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China is starting mass testing on 3 million people in a section of the northern city of Tianjin and has tested 4,015 others in a hospital in Shanghai after the discovery of a pair of cases there. The National Health Commission recorded seven new domestically transmitted cases Saturday, including five in Tianjin and two in Shanghai.

Hong Kong activist Joshua Wong and former Demosisto members Agnes Chow and Ivan Lam plan to plead guilty to all charges related to a siege of police headquarters in June last year. Immediate detainment could follow. Wong wrote in a Facebook post last night, as a trial will be skipped and the hearing set to resume today will proceed straight to closing statements.



Taiwan Thousands of people marched in Taipei's streets yesterday demanding the reversal of a decision to allow U.S. pork imports into Taiwan, alleging food safety issues. President Tsai Ing-wen's administration lifted a long-standing ban on U.S. pork and beef imports in August, in a move seen as one of the first steps toward possibly negotiating a bilateral trade agreement with the U.S. The ban is due to be lifted in January.



Pakistan Tens of thousands of supporters this weekend thronged the funeral of a radical cleric whose Islamist party has defended Pakistan's controversial blasphemy law that calls for the death penalty for insulting Islam. The mourners gathered in the eastern city of Lahore, where the Islamist scholar and leader, Khadim Hussein Rizvi, died two days ago at the age of 54.

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2020 BUDGET TO RISE BY NEARLY MOP8.2B

JULIE ZHU

THE Secretary for Economy and Finance, Lei Wai Nong, disclosed that after careful assessment, the government calculated another sum of approximately MOP8.157 billion to be added to the city's 2020 budget. The new amount will be able to support the government's expenditure until the end of this year.

This is the third amendment of the 2020 budget within this year, after MOP39 billion patacas of reserves was approved in April to be used to fill its budget deficit caused by the anticipated reduction in gaming tax income and increased expenses.

This time, the Secretary is confident that there will not be a fourth amendment of the budget.

On Friday, the discussion on the third amendment of the 2020 government budget was completed.

The Executive Council noted in a statement that the estimated gaming revenue of 2020 will be less than what was previously anticipated, leading to a situa-



tion where revenue will be insufficient to cover the expenditure.

Early this year, the SAR government said that it expects 2020 gross gaming revenue to decline by more than 55% year-on-year to around MOP130 billion due to the impact of the pandemic outbreak.

Meanwhile, on the sidelines of the meeting, the Secretary explained that the expenditure arising from the latest assess-

ment, which is the additional MOP8.157 billion, will be mainly used as the government's recurrent expenditures for projects which have already been planned.

Lei remarked that the money will be used for the public.

As explained by the official, originally, the government had estimated a higher amount of additional expenditure, the sum eventually came down to

MOP8.157 billion.

Previously, the Chief Executive predicted that a second MOP20 billion will be injected in the 2020 budget by year-end.

From September 23, mainland China resumed issuing travel permits to Macau.

In Lei's opinion, since September 23, Macau's gaming revenue has been showing "rather optimistic" development.

Speaking about civil servants'

welfare, particularly salary, Lei remarked that the government has no plan of reducing the salary of the civil servants' which can be proven by the government's 2021 budget.

Meanwhile, Chairman of the First Standing Committee Ho Ion Sang reported that the government expects the Covid-19 pandemic will be "more stable" next year, and that the daily arrival of visitors will double that of this year.

During the meeting, some lawmakers proposed that the government should launch a third round of financial help.

Citing government representatives, Ho said that Macau's economy is gradually recovering, adding that the government must consider financial help carefully. If there are difficulties for the local economy, the government may still launch other financial support schemes.

Following their discussion, the Executive Council proposes the government to deliver the bill to the Legislative Assembly for an urgent vote.

BERNSTEIN: VIP GGR MAY RETURN BY 2023

STAFF REPORTER

VIP gross gaming revenue (GGR) in Macau may recover before 2023 when there is "more visibility around junket liquidity and demand," according to a recent report published by Sanford C. Bernstein Ltd.

In the coming year, the GGR of the VIP sector "could be negatively impacted by continued tighter capital controls and customer and agent concerns about dealing with junkets," according to the note seen by GGRAsia.

The GGR from VIP baccarat collected MOP2.34 billion in the third quarter (Q3) of 2020, diving 92.5%, year-on-year, from MOP31.1 billion raked in during the same period last year, according to the Gaming

Inspection and Coordination Bureau (DICJ). The plunge was led by the Covid-19 pandemic-related economic contraction.

Despite the yearly decline, the VIP baccarat in Q3 advanced almost 56% from just MOP1.5 billion in the second quarter this year, mainly attributed to the reinstatement of the Individual Visit Scheme (IVS) permits for all mainland tourists since September 23.

The inflow of mainland tourists into Macau, brought about by the implementation of the scheme, has offered a great flip for the city's casino industry.

