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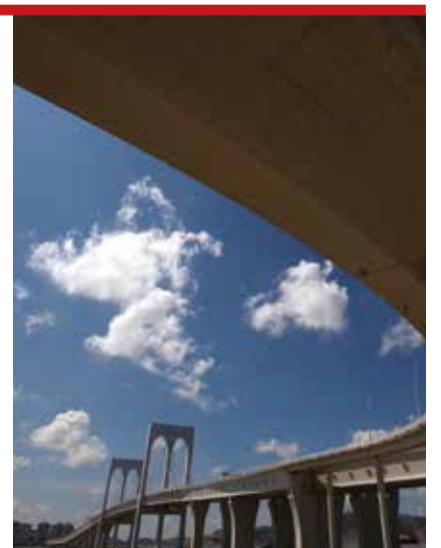


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### NEW DSAJ DEPUTY DIRECTOR APPOINTED

Lou Soi Cheong has been appointed as the new deputy director of the Legal Affairs Bureau (DSAJ). Lou holds a bachelor's degree in law from National Chengchi University. He has been working in the public service since 1993. Lou served as a senior technician in the legal field of the government's legal translation office and as director of the Commercial Registry Office. Lou has been the acting deputy director of DSAJ since June 1. With Lou's formal appointment, the DSAJ now has three deputy directors.

### MORE STUDENTS ENROLLED IN NEW YEAR

The number of new students and teaching staff have increased, according to statistics from the Education and Youth Affairs Bureau (DSEJ). A total of 82,683 students have enrolled in the new school year, representing a 2.6% increase from 80,556 students in the previous school year. There are 19,360 kindergarten students, 34,527 primary school students and 27,960 secondary school students, representing 2.7%, 3.9% and 1.1% growth respectively. The total number of teaching staff at the beginning of the school year is expected to be 8,029, an increase of 3.6% compared to 7,751 in the previous school year. The number of kindergarten teachers, primary school teachers and secondary school teachers increased 4.2%, 6% and 1.5% respectively.

# BUDGET FOR MID-AUTUMN DECORATIVE LIGHTS INCREASES 7.5%

JULIE ZHU

**T**HIS year's budget for Mid-Autumn decorative lights has increased by 7.5%, with a total of MOP6.34 million prepared, according to the Municipal Affairs Bureau (IAM).

The IAM has provided information on the two recently added animal zones in two gardens, Mid-Autumn Festival lighting arrangements and civic education plans.

The "Cute Animals" zone has been added to Flores Garden and the reptile area has been renewed at Seac Pai Van Park, IAM disclosed last Friday.

The "Cute Animals" zone includes two feeding areas, one for rabbits and hedgehogs, and one for turtles. This zone, which was established earlier this year, went through a test period, during which the garden's neighboring schools were invited for a visit to test operations.

The area has been open for group appointments since July 22 and individuals have been allowed to visit the animals every Sunday since August 18.

The reptile zone in the land and nature museum at the Seac Pai Van Park features 10 exhibition boxes, showcasing reptiles such as snakes and turtles. The



zone also includes smuggled animals that have been seized by the Macau SAR government.

In future, IAM plans to expand the reptile zone, hoping to provide better living conditions for the animals and enrich the education materials for the public.

The reptile area is open to the public Tuesday to Sunday between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m.

To welcome this year's Mid-Autumn festival, IAM is planning to set up decorative lights around the city. This year's decorative lights will also have features cele-

brating the 20th anniversary of the Macau handover.

The decorations are expected to be live from the first half of September to the first half of October. They will be set up at 66 locations, 43 of which are in Macau and 23 in Cotai. The locations will be the sites of main tourist attractions, as well as some of the city's roundabouts, recreational areas and public gardens.

At Senado Square, a big rabbit light decoration will be installed, accompanied by a Chinese-style tunnel decorated with light. In

addition, on the nights of September 13 and 14, a gala will be organized at Lou Lim Ioc Garden.

Aside from the abovementioned garden updates and decorative lights, IAM also called on schools to participate in IAM's civic education activities for the 2019/2020 school year.

As usual, this year's civic education will feature the Basic Law and Chinese Constitution law, and Chinese traditions, aiming to deepen the "core value of loving the country and loving Macau."

## ASK THE VET



by Dr Ruan Du Toit Bester

### MEDICAL CONDITIONS OF OBESE CATS

**O**BESE cats may encounter health issues more frequently than cats with a normal weight. Being overweight is not healthy for your cat. Spayed or neutered cats have a tendency to gain weight, and maintaining a consistent diet is the key to keeping your cat healthy and fit.

#### Arthritis in obese cats

Arthritis is a condition that is more frequent in older obese cats. Arthritis is a joint disease and the extra weight only causes more joint stress and pain. Your cat will display symptoms such as:

- Limping
- Hesitating or refusing jump
- Pain when walking
- Behavioural changes (irritability, depress or aggression in some cases)

Arthritis is not a treatable condition, but can be managed with pain killers, diet and weight loss, which will ease the stress on the joints.

#### Diabetes mellitus

Diabetes mellitus is caused by an insulin deficiency

in cats. Overweight cats are more susceptible to diabetes.

A cat with diabetes will have symptoms including:

- Lack of appetite
- Sudden weight loss
- Increased thirst
- More frequent urination
- Lethargy
- Sleepiness

Diabetes can be managed with insulin shots, pills and a strict diet.

If left untreated, cats can lose their eyesight and develop neuropathy - weakness in the legs. Diabetes also leads to malnutrition, dehydration and even death.

#### Heart conditions

Carrying around extra weight is a burden on the heart of the cat and it will tire this organ, leading to several heart conditions. Obese cats are more prone to strokes.

Regular check-ups and blood tests will show if

your cat has a heart condition.

#### Difficulty in breathing

Overweight cats have difficulty in breathing when performing routine activities, because of all the extra fat. If your cat is obese, he will avoid activities because these make him tired and cause hard breathing. Inactivity will lead to more fat gain and less energy spending.

#### Lameness in limbs

Lameness is caused by joint disease - arthritis or muscle injuries - and obese cats can be more prone to this disease.

Lameness can occur in one or several limbs and is a great discomfort for a pet.

#### Skin conditions

Cats with a weight problem can develop non-allergic skin conditions due to the fact that they cannot groom properly. They cannot reach certain areas of the body and bacteria can nest in these areas. These bacteria may cause different skin conditions or other diseases. This

can cause hygiene problems for the entire household.

#### Premature death

Overweight cats can suffer from a premature death, which may or may not be due to the different medical conditions. The life expectancy for obese cats is around 6 to 12 years.

Keep a diet rich in protein and less carbs, and make sure your pet gets enough exercise to be able to maintain a healthy weight. Opt for interactive indoor games that will put your cat in motion. The diet should be sensible and ensure the energy intake at the end of every day is less than the energy spent. Don't try crash diets, because these may cause health problems. Talk to your vet and decide on the most appropriate, step-by-step diet.

Hope this info helps

Till next week

Dr Ruan Bester

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# Engineers concerned by gov't plans for LRT on Sai Van Bridge

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**T**HE government is planning to swap the enclosed lanes of the Sai Van Bridge, indicating that Light Rapid Transit (LRT) trains will use the current car lane in future, local Chinese media Macao Daily News reported last Friday.

According to the report, Xu Gongyi, chief designer of the bridge,

as well as some Portuguese engineers, were surprised by the government's proposal.

The designer and engineers are worried that swapping the lanes may affect the structure of the bridge. When the bridge was designed, the structure and loading for the LRT lane were taken into account and steel bars were specifically installed for that lane.

Xu has expressed his opposition to the government both verbally

and in writing, but has not yet received a response.

Secretary for Transport and Public Works Raimundo do Rosário recently told the media that the government "would definitely guarantee the safety of the bridge." In addition, he said that if his team had to review every decision it made, no progress would be achieved.

For the past 15 years, the enclosure beneath the main deck

of the bridge has had four lanes – two going in each direction, with only the left lane of each in use. The lanes are used by light vehicles during typhoon days only. The right lanes, on the other hand, are reserved for the LRT.

The government's proposal was reportedly made with the desire of ensuring the safety of the enclosed lanes.

Macao Daily News also wrote in its report that according to

industry professionals, based on their expertise and an "internationally renowned consultancy commissioned by the Transport and Infrastructure Office," (GIT) certain upgrades to the bridge would be required due to the LRT traffic. Specific upgrades included exchanging the existing steel cables for thicker ones.

Another news report published in April 2017 by local outlet Hou Kong Daily quoted lawmaker Ho Ion Sang as saying he was assured that no change of cables was required and that LRT trains could safely run on the bridge enclosure.

The GIT, which oversees the entire LRT project, responded with an announcement last Friday, describing the news report as a "rumor." It referenced the government's explanation on the bridge's standards back in June 2010.

The explanation had emphasized that the bridge had been built following the standards of China, Europe, the U.S., Hong Kong and Macau. The tender matched international standards and requirements. The bridge was capable of withstanding LRT traffic and a third-party consultation report also showed that the bridge's steel cables were in line with the relevant standards.

At the time, government was confident that the bridge would be capable of handling LRT traffic.



CAEAL president Tong Hio Fong (center)

## LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

# Sole candidate for by-election confirmed

**T**HE Legislative Assembly Electoral Affairs Commission Election (CAEAL) has confirmed that there is only one nominated candidate for the Legislative Assembly's (AL) by-election. The by-election is related to a seat allocated to the industrial, commercial and financial sector, under the indirect-election

portion of the electoral system.

The commission reported on Friday that it had already approved the nomination of the candidate.

The candidate is Wong Chi Meng, a member of the Standing Committee of Directors of Macao Chamber of Commerce (ACM), who was recom-

mended by the Macau Union of Employers' Interests (OMKC).

The candidate is required to submit his political platform before September 17.

Ninety-six legal persons out of the 107 with nomination rights have nominated Wong, who will be the sole candidate for the by-election as

a result of the number of nominations he received. According to Macau's law, a candidate must collect 20% of the nominations from the 107 legal persons' to be a by-election candidate.

Each of the 107 legal-person voters has the right to submit a maximum list of 22 persons to vote on their behalf. This means that the number of voters eligible for the by-election would depend on the number of voters decided by each legal-person voter.

The number of voters will only be decided on September 17.

Commenting on this one-man election, CAEAL president Tong Hio Fong remarked that a "direct election certainly poses greater competition when compared to an indirect election."

The AL by-election, which will fill the vacancy left by Chief Executive-elect Ho Iat Seng, has been set for November 24 at Macau Forum. Voting for the by-election will be held from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. on the day of polling, as stipulated by the law. **JZ**

## WEATHER

# TROPICAL DEPRESSION WITHIN T3 RADIUS

**A**N unnamed tropical depression is passing within a 400-kilometer radius of Macau, resulting in Signal No. 3 being hoisted at 5 p.m. yesterday. As of last night, the bureau expected the signal to remain in force at least until 10 a.m. this morning.

Moreover, the Meteorological and Geophysics Bureau (SMG) saw a small possibility of typhoon Signal No. 8 being raised as of yesterday night.

Winds are expected to intensify as the tropical depression passes near Macau. Showers and thunderstorms may also occur as part of its effects.

Residents are reminded to remain cautious. Strong gusts of wind may occur in open areas and on the three bridges. The use of Sai Van Bridge is recommended for motorbikes. It is also recommended that residents make early arrangements as the school year begins today.

According to the forecast yesterday, the trajectory of

the tropical depression is headed towards Hainan province, China. It is expected to move slowly as it approaches the province. The SMG's diagram yesterday showed the storm may make a possible U-turn after its expected landfall in Hainan.

On the other hand, wind data website windy.com forecasted that the typhoon would head towards the west bank of the Pearl River estuary. It expects a second landfall near the western edge of Guangdong province around September 7, bringing southerly winds of up to 29 kilometers per hour.

