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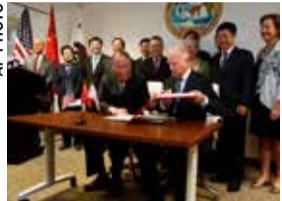
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China-US As tensions between China and the United States ratchet up, former California Gov. Jerry Brown sees a way to bring together the world's largest carbon emitter and a U.S. state that's leading the way in energy standards: climate change. Brown and Xie Zhenhua, China's top climate official, announced a new university partnership focused on climate research and policy.

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Indonesia Police fired tear gas and water cannons yesterday to disperse thousands of rock-throwing students protesting a new law that they said has crippled Indonesia's anti-corruption agency. Several thousand university students are enraged that Indonesia's parliament passed a law last week that reduces the authority of the Corruption Eradication Commission.

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Indonesia The death toll from violent protests in the restive Papua province has risen to 32 after several bodies were found under burned buildings, officials said yesterday. An angry mob torched local government buildings, shops and homes and set fire to cars and motorbikes in Wamena city on Monday in a protest by hundreds of people sparked by rumors that a teacher had insulted an indigenous student.

Gulf tensions Britain, France and Germany joined the United States in blaming Iran for attacks on key oil facilities in Saudi Arabia, but the Iranian foreign minister pointed to claims of responsibility by Yemeni rebels and said: "If Iran were behind this attack, nothing would have been left of this refinery."

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MACAU TO HOLD CANCELED HK PGA TOUR GOLF EVENT

RENATO MARQUES

MACAU will succeed Hong Kong as host of the Professional Golfers' Association (PGA) Tour Series-China, initially scheduled to take place on October 17-20 at Clearwater Bay Golf & country club in Hong Kong.

The information was provided by the PGA Tour organizers in Beijing.

According to the Associated Press, the executive director of PGA Tour Series-China, Greg Carlson, said that the event in Hong Kong had been canceled due to safety concerns as the region continues to face social turmoil for the fourth consecutive month.

"We have analyzed this situation from every angle, and as a group, we determined that canceling the 2019 Clearwater Bay Open is the best decision," Carlson said on Monday.

At the time, Carlson noted that the tour was looking into alternative solutions for the event.



DAVID GOLDSBURY

Macau comes as an easy choice, as the region has already some background and experience with such sports and the organization of events, having held several international level tournaments in the past few years in both the Caesars Golf Macau (in the surroundings of Cotai) and at the Macau

Golf & Country Club in Coloane.

To attract players to join the event after the announcement of the cancellation, Carlson also added that the prize money will significantly increase from RMB1.6 million to a total of RMB2.1 million. In addition to the changes of venue and prize money,

the tournament will be held one week earlier than originally planned, from October 10 to 13. The leading five players from the China tour earn status on the Korn Ferry Tour, the step below PGA Tour membership. Max McGreevy of the United States leads the money list in China.

COMPREHENSIVE LIBRARY AT SEAC PAI VAN OPENS

THE Seac Pai Van Library in Coloane was inaugurated yesterday in the presence of government officials such as Secretary for Social Affairs and Culture Alexis Tam and the president of the Cultural Affairs Bureau, Mok Ian Ian.

The library has a total area of 2,074 square meters and more than 300 reading seats. It currently hosts a collection of approximately 40,000 volumes and 3,500 audiovisual materials, with an estimated storage capacity up to 75,000 volumes.

The library features personal reading spaces and social interaction areas, such as a multi-functional room, group discussion room, and a family zone. It is designed to integrate the functions of learning, leisure and social intercourse, according to the government.

In addition to the general library functions and areas, the library also features a nursing room and a self-service station.

"We aim to have the Seac Pai Van Library serve as a comprehensive public library, providing a multitude of services and facilities to assist [with] any and all endeavors in the pursuit of learning, leisure and social functions," said Mok.

"I think it is quite good," commented Secretary Tam. "Later we can consider whether we should extend the service hours of the library."

"It is a very good for serving the Macau public. Next year, when the [public school] is completed, this community then will be equipped with all kinds of facilities," added Tam. "I encourage the students to come here often."

The library opens from 2 p.m. to midnight on Mondays and from 8 a.m. to midnight, from Tuesday to Sunday. During its opening hours, only security guards and cleaning staff will be on duty from 8 p.m. until closing time, while no library staff will be available. The library will be closed from the first day to the third day of the Chinese Lunar New Year. JZ

MEMORY LANE

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The Lai Chi Vun shipyard was part of Macau's industrial heritage, existing for centuries, focusing on building fishing vessels for the neighboring regions. The SAR's shipbuilding industry was said to have flourished between the 1970s and the early 1990s. Currently classified by the government as an immovable asset, some 17 shipbuilders formerly resided in the area located nearby Coloane Village. The pictured ship is one of the last fishing boats that was built in the shipyard. Previously, the Cultural Affairs Bureau had proposed to divide the area into five zones of differing degrees of preservation. Back in 2016, plans to use the buildings as a means of showcasing the role that the shipyards had in Macau were announced. Talks on proposals to revamp Lai Chi Vun have also taken place over the past few years, including discussions on having it rebuilt as a cultural tourism attraction.

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Macao Government Tourism Office director, Helena de Senna Fernandes (left) and Secretary-General of the Global Tourism Economy Forum, Pansy Ho

GTEF

Macau wants to 'work together, not against HK,' say tourism leaders

RENATO MARQUES

MACAUI aims to work together with its neighboring regions, namely Hong Kong and the cities that are part of the Greater Bay Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macau Area (GBA), to promote global growth and benefits from the tourism industry.

That was the message voiced by both the Secretary-General of the Global Tourism Economy Forum (GTEF), Pansy Ho, and the Macao Government Tourism Office (MGTO) director Helena de Senna Fernandes, also vice chairman of the event.

The sentiment came during the question and answer session of the GTEF press conference

held yesterday morning to present this year's program.

Questioned by the media as to how the current situation in the neighboring region of Hong Kong is affecting local tourism and whether Macau is taking advantage of opportunities brought about in Hong Kong's social unrest, Ho said that was not the objective of Macau's tourism development.

"This is not the time or the right avenue to talk about the situation in Hong Kong. Here today we are mainly focusing on Macau's tourism development and how to utilize the global tourism economy forum as a means to promote our own tourism development," said Ho.

"As a [tourism stakeholder], we

wish that the situation [in Hong Kong] can be quickly resolved and brought back to normal [...] especially now that both Hong Kong and Macau are part of the Greater Bay Area. In fact, the purpose [of the GTEF] is exactly how we raise the collaboration between these cities."

The Secretary-General of the GTEF concluded by saying, "although we are not and cannot be answering to the situation in Hong Kong, from the standpoint of Macau it would obviously be good if we can all work together in collaboration to present ourselves in what we call a [wholesome] tourism area."

The MGTO director noted "various factors" are influencing the current tourism performance,

observing that the lower growth of Macau last month cannot simply be attributed to the situation in Hong Kong, but comes from multiple factors, including the "current economic situation on the mainland."

"The August numbers are still up, although obviously showing a much milder growth compared to what we had been seeing until July. Until July we were having double-digit increases and now, as far as we can see, [the increase] is about 6%. We have seen a milder August compared to what we were having before," said Senna Fernandes.

She added, "September numbers are not out yet but the feedback that we have been receiving from the industry is that there

are fewer tour groups and we have also seen a drop in terms of international arrivals, but in terms of Hong Kong arrivals, mainland arrivals [and] even Taiwan arrivals, these have been quite stable."

Adding her perspective about the current situation in the neighboring region and its impact on the local tourism business, Senna Fernandes said, "Obviously for us anything that happens around our area - not only limited to Hong Kong - will [be expressed] in different forms of reactions in the market. What [was observed] is that although the number of visitors is still up, the expenditure has been going down compared to what we were experiencing before. So there are different variants in terms of visitor arrivals and expenditure. I don't think it can only be attributed to Hong Kong."

"For us as a Greater Bay Area, it will be important to work together with our neighbors," added the government official. "I don't think we should distance ourselves from Hong Kong, because of current events. Instead, we should work more together."

GTEF

Brazil, Argentina, Jiangsu featured as partners this year

RENATO MARQUES

THE Global Tourism Economy Forum (GTEF) will be held in Macau between October 13 and 15 this year under the theme of "Tourism and Leisure: Roadmap to a Beautiful Life," the organizers confirmed yesterday, at a pre-event press conference that served to present the event's program.

At the event, held at the MGM Macau integrated resort, the organizers noted that the theme comes

directly from the idea raised by Chinese President Xi Jinping on the contributing factors for a "Beautiful Life", which can also come from tourism.

As previously announced, this year, the GTEF will feature Argentina and Brazil as partner countries and Jiangsu as the partner mainland province.

Continuing the collaboration with the World Tourism Organization (UNWTO), the GTEF will also bring to the local event the finale of the "UNWTO Tou-

risms Tech Adventure: SportsTech" as one of its features.

The event in Macau will also include the first "GTEF World Tourism Investment and Financing Conference," as another of the novelties for this year.

In his remarks, the Chief of Office of the Secretary for Social Affairs and Culture, Ip Peng Kin noted, "Macau stands as a major hub along the Belt and Road and one of the core cities in the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macau Greater Bay Area." Ip noted that this represents

added opportunities for the local tourism industry to reach new developments.

For Ip, the tourism forum, "demonstrates our city's resolve towards sustainability."

Pansy Ho emphasized, the "GTEF has established itself as a fixture of Macau. Through our platform, we strive to strengthen the connections between the global tourism industry and its related industries to embrace 'China's holistic tourism' and tourism plus strategies to promote the sustainable

development of the tourism economy."

Under the idea of exploring the opportunities offered by sports tourism, the event will bring together ministers of sports, culture and tourism, corporate leaders and experts from across the world to discuss the latest tourism policies and trends, unveil opportunities for new growth in cultural, sports and wellness tourism, as well as explore the interplay potential between the tourism markets of China and Latin America.

Ho additionally remarked

that both South American countries will be represented at a higher level, with several ministers in attendance, along with the expected participation of Brazil's vice president Antônio Hamilton Mourão.

Questioned on the topic, Ip noted that this year the event would see a budget increase of about 4% to MOP55.4 million as well as a 10% increase to the government's contribution, which will reach now a total investment of around MOP29 million.

SECRETIVE GAMING DIRECTIVE MIGHT FALL OUTSIDE THE LAW

DANIEL BEITLER

THE gaming regulator has formally instructed local casino operators and junkets not to transfer “gaming-related information” to any third parties without first obtaining approval from the Macau authority. Contained within a secret - possibly extralegal - document still not disclosed to the public, the directive (from the Portuguese technical term, instrução) effectively grants the Gaming Inspection and Coordination Bureau (DICJ) the power to screen all casino-related information intended for transfer.

First reported by Macau Business, which obtained access to the document over the weekend, the directive appears to have been sent to Macau-based gaming concessions, sub-concessions and junket operators.

A representative of the DICJ confirmed to the Times that the instruction came into effect on Monday, September 23, but indicated that it was not being made public.

“In accordance with the relevant requirements of the existing regulatory authorities, the Macau SAR has the authority to supervise the operation of the industry by issuing guidelines to the gaming industry,” the DICJ wrote in a note to the Times. “The purpose of the instruction is to ensure that the transfer of gaming-related information between the gaming companies and the gaming promoters is in compliance with the laws of Macau, in particular the gambling laws, anti-money



laundering laws and other regulations, thereby safeguarding the healthy development of the gaming industry.”

Macau lawyer Rui Proença, who has a professional interest in data privacy issues, said that it was difficult to comment in precise terms without access to the document. However, based on the information currently obtained via the media, he noted that his first impression was that the directive would be “transformational in how the operators transfer data and who can access that data.”

But the use of the term “gaming-

related information” suggests a broader scope than “personal data.”

For analyst Ben Lee, managing partner at IGamiX Management & Consulting, the exact purpose of the directive remains unclear. Lee speculated that it might have been designed to protect sensitive individuals with connections to important Chinese political or business leaders from being linked to Macau.

