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**India** Heavy monsoon rains in western India caused at least four walls to collapse onto huts and city shanties, killing at least 31 people and injuring dozens of others, officials said yesterday, as forecasters warned of more rain.



**Turkey-China** Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan told Chinese President Xi Jinping yesterday that Turkey and China have "great potential to grow our relationship" based on historical trading ties and that the two would "contribute to regional and global stability." More on p12

**Australia** Three men were arrested on yesterday over an Islamic State group-inspired plot to attack a variety of Sydney targets including police and defense buildings, courts, churches and diplomatic missions, police said.

**Sri Lanka** Prosecutors have asked police to explain why two former senior officials have not been arrested for alleged negligence leading to the Easter Sunday bombings that killed more than 250 people at churches and hotels.

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CORRUPTION

# POLICY RESEARCH BUREAU REFUTES ACCUSATIONS AGAINST ITS LEADER

JULIE ZHU

**A**N anonymous letter accusing Mi Jian, Director of the Policy Research and Regional Development Bureau (DSEPDR), has been condemned by the bureau for “bringing a bad atmosphere into Macau,” according to a statement issued by the DSEPDR earlier this week.

The letter, allegedly written by some of the bureau's employees, accuses Mi of 11 types of misconduct, some of which are major corruption offences in the Macau SAR.

Mi is accused of hiring his doctorate candidates and his own relatives by ignoring the central recruitment process for public servants, wrongly terminating the employment of local residents at the bureau, appropriating bureau funds, smoking inside his office and evading the proper tender procedures.

In addition to being shared on social media, the letter was also submitted to the anti-corruption authority, which earlier this week acknowledged receiving the complaint.

In the past few days “the



Director of Policy Research and Regional Development Bureau, Mi Jian

DSEPDR held a general staff meeting about the letter. The bureau read out the contents of the anonymous report letter verbatim and clarified the accusations item by item,” the bureau statement reads

“As far as is currently known, the bureau considers that it is not true that the author of the letter is a DSEPDR employee. All staff members unanimously condemned the actions of the individual who impersonated the bureau,” the bureau writes.

“Not only will the good

working atmosphere and tradition of this bureau not be destroyed, but they will be strengthened. The efficiency, order and effectiveness of this bureau will be further enhanced by this incident,” the DSEPDR stressed.

“Macau is a harmonious society. The letter brings a bad atmosphere into Macau, creating confrontation, and more unfoundedly, uses fictional content to provoke deep feelings among colleagues in the bureau and undermine the unity, mutual respect, and harmony that has [characterized] this bu-

reau for a long time.”

The bureau claimed that the former policy research office and DSEPDR have strictly complied with the Macau Basic Law, and regulations and laws in Macau, and that, currently, the bureau is fully committed to the construction of the Greater Bay Area.

“The false accusations, filth and even personal attacks in the letter have not only affected the normal work of the bureau, but have also seriously damaged the image of this bureau, further causing adverse social impacts,” read the letter's response.

In addition, the bureau claims that it will actively cooperate with relevant departments to follow up on the letter.

“The bureau condemns false accusations, filth and personal attacks in the letter. Under the premise of determining the facts, the right to pursue accountability according to the law will be exercised,” the DSEPDR said.

The DSEPDR formed by the Chief Executive to study ways to coordinate Macau's integration into the Greater Bay Area, has been in operation for almost one year.

## AU KAM SAN ASKS ABOUT IC SECURITY SERVICES TENDER

**L**AWMAKER Au Kam San has asked Alexis Tam, Secretary for Social Affairs and Culture, to explain the Cultural Affairs Bureau's (IC) waiver of an open public tender for the bureau's security services. As a public department, the IC, which falls under Tam's remit, must open public tenders for the acquisition of most goods and services above a price threshold.

In Au's written inquiry to the local government, the lawmaker said he received a complaint accusing the IC of not conducting an open public tender for its security services.

“[The complaint] said that, this year, the IC claimed that due to reforms [passed] the bureau's security service will not go through public tender, but the bureau invites companies to participate in the tender through a computerized lucky draw,” Au wrote. “Has this kind of random behavior, that of waiving public tenders, which is not in accordance with the law, become a special disease in Macau's officialdom?”

“This year, because of the ‘reform’, the IC canceled the public tender. What are the legal grounds for this reform? Has the Secretary for Social Affairs and Culture approved the waiving of public tenders for the security service, which involves more than 10 million Macau patacas?”

“The government has intentions to amend the procurement law. When the government prepares to amend the procurement law, will it consider establishing a supervision mechanism to stop violations?” Au asked.

In 2016, the Commission Against Corruption (CCAC) exposed the IC for outsourcing oral video services directly to a local organization without inviting written quotes from at least three contractors to provide service, as should have occurred.

After the CCAC report in 2016, the IC said that the bureau was making improvements to ensure a fair tender practice is followed. **JZ**

## MEMORY LANE

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A trip down memory lane. This historical photo was taken during the 1970s and shows how Rua do Tarrafeiro has changed.

The street was given its name by the Portuguese administration in Macau in 1869. The word “Tarrafeiro” means a fisherman who uses a “tarrafa,” a circular fishing net woven of fine mesh attached to a thin cable in the center, by which it is pulled. It was a very popular fishing method in Macau.

Over time, Rua do Tarrafeiro was gradually urbanized, losing its original seafront with the traditional fishing nets. In recent decades, the street has become an important link between the Inner Harbor area and the city center.



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This still made from video shows a live stream baccarat game

GAMING

# China is using the Philippines as its own online casino

RENATO MARQUES

**C**HINESE companies are circumventing domestic laws that prohibit online gambling by directing their Chinese clientele to their operations based in neighboring countries and regions. The Philippines is reportedly among the most popular places for such operations.

As reported by the Los Angeles Times, Chinese online tycoons have established companies in the Philippines and hired Chinese staff to operate gaming facilities to service players on the mainland. By operating in such a fashion, these companies seek to escape

the reach of Chinese authorities. In its report, the Los Angeles Times notes that among the most popular games accessed via these platforms is "Tencent Every-Minute-Lottery," which generates winning numbers based on the total number of users logged into a Chinese messaging app.

The report noted that the Philippines has been transformed into a large base for online gambling companies - and it continues to grow bigger.

While online gaming is a regulated activity in the Philippines, residents can only enjoy legal online gaming if the games are licensed and regulated by a legitimate offshore juris-

diction. Authorities in the Southeast Asian country are willing to license online gaming platforms based in the Philippines as long as they do not target Philippine residents.

Most of the sites targeting gamblers in China feature live streams from Manila of baccarat tables replete with croupiers.

Demand from the Chinese market is expected to drive gambling revenue in the Philippines to USD4.1 billion (MOP33 billion) this year, up from about \$1 billion in 2016, Philippine government sources say.

But these large sums are still dwarfed by Macau. Last year, gaming revenue in the SAR exceeded MOP300 billion, nine times more

than that of the Philippines.

The business is lucrative for the Philippine government. Government sources say that the annual licensing fees for such operations are as much as \$140 million (MOP1.1 billion). Last year, there was a revenue increase of more than 11 times the amount generated in 2016, which now makes it the third-largest source of government revenue after taxes and customs duties.

It is estimated that at least 100,000 people from mainland China have moved to Manila to work as gambling company marketing agents, tech support specialists, and engineers catering to the Mandarin-speaking clientele.

"Everybody is after the Chinese customer, because they're the biggest market and they're the biggest gamblers," said Rosalind Wade, the Manila-based managing director of Asia Gaming Brief, a research and consulting firm.

The President of the Philippines, Rodrigo Duterte, who once railed against the industry as a vector for crime, recently called for its expansion.

"That gambling-gambling," Duterte told supporters at a recent rally. "I cannot control it."

Seemingly contributing to this boom is the announced "realignment with China." According to the Philippine tourism department, the annual number of Chinese tourists is expected to double within the next two years.

The Los Angeles Times also said that during the course of the investigation, it found that in the Philippine VIP rooms, the biggest bets were being placed remotely via Chinese-speaking staff using tablets and headsets to communicate with gamblers who were watching the live action from a different location. This "proxy betting," as the practice is commonly called, is outlawed in all but only a handful of countries because little is known about the remote gamblers. It was banned in Macau by the Gaming Inspection and Coordination Bureau in 2016.

That it is welcome in the Philippines underscores the lengths the country will go to court Chinese money.

According to media outlets in the Philippines, several crackdowns have recently taken place, leading to the arrest of dozens of Chinese staff members from these companies. Reportedly not all of the operating companies and platforms are legal or operating under the licensing of the local gaming regulator.

However, it is also understood that both the Philippines and China have been lax in the enforcement of their laws in order to allow the industry to thrive.

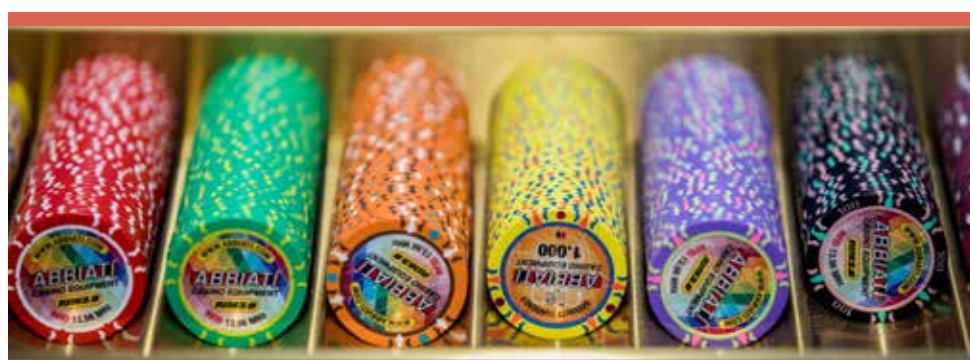
GAMING

# Macau operators see shares rise on improved VIP outlook

**M**ACAUI casino operators rallied the most since December on signs that the world's largest gaming hub is weathering a slowing Chinese economy and a pullback by high rollers may be easing.

A Bloomberg Intelligence index of Macau casino shares climbed as much as 7% in early Hong Kong trading yesterday, after data showed gross gaming revenue in the enclave grew for a second straight month.

The results for June were the strongest sign yet that the outlook is improving. Gaming revenue rose 5.9%, be-



ter than the median analyst estimate of a 1.8% increase.

The result rounds out the first half of the year at MOP149.5 billion, just 0.5% lower than gross gaming revenue during the first six months of 2018.

The effect of VIPs heading for other gambling regions could be temporary, Andrew Lee, an equity analyst at Jefferies, wrote in a June 24 note, with Macau retaining favor given its convenience and easy access for

the mainland gamblers.

JPMorgan Chase & Co. analysts said the data was "surprisingly strong" while Deutsche Bank upgraded its ratings on Galaxy Entertainment Group Ltd. and MGM China Holdings Ltd.

"VIP demand finally seems to be stabilizing," wrote JPMorgan's DS Kim in a note Monday. The analyst said the mass gaming segment continues to show strong growth, and Macau is showing no sign of "growth fatigue" yet, even with the recent protests in Hong Kong.