The possible U-turn is caused by another tropical cyclone approaching the eastern edge of Taiwan, as well as the southernmost city of Japan, Ishigaki.

Cyclone systems tend to attract each other, with the stronger cyclone dragging the weaker one. As per the current data, the Ishigaki system will bring winds of up to 91 kilometers per hour. **AL**



## AGEING POPULATION MAY LEAD TO FINANCIAL BURDEN ON GOV'T

**M**ACAU'S gradually ageing population is leading to a larger financial burden for the government, say analysts.

Earlier this year, the International Monetary Fund (IMF) predicted that the SAR's social spending would grow as a result of the ageing population and social pressures. Among other medium-term risks, the IMF warned that Macau might struggle to keep up with the mounting social welfare costs incurred by the ageing population.

This is reflected in the ageing ratio, a way to gauge the ageing population by calculating the proportion of the elderly population to the youth population (aged 0-14). The ageing ratio increased from 26.7% in 1996 to 33.6% in 2001, and surged further to 46.3% in 2006.

Last year, the proportion of elderly population (aged 65 and over) grew slightly by 0.6 percentage points year-on-year to 11.1%. The ageing ratio rose by 1.1 percentage points year-on-year to 84.1%, re-



presenting an increase for the 22nd consecutive year. The data shows that ageing was more pronounced among the local population, with the elderly population increasing by 7.5% year-on-year to 74,100.

Meanwhile, the adult population (aged 15-64) decreased by 0.5% to 386,000. The elderly dependency ratio for the local population

was 19.2%, indicating that about five adults supported one elderly person.

According to the 2019 policy address by Chief Executive Chui Sai On, the government is working on enhancing software and infrastructure for community support services so as to support the senior citizens.

To overcome the challenges of an ageing society, the government has pledged to increase the number of subsidized places in homes for the elderly to 2,400.

It also proposed implementing a tax incentive where the government would increase the basic allowance of personal income tax for the elderly to MOP198,000 to encourage employment of residents above 65.

According to an economist at the University of Macau, if this trend continues, the financial burden of providing various supports will also increase.

Assistant professor of economics at University of

Macau, Fung Kwan, said, "the government will have a larger financial burden on providing various supports to the elderly people such as medical facilities and housing."

With the decrease in the city's adult population, the professor also noted that labor supply will shrink and that a shortage is foreseeable.

"[There will] likely be a larger demand for non-local workers," he added.

However, the demand may not be welcomed by the SAR, which enforces protections for certain locals-only professions. The difficulties of acquiring non-local labor remains a significant challenge for businesses in Macau.

Data from the Statistics and Census Bureau shows that in 2006, the bureau had already stated that the prolonged life expectancy and the decrease in the number of newborns in the past few years had brought about an ageing population. LV

## EXPORTS OF JEWELRY, COSMETICS PRODUCTS SURGE

**T**OTAL merchandise export for July 2019 increased by 13.6% year-on-year, amounting to 1.04 billion patacas, the Statistics and Census Service (DSEC) informed in a press statement, with the notable rise being led by surges in the jewelry and cosmetics sectors.

According to the statement, the value of re-exports, accounting for the major component of total exports, increased by 16% to MOP918 million. Re-exports of beauty, cosmetics and skin-care products; and diamonds and diamond jewelry surging by an impressive 230.6% and 166.1% respectively.

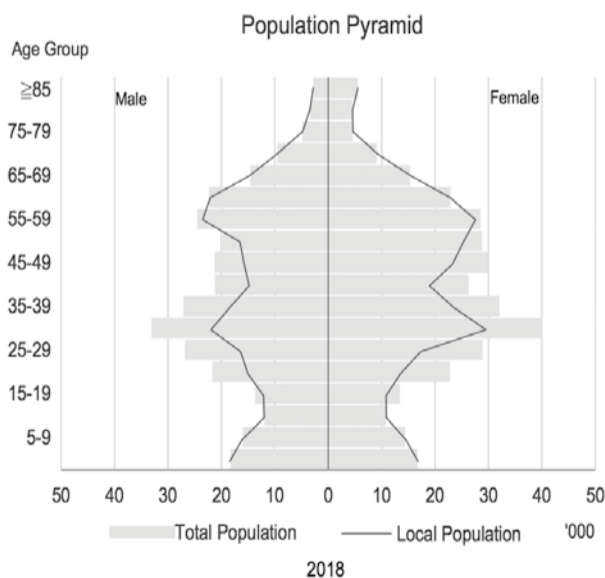
However, the value of domestic exports (MOP124 million) declined by 1.7%, with that of copper and articles made of copper falling by 36.2%.

In July, the total merchandise import fell by 3.2% year-on-year to MOP7.2 billion, of which imports of mobile phones, construction materials and gold jewelry declined by 54.4%, 41.1%, and 22.9% respectively. Meanwhile, imports of beauty, cosmetic and skin-care products; and food and beverages increased by 41.2% and 19.6% respectively. Accordingly, the merchandise trade deficit in July was MOP6.16 billion in total.

As for the first seven months of the year, the value of merchandise export increased by 4.7% year-on-year to MOP7.44 billion where value of re-exports (MOP6.65 billion) grew by 7.5% and domestic exports (MOP798 million) declined by 14.1%. The total value of merchandise import fell by 2.2% year-on-year to MOP49.48 billion, which led to a merchandise trade deficit of MOP42.04 billion, a decrease of MOP1.45 billion compared to the same period of 2018.

In terms of the destination of the exports and origin of the imports, merchandise exported to mainland China decreased by 21.7% year-on-year to MOP929 million from January to July 2019, wherein exports to the nine provinces of the Pan-Pearl River Delta (MOP888 million) declined by 23.2%. Meanwhile, exports to Hong Kong (MOP4.89 billion), the EU (MOP121 million) and the U.S. (MOP112 million) grew by 10.4%, 0.2%, and 31.7% respectively.

Imports from mainland China (MOP16.49 billion) decreased by 5.4% year-on-year in the first seven months of 2019. On the other hand, imports from the EU (MOP13.52 billion), Belt and Road Countries (MOP7.78 billion) and Portuguese-speaking countries (MOP506 million) increased by 6.5%, 97.0%, and 10.3% respectively. RM



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# Gaming revenue tumbles 8.6% in fastest decline of 2019

DANIEL BEITLER

**G**ROSS gaming revenue tumbled 8.6% year-on-year in August to 24.26 billion patacas (\$3 billion), according to official data released yesterday, owing partly to a difficult comparison base for the month last year.

Of the first eight months of 2019, gaming revenue has expanded in year-on-year terms for three months and contracted for five months, failing to sustain momentum either way.

According to the data released by Macau's Gaming Inspection and Coordination Bureau, August saw the sharpest decline so far this year, surpassing the

8.3% contraction in April. The contraction was far worse than analysts had forecast only a week earlier, when the median estimate was a 4% fall.

However, actual gross gaming revenue did not fare quite as poorly as the growth indicators would suggest. In month-to-month terms, August represented a slowdown of less than 1% compared with July, while it stood about 4.3% lower than gross gaming revenue in February, six months earlier.

Cumulative gross gaming revenue reached about MOP198 billion as of the end of August, about 1.9% lower than the MOP202 billion recorded in the equivalent period of 2018. Gross gaming revenue for the

whole of 2018 amounted to about MOP300 billion.

The results seem to suggest that Macau's gambling sector continues to resist major headwinds from a slowing Chinese economy and the ongoing China-U.S. trade war. With Macau's economy reliant on mainland tourism and its currency indirectly pegged to the U.S. dollar, the special administrative region is particularly vulnerable to shocks to the world's two largest economies.

The sector is also thought to have been unscathed by the ongoing protests and travel disruptions in nearby Hong Kong, as well as regulatory uncertainty over high-roller junkets, which faced increased scrutiny

from Beijing and Macau over the summer.

Bloomberg analysis suggested that high-roller gamblers have been more cautious to travel to Macau as a result of the poor economic climate. Well-heeled gamblers have been affected by the sluggish Chinese economy and more high-rollers are staying away from baccarat tables, Bloomberg reported, cutting short over two years of sustained gaming revenue growth at the start of the year.

Casino stocks have been volatile over the past few months. In May, the Bloomberg Intelligence index of Macau operators dropped 20%, before recovering some gains in June and July.

profits reached as much as MOP53.42 million.

After adding these figures to those from the first quarter, it indicates that meetings and conferences registered a drop in attendance by 19.4% during the first half of 2019. The incentives section also shrunk, as it registered a decline in attendees of 24.9%.

The exhibitions section performed better, with growth of 5.3% in the number of events (corresponding to one more event in the first half of the year) and a 7.5% increase in the number of attendees. **RM**

## MICE

# Official figures show more events but fewer attendees

**I**NFORMATION from the Statistics and Census Service (DSEC) indicated that the number of Meetings, Incentives, Conferencing, Exhibitions (MICE) events held in the second quarter of 2019 increased by 9.2% year-on-year to 357, comprised of 345 meetings and conferences, 10 exhibitions and two incentives. Nevertheless, the num-

ber of attendees dropped by 13.6% in the same period, with a total of 353,000 participants.

Meetings and conferences saw the greatest decline in attendees, with the number dropping by 46.5%. According to DSEC, the fall was mostly due to a dip in the attendance of larger events, defined as those with over 200 participants.

Due to this, the total floor area used also tumbled, more than halving year-on-year. Conversely, the number of events held by non-government organizations rose during the period, which increased from seven to nine during the second quarter. The number of attendees also rose by 2.4% to 264,000.

According to the in-

formation provided to DSEC, the 10 exhibitions also generated a lower profit after deducting expenditure, and financial support from the government and other organizations, recording net receipts of MOP44.31 million.

This represented a drop of about 17% when compared to performance in the second quarter of 2018, in which

## TOURISM

# VISITORS ON PACKAGE TOURS CLIMB 14.5% IN JULY



**P**ACKAGE tour visitors to Macau rose 14.5% year-on-year to 870,000 in July 2019, according to the latest data released by the Statistics and Census Service, with the growth fueled by visitors from mainland China. The growth in July was lower than the monthly averages seen in the first half of 2019.

Visitors from the mainland on package tours to Macau totaled 714,000 in July, representing a rise of about 19% compared to last year. Package tour visitors from Taiwan (63,000) and Hong Kong (12,000) rose by 2.7% and 19.1% in the same period, while those from South Korea (45,000) dropped 9% year-on-year.

In the first seven months of 2019, there were approximately 5.78 million package tour visitors to Macau, which corresponds to 15.1% growth year-on-year.

Meanwhile, the number of outbound residents using the services of travel agencies reached 135,000 in July, up by 2.9% year-on-year. Residents traveling under their own arrangements edged down by 0.6% to 88,000, with those visiting Hong Kong (14,000) and Taiwan (14,000) fell by 18.2% and 6.3% respectively. Those traveling to mainland China under their own arrangements inched up 0.9% year-on-year to 38,000.

Meanwhile, residents travelling on package tours grew by 10.5% to 46,000, on account of a 13.9% increase from those visiting mainland China (36,000).

In the first seven months of 2019, outbound residents using the services of travel agencies totaled 964,000, up by 7.7% year-on-year.