“I am speculating that it has something to do with the recent 60 Minutes Australian news program, which alleged that sensitive individuals were connected to the

casino business,” he said, referring to a particular broadcast in late July. Lee was featured on the 60 Minutes news program, which exposed links between Australia’s Crown Resorts and Asian crime syndicates with access to Chinese high-rollers.

“It might be to prevent information [on these people] from being sent overseas,” said Lee, adding that in this sense it was “more applicable to the U.S. operators than the Chinese ones.”

The Macau regulator has denied it seeks to prevent the transfer of information under normal circumstances. It said that the

new directive would not infringe on the legal rights of companies and individuals in Macau.

“The relevant guidelines do not completely prohibit [...] the transfer of gambling-related information, but only require that they must obtain permission from the DICJ before they can transfer it,” said the regulator in its written communication. “If the relevant information on the transfer of gambling is analyzed to be legal and reasonable, the DICJ will grant permission, so there is no restriction on the exercise of statutory rights.”

Speaking to the Times yesterday, lawyer Jorge Menezes appeared to disagree.

Stressing that his legal opinion was based solely on the available media reports and not on the directive itself, the Macau-based lawyer said that “restrictions on access to data of concessionaires or sub-concessionaires can only be set out by law approved by the Legislative Assembly.”

“Access to information of public entities - and gaming operators are under the same legal regime - is a fundamental right that can only be limited by law and there are court decisions confirming this.” Menezes added that “the DICJ has already been defeated in several access of information court cases.”

“Apart from being most likely illegal, it sets a poor standard for the transparency required in gaming activities,” said Menezes. “The industry will not thrive by having gaming activities and operations carried out in an opaque manner. Transparency and public accountability should play a fundamental role in a successful gaming industry, particularly when suspicions of criminal activities have been raised.”

GAMING

Analysts lower expectations ahead of Golden Week

BROKERAGE Sanford B.C. Bernstein Ltd. is not optimistic over the performance of casinos during the upcoming Chinese holiday season, expecting that visitors to Macau will have a lower spend per capita than in 2018.

Analysts have lowered their expectations for the city’s business performance during the upcoming October 1 Golden Week, predicting that casino managements’ spending on customer incentives “will be high during the period, but likely go to an average lower-spend customer than in 2018.”

“While hotel bookings are solid, we expect the



quality of the customers will be lower [i.e., lower spend per head] this year,”

the firm wrote Monday. “Consequently, higher-end play will likely remain

tepid during Golden Week and during the whole of October,” analysts Vitaly

Umansky, Eunice Lee and Kelsey Zhu noted.

Analysts at JP Morgan Securities (Asia Pacific) expect to see a stronger performance starting from the second week of October. “We’ll get some color around October 7 to 8,” analysts DS Kim, Jeremy An and Derek Choi said.

“We estimate mass GGR has edged down by mid- to high-single-digit [percent] month-on-month for the month to date, although year-on-year growth appears strong [in the] mid-teens [thanks to easy comparisons from Super Typhoon [Mangkhut] last year,”

read the statement from the analysts.

For the team, the social unrest in Hong Kong may still affect the city’s mass market business.

The tourism bureau is expecting a 15% year-on-year increase in visitor numbers during the Chinese holiday.

Last year, Macau welcomed over 890,000 visitors during the October 1 Golden Week, registering a year-on-year rise of 7.2%.

The surge was due to a rise in the number of visitors from mainland China, which increased 14%, while international visitors from other markets totaled 45,000, down by 33.6%. LV

MACAU'S LEADING NEWSPAPER



Connie Chio



Karen Chu (left) and Bibiana Lee



Lam Mou Wai (left) and Jacky Wu

Sands China's team members appreciate the learning opportunities

(Continued from yesterday)

SANDS China's team members express gratitude for the learning opportunities offered by the company as the integrated resort operator continues to provide training and educational programmes for its team members and business partners.

Earlier this month, the integrated resort operator held the Sands China Academy's Diversified Local Talent Graduation Ceremony at Sands Cotai Central to celebrate the achievements of local team members nurtured through its various human resource development programmes.

Three key areas of focus are horizontal and vertical management talent development, professionalism training, and development of industry professionals outside of Sands China.

For Sands China, it adheres to the government's call for boosting the development of the Greater Bay Area, thus increasing the knowledge of its team members – from its management level employees and across the board.

The company continues to go the extra mile to nurture and develop the local workforce by giving its employees opportunities to learn additional skills and techniques.

For Connie Chio, assistant vice president of Paiza Operations, professionalism training has resulted in an in-depth understanding of China's economic development.

Chio and her team members undertook the company's Professionalism Training programme, which was launched in 2016 and was the first programme in the SAR to be co-organised with the Labour Affairs Bureau and

the Macao Federation of Trade Unions.

The assistant vice president remarked that the programme also includes visits to areas in the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area such as Shunde, a UNESCO Creative City of Gastronomy; the headquarters of internet giant Tencent Holdings Limited in Shenzhen; and the Qianhai Free Trade Zone, each of which has different histories and characteristics that help her understand the country's culture further.

"As a Chinese citizen, I feel proud of my country. Through the field trips, we feel fortunate that every single place that we visited allowed us to understand the region's economic development, history and culture," said Chio.

As food culture and innovative technology are closely related to her work, she and her team considered how they could improve themselves. "Definitely, this knowledge can broaden my horizons," she added.

As part of the company's Paiza management team, Chio said that the programme has become instrumental in understanding the company's key market.

"Personally, I think we cannot fully develop unless we understand what is going on in our region. Only after that can we grasp the opportunities to better develop our careers and personal lives," she added.

The programme also includes seminars on the fundamentals of protocol, which strengthen team members' knowledge of protocol in Chinese-foreign affairs, Macau affairs and external affairs, allowing them to enhance their level of professionalism and familiarize themselves with how to receive delegations and guests.

The Professionalism Training programme has trained over 5,100 team members from 19 departments.

Meanwhile, the company continues to offer an abundance of horizontal and vertical career mobility options to its team members through a variety of trailblazing talent development initiatives.

For Lam Mou Wai, who moved from a dealer role to the facilities department through the My Way programme, he noted that the transfer was an opportunity for him to acquire a different set of skills, despite the challenges of learning work of a different nature.

"I'm personally very active and would like to participate in more programmes. The most challenging part is the different training sessions with the Labour Affairs Bureau in regards to work safety," said Lam. "I'm happy to have overcome the challenges and I'm really grateful to the company for offering this opportunity. Now I have two skill sets and I feel really satisfied. While there are so many upcoming projects in Macau, I believe the transfer has prepared me for more opportunities in the facilities department."

Another Sands China team member echoed the same sentiments, noting that such opportunities offered by the company allow them to explore different non-gaming departments in the company.

The first large-scale horizontal development programme in Macau, My Way was launched in 2016, with more than 2,200 team members having joined the programme to date.

Jacky Wu, who used to be in the table games department, now works in the housekeeping

department after joining the Manager Development Programme for Integrated Resorts, which is co-organised with Institute for Tourism Studies (IFT).

"I'm very proud to be one of the participants in the Manager Development Programme. I've learned a lot in hotel operations, as I used to be in a different working environment. I feel happy to experience all the on-the-job training at the company and classroom learning at IFT. As Macau has a lack of local talent for management-level positions, and me being a manager now, I am convinced that this opportunity will lift my career to the next level," he said.

Diversified management development programmes have helped over 1,600 team members to advance their careers since 2016, by completing more than 30 programmes.

Meanwhile, the integrated resort operator has also extended its learning programmes to its business partners – whom it views as its strategic partners.

Since the company also greatly values its retail partners and small and medium enterprises, it came up with the Sands Retail Academy and the Sands Procurement Academy – both are the first training programmes of their kind in Macau for retail professionals and local SMEs.

"I'd like to thank Sands China for offering this training course not only to its employees, but also to their business partners," said Bibiana Lee, operation manager of Free Duty.

For Lee, the training has allowed her to enhance her managerial competence and customer service skills.

"I've learned more about communication skills and have enhanced my problem solving

skills and decision making, which are all very helpful in my daily work," said Lee.

"The celebrity mentor workshop was really helpful, because it brought forth some inspiring real-life solutions to the problems," she added.

The workshops allow retail employees to learn from experts in their respective fields, better equipping retailers to provide the best experience for shoppers.

Launched in October 2018, the Celebrity Mentor Workshop Series is co-organised by Macao Government Tourism Office and the Sands Retail Academy, and aims to continually advance the service quality of the retail industry in Macau.

The Sands Retail Academy has provided over 37,000 training hours for more than 9,000 participants to date.

Meanwhile, the company's SME partner Paris Store has also attended the Sands Procurement Academy's training in a bid to gain understanding on how to improve its customer service in providing products to large-scale clients.

"The reason why we joined the programme was not only for our business to grow. Since the course is so practical, I could learn and become aware of what we lack," said Karen Chu, owner of Paris Store.

"We've learned how to cooperate with large international companies, therefore enhancing my confidence for the store's future and to be able to access international opportunities," she added.

Sands China considers these initiatives as an essential part of the company's commitment and determination to nurture local talent and help foster professional talent in the wider Macau community.

MACAU LACKS EFFECTIVE WILDLIFE TRADE GOVERNANCE, SAYS BRITISH NGO

ANTHONY LAM

A report issued by TRAFFIC, an environmental non-governmental organization from the U.K., expects imports of wildlife regulated under the Washington Convention into Macau will continue to rise.

The report determined that imports of certain endangered species into Macau had about doubled in the past decade, and yet further growth is expected. As a result, the NGO is urging the Macau government to implement "stronger legislation, enforcement," and promote awareness of the situation.

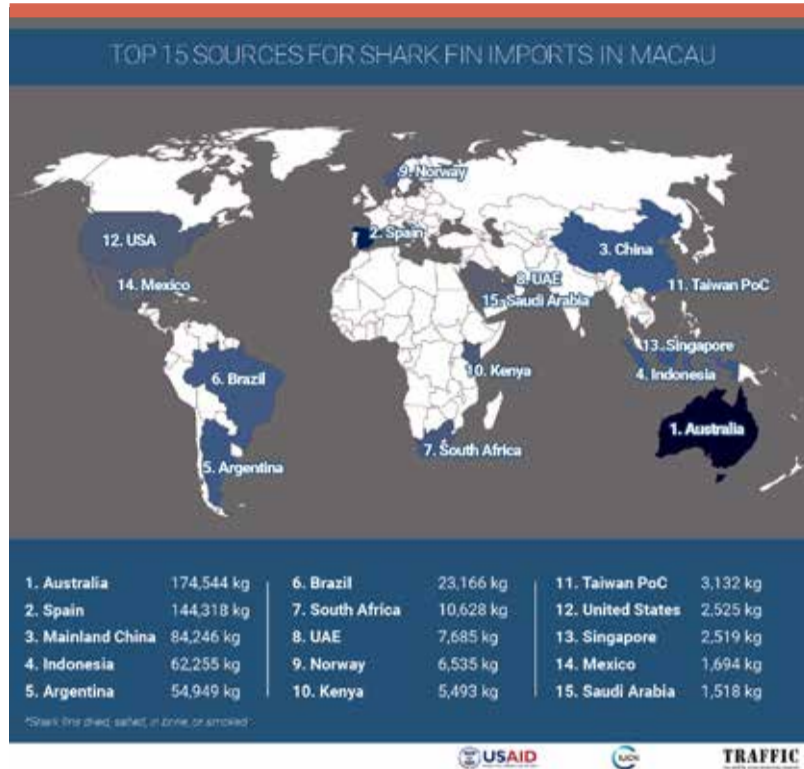
The Washington Convention, officially known as the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES), is a multilateral treaty intended to protect endangered plants and animals.

The treaty, of which the People's Republic of China is a signatory, was drawn up so that the trade and consumption of wild animals and plants would not threaten the survival of these species.

About 9,600 items of CITES-listed species were imported into Macau per year in the period from 2005-2010. However, in the next five years, it rose to around 18,200 items per year. The types of imports include reptiles, plants and timber products for use in leather goods, household ornaments and furniture.

The TRAFFIC report encouraged local law-enforcement bodies to be better trained so they can more accurately identify different species. The NGO also recommends that the latest tools and techniques be introduced to the law-enforcement bodies so that they can better perform these tasks.