Galaxy climbed as much as 8.3%, the most since Dec. 3. MGM China shares rose as much as 7.5%, while Sands China Ltd. added as much as 7.9% and SJM Holdings Ltd. increased 6.6%.

Macau casino stocks are recovering after a 20% cor-

rection in May. The companies have faced challenges from the tit-for-tat trade war and slowing Chinese economy, which chased away some of the well-heeled gamblers and ended more than two years of uninterrupted revenue growth. The VIP segment has also been lured away by the emergence of rival gaming spots in the Asia Pacific region.

Despite June's take and revised targets for July, expectations remain largely subdued for the rest of the year as a whole, with analysts foreseeing a 1% median revenue decline. **DB/BLOOMBERG**



KEVIN HO

# NPC WORK TO DEVELOP CHINA AND MACAU NOT MUTUALLY EXCLUSIVE

JULIE ZHU

**T**HE most recently confirmed representative of the National People's Congress (NPC) from Macau, Kevin Ho King Lun, has said that Macau and China are "not places that can be separated" in terms of work done by the NPC Macau representatives.

Ho succeeds the outgoing president of the Legislative Assembly, Ho Iat Seng, in becoming the 12th Macau delegate at the NPC.

Yesterday, in conversation with the Times, Ho said that the contributions of Macau-based NPC members to the development of both China and Macau were not mutually-exclusive. The work to develop one neither precludes, nor disproportionately affects, the other, he said.

Instead, work to the benefit of one would necessarily help the other.

"Being an NPC member, we of course contribute to both Macau and our country as a whole. Anything that's beneficial, positive and good for the country will also be good for Macau. It's not something we can differentiate," said Ho.

In accordance with the representative quota and through a methodology as determined by the NPC, Macau's delegates are elected by Chinese citizens who live in Macau.

Macau's latest NPC delegate yesterday expressed a feeling of gratitude having been selected as

a member. He said he is learning from other Macau NPC delegates in order to understand the fields he can delve into.

Addressing the role of Macau NPC representatives in the national organization, Ho believes that the 12 members must submit national information from the mainland to the SAR.

"We are representatives of Macau. I think that one of our key roles is to bring back to Macau people all the information we have from the central government," said Ho. "I think that's very important."

At the same time, "we are trying our best [...] to help Macau people become more engaged with the development of our country."

"Macau has representatives inside the NPC, so we are a part of everything that's happening in the country," added Ho. "Our role is to pass information back to the Macau citizens about aspects and laws that affect Macau."

Each year, the NPC holds its annual meeting in Beijing, where members voice their proposals. One of Ho's focuses concerning his NPC work will be the development of the Greater Bay Area, encompassing nine mainland cities around the Pearl River estuary and the two Special Administrative Regions of Macau and Hong Kong.

"I think the key development around us, around Macau in the near future, has to be the Greater Bay Area. I think that, whether



I'm a NPC member or whether I am just a Macau local citizen, I think we all have to focus on how we can be included in the rapid

growth of the whole Greater Bay Area and how we can, as Macau citizens, be closely engaged in such development," said Ho.

He also wants to encourage local Macau youth to become more involved in national development projects.

WEATHER

## Typhoon Signal No.3 raised as precaution

**T**HE Macau Meteorological and Geophysical Bureau (SMG) raised Typhoon Signal No.3 at 8 p.m. last night as tropical storm "Mun" meandered inside Macau's 400-kilometer radius band.

Later in the evening, Mun appeared to be back on its trajectory toward Hainan Island, taking it further away from the Macau SAR.

Nevertheless, the weather authority advised that Signal No.3 would remain in effect until at least 6 a.m. this morning.

The SMG warns that showers and thundery weather may persist over the next few days, and flooding may occur in low-lying areas of the city.

By midnight Wednesday, the SMG had recorded a maximum sustained wind speed near the center of 65km/h. According to the revised typhoon and tropical storm classification guidelines released last year, Mun qualifies as a "tropical cyclone," having wind speeds near the center of between 63km/h and 87km/h.

On its website, the SMG said that, "as the winds over the bridges are expected to be strong and gusty, drivers are advised to pay attention to traffic safety. Motorcyclists should travel between Macau Peninsula and Taipa Island through the motorcycle lane on the Sai Van Bridge."

The SMG hoisted Signal No.1 late on Monday night as it noted a low-pressure area over the northern part of the South China Sea was gradually developing into a tropical depression. **DB**

EDUCATION

## UM VISITS BRITISH UNIVERSITIES IN SEARCH OF COLLABORATION

STAFF REPORTER

**R**ECTOR Song Yonghua of the University of Macau (UM) recently led a delegation to six universities in the United Kingdom in the hope of realizing academic and research collaborations, as well as conducting a student exchange program.

The six universities visited were Imperial College London, the University of Edinburgh, the University of Bristol, the University of Bath, Queen Mary University of London and

the University of Surrey.

During the visit, the UM signed a memorandum of understanding with the University of Edinburgh and the University of Bristol that establishes a framework for the UM to launch a 1+3 PhD program. The program means that UM PhD students can undertake a one-year master's degree program at either institution.

The University of Edinburgh is strong in linguistics, medicine and engineering; while the Uni-

versity of Bristol is one of the best in social sciences and environmental engineering.

A round-table was held with the University of Bath at which both universities agreed to identify areas of common interest for further academic exchange and research cooperation.

Song also attended the Times Higher Education Young Universities Summit 2019, jointly held by the University of Surrey and the University of Wollongong in Australia.



RENATO MARQUES



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**T**HE FIA GT World Cup, one of the two World Cup racing events to take place during the Macau Grand Prix, will present in the exact same format as the previous year, the Fédération Internationale de l'Automobile (FIA) announced yesterday at the same time that they announced the opening of applications from teams and drivers.

According to the FIA, the event format remains unchanged, with two 30-minute practice sessions followed by a qualifying session of the same length.

The race will be split into a 12-lap (or 60-minute) qualifying race on

Saturday and an 18-lap (or 75-minute) main race, which will determine the FIA GT World Cup winner on Sunday.

Held for the first time in 2015, this year is the fifth edition of the FIA GT World Cup. As in previous editions, it will be one of the main races to be hosted at Guia Circuit from November 14 to 17 together with three other highly watched FIA events: the FIA F3 World Cup and the penultimate round of the FIA World Touring Car Cup (WTCR), as well as the Macau Motorcycle Grand Prix.

As in previous years, the big names of the international motorsport scene are expected to flock to Macau to contest the title,

which was won last year by Brazilian driver Augusto Farfus Jr in the BMW M6 GT3 from Team BMW Schnitzer.

In the hall of fame for the winners of the Macau-hosted GT World Cup are names such as Edoardo Mortara, Laurens Vanthoor, and Maro Engel.

In the previous four events, only Mercedes managed to score two wins (in 2015 and 2017), while Audi and BMW scored one win each.

It is certain that the title of the FIA GT World Cup will once more change hands this year as Farfus will be ineligible to race in the competition due to the fact that he is already contesting one of the other events, the WTCR.

In related news, as the Times first announced and the Automobile General Association Macau-China (AAMC) recently confirmed, the FIA F3 World Cup will see a replacement of the older Dallara F317 car, with the replacement to be the new Dallara F3 2019 being used at the FIA Formula 3 Championship, which supports the FIA Formula 1 World Championship with its European rounds.

Entries for the FIA GT World Cup will be accepted until August 31.

Entrants must have contested a series recognized by the FIA that complies with the FIA GT3 technical regulations in order to be eligible for the GT World Cup.

## YOUTH SQUASH CHAMPIONSHIP CROWNS MALAYSIAN PLAYERS

RENATO MARQUES

**T**HE 26th Asian Junior Squash Individual Championship was held in Macau for the first time, filling the courts of the Macau Dome and the Sports Complex of the University of Macau.

The competition, which attracted a total of 217 Asian youth players to Macau, had its finals on Saturday. The Malaysian compe-

titors dominated, winning five out of the eight categories.

Divided into four age groups and a total of eight categories, including male and female sections, the finals crowned the best of the tournament in the categories of under-13, under-15, under-17, and under-19.

In the final U19 category, Malaysian Chan Yiwen beat her compatriot Aifa Binti Azman for the win. The

male U19 category was won by Indian player Veer Chotrani, who beat his compatriot Yash Fadte in the final.

In the categories for U17 players, the winners were Nathan Kueh Tze Bing from Malaysia and Chan Sin Yuk from Hong Kong, while Aira Binti Azman from Malaysia won the female U15 category, and Mohammad Hamza Khan from Pakistan won the U15 male category. Another Malaysian na-

tional won the youngest of the categories (U13) when Wong Lee Hong beat Christopher M Buraga from the Philippines in the male category, while Malaysian Anrie Goh Chu Yu beat Hong Kong's Kwong Ena in the female U13 final.

The best Macau representative was Leong Ieng Lam in the female U17 category, who reached the finals but lost to Sri Lanka's Yeheni Vonara Kuruppu.

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# GREAT TIMES

Taste the Art of Sushi

**S**ushi is a ubiquitous order at any Japanese restaurant. It takes the skills to elevate the craft of sushi into an art form – something Chef Hiroyuki Sato does to Michelin-starred standards.

Chef Sato is the chef-owner of Hakkoku, one of Tokyo's hottest restaurants. Before opening his own restaurant, Chef Sato gained international fame when he earned the Ginza restaurant "Sushi Tokami" a Michelin 1-star after only six months of being appointed as its master chef.



But behind every glorious story is a tale of hard work and self-discovery. Chef Sato grew up helping his family's sushi restaurant, spending most of his time in the kitchen peeling shrimp and cutting seaweed. He drifted away from the family business, but at the age of 19, he began working for a western restaurant that reignited his interest in the dining industry. When he was 25, he travelled to the United States where, for the first time in his life, he found himself immersed in a foreign culture. This gave him a newfound appreciation for the beauty of Japanese traditions, and he embarked on a journey to become a sushi master – but on his own terms. "I wanted to create something I can call my own," Sato says.

That's exactly what he's doing at his Hakkoku restaurant in Tokyo. Lauded as a culinary innovator, rice is at the heart of Sato's sushi. Every grain of his signature sushi rice is infused with his iconic akazu seasoning, composed of two different red vinegars that produce a ruby shine and deeply aromatic flavour. This unique rice always takes centre stage, even above the fish, so that every flavour chosen to top each bed of shari (sushi rice) complements its salty, sweet vinegar taste.

It's no wonder that reservations for Hakkoku must be made at least 2 months in advance. But good news for sushi connoisseurs in Macau – Chef Sato will be popping up at MGM to bring his craft to you.

From July 5 to September 29, join Chef Sato at Rossio at MGM MACAU for an exclusive sushi pop-up bar, where each ingredient becomes the stroke of a new masterpiece in his hands. This limited-time culinary residence will offer a premium Japanese style dining experience, serving up individual Okonomi style (a la carte) items or Omakase with beverage. The pop-up will be staffed by 5 skilled Japanese chefs from Sato's restaurant in Tokyo. Seats are extremely limited, so ensure you don't miss out on this culinary masterclass during your next visit to Rossio at MGM MACAU. For enquiries, please call (853) 8802 2372.