In the past two months, five of the six operators had already broken even in earnings before interest, taxation, depreciation and amortization

(EBITDA), said Sanford, who is expecting all six of them, including SJM, to recover the expenses later.

In the short term, Sanford predicts that Macau's GGR in 2020 will fall by 78%, with a drop of 64% expected in the fourth quarter of 2020.

Looking forward to the longer term, the GGR may rise by a compound annual growth rate (CAGR) of 2% judged over the period of "2019 to 2023," the research company said.

"The uptick is projected to be driven by 6% CAGR in mass, especially the premium mass, meanwhile, offset by a decline of 4% CAGR in VIP," said the analysts of Sanford.

However, the research also pointed out that not all tourists to Macau are gamblers, meaning there will be more elements factored in, apart from visitor arrivals, for the actual casino market performance.

ECONOMY

GDP PLUNGES 64% IN Q3

LYNZY VALLES

MACAU'S economy contracted by 63.8% year-on-year in real terms in the third quarter of 2020, a slightly smaller contraction compared to the previous quarter (-68.0%), according to new data released by the Statistics and Census Service.

With a rebound in visitor arrivals following the easing of travel restrictions for mainland residents to visit the SAR, exports of services of Macau fell at a slower rate of 87.5% in the third quarter, of which exports of gaming services and other tourism services went down by 93.6% and 87.9% respectively.

Meanwhile, exports of goods soared by 252.2% year-on-year. Domestic demand saw a smaller decrease of 6.1% year-on-year, on

account of a slower rate of decline in private consumption expenditure.

In the recent Policy Address, Chief Executive Ho Iat Seng forecasted that the economic and social situation is not likely to show significant improvement in the next year.

The government forecast that Macau's gross domestic product (GDP) will fall by 60.9% this year

Ho had warned the population not to expect a fast economic recovery, especially during 2021, and to take into account that the economic recession caused by the Covid-19 pandemic is expected to continue for a relatively long period and will likely result in additional hassles to the population. Commenting on the GDP decline, economist Albano Martin told the Times, "I

still believe, however, that the year-to-year GDP real decrease will be between 61% to 64%."

"In the future, I think that the first quarter of 2021 may see a decrease because of the 'strong' [GDP in] January and [...] February of 2020. But in the next quarters, the growth will almost duplicate," said Martins. "We may see a two-digit growth in 2021."

Meanwhile, as the SAR government maintained its expenditure on pandemic prevention and continued providing economic relief measures, government final consumption expenditure recorded a larger increase of 18.6% as against the 16.3% growth in the previous quarter. Net purchases of goods and services rose by 33.9% while compensation of employees went up by 2.7%.

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House of Dancing Water sees departure of 137 foreign employees

MELCO Resorts & Entertainment yesterday did not renew the work permits of 137 foreign employees who work at The House of Dancing Water—an internationally acclaimed show that has been suspended for six months since June due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

The suspension of the water-themed act will be extended for the next few months. It would not reopen in January 2021 as previously scheduled, according to a statement the gaming operator released.

The blue card holders “whose work permits expire during the show hiatus will be departing”, according to a statement made by Melco.

Such disheartening news came after the resort group made an announcement previously in June, promising that the show would be temporarily suspended and be “reimagined to offer new energy and excitement” during the downtime until January 2021.

The fact that the show's creator and director Franco Dragone has been unable to come to Macau is said to be the deciding factor as to why Melco went back on its previous decision to reopen the production around Chinese New Year.

Since March 18, the SAR government has banned entry for foreign visitors in an effort to stem the Covid-19 transmission. Such restriction was extended to all overseas non-resident workers just one day later on March 19, with exceptions for residents from China, Hong Kong and Taiwan.

Melco emphasized that the global tourism industry has been in the grip of Covid-19 as the travel restrictions in place across the globe have undermined the industry's receipts.



In the latest financial report published by Melco, the group's total operating revenues for this year's third quarter stood at USD0.21 billion, down a drastic 85% from \$1.44 billion from the same period last year.

According to the report, the sharp decline in its receipts was mainly due to the “softer performance in all gaming segments and non-gaming operations as a result of the Covid-19 pandemic.”

Chief Operating Officer of Melco David Sisk said it is saddening for him to see “amazing talent leave,” and expressed gratitude for the staff's “continued efforts” during these difficult times.

“We thank each of them individually for their contributions, and trust they will leave with the belief that the show is a very significant

part of their careers and that during this time their commitment has been truly recognized and retributed by the company. We sincerely wish them all the best in their future endeavors.”

A total of 137 blue card holders from the show was said to be informed by the gaming operator yesterday that their employment contracts were terminated and would not be renewed.

By far, nine blue cardholders as well as 57 local employees will stay in the team to keep the theater running.