The report agrees that there



has been a serious inflation recorded in the imports to Macau since 2010. It notes that the quantity imported each year remained "fairly static, but their value soaring from around USD44 million in 2005 to USD160 million by 2016."

Some 86% of the trade is in live fish, including carps, groupers, eels and tilapia. The report stated that the fish imports were mainly for local consumption by the city's population, but did not factor in the 35 million annual visitors to Macau last year.

Macau was found to be the third-largest destination market for shark fins by value, the report stated.

"Any seafood restaurant in Macau is likely to have a large variety of shark fin dishes on the menu, but the trade in shark products

currently lacks adequate oversight and traceability, leading to unsustainable practices that are decimating shark populations worldwide," said Wilson Lau, co-author of the report.

Food establishments that serve

Macau was found to be the third-largest destination market for shark fins by value

shark fin dishes can easily be seen in various districts in Macau. In tourist areas, there are even eateries that focus solely on the dish.

Nonetheless, many hotel chains that operate business in Macau have pledged to stop serving shark fin in their food and beverage outlets.

As for the ivory trade, the NGO commended work conducted by the Macau government to discourage the sale of ivory and ivory products. Legislative changes have also been passed to further shrink the market.

In 2015, there were 22 shops in Macau that traded in ivory, but in just two years, that number fell to six.

The NGO is not overly optimistic about the situation, however. Given the mainland has recently closed the market for the ivory trade and neighboring Hong Kong will stop the trade in 2021, the NGO worries that the trade will be transferred to Macau.

As such, the NGO offers three additional suggestions to the Macau government in terms of the

further implementation of CITES in Macau.

Among the suggestions is that laws in Macau should be tightened. Compared with those on the mainland and in Hong Kong, Macau has a laxer penalty regarding the trade of CITES-listed species. This is failing to adequately deter traffickers from operating in Macau, the report suggested.

Also suggested was better regulation of the market for shark fin, including the enhancement of traceability systems that help law-enforcement bodies to work according to CITES regulations.

TRAFFIC also encourages the government to promote responsible consumption by educating people about the illegality of protected items, health and safety issues, and conservation concerns. The NGO believes that this will help to drive market changes.

Guangzhou writer calls for protection of Cantonese

THE Second Guangdong, Hong Kong, Macau, Greater Bay Area Literature Development summit kicked off in Macau yesterday, with some participants proposing the protection of the Cantonese language in Guangdong and the Greater Bay Area.

Liu Disheng, vice-chairman of the Guangzhou Writers' Association, said that currently in Guangzhou, many

schools emphasize the promotion of Mandarin but do not encourage speaking the local language.

"In Guangzhou, many schools either emphasize Mandarin or ban the speaking of the local language. This needs to be changed," said Liu.

In Liu's opinion, language is the most important aspect of a local culture. He suggested that protecting a tradi-

tion should start with changes in the education sector. According to Liu, Guangzhou's cultural sector had previously recommended that Guangzhou's local government protect the Cantonese language.

Mainland China has been extensively promoting Mandarin, considering the language a fundamental factor in unifying the culture and people. Despite

this nationwide strategy, the mainland still has writers insistent on using their local languages, which Liu believes is "very precious."

Liu Lanni, chairman of the Shenzhen Writers' Association, is confident that the 11 cities of the Greater Bay Area can benefit from each other and that they can "form a power to wield global influence" in terms of literature development. JZ

AGEING PARENTS CARE FOR AGEING DISABLED CHILDREN

DUE to the ageing population of the MSAR, there is a greater tendency in Macau for people with mental illnesses who are getting older to be taken care of by their parents who are already senior citizens, according to the Social Affairs Bureau.

Earlier, the bureau asked the Macao Polytechnic Institute (IPM) to conduct a survey on Macau's services for mentally ill persons. In total, the institute surveyed 200 users of these services, 50 family members of users, and 50 workers providing the services.

The results showed that 60% of users are now being taken care of by their parents aged 60 years or above. On average, these individuals request the help of the services for four years. Eighty percent of individuals have no fixed job, and two-thirds are aware of their own illness.

Mentally ill individuals and their caretakers face financial, social, medical and housing-related difficulties.

Currently, there are 3,200 patients with disability certificates in Macau, including 440 people with autism and 410 with dementia. JZ



Alexis Tam hints at possible job successor

JULIE ZHU

SECRETARY for Culture and Social Affairs, Alexis Tam, indicated that "there might be a better candidate" to become the next Secretary for Culture and Social Affairs in Chief Executive-elect Ho Iat Seng's government. The comment was made on the sidelines of yesterday's opening ce-

remony of the Seac Pai Van public library.

"There may be a better option. There may be a better candidate," said Tam. "It's not yet decided. I think it should be decided and nominated by our new Chief Executive."

Pressed on whether he was going to remain in his role during the next administration, Tam answered

that he believes "these matters should be decided by the related people or even by the Central Government."

According to Tam, Ho Iat Seng has not yet approached him regarding the nomination of the secretaries.

Having begun in the public service in 1989, and holding the role of Secretary since 2014, Tam is not worried about stepping down

from his position or even retiring.

"In my opinion, I believe that I will be like any other person who serves society, regardless of position. Even if I retire, I can help Macau society in a different role. It's not only by being a high-ranking official or a Secretary that I can serve Macau. There are many ways," said Tam, adding, "I am not worried at all."

"I know that [Ho] is preparing his office. I believe that our whole team will surely be arranged to meet with the new Chief Executive to discuss the relevant works, especially since the social affairs and the culture [Secretariat] involves livelihood issues," said Tam. "We have no problems [with that]. We are preparing ourselves for the relevant documents and even for a meeting."

Previously, the Times reported that O Lam, the Chief-of-Office of the Chief Executive's Office was being touted by government insiders as a possible successor to Tam. O has served in the Chief-of-Office position since Chief Executive Chui Sai On's second term began in December 2014, taking over from Tam, who held the post for five years prior.

PUBLIC SERVICE TOPS CAREER CHOICES OF UNIVERSITY GRADUATES

THE Higher Education Bureau has released the results of a survey on university graduates' employment intentions for 2019. Results showed that the most sought after job of local university graduates is a role in the government.

Conducted between March and May of this year, the survey received a total of 2,226 valid responses.

The results showed that about half of the respondents plan to enter the job market right after their graduation. Some 88% of respondents intend to work in Macau, while the next most popular jurisdictions are Hong Kong and then mainland China.

The top five most popular jobs are public service, tourism and conferencing, education, banking and finance, and social services.

Thirty percent of respondents expect to have a starting income of at least MOP20,000, whereas 37% expect their starting income to be between MOP15,000 and MOP20,000.

Nearly 55% of Macau residents who enrolled in universities outside of Macau plan to return to the SAR for work. The survey analyzed the reasons why some graduates do not intend to return to Macau. Most respondents answered that "there is a lack of development opportunities in Macau for their majors."

In regards to students who plan to continue their studies, nearly 76% wish to pursue a master's degree, with 51% of them choosing to stay in Macau, followed by mainland China (11.9%), Hong Kong (7%), the U.K. (7%) and Taiwan (6.8%). JZ

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GITARS BOUND FOR HK LAND AT ALASKA SCHOOLS

THE Anchorage School District received a donation of high-end guitars that were bound for Hong Kong before they were confiscated by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, officials said.

The district estimated the 10 guitars have a combined value of nearly \$54,500, The Anchorage Daily News reported.

The Fish and Wildlife Service said it intercepted the instruments in Anchorage in July 2018. The electric guitars were commercially shipped from the East Coast and declared as clothing, said Chris Andrews, an agency supervisory inspector.

The guitars feature Brazilian rosewood, which is protected by an international treaty and cannot be exported without permits.

Fish and Wildlife officials began a civil forfeiture proceeding and the guitar dealer who shipped them eventually gave up the instruments, which range in value from \$4,360 to \$8,400.

The Anchorage School Board accepted the donation last week to cheers and applause. Bruce Wood, the district's fine arts director, hoisted one of the guitars over his head to show the room.

SHENZHEN ESTABLISHES OVER 1,000 PARKS TO IMPROVE ENVIRONMENT

As testament to its urban greening initiatives, Shenzhen is now home to more than 1,000 parks, according to Chinese state media agency Xinhua.

The metropolis, which is building itself into a "pilot demonstration area of socialism with Chinese characteristics," has been continuously promoting urban greening, said a source of the municipal management and law enforcement bureau of Shenzhen, which falls under jurisdiction of Guangdong Province.

Covering nearly 39,320 hectares, the parks include 33 natural

parks, 152 urban parks and 905 community parks. A three-level park system was established in 2006, which enables citizens to reach parks within 500 meters.

Shenzhen plans to build up and renovate more than 40 parks every year, with the total number of parks reaching 1,500 by 2035.

According to a document issued by the Chinese government last month, by 2025, Shenzhen will become one of the leading cities in the world in terms of economic strength and quality of development. And the quality of its ecological environment will be first-rate globally.

DANIEL BEITLER



CATHAY SAYS IT FIRED TWO EMPLOYEES AMID OXYGEN BOTTLE PROBE

BLOOMBERG



CATHAY Pacific Airways Ltd. said it fired two crew members at a unit as part of an investigation into why depleted emergency oxygen bottles are turning up on its flights.

Cathay Dragon detected an emergency oxygen bottle in a "low-pressure state" on a Sept. 21 flight to Hong Kong from Kuala Lumpur, it said in a statement yesterday. All cabin crew have been suspended to facilitate the probe, according to the statement.

Since late August, Cathay has been disclosing the discovery of numerous depleted portable oxygen bottles on aircraft, prompting the embattled carrier to launch

additional checks and investigations into the matter. The portable oxygen bottles are for cabin crew use in the event of depressurization.

In the latest incident, the depleted bottle was identified during a routine inspection, Cathay said. The case was reported to the Hong Kong police and the city's civil aviation department.

Cathay has come under close scrutiny during the pro-democracy protests that have been running since early June in Hong Kong. The Chinese government clamped down on the airline and demanded it punish staff who took part in or publicly supported the demonstrations.

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HONG KONG

Carrie Lam hopes town hall will be start of healing

HONG Kong leader Carrie Lam said yesterday she doesn't expect a town hall meeting this week to find answers to the months-long pro-democracy protests but hopes it will be a step forward in the "long journey" to reconciliation.

Lam said she is encouraged that more than 20,000 people have signed up for Thursday's community dialogue, out of which only 150 will be selected randomly. It will be the first such meeting since the protests started in early June.

The Beijing-backed leader is hoping to tone down increasingly violent protests that are an embarrassment to China's ruling Communist Party ahead of Oct. 1 celebrations of its 70th year in power.

The unrest was sparked by an extradition bill that has since been withdrawn, but protesters have widened their demands to include direct elections for the city's leaders and police accountability.

Lam said there is no agenda for the town hall, which is meant

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as an open platform for the public to vent their grouses and find a way out of the conflict. She said the two-hour session will be considered a success if the dialogue is peaceful with a frank and candid exchange of views.

"It would not be possible for a consensus to be reached after all these tensions in society that we have seen," Lam told a news conference. "To me, this is one step forward. It will be a long journey to achieve reconciliation in society,

let alone to return to the more normal Hong Kong that we are all very familiar with."

Security is expected to be tight at the town hall meeting, which will be held at a stadium in Hong Kong's Wan Chai neighborhood.

Participants will be banned from bringing items including umbrellas, gas masks or helmets — tools used by protesters.

Lam acknowledged that she and her colleagues might not be welcomed by the public. On Sunday, police had to rescue Secretary for Constitutional and Mainland Affairs Patrick Nip after an angry crowd surrounded his car as he was leaving a public event.

"If our reaching out is a source of major tension, then we have to think twice whether we should do that," Lam said.

More than 1,500 people have been arrested since the protests started. The demonstrations, carried out in various forms, from peaceful human chains to mass singing in malls, usually peak during weekends and turn violent late in the day, with protesters setting street fires and vandalizing public utilities, forcing police to fire tear gas and water cannons.

This past weekend, some protesters also trampled and burned Chinese flags.