In the same period, the number of guests at hotels and guesthouses increased 1.8% year-on-year to 8.16 million. The average occupancy rate of Macau's 119 hotels and guesthouses, as of the end of July, rose by 1.1 percentage points to 91.4%, with the average length of stay of guests holding steady at 1.5 nights. **DB**





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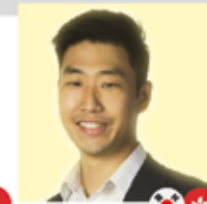
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Property of the Week



**Pearl on the Lough, Taipa**

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Property Hotlist



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**\$13,980,000**

1,494 ft<sup>2</sup>

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**Hellene Garden, Coloane**

**\$7,950,000**

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

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**Manhattan, High Floor, Taipa**

**\$27,800/mth**

2,305 ft<sup>2</sup>

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- [Taipa] Nova Grand 2 1 **\$16,000/mth** 986 ft<sup>2</sup> (ref: 19055007RT)
- [Taipa] Ocean Gardens 4 4 **\$35,000/mth** 3,700 ft<sup>2</sup> (ref: 18040674)
- [Taipa] Keng Ou office 3 **\$38,000/mth** 2,352 ft<sup>2</sup> (ref: n/a)

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ARTS

# MGM mixes opera with tech



**M**GM presented its final installation for the Hua Yuan exhibition, "Paradise Interrupted," over the weekend.

This installation, which integrates interactive technology, tells the story of a woman searching for an unattainable ideal in a world that comes to life through her singing, as she attempts to return to a garden.

Co-produced by Spoleto Festival USA, the Lincoln Center Festival, Singapore International Festival of Arts and National Kaohsiung Center for the Arts, the exhibition weaves the stories of the Garden of Eden and Peony Pavilion with a composition that

merges a 600-year-old Kun opera with contemporary Western opera.

Through the use of interactive technology, a host of digital characters interacted with the heroine.

The director and designer of the opera is visual artist Jennifer Ma, while the composition, which is both a celebration of tradition and a new masterpiece, is by Huang Ruo.

Qian Yi, who plays the heroine in the opera, has been lauded by The New York Times as "China's reigning opera princess."

The Hua Yuan exhibition is being held at MGM Cotai as part of Art Macao. The exhibition has three large-scale multimedia and

art installations, including "Journey to the Dark II," "A Metamorphosis: No End to End" and "Paradise Interrupted."

MGM previously noted in a statement that through Hua Yuan, the essence of Chinese culture and art is being preserved and progressed.

Since ink has played a pivotal role in Chinese history and culture, and it remains as relevant today as it was over 5,000 years ago, MGM has invited contemporary artists Ma and Yang Yongliang to explore "the inherent beauty of ink."

Ma uses ink's intrinsic connectivity and diversity to present a large-scale multimedia and art installation of three gardens, as

well as an installation opera that combines tradition and innovation.

The opera is rendered in ink and reinterpreted as a kunqu-inspired installation opera in one act.

Yang merges technology and photography to create a breakthrough in the transformation of classical Chinese ink.

"Journey to the Dark II" is a reinterpretation of a traditional Chinese painting that is showcased through multi-channel 4k video.

The artist uses urban architecture as a brush and the layered mountains of a Song-dynasty landscape painting as a compositional blueprint. LV

## CALLIGRAPHY INSTALLED AT UNESCO CENTER

**A**n exhibition featuring the calligraphy works of Mok Wa Kei, titled "Teaching and Learning", will open at 6.30 p.m. on Thursday evening at the UNESCO Exhibition Center, according to a statement published yesterday by the Macau Foundation.

Mok Wa Kei is the 85th artist to participate in the Macao Artists Promotion Project. Born in 1950 in Macau, he spent his academic life working between Guangzhou and Macau.

Today, he holds several important positions at local associations, including being the president of the Macao International Cultural and Art Association.

To complement this exhibition, the Macau Foundation will hold a workshop on calligraphy designed for children and their parents at the UNESCO Center 10 a.m. on September 7.

Mok will lead the workshop, instructing participants in the various techniques of Chinese Calligraphy. Admission is free and all 10-year-olds and above and their parents are welcome.

The exhibition will be open to the public from September 5 to September 12, from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m., and will be held in the exhibition hall and the multifunctional hall of the Macau UNESCO Center. Admission is free of charge.

MOTORSPORTS

# 22-year-old racer Anthoine Hubert dies in crash

RENATO MARQUES

**F**RENCH Formula Two (F2) driver Anthoine Hubert has died following a crash on the Spa-Francorchamps track during the F2 Belgian Grand Prix last weekend.

The fatal accident occurred on Saturday during the second lap of the race, when the cars of Hubert and U.S. driver Juan-Manuel Correa collided at high-speed as they accelerated uphill and out of the notorious Eau Rouge corner.

Reports from the track say that Hubert appeared to lose control of his car while exiting the corner before slamming into the far-side barrier. His car flew off the



tire wall and slid across the circuit before being hit by Correa's car.

It was estimated that the accident occurred at a

speed of about 257 kmph, causing Hubert's death and Correa to sustain several injuries, including fractures to both legs.

Like most of the racers in the F2 paddock, 22-year-old Hubert had raced in the Macau Grand Prix. He raced in the Formula 3 event in 2016,

the year before joining the GP3 Series, which has currently been replaced by the F2 Championship.

Hubert raced in Macau under Van Amersfoort Racing, finishing in the 13th position of the main race. According to a statement from the motorsport's governing body Fédération Internationale de l'Automobile (FIA), Hubert "succumbed to his injuries, and passed away at 6:35 p.m." local time at the on-site medical center. Later that day, the FIA issued a second statement, acknowledging the Hubert's death and stating, "Formula 1, Formula 2, and Formula 3 are deeply saddened by the passing of Anthoine Hubert

following a horrific crash at today's Feature Race at Spa-Francorchamps, involving three other drivers."

"Anthoine has been part of our paddock since 2017. He was a fantastic driver who had a bright future ahead of him. He became GP3 Series Champion last year, and this season, he won twice in Formula 2, taking victories in Monaco, and at his home race in Le Castellet."

In their statement, the FIA also acknowledged that out of respect for the family, friends and the paddock mourning Hubert's death, the Sunday race was canceled. The FIA says that it is investigating the cause of the fatal accident.



# Hong Kong police storm subway with

KEN MORITSUGU  
& RAF WOBER, HONG KONG

**P**ROTESTERS in Hong Kong threw gasoline bombs at government headquarters and set fires in the streets, while police stormed a subway car and hit passengers with batons and pepper spray in scenes that seem certain to inflame tensions further in a city riven by nearly three months of pro-democracy demonstrations.

Police had denied permission for a march Saturday to mark the fifth anniversary of a decision by China against fully democratic elections in Hong Kong, but protesters took to the streets anyway, as they have all summer. They provoked and obstructed police repeatedly but generally retreated once riot officers moved in, avoiding some of the direct clashes that characterized earlier protests.

Late at night, though, video from Hong Kong broadcaster TVB showed police on the platform of Prince Edward subway station swinging batons at passengers who backed into one end of a train car behind umbrellas. The video also shows pepper spray being shot through an open door at a group seated on the floor while one man holds up his hands.

It wasn't clear whether all the passengers were protesters. Police said they entered the station to make arrests after protesters assaulted others and damaged property inside. The TVB video was widely shared on social media as another example of police brutality during the protests. Angry crowds gathered outside Prince Edward and nearby Mong Kok station, where police said they made arrests after protesters vandalized the customer service center and damaged ticket machines.

Also Saturday, two police officers fired two warning shots into the air "to protect their own sa-

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fety" after being surrounded by protesters near Victoria Park, the government announced. It was the second time police fired warning shots following an incident the previous weekend.

Protests erupted in early June in Hong Kong, a semi-autonomous Chinese territory of 7.4 million people. A now-shelved China extradition bill brought to the fore simmering concerns about what many in the city see as an erosion of the rights and freedoms that residents are supposed to have un-

der a "one country, two systems" framework.

The mostly young, black-shirted protesters took over roads and major intersections in shopping districts on Saturday as they rallied and marched with no obvious destination in mind.

Authorities closed streets and a subway stop near the Chinese government office and parked water cannon trucks and erected additional barriers nearby, fearing protesters might target the building. The office would have been the

endpoint of the march that police did not allow.

Instead, a group of hard-line protesters decided to take on police guarding government headquarters from behind large barriers that ring the building to keep demonstrators at bay.

While others marched back and forth nearby, a large crowd wearing gas masks and gas masks gathered outside. They pointed laser beams at the officers' heads and threw objects over the barriers and at them. Police responded with tear

gas, and protesters threw gasoline bombs into the compound.

Then came the blue water. A water cannon truck fired regular water, followed by repeated bursts of colored water, staining protesters and nearby journalists and leaving blue puddles in the street.

The standoff continued for some time, but protesters started moving back as word spread that police were headed in their direction. A few front-line protesters hurled gasoline bombs at the officers in formation, but there were

## Opposition figures ensnared in wave of arrests

**H**ONG Kong police arrested prominent opposition figures including Joshua Wong - and warned other protesters could share their fate at illegal demonstrations this weekend - raising tensions as authorities seek to quell pro-democracy demonstrations that have raged for nearly three months.

The 22-year-old Wong, who was scheduled to speak about the protests in the U.S. next month, was

among well-known pro-democracy activists arrested by police on Thursday and Friday. Those arrested included Wong's fellow leader of 2014 Occupy protests, Agnes Chow, independence advocate Andy Chan, and District Councilor Rick Hui.

Police said more than 20 people were arrested since Thursday, and warned at a briefing Friday that others could be charged if they take part in protests with official approval. A colo-

onial statute passed during a wave of deadly riots in the 1960s allows authorities to the power to imprison those who participate in unlawful assemblies for as long as five years and more than 900 have been arrested on a variety of charges since June.

The arrests were part of a broader push back against the largely leaderless protest movement, which flared up in June over now-suspended legislation

allowing extraditions to China before widening into a broader push for more democracy. The Civil Human Rights Front - the organizer of the biggest recent demonstrations - said Friday it was forced to cancel a rally planned for Saturday after police withheld approval.

The crisis in the former British colony threatens to distract from Chinese President Xi Jinping's celebrations of 70 years of Communist Party rule on

Oct. 1, which will highlight the country's rebound from imperialism, war and inner turmoil. Hong Kong's embattled chief executive, Carrie Lam, earlier this week called for a dialogue with the opposition, while refusing to rule out invoking a sweeping colonial-era law that allows for easier arrests, deportations, censorship and property seizures.

The summer's political unrest has been the worst since the city's return to

Chinese rule in 1997, with demonstrations that have resulted in often-violent clashes between protesters and police. Political observers said the moves ran the risk of drawing more people into the streets for unauthorized rallies, which can more easily get out of hand.

"Such actions are tantamount to inciting trouble at a time when the government is talking about dialogue and trying to lower the temperature," said Kevin Yam, a political commentator and member of Hong Kong's pro-democracy Progressive Lawyers Group.



# batons, as protests rage



no major clashes as police cleared the area.

Protesters regrouped and blocked a major commercial street by piling up barricades and setting a large fire. Smoke billowed into the air as hundreds of protesters waited on the other side of the makeshift barrier, many pointing laser beams that streaked the night sky above them.

Firefighters made their way into the congested area on foot to put out the fire. Police in riot

gear removed the barricades and moved in quickly. They could be seen detaining a few protesters, but by then, most had already left.

As police advanced east down Hennessey Road, protesters made another stand in the Causeway Bay shopping district. They threw gasoline bombs at police, who fired tear gas and water cannons.

Protesters built another fire, a smaller one, in front of Sogo department store. Police waited

behind their riot shields while firefighters put out the smoldering fire with extinguishers. When police moved in, the protesters had again retreated.

Other groups crossed Hong Kong's harbor to the Tsim Sha Tsui district, where police said they set fires and threw gasoline bombs on Nathan Road.

Democratic Party lawmaker Lam Cheuk-ting said Hong Kong citizens would keep fighting for their rights and freedoms despite the arrests of several prominent

"You can't on the one hand say, 'Let's lower the temperature, let's talk, let's make nice,' and on the other hand do something like this."

Taiwanese President Tsai Ing-wen - who has helped resuscitate her re-election prospects by criticizing Beijing's handling of the protests - was among the first officials to express concern about the arrests. She called on authorities to comply with their promises of democracy, freedom and human rights to the city's people, according

to a statement from her office.

