnoffs.

But the appeal of "Crazy Rich Asians," the story of a culture clash that erupts when an Asian-American woman from New York meets her boyfriend's family in Singapore, has bridged a real-life generation gap. Earning more than USD40 million since its Aug. 15 release, the film already has a sequel in development.

An adaptation of Kevin Kwan's bestselling novel, the rom-com is poised to hit the \$100 million mark due to its popularity and a lack of strong competition in the next month, comScore senior media analyst Paul Dergarabedian said.

"The over-performance of 'Crazy Rich Asians' shows the power of a great movie with universal themes to draw all audiences and also to break down preconceived notions of what can constitute a box office hit," Dergarabedian said.

Broken down by ethnicity, Asians made up nearly 40 percent of the film's audience during its opening weekend, Warner Bros said. By comparison, Asian/Pacific Islanders comprised just 10 percent of the audience in the opening days of last year's "Spider-Man: Homecoming," according to an analysis done by comScore/Screen Engine's Post-Trak.



Audrey Sue-Matsumoto (right) holds tickets as she poses for photos with her mother Alice Sue

The jump can be partly credited to enthusiastic Asian-Americans who wanted their parents to be part of what the film's star, Constance Wu, has called a "movement."

Lie Shia Ong-Sintzel, 36, of Seattle talked her parents into coming along the second time she saw the movie. It was the first time in five years the couple — Chinese immigrants from Indonesia — had been to the cinema.

"They don't really go to movies in the theater. I usually have to drag them," Ong-Sintzel said. "I felt like this was a big occasion — a movie with an all-Asian cast."

Looking at her parents, she cried because everything from the acting to the food seemed to resonate more. She wasn't the only one.

"I looked over again, my dad was wiping tears from his eyes," Ong-Sintzel said.

In Temple City, California, Catherine Fanchiang, 27, who is Taiwanese-American, went to see the film a third time to keep her parents company.

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Fanchiang's mother, Kao Han Fan, also wanted to see the movie because she recognized Michelle Yeoh, who plays a wary matriarch. But it was Wu's character

who touched the 64-year-old the most. Fan said she liked how the story depicted an "ABC," (American-born Chinese) who showed Asian cultural values such as putting family first.

"When you grow up in an Asian family ... it will be in your mind when you do something, you will always think about other people," Fan said. "You are not really, really selfish, thinking about yourself."

Fanchiang enjoyed watching her parents see an American film with Asians that wasn't a period piece.

"It was just a regular movie that just happens to have Asian people in it. It's not like we're ninjas or we're good at fighting. It's Asians existing in the modern world," Fanchiang said.

The stars and director Jon M. Chu have said they wanted the film to showcase Asians who we-

ren't stereotypes or little-used side-players.

In the case of Alice Sue and her daughter, Audrey Sue-Matsumoto, the 67-year-old mother saw the movie first. She went a second time Thursday in the San Francisco Bay Area suburb of Daly City with her daughter. Sue, who is Chinese, doesn't go to the movies much but knew she had to see this one.

"It's talking about Asian culture. It's real Asians mixed with American-born Asians," Sue said. "And I want to support the Asian movies."

Sue-Matsumoto, 35, said there probably wasn't a more fitting film for the two to see together.

"It was good to watch it with my mom because I feel like it was very relatable in our situation," Sue-Matsumoto said. "She's an immigrant, and I'm American-born. That movie has that generational distinction."

For Mark Gadia, 36, of Chula Vista, California, the movie led to him learning more about his parents' courtship in the Philippines. His parents related to Wu and Henry Golding's star-crossed couple because of how his mother was treated by her future in-laws.

"She apparently wasn't good enough for my dad. It took this movie to make this revelation of how they met," Gadia said.

He did not expect to come away having enjoyed seeing the film alongside his parents as much as he did.

"As sappy as this sounds, it's something I'll always remember," Gadia said. "It's kind of sad it took 25 years, but I'm glad I had the opportunity to have this experience as an adult." AP

CAMBODIA

Jailed ex-opposition lawmaker pardoned by king

Sopheng Cheang, Phnom Penh

A former Cambodian opposition lawmaker who has been a strong critic of the government's handling of demarcating the border with neighboring Vietnam has been pardoned by the country's king.

Um Sam An, a member of the now-dissolved opposition Cambodia National Rescue Party, was sentenced in October 2016 to 2 1/2 years in prison for making comments on the politically sensitive topic and implying that Prime

Minister Hun Sen's government failed to counter land encroachment by Vietnam, Cambodia's traditional enemy.

In a letter on Saturday, King Norodom Sihamoni said Um Sam An had been granted amnesty from his jail term. The amnesty was granted at the request of Hun Sen.

In handing out the sentence in 2016, a judge said the accusations made by Um Sam An in 2015 Facebook posts aimed to cause chaos in society. The lawmaker was arrested in April 2016 in the Cambodian city of Siem Reap af-

ter having returned from a trip to the United States.

Um Sam An is the latest political prisoner to be released from jail in the last week.