Melco is currently offering assistance regarding travel arrangements for the discharged staff to return to their home countries.

A Times' source, who was dismissed in June, confirmed that he is currently assisting a former colleague

to go back home after the contract was not renewed.

In June, the gaming operator told the Times that the suspension of the show will force a reduction in the show's 160 plus staff. Blue card holders employed at the House of Dancing Water, who comprise around half of the workforce, will be let go.

Melco previously noted that they were determined to hire local workers.

“We have very different workers' situations, so we have to deal differently with them, case by case,” a company source said in June, explaining that “some are in Macau, some are not.”

The House of Dancing Water, a mainstay of entertainment production of City of Dreams, has drawn over 6 million audiences since its debut in 2010.

FIRST GP DAY RECORDS HIGHEST NUMBER OF TOURISTS SINCE COVID-19 OUTBREAK

Approximately 28,000 visitors arrived in Macau on Friday, the first day of this year's Macau Grand Prix (GP), marking a single-day record high in the past nine months as stated by the Macao Government Tourism Office (MGTO). The MGTO attributed the boost to the car races, the shopping events and the Macau Food Festival, which “created synergies to bring the city into a carnival mood.” Considering Friday alone, the city saw 5,000 more visitor arrivals week on week. On the first day of last year's Macau GP, Macau recorded 85,000 visitor arrivals.

YOUTH FEDERATION TO PROMOTE NATIONAL SECURITY EDUCATION

The Macao Youth Federation is planning to commence studies on the promotion of education and awareness on national security. Alvis Lo, President of the Federation, pointed out that national security issues do not fall only within military or territorial sectors, but also in cyber and information security. “Even biological security, prompted by the recent Covid-19 pandemic, is also part of national security,” Lo explained. “We hope to promote and study how we can educate people on national security,” he added.

EGM TECH STANDARDS TO UPDATE BY Q4 2021

The Electronic Gaming Machines (EGM) Technical Standards will soon commence in the first quarter of 2021 and are slated to be completed by the end of next year, as stated in the Policy Address 2021. The amendment works, dubbed “Version 1.1,” will spell out the updated technical requirements for electronic gaming machines, including electronic card shufflers, electronic card shoes, dealer-operated electronic table games, jackpots and centralized monitoring system for slot machines.

Associations say layoffs happening despite revenue returns

ACCORDING to a survey which covered more than 500 businesses in the Northern District, as many as 30% of businesses were laying off employees despite retaining up to 90% of their revenue year-on-year.

Wong Kin Chong, president of The Industry and Commerce Association

of Macau Northern District, revealed the survey results to Chinese media after a public event held over the weekend. He added that some businesses in the district were on the brink of closing or had already ceased operations.

Meanwhile, Lei Cheok Kuan, president of The

Industry and Commerce Federation of Macau Central and Southern Districts, told Chinese media, also over the weekend on the sidelines of a public event, that small and medium-sized enterprises in the two districts reported resumption of revenues up to 70%, with an average of 50%.

Lei added that slightly below 10% of businesses operating in the two districts were considering terminating staff. The same percentage of businesses, on the other hand, reported the need to cut staff.

In the future, Lei hopes shopping events and the government's assistance

in promoting the districts can help alleviate the difficulties faced by businesses there. “It can help tourists make early preparations on where to visit in the districts,” Lei said.

Wong expects both the Covid-19 pandemic and the economic downturn to at least last until Lunar New Year. Similar to many business personages, Wong called for the return of tourism activities as he sees Macau unable to support itself with internal consumptions only. **AL**

ANTHONY LAM



ACCLAIMED CHOREOGRAPHER CALLS ON ENTHUSIASTS TO 'BE DEDICATED'

ANTHONY LAM

VETERAN contemporary dance choreographer and teacher Sang Jijia encourages emerging dancers to become dedicated and grab any chances available if they want to shine in their artistic career.

He added in an exclusive interview with the Times that he is a vivid example himself.

"When I told my parents – then I was only 12 – that I was departing for Beijing to explore an artistic career, they objected it," Sang recalled.

"But I didn't care. I insisted. I wanted to go to Beijing because I wanted to see a broader horizon," he recalled. At the end of the day, his parents gave in to his unbending insistence and allowed him to travel to Beijing.

Originally from the Tibet community in the Gansu Province of China, the experienced artist has won numerous awards since the 1990s. He was also chosen, in 2002, by the Rolex Mentor and Protégé Arts Initiative to study choreography under Master William

Forsythe in Germany and remained at Ballet Frankfurt and the Forsythe Company as assistant choreographer. Sang is a resident choreographer at the City Contemporary Dance Company of Hong Kong.

pressure in choosing between aspiration and reality, Sang said when one is committed, they will stand stiff against the pressure.