Lam backed Hong Kong's police force amid public criticism over its alleged use of force, saying it was "quite remarkable" by international standards that no one has died in the protests.

"You ask me when that sort of restraint will disappear, I really can't tell you," she said, reiterating her call for violence to stop. AP

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THE MAN BEHIND AN AUDACIOUS BID FOR THE LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE ISN'T GIVING UP



Charles Li, chief executive officer of Hong Kong Exchanges and Clearing Ltd. (HKEX)

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CHARLES Li is at it again: Trying to persuade doubters that a one-time oil rigger who grew up on the fringes of the Gobi desert is the right buyer for a centuries-old British institution.

The Hong Kong Exchanges & Clearing Ltd. chief executive officer succeeded the first time, when the Asian bourse bought the London Metal Exchange in 2012. As with that deal, the odds are stacked against him following the initial rebuff by the London Stock Exchange Group Plc to his \$36.6 billion offer and questioning by China's state media.

But that could suit the style of the first Chinese national to run the exchange. Having earned the nickname "Mr. China" for tying the company closer to the mainland, Li is described by current and former colleagues as relentless and with little tolerance for naysayers. He has dispatched senior HKEX officials, including co-president Romnesh Lamba, to meet LSE shareholders in London and New York, according to people with knowledge of the matter. An HKEX spokeswoman declined to comment.

Li is "a typical investment banker, hungry for money and

opportunities," said Stephen Hui, a former HKEX board member. "He works with a can-do attitude, and will not stop until he absolutely tries everything."

The formula has worked for years, for both the exchange and its 58-year-old CEO. Now, after a firm refusal from LSE's management, it may be up against its toughest test yet.

THINKING AHEAD

Born in Beijing, Li grew up in the northwestern Gansu province during the Cultural Revolution. He worked on an oil rig before studying English Literature at Xiamen University. A short stint as a journalist led him to the U.S., where he earned a Columbia University law degree. A few years working at law firms, including Davis Polk & Wardell were followed by 16 years in banking: first Merrill Lynch & Co. and then JPMorgan Chase & Co., where he was China chairman when he joined HKEX in 2009.

Taking over as CEO in 2010, Li had a plan to diversify the business and to do so with acquisitions, said Cecelia Zhong, a former HKEX executive. HKEX revenue has doubled to HKD14.3 billion (\$1.8 billion) since Li took over in 2010, and its shares have outperformed the benchmark Hang Seng Index.

"He's ambitious, has vision and thinks 10 years ahead," said Zhong, who's now CEO of Guojin Resources Ltd., a Hong Kong-based commodities trading platform.

Li has transformed a bastion of the Hong Kong business world into a global player with trading venues in the U.K. and mainland China. The city owns 6% of HKEX and appoints six of the company's directors.

At the same time, Li sought to elevate HKEX's global profile, a strategy reflected in his top aides. The company's heads of listings, group strategy and markets have all worked at Wall Street firms.

In meetings with senior stakeholders, Li would often present ideas that seemed to come out of nowhere, said a person with knowledge of the matter, and each proposal had a detailed analysis of risk and return. Linking HKEX with exchanges in Shanghai and Shenzhen - an idea that eventually became the stock connect program that now covers more than 2,000 equities - was one of those, the person said.

"Our teams worked for years to overcome what many felt was 'mission impossible': finding a way to open up the mainland market as much as possible while minimizing the risks of an uncontrolled flow of capital," Li wrote

on the HKEX website in December 2017. "No exchange had ever done anything like Stock Connect before."

DUAL-CLASS PUSH

One former colleague pointed to Li's push for weighted-voting rights in Hong Kong - to allow companies with different share classes to go public in the city - as an example of his approach.

Li first mooted the idea in 2013 as a way to lure big tech companies to the city but was denied by the regulator in 2015. He finally got his way last year. Xiaomi Corp. and Meituan Dianping have gone public under the new rules, and Alibaba Group Holding Ltd. is expected to list in Hong Kong later this year in what will likely be one of the biggest ever share sales.

"I have seen him fight hard battles, like introducing dual-class shares to the market against all odds," said Mike Wong, CEO of the Chamber of Hong Kong Listed Companies. "He has a full plan forward, and thinks years ahead - but also knows when to advance and when to leave."

Not every idea has worked, especially when it comes to China. While HKEX has also started a bond link with the mainland, Li had often talked about a suite of connections, including one for exchange-traded funds and one that

would allow Chinese investors to buy Hong Kong listing debuts. They haven't happened, and public comments about the plans have died away. Futures contracts in Hong Kong based on Chinese government bonds were launched, but shelved after a few months.

Those setbacks may have played a role in the LSE bid. At corporate strategy meetings held in September 2018, Li and other senior HKEX executives spoke about the need to diversify away from China, said one of the people.

The response so far from the LSE suggests Li will have to look elsewhere.

LSE CEO David Schwimmer last week reaffirmed his plans to combine with data provider Refinitiv and reject the HKEX bid. The London bourse and many of its investors view that \$27 billion push into financial data as more promising than a multi-continental combination of exchanges.

For now, HKEX is trying to win over other LSE investors, and a hostile bid hasn't been ruled out. Former HKEX Chairman Ron Arculli said on Bloomberg Television that observers shouldn't dismiss Li's ability to overcome opposition and complete the deal.

"He knows how to navigate his way around the regulatory circles, and indeed the financial circles, in London," he said. **BLOOMBERG**

California, China to team up on climate research institute

KATHLEEN RONAYNE,
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AS tensions between China and the United States ratchet up, former California Gov. Jerry Brown sees a way to bring together the world's largest carbon emitter and a U.S. state that's leading the way in energy standards: climate change.

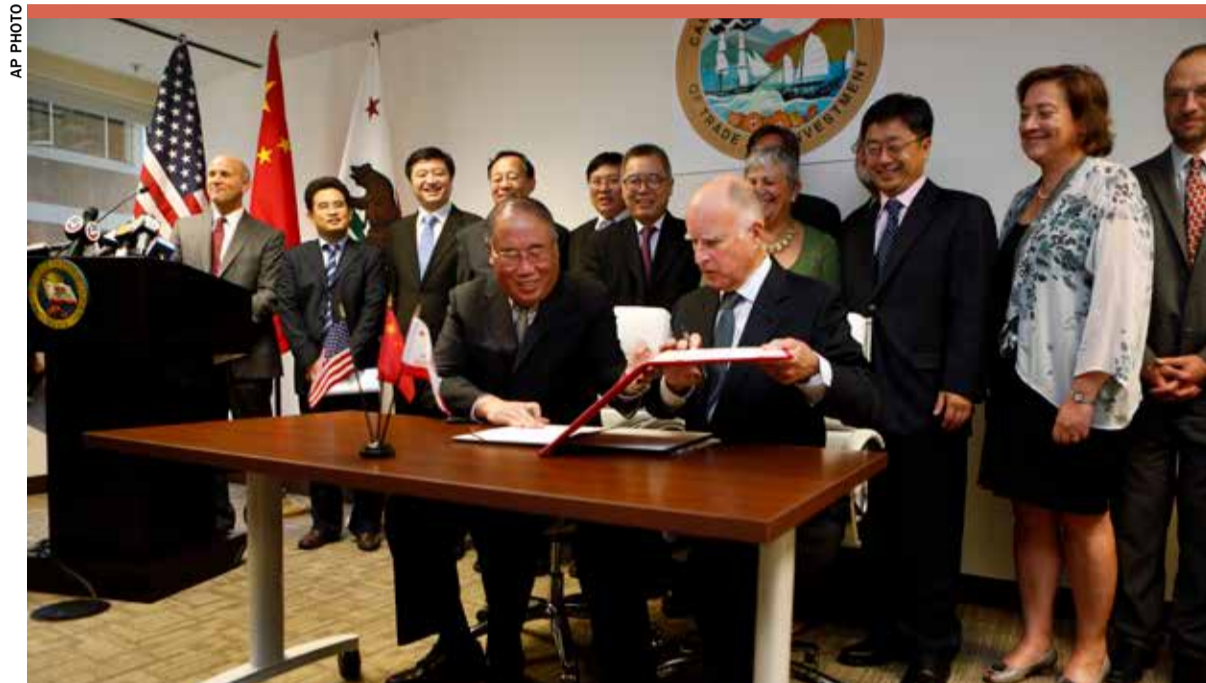
Brown and Xie Zhenhua, China's top climate official, announced a new university partnership focused on climate research and policy as part of the United Nations Climate Action Summit in New York.

While it may seem like an unlikely pairing, Brown has been building a partnership with China for years. And China, which emits the most carbon of any nation, has been investing aggressively in renewable energy products such as battery storage technology and reducing its reliance on coal.

California, meanwhile, has adopted some of the nation's most aggressive climate goals, including an effort to use 100% clean energy for electricity by 2045.

The partnership comes amid Republican President Donald Trump's hostile relationship with China and his withdrawal of the United States from global commitments to combat rising temperatures. Trump only briefly stopped by the climate summit before going to an event on religious freedom.

"Our goal is to keep an open door of constructive conversation at the very moment when doors



California Gov. Jerry Brown (front right), and China's Xie Zhenhua seen in this file photo

are closing," Brown, a Democrat who left office in 2018, told The Associated Press in a recent interview.

Zhenhua will be in New York for the announcement while Brown planned to participate in discussions remotely from California.

California under Brown and now Gov. Gavin Newsom, a fellow Democrat, has sued the Trump administration repeatedly over its rollback of environmental and clean air regulations. Brown began developing partnerships with China on climate during his governorship with trips to the Asian nation in 2013 and 2017.

The California-China Climate Institute will be housed at the University of California, Berkeley and work in partnership with Tsinghua University in Beijing.

While China is prioritizing fighting global warming at home, it's also investing in dirtier energy methods such as coal in other countries as it looks to expand its global influence through its "Belt and Road" infrastructure initiative.

Still, Brown said California shouldn't shy away from opportunities to work with China, saying a research partnership will be beneficial to both. China, for example, could teach California more about its research on battery storage, Brown said.

"One thing I think is important and still available for further development is our climate partnership," Brown said. "That's something Trump can't do because he has sworn climate denial and therefore he is AWOL on one of the most important challenges facing

world leaders."

Brown noted both California and China are focused on tightening emissions of pollutants from cars and trucks. The Trump administration last week revoked California's decades-old ability to set its own standards, but California is punching back.

"They know it's the future and they also know the biggest market in the world will be following similar and increasingly more difficult emissions standards," Brown said, speaking of China. "For Trump to attempt to create an island of gas-guzzling inefficiency in a sea of increasingly efficient zero-emission cars is insanity."

Alice Hill, a senior fellow for climate change policy at the Council on Foreign Relations, said China has led in finding new ways to deal

with the challenges from climate change-related floods. She called China an "important partner" for the United States on climate change even amid concerns about intellectual property theft by China.

"You have to walk into this with open eyes but that does not mean you may not have a relationship," Hill said.

The institute will invest in research on zero-emission vehicles and low-carbon transportation, carbon pricing, climate adaptation, sustainable land use and agriculture, carbon capture and storage and long-term climate policy enforcement. Through the partnership, California and China will share best practices on how to scale innovative climate solutions. It will also train researchers and scientists from both places and host a series of "subnational climate dialogues" with business, government and climate leaders in the United States and China.

The two nations held a similar discussion at the Global Climate Action Summit that Brown hosted last year in San Francisco.

China's national and provincial governments as well as California's public utilities commission, air resources board and other key climate decision makers will work with the institute.

Asked if it was problematic for a state to team up with a foreign country, Brown said "we're not negotiating any treaties, we're not making foreign policy, we're working on climate policy, global climate policy, and as free people we are able to do that."

Former Vice President Al Gore and Washington Gov. Jay Inslee, who have been vocal proponents of tackling climate change, are expected at the announcement. Inslee, who recently ended his bid for the Democratic nomination for president, teamed up with Brown on some climate efforts while Brown was governor. **AP**

Beijing calls on Washington to cancel Xinjiang meeting

CHINA called on Washington yesterday to cancel a planned meeting at the United Nations to discuss accusations of repression and mass detentions in its Muslim northwestern region of Xinjiang.