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STAFF REPORTER

A review of the mechanism to determine Macau's poverty line will begin soon, the Social Welfare Bureau (IAS) has informed the Times, as set out by the city's Five-Year Development Plan.

The Minimum Subsistence Index is a reference used to determine the lowest monthly income a person needs to earn in order to survive in Macau. The SAR government uses this as a reference to define the group of people who are eligible for certain subsidies.

The Social Welfare Bureau told the Times yesterday that it will review the mechanism used to set the poverty line in the second half of this year.

In Macau's Five-Year Development Plan, covering the years 2016 to 2020, it is set forth that an evaluation of the adjustment mechanism will be conducted in 2019. If required, the mechanism will be amended in 2020, promises the Plan.

Halfway into the year, the Times asked the IAS about the progress of the evaluation. The bureau said that it would commence the work in the second half of this year, but that the work will also close before the end of 2019. The result of the evaluation will form the basis of a study on whether or not the mechanism to decide the Minimum Subsistence Index requires an adjustment.

**HALF-YEAR EVALUATIONS**

Macau's poverty line stands at MOP4,230 for an individual and up to MOP19,710 for a family of eight or more. It has been in effect since New Year's Day 2019, with the second-most-recent amendment having been introduced in 2016.

The current mechanism was first introduced in 2011. It was reviewed in 2014, when the IAS said it remained effective at protecting the disadvantaged from economic fluctuations. Therefore,

# Macau poverty line about to face five-year plan review



no change was made to the way the poverty line was calculated.

The IAS explains that every half-year it "predicts and evaluates" whether an adjustment to the index level is required. The evaluation is made with reference to the change in the Type A Consumer Price Index (CPI) in the preceding 12 months. CPI-A relates to about 50% of households in Macau, which have an average monthly expenditure of between MOP10,000 and MOP30,000.

The 2019 increase amounted to about 4.4% over the level set in 2016. Meanwhile, CPI-A grew faster in the same period. Measured from the month of March in several consecutive years, it rose 0.67% year-on-year in March 2017, 2.65% in 2018 and 2.81% in 2019, according to official data.

Cumulatively, the rise amounts to an increase of about 6.2% over the three-year period.

Data from the IAS shows that the number of beneficiaries of government subsidies dropped in the first quarter of this year, compared with the same period last year. It dropped from 5,816 to 5,327 persons, and overall expenditure fell from MOP62.74 million to MOP60.31 million. The change was attributed to the shrinking of the population living in poverty.

In the same quarter more was spent on allowances, according to the IAS. The three main types - nursing, disability and single-parent family school child allowances - all increased. The total expenditure rose to MOP6.4 million from MOP5.8 million a year earlier.

**A RETURN TO THE GINI COEFFICIENT**

Caritas Macau Secretary General Paul Pun spoke well of the current subsistence level, but said that the Gini coefficient evaluation should be held more regularly in Macau.

The Gini coefficient is a widely accepted key indicator of economic disparity. It helps quantify the difference between the rich and the poor. Presented as a decimal between 0 and 1, the smaller the number, the more economically equal the society.

The evaluation is done every five years in Macau, with the latest result being 0.40, after elimination of the effect from the government subsidy.

In Pun's opinion, the government has managed the evaluation

of where to set the poverty line well. In the past, the increase to the threshold was often higher than that the growth in consumer prices, he said. "The rate of increase has been appropriate."

Pun also highlighted other subsidies and allowance schemes provided by the government, explaining that "the disadvantaged people not yet assigned with social housing units are offered rental subsidy."

However, he is not pleased with the government's effort in controlling price hikes.

"The government did not strive hard enough to control the prices of commodities and housing," Pun told the Times. "Even though the index increases regularly, the rise can easily be canceled out by the high prices."

**HEALTH**

## Fifth case of imported dengue fever recorded this year

THE Health Bureau (SSM) has diagnosed an imported case of dengue fever in a 29-year-old male resident who works in a Cotai casino. The bureau considers this the fifth case of imported dengue fever to have been recorded this year.

The patient traveled to Sihanoukville in Cambodia between May 5 and June 30 and presented symptoms on June 26 including a fever, headaches and muscle aches. He visited a Cambo-

dian hospital where a diagnosis of dengue fever was confirmed.

On June 30, after returning to Macau, he still had a fever and he was admitted to Kiang Wu Hospital, where he was tested for dengue fever. On July 1, he manifested a rash on the hands and feet. He was tested at the Public Health Laboratory, which indicated he had type I dengue fever.

According to the patient, his relatives in Macau have not presented symptoms of

dengue fever. Nevertheless, the SSM said in a statement that it will carry out mosquito elimination works in the areas where the patient lives and works.

The bureau also calls on residents to take preventive measures against mosquitoes, as they can transmit the fever to humans through their bite. It appeals to the public to eliminate stagnant water in their homes or places of work, thereby reducing the opportunity for mosquito and larval

proliferation.

Moreover, the public should consider installing mosquito netting on windows or the use of mosquito nets, as well as turning on the air conditioning in order to reduce the likelihood of mosquito bites.

When traveling to destinations where outbreaks of dengue fever are known to occur, especially the countries of Southeast Asia and South Asia, the population is urged to wear long-sleeved clothes of light colors. **DB**





# WINNERS AND LOSERS IN VIOLENT HONG

MATTHEW CAMPBELL & FION LI

**T**HE protesters who succeeded in halting Hong Kong's controversial extradition bill benefited from broad support among businesses and ordinary citizens. But Monday night's ugly demonstrations risk losing some of that backing - and giving a boost to the pro-Beijing leader they despise.

Asia's financial capital was cleaning up its downtown Tuesday after protests coinciding with the anniversary of its 1997 handover to China morphed into a raucous takeover of the Hong Kong Legislative Council, its quasi-democratic legislature. Protesters wearing hardhats and protective goggles smashed their way into the building, spray-painting "HK IS NOT CHINA" on the walls and draping a colonial-era flag over the dais. Hours later, police stepped in to clear the streets with tear gas.

For Hong Kong Chief Executive Carrie Lam, the mayhem could prove useful. Few in the city - and particularly not among the local and foreign investors whose concerns helped torpedo an extradition bill that triggered protests last month - are likely to support actions that disrupt daily business. The American Chamber of Commerce in Hong Kong, which opposed the bill, issued a statement Tuesday saying "violent acts causing physical harm and destruction of property" were an unacceptable way for people to express their concerns.

By allowing Lam to paint activists as violent rabble-rousers and position herself as a guardian of order, the protest may give Lam a new lease on political life. The chief executive was badly weakened, her approval rating at a record low, after her retreat on the extradition legislation, which she shelved last month after historic crowds turned out in opposition.

"Beijing is more unlikely to yield now than before and exert a more hard-liner approach," said Ivan Choy, a senior lecturer of government and public administration at the Chinese University of Hong Kong. "Beijing will continue to back Carrie Lam and the police force to ensure stability."

Lam held a 4 a.m. news conference to condemn the legislature takeover, describing it as an "extreme use of violence and vandalism" and "something we should seriously condemn because nothing is more important than the rule of law in Hong Kong." Her language echoed that of many opponents of the extradition bill, who warned that by creating a path to remove criminal defendants to mainland China, the city would destroy its status as a safe haven of judicial independence and individual rights.

Monday night's chaos also may



prove convenient for Chinese President Xi Jinping, whose government argues that only tight control can ensure the stability necessary to support economic growth. From the beginning of the anti-extradition protests, Chinese officials portrayed those in the streets as illegitimate agitators and foreign agents - the sort of people who, in Beijing's view, need to be brought firmly in line.

The Chinese government condemned the protesters who stormed the legislature as "extremists" and called for their criminal prosecution, according to the official Xinhua News Agency, which cited a spokesman for the Hong Kong and Macau Affairs Office. While both Chinese and Hong Kong authorities say there's no need for the People's Liberation Army to intervene, such scenes test Beijing's tolerance for unrest.

"Hong Kong cannot become chaotic," Wei Jianguo, China's former vice-minister of commerce,

told Bloomberg in Beijing on Monday, before the legislative takeover occurred. "As we learned during China's Cultural Revolution, chaos is very bad for growth and development."

The activists who took over the legislature by no means represent the mainstream of Hong Kong's pro-democracy supporters - hundreds of thousands of whom marched peacefully Monday in one of the largest protests ever. Activists have been split in recent years between more hardcore "localists," who demand greater autonomy, if not independence, and a larger group that's more ambivalent about Chinese rule.

The power of the anti-extradition protests was derived, in part, from collapsing that distinction: focusing on just one issue allowed competing factions to come together in opposition to Lam's proposed bill.

Pro-democracy lawmakers accused police of setting a trap for protesters by withdrawing from the le-

gislative complex and giving them a clear path in. The city's police commissioner, Stephen Lo, said officers retreated out of fear for the safety of bystanders and themselves after protesters tampered with electrical boxes and threw "toxic powder" at police.

Police didn't return to the site until well after midnight, eventually firing tear gas while charging at protesters to clear them from the streets around the building. By morning, Hong Kong's government district resembled a post-apocalyptic movie set, with dump trucks removing the detritus of metal railings, umbrellas and thousands of discarded water bottles. Cleaners inside the Legislative Council picked up smashed official portraits and started removing trash and graffiti.

The legislative chief, Andrew Leung, said the chamber was a "crime scene" and the damage would require the body to cancel the remaining two meetings of its session.

Western governments were an-

xious to prevent the violence being used to discredit the larger push for maintaining Hong Kong's special status. "The actions today of a small number of people," the European Union said in a statement, "are not representative of the vast majority of demonstrators, who have been peaceful throughout successive protests."

As central Hong Kong returns to normal, activists now face the dilemma of how to regroup. While the extradition bill is unlikely to be reintroduced in the near future, the broader crackdown on Hong Kong's unique freedoms likely will continue - and with it protesters' determination to resist what they view as encroachment by Beijing.

"In the coming weeks, we will see very large hit back from the Beijing side and turn into a security issue," opposition lawmaker Eddie Chu told Bloomberg Television. "I'm afraid in the long run Hong Kong will become a police city."

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# KONG PROTESTS



## A BOOST TO TSAI IN TAIWAN

**R**ECENT anti-government protests in Hong Kong are echoing in Taiwan, possibly giving the island's President Tsai Ing-wen a lift in her campaign to resist Beijing's pressure for political unification and win a second term in next year's elections.

China's "one country, two systems" framework has never found much support among Taiwan's independence-minded voters. Events in Hong Kong now seem to be handing Tsai even more ammunition to attack opponents who argued that an accommodation with Beijing could be reached.

The largely student-led demonstrations in Hong Kong have found broad support among their Taiwanese counterparts, prompting sympathy protests outside Hong Kong's representative office in the capital, Taipei.

The Hong Kong protests "highlight that the system clearly designed to entice Taiwan into unification talks has been a dismal failure," said Western Kentucky University political scientist Timothy S. Rich, a close observer of Taiwanese politics. The emphasis on sovereignty and independence should benefit Tsai and her party by shifting the discus-

sion away from contentious domestic issues such as stagnating wages and reductions in civil service pensions, Rich said.