While the three arrested activists are among Hong Kong's most prominent opposition voices - Wong was the subject of a Netflix documentary titled "Joshua: Teenager vs. Superpower" - none has been seen as a central figure in the recent protests. The decentralized movement relies on social media apps and chat rooms to propose, vote on and revise protest plans on the fly.

Still, Wong has come under scrutiny for his

meetings with U.S. officials, with China's foreign ministry urging Americans to "draw a clear line with all anti-Chinese rioters, stop sending wrong signals to illegal violators, stop meddling in Hong Kong affairs." Wong was planning to travel to the U.S. in September to speak out against what he described as authorities' plans to establish "martial law" ahead of the National Day holiday.

The latest charges against Wong resulted from his role in a June 21 rally, in which he en-

couraged demonstrators to surround the police headquarters complex in Wan Chai, days after his release from jail on separate protest-related charges. His party Demosisto said Wong was on his way to a subway station when he "was suddenly pushed into a private car on the street," adding that the group's lawyers were working on the case.

Wong and Chow were later released on bail, the Ming Pao newspaper reported. Chan, the pro-independence founder of

activists and lawmakers in the past two days, including activist Joshua Wong.

Protesters are demanding the full withdrawal of the extradition bill - which would have allowed Hong Kong residents to be sent to mainland China to stand trial - as well as democratic elections and an investigation into police use of force.

"I do believe the government deliberately arrested several leaders of the democratic camp to try to threaten Hong Kong people not to come out to fight against the evil law," Lam said at what was advertised as a Christian march earlier Saturday.

About 1,000 people marched to a Methodist church and police headquarters. They alternated between singing hymns and chanting slogans of the pro-democracy movement. An online flyer for the demonstration called it a "prayer for sinners" and featured images of a Christian cross and embattled Hong Kong Chief Executive Carrie Lam, who had proposed the extradition bill.

The Civil Human Rights Front, the organizer of pro-democracy marches that have drawn upward of a million people this summer, canceled its march after failing to win police approval. Police said that while previous marches have started peacefully, they have increasingly degenerated into violence.

The standing committee of China's legislature ruled on Aug. 31, 2014, that Hong Kong residents could elect their leader directly, but that the candidates would have to be approved by a nominating committee. The decision failed to satisfy democracy advocates in Hong Kong and led to the 79-day long Occupy Central protests that fall, in which demonstrators camped out on major streets in the financial district and other parts of the city. **AP**

## DEMONSTRATORS SWARM AIRPORT, DISRUPTING FLIGHTS

Hong Kong protesters caused major disruptions to the city's international airport yesterday, massing outside the building in attempt to paralyze transport to and from the facility. MTR Corp., operator of the city's rail system, canceled express trains to the airport, while demonstrators blocked buses from leaving the airport terminal. Protesters vandalized turnstiles at some of stations and sprayed graffiti on them. Airport Authority Hong Kong obtained an injunction last month against people holding demonstrations there and a later one preventing them from blocking roads. Some train stations remained shuttered yesterday morning and subway services were interrupted, after riot police were called to a station because of a clash between protesters and other passengers. Police used batons and pepper spray on passengers.

## CYBERATTACK TARGETS KEY PROTESTER FORUM

Hong Kong appeared to be the target of a large digital attack in recent days, with a popular online forum used by protesters saying its servers were hit on Saturday. Digital Attack Map, which provides information on daily cyberattacks around the world, showed the financial hub at the center of distributed denial of service, or DDoS, attacks. LIHKG, a forum used by demonstrators to organize mass rallies in Hong Kong, said its servers were hit maliciously by a large DDoS attack in a way that had never seen before. While some of LIHKG's services were interrupted, it was fully restored hours later, according to a post on Twitter. This is the second large cyber attack to hit apps used this summer by protesters to organize during unrest in Hong Kong. In June, messaging service Telegram said it had been hit by a powerful attack coming out of China. The protesters' use of messaging apps and chat rooms has allowed them to quickly change and implement plans, frustrating government efforts to control them.

## STUDENTS VOW TO CARRY ON AS CLASSES BEGIN

While Hong Kong's government is hoping that the start of the new school year this week will limit students' time to take to the streets, demonstrators have vowed to continue with the protests and to spread their message on campuses. Student groups are planning a range of civil actions including class boycotts and rallies in the first two weeks of September. While a few universities have banned professors from voicing opinions on the protests, some sympathetic teachers still plan on showing their support. One professor at a major university, who asked not to be named, said he plans to hold classes as normal but won't penalize students who are absent because of the protests and will record lectures for them. Benson Wong, a 50-year-old part-time lecturer at the University of Hong Kong, said he won't record attendance rates at his classes and will delay assessments to help the student protesters. "Punishing students for protesting is covering up the political problem without solving it," Wong said. "If the political crisis cannot be resolved, why should we pretend to go back to normal?"

the banned Hong Kong National Party, said in a post on his personal Facebook page that he was stopped at the city's airport departures area on Thursday night.

"They're trying to plant a seed of fear in people's minds, so that people will stop from attending protests, either the one tomorrow or ones in the future," said Alvin Yeung, a pro-democracy lawmaker. "But my judgment is they won't succeed, because Hong Kong people are very brave." **MDT/BLOOMBERG**



# FROM DIOR TO DRIED FISH, HK RETAILERS FEEL PROTEST PAIN

ERIC LAM, SHERYL TIAN TONG  
LEE & JINSHAN HONG

**W**HETHER it's glitzy shops in Central or decades-old family businesses along the city's winding streets, retailers of all levels across Hong Kong these days find themselves struggling in much the same way.

In the western district of Hong Kong Island, Au Chun Pang, 56, says monthly sales at his dried seafood store have plunged some 20% from the start of the year as economic growth in both China and Hong Kong have slowed and tourism has declined as a result of the frequent protests.

"This was my father's business," he said, speaking among rows of salted fish hanging from the ceiling and walls and baskets of dried shrimp. "I've been running it for almost 30 years. I don't know what will happen now."

Au's store is located just a few blocks away from China's liaison office in the neighborhood of Sai Ying Pun, where some of the most violent confrontations between anti-government protesters and riot police since demonstrations erupted three months ago occurred. Other than a clash last month that disrupted operations, Au has been able to keep his shop open so far, but business has suffered.

Prospects are unlikely to improve any time soon with Hong Kong's economy slowing sharply under the punishing headwinds of a prolonged U.S.-China trade war and the protests that have stretched on since June. There are no visible signs of a resolution coming on either front.

Hong Kong's retail sales by volume fell 13% in July, in the first full month affected by the protests, according to a government release. Retail sales by value dropped 11.4% to a provisionally estimated HKD34.4 billion. Economists surveyed by Bloomberg had forecast a 12.5% contraction from a year earlier for both retail values and volumes.

"Retail sales will likely stay weak in the near term, as esca-

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lated U.S.-mainland trade tensions and subdued economic conditions continue to dampen consumer sentiment," a government spokesman said in the release. "The situation may even deteriorate further if the social incidents involving violence do not come to a stop."

Everywhere you look, there are signs of weakness. The city's economy contracted by 0.4% in the second quarter, more than originally estimated, raising the prospect of a technical recession. Exports fell for a ninth straight month in July, while the long-steady jobless rate ticked hi-

gher for the first time in two years in the same month. Sentiment among small businesses, especially retailers, has hit record lows.

## Carrie Lam has described the economic impact of the protests as worse than the SARS epidemic and the 2008 global financial crisis

"Even on visual inspection you can see the retailers and even restaurants have already been affected in terms of revenue," said Ray-

mond Yeung, chief Greater China economist at Australia & New Zealand Banking Group Ltd. "As long as we see that this trade war continues to escalate and intensify without any sign of slowing down then we expect the second half of the year the economy will continue to slow down."

Hong Kong Chief Executive Carrie Lam has described the economic impact of the protests as worse than the SARS epidemic and the 2008 global financial crisis. Financial Secretary Paul Chan introduced a stimulus package worth about \$2 billion in August targeting small businesses and households, but economists were skeptical

of its impact. Chan is sitting on fiscal reserves of about HKD1.17 trillion, after recording a budget surplus this year.

At Sunglass Hut in IFC Mall, a luxury shopping center in the Central business district, a saleswoman said sales have plummeted as much as 40% since the start of protests. The store sells upscale brands from the likes of Christian Dior SE, Tom Ford, and Gucci.

Business is often suspended early on protest days and staff are suffering from reduced take-home pay, the saleswoman said, declining to give her name.

Most Hong Kong retailers have seen sales drop more than 50% in August, according to the city's Retail Management Association. The association has urged landlords in the city to halve rents for six months.

Some locations are seeking strategies to help. A spokesperson for Pacific Place, the upscale mall owned by Swire Properties Ltd that's seen significant disruption, said the company is working to find "plausible solutions" to the current downturn.

Until recent months, Hong Kong had been enjoying record tourist arrivals, including as many as 5 million from mainland China per month. That tally is likely to drop by as much as 50% in August compared to the same period a year ago, according to Yiu Si-wing, a Hong Kong lawmaker representing the tourism industry.

"The situation has not reached the bottom yet," Yiu said. "In the summer, we were sitting on orders made before the protests escalated. It will become even worse in the first half of September."

Over on the Kowloon side of Hong Kong in Kwun Tong, dried-fruit seller Abey Cheng, 46, has taken up pushing a snack trolley around demonstrations to hand out treats to protesters. She says it's an effort to provide a little bit of encouragement, both for herself and others. Sales at her shop plunged 50% from a year ago in July, and she's earning just enough to cover the rent and her part-time employees' salaries.

"The social atmosphere is not good," she said. "The mood is affecting consumption. Nothing tastes good now." **BLOOMBERG**

## CORPORATE BITS

### Second phase exhibition of Wynn's 'Garden of Earthly Delights' launches

Wynn Macau has partnered with local artists and curators to present an art exhibition titled "Wynn — Post Haywain", allowing the public and visitors to soak up the artistic atmosphere of Art Macao.

The exhibition will showcase a series of artworks created by local artists,

contributing artistic and cultural vitality to Macau as well as supporting its local cultural and creative development.

The exhibition showcases some remarkable artworks created by several contemporary local artists. It is co-curated by Wynn and Blanc Art Macao.

"Wynn — Post Haywain", the second phase exhibition of "Wynn — Garden of Earthly Delights", is free-of-charge and open to the public until October 6, 2019 at the Art Gallery on the first floor of Wynn Palace.

Coinciding with the 20th anniversary of Macau's return to China, the exhibition contextualizes Macau's vibrant development in the past two decades.

### The Cheesecake Factory restaurant on its way to Sands Cotai Central

The Cheesecake Factory restaurant is on its way to Sands Cotai Central in Macau.

With a selection that sits across a 20-page menu, Macau diners can enjoy Avocado Eggrolls, California Guacamole Salad, Farfalle with Chicken and Roasted Garlic, Original Cheesecake

and Ultimate Red Velvet Cake Cheesecake.

The Cheesecake Factory will also introduce a Macau-only limited edition dish— Portuguese Chicken, a portion of a half roasted chicken with coconut curry and peanut sauces and crispy potatoes, according to a press release by the

restaurant firm.

The Cheesecake Factory at Sands Cotai Central will occupy over 8,500 square feet, and will accommodate about 220 diners at a time.

The interior is decorated with hand-painted wall murals and artistically lighting features, offering a heartening and joyful environment like The Cheesecake Factory restaurants all over the world.



# Gov't rebukes EU, US politicians for interfering on Hong Kong

**C**HINA accused some U.S. and European politicians of interfering in its domestic affairs after they commented on Hong Kong demonstrations that were deemed as supportive of protesters.

The Hong Kong branch of China's foreign ministry on Saturday described demonstrators as criminals and extremists, and said support for them equates to "favoring and condoning lawless and violent acts."

