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## WORLD BRIEFS



**CHINA**'s Vice Minister of Commerce Wang Shouwen (pictured) issued a report yesterday blaming the United States for the countries' trade dispute and said it won't back down on "major issues of principle," but offered no clarification about what additional steps it might take to up the ante.

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**HONG KONG** said it would make further amendments to scale back a proposed extradition law that has raised concerns over the city's autonomy and risks undermining its status as an international trade hub.

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**USA** President Donald Trump has waded into the most contentious issue in British politics by urging the U.K. government to leave the EU without a deal if it can't get better terms from the union leaders. Trump told the Sunday Times that Britain should "walk away" from talks and refuse to pay a 39-billion pound divorce bill.

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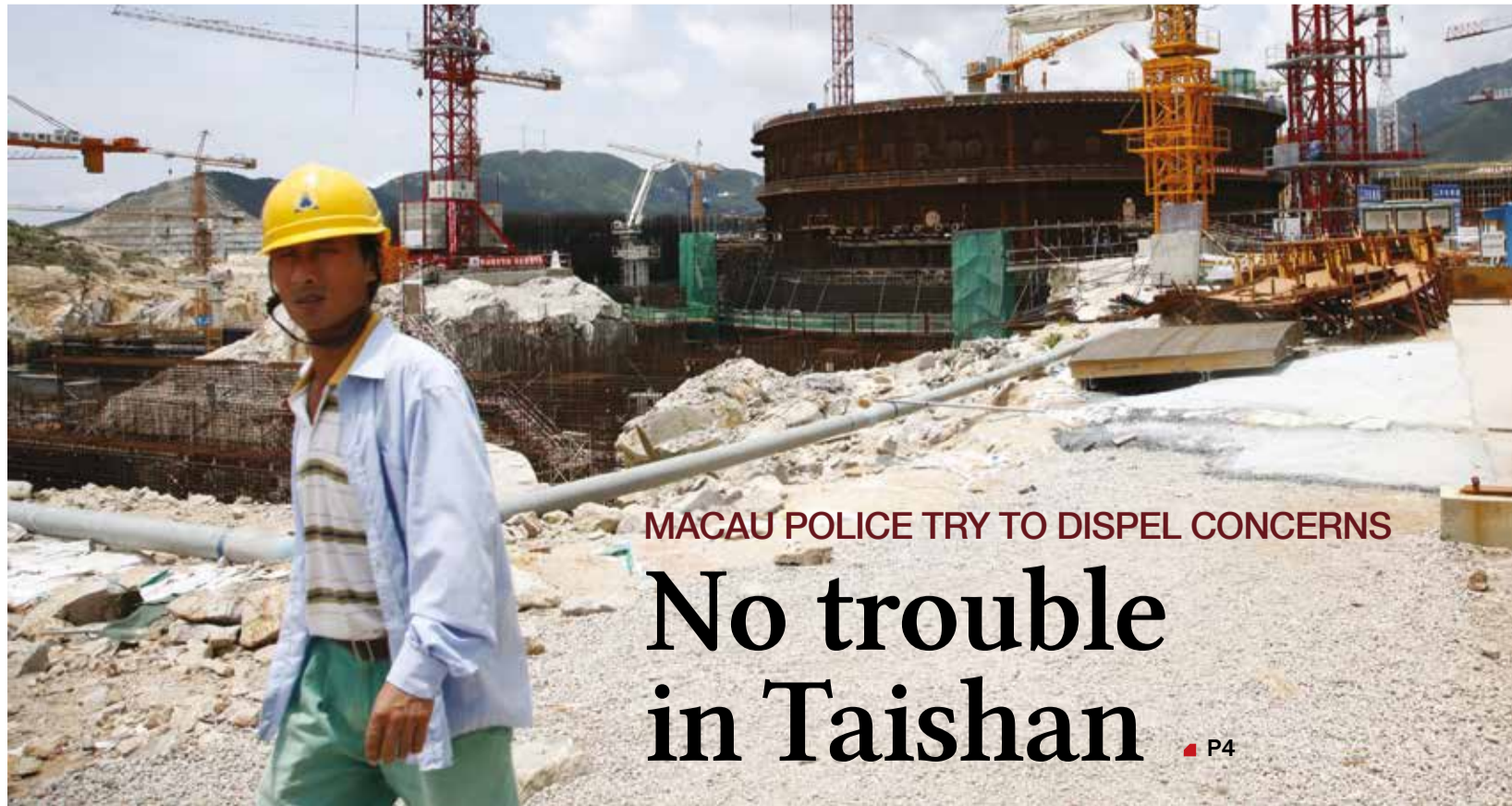
**USA** The victims of America's latest mass shooting had been dead for less than a day when police and city officials released a detailed presentation with their names, photos, job titles and the cities or towns in which they lived. In all, 12 people — 11 of them city employees — were killed by the shooter who opened fire inside a municipal building.

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## Water dispensers planned for more parks

The Municipal Affairs Bureau (IAM) will provide water dispensers for public use in parks and leisure areas in the Macau SAR. The installation of drinking water facilities is hoped to reduce the use of plastic bottles and promote environmental protection. Currently, the IAM has installed three drinkable water dispensers at Guia Hill, the Macau Reservoir, and the Leisure Area of Taipa Waterfront. According to the Bureau's plan, at least seven additional water dispensers will be installed in the Macau peninsula and islands.

## Local stock exchange studied

The Monetary Authority of Macao (AMCM) has commissioned a consultancy to carry out a feasibility study on the establishment of a stock exchange in Macau, according to Chan Sau San, Chairman of the Board of Directors of the AMCM. The Authority will only consider the "long-term development situation" of a stock exchange in Macau after results from the study are released. Chan claimed that Macau's bond market is booming. "Some bonds have been listed in Macau. Our first step is to promote the development of a bond market," said Chan.

## Subsidy set up for Mak Mak products

The Macao Government Tourism Office (MGTO) has launched another subsidy program to help local companies create products or services based on Macau tourism mascot, Mak Mak. The MGTO will cover 50 percent of the approved applicant's total investment. The maximum subsidy for producing a tourism product is MOP500,000, while the maximum subsidy is MOP5 million for a tourism service. A quota of 10 and two subsidies have been set up for the categories of products and services respectively. The applicants will be allowed a five-year period during which they can explore the use of Mak Mak.

## GAMING | ANALYSIS

# Growth returns but not without hurdles

**M**ACAU casinos returned to growth in May, yet the modest revenue gain is a sign that the city still faces headwinds from regional competition and trade war uncertainties.

Gross gaming revenue in May grew 1.8% from a year earlier to reach MOP25.95 billion, according to data provided by the Gaming Inspection and Coordination Bureau.

Coming in lower than the median analyst estimate of 3% increase, the marginal growth interrupted two consecutive months of decline, but was still not enough to offset the contraction in year-to-date revenue.

Between January and May, Macau recorded gross gaming revenue of MOP125.69 billion, or 1.6% less than the equivalent period in 2018.

The contraction comes despite a record number of visitors to Macau this year, which is currently tracking more than 20 percent higher than in 2018.

However, at almost MOP26 billion, the month of May has proven to be the biggest earner of the year-to-date, narrowly ahead of March's MOP25.84 billion. Its closeness to the monthly average of MOP25.13



billion is a sign of market stabilization.

The outlook is mixed for June. June has been a consistent poor performer in recent years, recording the second-lowest monthly take in both 2018 and 2017, and the lowest in 2016.

But, given the low comparison base, a take of just MOP24.5 billion in June would translate into enough year-on-year growth to round out the first half of the year net zero over 2018.

A slowing Chinese economy and trade war have loomed over Macau this year, ending more than two years of uninterrupted revenue growth as the high-roller segment has weakened.

The stagnant results reinforce another trend that is worrying analysts: many high rollers are

## Melco acquires 20% in Crown Resorts

**L**AURENCE Ho's Melco Resorts and Entertainment will pay about 1.76 billion Australian dollars (about 9.87 billion patacas) to acquire a 19.99% stake in Australia-based casino operator Crown Resorts. Melco will purchase the 135.35 million shares in the company from CPH Crown Holdings Pty Ltd., controlled by James Packer.

Following approval from Australian authorities, Melco Resorts said it will pursue board representation on Crown Resorts' board of directors. Packer resigned from the company's board last year, citing personal reasons.

Several analysts have suggested that the nearly 20% acquisition puts Melco in a strong position in the race for a casino license in Japan.

Ho and Packer were formerly partners under a joint venture known as Melco Crown Entertainment, which came to an end in 2016 when the Australian businessman started his retreat from Macau. The two business associates are known to remain friends.

## TRANSPORTATION

# Rosário: Light rail tickets will cost about the same as bus fare

**T**HE long-awaited Macau Light Rapid Transit (LRT) will set fares similar to the amount charged by the city's bus operators, according to Raimundo Arrais do Rosário, Secretary for Transport and Public Works.

Rosário said that, although the LRT fares will be slightly higher than bus fares, the difference will not be con-

siderable. Since the LRT infrastructure project is more expensive to run and maintain than the bus network, the costs will have to be higher, he added.

Still "it is impossible to ask for 10 to 20 patacas" per ride, said Rosário, suggesting that amount would be too high.

A report by the Times in January 2017 found that local residents wou-

ld be more willing to use the LRT for transport if tickets were priced at around MOP2-3, similar to buses. Most of the interviewees said that they would only ride the LRT on occasion if tickets were priced at MOP10-15.

At the time, the Transportation Infrastructure Office admitted that little consideration had been given to ticket fares.

The Secretary noted on Friday that the LRT Taipa section will open, as planned, within the current government term.

After the opening of the LRT, the number of bus routes will be reduced. The two transportation methods will not compete with each other, according to Rosário.

The public tender for

the LRT Seac Pai Van section will be postponed to the third quarter. The Taipa to Barra section is expected to be completed in 2023. The Seac Pai Van section and Barra section are estimated to open simultaneously.

The government has no plan to offer transfer discounts between the LRT and bus networks.

In regards to the LRT, the government also has no plan to exclude tourists from bus subsidies.

Each year, the local government subsidizes the city's bus companies with a total of one billion Macau patacas. **DB/JZ**

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## TAISHAN NUCLEAR PLANT

# Macau police organize youth visit to dispel safety fears

**T**HE Unitary Police Service (SPU) yesterday led a local youth delegation to the Taishan Nuclear Power Plant in Guangdong Province with the purpose of educating the public on power generation and dispelling concerns about this specific reactor, which lies less than 80 kilometers west of Macau and has been a source of alarm for years.