"Tsai can use the Chinese threat to Hong Kong to reposition herself and her party as protecting democracy, that it is right to be cautious in regards to China and cross-strait relations," Rich said.

Chinese President Xi Jinping appears tone deaf when it comes to appealing to Taiwan's 23 million residents, who remain overwhelmingly opposed to political unification with China despite closer economic ties.

In a January speech panned across Taiwan's political spectrum, Xi again endorsed "one country, two systems" as Taiwan's future, while asserting that the ruling Communists "made no promises to abandon the use of force" to bring Taiwan under their control.

"Does this benefit Tsai? Perhaps indirectly in the sense that it may complicate her opposition's efforts to find a more positive formula for relations with the mainland," said Steven M. Goldstein, director of the Taiwan Studies Workshop at Harvard University's Fairbank Center for Chinese Studies. **MDT/AP**

## MARKETS

# HKD300 billion rally shows it's not time to panic yet

**F**OR investors, bankers and companies with long enough time horizons, betting on Hong Kong's resilience in the face of crises has been a winning proposition.

From Asia's financial implosion during the late 1990s to the SARS outbreak in 2003 and the global credit crunch of 2008, the commercial hub has always found a way to ride out the storm.

That track record is one reason why many of those with money at stake in Hong Kong today are holding tight amid the city's biggest political crisis since its handover to China more than two decades ago.

Yesterday's action in the stock market was a case in point. Even after a chaotic night in which a small but destructive group of protesters ransacked the legislature, the MSCI Hong Kong Index climbed 1.7%. The index has jumped 7.3% since demonstrations against a controversial extradition bill kicked into high gear three weeks ago, notching one of the biggest gains worldwide and adding more than HKD300 billion to the city's market capitalization.

That's not to say Hong Kong's moneyed classes have ignored the upheaval. Real estate stocks - among the most sensitive to the protests - have underperformed in recent weeks, while retailers and tourism-related companies have expressed concern about a potential slowdown in sales. Several of the city's wealth managers have noted an uptick in client queries about whether they should move money to Singapore.

Yet crucially, few seem to have pulled the trigger. For all the concern about political unrest and the steady erosion of Hong Kong's autonomy under Chinese rule, the city's status as Asia's premier financial center is, for now at least, still intact.

It was business as usual for most Hong Kong professionals yesterday, even though some worked from home or faced slower morning commutes around protest sites. For the city's stock traders and investment bankers, the demonstrations were largely overshadowed by news of a truce in the U.S.-China trade war and headlines on Anheuser-Busch InBev NV's decision to raise as much as \$9.8 billion by listing its Asia Pacific beer unit in Hong Kong.

"What happened yesterday was surreal," said Fabrice Jacob, who helps oversee about \$300 million as chief executive officer of JK Capital Management in Hong Kong. "But make no mistake: Hong Kong remains an extremely safe place to live and run businesses." The 54-year-old French national, who founded JK Capital in 1998, said he has no plans to change his investment strategy or his firm's operations because of the demonstrations.

Adrian Zuercher, head of asset allocation for Asia Pacific at UBS Wealth Management, said the disruption and violence would have little impact on the Hong Kong economy.

"Macroeconomic-wise there should be no visible growth slowdown for Hong Kong. The city actually works quite well. I've been to work every day in my normal way," said Zuercher. "The market has actually been relatively pragmatic on this whole situation. It has traded more on fundamentals than on politics."

Others say there is more cause for alarm.

"As wonderful as Hong Kong is, unless you're taking a long-run view that China changes, you've always had a ticking clock in the background and now the clock's going much faster than usual," said Michael Every, head of Asia financial markets research at Rabobank.

"The Hong Kong dollar is a one-way trade, either everything's OK or the peg goes and it's a disaster, whereas the Singapore dollar will always be the Singapore dollar. If you're not locked into it, I don't see what the risk-reward in favor of Hong Kong is relative to Singapore."

"We are reaching the peak summer travel season now and were supposed to be able to lift prices. But this year, it's not easy to attract tourists to Hong Kong if we raise the price to last year's level," said Zhang Jing, a Guangzhou-based tour guide who helps people from China visit Hong Kong.

"After reading some news in Chinese media, which described the protests as a riot, about half of customers who came to ask for Hong Kong tours expressed their concerns," explained Zhang. "Most of them felt more relieved after we explained the actual situation to them." **MDT/BLOOMBERG**





The Ameristar Casino in Iowa is seen across the river from downtown Omaha, Nebraska

GAMING | US

# NEBRASKA COULD TIP THE NUMBER OF CASINO STATES

**NEBRASKA** voters may decide next year whether to legalize casino gambling in a ballot measure that could tip the number of states that allow commercial gambling into the majority.

Supporters of legalized casinos have launched a petition drive to place the issue on the 2020 ballot with financial backing from the economic development corporation owned by the Winnebago

Tribe of Nebraska.

Twenty-five states — including neighboring Colorado, Iowa, Kansas, Missouri, and South Dakota — allow commercial casino gambling with games such as

slot machines, craps and roulette wheels, according to the National Conference of State Legislatures. Iowa casinos near Omaha, in particular, cater to Nebraska residents looking to gamble.

“Hundreds of millions of dollars go across the border every year,” said Lance Morgan, the CEO of Ho-Chunk Inc., the corporation pushing the measure on the tribe’s behalf. “For a Nebraskan to do gaming, you have to go half a mile. It’s the height of paternalism to try to restrict it.”

Morgan said he’s confident, based on the group’s internal polling, that voters will approve the measure if it appears on the ballot.

Only two states, Hawaii and Utah, have a complete ban on gambling. Nebraska is among states that allow Native American tribal casinos that are limited to bingo and card games where the house has no stake in the outcome, such as poker. Nebraska also offers keno, horse racing and a lottery. Commercial casinos, by contrast, have slot machines, craps, roulette wheels and card games such as blackjack.

The measure is certain to face opposition from leading conservatives, including Republican Gov. Pete Ricketts and former University of Nebraska football

coach and athletic director Tom Osborne.

“Casinos are bad for families and bad for business,” said Nate Grasz, policy director for the Nebraska Family Alliance, a conservative policy group that plans to fight the measure. “All men and women deserve an opportunity to build the best lives for themselves, and state-sanctioned gambling robs them of that opportunity.”

Gambling opponents successfully defeated ballot measures in 2004 and 2006, despite being outspent by wealthy casino interests. In 2014, they challenged a gambling measure in court and persuaded the Nebraska Supreme Court to declare it unconstitutional, striking it from the ballot.

But some gambling opponents acknowledge public support has grown in recent years.

Supporters said they’ve changed the ballot measure to withstand a court challenge. The latest campaign will require three petitions — a constitutional amendment to allow casino gambling at state-licensed horse racing tracks and two state law changes to regulate and tax the industry. The state Supreme Court rejected a previous measure because it merged those issues onto one ballot, forcing voters to give one yes-or-no answer to multiple questions. **MDT/AP**

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## TRADE TENSIONS

# China will scrap securities firm ownership limits by 2020

**C**HINA said it will bring forward plans to remove foreign ownership limits on financial companies, as it speeds up efforts to open the \$44 trillion industry to overseas competitors.

Full foreign ownership of securities firms, futures businesses and life insurance companies will be allowed by 2020, Premier Li Keqiang said at the World Economic Forum in Dalian on Tuesday. It's the latest step in the country's financial-opening policy, a push that was unveiled in late 2017 and which has seen companies including UBS Group AG and JPMorgan Chase & Co. take measures to increase their onshore presence.

Li's announcement, which came days after the presidents of China and the U.S. agreed to resume trade negotiations, shows that the financial-opening policy remains on course despite broader political tensions. It's also a way for China to show it's open to cross-border business and a signal to Wall Street firms that are circling one of the world's biggest markets that their investments are welcome.

"This is good news for foreign investors and global financial institutions looking to expand and gain a foothold in the Chinese financial market," said Hubert Tse, partner at Boss & Young law firm in Shanghai. "Despite the ongoing trade talks with the U.S., Beijing is

sending out signals to the world it is determined and committed to continue further opening up China's markets."

China is seeking to make it more attractive and convenient for foreigners to buy its stocks and bonds, and having foreign-owned securities firms is one way to encourage that. Over the coming years, the likely emergence of a persistent current-account deficit will mean the nation needs foreign capital to balance its payments.

Last year it began allowing overseas firms to apply for majority stakes in financial industry joint ventures as part of its effort to level the playing field between domestic and foreign players. In May, the

government said it will lift single-shareholder limits on local banks and scrapped some asset requirements for foreign companies to operate onshore.

"The reason we moved the schedule ahead is to declare to the world that in the financial services sector we will not only keep up the pace of opening, we will also accelerate," Li said yesterday.

Authorities have so far approved plans by UBS, Nomura Holdings Inc. and JPMorgan to take majority stakes in local securities ventures. Firms including Morgan Stanley and DBS Group Holdings Ltd. are in the process of seeking to gain control.

This week, the local partners of

Morgan Stanley and JPMorgan's onshore joint ventures announced they would sell stakes in the businesses that would give control to the U.S. firms.

"JPMorgan welcomes any decision made by the Chinese government that looks to liberalize its financial sector further," Mark Leung, the bank's chief executive officer for China, said in an emailed statement.

Guo Shuqing, China's chief banking regulator, said in May that he sees significant room for foreign investors to boost their impact in the country's finance sector. Overseas investments accounted for 2% of China's stock market and 2.9% of its bond market, he said. Foreigners held just 1.6% of the nation's banking assets and 5.8% of the insurance market, according to Guo.

Tuesday's announcement "sends a strong signal that China is committed to further opening up," said Hu Lei, a Beijing-based partner at LLinks Law Offices. "Foreign firms seeking to raise ownership would probably need to bring forward their plans." **BLOOMBERG**

## Beijing confident that trade war won't mean massive factory moves

**C**HINA is still a competitive location for investment, according to Premier Li Keqiang, even as some companies look to move production out of the country to avoid tariffs and damage from the trade war with the U.S.

"The relocation of the global industrial chain is a

natural trend during globalization, and global industries will improve during the process," Li told a group of foreign and domestic business leaders at the World Economic Forum's summer meeting in Dalian.

"You move some industries outside China, while leaving some others in Chi-

na, or even increase the investment to China," he said. "As long as we can build the industrial chain according to commercial and market principles, China, with its complete industrial clusters and huge market, will be competitive."

The rising tariffs and tensions between the U.S. and

China over the past year have led companies to move some production out of China to Vietnam or other countries. Even with the truce agreed over the weekend, both China and the U.S. are still tariffing much of the items they buy from each other, and there is no certainty for business that this

won't increase if talks break down again.

The government also indicated it was fine with some firms moving low-end manufacturing business overseas, with a commerce ministry official saying only a few companies are leaving due to the trade war.

"China's role in the global supply chain reflects its comparative advantage, as well as division and cooperation in the context of globalization. It is a natural choice of the market, and it is the effect of economic rules," the

official, Chu Shijia, said at a briefing in Beijing yesterday.