On Tuesday, two Cambodian journalists who had worked for U.S.-funded Radio Free Asia and who have been charged with espionage were released on bail. A day earlier, four women jailed for participating in Cambodia's land rights movement were freed under a royal pardon requested by Hun Sen.

Hun Sen cracked down on critics and opponents last year in what was seen

as an effort to ensure his party would win elections held this year. His party did win last month's polls, though the vote was widely seen as lacking credibility.

Hun Sen, who has been in office since 1985 and has held a tight grip on power since ousting a co-prime minister in a bloody 1997 coup, has a record of cracking down harshly when facing a serious challenge, then effecting reconciliation when he no longer feels threatened. The pattern keeps human rights groups and Western governments off balance and moderates their criticism. AP



Cambodia's opposition lawmaker Um Sam An

OBITUARY

John McCain, Republican senator and Vietnam war hero, dies at 81

Laurie Asseo

JOHN McCain, the 2008 Republican presidential nominee and Vietnam War hero who was a senior voice on defense and foreign policy in the U.S. Senate, has died. He was 81.

McCain died at 4:28 p.m. Saturday, his office said in an emailed statement. His wife Cindy and his family were with the senator when he passed away at his home in Arizona. In July 2017, McCain was diagnosed with glioblastoma, an aggressive form of brain cancer. One year of treatment failed to prevent his condition from worsening and on Aug. 24 his family announced that he had chosen to discontinue medical care.

The onetime Navy pilot was North Vietnam's most prominent prisoner of war. After returning from 5 1/2 years of captivity, McCain began a congressional career of more than three decades that made him a force in national politics. He ran for president in 2000 and 2008, winning the Republican nomination in his second campaign but losing to Democrat Barack Obama.

Tributes immediately flowed for McCain, with President Donald Trump tweeting: "My deepest sympathies and respect go out to the family of Senator John McCain. Our hearts and prayers are with you!"

Barack and Michelle Obama said in a statement: "Few of us have been tested the way John once was, or required to show the kind of courage that he did. But all of us can aspire to the courage to put the greater good above our own. At John's best, he showed us what that means. And for that, we are all in his debt."

The Arizona Republican served as chairman of the Senate Armed Services Committee and was frequently a sharp critic of President Trump. A defense hawk who sought increased military spending and joined fellow Republicans in opposing abortion and gay marriage, McCain infuriated many in his party by violating GOP orthodoxy on other issues. In July 2017, he joined two other Republicans in voting with Democrats to kill a GOP-only effort to repeal Obama's health-care law, the Affordable Care Act.

McCain had returned to the Capitol following his brain-cancer diagnosis to vote on the health-care bill. In a dramatic speech on the Senate floor days before the final vote, he urged colleagues to curb hyper-partisanship



Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., leaves a closed-door session on Capitol Hill

and criticized GOP leaders for drafting their bill in secret and without Democratic input.

'BOMBASTIC LOUDMOUTHS'

"Stop listening to the bombastic loudmouths on the radio, television and internet," the senator said during his speech. "To hell with them. They don't want anything done for the public good."

In December 2017, he joined fellow Senate Republicans in an initial vote for a massive tax-cut plan that also would repeal Obamacare's requirement that most people have health insurance or pay a penalty.

McCain also broke with most Republicans earlier by opposing President George W. Bush's tax cuts, backing a path to citizenship for undocumented immigrants and co-authoring legislation to limit campaign

■ McCain was shot down in 1967 over Hanoi. In prison, he was repeatedly beaten and was put in solitary confinement for more than two years

spending.

The senator occasionally tangled with Trump, blasting the president's decision to withdraw from the Trans-Pacific Partnership trade deal as a "serious mistake" and insisting that Congress must investigate Russia's meddling in the 2016 presidential election.

Trump mocked McCain's prisoner of war experience. "He was a war hero because he was captured," Trump said during the 2016 campaign. "I like people who weren't captured."

In early 2017, McCain called for spending USD430 billion more on defense above existing levels over five years.

DEFENSE SPENDING

"Rebuilding our military will not be cheap" but inaction "will irreparably damage our military's ability to deter aggression and conflict," McCain said in a statement.

He criticized Trump for a lack of leadership on the world stage in a December 2017 article on the Medium website. "Our president sees virtue in his unpredictability and prefers uninformed tweets to intentional strategies. We owe our allies and partners — and the American people — better," he wrote.

McCain lost his bid to become the Republican presidential nominee to George W. Bush in 2000. Eight years later, McCain won the nomination and chose as his running mate Alaska Governor Sarah Palin, a polarizing

figure who drew an ardent following among conservative Republicans but whose incendiary statements and lack of experience in national government drove others away.

During the heated campaign in 2008, McCain insisted that his supporters respect Obama, admonishing one of them at a town hall who called the Democratic nominee an Arab. "No ma'am," McCain responded. "He's a decent family man, citizen that I just happen to have disagreements with on fundamental issues."

John Sidney McCain III was born in the Panama Canal Zone on Aug. 29, 1936. The son and grandson of Navy admirals, he followed them to the U.S. Naval Academy. A rebellious streak earned him enough extra guard duty at Annapolis to have marched to Baltimore and back 17 times, McCain said during the 2008 campaign. He graduated in 1958, fifth from the bottom of his class.