According to the government, the tour not only served to educate young people in Macau on the topic of nuclear safety, but also to “strengthen their knowledge on the development of the Motherland.” This visit was part of a series of youth-oriented activities in the field of security and included the participation of several government officials and representatives of the SPU, the Office of the Chief Executive, the Macao Foundation, the Public Security Police Force, the Fire Services and the Government Information Bureau.

At the plant, located in the village of Chexi in Jiangmen, Guangdong Province, the delegation was received by the general manager of the Taishan Nuclear Energy Company, Deng Zhengpeng, who led the tour through the facility.

The group visited the Taishan Nuclear Plant’s simulation training room and the nuclear power plant construction center where they were introduced to the processes that went into construction and energy production. The group was also



presented with the measures adopted to reduce the possibility of human error, as well as contingency plans in case of an incident at the plant.

The Taishan Nuclear Power Plant features currently one operational Electron Paramagnetic Resonance (EPR) reactor with a second reactor being still under construction.

The first unit, codenamed Taishan 1, came online and was connected to the grid in August last year and entered into

commercial operation in December. Its operation had been delayed by around five years, having been first expected in 2013.

The second unit of Taishan is expected to enter into full operation this year, and will double the energy production of the plant.

The visit and statement appear to come as an answer to concerns about the nuclear power facility which, although less vocal in the past year, have

persisted despite the assurances provided by local municipal authorities and the operating company. According to the SPU, similar tour group activities will be held in future with the aim of dispelling doubts about nuclear safety.

Media in Macau and Hong Kong have raised concerns about the safety of the nuclear power plant on several occasions.

Confidence in the site’s safety plummeted in mid-2016 after

it was discovered that the company had not been forthcoming over the origin of some operational components, which had been sourced from mainland China instead of France as previously thought.

The company argued that the reactors at Taishan met all international technology and safety standards.

Eighteen months later, fresh concerns mounted after it was revealed that one of the key power generation system components had cracked during an earlier pre-production test. The news followed reports of other alarming defects or problems in major infrastructure projects in the region, including falsified concrete assessments for the then under construction Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macau Bridge.

A report published around one year ago, following a safety inspection from the National Nuclear Security Administration (NNSA), had identified six major issues in Taishan 1. According to the report, the problems included equipment malfunction such as a failure of reactor monitoring systems and human error in responding to false alarms. The report then stated that Taishan Nuclear Power Joint Venture, “must rectify the problems before starting up the reactor,” while calling for “increased training for operating staff in order to minimize human error.” Earlier last year the NNSA had already published another inspection report which listed 20 areas for improvement at Taishan, including “unclear roles and responsibilities” concerning fuel loading as well as pointing out defects in the welding of pipelines among other procedures which the operator was instructed to perform inspections and testing. **DB/RM**

## Cosmetic imports soar 46% in April

**M**ERCHANDISE imports rose 4.7% year-on-year to 6.96 billion patacas in April 2019, according to the latest data from the Statistics and Census Service (DSEC), led by sharp rises in imports of beauty, cosmetic and skin-care products (+46.2%), garments and footwear (+21.2%) and food and beverages (+14%).

Meanwhile, total merchandise export for the same month amounted to MOP952 million, down by 12.9% year-on-year, with the value of re-exports (accounting for MOP845 million) falling by 11.4%.

During the first four months of the year, the total value of merchandise imports dipped 1.1% to MOP28.66 billion.

Analyzed by place of origin, merchandise imports from mainland China decreased 3.4% year-on-year to MOP9.69 billion, while that from the European Union (MOP7.71 billion), Portuguese-speaking countries (MOP298 million) and the countries along the Belt and Road Initiative (MOP3.51 billion) increased by 2.7%, 16.4% and 56.2% respectively.

Analyzed by place of

consignment, merchandise import from mainland China grew by 7.1% year-on-year to MOP4.35 billion, of which imports from the nine provinces of the Pan-Pearl River Delta region (MOP4.22 billion) expanded by 8.2%.

During the same four months, merchandise exports increased 12.9% to MOP4.59 billion, of which the value of re-exports (MOP4.15 billion) grew by 17.6% but that of domestic exports (MOP437 million) declined by 18.1%. Accordingly, the merchandise trade deficit widened to MOP24.07 billion. **DB**

## Cotai checkpoint traffic grows

**C**CROSS-BORDER vehicular traffic in April grew by 7.2% year-on-year to 434,445 trips, according to information released by the Statistics and Census Service.

Vehicular trips passing through the checkpoint at Cotai (126,735) rose by 3.6%, whereas those going through the Border Gate (277,146) dropped slightly by 0.8%. The Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macau Bridge recorded a total of 27,327 trips.

Meanwhile, commercial flights at the Macau

International Airport totaled 6,081 trips in April, up by 21.4% year-on-year; trips to and from mainland China (2,609) and Taiwan (1,088) saw increases of 36.3% and 4.9% respectively. Inbound and outbound commercial flights in the first four months grew by 17.7% year-on-year to 23,345 trips.

Moreover, licensed motor vehicles totaled 238,289 as at end-April, down by 176 year-on-year; light motorcycles (25,027) dropped by 9.8% whe-

reas light automobiles (107,882) and heavy motorcycles (97,889) rose by 1.0% and 1.8% respectively.

In the first four months of 2019, new registration of motor vehicles decreased by 25.7% year-on-year to 4,000.

Meanwhile, data shows that the number of traffic accidents dropped by 9.6% year-on-year to 932 in April, involving 338 victims and one death. In the first four months, there were 4,116 traffic accidents and 1,428 traffic casualties. **LV**

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# Confucius Institute in Lisbon rejects allegations of 'propaganda'

**T**HE director of the Confucius Institute in Lisbon, Teresa Cid, refutes the idea that the Institute, like others worldwide, is at the service of the Chinese regime's propaganda.

In an interview with TDM Radio, the director argues, "any institution [from any nationality] that teaches a language and culture of any country is [by definition] a space for dissemination of that language and culture," she said, adding that some people might consider this propaganda, a label that she refuses to accept.

The official gives the example of the Portuguese equivalent (Camões Institute) that also supports the teaching and learning of Portuguese language and culture abroad and by doing so, strengthens the Portuguese presence in those places.

For Cid, the major issue resides in the fact that the dimension and current importance of China in the world panorama makes it a "bigger issue" than other countries.

"It is clear that China has a dimension and a presence in the world today that makes the Confucius Institutes look like a

bigger issue [when compared to others]," she said, although noting that each Institute has its own autonomy and they do not necessarily all work in the same way.

She pointed out a few "mistakes" have been committed by other institutions of the same kind in different parts of the world.

"The problems arise, it seems, when the institution itself places people who are responsible for the studies of the Asian world, China or something else at the head of the Confucius Institutes. Perhaps, that causes some questioning as to whether academic freedom is properly safeguarded," she said, noting that issues might arise not with the Confucius Institute itself but in some cases where the separation of different powers did not occur.

The disclosure of propaganda to students has been a controversial issue, as the Times published last week. Students from Taiwan have criticized exchange programs to mainland China and Macau for being mere propaganda aimed at reinforcing thoughts of unification between China and Taiwan. **RM**

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## Macau school children receive reply letter from Xi

Staff reporter

**P**RESIDENT Xi Jinping replied to a letter written to him by a group of primary school students studying at Hou Kong Middle School. It was the second time the President replied to a letter sent from the Special Administrative Region.

In his reply, President Xi wished the school children and all children in Macau a Happy Children's Day.

The school children had sent some drawings to the President. President Xi began his reply by complimenting the drawings. He also complimented the children for being frank and spiritually beautiful.

In addition, he expressed his happiness at seeing the development and prosperity of Macau, as well as the peaceful life of local people. He hoped that the children would study hard



Students of Hou Kong Middle School writing a letter in Macau

and be future pillars supporting the SAR and the mainland.

The school children sent the letter to the President last year. The President's reply was received by the Liaison Office of the Central Government in the SAR and transferred to the school by the director of the Office personally.

The children said they are happy that the President replied to their letter. They had not thought about receiving a reply from Xi.

Meanwhile, the Chief Executive, Chui Sai On, regarded the President's reply as an affirmation to Macau's work on education. Chui said the President's reply was remarka-

bly meaningful. It was not only the care demonstrated towards Hou Kong Middle School, according to Chui, but also an illustration of the President's support for local teachers.

Chui said the government would highly regard the President's instruction and make further investment in education.

## Ho Iat Seng rejects AL vote on Tiananmen Square

Renato Marques

**T**HE president of the Legislative Assembly (AL), Ho Iat Seng, has rejected a proposal jointly presented by lawmakers Ng Kuok Cheong, Au Kam San and Sulu Sou that aimed to shed light over and acknowledge the events that occurred 30 years ago on June 4 at Tiananmen Square.

News of the rejection from the AL president came from a publication on social media, which showed that Ho noted that such issuing of votes "steers away from the competence of the Assembly."

According to Ng, the proposal aimed to raise the topic with the plenary of creating an "independent investigation committee" that would finally provide a proper response to the

families of victims and provide compensation to them by holding those responsible to account.

At the beginning of the last month, and in a different publication on the same social network, Ng took the opportunity of the "Mother's Day" celebration to recall June 4, 1989, when a large number of mothers "lost their children and their husbands." The movement inspired from that post, known as "The Mothers of Tiananmen," has been calling on the central government to conduct a thorough investigation and to acknowledge "June 4" as a public incident, urging the Chinese government to present a public apology to the families of the victims, who in the past 30 years have been obstructed from publicly mourning the victims.



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## DRAGON BOAT

# Youth association eclipses rivals in women's races



Staff reporter

**T**HIS year's local section of the Macao International Dragon Boat Races has come to an end after two days of competitive matches at the Nam Van Lake Nautical Centre over the weekend. A total of 74 matches were staged, presenting six champions.

The Saturday matches were held without hitch thanks to an improved weather condition from the stormy previous week.

In the 200-meter Small Dragon Boat Final, the Fire Service Team led the race

from the start and finished with a time of 48.598 seconds. The same team won the 200-meter Public Service Race Final with a 2-second lead over second place.

In the Women's Category, the Association of Macao Youth Development started a bit slow, but recovered the difference to edge into the lead by a 0.4-second time difference.

Finally, the University of Macao A Team championed the 200-meter Open Category Small Dragon Boat Race.