Chinese companies are going global and moving part of their supply chains to cheaper places, but as China makes progress in its technology and opening up, there are also new domestic industry areas such as 5G or integration in overseas supply chains such as Tesla Inc., he said.

"China's comprehensive advantage in the supply chain can't be replaced by any other country currently," he said. **BLOOMBERG**



DIPLOMACY

# TURKEY'S ERDOGAN AFFIRMS IMPORTANCE OF TIES WITH CHINA

**TURKISH** President Recep Tayyip Erdogan, an ostensible U.S. NATO ally, affirmed the importance of ties with key American rival China at a meeting with Chinese President Xi Jinping in Beijing yesterday.

Erdogan told Xi yesterday that Turkey and China have "great potential to grow our relationship" based on historical trading ties, and that the two would "contribute to regional and global stability."

Xi said China and Turkey should "sincerely work toward upholding a multilateral world order with the United Nations at its core, a system based on international law, focusing on [the development of] science and technology."

That appeared to be a swipe at the U.S., with which China is locked in a prolonged dispute over tariffs and technology.

Turkey is an important link in China's trillion-dollar "belt-and-road" initiative to build ports, highways, power plants and other infrastructure

linking it to Europe, Africa and Asia. Washington has declined to endorse the program, which critics say risks burdening poor developing countries with massive debts that they will be unable to pay back to Beijing.

Erdogan is also seen as drifting closer to Russia and China despite Turkey's treaty ties with the U.S. and has stood firm against Washington's opposition to its decision to purchase Russia's S-400 missile defense system.

Alone among majority Muslim nations, Turkey has criticized Beijing over its treatment of its Muslim minority groups, although Erdogan did not raise the issue in his opening remarks to Xi before reporters were sent from the room. Turkey's foreign ministry earlier this year called China's policies "a great cause of shame for humanity" and said it is "no longer a secret" that China has arbitrarily detained more than a million Turkic Muslim Uighurs in "concentration camps." AP

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SOUTH CHINA SEA

## China buzzes Canadian naval ships

**CHINA'S** naval and coast guard ships shadowed a pair of Canadian naval vessels through the South China Sea and Chinese fighter jets buzzed them as they passed east of Shanghai on a mission to monitor illicit trade with North Korea.

The Canadian defense department said the HMCS Regina and the navy's interim resupply ship MV Asterix arrived in the East China Sea after traveling through international waters from Vietnam.

They were on a mission to monitor activity off the coast of North Korea to ensure the enforcement of United Nations sanctions aimed at compelling Pyongyang to end its nuclear weapons programs.

The Canadian ships also passed through the Taiwan Strait that divides mainland China from Taiwan, the self-governing island it claims as its own territory. China's defense ministry said it monitored the passage of the ships but gave no information about any other

actions taken.

The Canadian defense department confirmed the flypast in an emailed statement, saying the incident "was not provocative, hazardous, or unexpected."

China's navy, coast guard and maritime militia are a constant presence in the region and it staged a massive fleet review in the area last year featuring its sole operating aircraft carrier, the Liaoning.

China considers control of the South China Sea as crucial to its foreign trade routes and aspirations to surpass the U.S. as the dominant military power in the Asia-Pacific region.

It has placed advanced weapons systems on several disputed features in the region, including on seven islands it built by piling sand and concrete on top of coral atolls. Some of those are now equipped with harbors, airstrips, radar and missile stations, expanding China's ability to monitor and potentially control activity by other militaries in the region.

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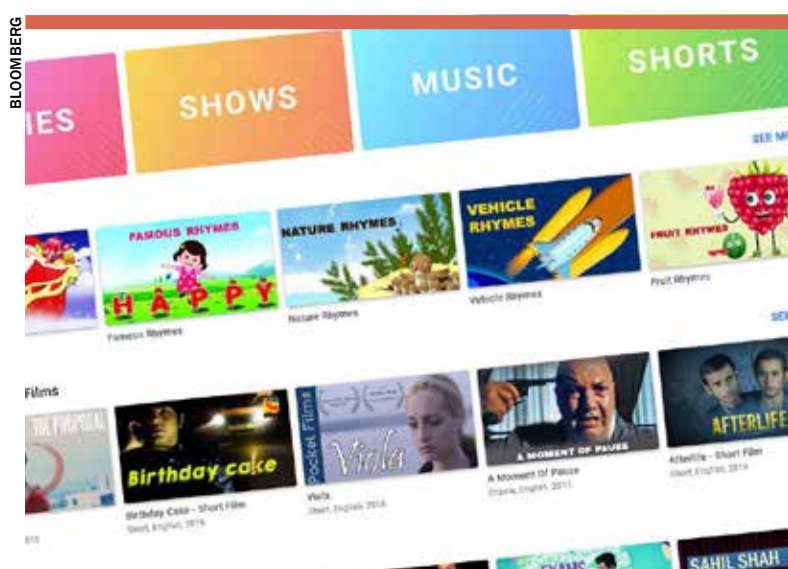
## TENCENT, PAYTM PLAN TO INVEST USD100M IN VIDEO STARTUP

**TENCENT** Holdings Ltd. and Paytm plan to invest about USD100 million in Indian streaming service MX Player, according to a person familiar with the matter, as local and foreign companies compete for a piece of the country's burgeoning online video market.

The WeChat operator and Paytm are in the final stages of discussions but specific terms may still change, said the person, who asked not to be named because the details are private. Jane Yip, a spokeswoman for Tencent, and representatives for Paytm and MX Player declined to comment.

Tencent has invested in movies, television shows and other content to increase user engagement. The Chinese social media giant, which offers HBO series and National Football League games at home, launched its first overseas video streaming service last month in Thailand as it seeks growth abroad. The MX Player deal offers Tencent a foothold in India, where smartphone users are proliferating and avidly consuming content via cheap wireless data plans.

India's content streaming market is projected to grow at an annual rate of 22% to 120 billion rupees



(\$1.7 billion) by 2023, according to PricewaterhouseCoopers. For Indian digital payments leader Paytm and parent One97 Communications Ltd., MX Player's 30 million registered users adds to a plethora of offerings from food delivery and e-commerce to financial services. Paytm reported 5.5 billion transactions in the year ending March 2019 with a gross value of over \$50 billion.

MX Player is one of a coterie of streaming services vying for a slice of a highly fragmented but fast-growing market. Owned by Ti-

mes Internet, a unit of top Indian media conglomerate Bennett Coleman & Co., MX Player generates about two-thirds of its viewership from smaller towns and competes with the likes of Netflix Inc., Amazon.com Inc.'s Prime video and market leader Hotstar, owned by Walt Disney Co.

Last month, Hotstar recorded 100 million daily active users, when about 15.6 million people watched a pivotal match between India and Pakistan in the ICC Cricket World Cup 2019. **BLOOMBERG**



**SOUTH KOREA**

# Moon calls Trump-Kim summit end of hostility

HYUNG-JIN KIM, SEOUL

**S**OUTH Korea's president yesterday called a recent U.S.-North Korean summit at the Korean border an end of mutual hostility between the countries, despite skepticism by many experts that it's was a just made-for-TV moment that lacked any substance.

During their impromptu third summit at the Korean Demilitarized Zone on Sunday, Trump and Kim reaffirmed their friendships and agreed to resume nuclear talks. Trump's brief stepping across the borderline into North Korea also made him the first sitting U.S. president to set foot in the North's soil. But neither side has still indicated they are any closer to resolving sticking points that collapsed their previous summit.

Yesterday, South Korean President Moon Jae-in told a Cabinet meeting that the summit in the DMZ meant the two countries

declared "an end of hostile relations" and the "start of an era of peace."

Moon, who briefly chatted with Trump and Kim on a DMZ village before the U.S. and North Korean leaders sat for a two-way meeting, described their summit as "historic." He also called the summit "the fruits of amazing imagination," saying it was arranged due to Trump's "unprecedented" Twitter offer for a meeting and Kim's "bold" decision to accept it.

Moon, a liberal who took office in 2017, has lobbied hard to set up diplomacy between Trump and Kim to help find a peaceful settlement of the North Korean nuclear crisis. He met Kim three times last year, and their first and second summits happened at the same DMZ village called Panmunjom.

At the start of Sunday's meeting, Trump went across ankle-high concrete slabs that form the military demarcation line at

Panmunjom after Kim told him he would become the first U.S. president to be in North Korea if he did so. After walking together toward north several meters (several feet), they turned back to the South for a summit that lasted about 50 minutes.

Trump said he was "proud" to step over the borderline and thanked Kim for showing up for the meeting. Kim said he was initially "very surprised" at Trump's tweet Saturday proposing a DMZ meeting and that their summit could not have occurred if the two leaders didn't have "great friendship."

North Korea's state media described Kim's meeting with Trump as "an amazing event" and that both leaders expressed great satisfaction over the result of their talks. Moon's government has also said it hopes the diplomatic momentum created by the latest Trump-Kim meeting would help revive inter-Korean dialogue.

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U.S. and North Korean officials are expected to sit down for working-level talks in coming weeks to hammer out the terms of a mutually acceptable deal, but many experts say it remains unclear whether the negotiations would successfully address the fundamental differences between Washington and Pyongyang that were exposed in the second Kim-Trump summit in Vietnam in February.

The Hanoi summit ended without any agreement after Trump turned down Kim's request for

major sanctions relief in return for dismantling his main nuclear materials-making complex while leaving his already-manufactured nuclear bombs and long-range missiles intact.

The United States and North Korea have no diplomatic ties and are still technically at war because an armistice that ended their 1950-53 Korean War has yet to be replaced with a peace treaty. About 28,500 U.S. troops are stationed in South Korea as deterrence against potential aggression from North Korea.

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## PHILIPPINES

# 1ST KNOWN FILIPINO SUICIDE ATTACKER IDENTIFIED

JIM GOMEZ

**PHILIPPINE** authorities have identified as a Filipino militant one of two suicide attackers who set off bombs last week that killed five people and the bombers in a southern army camp, a Filipino general said yesterday.

Maj. Gen. Cirilito Sobejana told The Associated Press that the family of the 23-year-old militant, Norman Lasuca, has identified him as one of the bombers who detonated a bomb on Friday at the gate of an army encampment in Sulu province's Indanan town. The other suicide attacker remains unidentified.

Lasuca is the first known Filipino militant to have agreed to carry

out a suicide bombing, a development that has concerned Philippine security officials. Two suicide bombings in the country's south in recent months, also blamed on Sawadjaan, have been blamed on foreign militants by Philippine authorities.

Sobejana said Lasuca left his family in Sulu's Asturias district about five years ago and joined an Abu Sayyaf militant faction under the control of commander Hajan Sawadjaan.

Sawadjaan is an Islamic State group-aligned commander and the suspected mastermind of the suicide attacks, which killed three soldiers, two villagers and the two bombers and damaged the encampment, located in an Indanan

community, officials said.

"This is really very tragic for Lasuca's family, his mother. They saw him last five years ago and this is the first time they're only seeing him again," Sobejana said, adding the family has claimed the severed head of the militant and buried it.