WAR HERO

He became a Navy pilot and was shot down in 1967 over Hanoi. In prison, McCain was repeatedly beaten and was put in solitary confinement for more than two years. In mid-1968, as his father took over as commander of U.S. forces in the Pacific, McCain's captors sought to sap POW morale by offering him early release. McCain refused.

McCain returned from Vietnam a hero in 1973. More than

two decades later, as a veteran senator, he supported President Bill Clinton's decision to normalize diplomatic relations with Vietnam. He told the story of his family as co-author of the 1999 book, "Faith of My Fathers: A Family Memoir."

After returning from Vietnam, he served as head of the Navy's Senate liaison office. He met Cindy Hensley, the daughter of a wealthy Arizona beer distributor, and they married after he was divorced from his first wife, Carol. McCain retired from the Navy, moved to Arizona and became an active Republican.

He won an open U.S. House seat in 1982 and four years later was elected to the Senate, succeeding Barry Goldwater, who retired.

NONCONFORMING POSITIONS

In Congress, McCain's iconoclastic streak made him difficult to pigeonhole. He defied President Ronald Reagan during the 1980s by calling for the withdrawal of Marines from Lebanon. Yet McCain called for aggressive deployments of troops overseas following the Sept. 11 attacks.

While seeking large increases in defense spending, McCain was a sharp critic of expensive military projects such as the F-35 Joint Strike Fighter, and he provoked the ire of colleagues who sought to add Navy ships and other Pentagon projects in their home states that he considered unnecessary.

He also tried unsuccessfully to eliminate free, reserved parking spaces for members of Congress at the two Washington-area airports.

In 1989, McCain and four other lawmakers were accused of intervening with federal regulators on behalf of Arizona savings and loan executive Charles Keating during the industry's collapse. Keating had contributed more than \$100,000 to McCain's campaigns. The Senate Ethics Committee rebuked McCain for "poor judgment" but found no improper conduct.

He emerged from that ordeal with a new mission - to change the way federal elections are financed. The campaign finance law co-authored by McCain and Democratic Senator Russell Feingold of Wisconsin earned him the enmity of many social conservatives who felt the new law put their organizations at a competitive disadvantage.

His stances on social issues were in the GOP mainstream: he opposed gay marriage, supported a constitutional amendment to outlaw desecration of the flag and backed a repeal of Roe v. Wade, the Supreme Court ruling that legalized abortion.

McCain had seven children from his two marriages: daughters Meghan and Bridget and sons Jack and Jimmy with his second wife; and sons Doug and Andy and daughter Sidney with his first wife. **Bloomberg**

Sylvie Corbet, Verdun

FRANCE

Volunteers re-enact World War I encampment in Verdun

HUNDREDS of volunteers from 18 countries have gathered in the northeastern French town of Verdun to keep alive the memory of those who fought under appalling conditions in World War I.

Re-enactors dressed in soldiers' uniforms brought to life a big military encampment in the town and held a military parade Saturday, part of a series of events to mark the centenary of the end of the war.

Visitors could visualize soldiers' daily life during the war through the reconstruction of field kitchens, First Aid posts and command posts.

Soldiers in khaki, grey or blue uniforms, depending on the country, and women wearing Red Cross nurses uniforms were presenting authentic objects and equipment from the 1914-1918 war.

Other volunteers were dispatched on key battlefield areas around Verdun. They didn't re-enact any fighting out of respect for the sites, which have since become a symbol of peace.

Instead, German and Polish volunteers were sharing tips about military clothes and historic anecdotes with their French, Australian and English neighbors at the encampment.

The 10-month battle at Verdun — the longest in World War



AP PHOTO



I — killed 163,000 French and 143,000 German soldiers and wounded hundreds of thousands of others. Between February and December 1916, an estimated 60 million shells were fired. Entire villages were destroyed and never rebuilt.

The former battlefield still holds millions of unexploded shells, so that housing and farming are still forbidden in some areas.

Dozens of heads of state and government, including U.S. President Donald Trump, are expected in Paris to commemorate the Armistice that ended the war on Nov. 11.

World War I remembrance sites and museums have seen a strong increase in tourist numbers in recent years, boosted by the commemorations of the centenary. More than 1 million visitors were counted on the five main sites in and around Verdun in 2016, the year of the 100th anniversary of the battle.

Celine Guillin, visiting Verdun with her 8-year-old son, said the recreated encampment allowed visitors to be "very conscious of the hardness of life during the Great War. It was hard on soldiers, but also on their wives, their whole family."

She pointed at a poster urging

French women and children to work in the fields during the summer of 1914.

Jacob Withoos, 19, came from Australia as a volunteer within a group of 12 men. "The main importance there is the remembrance," he said. "War is never a good thing and we must ensure it doesn't happen again. It's great to have things like this so we can remember the men who sacrificed themselves in order to preserve freedom, and definitively ensure it doesn't happen again to any future generation."

French volunteer Michel Pascal said "this is modern history. We must not forget what we've been

through." Pascal was in charge of presenting an American corner in the encampment — composed of a small tent for two men, a backpack including mess tin and cutlery and a bayonet.