The Sunday matches, however, had "some bumps in the

course," as the on-site commentator put it. The weather authority issued a thunderstorm warning around 2 p.m., forcing the organizer to suspend all matches until 4:40 p.m., when the warning was recalled.

Races resumed with the Women's Standard Dragon Boat 500-meter Final. The Association of Macao Youth Development once again came in first with a time of 2:15.764, almost three seconds faster than the first runner up, MGM.

Ending the day was the 500-meter Open Category Standard Dragon Boat Final,

in which just three seconds split the first five places. The University of Macao team missed out on a podium finished by just one-fifth of a second, while SJM Golden Jubilee was crowned winner.

A coach of the University's team told the Times that they felt happy being in the final. Achieving fourth place in a match with traditional powerhouses such as the Fire Service and Monte Carlo, was satisfactory.

The matches will resume on Friday, June 7 (Tuen Ng Festival), at the same location. The Tuen Ng edition of the races will feature international teams from outside Macau. The standard will likely be higher.

The list of competing teams has yet been confirmed by the organizing body, however it will include the Hong Kong SAR team, the Singapore National Team, and a team from San Francisco.



Meng Fanlong (right)

## Chinese boxer wins in Cotai bout

**C**HINESE boxer Meng Fanlong (15-0-0, 9 KOs) claimed victory on Saturday night against Germany's Adam Deines (17-1-1, 8 KOs) during a match at the Wynn Palace in Cotai.

The bout was part of the IBF World Light Heavyweight Title Eliminator/IBF Intercontinental Light Heavyweight Title Defense match at the 2019 IBF Championship Super Gala.

The three judges handed out 117-109, 116-110 and 115-111 rulings in favor of the 31-year-old boxer from the mainland.

It was the first fight outside of his home continent of Europe for 28-year-old Deines, who allowed Meng to earn a gradual lead as the round went on.

Following the win, Meng is now the mandatory challenger against BF titlist Artur Beterbiev (14-0, 14KOs).

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# Logistics, trade and technology: the core of booming Bay Area economy

Julie Zhu

**T**HE logistics, trade and technology industries are believed to benefit the most from the development of the Greater Bay Area, according to speakers at the 10th International Infrastructure Investment and Construction Forum (IIICF).

During the IIICF sessions held on Friday, two speakers voiced similar predictions regarding the development of the Greater Bay.

Stella Law, one of the speakers, is the current Executive Director of the CHFT Advisory and Appraisal Limited. Law cited a survey conducted in the city that showed that “68 percent of respondents think that the trade and logistics industries will benefit the most from Greater Bay Area development.”

“There is much trading, as well as a need for logistics and for some very good warehousing, and the demand for fresh food



Patrick Lau of the Hong Kong Trade Development Council

in the area is very high,” she said, adding that the warehouse and logistics businesses will likely profit from this demand.

According to statistics by the mainland port authority, in 2016, port cargo throughput of the Greater Bay was almost 1.7 billion tons, which is more than the annual throughput of

the three bays of New York, San Francisco and Tokyo.

The innovative technology industry will also benefit the most from Greater Bay development. “Prominent data centers will be needed greatly. This kind of industry will also benefit,” Law said.

In Law’s opinion, infrastruc-

ture in the Greater Bay is “very mature” and that has allowed several high-value industries to boom, including the artificial intelligence industry, which according to Law, has 156 robot manufacturing companies in Guangdong Province. The two other thriving industries are pharmaceuticals and financial services.

“Hong Kong and Macau, in the middle of the financial services industry, will have a lot of consulting services that we can provide, and [will] support all these kinds of activities, including legal services, arbitration, mediation and evaluation services” said Law.

A second speaker, Patrick Lau, who is the deputy Chief of the Hong Kong Trade Development Council, endorsed Law’s opinion, with respect to the role the Greater Bay can play in the Belt and Road Initiative.

“Connectivity is probably the most important opportunity that can be derived from the Belt

and Road Initiative,” he added. “It will take on many different forms. It can generate benefits across many different industries.”

In Lau’s opinion, Hong Kong is fortunate to have all the things mentioned above.

On the sidelines of the session, Lau, upon being questioned by the Times, expressed his approval of infrastructure development in the Greater Bay.

“I think infrastructure in the Greater Bay is really important and is doing very well in the entire Belt and Road Initiative (BRI). The Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macau Bridge is the world’s most famous [bridge] and is key to and worth being proud of in terms of urban planning,” Lau said.

In addition, Lau said that Macau and Hong Kong do not necessarily need to compete with each other in the development of the Greater Bay Area. It will be enough for each to play its own role well.”

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# Hong Kong amends extradition bill seen as eroding autonomy

Natalie Lung

**H**ONG Kong said it would make further amendments to scale back a proposed extradition law that has raised concerns over the city's autonomy and risks undermining its status as an international trade hub.

The government will raise the proposed extradition limit to crimes that carry a maximum sentence of seven years in prison - up from a maximum of three years - the city's security secretary John Lee said at a news conference Thursday evening.

Raising the threshold removes three other categories of crime from the proposed extradition bill: criminal intimidation, giving firearms to unlicensed persons, and some sexual crimes, Lee said.

Lee also said Hong Kong will amend the bill to only consider extradition requests from China if they are made by the central authority of the requesting jurisdiction, rather than han-



Carrie Lam

ding that power to provincial or municipal authorities.

The amendments came less than a day after pro-establishment lawmakers suggested the government make the changes. The government has rejected alternatives offered by pro-democracy lawmakers and acad-

emics in the past month.

The concessions come after widespread public opposition to the bill, including mass protests, and growing concerns from the business community. Hong Kong's legislature is debating the proposal to allow extraditions to places such as

mainland China, Macau and Taiwan. Critics say it could open the door to Hong Kong citizens and foreigners being prosecuted by Beijing, and further erode the city's independence.

Chief Executive Carrie Lam has defended the proposal,

saying it's needed to bring fugitives to justice. Her government is working to pass it by the end of the current legislative period in July.

In response to criticism from the business community, Lam in March removed nine categories of business-related crimes from the potential offenses eligible for extradition.

"I sincerely hope various stakeholders can engage in rational and pragmatic discussions over the amended bill," she told reporters Friday, adding that the new concessions hadn't been made in favor of any particular group.

The U.K. and Canadian governments expressed concern about the potential effect of the law on their citizens in the city, business confidence and Hong Kong's international reputation, British Foreign Secretary Jeremy Hunt and Canadian Minister of Foreign Affairs Chrystia Freeland said in a joint statement on Thursday. Both governments had made their views clear to Hong Kong authorities, they said.

Chris Patten, the last colonial governor of the territory, said this month that it was the worst thing to happen in Hong Kong since it was handed back to China in 1997, and would break China's "one country, two systems" promise. **Bloomberg**

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# Bet responsibly? A struggle for some as sports betting...

Wayne Parry

**T**HE tagline makes the solution sound so simple: "Gamble responsibly."

It's anything but for those who struggle with compulsive gambling. Instead, the footnote caps a powerful new temptation as ads for sports betting emerge in states that have recently legalized an activity once banned in most of the United States.

Sharon, a 39-year-old homemaker, decided with her husband to move from New Jersey to New York specifically to get away from legalized sports betting, but still sees ads frequently that remind her of the tens of thousands of dollars in debt she racked up on a wagering app.

Charlie, an information technology professional from suburban Philadelphia, says the advertisements and easy access makes wagering "tempting as hell," even as his losses mounted to USD400,000 as he bet online while traveling on

service calls.

They've complicated addiction recovery for Gary, a real estate agent from New Jersey who attends support group meetings and has lost nearly \$2 million over a lifetime of gambling.

**Those who struggle with gambling find ads touting wagers similar to beer ads tempting those with alcoholism**

"It seems like every fourth commercial, there's one telling you how easy it is to bet on sports and make money," said Gary, who like other gamblers spoke to The Associated Press on condition that his full name not be used because of stigmas some people associate with

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unhealthy gambling.

"It's right in front of my eyes, and even though I've been in

recovery for years and go regularly to Gamblers Anonymous meetings, it's starting to bother

me," he said. "I can feel it." Advertising supporting the nascent sports betting indus-

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# Sportsbook ads widen



if you lose. They're everywhere I look," said Sharon, who lives in a New York TV market that's a key target for advertisers of New Jersey sportsbooks. "It's a constant reminder of my problem. There's still this incredible temptation that these ads make worse."

Keith Whyte, executive director of the National Council on Problem Gambling, thinks the details of gambling ads haven't been explored enough.

"In the U.S., if you say, 'Gamble responsibly,' you've now met the responsible gambling standard," Whyte said. "It's going to be a big issue. There's heightened concern for people struggling with gambling addiction and relapse. And I don't see a lot of discussion about this."

Major sportsbooks all say they train their workers to spot people with potential gambling problems, offering various solutions including self-imposed betting "timeouts" for those who want them. In New Jersey, some money from licensing fees for sports betting fund compulsive gambling treatment programs, and ads are required by state law to mention a 1-800-GAMBLER telephone help line. Regulations in other states are relatively similar.

European regulators are using a heavier hand. In 2018, Italy banned all gambling advertising, Sweden is considering similar restrictions, and in Belgium, online casinos will be banned from advertising on television. England plans to ban all gambling-related ads during live sports starting in August.

In the U.S., leagues generally have had a hand in the content of their advertising; not long ago the NFL even stopped ads for Las Vegas casinos from airing nationally during the Super Bowl.

Scott Kaufman-Ross, head of fantasy and gaming for the NBA, said advertising for sports betting is OK "if a fan is interested in betting and they want to bet. But if they're not interested, or if they're a problem gambler, they should not have it thrown in their face."

Charlie, the IT professional, said gambling is often easier than drinking alcohol when he finds himself alone in hotels with nothing to do.

"Imagine being an alcoholic sitting [at] home on your couch and there's no beer in the house, and then there's this app that you can press and magically a beer appears," he said. "That's the kind of access that's out there now and it's tempting as hell. It's really, really hard to maintain your recovery and not bet again. Everywhere you look, someone's urging you to gamble." **AP**

try has not drawn the same level of scrutiny from regulators and lawmakers in the U.S. as counterparts in Europe, where several countries strictly regulate or even ban gambling ads, including those for sports betting.

One year after the U.S. Supreme Court ended a virtual monopoly in Nevada, eight states have begun taking legal sports wagers. Three states and the District of Columbia have passed laws to create new markets and a handful of legislatures are still considering bills. None of the laws passed has significant restrictions for sports betting ads.