Poverty and a lack of education may have driven Lasuca to the Abu Sayyaf, which lures recruits with money and guns, he said.

There were conflicting accounts of the attack. Military officials said earlier that Lasuca managed to dash into the camp after the first militant was stopped at the army camp's gate by soldiers. The first militant detonated his bomb, killing three soldiers at the gate.

After he got past the gate, Lasuca

was shot by other soldiers, prompting him to set off his explosive while yelling "Allahu akbar," or God is great, they said. Military chief Gen. Benjamin Madrigal Jr., however, told reporters that Lasuca was the militant who set off his explosive after being stopped outside the camp gate by soldiers.

Lasuca's head was severed by the powerful explosion. The suicide bombings sparked a security alarm, including in the capital, Manila, where police were put on alert.

The other militant has Caucasian features and is suspected to be the son of a foreign jihadist with Moroccan blood who died in a suicide bombing attack in nearby Basilan island last year, Sobejana said.

Interior Secretary Eduardo Ano, who oversees the national police, said, however, that authorities have obtained information indicating the other suicide attacker may also be a Filipino militant from Sulu. Remains of both bombers will be subjected to DNA tests to

ascertain their identities, he added.

Battle setbacks have reduced the number of Abu Sayyaf armed fighters to less than 400 but they have remained a national security threat. They were the main suspects in a Jan. 27 bombing of a Roman Catholic cathedral during a Mass that killed 23 people in Sulu's capital town of Jolo.

The cathedral attack by two suspected suicide bombers sparked the current military offensive against the Abu Sayyaf, some commanders of which have pledged allegiance to the Islamic State group.

Abu Sayyaf militants have largely thrived on ransom kidnappings and extortion, although defense officials say they may have received foreign funds, including from the Islamic State group, to finance attacks.

The brutal group has been blacklisted as a terrorist organization by the United States and the Philippines for bombings, ransom kidnappings and beheadings. **AP**

# No news a week after Australian disappears in North Korea

ROD MCGUIRK,  
CANBERRA

**AUSTRALIA'S** prime minister said yesterday he had no news on the fate of an Australian citizen who vanished in North Korea a week ago.

Prime Minister Scott Morrison said he had prayed for 29-year-old student Alek Sigley, who has not contacted his family

and friends by social media since last Tuesday.

Morrison was attending a service at St. Christopher's Catholic Cathedral in Canberra ahead of the first sitting of Parliament since the May election.

"My prayers this morning are for Alek Sigley and his family. This is a very troubling and concerning situation and we will be continuing to use every effort

that we have to locate him and hopefully to be able to bring him home safely," Morrison told reporters.

"I'm seeking and receiving regular updates, but this morning in the absence of those, and indeed regardless of that, prayer is my response," Morrison added.

Australia has diplomatic ties with North Korea but does not have an embassy

there. The Swedish Embassy in Pyongyang offers limited consular help to Australians.

Some media reports said Sigley, a Pyongyang university student and tour guide, had been detained. Official media in North Korea haven't mentioned an arrest.

The North's official Korean Central News Agency reported that a Swe-

dish special envoy arrived in Pyongyang on Monday, and South Korean media have speculated the arrival is likely related to Sigley. KCNA said North Korean Foreign Minister Ri Yong Ho met with the Swedish delegation yesterday and exchanged views on bilateral ties and the political situation surrounding the Korean Peninsula. The agency provided

no other details.

Morrison was offered help to find Sigley by several world leaders who attended in the Group of 20 summit in Japan last week.

Sigley's family has referred media questions to Australia's Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade. The department did not immediately respond yesterday to a request for information. **AP**



USA

# Trump says tanks will be part of his July Fourth celebration

DARLENE SUPERVILLE,  
WASHINGTON

**P**RESIDENT Donald Trump isn't taking "no tanks" for an answer on the Fourth of July.

He said yesterday [local time] that a display of U.S. military tanks will be part of a special event he's headlining July 4 in Washington, and an Associated Press photographer saw at least two M1A1 Abrams tanks and two Bradley Fighting Vehicles on flatcars in a railyard at the southeastern edge of Washington.

Military police were guarding the vehicles, which were visible to passers-by on nearby paths.

A U.S. official told the AP that the military vehicles to be used in the July 4 event were being stored at the railyard.

Trump had wanted a military parade of tanks and other equipment in the District of Columbia after he witnessed a similar parade on



Bastille Day in Paris in 2017. That plan eventually was scuttled, partly because of cost, though Trump apparently held on to the idea.

Local officials also had objected because of the damage the heavy armored tanks could do to city streets.

"We're going to have some tanks stationed outside," Trump said yesterday from the Oval Office, appearing to acknowledge local officials'

earlier concerns.

He offered no specifics on where the vehicles would be located.

"You've got to be pretty careful with the tanks because the roads have a tendency not to like to carry heavy tanks," he said. "So we have to put them in certain areas, but we have the brand new Sherman tanks and we have the brand new Abrams tanks."

Sherman tanks were the tank most

widely used by the U.S. during World War II, but they have been out of service for decades. The M1A1 Abrams tank is currently the main U.S. battle tank.

Two M1A1 Abrams tanks and two Bradley Fighting Vehicles will be on display as part of Trump's "Salute to America" event, according to a U.S. official who spoke on condition of anonymity because details of the exhibits have not been made public.

The Abrams tanks weigh more than 60 tons apiece and were been shipped on railroad freight cars, from Fort Stewart, Georgia, the nearest Army base that has them. The White House declined to release more specific information.

Trump recalled his visit earlier this year to a plant in Lima, Ohio, where M1A1 Abrams tanks are refurbished. The plant had been at risk for closure but remained online due to Trump's investments in defense spending.

"We have some incredible equipment, military equipment on display — brand new," Trump said. "And we're very proud of it. You know we're making a lot of new tanks right now. We're building a lot of new tanks in Lima, Ohio — our great tank factory that people wanted to close down until I got elected and I stopped it from being closed down, and now it's a very productive facility."

Thursday's events are also expected to include a military demonstration by the U.S. Navy Blue Angels and other aircraft.

"We're going to have a great Fourth of July in Washington, D.C. It'll be like no other," Trump said. "It'll be special and I hope a lot of people come. And it's going to be about this country and it's a salute to America."

"I'm going to say a few words and we're going to have planes going overhead, the best fighter jets in the world and other planes, too," he said.

Trump plans to deliver a speech at the Lincoln Memorial during his "Salute to America," which has been added to the regular schedule of Independence Day events in the nation's capital. The annual fireworks display will go off closer to the Lincoln Memorial instead of the Washington Monument, as has been the long-standing tradition. **AP**

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## what's ON

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LIECHTENSTEIN, KINGDOM OF STAMPS**  
**TIME:** 9am-5:30pm (Closed on public holidays)  
**UNTIL:** August 31, 2019  
**VENUE:** Temporary Gallery, Communications  
Museum  
**ADMISSION:** MOP10  
**ENQUIRIES:** (853) 2871 8063

## Offbeat

### JUDGE: ANDY WARHOL DIDN'T VIOLATE PRINCE PICTURE COPYRIGHT



Andy Warhol transcended a photographer's copyright by transforming a picture of a vulnerable and uncomfortable Prince into an artwork that made the singer an "iconic, larger-than-life figure," a judge ruled this week.

U.S. District Judge John G. Koeltl in Manhattan sided with the Andy Warhol Foundation for the Visual Arts over renowned photographer Lynn Goldsmith.

The case tested whether the legendary artist who died in 1987 made fair use of a 1981 picture of the famed late singer when he created a series of 16 artworks that became known as the "Prince Series." The series contained 12 silkscreen paintings, two screen prints on paper and two drawings.

The judge noted that Goldsmith believed photographs she took of Prince in her New York City studio revealed that he was "not a comfortable person" and was a "vulnerable human being."

In 1984, Vanity Fair licensed one of Goldsmith's black-and-white studio portraits of Prince from her December 1981 shoot for USD400 and commissioned Warhol to create an illustration of Prince for an article titled "Purple Fame," Koeltl wrote. He noted that the article said it featured a special portrait for Vanity Fair by Andy Warhol and contained a copyright attribution credit for the portrait that cited a "source photograph" by Goldsmith.

Koeltl said Warhol's artworks were in "stark contrast" to the original black-and-white photograph after the artist applied "loud, unnatural" colors.

"The Prince Series works can reasonably be perceived to have transformed Prince from a vulnerable, uncomfortable person to an iconic, larger-than-life figure," the judge said. "The humanity Prince embodies in Goldsmith's photograph is gone. Moreover, each Prince series work is immediately recognizable as a 'Warhol' rather than as a photograph of Prince — in the same way that Warhol's famous representations of Marilyn Monroe and Mao are recognizable as 'Warhols,' not as realistic photographs of those persons."

Koeltl said Warhol changed the picture so much that his artworks reflect the opposite mood of Goldsmith's photo.

Goldsmith, a pioneering photographer known for unique portraits of famous musicians, claims a 2016 publication of the Warhol artwork destroyed a high-profile licensing opportunity. Her lawyer promises to appeal.

"Obviously we and our client are disappointed with the fair use finding, which continues the gradual erosion of photographers' rights in favor of famous artists who affix their names to what would otherwise be a derivative work of the photographer and claim fair use by making cosmetic changes," attorney Barry Werbin said in an email.

## TV canal macau

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## cinema

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SPIDER-MAN: FAR FROM HOME

ROOM 1  
2:15, 4:15, 7:15, 9:45pm  
Director: Jon Watts  
Starring: Zendaya, Angourie Rice, Tom Holland  
Language: English (Chinese)  
Duration: 129min



UGLYDOLLS  
ROOM 2  
2:30, 4:15, 6:00, 7:45pm  
Director: Kelly Asbury  
Starring: Kelly Clarkson, Nick Jonas, Janelle Monáe  
Language: Cantonese (Chinese & English)  
Duration: 87min

MEN IN BLACK: INTERNATIONAL  
ROOM 2  
9:30pm  
Director: F. Gary Gray  
Starring: Chris Hemsworth, Tessa Thompson, Liam Neeson  
Language: English (Chinese)  
Duration: 109min

THE SECRET LIFE OF PETS 2  
ROOM 3  
2:30, 4:15, 6:00, 7:45pm  
Director: Chris Renaud, Jonathan del Val  
Starring: Patton Oswalt, Kevin Hart, Harrison Ford  
Language: Cantonese (Chinese & English)  
Duration: 86min

ALADDIN  
ROOM 3  
9:30pm  
Director: Guy Ritchie  
Starring: Will Smith, Mena Massoud, Naomi Scott  
Language: English (Chinese)  
Duration: 109min

## this day in history



### 1971 DOORS' SINGER JIM MORRISON FOUND DEAD

Jim Morrison, the lead singer of American rock group The Doors has died in Paris aged 27.

He was found in a bathtub at his apartment at 17 Rue Beaubatillis by his girlfriend, Pamela Courson.

A doctor's report stated the cause of death was heart failure aggravated by heavy drinking.

The rest of the band - keyboardist Ray Manzarek, guitarist Robbie Krieger and drummer John Densmore - are currently in the United States.