Caroline Hecquet, a volunteer from northern France, stressed all countries involved in World War I share a "common suffering."

"Historical memory is in books: strategies, battles, great generals. [...] But the memory of local people, it is fading," she said. "People don't know any more how objects were used, how clothes looked like. That's what we want to pass on." AP

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TIME: 10am-5pm daily (closed on Wednesdays, open on public holidays)

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ADMISSION: Free

ENQUIRIES: (853) 2835 7911

MACAU'S FIRECRACKER INDUSTRY - NEW WORKS BY LIO MAN CHEONG

TIME: 12pm to 8pm

UNTIL: October 5, 2018

VENUE: Taipa Village Art Space

ADMISSION: Free

ENQUIRIES: (853) 2857 6118

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TIME: 3pm-8pm (Mondays)

12pm-8pm (Tuesdays to Sundays)

UNTIL: October 21, 2018

VENUE: A2 Gallery, Albergue SCM

ADMISSION: Free

ENQUIRIES: (853) 2852 2550 / 2852 3205

Offbeat

BLACK BEAR WANDERED INTO HOTEL THAT INSPIRED 'THE SHINING'

A black bear wandered the lobby of the Colorado hotel that inspired Stephen King to write "The Shining."

Stanley Hotel Vice President Reed Rowley tells KDVR-TV that 300 guests were sound asleep as the bruin figured out how to open the door and climbed over furniture. A front desk supervisor captured video of the romp.

There was no damage, but the furniture got rearranged before the bear walked out of the lower level door.

The hotel in Estes Park opened in 1909. It is listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

King wrote "The Shining" after he and his wife stayed at The Stanley in 1974. The 1980 horror film was not shot there.

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13:30	News (RTPi) Delayed Broadcast
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21:15	Vidago Palace
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HOTEL TRANSYLVANIA 3: A MONSTER VACATION

ROOM 1

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

Director: Genndy Tartakovsky

Starring: Adam Sandler, Andy Samberg, Selena Gomez

Language: Cantonese (Chinese)

Duration: 97min

ALONG WITH THE GODS:

THE LAST 49 DAYS

ROOM 1

9:30pm

Director: Kim Yong-hwa

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

Language: Korean (Chinese & English)

THOMAS & FRIENDS

BIG WORLD! BIG ADVENTURES! THE MOVIE

ROOM 1

9:15pm

Director: David Stoten

Starring: Dona Adwera, Peter Andre, Richie Campbell

Language: English (Chinese)

Duration: 85min

DORAEMON THE MOVIE:

NOBITA'S TREASURE ISLAND

ROOM 2

2:30pm

Director: Kazuaki Imai

Starring: Wasabi Mizuta, Megumi Ohara, Yumi Kakazu

Language: Cantonese (Chinese)

Duration: 109min

THE SPY WHO DUMPED ME

ROOM 2

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

Director: Susanna Fogel

Starring: Mila Kunis, Kate McKinnon, Justin Theroux

Language: English (Chinese)

Duration: 117min

L STORM

ROOM 3

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

Director: David Lam

Starring: Louis Koo, Julian Cheung, Kevin Cheng

Language: Cantonese (Chinese & English)

Duration: 90min

THE DARKEST MINDS

ROOM 3

7:30pm

Director: Jennifer Yuh Nelson

Starring: Amandla Stenberg, Mandy Moore, Harris Dickinson

Language: English (Chinese)

Duration: 104min

this day in history



1979 IRA BOMB KILLS LORD MOUNTBATTEN

The Queen's cousin, Lord Louis Mountbatten, has been killed by a bomb blast on his boat in Ireland.

One of the earl's twin grandsons, Nicholas, 14, and Paul Maxwell, 15, a local employed as a boat boy, also died in the explosion.

The attack was followed only hours later by the massacre of 18 soldiers, killed in two booby-trap bomb explosions near Warrenpoint close to the border with the Irish Republic.

The IRA has already admitted carrying out the attack on Lord Mountbatten.

A statement from the organisation said: "This operation is one of the discriminate ways we can bring to the attention of the English people the continuing occupation of our country."

Lord Mountbatten, aged 79, and his family had traditionally spent their summer holiday at their castle in County Sligo, north west of Ireland.

They were aboard his boat, Shadow V, which had just set off from the fishing village of Mullaghmore, when the bomb detonated around 1130 BST.

A witness said the blast blew the boat "to smithereens" and hurled all seven occupants into the water.

Nearby fishermen raced to the rescue and pulled Lord Mountbatten out of the water.

But his legs had been almost severed by the explosion and he died shortly afterwards.

Other survivors were pulled out of the water and rushed to hospital.

At least one person is believed to be in a critical condition.

The attack has called into question the security arrangements surrounding the Mountbatten party. Lord Mountbatten never had a bodyguard.

The local police kept watch on Classiebawn castle for the one month a year Lord Mountbatten spent there.

But his boat was left unguarded in the public dock in Mullaghmore where it was moored.

The village is only 12 miles from the Northern Ireland border and near an area known to be used by IRA members as a refuge.