The foreign ministry accused the Trump administration of slandering China and interfering in its affairs.

A deputy U.S. secretary of state, John Sullivan, is scheduled to lead a panel discussion on the "human rights crisis in Xinjiang" during this week's U.N. General Assembly meeting.

The United States, human rights groups and

independent analysts say about 1 million of the 12 million members of Muslim ethnic minority groups in Xinjiang have been detained in internment camps. The Communist Beijing government says those are vocational training centers.

"We urge the United States to cancel the relevant meeting, stop making irresponsible remarks on the Xinjiang issue and stop interfering in the internal affairs of China in the name of human rights," a foreign ministry

spokesman, Geng Shuang, said at a daily news briefing.

On Monday, President Donald Trump said at a meeting on religious free-

The US will lead a panel discussion on the 'human rights crisis in Xinjiang' during the UN General Assembly meeting

dom held during the U.N. session that it was an "urgent moral duty" for world leaders to stop crimes against faith.

On Sunday, U.S. Secretary of State Mike Pompeo accused Beijing of trying to erase Muslim cultures. He called on Central Asian governments to reject Chinese demands to send home ethnic minorities who might face repression.

Pompeo made the comments in a meeting with the foreign ministers of Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan.

"The United States has repeatedly smeared and slandered China's policy

toward Xinjiang and interfered in China's internal affairs under the guise of religion and human rights," Geng said. "Now it made an even bigger mistake by holding the so-called discussion on the Xinjiang issue during the U.N. General Assembly."

The Xinjiang panel will feature "deeply personal stories of victims of China's brutal campaign of repression" against Uighurs, Kyrgyz and other Muslim minorities, said a State Department announcement of the event.

It said Sullivan "welcomes global partners in joining the call for

China to end the cruel, inhuman and degrading treatment of the people of Xinjiang."

Geng defended Chinese policies as necessary to combat terrorism.

Beijing has blamed scattered incidents of violence in Xinjiang on a radical Muslim movement it says wants independence for the territory, though foreign governments and researchers say they see little evidence to support that.

"The U.S. side has turned a blind eye to China's efforts and achievements in combating terrorism and extremism," Geng said. **AP**

THREE CHINESE TOURISTS IN CRITICAL CONDITION AFTER US CRASH

THREE Chinese tourists remained in critical condition yesterday [Macau time] after they were injured in a tour bus crash in Utah that left four other passengers dead, hospital officials said.

One person was in serious condition, but other passengers hurt in the crash were improving.

The tour bus carrying 30 people rolled over and crashed Friday onto a guard rail on its way to Bryce Canyon National Park. Everyone on board was hurt.

The cause of the crash hasn't been determined by U.S. investigators. Regulators said the driver — a U.S. citizen from California whose name has not been released — was making his first trip.

He didn't appear to be intoxicated, the Utah Highway Patrol has said.

U-Tour Group in Shanghai, the travel company overseeing the U.S. trip, said the driver was qualified, the bus was insured, and the travel agency was properly registered with China's Ministry of Culture and Tourism.

The operator of the bus, Ontario, California-based America Shengjia Inc. was cooperating

with investigators examining what caused the mid-sized 2017 bus to crash, authorities said.

The company has not responded to requests for comment.

The bus had seat belts, but it's unknown if any passengers were wearing them.

Utah officials don't require state permits from out-of-state tour bus companies or track who's coming through the state as long as the carrier is registered with the U.S. government and their home state, said Chad Sheppick, Utah Department of Transportation's director of the motor carrier division.

In this case, documents available online show America Shengjia had done both.

Three women and one man died in the crash. The victims have been identified as Ling Geng, 68, Xiuyun Chen, 67, Zhang Caiyu, 62, and Zhongliang Qiu, 65, according to the Utah Highway Patrol.

The group of 29 tourists and one leader came from Shanghai and the provinces of Zhejiang, Jiangsu and Heilongjiang, according to a news report on the media website huanqiu.com. AP

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Canada says border officials followed rules in Huawei arrest

CANADA'S attorney general said that officials followed the law when they detained a top Chinese tech executive at Vancouver's airport and the defense has no proof to substantiate its "conspiracy theory" that she was illegally arrested.

The attorney general said in court documents released yesterday there is no evidence to suggest the Royal Canadian Mounted Police or the FBI asked border agents to elicit information from Huawei chief financial officer Meng Wanzhou during her detention.

Meng, the daughter of Huawei's founder, was arrested at Vancouver's airport on December 1. The U.S. requested the arrest and is seeking her extradition on fraud charges.

Meng returned to court where her lawyers are asking for documents that they say would support their allegations. Richard Peck, her lawyer, told the court that border officials

took Meng's personal electronic devices and obtained the passwords to her devices before handing them over to the RCMP.

Meng's extradition trial won't begin until Jan. 20 and she is free on bail while living in a multimillion-dollar mansion in Vancouver.

Her arrest severely damaged relations between China and Canada. Beijing detained two Canadians, ex-diplomat Michael Kovrig and entrepreneur Michael Spavor, on Dec. 10 in an apparent attempt to pressure Canada to release Meng.

China has also stopped importing certain Canadian products like canola and meat, and it also re-sentenced a convicted Canadian drug smuggler to death after the Meng arrest as part of an apparent campaign of intimidation and retribution against Canada.

China and the U.S. are currently embroiled in a trade war that has roiled global financial markets. AP

CHINA PLANNING CONTROLS ON E-CIGARETTES AMID HEALTH CONCERN

CHINA plans to join governments that are imposing controls on tobacco liquid and additives for e-cigarettes amid rising concern about deaths and illnesses blamed on vaping, a state news agency said yesterday.

Rules due out as early as next month also will cover e-cigarette devices and packaging, the China News Service said, citing unidentified sources at the State Tobacco Monopoly. The monopoly didn't immediately respond to requests by phone for more details.

India banned sales of e-cigarettes this month and regulators in the United States and other countries are imposing controls following a surge in deaths and illnesses blamed on vaping.

Makers of e-cigarettes including Juul

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Labs Inc. have promoted them as being safer than standard cigarettes, but the U.S. Food and Drug Administration says no vaping product has been reviewed and found to be less harmful than traditional tobacco products.

China is the most populous global tobacco market, with an estimated 350 million smokers. India is No. 2.

Companies in the Chinese e-cigarette industry invested at least 1 billion yuan

(\$140 million) in 2018 year and 35 deals were made in the first half of this year, according to CNS.

China banned sales of e-cigarettes to people under 18 in August 2018.

In July, the country's National Health Commission said studies showed the aerosol generated by e-cigarettes contains toxic elements and additives pose health risks, according to CNS.

In the United States, health officials are

investigating a surge of severe breathing illnesses linked to vaping. They have identified 380 confirmed and probable cases, including six deaths.

U.S. doctors say the illnesses appear to be a response to the inhalation of a caustic substance. Symptoms have included shortness of breath, fatigue, chest pain, diarrhea and vomiting.

This month, the state government of New York banned the sale of flavored e-cigarettes. AP



Student protesters run from tear gas fired by police officers during a protest in Makassar, South Sulawesi, yesterday

INDONESIA

Students rally against changes to corruption law

NINIEK KARMINI, JAKARTA

POLICE fired tear gas and water cannons yesterday to disperse thousands of rock-throwing students protesting a new law that they said

has crippled Indonesia's anti-corruption agency.

Several thousand university students are enraged that Indonesia's parliament passed a law last week that reduces the authority of the Corruption Eradication Com-

mission, a key body in fighting endemic graft in the country. They joined the demonstration in front of the parliament building in the capital, Jakarta.

Rallies were held under tight security in big cities all over the coun-

try. The demonstrators, who had been protesting for days, are demanding that President Joko Widodo issue a government regulation to replace the new law on the Corruption Eradication Commission, known by its Indonesian abbreviation, KPK.

The bill was passed into law last week by the 560-member parliament. The protests grew in the past two days and turned violent in some cities.

The protesters also urged parliament to delay votes on several proposed new laws, including on the criminal code, mining, land and labor. Opponents say the criminal code bill threatens democracy and discriminates against minorities.

Widodo had met yesterday with lawmakers, whose term will end at the end of this month, to urge them to delay votes on the bills after considering public concerns. Lawmakers then delayed their votes on the proposed laws in their last plenary session.

Critics say the criminal code bill contains articles that may violate the rights of women, religious minorities, lesbians, gays, bisexual and transgender people, as well as freedoms of speech and association.

"The bill was delayed," House Speaker Bambang Soesatyo said in a news conference. "It will be re-deliberated by the lawmakers in the next term."

However, no government officials or lawmakers said how they would handle the students' demand that the new law on the anti-graft commission be revoked.

Security was especially tight in Jakarta, where 20,000 soldiers and police were deployed to secure key locations, including the presidential palace.

"We reject the bill on KPK being forced into law," a speaker told a cheering crowd gathered in front of the parliament building. "Corrupters tried to manipulate us by this way, it's the poor that are going to suffer most."

Demonstrations were largely peaceful in Jakarta, but in Makassar, the main city on Sulawesi island, thousands of protesters blocked streets, set fires and pelted police with rocks. Anti-riot police responded with water cannons and tear gas.

Clashes between protesters and police also occurred in other cities, including Bandung, Yogyakarta, Malang, Palembang and Medan.

The protests, which underline Indonesia's challenge in changing its graft-ridden image, have threatened the credibility of Widodo, who recently won a second term after campaigning for clean governance.

Indonesia, Southeast Asia's largest economy, ranked 89th out of 175 countries in the 2018 Corruption Perceptions Index reported by Transparency International. AP

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Quarantine officials work at a pig farm with confirmed African swine fever in Paju, yesterday

SOUTH KOREA

FOURTH SWINE FEVER CASE
IN A WEEK CONFIRMED

KIM TONG-HYUNG, SEOUL

SOUTH Korea's African swine fever crisis intensified yesterday with lab tests confirming the fourth case in a week from a farm near its border with North Korea.

The discovery of still more cases has raised fears officials are fighting a losing battle to halt the spread of the disease that wiped out pig populations across Asia.

Hours after announcing the newest infection in Paju, the South Korean government imposed a 48-hour standstill on all pig farms, slaughterhouses and feed factories in the country as of noon yesterday, with Prime Minister Lee Nak-yeon calling for "stern, fast and pre-emptive response measures that would feel even excessive."

More than 15,000 pigs were culled after the country's first two outbreaks were confirmed last week at a different farm in Paju and a farm in Yeoncheon, another border town, but officials have yet to identify the infection route. The disease may have crossed from North Korea, which reported an outbreak near its border with China in late May.

In a closed-door briefing to lawmakers, South Korean National Intelligence Service Director Suh Hoon said North Korea had new cases after July despite culling pigs, disinfecting farms and restricting the distribution of pork products, according to lawmakers who attended the session.

Lee Hye-hoon, chairwoman of the National Assembly's intelli-

gence committee, said Suh used charts to explain how the disease has apparently spread to nearly all parts of North Korea. According to Lee, Suh said the agency has heard from unspecified civilian sources that pig herds in North Pyongan province — a region north of capital Pyongyang — have supposedly been "annihilated" and that residents were complaining about "butcher shops not having meat."

North Korea in recent months has virtually scrapped all diplomatic activity and cooperation with South Korea amid a standstill in nuclear negotiations with the United States.

Lee said Suh said his agency was struggling to obtain more information because the North has been rejecting repeated South

Korean calls for joint quarantine efforts.

"It was difficult to gauge (from Suh's briefing) whether quarantine measures in North Korea have been thorough and sufficient," Lee told the Associated Press.

South Korea's Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs said the disease caused three pigs to have miscarriages at the Paju farm where the country's fourth case was confirmed. Officials planned to cull the farm's 2,300 pigs as well as the pigs at other farms within a 3 kilometer radius.

The country's third case had just been confirmed Monday night at a farm in Gimpo, which is on the southern side of a river that separates the border region and the Seoul metropolitan area, where nearly half of South Koreans live. Later yesterday, the ministry said another case was suspected in the island county of Ganghwa, which is part of the metropolitan city of Incheon that borders the capital.