The commercial casino industry wants to keep it that way. The American Gaming Association, the gambling industry's main trade group and lobbying arm, recently issued voluntary guidelines for sports betting advertising in a bid to stay ahead of possible government regulation.

Those who struggle with gambling find ads touting Super Bowl or March Madness wagers similar to beer ads tempting those with alcoholism, or fast food ads enticing those with unhealthy eating habits. Though a hurdle for some, the ads are an understandable facet of expanded betting with sportsbooks chasing new customers to bet legally and leisurely, just like millions of people who visit casinos, buy lottery tickets or drink and eat without harmful consequences.

"There's not one commercial break it seems where you don't see one of these ads. As much as I tried to stop, there are all these incentives: a \$500 free bet, we'll refund your first bet even

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Ms. Pansy Ho, Co-Chairperson & Executive Director of MGM China Holdings Limited, said, "We believe in sharing our success and growing together with our community. Therefore, it has been our passion to inspire, educate and ignite through our close collaboration with our community partners from many different sectors. For all of us at MGM, corporate and social responsibility is a never ending commitment. We will continue to provide support to enrich the community with love and joy, and to create a better Macau through great stories."



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'NOW THIS SQUARE IS MY GRAVE'

# Singer missing as authorities crack down on Tiananmen anniversary

Yanan Wang, Beijing

IT has been three months since Chinese rock musician Li Zhi disappeared from public view.

First, an upcoming tour was canceled and his social media accounts were taken down. Then his music was removed from all of China's major streaming sites — as if his career had never existed at all.

Li is an outspoken artist who performs folk rock. He sang pensive ballads about social ills, and unlike most entertainers in China, dared to broach the taboo subject of the Tiananmen Square pro-democracy protests that ended in bloodshed on June 4, 1989.

"Now this square is my grave," Li sang. "Everything is just a dream."

China's ruling Communist Party has pushed people like Li into the shadows as it braces for Tuesday's 30th anniversary of the military crackdown. Hundreds, if not thousands, are estimated to have died on the night of June 3 and in the early hours of June 4.

The party's effort to scrub any mention of the movement has been consistent through the decades since then and ramps up before major anniversaries every five years. This year, the trade war with the U.S. has added to government skittishness about instability.

"They are certainly nervous," said Jean-Pierre Cabestan, a political science professor at Hong Kong Baptist University. "Under [President] Xi Jinping, no stone will be left unturned."

Many of the actions appear aimed at eliminating any risk of individuals speaking out, however small their platforms. Bilibili, a Chinese video streaming site, announced last week that its popular real-time comments feature will be disabled until June 6 for "system upgrades."

Chinese Human Rights Defenders, an advocacy group, said 13 people have either been detained or taken away from their homes in connection with the anniversary. Among them are several artists who recently embarked on a "national conscience exhibit tour" and a filmmaker who was detained after tweeting images of a liquor bottle commemorating June 4.

The bottle's label featured a play on words using "baijiu," China's signature grain alcohol, and the Chinese words for 89, or "bajiu." A court convicted four people involved in



A computer screen shows web content from outside China including a clip of Li Zhi singing his song "The Square" with the lyrics "Now this square is my grave"

designing the bottle in April.

Foreign companies are not immune. Apple Music has removed from its Chinese streaming service a song by Hong Kong singer Jackie Cheung that references the Tiananmen crackdown. Tat Ming Pair, a Hong Kong duo, have been deleted entirely from the app. They released a song this month called "Remembering is a Crime" in memory of the protests.

Wikipedia also announced this month that the online encyclopedia is no longer accessible in China. While the Chinese-language version has been blocked since 2015, most other languages could previously be viewed, Wikipedia said.

The disappearance of Li, the musician, has left fans searching for answers.

On Feb. 20, the official Weibo social media account for the 40-year-old's concert tour posted a photograph of its team in

front of a truck about to embark on scheduled performances in Sichuan province in China's southwest.

Just two days later, however, the account posted an image of a hand wearing what appeared to be a hospital wrist band and the words: "Very sorry." The next post, published the same day, announced without explanation that the tour was canceled and that ticket purchasers would shortly receive a refund. Fans flooded the comment section with wishes for a speedy recovery.

But the suggestion that a health issue was behind the cancellations was later thrown into doubt.

A statement published in April by Sichuan's culture department said it had "urgently halted" concert plans for a "well-known singer with improper conduct" who was previously slated for 23 per-

formances — the same number of concerts which Li had scheduled in the province. It said 18,000 tickets were fully refunded.

Authorities in China regularly use "improper conduct" to describe political transgressions.

Around the same time, Li's presence on the Chinese internet was completely erased. An April 21 central government directive ordered all websites to delete any audio or video content relating to five of Li's songs, according to China Digital Times, an organization that publishes leaked censorship instructions.

The Associated Press could not independently verify the authenticity of the directive.

"There's pretty much a consensus" among those working in the industry that Li's disappearance from public view is due to the sensitive anniversary, said a music industry professional who spoke on condition of anonymity because of fear of government retribution.

"He did a number of songs that were considered politically risky, making references to June 4, 1989, and so he's been out of the picture," the industry professional said.

The AP could not confirm Li's current whereabouts. His company and record label did not respond to repeated interview requests.

Li's songs alluding to the Tiananmen Square protests — "The Square," "The Spring of 1990" and "The Goddess," in honor of the Goddess of Democracy that students erected — were part of his earlier works. In recent years, the bespectacled singer has avoided making public political statements, focusing more on promoting his performances.

In 2015, the state-run China Daily newspaper published a profile of Li, describing him as a performer who easily sells out concerts. After years of working as an independent artist, he signed last fall with Taihe Music Group, a major Chinese record label.

Fans who knew Li as a largely apolitical entertainer expressed bewilderment online about his disappearance. Others made veiled references to China's internet censorship.

On Zhihu, a question-and-answer website similar to Quora, one user wrote that people posed questions every day about what might have happened to Li, but these posts always disappeared the next morning "as if nothing had happened at all."

Another user said, "I don't dare to say it, nor do I dare to ask."

A fan who has been sharing Li's music on his personal account spoke to the AP on condition of anonymity because he feared his employers would punish him for discussing the subject.

"Everyone knows the reason for Li Zhi's disappearance," the fan said. "But I'm sorry, I can't tell you, because I follow China's laws and also hope that Li Zhi can return." Quoting one of Li's lyrics, the fan added, "The world will be all right."

Fans continue to circulate videos of Li's performances online. His complete discography has been uploaded onto file-sharing websites, with back-up links in case the original ones are shuttered. Some users shared tribute art, including a black T-shirt with the words "improper conduct."

A few years ago, in a performance in Taiwan, Li bounced around on stage, strumming his guitar and repeating a chorus in apparent tribute to the spirit of Chinese propaganda.

"The people don't need freedom," he sang energetically.

"This is the best era!" the crowd roared back.

"The people don't need freedom."

"This is the best era!" AP

TAIWAN

## Inflatable 'Tank Man' marks Tiananmen protests

AN artist has erected an inflatable display in Taiwan's capital to mark an iconic moment in the Tiananmen Square pro-democracy protests.

The larger-than-life balloon installation, which stands in front of Taipei's famous Chiang Kai-shek Memorial Hall, portrays a peaceful encounter between a Chinese civilian and the military tanks that contributed to a brutal shutdown of the demonstrations in Beijing on June 4, 1989. The tank standoff, memorialized by several photographers including Jeff Widener of The Associated Press, has become a symbol of defiance around the world.



Hundreds of people walked by the installation Saturday morning. Many took selfies and photos of the artwork, which has

been up for a few weeks.

While public remembrances of the Tiananmen protests are strictly forbidden in mainland China, there are regular commemorations in democratically governed Taiwan, Hong Kong and Macau.

Mikel Zhang, a lawyer from Shanghai who visited the "Tank Man" installation this weekend morning, said that the students' beliefs were different than those of the government. "But eventually [...] blood was shed," he said.

An inscription for the artwork says Taiwan stands with the people who have never ceased to resist the "gigantic autocracy."





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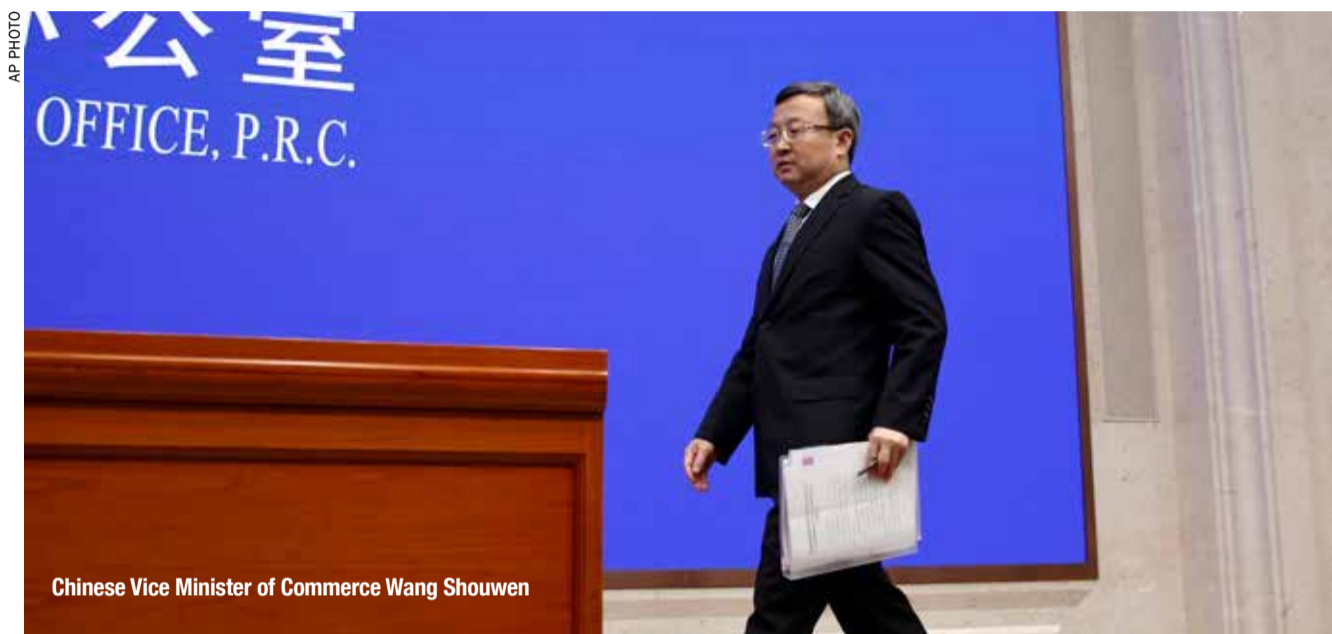
# Beijing blames Washington for trade dispute, says it won't back down

Christopher Bodeen, Beijing

**C**HINA issued a report blaming the United States for the countries' trade dispute and said it won't back down on "major issues of principle," but offered no clarification about what additional steps it might take to up the ante.