Courtesy BBC News

IN CONTEXT

Another passenger on the boat, the Dowager Lady Brabourne, 82, died the day after the attack.

Lord Mountbatten was given a state funeral. Six of the soldiers who died at Warrenpoint were buried the same day in local churches.

Thomas McMahon, 31, was convicted of the three murders.

He had been detained in the area by police on suspicion of driving a stolen car two hours before the bomb went off.

McMahon was set free in 1998 under the Good Friday Agreement.

YOUR STARS

Aries Mar. 21-Apr. 19 Not every day provides you with a dramatic turning point or an earth-shattering revelation.

Taurus April 20-May 20 As challenging as it may be, you need to conserve your money right now.

Gemini May 21-Jun. 21 Don't look now, but you're right in the center of everything - and you hold a lot of power.

Cancer Jun. 22-Jul. 22 There's a nice calm to the start of this day that will remain that way if (and only if) you let it.

Leo Jul. 23-Aug. 22 Right now there's a danger in overthinking or overanalyzing things.

Virgo Aug. 23-Sept. 22 Someone who exemplifies whom you want to be someday takes you under their wing today.

Libra Sep.23-Oct. 22 What are you waiting for? Playing hard to get is not your game - be up front about how you feel and what you want.

Scorpio Oct. 23 - Nov. 21 How are you coming with that big personal goal of yours? Chances are, you've forgotten about it ...

Sagittarius Nov. 22-Dec. 21 Bad old habits die hard ... but you should still try your hardest to put an end to at least one of them today.

Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 19 New beginnings are born every day, usually without you noticing them.

Aquarius Jan. 20-Feb. 18 Suddenly the problems in your life seem manageable to the point of being downright silly.

Pisces Feb.19-Mar. 20 Confused about a big decision? Don't be! All you have to do is sort out the pros and cons.

THE BORN LOSER by Chip Sansom

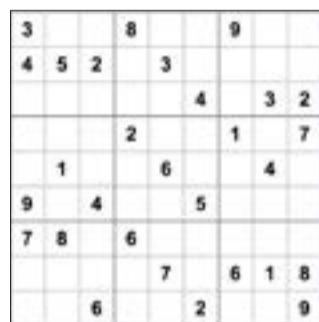


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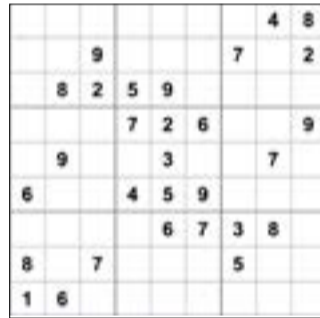
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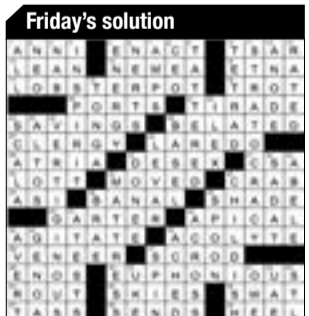
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ASIAN GAMES

Swimmer Rikako Ikee: A smiling face for 2020 Tokyo Olympics

Stephen Wade, Jakarta

RIKAKO Ikee could very well be the smiling face of the 2020 Tokyo Olympics, a new star that organizers are sure to promote during the build-up to the games. The 18-year-old Japanese swimmer has a lot to be happy about.

Capped by a record eight medals at the Asian Games — six gold — Ikee has become an Olympic favorite, particularly in the 100-meter butterfly where she is chasing the world record.

“If everything goes well, I think I will be able to set the world record,” Ikee said, speaking through a translator to non-Japanese reporters after swimming ended on Friday. “But at the same time, it is not easy.”

A promising junior swimmer who qualified for the Rio de Janeiro Olympics two years ago and finished sixth in the 100 fly, Ikee in the last several weeks has arrived as a rising contender in several events.

The breakthrough started earlier this month in the Pan Pacific Championships in Tokyo, competing against top swimmers from the United States, Australia and Canada.

She won the 100 fly in 56.08 seconds, the fastest time of the

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year and ahead of the best time this season by Sarah Sjöström of Sweden, the Olympic champion, world champion and world record-holder.

Sjöström holds the world mark at 55.48, and Ikee — pronounced E-kay — is closing in.

Ikee was also second at the Pan Paces in the 200 freestyle — her second best race — just behind Canadian Taylor Ruck but ahead of American Katie Ledecky, the five-time Olympic champion who has dominated the freestyle

events from 200- to 1,500-meters.

“I gained confidence when I won the 100 butterfly, since this is the main race for me,” she said. Her confidence in freestyle was also boosted, she said, “because I couldn’t compete well with the world’s top swimmers in freestyle before. I think I can compete with the top swimmers in the world in these two races.”

Japan is hoping to win 30 gold medals overall at the next Olympics, an ambitious target and

double its gold-medal take in Rio.

Nations hosting the Olympics usually get a home-field boost. And swimming will be a big part of it, with Japan expected to challenge the United States and China in one of the most high-profile sports at the Olympics.

Japan and China finished with 19 gold medals apiece in swimming at the Asian Games, both teams testing young swimmers and new names in a warm up for Tokyo.