African swine fever is harmless to people, but having it spread

from farms to densely populated areas will make it harder to contain. The illness is highly contagious and fatal for pigs, with no known cure.

In South Korea, where diets rely heavily on pork, there is concern the outbreak could spread and hurt an industry with 6,300 farms raising more than 11 million pigs. The disease decimated pig herds in China and other Asian countries before reaching the Koreans.

The government on Tuesday widened its intensive monitoring zone to cover all areas of Gyeonggi province, which governs the border towns and much of the metropolitan area surrounding Seoul, as well as the nearby Gangwon province and Incheon. Farms within the zone will be prohibited from moving pigs or their waste to other regions for at least three weeks.

Officials have said the first three weeks are crucial, considering incubation periods. They scrambled to strengthen quarantine and prevention efforts, tightly restricting the movement of farmers and animals and disinfecting vehicles, roads and areas near water sources.

Government workers dressed in lab coats and masks guarded roadblocks near farms in Paju, where excavators have been used to dig huge pits used for killing and burying thousands of pigs. The gates, entrances and grounds of many farms were covered in snowy layers of calcium oxide, a disinfectant.

Officials also plan to install more traps, nets and fences to capture or repel wild boars that roam in and out of North Korea, which some experts see as a potential source of the outbreak in South Korea. The Ministry of Environment said it's testing water from a river that flows across the inter-Korean border for the virus. It is also searching these areas for dead wild boars.

"We will employ all the resources we have so that we could end the (outbreak) as early as possible," Kim Hyun-soo, the agriculture minister, said in a news conference. **AP**

Japan not inviting S.Korea to naval review amid dispute

JAPAN announced that it is not inviting South Korea to a multinational naval review it is hosting next month because their ties are badly strained over history, trade and defense.

The Maritime Self-Defense Force, Japan's navy, said yesterday it will not invite the South Korean navy for the review, scheduled for Oct. 14 at Sagami Bay, west of Tokyo.

The head of the maritime force, Adm. Hiroshi Yama-

mura, said the decision was made because "We don't have an adequate environment to invite South Korea, considering the severe condition of current Japan-South Korea relations."

In Seoul earlier Tuesday, South Korean Defense Ministry spokeswoman Choi Hyun-soo told a briefing that South Korea did not receive an invitation and that it's up to the hosts to decide the participants.

Tensions between the

Asian neighbors have escalated since July, when Japan tightened controls on exports to South Korea.

The two countries have had long-running disputes over Japan's actions during its 1910-1945 colonization of the Korean Peninsula, including sexual abuse of Korean women at military brothels and the use of forced laborers.

Japan says all compensation issues were settled under a 1965 peace treaty

with South Korea and has accused Seoul of violating international law by not stopping a Supreme Court decision ordering Japanese companies to compensate former Korean forced laborers.

Japan tightened controls on exports of key chemicals that South Korean companies use to produce semiconductors and displays, and then downgraded South Korea's preferential trade status a month later. Tokyo

cited unspecified security reasons, while Seoul accused it of "weaponizing" trade in response to the dispute over Japan's wartime actions.

The trade restrictions, which affect a core South Korean industry, have led to a full-blown dispute, sending relations between the U.S. allies to their lowest level in decades and spilling over into tourism, security and other areas.

Seoul announced last

month it is terminating a military intelligence sharing pact with Japan that had symbolized the countries' three-way security cooperation with the United States in the face of North Korean nuclear threats and China's growing assertiveness in the region.

Defense officials said seven countries — the U.S., Britain, Canada, Australia, India, Singapore and China — have been invited to the upcoming naval review. **AP**

UN SUMMIT

Trump focuses on religious freedom, not climate

JONATHAN LEMIRE & DEB RIECHMANN, UNITED NATIONS

PRESIDENT Donald Trump made his political priorities clear yesterday [Macau time] within an hour of arriving at the United Nations for a three-day visit: He breezed by a major climate change summit to focus instead on religious persecution, an issue that resonates with his evangelical supporters.

The climate summit, a centerpiece of this year's U.N. schedule, was not on Trump's agenda at all. But he stopped in to observe for about 15 minutes before heading to what he saw as the main event, a meeting on protecting religious freedom.

Trump said it was an "urgent moral duty" for world leaders to stop crimes against faith, release prisoners of conscience and repeal laws restricting religious liberty.

"Approximately 80% of the

AP PHOTO



world's population live in countries where religious liberty is threatened, restricted or even banned," Trump said, adding that when he first heard the statistic, he didn't believe it and asked for verification.

Trump's speech Monday extends a long-running focus on

international religious freedom that speaks to a key priority of his evangelical base. His administration has hosted annual meetings on the topic in Washington, and Secretary of State Mike Pompeo announced during this year's event that he would create an international alliance dedicated to the issue.

Underscoring the importance of Trump's action on the issue to evangelical voters who are critical to his 2020 reelection bid, one prominent evangelical backer Dallas-based pastor Robert Jeffress lauded Trump for focusing on religious freedom instead of climate change.

"What president in history would have the guts to do what President Trump is doing?" Jeffress, who was set to be in the audience for Trump's speech, said on Fox News. "And it's this kind of leadership that is absolutely infuriating the president's enemies, but it's also energizing his base, especially his religious base of voters."

Trump listed his administration's efforts on religious freedom and declared, "We've done a lot."

As for the climate summit, he told reporters as he left: "I'm a big believer in clean air and clean water and all countries should get together and do that, and they should do it for themselves."

Very, very important."

Late Monday, he mocked Swedish 16-year-old activist Greta Thunberg, who had scolded the audience at the climate summit, repeatedly asking, "How dare you?"

Trump tweeted: "She seems like a very happy young girl looking forward to a bright and wonderful future. So nice to see!"

The Republican president arrived in New York against a backdrop of swirling international tensions, including questions about his relationship with Ukraine, the uncertain future of Brexit, the U.S. trade war with China, stalled nuclear negotiations with North Korea and a weakening global economy. The president met Monday with leaders of Pakistan, Poland, New Zealand, Singapore, Egypt and South Korea.

His most immediate challenge may be Iran. He will try to convince skeptical global capitals to help build a coalition to confront Tehran after the United States blamed it for last week's strike at an oil field in Saudi Arabia.

Asked as he arrived at the U.N. building if he will meet soon with Iran President Hassan Rouhani, Trump was noncommittal. "We'll see what happens," he said. "We have a long way to go, we'll see what happens." AP

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TIME: 10am-6pm (No admission after 5:30pm, closed on Mondays)

UNTIL: September 30, 2019

VENUE: Jao Tsung-I Academy

ADMISSION: Free

ENQUIRY: (853) 8598 6718

THE GOLDEN AGE OF ARABIC SCIENCE: EXHIBITION FROM 1001 INVENTIONS

TIME: 10am-6pm (Closed on Thursdays)

UNTIL: October 27, 2019

VENUE: Gallery 2, Exhibition Center, Macau Science Center

ADMISSION: MOP25 (several discounts available)

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LYRIC POETRY – WORKS OF ARTISTS IN MACAU AND PORTUGAL FROM THE MAM COLLECTION

TIME: 10am-7pm (no admittance after 6:30pm; closed on Mondays)

UNTIL: November 4, 2019

VENUE: Macau Museum of Art

ADMISSION: Free

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WYNN PRESENTS: GARDEN OF EARTHLY DELIGHTS

TIME: 10am-10pm

UNTIL: October 6, 2019

VENUE: Wynn Macau and Wynn Palace

ADMISSION: Free

ENQUIRIES: (853) 6882 2839

SANDS PRESENTS: ALL THAT'S GOLD DOES GLITTER – AN EXHIBITION OF GLAMOROUS CERAMICS

TIME: 24 hours

UNTIL: October 9, 2019

VENUE: The Venetian Macao, The Parisian Macao, Sands Macao & Four Seasons Hotel Macao

ADMISSION: Free

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UNEXPECTED ENCOUNTERS

TIME: 12pm-6pm

UNTIL: October 31, 2019

VENUE: Access to Level 23 via lifts behind Morpheus check-in counters

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ENQUIRIES: (853) 8399 6699

Offbeat

AFTER AMAZON PACKAGES FOUND IN CEMETERY, POLICE DELIVER THEM

Officers in a Massachusetts police department briefly turned into Amazon drivers after a stash of undelivered packages was found in a cemetery.

Burlington police tweeted that a "diligent groundskeeper" at a cemetery in the town northwest of Boston found the packages Monday morning in a trash receptacle and contacted police.

Police did not say exactly how many packages there were, but photos posted on social media showed about 20.

The packages were addressed to Burlington residents, so police took it upon themselves to deliver them.

They are also investigating to determine how the packages ended up at the cemetery and have contacted Amazon.

They tweeted, "If you see an officer delivering your packages say hello!"

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13:30	Telejornal RTPi (Diferido)
15:00	Água de Mar
15:30	Zig Zag
15:45	Os Ursos Boonie e o Fantástico Outono
16:00	Viajante da Música
16:30	Quem Quer Ser Milionário
17:30	A Minha Tese
18:00	Amor Maior (Repetição)
18:55	TDM Entrevista (Repetição)
19:30	Ouro Verde Sr.1
20:30	Telejornal
21:15	Semana Internacional
21:50	Tesouro Pirata nas Caraíbas Sr.1
22:15	Amor Maior
23:15	TDM News
23:50	O Último Reino Sr.1
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01:25	RTPi Directo

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19 - 25 Sep



IT CHAPTER TWO

ROOM1

2:30, 6:00, 9:00pm

Director: Andy Muschietti

Starring: Jessica Chastain, James McAvoy, Bill Hader

Language: English (Chinese)

Duration: 169min



ABIGAIL

ROOM2

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

Director: Aleksandr Boguslavskiy

Starring: Tinatin Dalakishvili, Eddie Marsan, Rinal Mukhametov

Language: English (Chinese)

UNDERCOVER PUNCH AND GUN

ROOM2

7:30pm

Director: Koon-Nam Lui, Frankie Tam

Starring: Shuai Chi, Joyce Wenjuan Feng, Luxia Jiang

Language: Cantonese (Chinese)

FAGARA

ROOM3

2:30, 9:30pm

Director: Heiward Mak

Starring: Kenny Bee, Vicky Chen, Sammi Cheng

Language: Chinese (English)

Duration: 120min

SOUND! EUPHONIUM THE MOVIE -

OUR PROMISE: A BRAND NEW DAY

ROOM3

4:45, 7:30pm

Director: Tatsuya Ishihara

Starring: Robbie Daymond, Erica Mendez, Lucien Dodge

Language: Japanese (Chinese)

Duration: 110min

this day in history



1950 SEOUL IN UN HANDS

United Nations forces have taken control of the South Korean capital Seoul, three months after it fell to North Korea, the US Army has announced.

The US 7th Infantry Division and South Korean 17th Regiment have crossed the Han river and captured the North Korean stronghold on South Mountain, the spokesman said.

US Marines have also reached Duk Soo palace in the centre of the city and are within 600m (1,969ft) of the main railway station.

North Koreans strongly resisted the UN advance near the station and American and South Korean units suffered many casualties, but opposition in other areas is reported to have been light.

US Air Force planes from the American aircraft carrier Sicily supported the ground attacks all day, targeting North Korean defences with jellied petrol bombs and rockets.

Major General Edward Almond, commander of the X Army Corps, told reporters the combined assault had been key to the UN's success.

The general said: "Co-ordination of air, tank and artillery, and infantry fire-power made possible the seizure of the enemy's defences with minimum losses."

He added that the UN advance from the west after the landings at Inchon on 15 September had cut off important North Korean supply routes and forced them to retreat.

North Korea's defences were crucially breached when tanks from the American 1st Cavalry Division, which had entered Seoul from the west, linked up with US infantry who had fought their way from the east.

The troops joined forces at the 274m (900ft) South Mountain after it was captured in a surprise attack.

The North Korean Peoples' Army have been in control of Seoul since 26 June, just 24 hours after they invaded South Korea.

The UN condemned the offensive and US troops arrived to bolster South Korean resistance just days later.

Courtesy BBC News

IN CONTEXT

Korea was divided after the Japanese withdrawal at the end of World War II - which left the USSR occupying the north of the country and the US the south. The border was the 38th parallel.