Morrison, also known as the Lizard King, was born in Florida in 1943, his father Stephen was in the US Navy and rose to the rank of admiral.

He formed The Doors with Ray Manzarek in 1965 in Los Angeles.

Morrison had come up with the name after reading Aldous Huxley's account of drug experiences, The Doors Of Perception.

The group became the first popular "new wave" band. Their first album, The Doors, released by Elektra Records in 1967, was a number one hit in the US, though only just scraped into the British charts.

Their following albums, Strange Days and Waiting For The Sun, provided further American hits and, in Hello I love You, a British number 15.

But with its ever growing fame, the band lost some of its credibility in the rock underground.

Morrison's behaviour, fuelled by drink and drugs, became more outrageous and in 1969 he was arrested for "indecent exposure, lewd conduct and public intoxication" after a concert in Miami's Dinner Key auditorium.

Though some of the charges were later dropped, the scandal made it hard for the band to perform live for some time.

Morrison used the crisis as a spur to creativity and produced one of the group's most critically acclaimed albums, Morrison Hotel, in 1970.

Over the past year he has made clear he wanted to drop music altogether to become a writer.

He has already published two volumes of poetry, The Lords and The New Creatures, and planned to begin a literary career once his contractual obligations to Elektra were fulfilled.

Courtesy BBC News

## IN CONTEXT

Jim Morrison is buried at Père Lachaise cemetery in Paris, where his grave has become a shrine for successive generations of fans.  
In 1991, the 20th anniversary of his death, the cemetery had to hire extra security after police used tear gas to disperse rowdy fans.  
Since Morrison's death his records have never been out of print and Hollywood, too, has found The Doors music attractive.  
The End was used in Francis Ford Coppola's Apocalypse Now, and in 1991 Oliver Stone helped cement the Morrison legend with his film biography The Doors, starring Val Kilmer. The film created a whole new generation of fans.  
The three surviving members of the group released a new album, Doors Box Set, in 1997. It included three CDs of previously unreleased songs.



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Mar. 21-Apr. 19

The greatest test of your patience today will not come from the usual source. Instead, your own wishes will be causing you to strain against your self-imposed leash.



TAURUS

Apr. 20-May. 20

A day spent at the spa, a splurgy shopping trip, an extra nice bottle of wine at dinner - these are all things that offer you good, old-fashioned fun. Any guilt you feel at treating yourself should be set aside!



GEMINI

May. 21-Jun. 21

The obstacles in your life right now are minor ones - no more than little speed bumps along a very happy road. They're actually going to be a bit fun for you to navigate.



CANCER

Jun. 22-Jul. 22

Your charm is stronger than ever today, and you can use it to your advantage in the many different situations during the day. Socially, you might not be the one making all the plans and driving all the action.



LEO

Jul. 23-Aug. 22

In a close friendship or a romantic relationship, you may find that the two of you have reached an impasse today. You just can't come to an agreement, no matter how hard both of you try.



VIRGO

Aug. 23-Sep. 22

When was the last time you experienced something truly foreign? Today, make a bigger effort to expand your horizons. This is an ideal day to research travel plans, especially if they involve travel outside of the country.



LIBRA

Sep. 23-Oct. 22

Your magnetic charms will earn you a lot of attention - and a lot of new friends today. The problem is, you might not have enough time to give all these new people the attention you would like to.



SCORPIO

Oct. 23-Nov. 21

You and someone else in your life are separating more in your ideas and positions. This distance could grow to a near polarity if you do not make a strong effort today to understand where they are coming from.



SAGITTARIUS

Nov. 22-Dec. 21

Reaching out to other people will be especially easy for you today - your communication skills are good, and you will be given several opportunities to strike up an interesting conversation with a stranger or two.



CAPRICORN

Dec. 22-Jan. 19

Put out the right signals today, and you will get a lot of positive response. Smile a bit more. Hold eye contact just a little bit longer than you normally would. Send those nonverbal signals that can get a conversation going!



AQUARIUS

Jan. 20-Feb. 18

Get some insight from the people in your life who you know will tell you the truth as they see it. Trust them to tell you what they believe to be right. Be prepared to hear things you don't want to hear.



PISCES

Feb. 19-Mar. 20

The universe is sending you sensitive energy today, which will give you quite a soft spot for art - in all its forms. Music, poetry, dance and visual art will offer you some new ideas today.

The Born Loser by Chip Sansom



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WEATHER

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CHINA			
Beijing	22	36	clear
Harbin	16	23	thundershower
Tianjin	25	37	clear
Urumqi	24	36	clear
Xi'an	22	34	cloudy
Lhasa	14	25	shower
Chengdu	22	28	shower
Chongqing	25	36	cloudy
Kunming	17	27	shower
Nanjing	23	29	cloudy
Shanghai	22	26	drizzle
Wuhan	24	33	cloudy
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Hong Kong	26	29	rainstorm

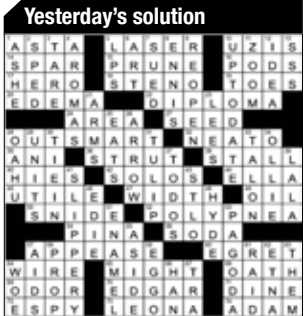
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Moscow	14	20	drizzle
Frankfurt	15	27	clear
Paris	14	27	cloudy
London	11	22	cloudy
New York	20	32	clear

CROSSWORDS

ACROSS: 1- Geometry calculation; 5- Like the Gobi; 9- Mgr.'s helper; 13- Writers of verse; 15- Chomp; 16- Sneaky guy?; 17- "The Crucible" setting; 18- Spoils; 19- Area of 4840 square yards; 20- Hesitant sounds; 21- Adjoin; 23- Desert plant; 25- Ensnare; 26- Writer Hemingway; 27- Natural environment; 30- Op. \_\_\_\_; 31- Embed; 32- The study of city life; 37- Entrance; 38- Disputed matter; 40- Ripe for drafting; 41- Ensnarl; 43- Later; 44- Suffix with ethyl; 45- Anybody; 47- Pushcart; 50- Loyal; 51- Writer; 52- Greek god of war; 53- Byrnes of "77 Sunset Strip"; 56- One of the Jackson 5; 57- \_\_\_\_-bodied; 59- Diplomatic agent; 61- Joie de vivre; 62- Stack role; 63- Paris divider; 64- Raison d' \_\_\_\_; 65- Town near Santa Fe; 66- Banned apple spray;

DOWN: 1- Church recess; 2- Crowd sound; 3- Sushi fish; 4- Consumed, usually food; 5- Sudden; 6- Prison uprising; 7- Addams Family cousin; 8- Depict in words; 9- Quickly; 10- Religious offshoots; 11- Swagger; 12- Driving aids; 14- Wise guy; 22- Sheepish comment; 24- Projecting columns at end of wall; 25- Jewelled crown worn by women; 26- Color of raw silk; 27- Cover up; 28- Prolific "author"; 29- Ink spot; 32- Application; 33- Like some checking accounts; 34- Keen on; 35- In the public eye; 36- Female horse; 38- Unlearned; 39- Did in; 42- Roman tyrant; 43- Entertains; 45- Underscore; 46- It's found in veins; 47- Constructed; 48- Rose essence; 49- Geneva's river; 51- Fit to \_\_\_\_; 52- To boot; 53- Wicked; 54- Lady of Spain; 55- Textile worker; 58- She played Maude; 60- Teachers' grp.;



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Corruption (CCAC) 28326 300

IAM 28 387 333

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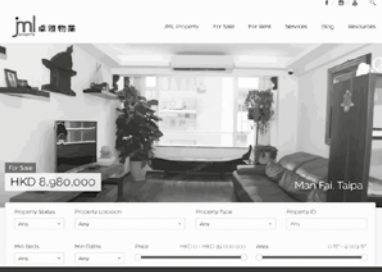
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[Taipa] Nova City 3 1/2 2 1/2  
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4,003 ft² \$108,000/mth (ref: 17040646)  
[Coloane] Cheoc Van House 3 1/2 2 1/2  
\$28,000/mth (ref: 19055009RC)  
[Taipa] Pacifica Gardens 3 1/2 2 1/2  
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## JAPAN OFFICIAL TO KARDASHIAN WEST: KIMONO BELONGS TO JAPAN

JAPAN'S trade minister says the kimono belongs to Japan — not to Kim Kardashian West's shapewear brand.

West announced the line, Kimono Solutionwear, last week. But some Japanese critics on social media said the name, which the reality TV star, makeup mogul and budding lawyer trademarked, is an inappropriate take on centuries-old kimono clothing.

West tweeted that she'll launch her

brand under a new name following careful thought and consideration.

Japan's trade minister, Hiroshige Seko, said yesterday that the kimono is part of Japan's cultural pride and is highly recognized globally, including in the U.S., as "a Japanese thing."

He said he'll dispatch senior officials to Washington next week to urge U.S. trademark officials to "appropriately" handle the case.

## ACADEMY WELCOMES 842 NEW MEMBERS, HALF OF THEM WOMEN

AP PHOTO



THE Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences invited 842 members from 59 countries to the Oscars organization and, for the first time, reached gender parity in its new class of inductees.

Half of the new invitees to the film academy are women. In 10 of the 17 branches — including the directing, writing and producing branches — more women than men were invited. This year's class of new members also includes 29% people of color.

To aid in the swift overhaul of the academy, the group last year invited a record 928 mem-

bers. While smaller, this year's class still ranks as one of the academy's largest in its 92-year history.

New invitees include Lady Gaga, Sterling K. Brown, Claire Foy, Letitia Wright, Tom Holland and Adele. Newly invited directors include "Crazy Rich Asians" filmmaker Jon Chu, "The Babadook" director Jennifer Kent and the filmmaking duo of Phil Lord and Chris Miller.

If most accept their invites, the film academy will number more than 9,000 members.

Next year's Oscars will be held on Feb. 9, earlier than usual.

## LOOK LIKE A PRINCESS: DIANA'S WORKOUT SWEATSHIRT FOR SALE

THE baggy Virgin Atlantic sweatshirt Princess Diana wore to discourage media interest in her exercise routine is for sale.

Boston-based RR Auction says the dark blue cotton-polyester sweatshirt that was a gift from airline founder Richard Branson is expected to get more than USD5,000 during the online auction.

The garment features the airline's 'flying lady' logo with the words "Fly

Atlantic" in white.

It is being sold by Jenni Rivett, Diana's longtime personal trainer. Diana gave Rivett several sweatshirts months before her August 1997 death.

In a letter that comes with the shirt, Rivett writes that Diana thought there were more pressing issues in the world to worry about, so wearing 'the same thing to every session would be "a good way to stop the media frenzy."

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RUGBY

# All Blacks name extra-large squad for Championship

STEVE MCMORRAN,  
WELLINGTON

**A**LL Blacks coach Steve Hansen has named four newcomers in a 39-man squad for the Rugby Championship while remaining loyal to older players, including captain Kieran Read, who are out of form or injured.

Crusaders backs Sevu Reece and Braydon Ennor, Highlanders flyhalf Josh Ioane, and Chiefs back-rower Luke Jacobson are the new faces in the first squad of the Rugby World Cup season named by Hansen yesterday.