“We are getting closer to the world’s top countries little by little, like the United States, Australia, and China,” Ikee said. “When you look at relay races, you can tell that.”

Besides Ikee, several Japanese also won multiple gold medals in individual races.

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IKEE

Yasuhiro Koseki won the men’s 50, 100 and 200 breaststroke, and Daiya Seto took the 200 fly and 400 IM. Satomi Suzuki won gold in the women’s 50 and 100 breaststroke.

Ikee described the push by Japan to double the gold-medal count in Tokyo as a “drastic challenge.”

Asked if she felt the pressure as the home-country favorite, she said “no.” But then rolled her eyes and paused to explain why. She said success reinforced more training, which led to more medals.

“I don’t feel the pressure too much,” she said. “For me, I gain strength from the cheering and pressure. I make up my mind to work harder, and when I get more support it becomes by motivation.” AP

Taiwan, by whatever name, still winning

IMAGINE if the United States could not compete under its real name at the Olympics. Or Japan, or Spain or India. That’s the reality for Taiwan, which is also formally known as the Republic of China.

But at the on-going Asian Games in Indonesia — as well as the Olympics — the island is listed officially as Chinese Taipei, and marches under a white flag adorned with the Olympic rings.

Its own red, blue and white flag is banned.

“This gives us a chance to compete and make our strength known internationally, so we accept the pity that we have to compete under the name of Chinese Taipei,” Jacqueline Yi-ting Shen, the secretary general of Taiwan’s Olympic committee, told The Associated Press.

This is due primarily to pressure from the People’s Republic of China,

which regards self-governing Taiwan as a break-away province — a remnant of the Chinese civil war.

Mainland China, with a population of 1.4 billion, dominates the Asian Games along with Japan and South Korea. But Taiwan, with only 23.5 million, is also a player. Its delegation of 558 ranks among the largest, and through five days it was ranked No. 8 in the medal table with 22 medals — five gold. China led with 116 overall, followed by Japan (86), South Korea (63) and Iran (27).

Mainland China in recent months has also forced many major airlines to show on their websites that they fly to Taipei — not Taiwan — or face possible sanctions.

“I’m sure that many people [in Taiwan] feel dismayed,” Shen said. “But quite a lot understand that it is the reality in the

international sporting realm. If we use our own name, we will lose the chance for our athletes. They will lose the playground, or the showcase they have. The right of our athletes to compete is our utmost concern. And I think most Taiwanese understand that.”

Taiwan won 10 gold medals in the 2014 Asian Games, and is on track to match that. It claimed one gold medal in the last three Olympics, and a high of two in Athens in 2004.

“Our aim is to win more than one gold in Tokyo,” Shen said.

The 1972 Olympics in Munich was the last in which Taiwan competed under the name of the Republic of China. It boycotted the next several games and did not return until 1984, agreeing to use the name Chinese Taipei, an illustration of China’s rising diplomatic

clout.

Taiwan did not compete in the Asian Games in 1962 when they were last held in Indonesia. Indonesia declined to issue visas, under pressure from China.

Taiwan has won medals this week in almost a dozen sports at the Asian Games — badminton, kabaddi, canoe/kayak, bowling, mountain bikes, shooting, rowing, tennis, taekwondo, wushu, and weightlifting. At the Olympics its best chances may come in archery, weightlifting, badminton, taekwondo and shooting.

Taiwan is capable of holding large events like the Asian Games, though China would surely oppose it. Last year it held the Summer University Games with about 7,500 athletes. China declined to participate in the opening ceremony, but competed in the events.

Athletes from several



countries waved Taiwan’s red, blue and white flag at the closing ceremony, and athletes from Argentina were reportedly reprimanded for it by Summer University Games officials.

“We are very much interested in hosting games like this,” Shen said. “I think we are more than capable.”

She said Taiwan was awarded the 2019 East Asian Youth Games, then later stripped of the ho-

nor by the East Asian Olympic Committee.

Reports say China demanded the change, increasingly angered by Taiwanese President Tsai Ing-wen and her independence-leaning party. China views the island as its possession.

“Political reasons, whatever,” Shen said. “Our athletes just want a space undisturbed by political issues. They just want to concentrate on their sports.” AP

Raj Mohan Viswanathan, Palembang

Thais digging in to keep an Asian game at the Asian Games

OF the Asian games at the Asian Games, sepaktakraw should get some billing as a festival event. With origins in rural southeast Asian provinces — several countries lay claim to creating it — sepaktakraw is like an aerial soccer or hands-free volleyball where players can use their feet, knees, heads, elbows or shoulders to propel a woven, synthetic ball. No hands.

The name of the game is a literal translation. Proponents explain that it's a combination of languages with "sepak" coming from the term used for kick in Malaysia, Singapore and Indonesia, and "takraw" being the Thai word for the woven ball.

While the acrobatic, overhead kicks and athletic, somersaulting leaps to the height of the net are eye-catching, the sport's place on the Asian Games program is far from secure.

At the 2018 Games being co-hosted in Jakarta and Palembang, only eleven countries entered the team regu — or team of teams — competition.