The invasion of South Korea took the international community largely by surprise - despite years of increasingly bloody frontier incidents.

The re-capture of Seoul from the North Koreans did not signal the end of the conflict and in November 1950 troops from Communist China entered a war which would eventually cost two million lives.

Fighting in Korea did not stop until the signing of an armistice on 27 July 1953.

But a peace deal has never been reached and American troops remain stationed in the de-militarized zone between North and South Korea.

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YOUR STARS



ARIES

Mar. 21-Apr. 19

You have been adding more new projects and goals than your schedule can realistically contain, so you might find yourself scrambling today. Concentrate on finishing some current projects.



TAURUS

Apr. 20-May. 20

Even though having a routine in your life might get boring from time to time, you will find a great deal of comfort in knowing what's going on in your daily life for the next few days.



GEMINI

May. 21-Jun. 21

Keeping life easy and breezy will be a cinch today, especially if you are surrounded by friends who understand how to have a good time. Keep it simple, and keep it low-maintenance.



CANCER

Jun. 22-Jul. 22

Your insight is needed to help a friend untangle a confusing situation. You don't know all the facts yet - but when you do, you'll immediately know how to proceed.



LEO

Jul. 23-Aug. 22

Acknowledge this attention, and go ahead and play up to it! Charm that barista, make that cab driver laugh and work that dynamic duo magic. It makes everyday activities so much more fun.



VIRGO

Aug. 23-Sep. 22

The battle between your impatient side and your pragmatic side will rage on today, with little (if any) resolution. This tension could cause you to lash out at people who try to push your buttons.



LIBRA

Sep. 23-Oct. 22

If you were a superhero, what would your superpower be? Would you like to fly? Be invisible? How about always being able to find a good parking spot? Give this question some serious thought today.



SCORPIO

Oct. 23-Nov. 21

Avoid the urge to consult too many people about what you should do. Getting input is fine, but if you ask the same questions again and again, you might come off as too insecure.



SAGITTARIUS

Nov. 22-Dec. 21

For special insight on your latest quandary, turn to your coworkers or classmates today. You need to consult someone who either is in the same situation you're in or has been there before.



CAPRICORN

Dec. 22-Jan. 19

Take these questions one at a time. Do not expect yourself to answer all of them right away - or ever. Just being aware of such issues may be enough to prepare you to take opportunities as they come.



AQUARIUS

Jan. 20-Feb. 18

You are going to be exposed to an avalanche of new ideas, and some of them might confuse you a bit. This mental challenge may feel uncomfortable or strange, but it will help you stay engaged with the world.

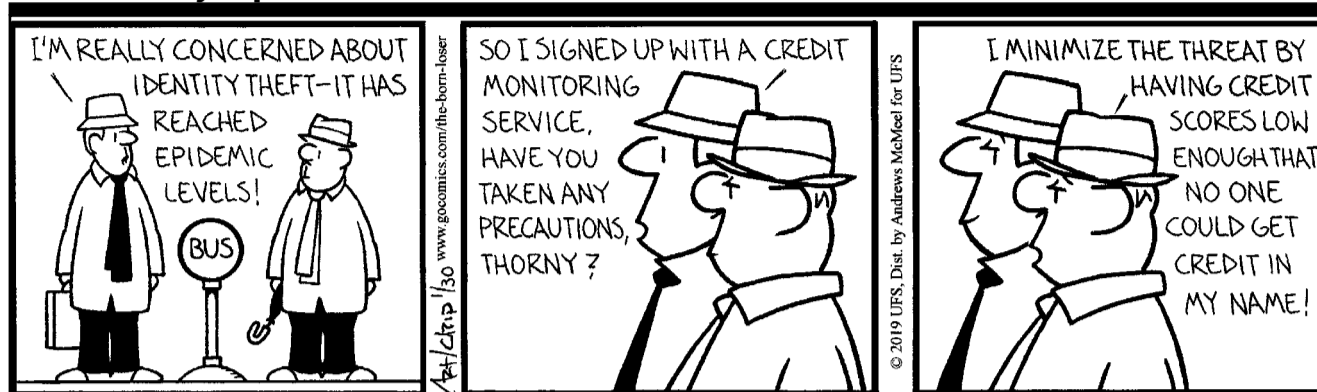


PISCES

Feb. 19-Mar. 20

If you spend too much time thinking about how to make everything equal and fair between you and your friends, you will create way too much work for yourself.

The Born Loser by Chip Sansom



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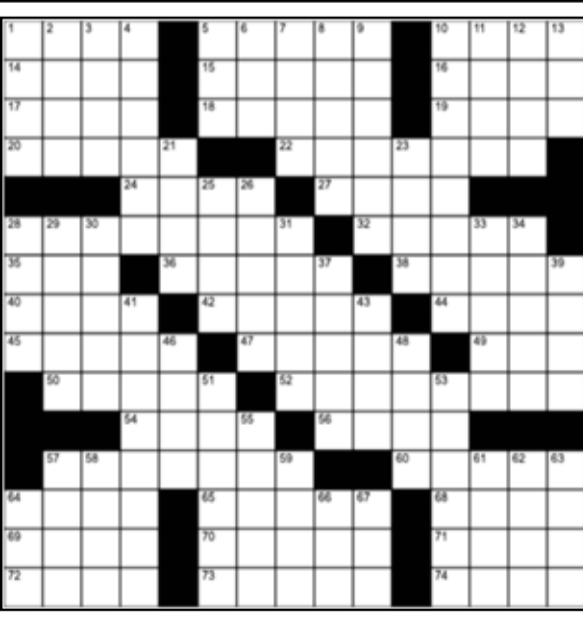
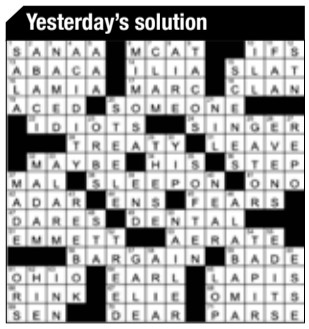
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Harbin	20	25	thundershower
Tianjin	27	35	thundershower
Urumqi	21	28	shower
Xi'an	24	35	cloudy
Lhasa	11	24	shower
Chengdu	24	34	shower
Chongqing	26	34	cloudy
Kunming	18	24	shower
Nanjing	29	36	cloudy
Shanghai	29	36	cloudy
Wuhan	28	37	clear
Hangzhou	28	38	cloudy
Taipei	26	30	overcast
Guangzhou	26	35	thundershower
Hong Kong	28	33	cloudy
WORLD			
Moscow	17	22	moderate rain
Frankfurt	21	33	clear
Paris	22	32	clear
London	16	24	clear
New York	18	27	clear

CROSSWORDS

ACROSS: 1- Oceans; 5- Sling mud at; 10- Beer buy; 14- Big Apple river; 15- "The ___ has landed."; 16- Cowardly Lion portrayer; 17- "Tosca" tune; 18- Trimmed grass near the sidewalk; 19- Tract; 20- Part of UHF; 22- Commanded; 24- Hard journey; 27- Garr of "Tootsie"; 28- Wind-broken horse; 32- They're taboo; 35- 007 creator Fleming; 36- Winter woe; 38- Simmons rival; 40- Long and Peeples; 42- Cop ___; 44- Lose pep; 45- Bert's buddy; 47- Subsequently; 49- Crew member; 50- Red Sea land; 52- Raider; 54- Defendant's answer; 56- Equestrian's control; 57- Throb; 60- Transitional state; 64- Persian fairy; 65- Carried; 68- Letters; 69- You wish!; 70- Name on a bomber; 71- Popeyed; 72- Prying; 73- Related to the kidneys; 74- Actress Bonet;

DOWN: 1- Linebacker Junior; 2- Jurist Warren; 3- ___ were; 4- Begins; 5- Understand; 6- Deranged; 7- Waffle brand; 8- On the ball; 9- Blush; 10- Woodwind instrument; 11- River in central Switzerland; 12- Molt; 13- Piece of history; 21- Some are liberal; 23- God of love; 25- Scat queen Fitzgerald; 26- Retains; 28- Fermented grape juice; 29- Like a sasquatch; 30- Cockamamie; 31- Piece of the past; 33- Hunter of myth; 34- Fine fiddle; 37- Pavarotti, e.g.; 39- Dynamic start?; 41- Make less complex; 43- High point; 46- Sushi fish; 48- Runner Zatopek; 51- Less messy; 53- Beast; 55- Make up for wrongdoing; 57- Mexican money; 58- "Exodus" author Leon; 59- Town on the Thames; 61- Biblical trio; 62- Life stories; 63- First name in gymnastics; 64- Metal container used for frying; 66- Guido's high note; 67- Lentil and spice dish;



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- Commission Against Corruption (CCAC) 28326 300
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[Taipa] *Manhattan* 3 2
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ONE OF B.B. KING'S 'LUCILLE' GUITARS SOLD FOR \$280K AT AUCTION

A guitar given to B.B. King for his 80th birthday has sold for \$280,000 at an auction of items from the blues legend's estate.

Julien's Auctions says King often used the black Gibson ES-345 prototype that was one of several guitars he called «Lucille.» A spokeswoman for the auction house, Mozell Miley-Bailey, said that the buyer wants to remain anonymous.

Before the auction, Julien's estimated the guitar's value at \$80,000 to \$100,000. The headstock has "B.B. King 80" and a crown inlaid with mother-of-pearl, and the guitar is autographed on the back. The Gibson company gave King the guitar as a gift.

Early in his career, King ran back into a burning nightclub to rescue his guitar, and he later learned the fire started when two men were fighting over a woman named Lucille. King said he never met the woman but started naming his guitars Lucille as a reminder to never again endanger his own life.

The auction of more than 550 items from King's estate took place in Los Angeles over the weekend, a few days after what would have been his 94th birthday. He died in 2015.



KANYE WEST ATTRACTS THOUSANDS TO WYOMING FOR WORSHIP SERVICE

KANYE West has held an outdoor worship service that attracted thousands of people to the Wyoming city where he owns a ranch.

The Billings Gazette reports West held the free event over the weekend on the grounds of The Buffalo Bill Center of the West in Cody.

The center estimates 3,800 people attended the hour-long "Sunday Service" in the Robbie Powwow Garden.

An official says the center was contacted about renting the facility only two days earlier.

West performed with a choir of 80 singers flown from California to Wyoming Sunday morning.

The music included 14 choir pieces focused on worship and nontraditional hymns, as well as reworked versions of songs by No Doubt and Nirvana.

West recently purchased a ranch property south of Cody.

FIRE GUTS BUILDING AT DETROIT'S OUTDOOR ART PROJECT

FIRE has destroyed a building that is part of Detroit's popular outdoor art project known as the Heidelberg Project.

Flames were shooting through the roof before firefighters brought the blaze under control yesterday [Macau time]. The building east of downtown Detroit has "you" painted all over it, one of many buildings with the work of artist Tyree Guyton. The rear was gutted, and piles

of bricks were everywhere.

Guyton is known for attaching shoes, clocks, vinyl records, stuffed animals and other objects to run-down homes in the neighborhood.

A spokesman, Dan Lijana, says the Heidelberg Project has been hit with fire in the past. He says, "Every time we've emerged from it stronger."

Authorities say a person is in custody in the investigation.



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FOOTBALL

Messi, Rapinoe win FIFA player of the year awards

LIONEL Messi won his sixth FIFA player of the year award, while Megan Rapinoe won her first at a lavish ceremony at Milan's iconic Teatro all Scala yesterday [Macau time].

Rapinoe was rewarded at the FIFA Best awards for leading the United States to the women's World Cup title in July, as was Jill Ellis who won the women's coach award.

Rapinoe scored six goals in the tournament, earning her the Golden Boot for the tournament's top scorer and the Golden Ball as the top player.

The outspoken star often uses her success as a platform to speak out about issues and the 34-year-old did so again in Milan, pleading for her male and female colleagues to join the likes of Manchester City winger Raheem Sterling in speaking out on racism and other inequalities.