Hong Kong police arrested several prominent opposition figures on Friday and warned other protesters could share their fate, raising tensions as authorities seek to quell pro-democracy demonstrations that have raged for almost three months. U.S. Senator Chuck Schumer said on Friday that the detentions were a sign of "weakness and fear," and



U.S. Senator Chuck Schumer

that the Chinese Communist Party had broken its promise to the people of Hong Kong.

"The remarks made by some U.S. politicians disrespect the strict law enforcement by the Hong Kong police," the Office of the Commissioner of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs Hong Kong said in a statement on Saturday. The real

purpose is to let criminals continue to plague Hong Kong and completely destroy the rule of law in Hong Kong."

In a separate statement, the office opposed remarks made by Federica Mogherini, the High Representative of the EU for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy. Mogherini told reporters on Friday that develop-

ments in Hong Kong were extremely worrying and authorities should respect freedoms and rights of people to demonstrate peacefully.

"Some politicians in the EU are confusing right and wrong to express their so-called concerns about this," the office said. "At the moment when Hong Kong is on the verge of restoring the rule of law or sliding into a bottomless abyss, it is totally wrong for some politicians in the EU to confuse black and white and not to condemn the violent and illegal acts by extremists."

The office has previously bashed the U.S. for interfering in the ongoing Hong Kong unrest. It said earlier in August that some U.S. lawmakers incite violence with their words and actions and show they are the "black hand" behind protests in Hong Kong. **BLOOMBERG**

## VIETNAM SAYS SOUTH CHINA SEA TENSIONS CAUSING GLOBAL CONCERNS

NGUYEN DIEU TU UYEN

**V**IETNAM said "serious developments" in the South China Sea have increased tensions in the region and are triggering concern among the international community.

Many countries and organizations are expressing their stance, which indicate they are worried about threats to peace, Ministry of Foreign Affairs spokeswoman Le Thi Thu Hang said in an email on Sunday. She was responding to a statement by the U.K., France and Germany on Thursday, which called for restraint in the South China Sea without mentioning any parties.

Chinese and Vietnamese coast guard vessels are engaged in a standoff over a lucrative oil block claimed by Vietnam near its coast. The three European countries said tensions could lead to insecurity and instability in the region, and added the le-

gal framework set out by the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea granting several claimants sovereign rights to the waters "must be carried out."

The U.S. has said China is intimidating other claimants out of developing resources in the South China Sea. Chinese authorities in turn have accused the U.S. of trying to drive a wedge between it and other countries, and said other non-regional nations are "hyping up the tensions."

Vietnam said it welcomes the participation of other nations. "The South China Sea has important implications for countries inside and outside the region in terms of economy, security, safety, freedom of aviation and navigation," Hang said. "Vietnam welcomes and is willing to join other nations and the international community" to maintain peace, stability and security in the region, she said. **BLOOMBERG**



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# LATEST US, CHINESE TARIFF HIKES TAKE EFFECT IN TRADE WAR

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**T**HE United States and China went ahead with their latest tariff increases on each other's goods yesterday, potentially raising prices Americans pay for some clothes, shoes, sporting goods and other consumer items in advance of the holiday shopping season.

The 15% U.S. taxes apply to about \$112 billion of Chinese imports. All told, more than two-thirds of the consumer goods the United States imports from China now face higher taxes. The administration had largely avoided hitting consumer items in its earlier rounds of tariff hikes.

But with prices of many retail goods now likely to rise, the Trump administration's move threatens the U.S. economy's main driver: consumer spending. As businesses pull back on investment spending and exports slow in the face of weak global growth, American shoppers have been a key bright spot for the economy.

As a result of Trump's higher tariffs, many U.S. companies have warned that they will be forced to pass on to their customers the higher prices they will pay on Chinese imports. Some businesses, though, may decide in the end to absorb the higher costs rather than raise prices for their customers.

In China, authorities began charging higher duties on American imports at midday yesterday, according to employees who



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answered the phone at customs offices in Beijing and the southern port of Guangzhou. They declined to give their names.

Tariffs of 10% and 5% apply to items ranging from frozen sweet corn and pork liver to marble and bicycle tires, the government announced earlier.

After the tariff hike, 87% of textiles and clothing the United States buys from China and 52% of shoes will be subject to import taxes.

On Dec. 15, the Trump administration is scheduled to impose a second round of 15% tariffs — this time on roughly \$160 billion

of imports. If those duties take effect, virtually all goods imported from China will be covered.

The Chinese government has released a list of American imports targeted for penalties on Dec. 15 if the U.S. tariff hikes take effect. In total, Beijing says yesterday's penalties and the planned December increases will apply to \$75 billion of American goods.

Washington and Beijing are locked in a war over U.S. complaints that China steals U.S. trade secrets and unfairly subsidizes its own companies in its drive to develop global competitors in such high-tech industries as artificial intelli-

gence and electric cars.

To try to force Beijing to reform its trade practices, the Trump administration has imposed import taxes on billions of dollars' worth of Chinese imports, and China has retaliated with tariffs on U.S. exports.

Trump has insisted that China itself pays the tariffs. But in fact, economic research has concluded that the costs of the duties fall on U.S. businesses and consumers. Trump had indirectly acknowledged the tariffs' impact by delaying some of the duties until Dec. 15, after holiday goods are already on store shelves.

A study by J.P. Morgan found that Trump's tariffs will cost the average U.S. household \$1,000 a year. That study was done before Trump raised the Sept. 1 and Dec. 15 tariffs to 15% from 10%.

The president has also announced that existing 25% tariffs on a separate group of \$250 billion of Chinese imports will increase to 30% on Oct. 1.

That cost could weaken an already slowing U.S. economy. Though consumer spending grew last quarter at its fastest pace in five years, the overall economy expanded at just a modest 2% annual rate, down from a 3.1% rate in the first three months of the year.

The economy is widely expected to slow further in the months ahead as income growth slows, businesses delay expansions and higher prices from tariffs depress consumer spending. Companies have already reduced investment spending, and exports have dropped against a backdrop of slower global growth.

Americans have already turned more pessimistic. The University of Michigan's consumer sentiment index, released Friday, fell by the most since December 2012.

"The data indicate that the erosion of consumer confidence due to tariff policies is now well underway," said Richard Curtin, who oversees the index.

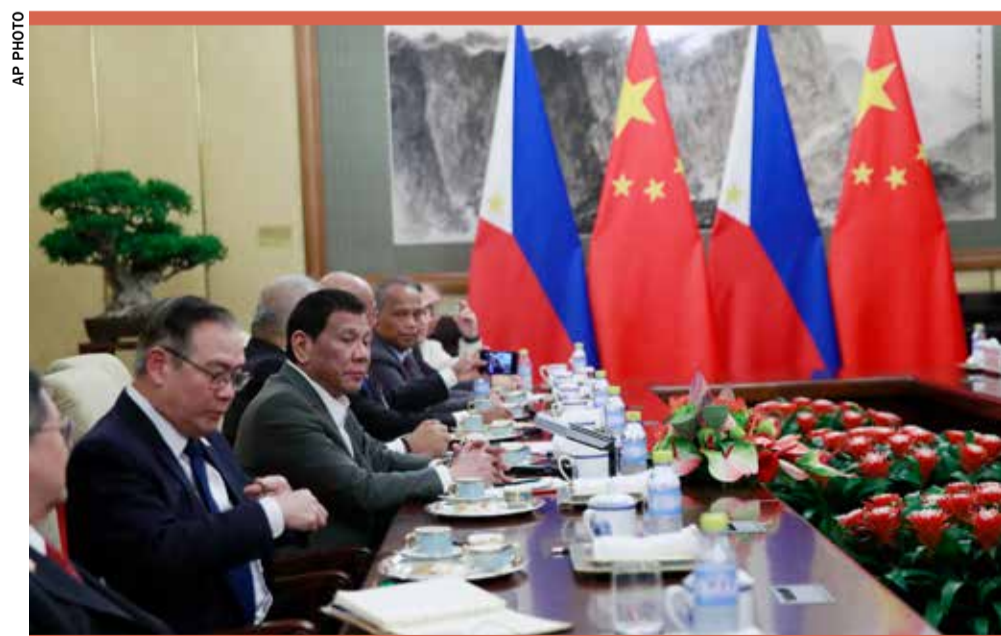
Some retailers may eat the cost of the tariffs. Target confirmed to The Associated Press that it warned suppliers that it won't accept cost increases arising from the China tariffs. But many smaller retailers won't have the bargaining power to make such demands and will pass the costs to customers. **AP**

# Xi tells Philippines it won't recognize ruling on sea row

**C**HINESE President Xi Jinping told his Philippine counterpart that Beijing will not recognize an international arbitration ruling that has invalidated most of China's claims to virtually the entire South China Sea, the Philippine leader's spokesman said.

The row over the disputed waters — a major global shipping route thought to be rich in oil and gas reserves — has for years marred China's relationship with the Philippines and other neighboring countries with rival territorial claims. Beijing has transformed a string of disputed reefs into missile-protected island bases.

Philippine President Rodrigo Duterte has largely avoided the subject in favor



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of seeking warmer ties with Beijing. But under domestic pressure, Duterte raised the issue in talks with Xi in Beijing this week, Duterte

spokesman Salvador Panelo said in a statement Friday.

Duterte told Xi that the 2016 ruling of an international arbitration panel in The

Hague, in which China had refused to participate, "is final, binding and not subject to appeal."

"In response, President

Xi reiterated his government's position of not recognizing the arbitral ruling as well as not budging from its position," Panelo said.

"Both President Duterte and President Xi agreed that while their variant positions will have to remain, their differences however need not derail nor diminish the amity between the two countries," he added.

He said that Duterte raised the possible joint exploration of resources between the Philippines and China, and both leaders agreed on the importance of self-restraint and respect of freedom of navigation.

Philippine Defense Secretary Delfin Lorenzana asked Beijing earlier this month to explain the activities of Chinese research ves-

sels and warships in what the Philippines claims as its waters, and accused China of "bullying."

Lorenzana said China did not ask for permission to send several warships through the Sibutu Strait at the southern tip of the Philippine archipelago on four occasions between February and July. He said two Chinese research ships have also been operating in the Philippines' exclusive economic zone.

Meanwhile, Philippine military spokesman Brig. Gen. Edgar Arevalo accused China of "duplicitous," saying the Chinese warships shut off their identification transponders while passing through Philippine waters to avoid radar detection. **AP**



# North Korea berates Pompeo, says hopes for talks fading

KIM TONG-HYUNG, SEOUL

A senior North Korean diplomat on Saturday berated U.S. Secretary of State Mike Pompeo over his comments describing North Korean behavior as "rogue" and warned that Pyongyang's hopes for talks with Washington are fading.

In a statement carried by state media, North Korean First Vice Foreign Minister Choe Son Hui said Pompeo's "thoughtless" comments increased North Korean people's animosity toward Americans and made it harder for working-level nuclear dialogue between the countries to resume.

North Korea is extremely sensitive to outside criticism about its authoritarian leadership. It has also repeatedly expressed displeasure about a months-long stalemate in negotiations and ramped up testing of short-range ballistic missiles and rocket artillery in recent weeks in an apparent effort to build bargaining leverage.

"Our expectations of dialogue with the U.S. are gradually disappearing and we are being pushed to re-examine all the measures we have taken so far," Choe



North Korean Vice Foreign Minister Choe Son Hui

said in the statement, carried by the North's official Korean Central News Agency, or KCNA.

"We are very curious about the background of the American top diplomat's thoughtless remarks and we will watch what calculations he has," she said. "The U.S. had better not put any longer our patience to the test with such remarks irritating us if it doesn't

want to have bitter regrets afterward."

In a speech to U.S. veterans in Indiana on Tuesday, Pompeo said the Trump administration recognized that "North Korea's rogue behavior could not be ignored" while touting its approach in foreign policy.