With the next Asian Games travelling to China, there has been speculation sepaktakraw will be cut from the program. Understandably, that notion has not been well received in Thailand, winner of the first three gold medals in this tournament.



"This is one of the sports that really shows the athleticism and it is really exciting to watch," Sakha Siriwat, gold-medal winner in the team regu, said. "It is very thrilling and also it's a sport with such a long heritage, so it should not be dropped."

"It's a very exciting sport to watch." Thailand coach Kamol Tankimhong sounded confident sepaktakraw would be retained for the continental Olympic-style games, which attract more than 11,000 athletes in 40 sports.

"We have great confidence in the international federation, and the Asian federation — they are working hard so that we raise the awareness of the sport," Tankimhong said.

Sepaktakraw is played by groups of two or three who try to score points by hitting the takraw above the net and into the court about the size of a badminton space as the opposing players attempt to block.

The atmosphere was electric as Thailand beat arch rivals Malaysia in the opening men's team

regu, a rivalry that has lasted decades.

Malaysia swept all the gold medals in 1990 and 1994 but Thailand has dominated the event ever since.

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After the Thai men won the team regu here, Thailand's women beat South Korea for gold in the team event. Vietnam and Myanmar took bronze.

On Saturday, Thailand won the men's team doubles over Laos, while Indonesia and Japan picked up bronze medals.

There are three more finals on the program.

The Singapore-based International Sepaktakraw Federation has members from 31 national associations and oversees all disciplines, including the game adapted to the beach.

"Wherever it has taken root, Sepaktakraw enjoys cult status," the ISTAF says on its website. "Southeast Asia may be the birthplace of the sport and the stage for its greatest champions, but an enormous variety of regional tournaments and domestic events have sprung up around the globe."

"From the Sepaktakraw Swiss Open and the Chicken's Cup in Germany ... the proliferation of competition has grown the talent pool substantially."

Siriwat, who has won gold medals at three Asian Games, is hopeful the performances in Palembang help the sport keep its place on the program.

"It will be a sad occasion if it is not in the Asian Games anymore," he said. "I would feel sad for the younger generation. I won't be able to show the world how Takraw is played or how it is supposed to be played." AP

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**LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY:
UNEXPLAINED HAIRCUT**

Beyond its functions and powers, the Basic Law gives the Legislative, within an Executive-led system, the role of the president, so much so we dare to say the president makes his role... up to a point. First incumbent, Susana Chou, made herself known for bringing leadership to the Legislative and earning a lighthouse status while seeking co-operation with Chief Executive Ho Hau Wah. Chou was a political heavyweight and fought for the material and human resources which the house needed to perform its duties as prescribed by the Basic Law, under the concept of "one country, two systems." She attained the resources to make the ground to build the relevance of the Legislative Assembly (AL).

Chou was followed by a discreet, seasoned labor conservative from the Workers Association, allegedly happy to accept the new mission as a lifetime achievement of sorts. Lau Cheoc Va, already bordering seniority, brought the Nam Van house to a smooth mode with a non-assuming leadership style which harshly contrasted with that of Chou's Legislative Assembly. We would say we went from a zenith to an anti-climax, or if we opt for a musical metaphor, from a Chou vivace to a Lau honorable adagio.

So now we are at a point where we have to wonder what and how Ho lat Seng intends to make of his presidency. Ripe with controversy, and we mean not only the obvious mishandling of directly-elected Sulu Sou's suspension but also the imbroglia, the house managed to make the Land Law and the Legislative Assembly look like (without intending any disrespect) a surreal reading of Pirandello at times, in which an Author is in Search of Six Characters and not the other way around. Indeed there were nine, and they were auditioning for democrat roles.

On top of this, Ho decided on the dismissal of two legal advisors. He can do it, indeed, but the idea sounds ill-conceived since a haircut to the pool of the six advisors concerned was to select the longest-serving, best-qualified legal experts to act as a legal and technical buffer to the raw enthusiasm of lawmakers with limited knowledge of legal and political things. To summarize, Ho and the AL board sent a letter to both the dismissed advisors and abstained from referring to anything as justification. Later he mentioned a vague restructuring of the legal advisor apparatus.

Understandably, commotion in the Portuguese legal community followed, both because of the personal inconvenience and the perceived absurdity of the dry dismissal. This is when the Legislative Assembly will need all the expertise available when facing the upcoming gaming law, internal security law and the new electoral law. Outsourcing is not an option, we believe.

Perhaps this commotion can also explain the excessive commentary trying to dilute the dismissal of the two advisors to an imaginary drive to dispense the Portuguese talent. Not really... the dismissal looks like an arbitrary exclusion of both legal advisors* Cardinal and Cabral Taipa. Legislators Ng Kuok Cheong, Sou Ka Hou and Pereira Coutinho sent a letter to the board asking for an explanation and the content says it all: the quality of the legislation and deliberations of the Legislative Assembly has been improving over the years because of their input... they have used their deep understanding in the law to implement the values of the Basic Law.

While we wait to hear the reasoning behind the presumed well-thought-out decision, we sincerely doubt the board will care to give this to the three lawmakers. We'll stick with Ho's scarce words: It's time we part ways; we (AL) go our way, you go yours.