"If we really want to have meaningful change what I think is most inspiring would be if everybody other than Raheem Sterling and (Kalidou) Koulibaly, if they were as outraged about racism as they were, if everybody was as outraged about homophobia as the LGBTQ players, if everybody was as outraged about the lack of equal pay and investment in the women's game other than just women, that would be the most inspiring thing to me," Rapinoe said.

"That's my ask of everybody. As professional footballers ... we have so much success, we have incredible platforms, I ask everybody here to lend your platform, to lift people up, to use this beautiful game to change the world for better."

AP PHOTO



From left: Lionel Messi, United States women's World Cup winning coach Jill Ellis, Liverpool manager Juergen Klopp and United States forward Megan Rapinoe

Rapinoe finished with 46 ranking points to 42 for teammate Alex Morgan and 29 for England's Lucy Bronze.

After the ceremony, Rapinoe said being able to speak out about issues is more important to her than the actual award.

"I've been very lucky to have this incredibly platform that seems to be growing by the day and I plan to use it to the best of my ability," she told reporters. "The award's amazing of course

but I don't do this for individual awards, certainly not.

"Even the team awards, the World Cup's obviously incredible to win but when we sort of all look back on it, it will be the way we've changed the game and moved the game forward and really been a part of changing the world, this incredible movement that's happening right now, that we'll all be most proud of."

Messi's award moved the Barcelona and Argentina forward

one ahead of Cristiano Ronaldo. The Juventus forward did not attend the ceremony despite being among the three finalists.

The duo has dominated the award since 2008, with their string of victories only interrupted by Luka Modric last year.

Liverpool defender Virgil van Dijk was the other finalist

Messi finished with 46 ranking points to 38 for van Dijk and 36 for Ronaldo.

Aaron Long, given the U.S.

captain's vote because he was among two players who wore the armband twice this year, voted for van Dijk, as did American coach Gregg Berhalter.

Van Dijk's club manager Jurgen Klopp was voted coach of the year after steering Liverpool to the Champions League title in June, while teammate Alisson won the best men's goalkeeper award.

"I have to thank my team because as coach you can only be as good as your team is," Klopp said.

Ellis also thanked her players.

"I owe so much to them," she said.

Ellis resigned in July, shortly after the U.S. beat the Netherlands 2-0 to win its second successive World Cup.

The 53-year-old Ellis was hired as coach of the U.S. team in 2014 and led it to eight overall tournament titles, including back-to-back World Cup successes. Over the course of her tenure, the United States lost just seven matches.

Her players made up nearly half of the women's team of the year, with Kelley O'Hara, Julie Ertz, Rose Lavelle and Morgan included in the 11 as well as Rapinoe.

"I think I walked out with Messi and no one noticed me," Ellis said jokingly to reporters, before adding: "It was such an honor, it really was. Fantastic night ... happy for my players to do so well as well on that stage so it was great."

The award for the best women's goalkeeper went to van Veenendaal of Atletico Madrid and the Netherlands.

The 29-year-old Van Veenendaal captained the Netherlands to the final of the women's World Cup. **AP**

RUGBY WORLD CUP

Italy can move closer to third place with a win over Canada

IN a Rugby World Cup group containing three-time champion New Zealand and two-time winner South Africa, the realistic option for the other teams is third place.

A win for Italy over Canada tomorrow at Fukuoka Hakatanomori Stadium would go some way to securing that, given the Italians beat Namibia 47-22 last Sunday. Although Connor O'Shea's squad scored seven tries, the general view was that Italy needs to play "more accurately and with more discipline in our structure," according to backrower Braam Steyn.

Still, O'Shea was confident enough to make 10 changes to his starting lineup, with Steyn and flyhalf

AP PHOTO



Italian players celebrate their 47-22 win over Namibia

Flyhalf Tommaso Allan among the five keeping their spots.

"I have confidence in

all our players — all our players are worth a place in the team," O'Shea said.

"I am sure, as you will see,

(that) Thursday is much better in how we execute our play."

Allan will be joined by

English-born scrumhalf Callum Braley in Italy's 13th halves pairing since the 2015 World Cup.

Veteran backrower Sergio Parisse, one of only three players to feature in five World Cups, has been rested even though he wanted to make his 142nd test appearance and move into second place outright on the all-time list behind New Zealand's Richie McCaw.

So New Zealand-born Dean Budd will lead the team in Parisse's absence.

"To captain my country in a World Cup is the best moment of my career," said Budd, who has shaved off his beard because of the intense humidity in Japan. "I hope I'm not like Samson in the Bible. I hope I don't lose

my power," he said, joking. "It was just hot. There was not any other reason."

Budd is joined in the second row by David Sisi, the first German-born player to contest a Rugby World Cup. He was born at the British Military Hospital in Rinteln, a small town of 27,000 people in the Lower Saxony region, and qualifies through his paternal grandparents.

Budd predicts that Italy's forwards will have their work cut out against a proud Canada pack.

"They are massively physical. Those first scrums and first contacts and driving mauls will be interesting," Budd said. "We know we have to match them or it will be a long day at the office." **AP**

OPINION

Animal Farm

Albano Martins



HONG KONG: WHERE ARE YOU AND WHERE ARE YOU GOING?

Hong Kong is entering a spiral of violence that, especially in the face of unequal forces, is not a solution for those who aspire to keep or have greater democracy within the second system. The attitude of many people who object to Carrie Lam, engaging in sometimes violent and almost endless demonstrations, with assaults on security forces and their supporters, will be not be favorable for the movement. The same posture by the police complicates the matter. The candor of the first moments have turned into a kind of viral hate.

It is understandable, but the world, fortunately or unfortunately, deteriorates greatly because men are after all too small for the grandeur and complicated problems of this world we inherited. Some small logs in the fireplace will easily set off huge flames. Once out of control there will be new violence against the people! And that of course will come from China, the only one with this capability.

It is important to remember that China is usually not contained in its "big house".

There isn't much analysis of the class structure of the core of Hong Kong's pro-Democratic movement, but it seems they are not, in the main, from working or poorer classes.

As has happened and is happening a little all over the world, and in China it will have happened, too, students wear the shirt of freedom against dictatorships or similar governments, and they readily become out of control.

Carrie Lam is helping to foment this mismatch of wills, but if she were replaced, I doubt that the movement for greater democracy in Hong Kong would sit down with the new Chief Executive to "compromise."

The truth is also that the first system is not used to doing thus. It is a hard exercise for a first system!

As told in popular slang in foreign tongues, they are all stretching the rope and it will have to break!

By the way, involving foreign governments in an internal struggle is not a sustained solution to solve the conflict. It's putting more logs on the fire. All be calm! All political exercise must be done with compromise.

On the basis of this exercise it must be clearly assumed by both sides that Hong Kong is an integral part of China (and this I think many contestants do not accept, especially those who are flying the flag of a colonial time) and that they should be able to enjoy their second system status as enshrined in its Basic Law and signed international agreements (China says it does but does not always seem to).

China has to be able to stop the idea of accelerating the integration of the two systems to the detriment of the second, before its "expiration date".

It has launched a very clever, economically and politically brilliant bait, the Great Bay, which will be a work of the devil but which will stir everything and everyone. Many people turn to it, not out of patriotism, but for mere economic interest.

China should get prepared and carefully plan this integration rather than accelerating it by creating chaos, confusion and much anguish to those who never lived in the first system.

Please, sit at the table, talk and stop the bullshit!

That is the message that should be sent to both sides of the barricade, because the third side, the Government of Hong Kong is not worthy of it: it seems not properly prepared for this heavy workload! I have the perception that the Hong Kong Government does not know where it is or where it is going!

China's central bank governor said yesterday its monetary policy will stay "stable and healthy," suggesting Beijing has no plans to join the United States and Europe in cutting interest rates to stimulate economic growth amid a tariff war with Washington.

The People's Bank of China will avoid a "massive stimulus," Yi Gang said at a news conference.

Beijing is trying to shore up cooling economic growth amid a tariff war with Washington but is wary of reviving a rise in debt levels that are so high that rating agencies have cut China's credit rating.

"We believe that for our monetary policy we should stay committed to our own course and stick with an orientation that is stable and healthy," Yi said.

China's economic growth hit a three-decade low of 6.6% in 2018, adding to pressure on Beijing to expand stimulus measures. The ruling Communist Party is trying to shift to growth supported by domestic consumption instead of exports and investment but loosened lending controls after growth declined faster than planned.

DUTCH REINFORCE MAJOR DIKE AS SEAS RISE, CLIMATE CHANGES



MIKE CORDER & ALEKSANDAR FURTULA

Rising up in a thin line through the waters separating the provinces of North Holland and Friesland, the 87-year-old Afsluitdijk is one of the low-lying Netherlands' key defenses against its ancient enemy, the sea. With climate change bringing more powerful storms and rising sea levels, the dike is getting a major makeover.

The Dutch government has embarked on a future-proofing project to beef up the iconic 32-kilometer dam. Work is already underway and is expected to continue until 2023.

Just what the Afsluitdijk and the rest of the world's coastal regions will have to endure in the coming decades will be outlined this week in a new United Nations scientific report on the impact of climate change on ice and oceans.

The Dutch, whose low-lying country is crisscrossed by rivers and bordered by the sea, have been battling with water for centuries. That challenge will only grow as warmer temperatures cause sea levels to rise. With that in mind, the government this year established a "knowledge program on rising sea levels" that aims

to feed expertise into the country's ongoing program of building and maintaining its water defenses.

"The Netherlands is currently the safest delta in the world," the government said, announcing the new program. "We want to keep it that way."

Boris Teunis, an expert on emergency water management with the Dutch wa-

The Netherlands is currently the safest delta in the world.

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ter agency Rijkswaterstaat, said in a recent interview that sea levels have been rising for years "but what we are worrying about is if that is going to accelerate."

Engineers are strengthening the Afsluitdijk, including laying thousands of custom-made concrete blocks and raising parts of it. They are also improving the highway that runs over the narrow strip of man-made land which lies between the shallow Wadden Sea and the IJsselmeer inland sea and which, despite its name, is technically a dam rather than a dike because it separates water from water.

The cutting edge of the design work for the streng-

thening is not being done at a beach or estuary, but in a long wave tank known as the flume in an industrial area of Delft, the historic city best known for its delicate blue and white china and painter Johannes Vermeer.

Engineers built a scale model of a cross section of the Afsluitdijk in the tank and are pounding it with waves that they say should occur only once every 10,000 years. The goal is to make sure the new design can survive the destructive power of such a storm.

Mark Klein Breteler, a dike expert and project manager at Deltares, the water research center that built and uses the flume, said the new design of the Afsluitdijk needs to handle everything that climate change throws at it.

"We know about sea level rise but also the storminess of this area is increasing, so wind speeds are higher and we get larger waves," he said.

This kind of innovation and the constant care needed to maintain the Netherlands' thousands of miles of dikes and levees does not come cheap. The government has earmarked nearly 18 billion euros (\$20 billion) to fund such projects for the period from 2020-2033. AP



United Nations Secretary-General Antonio Guterres warned global leaders of the looming risk of the world splitting in two, with the United States and China creating rival internets, currency, trade, financial rules "and their own zero sum geopolitical and military strategies." In his annual "state of the world address" to the General Assembly's gathering of heads of state and government, Guterres said the risk "may not yet be large, but it is real."

United Nations Facing growing calls for his impeachment, President Donald Trump addressed the U.N. General Assembly yesterday and delivered a roaring defense of nationalism and American sovereignty even as he tried to rally a multinational response to Iran's escalating aggression. More on p15



Brazilian President Jair Bolsonaro is dismissing what he says are media lies about fires in the Amazon and says the rain forest is not being devastated. Bolsonaro told a gathering of world leaders at the United Nations yesterday that many fires occur naturally in the forest during dry weather, though he did also acknowledge some are intentionally set.



UK A decade almost to the day after its creation, the Supreme Court stamped its authority — unanimously and unequivocally — on British politics with a thundering repudiation yesterday of British Prime Minister Boris Johnson's decision to suspend Parliament. The court's president, Baroness Hale of Richmond (pictured) breezily embraced her moment in the constitutional spotlight, speaking in measured tones in a 15-minute speech broadcast live across the nation as she read the landmark ruling from the 11-judge panel.