The report from the Cabinet spokesman's office said that China has kept its word throughout 11 rounds of talks and will honor its commitments if a trade agreement is reached. It accused the U.S. of backtracking three times over the course of the talks by introducing new tariffs and other conditions beyond what was agreed on.

"But the more the U.S. government is offered, the more it wants," it said, accusing America's negotiators of "resorting to intimidation and coercion."



Chinese Vice Minister of Commerce Wang Shouwen

"A country's sovereignty and dignity must be respected, and any agreement reached by the two sides must be based on equality and mutual benefit," the report said.

The report, delivered at yesterday's news conference, appears to be a bid to shore up China's argu-

ments and justify its tougher position in the face of what looks to be a protracted dispute. Over recent days, China has been mobilizing its representatives abroad to sell its position with foreign audiences, while the domestic propaganda apparatus has been working overtime to

convince the public of the righteousness of the government's stance.

The U.S. has accused China of stealing trade secrets and forced technology transfers. The Trump administration has imposed 25% tariffs on USD250 billion in Chinese imports and is planning to tax the \$300 billion in imports that have so far been spared. It also escalated the stakes this month by putting Chinese telecom giant Huawei on a blacklist that effectively bars U.S. companies from supplying it with computer chips, software and other components without government approval.

Beijing responded by imposing tariffs on \$60 billion worth of U.S. products, which went into effect Saturday. It also retaliated against the U.S. blacklisting of Huawei by announcing Friday that it will establish its own list of "unreliable entities" consisting of foreign businesses, corporations and individuals.

Wang Shouwen, China's vice commerce minister and deputy international trade representative, said that China would issue more detailed information on the unreliable entities list soon, but that it was aimed at enterprises that "violated market principles" and cut supplies of components to Chinese businesses for non-commercial reasons.

China's statement that it intends to publish such a list follows additional measures last week that deepened the bite of U.S.

sanctions imposed on Huawei in mid-May.

Several leading U.S.-based global technology standards-setting groups announced restrictions on Huawei's participation in their activities under U.S. Commerce Department rules that bar the sale and transfer of U.S. technology to Huawei without government approval.

## The report lays out China's argument for blaming Washington for the frictions as well as the costs to both sides

Wang also repeated suggestions that China could restrict the export of exotic minerals known as rare earths that are widely used in electric cars and cellphones. Foremost among them is lithium, the main component in modern batteries.

The threat to use China's rich supply of rare earths as leverage in the conflict has contributed to sharp losses in U.S. stocks and sliding long-term bond yields.

"If some countries use China's rare earth metals to produce products to contain China's develop-

ment, this is unacceptable by standards of both minds and hearts," Wang said.

Yesterday's report lays out China's argument for blaming Washington for the frictions as well as the costs to both sides, and said China has room for fiscal policy changes to maintain the health of its economy amid the dispute.

Wang said China had been forced to "take forceful measures in response" to U.S. actions and denied China had backtracked on its earlier commitments.

He said the U.S. had made unacceptable demands, including on tariffs and compulsory requirements that infringed on Chinese sovereignty. "You give them an inch, they take a yard," he said.

President Donald Trump has touted the tariff increases as a way of reducing China's trade surplus with the U.S., which hit a staggering \$379 billion last year. However, Wang questioned how much China was actually benefiting from its surplus, saying a joint Chinese-U.S. study showed the U.S. figure could be inflated by as much as 20%.

He also said many of those exports were produced by foreign companies operating in China and that Chinese firms often pocketed only a relatively meager fee for assembling. Subtracting the U.S. surplus in the services trade with China, the actual surplus came to just \$152.6 billion last year, Wang said.

The U.S. deficit with China has actually been worsening since tariffs were first imposed, Wang said, pointing to a 50% decline in soy bean exports to China and a drop-off in U.S. auto sales in the country. The average U.S. family, meanwhile, will pay an additional \$831 for consumer items over the year due to the higher tariffs, he said, while the dispute's impact on businesses could end up costing 2.23 million U.S. jobs overall.

"That shows that the deepening trade restrictions hurt U.S. workers," Wang said. **AP**

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## TROUBLED WATERS

# China vows military action if Taiwan, South China Sea claims opposed

Annabelle Liang, Singapore

**C**HINA'S defense minister warned yesterday that its military will "resolutely take action" to defend Beijing's claims over self-ruled Taiwan and disputed South China Sea waters.

Speaking at an annual security conference in Singapore, Gen. Wei Fenghe did not direct the threat at the U.S. but loaded his address with criticism of activities by Washington, including support for Taiwan and leading so-called freedom of navigation operations in the strategic waterways that China virtually claims as its own.

Wei said the People's Liberation Army would not "yield a single inch of the country's sacred land."

China's ruling Communist Party maintains that Taiwan is part of China, and has used increasingly aggressive rhetoric toward the democratic island, which split from the mainland amid a civil war 70 years ago. It opposes Taiwan's independence and formally says it seeks a "peaceful reunification" while refusing to rule out the use of force if necessary to achieve that goal.

"The PLA has no intention to cause anybody trouble but it is not afraid to face up to troubles. Should anybody risk crossing the bottom line, the PLA will resolutely take action and defeat all enemies," Wei said.

Relations between Beijing and Taipei have deteriorated since Taiwan elected a pro-independence president, Tsai Ing-wen, in 2016. China has since increased diplomatic pressure, cut off its contacts with the island's

AP PHOTO



Gen. Wei Fenghe at the Security Forum in Singapore, yesterday

government and discouraged travel there by Chinese tourists.

"China must be and will be reunified. We find no excuse not to do so. If anyone dares

to split Taiwan from China, the Chinese military has no choice but to fight at all costs, at all costs, for national unity," Wei stressed.

"We will strive for the prospect of peaceful unification with utmost sincerity and greatest efforts, but we make no promise to renounce the

use of force."

Wei was addressing defense chiefs, officials and academics at the Shangri-La Dialogue in Singapore.

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China is pitted against smaller Southeast Asian neighbors in multiple disputes over island reefs, corals and lagoons in the South China Sea, where it constructed seven outposts equipped with airstrips, radar and missile stations that Shanahan said Saturday could become “tollbooths” in one of the world’s busiest waterways.

Beijing is currently firming up a pact with four rival claimants, containing norms and rules aimed at preventing a shooting war in the disputed waters.

On Thursday, China’s Defense Ministry dismissed a report that Australian navy pilots were hit by lasers earlier in May while exercising in the waters claimed by China. And on Sunday, Beijing closed off an area near Paracel Islands, which is also claimed by Vietnam and Taiwan, for military training exercises.

Wei said China built “limited defense facilities” but much of it was aimed at improving services and infrastructure for people living there.

“It is only when there are threats would there be defenses. In face of heavily armed warships and military aircraft, how can we not deploy any defense facilities?” he said.

Most of the islands are uninhabited and have been used by fishermen from all sides to shelter during storms.

Wei and Shanahan met on the sidelines of the conference Friday and agreed to improve communication and deepen exchanges and cooperation between their militaries.

On Sunday, Wei said the countries recognize that a conflict or war between them would have wide-reaching effects.

“It takes two to cooperate but only one to start a fight,” he said. “We hope that the U.S. side will work with us towards the same goal, follow the principles of non-conflict, non-confrontation, mutual respect and win-win cooperation, and steer the China-US relations in the right direction.”

China last sent a high-ranking general to the conference in 2011. Its officials have been quick to downplay this as a mere coincidence, given the busy schedules of their higher-ups.

But some observers see Wei’s presence this time as a pointed attempt by China to cement its relationships in the region amid a trade war with the U.S. and having its businesses targeted with sanctions. **AP**

**“People’s Liberation Army] would not yield a single inch of the country’s sacred land.”**

GEN. WEI FENGHE  
DEFENSE MINISTER, PRC

U.S. Acting Defense Secretary Patrick Shanahan, who spoke to the same gathering on Saturday, was not present at Wei’s speech. Shanahan called China’s efforts to steal technology from other nations and militarize man-made outposts in the South China Sea a “toolkit of coercion” and urged it to stop activities the U.S. perceives as hostile.

AP PHOTO



Acting U.S. Secretary of Defense Patrick Shanahan

**KOREAS**

# US acting defense chief says major drills with South still on hold

Lolita C. Baldor, Seoul

**A**CTING Defense Secretary Patrick Shanahan said yesterday that so far he sees no need to restore large-scale military exercises with South Korea that have been curtailed over the past year as a diplomatic olive branch to North Korea. “I’m confident that we have the readiness that we are required to have,” Shanahan said as he flew to Seoul to meet with his commanders and South Korean officials. But he also said he wants to discuss the issue with his top American commander in South Korea, Army Gen. Robert Abrams, to “make sure that the plan that we put in place is sufficient.”

Shanahan’s visit to Seoul comes as the U.S. and partners in the region weigh how to respond to missile tests conducted last month by North Korea. The tests fuel debate over whether the elimination of drills may impair the U.S. and South Korea’s ability to respond if the North is once again turning away from diplomacy and moving to heighten hostilities.

Senior U.S. officials, including Shanahan, have said that the North Korean test launches of what they believe were short-range ballistic missiles were a violation of U.N. Security Cou-

ncil resolutions. The North has defended the launches as efforts to exercise its right to self-defense.

South Korea and the U.S. last year eliminated larger military drills and said they would replace them with smaller exercises. The North has viewed the large drills as an invasion rehearsal. In place of the bigger exercises, the U.S. and South Korea have been doing newly designed command post drills and revised field training programs.

The decision to dump the bigger drills came last June after President Donald Trump’s first summit with North Korean leader Kim Jong Un. Trump abruptly announced the decision, saying that he disapproved of what he called U.S. “war games” in South Korea. He called the maneuvers provocative and expensive.