Which way will the Legislative Assembly go? What will Ho make of his presidency of the Macau Legislative, in the footsteps of Chou's vivace and Lau's adagio?

*As a disclaimer we have to disclose that the author is a close friend to both legal advisors.

**THE RARE FERRARI 250 GTO SELLS FOR
BUZZ RECORD USD48.4M AT AUCTION**

A red 1962 Ferrari 250 GTO sold for USD48.4 million on Saturday in California, the most ever paid for a classic car at auction. The vehicle was offered by RM Sotheby's in Monterey, and was estimated to fetch between \$45 million and \$60 million, the highest valuation ever for a vintage auto at auction. It smashed the previous record of \$38.1 million paid for a 1963 model of the same car in 2014.

The seller was Greg Whitten, chairman of Numerix Software Ltd. and an early Microsoft

Corp. employee, who purchased it in 2000. Sotheby's declined to say how much he bought it for, but said the market price for such Ferraris at the time was about \$10 million.

Ferrari built just 36 examples of the model from 1953 to 1964, and these elegant race cars have generated the highest prices among all vintage automobiles in recent years. A 1963 version sold for \$70 million in a private transaction earlier this year, according to Sotheby's.

MYANMAR

A year after fleeing, Rohingya demand justice

THOUSANDS of Rohingya Muslim refugees on Saturday marked the one-year anniversary of the attacks that sent them fleeing to safety in Bangladesh, praying they can return to their homes in Myanmar and demanding justice for their dead relatives and neighbors.

More than 15,000 gathered in the morning on a hilltop in the Kutupalong refugee camp, part of a sprawling web of settlements that are now home to nearly 900,000 Rohingya who have fled Myanmar to escape violence.

The camps exploded in size last year after Myanmar's army launched a wave of anti-Rohingya attacks on Aug. 25, with some 700,000 Rohingya eventually pouring across the border. Thousands were killed in the violence. "25th August - Black Day," one banner announced Saturday.

The protesters - men, women and children - marched through the muddy camp, chanting slogans such as "No more genocide, we want justice." At a mass prayer rally, one speaker repeatedly shouted, "Who are we?" to which the crowd responded in chorus: "Rohingya! Rohingya!"

Most people cried as they raised their hands while an imam who led the prayer sought God's blessings, saying, "Please consider the people who have been killed as martyrs and



place them in heaven."

Some of the protesters carried paper flags of Myanmar. Newly setup shops inside the camp were closed during the protest, which lasted several hours.

Also on Saturday, some 100 protesters from a group of nongovernment organizations formed a human chain in front of the national press club in Dhaka, Bangladesh's capital, to demand the international community put pressure on Myanmar's government to try those responsible for murder, rape and arson, the English-language Daily Star reported.

"We are Rohingya, we are Muslims, we have been driven away from our land, from our homes," an unidentified speaker told the crowd on Saturday. "We want justice. We want to go back to our homes."

But many doubt they'll ever be able to return despite more than a year of talks

among Myanmar, Bangladesh, the United Nations and international aid agencies. Myanmar insists the Rohingya can return, and has built a series of camps for them, but few believe they would be safe there, or that they could finally be accepted as citizens.

While Rohingya have lived for centuries in Myanmar, they have long been treated as outsiders, Muslims in a largely Buddhist nation who are denied citizenship and many basic rights. Many in Myanmar ridicule them as "Bengalis" who came illegally from Bangladesh.

Most live in poverty in Myanmar's Rakhine state, just across the border from Bangladesh. Over the past couple of decades, over 100,000 have fled into Bangladesh in earlier waves of violence. In total, more than 1 million Rohingya refugees currently live in Bangladesh. **AP**

THE DECISIVE MOMENT



Karate athlete Sok Ik Wong (left) has won a bronze medal for Macau at the Asian Games, which are being held in Indonesia. The local athlete was competing in the category of less than 55kg. From the three medals won by Macau, two were earned in the Karate tournament.

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WORLD BRIEFS



ZIMBABWE's top court has upheld the narrow and disputed election victory by President Emmerson Mnangagwa, clearing the way for his inauguration as the country remained deeply divided in the post-Robert Mugabe era.

TURKEY Authorities have banned a protest vigil marking the forced disappearances of hundreds of people in the country's southeast decades ago.

BULGARIA Five people still have life-threatening injuries yesterday, a day after their tourist bus flipped over on a Bulgarian highway, killing at least 16 people and leaving 18 injured, authorities said.



SPAIN The family of the late Spanish dictator Francisco Franco will take charge of his remains after Spain's government has them exhumed from a mausoleum, his relatives said.

BRITAIN Coastguards are searching for two missing fishermen in the North Sea after three others from their capsized boat were rescued by a passing cruise ship.



VENEZUELA Thousands of Venezuelans fleeing their nation's economic and humanitarian crisis rushed to reach Peru on Friday before stiffer new rules go into effect that will make entering the fellow South American nation more difficult.

ARGENTINA Authorities carried out raids at homes owned by former President Cristina Fernandez as part of a case investigating widespread corruption.