"Americanism - it means telling the truth about the challenges we

face," he said. "Look, this administration didn't pretend that the Islamic Republic of Iran was a responsible actor in the Middle East. We called out China's bad behavior on trade and on national security. We recognized - we recognized that North Korea's rogue behavior could not be ignored."

Nuclear negotiations have been at a standstill since a Fe-

bruary summit between President Donald Trump and North Korean leader Kim Jong Un in Vietnam collapsed after the U.S. side rejected North Korean demands for broad sanctions relief in exchange for a partial surrender of its nuclear capabilities.

Since the breakdown in Hanoi, North Korea has repeatedly demanded that Washington remove Pompeo from the nuclear negotiations, accusing him of maintaining a hard-line stance on sanctions and distorting Pyongyang's statements, while avoiding direct criticism of Trump.

Trump and Kim met again at the inter-Korean border in June and agreed to resume working-level talks, but there has been no known meeting between the countries since then.

Last week, North Korean Foreign Minister Ri Yong Ho called Pompeo a "die-hard toxin of U.S. diplomacy" after he said Washington would maintain strong sanctions on North Korea until the country is denuclearized.

KCNA also on Saturday said Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi will visit North Korea soon at the invitation of Ri, but did not specify what would be discussed.

Since initiating diplomacy with Seoul and Washington last year, Kim met Chinese President Xi Jinping five times before and after his summits with Trump and South Korean President Moon Jae-in, cementing longtime ally Beijing as a major player in the process to resolve the nuclear standoff. AP



## PHILIPPINES

# All nine aboard medical evac plane killed in crash

ALL nine people on board a small medical evacuation plane were killed yesterday when the aircraft crashed into a resort area south of the Philippine capital and exploded in flames, officials said.

The light plane crashed into a resort compound in Pansol village in Laguna province near the foothills of Mount Makiling. Police and rescuers retrieved nine bodies from the wreckage, police

said. Two people on the ground were injured and brought to a hospital.

Eric Apolonio, a spokesman of the Civil Aviation Authority of the Philippines, said the light plane was on a me-

dical evacuation flight from southern Dipolog city in Zamboanga del Norte province and disappeared from radar for unknown reasons as it flew over Laguna, about 60 kilometers south of the capital. The plane was supposed to land in Manila.

The nine on board the plane included two pilots, two nurses, a doctor, a patient, the patient's wife and two other people, police said.

Videos posted online by witnesses showed flames and black smoke billowing from the private resort compound in Pansol, a district popular for its hot springs and swimming pools. Firefighters and an ambulance can be seen near the scene of the crash as local officials asked villagers to step back to a safe distance.

The crash happened during the monsoon season, when fewer people visit Pansol's resorts compared to the hot summer months that ended in June.

## SRI LANKA COURT ORDERS REBURIAL OF SUICIDE BOMBER'S REMAINS

BHARATHA MALLAWARACHI, COLOMBO

A Sri Lankan court on Friday ordered police to exhume the remains of an Easter Sunday suicide bomber from a public cemetery after hundreds of people, including relatives of victims, blocked roads in an angry protest.

Police fired tear gas to disperse the protesters, who complained that the burial had been conducted without their consent.

The court told police to remove and relocate the head of the suicide bomber buried at Kalliyankadu cemetery in the eastern town of Batticaloa, police spokesman Ruwan Gunasekare said.

The head is the only known remains of the bomber who attacked the Zion church in Batticaloa, about 320 kilometers east of the capital, Colombo. The blast at the church killed 27 people and wounded more than 70.

Attacks by Islamic extremists on a total of three churches and

three luxury hotels on Easter Sunday killed 263 people.

Gunasekare said when police briefed the Magistrate's Court in Batticaloa about this week's protest, the court ordered police to "exhume the buried head on Monday" and bury it at another location to be determined by the city's top official.

"Until the burial place is determined, the court ordered the head to be kept at the mortuary of the government hospital in the area, under police protection," he said.

The bomber was buried in the public cemetery after Muslims reportedly declined to allow his burial at a Muslim burial ground.

The attacks by nine suicide bombers from a local Muslim group, National Thowheed Jammath, were the most deadly by Islamic State group-linked militants in South Asia.

Seven bombers directly participated in the attacks. Another committed suicide after his attempt failed, while another killed herself to avoid capture. AP



GREGORY KATZ, LONDON

# UK's reputation takes global hit with

IT'S long been known that Britain's Parliament building must be vacated for urgent repairs that will take years and cost billions, but the problem now goes beyond the water leaks and vermin infestation to Britain's global reputation as a model of democracy-in-action.

In parts of the world where Britain's parliamentary system and adherence to the rule of law provided a model to emerging nations, Prime Minister Boris Johnson's brusque decision to shut down Parliament for crucial weeks ahead of the looming Brexit deadline is seen by some as proof that Britain, too, can be subject to a power grab.

Johnson's gambit may pay off if he is able to make Brexit a reality on Oct. 31 without doing grave damage to Britain's economy, but the widely held perception that he is shuttering Parliament to squelch debate (despite his claims to the contrary) has been roundly condemned in key parts of the former British Empire, including some where Queen Elizabeth II is still accorded the status of head of state.

Many Britons — politicians and the public alike — have a

lofty view of the country's role in world affairs, emphasizing its seat on the United Nations Security Council, its nuclear arsenal, and its traditional influence in trouble spots like the Middle East. But the prolonged impasse over Brexit, which was approved more than three years ago but still hasn't taken place, has taken a toll on how much of the world views Britain's vaunted political institutions.

Nicholas Sengoba, a columnist in the former British colony of Uganda, said Johnson's action shows that Britain is not immune to the abuse of power that has plagued some African nations. "The whole notion that a British prime minister cannot be as powerful as an African dictator has been stripped off," he said.

The prolonged Brexit stalemate in Britain has made the former colonial power "look extremely bad" because there is no clear leadership and no consensus on what the actual consequences of a "no deal"

Brexit might be, he said.

Britain's longstanding reputation for openness and fair play has been tarnished by a years-long rift in the opposition Labour Party over whether party chief Jeremy Corbyn and his top advisers tolerate anti-Semitism — there has even been a police investigation of

## Johnson's gambit may pay off if he is able to make Brexit a reality on Oct. 31 without doing grave damage to Britain's economy

some party members — and a desire to keep foreigners from settling in Britain under liberal European Union regulations was at least in part responsible for the 2016 Brexit vote in favor of leaving the 28-nation bloc.

Many academics warn that the loss of EU funding, and a stiffening of rules that made it easy for Europeans to study,

research and teach in Britain, will lower the standards of Britain's world-class scientific and medical institutions, and perhaps even dim the quality of the country's brilliant arts scene. Even the respected royal family is not untouched, with new photographs and stories that document Prince Andrew's association with pedophile financier Jeffrey Epstein, who killed himself in prison in August.

Some have also been surprised by the queen's role in the shutdown of Parliament. As head of state in a constitutional monarchy, Queen Elizabeth II is required to maintain strict neutrality on all political issues, which left her little choice but to approve Johnson's request to shutter Parliament for a longer-than-usual time period.

No one outside her closest family members and inner circle of advisers is likely to ever know whether she felt Johnson's request was appropriate or gave the executive branch

too much power by limiting debate in the legislature, just as no one in the media or public can say with certainty how the queen feels on the underlying question of whether it is wise for Britain to leave the EU.

Britain's tortured path toward Brexit — perhaps now nearing its climax — has exacted a price. In New Zealand, another former colony, the latest moves by Johnson have provoked some talk about whether it's time to change its status as a constitutional monarchy with Elizabeth as a figurehead head of state (she does, after all, reside nearly 12,000 miles away) and instead transform into a republic.

In a satirical tweet, newspaper columnist Dave Armstrong wrote that it would be dangerous for New Zealand to become a republic "as it would sever our ties with the UK — a stable parliamentary democracy where coups, dictatorships and tyranny by the minority simply doesn't occur. Discuss."

University of Otago professor Robert Patman told a New

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# Parliament shutdown

Zealand newspaper that other countries are suspicious that Britain, which he described as gripped by its worst economic and diplomatic crisis since World War II, is behaving like a banana republic, and those suspicions have been deepened by Johnson's latest actions.

"At the moment there's a very dangerous situation in the U.K.," he said.

Johnson's suspension spawned protests in many British cities Saturday, a phenomenon familiar in Canada, where the queen is still the head of state. Former Canadian Prime Minister Stephen Harper sparked major protests after he suspended Parliament in 2008 and 2009, but the protests eventually dwindled and he managed to remain in power despite a no-confidence vote accusing his government of contempt of Parliament.

The influential Toronto newspaper The Globe and Mail said in an editorial that Johnson's suspension

of Parliament must be reversed: "It's wrong. It's undemocratic. It certainly isn't British," the newspaper said.

A cartoon in the Toronto Star newspaper showed Johnson with the queen on a boat that's about to go over a waterfall. Johnson says: "Hold on to your knickers, not even democracy can stop me now!"

The spectacle of Britain's prolonged political impasse over Brexit, and now the decision to shutter Parliament at a key time, is contributing to a sense in Canada that the old colonial power is in decline.

Robert Bothwell, a University of Toronto professor of Canadian history, said Britain has been receding in the Canadian consciousness since the 1960s.

"There is about a 150-degree change in the way Canadians see Britain since the 1960s," he said. "It's not gone but it doesn't exercise the same political economic draw as it did fifty years ago." AP



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**Offbeat**

**250 PIGS ESCAPE; MOST BACK, SOME WITH HELP FROM HOT DOG BUNS**

AP PHOTO



About 250 pigs have been causing a ruckus in a Vermont town the past month after they escaped from their enclosure, but most of them had been returned as of Thursday thanks in part to a trail of hot dog buns and good ol' fashioned corralling.

Several farm workers and a couple of volunteers who heard about the loose pigs trudged up and down the dirt road hill Thursday trying to drive any pigs back into the Sugar Mountain Farm in Orange. They chased the animals into the brush, and ditches, working together to position themselves so that they could corral the large sows and boars, which frequently got away.

But farmer Walter Jeffries said most of his pigs have returned home.

"The pigs have been allowed and remain to be allowed in the town right of way so cars are unable to pass, people can't walk on the road because the pigs chase them," said Town Clerk Angela Eastman on Thursday.

Jeffries faces tens of thousands of dollars in fines from the town for the pigs that have been spotted on and alongside the town road for weeks, creating a nuisance for drivers and pedestrians, according to the town.

Jeffries said he believes the fence enclosure was damaged by vandalism on the night of Aug. 11, allowing about 50 adult pigs and 200 piglets to escape. He thinks it was the work of a former employee and said he reported it to the police. The farm was also robbed recently of thousands of dollars in tools, he said.

Jeffries said his outdoor farm manager then got injured and wasn't able to repair the fencing.

"So we've been dealing with that ever since," he said Thursday, adding that about 99% of the pigs were back and the fence had been fixed.

Earlier in the day, Eastman said she spotted 16 pigs in the town right of way. A town official checks daily, counting and taking photos of the animals. The fine is based on the number of pigs in the right-of-way. As of Thursday the town tallied \$81,955, Eastman said.

"It is a public hazard," she said of the pigs. The pigs also got loose last year, she said.

The Vermont Agency of Agriculture is working with the U.S. Department of Agriculture Wildlife Services to determine how much time is appropriate for the farmer to recover the animals before officials take any action, said agency spokesman Scott Waterman.

Agriculture Secretary Anson Tebbetts told NECN that his agency is concerned about public safety as well as creating a feral population of pigs, which can be destructive to property.

"We want to make sure travelers don't run into the animals — hurt the animals, or hurt themselves," he told NECN.