Hansen was expected to spring some surprises in such a large squad and did so in choosing young flyhalf Ioane, who had a breakout season in Super Rugby as the first-choice flyhalf for the Highlanders. The 23-year-old Ioane finds himself in rich company, alongside Beauden Barrett and Richie Mo'unga as the squad's playmakers.

Jacobson, 22, has also stood out



Crusaders Richie Mo'unga (right) and teammate Braydon Ennor

among back-rowers in his first full Super Rugby season after previously captaining New Zealand Under-20s.

Winger Reece is the leading try-scorer in Super Rugby this season and was seen as a likely selection, though he has some defensive weaknesses.

Ennor has also been a standout member of a strong Crusaders backline, with the ability to play at

center or wing.

Hansen said the new caps "have all performed to very high levels this year and played some outstanding rugby."

"We're all looking forward to starting the work towards this year's goals. We're going to try to do something that's never been done before and that's to win three Rugby World Cups in a row."

The Rugby World Cup in Japan

begins on Sept. 20.

The New Zealand squad features the recall of several players, including Chiefs scrumhalf Brad Weber, who played his only previous test against Samoa in 2015.

Hansen has remained loyal to players who have served him well in the past and proved their ability in big matches. Read, 33, is retained as captain though he missed the first half of Super Rugby while recovering from back surgery and his form since his return has been poor.

In a surprise move, regular blind-

side flanker Liam Squire ruled himself out of selection, feeling he had not played enough this year.

Hansen said Squire told him in a phone call, "Mate, I don't think I'm ready to play international football."

"I said 'OK,' and we had a bit of a chat about that which I won't repeat. At the end of it we agreed and I said, 'Righto, that's a pretty courageous conversation, well done, you get back on the park and play some footy and we'll make a decision from there.'"

In contrast to Squire, Hansen has chosen 33-year-old midfielder Sonny Bill Williams who made only a handful of appearances in Super Rugby for the Blues.

Williams has played only sporadically since he cost the All Blacks their 2017 series against the British and Irish Lions when he became only the second All Black and the first in 50 years to be sent off in a test match.

## NEW ZEALAND SQUAD

Forwards: Asafo Aumua, Dane Coles, Liam Coltman, Codie Taylor, Owen Franks, Nepo Laulala, Joe Moody, Atu Moli, Angus Ta'avao, Karl Tu'inukuafe, Ofa Tuungafasi, Brodie Retallick, Patrick Tuipulotu, Samuel Whitelock, Jackson Hemopo, Sam Cane, Vaea Fifita, Shannon Frizell, Luke Jacobson, Dalton

Papalii, Kieran Read (captain), Ardie Savea, Matt Todd. Backs: TJ Perenara, Aaron Smith, Brad Weber, Beauden Barrett, Josh Ioane, Richie Mo'unga, Jack Goodhue, Ngani Laumape, Anton Lienert-Brown, Sonny Bill Williams, Braydon Ennor, Jordie Barrett, George Bridge, Rieko Ioane, Seve Reece, Ben Smith.

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THE CHALLENGES OF HO IAT SENG

Ten years ago I wrote “The Chui Sai On Challenges” as follows:

“Continue, improve, simplify, anticipate and innovate ... During these ... years of activity of the Macao Government, there has been remarkable progress in the economy and well-being. Macau was coming out of a recession ... that had to be fought first. And the Government managed it.

“In addition to the opening of the gaming industry, which proved to be the correct decision, many economic and fiscal packages were launched ... and almost all of them proved to be effective and timely. [...] Economic life began to be, with the opening of gaming, increasingly centered around [the industry] and diversification is today ... a must that does not depend on the government, because [it relies] on entrepreneurs and investors, although the government is duty bound to encourage it but little more than that.

“Chui Sai On will have to continue on this course, innovating and simplifying procedures.

“The only big cluster in Macao is the gaming industry. However, there is potential for others to appear, especially due to Macao’s own location in China.

“Today, the low taxation for individuals and corporations and the climate of great fiscal flexibility ... has not only been an incentive for the maintenance and survival of businesses, but also for the emergence of new industries and investors from abroad .... Now it is necessary to cut back on bureaucracies and speed up the decision-making process ....

“The Ao Man Long case froze a large part of the ... administration. [A] climate of fear ... or indecision driven by deliberately more bureaucratic processes or exacerbated by a misplacement of people in the administration ... has been a major bottleneck in the implementation of the strategies outlined by the Government.

“For some sectors of activity, depending on public investment, Macao has almost stopped.

“The case of Secretary Lau Si Io is one of the blatant examples of inefficiencies of this administration, significantly hurting ... investors.

“Today, after the opening of gaming and the economic boom ..., Macao is facing ...worsening income inequality ..., greater demands for participation in political life.

“As stated ... by Edmund Ho, the Government can not be guided by the philosophies of a welfare state. The economic ... and social transformation brings challenges that we must learn how to face and has a price that we must bear in mind ....

“I would add, political development .... But the Chief Executive has also referred to the need to build a cohesive society. The truth is that, despite intentions, Macao’s community is increasingly less supportive.

“Prosperity has allowed options ... not always guided by the rules of sound management of public funds.

“No one questions the added value of continuing to make Macao the platform between China and the Portuguese-speaking countries ... and further integrating into the Greater Pearl River Delta, provided the factors that affect it today are resolved.

“But growth, and above all development, presupposes the availability of resources, one of which is labor. Its scarcity today constitutes a huge hinderance for ... sustained growth .... The use of imported labor is fundamental.

“The high inter-industry churn of labor and the associated costs for businesses ... may jeopardize all the benefits provided by the Government.

“Today, efficiency needs this recruitment process to be much easier, faster and more flexible, although subject to well-defined rules that allow alternative employment opportunities for local residents.

“The public machine will have to be a prioritized facilitator of the growth and modernity of the economy and not a hindrance.

“Being out of the gaming industry or against the gaming industry, Macao has no chance of surviving.”

CHINESE BORDER GUARDS PUT SECRET SURVEILLANCE APP ON TOURISTS’ PHONES

THE BUZZ

Chinese border police are secretly installing surveillance apps on the phones of visitors and downloading personal information as part of the government’s intensive scrutiny of the remote Xinjiang region, the Guardian revealed yesterday.

The Chinese government has curbed freedoms in the province for the local Muslim population, installing facial recognition cameras on streets and in mosques and reportedly forcing residents to download software that searches their phones.

“An investigation by the Guardian and international partners has

found that travelers are being targeted when they attempt to enter the region from neighbouring Kyrgyzstan,” the English paper says.

Border guards at the remote Irkeshtam border crossing into China are taking their phones and secretly installing an app that extracts emails, texts and contacts, as well as information about the handset itself.

According to the Guardian, tourists say they have not been warned by authorities in advance or told about what the software is looking for, or that their information is being taken.

FIRE KILLS 14 RUSSIAN SAILORS AMID SUBMARINE SPECULATION

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In this video grab, Russia rescue personnel return from a dive in a mini submarine

VLADIMIR ISACHENKOV, MOSCOW

A fire on one of the Russian navy’s deep-sea submersibles killed 14 sailors, the Russian Defense Ministry said yesterday without giving the cause of the blaze or saying if there were survivors.

The ministry didn’t name the vessel that caught fire Monday. Russian media reported it was Russia’s most secret submarine, a nuclear-powered vessel designed for sensitive missions at great ocean depths.

The Defense Ministry said in a statement that the fire broke out while the submersible was measuring sea depths in Russia’s territorial waters and the vessel was at the Arctic port of Severomorsk, the main base of Russia’s Northern Fleet, yesterday. An investigation was underway, it said.

The ministry said the fire was put out due to the self-sacrifice of crew members but didn’t say what is thought to have started it. It didn’t say how many people were on board the submersible or if there were sailors who survived the fire.

The ministry’s statement said the submersible is intended for studying the seabed, but didn’t give its name or type. Russia’s RBC online

news outlet reported it was the nuclear-powered AS-12 Losharik.

The Losharik, which entered service in 2010, is the most advanced and most obscure Russian submarine. It’s named after a Soviet-era cartoon character, a toy horse made of small spheres.

The name is apparently explained by the unique design of its internal hull, which is made of several titanium spheres capable of withstan-

One of the sub’s possible missions could be disrupting communication cables on the ocean bed

ding high pressure at great depths.

In 2012, the Losharik was involved in research intended to prove Russia’s claim on the vast Arctic seabed. It collected samples from the depth of 2,500 meters, according to official statements at the time. Regular submarines can typically dive to depths of up to 600 meters.

Some observers speculated the Losharik was capable of doing as deep as 6,000 meters, but the claims couldn’t be independently confirmed. Analysts suggested that one of its possible missions could be disrupting communication cables on the ocean bed.

The Losharik is carried under the hull of a mother submarine, the nuclear-powered Belgorod.

Russian news reports said that while the Losharik officially belongs to the Northern Fleet, it answers directly to the Defense Ministry’s Department for Deep-Sea Research, reflecting the high sensitivity of its missions.

The Russian navy also uses Priz-class and Bester-class deep water vehicles, which have a hull built of titanium and are capable of operating at a depth of 1,000 meters. They have a crew of two and are primarily intended for rescuing submariners in case

of incidents. Such vessels are transported to the area of operation by a carrier vessel and can operate autonomously for up to 120 hours.

The blaze marks the deadliest Russian naval incident since 2008, when 20 died when a firefighting system was accidentally initiated while the Nerpa nuclear-powered submarine of Russia’s Pacific Fleet was undergoing trials.

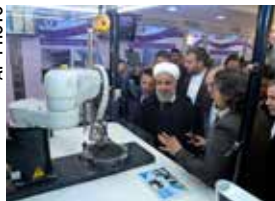
In the deadliest naval incident in post-Soviet Russia, the Kursk nuclear submarine exploded and sank on Aug. 12, 2000, during naval maneuvers in the Barents Sea, killing all 118 crewmembers. AP

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**US Elections** Vermont Sen. Bernie Sanders raised USD18 million for his presidential campaign during the second fundraising quarter, his campaign said. Sanders transferred another \$6 million from other accounts. His second quarter total trails that of Pete Buttigieg, who raised \$24 million during the same period.

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**Gulf tensions** France’s president is urging Iran to immediately reduce its stockpiles of low-enriched uranium and stick to the terms of the 2015 nuclear deal with world powers.

**Germany** A far-right extremist arrested over the killing of a regional official from German Chancellor Angela Merkel’s party has reportedly retracted his confession to the killing.

**EU** leaders gathered yet again yesterday in an effort to overcome an embarrassing deadlock over a series of job nominations to key posts at the bloc for at least the next five years.

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**Immigration** A 33-year-old father of two American-born children was allowed to return to the U.S. yesterday [local time], two years after being deported to El Salvador during the first months of the Trump administration.

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**US** President Donald Trump isn’t taking “no tanks” for an answer on the Fourth of July. He said yesterday [local time] that a display of U.S. military tanks will be part of a special event he’s headlining July 4 in Washington. More on p15