At the time, military leaders defended the move as a way to support diplomacy aimed at resolving the North Korean nuclear crisis. Pentagon officials said they believed the shift to smaller exercises would not harm military readiness, but that the decision would be periodically re-evaluated.

Last September, Abrams said at his Senate confirmation hearing that the suspension of the


drills had contributed to a “slight” dip in combat readiness.

And some experts say it will likely weaken the allies’ military readiness and hurt the ability of the U.S. and South Korean troops to work seamlessly together in the event of an attack or other emergency.

On Saturday in Singapore, Shanahan made clear that the U.S. believes that North Korea “remains an extraordinary threat.” He told the Shangri-La Dialogue security conference that Pyongyang has “neared a point where it could credibly strike regional allies, U.S. territory and our forward-deployed forces.”

Heightened tensions with the North in 2017 were followed by a surprising diplomatic outreach by Pyongyang in 2018, when Kim attended summits with the South Korean and Chinese presidents and with Trump. But North Korea has not received what it wants most from its summitry: relief from punitive sanctions imposed over its nuclear and missile programs.

A summit earlier this year between Trump and Kim ended in failure, with the United States saying that North Korea was not offering to take enough disarmament steps in return for the widespread sanctions relief it sought. **AP**


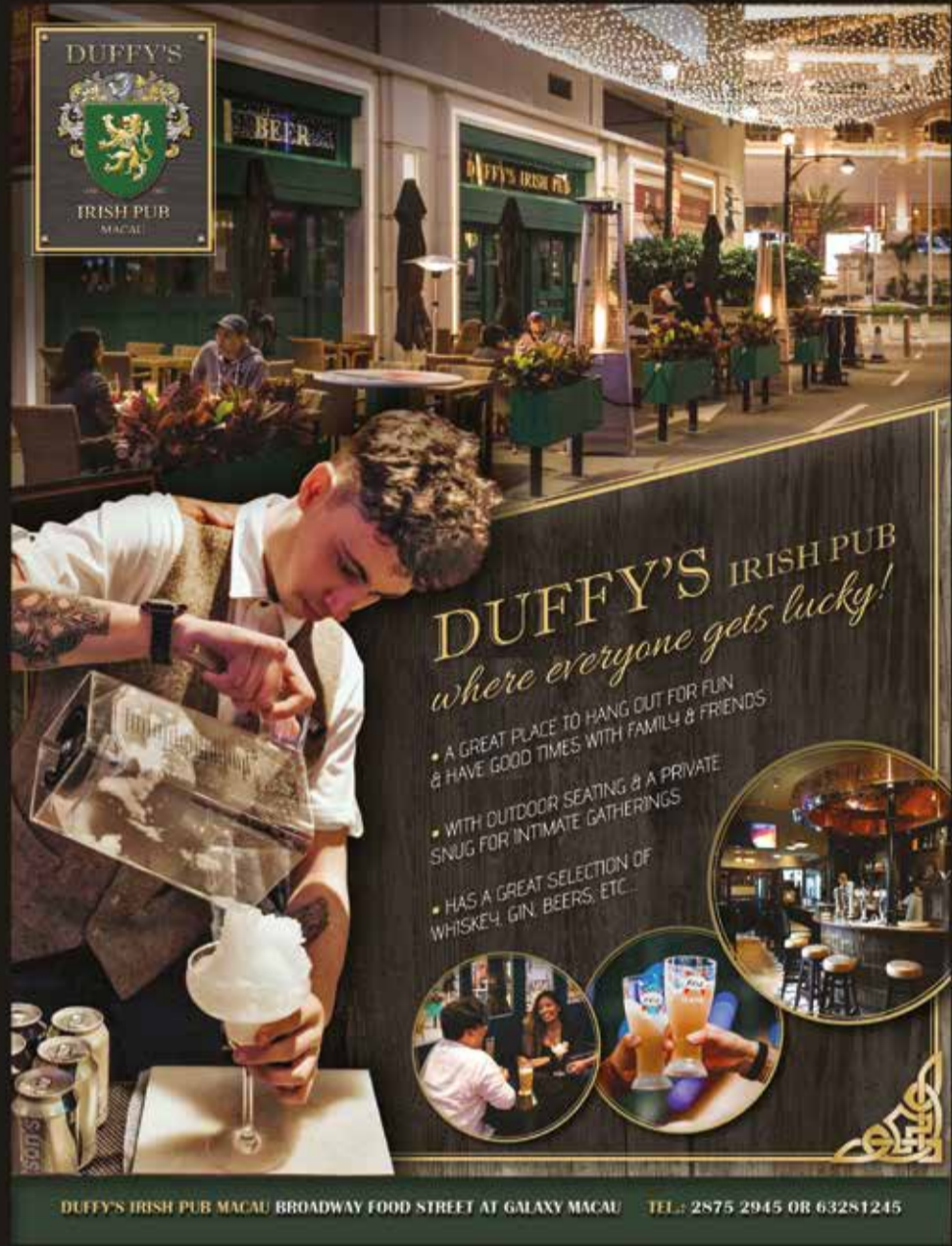


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UK-US

# The Trumps are coming: London ready for controversial state visit

Gregory Katz, London

**I**T'S a unique odd couple: A 93-year-old sovereign who has made a point of keeping her opinions to herself during her long reign is hosting a 72-year-old reality-TV-star-turned-president who tweets his uncensored thoughts daily to 60 million followers.

For Queen Elizabeth II, Britain's unflappable monarch, the arrival of U.S. President Donald Trump, his family and his armored entourage today means a full day of ceremony and toasts topped by a magnificent banquet at Buckingham Palace.

Yet beneath the pomp and ceremony, there are differences aplenty.

There will be a formal tea in the afternoon hosted by Prince Charles and his wife Camilla for Trump and first lady Melania Trump, bringing together a future king who has warned about the perils of climate change for years with a president who is actively dismantling U.S. policies designed to slow global warming.

On the political front, Trump meets tomorrow with British Prime Minister Theresa May only days before she steps down Friday as Conservative Party leader, kicking off a race to succeed her as prime minister.

Trump professes friendship for May, but he has been harshly critical of her handling of Britain's tortured Brexit negotiations with the European Union. He has also buddied up to former Foreign Secretary



Odd couple: Queen Elisabeth II and Donald Trump inspect the Guard of Honour at Windsor Castle in Windsor, in 2018

Boris Johnson, a May critic who hopes to follow her into power, and Brexit Party leader Nigel Farage, who accuses May of incompetence and betrayal.

Trump ramped up his interference in British politics by telling the Sunday Times that Britain should "walk away" from talks and refuse to pay a 39 billion pound (USD49 billion) divorce bill if it doesn't get better terms from the EU. He also said Farage should be given a role in the Brexit negotiations.

Officials on both sides of the Atlantic say the long-delayed state visit will celebrate the vaunted "special relationship" between Britain and the U.S. It was timed to coincide with solemn ceremonies in Britain on Wednesday and in France on Thursday marking the 75th anniversary of the D-Day invasion (June 6).

Still, the very topic of a Trump

visit to Britain has been deeply divisive since May extended the invitation on behalf of the queen in an Oval Office visit in the first week of Trump's administration.

The move prompted street protests in Britain, an online petition signed by more than 1 million opposed to the idea, and a debate in Parliament over whether Trump deserved the highest honor that Britain can bestow on a foreign leader.

Ever before Trump was elected president, there was a highly charged debate in Britain's Parliament over whether to ban him from coming to the U.K. because of his harsh comments about temporarily banning Muslims from entering the United States. His brief working visit to Britain last summer generated huge protests in the streets of London even as Trump stayed — literally — above the fray by

relying on a helicopter to get around.

That July visit also marked the debut of the "Trump baby balloon" — an inflatable piece of conceptual art that depicts the president as a baby wearing diapers.

At the time, Trump was outspoken in his criticism of London's first Muslim mayor, Sadiq Khan, for what Trump called a failure to tackle crime and terrorism. Khan did not reply but Labour Party lawmaker David Lammy tweeted that Trump was a "racist" who hates the fact that Londoners elected a Muslim mayor.

"He does not deserve to meet our queen," Lammy said on the July day last summer when Trump flew from London to Windsor Castle to take tea with Elizabeth.

Much of this visit will be given over to social events and to the D-Day commemorations, but some serious topics are to be discussed, including the Trump administration's determined effort to prevent Britain from relying on Chinese tech giant Huawei to build parts of its 5G communications network.

National Security Adviser John Bolton told reporters before Trump's arrival that allowing this could give China's government a "back door" into western telecommunications systems.

A state visit is a relatively rare honor for a U.S. president: Only Barack Obama in 2011 and George W. Bush in 2003 have received the coveted invitations, which are offered based on advice from British Foreign

Office officials, not the whim of the queen.

She has, however, met 12 of the 13 U.S. presidents during her 67-year reign, which is now the longest in British history. The only exception was Lyndon Johnson.

Some of the traditional trappings of an official state visit are likely being scaled back.

Typically one of the highlights is a carriage ride procession that brings the visiting dignitary to the Buckingham Palace grounds escorted by a large number of mounted soldiers from the Household Cavalry as gun salutes are made from nearby Green Park and the Tower of London. Officials have not said whether that will happen this time, possibly due to security concerns that a slow-moving procession of horse-drawn carriages could prove an irresistible target for protesters.

The president and first lady also are not going to stay at Buckingham Palace, where state visitors usually lodge, apparently because of renovations underway at the 775-room official residence of the queen. They are expected to stay at Winfield House, the spacious home of the U.S. ambassador.

The Trumps and their grown children are expected to meet the younger generation of royals, including Prince William, a future king, and his wife Kate, the Duchess of Cambridge. Prince Harry is also set to meet the Trumps, but his wife Meghan, the Duchess of Sussex, is expected to stay at home with their newborn son Archie.

Meghan, a former actress who has campaigned for women's rights around the world, is a fellow American who was critical of Trump and backed his political rival Hillary Clinton before she married into the royal family. She has not resumed official duties since giving birth four weeks ago. **AP**

ROMANIA

# Pope warns of new ideologies as he beatifies martyrs

**POPE** Francis paid homage yesterday to Catholics who were persecuted, tortured and killed during Romania's communist regime by beatifying seven bishop martyrs on his third and final day in the country.

Francis presided over the eastern rite liturgy in Blaj, a stronghold of the Greek-Catholic Church that was outlawed during communism.

The seven bishops had been arrested and imprisoned between 1950 and 1970 for adhering to



Pilgrims hold umbrellas during a heavy rainfall before Pope Francis' Mass at the Marian shrine, in Sumuleu Ciuc, Romania

their faith.