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17:45	Moda Portugal Sr.4
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21:15	Coisas Curiosas de Saber
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**ANGEL HAS FALLEN**

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**Language:** English (Chinese)  
**Duration:** 121min

**DORAEMON THE MOVIE:**

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**ROOM1**  
4:45pm  
**Director:** Jeong-beom Lee, Shinnosuke Yakuwa  
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**CRAWL**

**ROOM2**  
2:15, 4:00, 5:45, 9:30pm  
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**LITTLE Q**

**ROOM2**  
7:30pm  
**Director:** Wing-Cheong Law  
**Starring:** Allie Chan, Ming Hu, J.J. Jia  
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**Duration:** 107min

**THE ANGRY BIRDS MOVIE 2**

**ROOM3**  
2:30pm  
**Director:** Thurop Van Orman  
**Starring:** Jason Sudeikis, Josh Gad, Leslie Jones  
**Language:** Cantonese (English & Chinese)  
**Duration:** 96min

**RIDE YOUR WAVE**

**ROOM3**  
4:30, 7:30pm  
**Director:** Masaaki Yuasa  
**Starring:** Ryôta Katayose, Rina Kawaei, Honoka Matsumoto  
**Language:** Japanese (English & Chinese)  
**Duration:** 94min

**ONE PIECE STAMPEDE**

**ROOM1**  
2:30, 7:30, 9:30pm  
**Director:** Takashi Otsuka  
**Starring:** Chô, Hiroaki Hirata, Katsuhisa Hôki  
**Language:** Japanese (Chinese)

**this day in history**



**1945 JAPAN SIGNS UNCONDITIONAL SURRENDER**

Japanese officials have signed the act of unconditional surrender, finally bringing to an end six years of world war.

In the presence of 50 Allied generals and other officials, the Japanese envoys boarded the American battleship Missouri in Tokyo Bay to sign the surrender document.

Within half-an-hour of the signing, a convoy of 42 US ships entered Tokyo Bay and landed 13,000 American troops.

The Supreme Commander of the Allied powers, US General Douglas MacArthur, briefly addressed the dignitaries on the deck of the battleship urging them to comply with the terms of the surrender "fully, promptly and faithfully".

He continued: "It is my earnest hope and, indeed, the hope of all mankind, that from this solemn occasion a better world shall emerge out of the blood and carnage of the past; a world founded upon faith and understanding, a world dedicated to the dignity of man and the fulfilment of his most cherished wish, for freedom, tolerance and justice."

He also referred to the nuclear bomb attacks on Hiroshima and Nagasaki, saying they had "revised the traditional concept of war". The world had had its last chance, he said, and if it did not devise some greater and more equitable system Armageddon would be at its door.

Under the terms of the ceasefire, Japan has agreed to end all hostilities, release all prisoners of war, and comply with the terms of the Potsdam declaration, which confines its sovereignty to the four main islands which make up Japan.

It has also agreed to acknowledge the authority of the US supreme commander. Although Emperor Hirohito will be allowed to remain as a symbolic head of state.

From today the occupying force will be rapidly increased to about 500,000. British landing forces are expected to be relieved by US Army troops within a few days. Some will return home to Britain, others may be deployed for the reoccupation of surrendered ports.

The Japanese Prime Minister, Prince Higashi Kuni, broadcast an appeal to his people to obey the terms of the surrender.

He said the Japanese had to face defeat squarely and "suffer even the insufferable" in seeking to comply with the Emperor's surrender proclamation.

Marshal Joseph Stalin has welcomed the unconditional surrender of Japan.

Under the terms of the agreement the disputed southern Sakhalin and the Kurile Islands will pass into Soviet hands. The islands have been occupied by Japan since the Russo-Japanese war of 1904.

Courtesy BBC News

**IN CONTEXT**

The Allies celebrated victory over Japan on 15 August 1945, and that date as well as 2 September are both known as VJ Day.

Japan enjoyed a series of early victories from its entry in the war at Pearl Harbor in December 1941, followed by the conquest of Hong Kong, Burma, the Philippines, Malaya and Borneo.

But the war effort drained the country's economy and hardship prevailed. By 1943 defeats at Midway and Guadalcanal the previous year had contributed to Japan's decline.

Japan suffered further defeats in 1944, then in March 1945 Tokyo came under sustained assault from US bombers. Tens of thousands died and much of the city was razed to the ground.

The Japanese had asked the Soviets to represent them at Potsdam - but under a new deal with the Allies, the Russians were about to break the Russo-Japanese non-aggression pact and did not put their case forward.

On 6 August 1945, the US dropped the first atomic bomb on Hiroshima and three days later a second on Nagasaki. With that and the Soviet declaration of war on 8 August, the Japanese were forced into a surrender that was virtually unconditional.

Emperor Hirohito offered to take the blame for war atrocities committed by the Japanese at a meeting with General MacArthur later in September 1945 but his offer was rejected. He was never tried for war crimes, instead the Americans used him to help push through some democratic reforms that transformed Japanese politics.

Japan regained its independence in 1952 - although the US retained the island of Okinawa until 1972 and still has big military bases there.



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**ARIES**  
 Mar. 21-Apr. 19  
 You have shown amazing patience with someone who seems to be making the same mistakes over and over again - despite their promises that they would stop.

**TAURUS**  
 Apr. 20-May. 20  
 It's in your best interest to get creative with how you get stuff done today - because you need to get your new plans launched as soon as possible! Swallow your pride and ask for the help you need.

**GEMINI**  
 May. 21-Jun. 21  
 If you want to overcome the obstacles that are in your paths, you need to get moving already! Time won't wait for you to figure out the perfect, foolproof plan.

**CANCER**  
 Jun. 22-Jul. 22  
 Don't be afraid to initiate conversations that are about more than fashion, music, pop culture or gossip. Have faith that these people are as deep as you are and eager to grow your relationship.

**LEO**  
 Jul. 23-Aug. 22  
 Authority figures are acting oddly today, and the reason is likely to be that they are more concerned with their own issues than with helping you or even with challenging you to do your best.

**VIRGO**  
 Aug. 23-Sep. 22  
 Everyone has two sides to their personality (at least), so today if someone is getting on your nerves, focus on the part of their personality that is most compatible with yours.

**LIBRA**  
 Sep. 23-Oct. 22  
 Think about what it's like on the other end of things and subtly dig for some clues about how interested these two parties may be. Follow your gut, and if you're ready to connect these hot dots, do it!

**SCORPIO**  
 Oct. 23-Nov. 21  
 There is some unpredictable energy flying around your environment today, so beware. Nothing is for certain, and nothing is going to be written in stone.

**SAGITTARIUS**  
 Nov. 22-Dec. 21  
 Things will be on the quiet side today, and you are in the right mind frame to enjoy it. Put your feet up and relax for a while. It won't be as mundane as you think.

**CAPRICORN**  
 Dec. 22-Jan. 19  
 One of your long lost friends is going to reappear on the scene very soon, and they will offer you a missing link that will connect you to several opportunities - including greater wealth and a hotter romance.

**AQUARIUS**  
 Jan. 20-Feb. 18  
 The best kind of wisdom comes from people who know you well, so if you are feeling the urge to start a new relationship with one of your old relatives, then you shouldn't wait to get started.

**PISCES**  
 Feb. 19-Mar. 20  
 Before you start any artistic projects today, put together a plan - you'll get nowhere without it. Just because something is a creative expression does not mean that it doesn't have any details that you need to clarify.

**The Born Loser by Chip Sansom**



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**WEATHER**

	MIN	MAX	CONDITION
<b>CHINA</b>			
Beijing	19	34	clear
Harbin	15	24	clear
Tianjin	22	33	clear
Urumqi	19	26	cloudy
Xi'an	17	31	clear
Lhasa	12	23	overcast
Chengdu	20	24	clear
Chongqing	22	30	overcast
Kunming	17	24	shower
Nanjing	21	24	moderate rain
Shanghai	20	24	heavy rain
Wuhan	21	30	shower
Hangzhou	21	25	moderate rain
Taipei	26	30	overcast
Guangzhou	25	32	moderate rain
Hong Kong	26	29	drizzle
<b>WORLD</b>			
Moscow	13	24	clear
Frankfurt	10	22	clear
Paris	10	20	clear
London	8	18	clear
New York	19	24	overcast

**CROSSWORDS**

ACROSS: 1- Gossip; 6- FDR's fireside \_\_\_\_; 10- \_\_\_\_ and rave; 14- Related on the mother's side; 15- Circle of light often seen around the head of saints; 16- Author Wiesel; 17- \_\_\_\_ Grows in Brooklyn; 18- Bones found in the hip; 19- Comedian Carvey; 20- Pop's partner; 21- Hired parker; 23- Good point; 24- In front; 26- Borscht veggies; 27- Except if; 29- Large artery; 31- Frost; 32- Trembling poplar; 33- Floors; 36- Reserved; 40- Weeding implement; 41- Goes into business; 42- Passage into a mine; 43- Chews; 44- Girl in a Beach Boys song; 46- Disney's Little Mermaid; 48- Mrs. Gorbachev; 49- Like spinach; 50- German manufacturer of armaments; 52- School gp.; 55- Prefix for while; 56- Classic cars; 57- Infield fly; 59- TV's "Nick at \_\_\_\_"; 60- Often; 61- Castle of dance; 62- Six feet under; 63- Toll rds.; 64- Messed up;

DOWN: 1- Quantity of paper; 2- Golden Rule word; 3- Jellylike citrus preserve; 4- Suffix with Capri; 5- "Speed" star; 6- Young boy or girl; 7- Hearty partner; 8- Came down; 9- Get thee \_\_\_\_ nunnerly; 10- It had a part in the Bible; 11- As \_\_\_\_ resort; 12- Dressed to the \_\_\_\_; 13- Milk source; 22- Small batteries; 23- Big name in insurance; 25- "You are \_\_\_\_"; 26- Uncle Remus title; 27- No way; 28- It's frowned upon; 29- Orgs.; 30- Goes (for); 32- Freshly; 33- Abductor; 34- "Metamorphoses" poet; 35- Biological bristle; 37- Medium of exchange; 38- Iridescent gemstone; 39- Town near Santa Fe; 43- Having special ability; 44- Criminal charge; 45- Flowerchild; 46- Nest of a bird of prey; 47- Dreadlocks wearer; 48- Gives in to oxidation; 49- Give temporarily; 50- Seaweed; 51- Chess piece; 53- Air; 54- Limited; 56- Long-tailed rodent; 58- Hockey great Bobby

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### SPANISH EX-KING SAYS FEELING 'PHENOMENAL' AFTER HEART SURGERY

SPAIN'S former monarch Juan Carlos I says he's feeling "phenomenal" with "new plumbing" after a successful triple bypass heart surgery. "It feels like a truck ran me over, but now it's about getting rid of the truck and looking ahead," the 81-year-old king emeritus said Sunday as he was driven out of a hospital in the outskirts of Madrid. "New pipes, new plumbing, [it feels] phenomenal," he added.

Quirón Salud Hospitals Managing Director Lucía Alonso said the former king was discharged one week after the operation because he is "clinically stable." The operation was Juan Carlos' 17th surgical procedure and had been scheduled two months ago. The king emeritus abdicated in 2014 in favor of his son, Felipe, ending a near 39-year reign. He retired from public duties last May.



### 'STRAIGHT PRIDE' PARADE DRAWS MARCHERS, PROTESTERS

A "straight pride" parade and counter-demonstration went off in Boston Saturday without any major conflicts reported between the two groups. An organization calling itself Super Happy Fun America announced the parade as Boston celebrated LGBTQ Pride Month earlier this summer, saying it believes straight people are an oppressed majority. Counter-demonstrators accused those organizers of promoting an atmosphere of violence toward the LGBTQ community.

The parade, with marchers carrying signs such as "2020 Trump" and "Build The Wall," moved from Copley Plaza, through major downtown streets before ending with a rally at City Hall Plaza, where the crowd and speakers were outnumbered by those protesting them from behind barricades. Several arguments and minor fights were reported on the parade route and police made over 30 arrests, but did not report any major confrontations. Four officers suffered minor injuries during the parade.

### ELLIE GOULDING WEDS ART DEALER BOYFRIEND IN LAVISH CEREMONY

BRITISH singer-songwriter Ellie Goulding has married art dealer Caspar Jopling in a lavish ceremony with pals Katy Perry, Orlando Bloom and Sienna Miller in attendance.

The two tied the knot Saturday in Yorkshire, England, at the gothic York Minster Cathedral. The 32-year-old Goulding was wearing a white custom Chloe gown. She pulled up in a flower-adorned blue Volkswagen minivan to cheers with

her long veil over her face. Her attendants struggled with wind as they wrangled the high-neck, long-sleeve dress. Goulding and the 27-year-old Jopling, who has family ties to the area, were engaged last year. Well-wishers lined the street leading to the cathedral as guests arrived. Among other celebrities on hand: Sarah Ferguson and her two daughters, princesses Eugenie and Beatrice.



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# China tries to gain traction in its basketball World Cup

**T**HE China men's basketball team was woeful at the last two Olympics. It went 0-5 three years ago in Rio de Janeiro, and had the same abysmal record in 2012 in London.

Now there's a big chance to make amends at home.

"We lost all our games and came back. It was disappointing," China coach Li Nan said of play in Rio. "This year we've put a lot of effort into preparing for this tournament and we want to show — with some adjustments and with the same core group of guys — that we can compete on the international level."

They did on Saturday as the two-week tournament opened across the country. China defeated the Ivory Coast 70-55 for a positive start in Beijing on the first day of play.

Though early tournament games are spread across eight venues, much of the focus is on Beijing. China plays its initial group games here, and it's also the site of the semifinals and final.

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"China basketball has very high expectations for this tournament," Li said.

China has tried foreign coaches — Americans and Europeans — but has turned back to a Chinese hoping for success.

Conditions are favorable for China if it can exploit them. Its four-team group is modest with

Poland, Ivory Coast, and Venezuela. It avoided any powerful European teams in the draw like Serbia and Greece. And home crowds should push it to be among the group's top two teams that advance to the second round.

"They are gaining experience in different places, but what they are still looking for is that supers-

tar," said Josh Davis, who played at Yale and is announcing games in Beijing for international broadcasts.

"Yao Ming was an international superstar. They don't have that right now. That's not just China. Every single country is looking for someone they can build their team around."

Li Nan played for China in the 2008 Olympics when it reached the quarterfinals. And former NBA center Yi Jianlian is the only player from the 2008 Olympics playing on this World Cup team.

"Looking back at the 2008 Olympics, we looked at this as our Olympics," Yi said, speaking through an interpreter. "We want to look at this tournament as the same thing — as our basketball World Cup."

Remnants of Beijing's 2008 Olympics are major backdrops for the World Cup, though the tournament is much smaller and swallowed up by a sprawling city in which there are only a few indications the event is going on.

A well-known soccer fan, Chinese President Xi Jinping attended a lavish opening ceremony on Friday at the Water Cube, the 2008 swimming venue where Michael Phelps won eight gold medals. Yao Ming showed off the Naismith Trophy — it goes to the winner — and shared the stage with dancers, singers, and acrobats.

Across town, the venue built for basketball is almost unrecognizable from 11 years ago with its gold and red exterior that is plastered with sponsors' names. Before China's match, the ticket area outside the arena was teeming with fans waving red and yellow Chinese flags, posing for photos, and showing off tickets. **MDT/AP**

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**OPINION**

**Rear Window**

Severo Portela



**COURTESY CALL**

Now it is completely official. TUI acknowledged the easy to tally 400-vote small-circle method to select the new Chief Executive. 392 of the 400 happened to cast their votes for the solo runner Ho Iat Seng, giving Chui Sai On's replacement an almost unanimous label. And that is about all the discomfort civil society has been feeling as the small-circle ballot takes place, while resenting not being allowed any sort of political development. Now it seems totally irrelevant to propose the mere expansion of the selection committee by a hundred or two.

The freezing of the MSAR's political development towards universal suffrage, now more than ever, given the heated exogenous environment of the civic and political unrest across the Pearl River Delta, seems excessively cautious, worse, undeserving of a wise, law-abiding, Basic Law-loving population which is longing only to play by the rules written down in the Basic Law.

For once, we should say, the unorthodox grace period – indeed, more like a deferral term – the CE-elect faces from the ballots until being sworn into office on December 20th can be a blessing to Ho Iat Seng. Ho is given additional time to assess the true zeitgeist in the MSAR, not the outlook fabricated by those unorthodox consultation methods: replacing the tailoring with hearing directly from the community.

Secondly, Ho is given the time and space to watch as a CE-elect, free from duty, as the Hong Kong crisis unrolls step by step, and how its soft ripples reach quiet Macau. If we may resort to colorful typhoon lingo as metaphoric aid, we would say that all goes well in Macau whenever tropical storms like "Podul" blow heading to Vietnam, leaving MSAR unscathed. No harm intended, of course.

Besides the grace period, which we characterize as a deferral, Ho Iat Seng enjoys a de facto political hiatus, in which he can address issues less formally, meet persons of interest in that persona of the soon-to-be, while drafting the grand lines of his program. As an example of the benefits of that exchange, we believe the meeting with the Sulu Sou democrats stands out as a model of interaction...albeit in the realm of the good intentions and future deeds.

Anyway, Macau democrats (NMA) played their role, openly abiding by the real politik of accepting Beijing's role as first and foremost in the development of the SAR political profile, but – and a big but – the first step must be initiated by the MSAR government. Bona Fide hopes from the New Macau Association are for the next CE to hasten the reports to Beijing in order to have a roadmap for the reform of the political system.

Rushing to fulfil their part, NMA, through lawmaker Sulu Sou is asking the government to respect the results of the online poll on universal suffrage. A few thousand voters were for universal suffrage by 93.9%. How many in the small-circle committee would vouch for universal suffrage?!

To shorten the argument, SAR is ripe to understand that today the local democrats do not and will not address things not related to Macau and which are not under the purview of the Basic Law. We do not call upon liberals to question Chinese sovereignty or China's political system. The matter is a given for the Macau Special Administrative Region as it is the Basic Law.

Our final notes go to the rude alleged breach of the law which police officials had to undertake to avoid a hypothetical demonstration of support of Hong Kong. That is to say, is it that the Police construe the reading of the constitutional law and political evaluation before engaging in law enforcement?

Then there is the Singaporean outburst to collectively diminish Macau's people as submissive, spineless, or worse, what could be worse? And, then some late summer readings on bitter transformative satires one can find in Alberto Moravia "The Conformist" (Il Conformista) and a play by Ionesco". Civil Society degrades under hegemonic pressure.

**WHERE'S THE POPE?  
 STUCK IN VATICAN ELEVATOR**

Thousands of people who were gathered in St. Peter's Square for the traditional Sunday on-the-dot-of-noon appearance by Pope Francis were watching for the window of the Apostolic Palace to be thrown open so they could listen to the pope's remarks and receive his blessing. But after seven minutes, people were looking at each other quizzically: no pope?

Then Francis popped out and answered their question: "First of all I must excuse myself for being late. I was blocked in an elevator for 25 minutes."

Apparently referring to electrical power, Francis explained

that there was a "drop in tension," causing the elevator to get stuck.

"Thank God the firefighters intervened," Francis said, referring to tiny Vatican City State's own fire department.

He then asked for a round of applause for his rescuers, and went ahead with his regular remarks and blessings, concluding with an announcement that he has chosen 13 churchmen to become the Church's newest cardinals.

The Vatican didn't say if the pope was alone in the elevator or accompanied by any of his aides.



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**TECHNOLOGY**

**OPERATION INFECTS  
 IPHONES WITH SPYWARE**

**RESEARCHERS** say suspected nation-state hackers infected Apple iPhones with spyware for over two years in what security experts on Friday called an alarming security failure for a company whose calling card is privacy.

A mere visit to one of a small number of tainted websites could infect an iPhone with an implant capable of sending the smartphone owner's text messages, email, photos and real-time location data to the cyberspies behind the operation.

"This is definitely the most serious iPhone hacking incident that's ever been brought to public attention, both because of the indiscriminate targeting and the amount of data compromised by the implant," said former U.S. government hacker Jake Williams, the president of Rendition Security.

Announced late Thursday by Google researchers, the last of the vulnerabilities were quietly fixed by Apple by February but only after thousands of iPhone users were believed exposed over more than two years.

The researchers did not identify the websites used to seed the spyware or their location. They also did not say who was behind the cyberespionage or what population was targeted, but experts said the operation had the hallmarks of a nation-state effort.

Williams said the spyware implant wasn't written to transmit stolen data secu-

rely, indicating the hackers were not concerned about getting caught. That suggests an authoritarian state was behind it. He speculated that it was likely used to target political dissidents.

Sensitive data accessed by the spyware included WhatsApp, iMessage and Telegram text messages, Gmail, photos, contacts and real-time location — essentially all the databases on the victim's phone. While the messaging applications may encrypt data in transit, it is readable at rest on iPhones.

Google researcher Ian Beer said in a blog posted late Thursday that the discovery should dispel any notion that it costs a million dollars to successfully hack an iPhone. That's a reference to the case of a United Arab Emirates dissident whose iPhone was infected in 2016 with so-called zero-day exploits, which have been known to fetch such high prices.

"Zero day" refers to the fact that such exploits are unknown to the developers of the affected software, and thus they have had no time to develop patches to fix it.

The discovery, involving 14 such vulnerabilities, was made by Google researchers at Project Zero, which hunts the security flaws in software and microprocessor firmware, independent of their manufacturer, that criminals, state-sponsored hackers and intelligence agencies use.

"This should serve as a wake-up call to folks," said

Will Strafach, a mobile security expert with Sudo Security. "Anyone on any platform could potentially get infected with malware."

Beer said his team estimated that the infected websites used in the "indiscriminate watering hole attacks" receive thousands of visitors per week. He said the team collected five separate chains of exploits covering Apple's iOS system as far back as version 10, released in 2016.

Apple did not respond to requests for comment on why it did not detect the vulnerabilities on its own and if it can assure users that such a general attack could not happen again. Privacy assurance is central to the Apple brand.

Neither Google nor Beer responded to questions about the attackers or the targets, though Beer provided a hint in his blog post: "To be targeted might mean simply being born in a certain geographic region or being part of a certain ethnic group."

Beer warned that absolute digital security can't be guaranteed. Smartphone users must ultimately "be conscious of the fact that mass exploitation still exists and behave accordingly," he wrote, "treating their mobile devices as both integral to their modern lives, yet also as devices which when compromised, can upload their every action into a database to potentially be used against them." **MDT/AP**



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**Afghanistan** The Taliban attacked a second Afghan city in as many days yesterday, killing several civilians and security forces, officials said, even as Washington's peace envoy said the U.S. and the militant group are "at the threshold of an agreement" to end America's longest war.

**Iran-France** Efforts by France and Iran to salvage the nuclear deal are gaining momentum as Tehran sends its special envoy back to Paris this week while signaling it could be edging closer to a plan to restore some of its oil exports.



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**Turkey's** president threatened Saturday to launch a unilateral offensive into northeastern Syria if plans to establish a so-called safe zone along Turkey's border fail to meet his expectations, including a demand that Turkish soldiers control the corridor.

**Germany** made an emotional appeal for forgiveness to neighboring Poland 80 years after the start of World War II that was met by a renewed demand for reparations by the fellow European Union member's prime minister.



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**USA** At least five people are dead in West Texas after a man stopped by state troopers for failing to signal a left turn opened fire and fled, shooting more than 20 people as he drove before being killed by officers outside a movie theater, authorities said.