Francis held them up as models for the Romanian faithful today, saying they "gave their lives to oppose

an illiberal ideological system."

"These lands know well how greatly people suffer when an ideology or a re-

gime takes over, setting itself up as a rule for the very life and faith of people, diminishing and even eliminating their ability to make decisions, their freedom and their room for creativity," he said.

He warned that new ideologies were threatening Romanian families today — an apparent reference to gender issues, gay marriage and other secular trends that Francis has previously blasted as Western "ideological colonization" over others.

"Forms of ideological co-

lonization that devalue the person, life, marriage and the family, and above all, with alienating proposals as atheistic as those of the past, harm our young people and children, leaving them without roots from which they can grow," he said.

The chant-filled Mass followed the Byzantine rite of the Greek-Catholic church, which is loyal to Rome. The liturgy itself was celebrated by a Greek-Catholic bishop, but it marked the first time that Francis had presided over

an eastern rite liturgy as pope, the Vatican said.

It was celebrated on the symbolic "Field of Liberty," a huge expanse east of Blaj that was the site of an important nationalist rally in 1848. A century later, communist leaders marking the anniversary at the field demanded that Greek-Catholics join the Orthodox church.

Many refused, and thousands of priests were incarcerated in communist prisons, including the seven being beatified yesterday. **AP**

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## Offbeat

## LIFT THOSE KNEES: BABIES CRAWL TO THE LITHUANIAN FINISH LINE



In Lithuania, the rat race of life apparently starts early. Twenty-five babies have taken to the red carpet in Lithuania in a crawling race as their parents, grandparents and onlookers cheered the spectacle.

Saturday's event in Vilnius, the capital of Lithuania, was the 20th annual event staged by a local radio station to mark International Children's Day, celebrated in this Baltic nation on June 1.

Teams waved toys and even banged baby food cans to spur the 7-to-11-month-old baby girls and boys to move faster on the carpet.

An 11-month-old baby boy named Ignas managed to crawl over a few meters and reach the finish line first.

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ROOM 1

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

Director: Michael Dougherty

Starring: Kyle Chandler, Vera Farmiga, Millie Bobby Brown

Language: English (Chinese)

Duration: 131min



## DOG'S JOURNEY

ROOM 2

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

Director: Gail Mancuso

Starring: Josh Gad, Dennis Quaid, Kathryn Prescott

Language: English (Chinese)

Duration: 109min



## ALADDIN

ROOM 3

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

Director: Guy Ritchie

Starring: Will Smith, Mena Massoud, Naomi Scott

Language: English (Chinese)

Duration: 109min

## this day in history



Noel Coward (left)

## 1957 NOEL COWARD COMES HOME

Noel Coward has returned to Britain from the West Indies amid criticism that he is living abroad to avoid paying income tax.

He arrived at Southampton on the Queen Elizabeth liner dressed in a black tweed jacket with a white diamond pattern, dark trousers and a black and white check bow tie.

He brushed off questions about tax evasion saying he was "disgusted but entirely unworried" by talk of him being a tax exile.

Earlier in the French port of Cherbourg, he told one reporter he found the whole issue embarrassing and the talk of money "rather vulgar".

"I am an artist and am delighted to talk about my plays and my acting and my work generally but not about my money affairs," he said.

He told the BBC he had spent the last winter in Jamaica working on his new book and some songs, but he would not go into any detail.

"I never like discussing anything I'm writing while I'm doing it because it might put me off."

He would only say it was a novel about people.

He plans to stay in Britain for three weeks. He will catch with friends and go to see his play "Nude with Violin" starring Michael Wilding who takes over from Sir John Gielgud. He will then travel to Paris and the South of France.

Mr Coward has made a name for himself with his plays offering bitter sweet portrayals of the pre-war years and as a composer of witty ditties.

His most famous songs include Mad Dogs and Englishmen and Mad About the Boy.

He first fell in love with Jamaica in 1943 where he went to recover from flu while on a trip to the US.

He returned in 1948 when he bought land to build a property.

Courtesy BBC News

## IN CONTEXT

In the 1950s Noel Coward's career was on the wane and it was at this point that he developed a cabaret act that revived his fortunes.

Although principally revered as a playwright - he was responsible for more than 60 productions - Coward was also an actor, composer and songwriter.

In his last years, Coward lived with his companion Graham Payn in Jamaica where he built a small retreat called Firefly Hill.

The house is a museum to Coward and one of Jamaica's top tourist attractions.

He was knighted in 1970 and died in 1973.



YOUR STARS

Aries Mar. 21-Apr. 19
Communication is important today - but keep it short and sweet.

Taurus April 20-May 20
Focus on today as much as possible - long-term thinking is best put off.

Gemini May 21-Jun. 21
You are in motion today, which is just how you want it.

Cancer Jun. 22-Jul. 22
You need to deal with a few extra elements you hadn't counted on.

Leo Jul. 23-Aug. 22
You're torn between two equally appealing options - which is a pretty good problem to have!

Virgo Aug. 23-Sept. 22
You can't let your heart make decisions today - it's all about your head.

Libra Sep.23-Oct. 22
You need to try new things today - even if you'd rather poke around in the garden.

Scorpio Oct. 23 - Nov. 21
You can't stop thinking about some weird little detail that seems to be popping out from a spreadsheet.

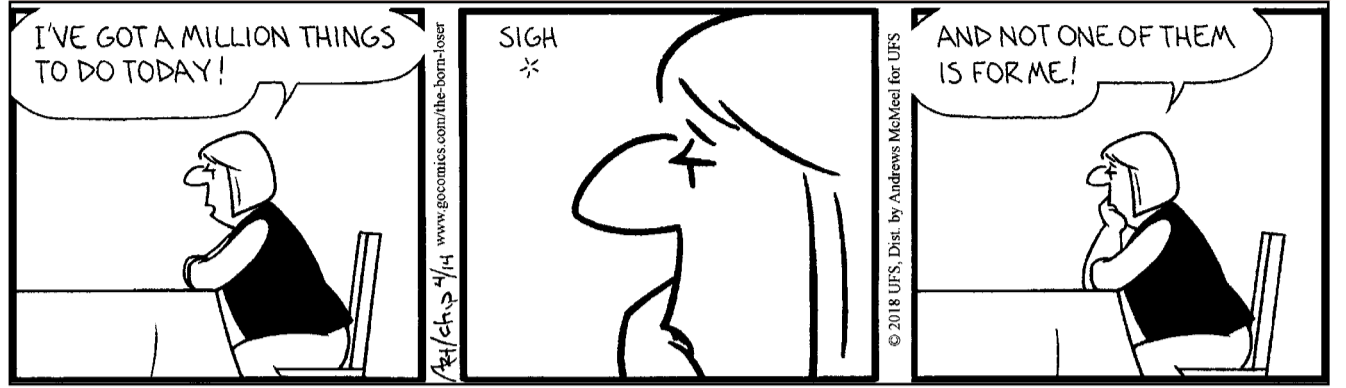
Sagittarius Nov. 22-Dec. 21
You are thinking hard about things, but you're not really sure what you need to do next.

Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 19
Today is all about communication, and even your quiet wisdom is much in demand now.

Aquarius Jan. 20-Feb. 18
Something small but meaningful could spark a new romance today - if you're looking for one, that is!

Pisces Feb.19-Mar. 20
Your creative mind is much more active today, so you may need to find a way to capture all the great ideas.

THE BORN LOSER by Chip Sansom



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DOWN 1- Wolf; 2- Elemental unit; 3- Actress Virna; 4- Smokers receptacle; 5- Deal with; 6- Blot out; 7- Aromatic herb; 8- Write; 9- Female black grouse; 10- Steak order; 11- Greek letters; 12- Power unit; 15- Methods; 23- Hang back; 25- Once \_\_\_ while; 26- Device with 88 keys; 27- Actress Massey; 28- Zenith's opposite; 29- Seeps; 30- Central theme; 31- Light on one's feet; 32- Zero; 33- Senior moment?; 34- Psalms interjection; 37- One of the Furies; 40- Large sea wave; 42- Got it!; 43- Letterbox; 45- Elevs.; 46- Select; 48- \_\_\_ is human...; 49- Gillette razor; 50- In a minute; 51- Omigosh!; 52- Make an escape; 54- Primordial giant in Norse myth; 55- Parks on a bus; 56- \_\_\_-deucey; 59- Photo \_\_\_ (media events);



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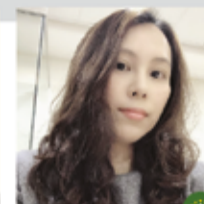
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**FOR RENT**

**Soi Cheong, Taipa Village \$11,500/ mth**

750 ft<sup>2</sup>  
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 1



**FOR SALE**

**Hellene Garden, Coloane \$7,950,000**

1,663 ft<sup>2</sup>  
 3   
 2



More Listings

For Sale

- [Taipa] Nova City 3 2 1,494 ft<sup>2</sup> **\$13,980,000** (ref: 17050001RT)
- [Taipa] Kinglight Garden Loft 1 1 800 ft<sup>2</sup> **\$7,380,000** (ref: 19055005ST)
- [Taipa] Hellene Garden 3 3 1,663 ft<sup>2</sup> **\$8,800,000** (ref: 19025577)
- [Taipa] Ocean Garden 4 4 3,700 ft<sup>2</sup> **\$32,000,000** (ref: 19015576)
- [Taipa] The Manhattan Car Parks **\$1,480,000~\$1,580,000** (ref: 18095560) (ref: 19045003)

For Rent

- [Taipa] Vai Fat 1 1 800 ft<sup>2</sup> **\$12,300/mth** (ref: 17110659)
- [Taipa] Nova Grand 2 1 986 ft<sup>2</sup> **\$16,000/mth** (ref: 19055007RT)
- [Taipa] Ocean Garden 4 4 3,700 ft<sup>2</sup> **\$35,000/mth** (ref: 18040674)
- [Coloane] Commercial Building 4 Storey 4,003 ft<sup>2</sup> **\$108,000/mth** (ref: 17040646)
- [Taipa] The Manhattan Car Park **\$2,000/mth** (ref: 1505507RT)

Recent Movements

**Sold** The Manhattan, Taipa  
 4 bed, 2,305 ft<sup>2</sup>

**Sold** Pacifica, Taipa  
 4 bed, 1,226 ft<sup>2</sup>

**Rented** Wa Bao, Taipa  
 2 bed, 1,020 ft<sup>2</sup>

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FOOTBALL

# Liverpool coach Klopp wins Champions League on third try

Joseph Wilson, Madrid

TOTTENHAM 0, LIVERPOOL 2

**J**UERGEN Klopp finally has another trophy. After losing his last six cup finals, a streak the charismatic manager put down to bad luck, luck was on his side yesterday [Macau time] as he led Liverpool to Champions League glory.

Liverpool beat Tottenham 2-0 in an ordinary final, but Klopp could shrug off those who doubted he could deliver. Even though he'd previously said he was not worried about his poor record in finals.

Klopp won the Champions League at his third attempt after back-to-back finals, and delivered Liverpool its sixth European Cup, and first trophy on his watch.

"Usually I sit here and have to explain how you can lose this game. Now, I can enjoy it," Klopp said. "For us it is really important



that now people don't ask about winning or not winning things.

"I'm so happy for the players and my family. There will be a moment when I'm completely

overwhelmed for myself, too. I feel mostly relief, relief for my family. The last six times we flew on holiday with only a silver medal it didn't feel too cool."

His very first trophy was in 2012, the German Cup with Borussia Dortmund, and he has appeared in finals almost annually since then. But he missed

out on two more German Cups, an English League Cup, a Europa League, and two Champions Leagues.

But he's finally claimed the most coveted prize in European club soccer.

"It is the best night of our professional lives," he said. "It took a while, it is important for our development and improvement. Now we can carry on."

"The owners never put pressure on us. Normally 20 minutes after the game I am half drunk, but now I have only had water!"

The 51-year-old Klopp has excelled at inspiring a furious, all-out-attacking mentality at Liverpool that he brought with him from Dortmund. But this final was far from the "heavy metal" pressuring style Klopp likes.

Even so, Klopp, dressed in a dark tracksuit and baseball cap, still shouted and punched his fist in the air to make sure his players didn't have a last-second slip, and finished the job.

Before the second goal by Divock Origi that decided the result, he spent most of the match pacing his manager's box, sometimes shaking his head and crossing his arms as if disappointed his players had not gone for the kill after Mohamed Salah's second-minute penalty.

At fulltime, he was calm. He was a champion again. **AP**

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**Tax Matters**

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**EMPLOYEE SHARE SCHEMES**

It is becoming increasingly common for Macau employees in multinational corporations to be awarded Share Options (also referred to as Stock Options – “SOs”) or Restricted Share Units (also referred to as Restricted Stock Units – “RSUs”) as part of their remuneration package. Different types of plans may be implemented by the employer (or by a group company, notably the parent company). An employee participating in the plan may be granted options, i.e. the right to buy shares at a preferential price after a vesting period, and/or may receive shares that are subject to some restrictions for a defined period of time (e.g. they cannot sell them). Usually, the awarded shares represent the capital of a group company listed on a stock market. Authorities across jurisdictions discuss how to tax these awards such as setting the taxable basis, and the time in which the taxable event is deemed to occur.

Aiming to clarify these issues, the Macau tax bureau addressed this matter in Circular Letter No. 02/DIR/2009, dated 8 January 2009.

Pursuant to the Circular Letter, the income is deemed received by the employee, and thus taxable, when he/she exercises the right to the option and purchases the shares. The tax basis is the difference between the market price of the shares and the amount effectively paid by the employee to purchase them, i.e. the amount borne by the employer, which is treated for tax purposes as employment income. Such income is subject to withholding tax, meaning that the employer is required to deduct at source the amount of Personal Income Tax (“Imposto Profissional”) that the employee is supposed to pay with respect to the exercise of the SOs and/or RSUs.

In addition, the employer is subject to certain disclosure obligations to the Macau tax administration and is notably required to declare information regarding the awards within a certain period (30 days). Such information includes the name of the employer and of the employee, their respective tax numbers, denomination and amount of SOs and/or RSUs granted, the amount an employee is required to pay for the RSUs (if any), the amount an employee is required to pay (if any) to purchase the shares (while exercising his/her rights), the period within which the rights may be exercised, any limitations to the exercise or sale of the shares and/or RSUs, plus any further information deemed relevant. The employer is also required to declare to the Macau tax administration, within 30 days, the exercise of the SOs and/or RSUs (purchase of the relevant shares), and the sale or the waiver of the SOs and/or RSUs by the employee.

Some practical issues, however, require further clarification from the tax administration where the Circular Letter remains silent. For example, if the local employer does not bear the costs of the share scheme, i.e. if the shares are awarded to the employer by a non-resident group company and the local employer does not reimburse the funds outlaid by such group company in the implementation of the plan, how is the local employer supposed to withhold any tax from the amount deemed received by the employee? The employee of a local employer is not legally required to submit annual tax returns – should he/she nevertheless file a tax return for that purpose? The law does not seem to require it. Also, the employer may not even be aware that its employee has exercised his/her SOs or has received shares under the terms of the plan. How is it supposed to declare such information to the tax authority? In any case, it is worth knowing that the income deemed to be received by employees from the implementation of these share schemes is not subject to social security contributions in Macau.

**THE AIRLINES DOWNGRADE 2019 FORECAST AMID TRADE SPATS, FUEL HIKE**

The International Air Transport Association is lowering its forecast for the airline industry this year to USD28 billion from \$35.5 billion amid rising fuel prices and weakening world trade.

The Montreal-based IATA said yesterday that “margins are being squeezed by rising costs right across the board, including labor, fuel, and infrastructure.”

It said competition among airlines remains stiff and “weakening of global trade is likely to

continue as the U.S.-China trade war intensifies,” primarily affecting the cargo business, although passenger traffic could also be hit if tensions rise.

IATA members meeting in Seoul also backed a plan that will cap net emissions of the greenhouse gas carbon dioxide from international aviation at 2020 levels. Airlines will have to spend money on carbon reduction measures elsewhere to offset excess emissions.

Station	Air quality	
Roadside	30-50 Good	
High Density Residential Area	20-40 Good	
Ambient	25-45 Good	

SOURCE: DSMG

**WORLD BRIEFS**



**ROMANIA** Pope Francis warned that new ideologies were threatening Romanian families today – an apparent reference to gender issues, gay marriage and other secular trends that Francis has previously blasted as Western “ideological colonization” over others. He was in Romania for the beatification of seven bishop martyrs of the old communist regime.

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**ITALY** A towering, out-of-control cruise ship rammed into a dock and a tourist river boat on a busy Venice canal yesterday. Italian media reported that at least five people were injured in the crash. The collision happened about 8:30 a.m. on the Giudecca Canal, a major thoroughfare that leads to Saint Mark’s Square in the city.

**HUNGARY** A judge ordered the formal arrest of a captain whose Viking river cruise ship collided with a sightseeing boat on the Danube River, sinking the tourist boat and leaving seven South Koreans dead and 21 other people missing.

**Hong Kong singer Anthony Wong scores hit with Tiananmen song**

Juwon Park, Hong Kong

**T**HIRTY years after it was crushed by China’s army, the Tiananmen Square pro-democracy movement is being commemorated in art, literature, public rallies and even synth pop.

Hong Kong singer Anthony Wong’s latest release, “Is It a Crime,” recorded with longtime musical partner Tats Lau, is finding an audience by doing just that. The two make up the group Tat Ming Pair, long a staple of the local music scene known as Cantopop for the Cantonese language in which the music is recorded.

Released in May, the composition has been banned in mainland China, where all discussion of the protest movement and the military crackdown is strictly taboo.

Wong says the song asks difficult questions as to what might constitute a crime of remembrance and commemoration under China’s authoritarian one-party communist regime.

“Holding a candlelight vigil or just remembering what happened in the past could be a crime,” Wong told a crowd of 80 or so packed into a dimly lit room this past week for the screening of a documentary about the historic 1989 events held by local broadcaster RTHK.

“Writing an article and singing a song could be a crime. One day, anything could be a crime,” said Wong, wearing a brown fedora hat and a white T-shirt emblazoned with the words “Down With Big Brother.”

Then a British colony, Hong Kong was a major base for the student protesters, especially after the bloody crackdown in which hundreds, possibly thousands, were killed. Now a semi-autonomous Chinese territory, it has retained freedoms unknown on the mainland and holds an annual candlelight vigil and rally for the victims and the pro-democracy movement.

Tat Ming Pair has been making Beijing uncomfortable with its mix of danceable synth-based rhythms and pointed social observation



Anthony Wong: the song asks difficult questions

since 1986, when the group released its first album.

Wong said people in Hong Kong should continue to hold rallies and memorial events for 1989 because the city is “the only place in the biggest country in the world, population wise, that we can talk about what we want.”

**Holding a candlelight vigil or just remembering what happened in the past could be a crime.**

ANTHONY WONG

However, speaking out against the Communist government has come with a hefty price tag for Wong. He said he has been unable to perform in mainland China ever since his involvement in the 2015 Umbrella street protest movement that sought greater democracy in Hong Kong. Commercial sponsorships and endorsements from “almost

everywhere” have dried up, he said.

Other Hong Kong entertainers are not immune to Beijing’s effort to eradicate the memories of the bloody 1989 crackdown. Various music streaming services, including Apple Music, have removed a song by Jackie Cheung with a reference to the crackdown.

In past years, Denise Ho, a Cantopop star known for her pro-democracy stance, had her concert suddenly canceled after Global Times, a tabloid owned by the Chinese Communist Party, called out cosmetics giant Lancome for inviting her to appear at a promotional event. Anthony Wong Chau-sang, a Hong Kong actor, has said on several occasions that his film roles went away after he spoke out against the Communist government.

Amid simmering political tensions in Hong Kong in light of the 30th anniversary, Wong’s song has been well-received, topping the city’s iTunes chart. Wong said he’s surprised by the song’s popularity because “the climate is not for this kind of music.”

“If people like [the song], that means people still remember,” he said. “I am glad that people remember it.” AP

**TIMES 12 YEARS**

The Macau Daily Times accomplished 12 years of publication on June 1, as one of two existing English-language daily newspapers. It has been a challenging, yet pleasant journey in your company, witnessing the huge developments of this little-big city of ours. We take the opportunity to thank our readers, advertisers, partners, contributors and friends for supporting us through this full cycle of the Chinese zodiac. Without you, the task would not be possible and would not be worth it. This anniversary month, we are introducing novelties in order to better serve the interests of the community. Wishing you the best of Times!