Nonetheless, he addressed that parents' objections are

"We're aiming to bring the production out of Macau to present to a larger audience"

SANG JIJIA
VETERAN CONTEMPORARY DANCE CHOREOGRAPHER

He was in Macau earlier this month for an audition at the Macao Cultural Centre (CCM), which invited him to lead its annual Artist-in-Residence Project. With the audition concluded, Sang is currently deciding on selecting one choreographer and four dancers at maximum for a show to be staged in September next year.

It is not rare to see parents obstructing or opposing their children's pursuit of artistic creation as a career. On the cliched problem of family

usually founded in goodwill. It is often out of the fear that their children will suffer hardship such as lack of income. However, he believed someone so dedicated to the arts as a career will not settle for a regular 9-to-5 career.

Moreover, he encouraged local dancers to never let go of any opportunities of which they can make use to foster their own progress, such as this one by the CCM, because the production will not only debut in Macau as a glo-

marked. "Therefore, they will be seen and remembered by more people. Only then, more opportunities are possible," said Sang.

The audition has attracted most of Macau's experienced contemporary dancers and choreographers, including a local dancer who is now studying in Taiwan. In addition, some young dancers in Hong Kong have also signed up. Most importantly, they are all Macau ID holders.

On this collaboration with the CCM, the choreographer said it was a new form of collaboration to him.

"To mainly instruct for the sake of showing promising dancers on their creations and productions, so that they can take fewer winding roads, is a new experience to me," Sang explained. "I feel rather anticipatory."

The experienced choreographer commented that the platform for contemporary dances is still rare and small in Macau. This collaboration with the CCM is valuable to Macau, he said.

While mentoring selected local dancers, Sang admitted he will be more an inspirer than an instructor.

"It is very difficult to convey creativity. When an artist has the inspirations, they have their own plans or views already. We need to respect them," he explained. "However, in my experience, what we can give them is to rationalize the structure of the work, or to offer different perspectives to their imaginations."

When asked whether he will make a show based on the year 2020, Sang said it is difficult to foresee. "However, the Covid-19 pandemic will have an impact on how one views life," he stressed.

According to Sang's observations from this audition, dancing may still be considered a feminine career in Macau because the audition has attracted more female than male dancers, making it an area which can be greatly improved on.





TIME waits for no man. That is also the rule for business. As a local micro-enterprise founded by a Macao young entrepreneur, Sea King Food knows this well. The company took initiative to offer its products to Sands China and has successfully seen Sands become Sea King Food's biggest buyer of rice.

As a large-scale international corporation in Macao, Sands China attaches great importance to food quality and safety, and has therefore indicated that SMEs obtaining product certificates and offering reliable products to clients could enter into a mutually beneficial cooperation.

NEW MEASURES IN EXPANDING MARKET

In Macao, Sea King Food saw that rice is mostly imported to the SAR from Vietnam and Thailand, with a small amount coming from mainland China. Early last year, Sea King Food visited some mainland cities such as Beijing and Harbin, and found that the pearl rice from northeast China is good quality, producing a variety in full grains, with a pleasant aroma and a perfectly sticky yet fluffy texture. After making an application, Sea King Food gained support and received approval from mainland's

SME takes proactive action in expanding new business

relevant authorities and successfully brought northeast China's pearl rice to Macao.

PROACTIVE APPROACH TO SANDS CHINA

Sales were not as good as the company had expected, however. The SME decided to take the initiative and contact Sands China, introducing Sea King Food's services and products, and expressing the hope of becoming one of Sands' suppliers and thus promoting quality mainland food to local residents.

Sands China values quality and safety in food. After Sea King Food's approach, Sands began a series of procedures, including an on-site survey, quotation and sampling, during which both sides maintained good communication on how to improve. They officially entered into cooperation at the end of last year, with management from Sands China's procurement and food & beverage departments recognizing the quality of Sea King Food's rice

and deciding to use it for their staff canteen. For Sea King Food, Sands China is now its biggest buyer of rice, with an average purchasing quantity of 50-60 tons of rice monthly.

Martin Li, the manager of Sea King Food, believes the certification of their products is the best proof of their food's quality, which helps them to stand out among competitors. Pest control is a primary concern for rice buyers, so the SME took action. "We hired a pest control company to come our warehouse for routine checking every month, and provided the related documents to customers. We hope it can increase clients' confidence in working with us," said Li.

What's more, Sea King Food said they have a supply agreement with their mainland supplier, ensuring the supply chain is stable, regardless of natural disasters such as floods.

During the outbreak of Covid-19, Sands China requested to increase its orders of rice, fea-

ring that the supply and transportation might be affected by the epidemic. Given the strict storage environment required for rice, Sea King Food suggested that there would be no need to increase their purchasing quantity, and guaranteed the supply would be stable. The SME kept its promise. During the outbreak, staff of Sea King Food stuck to their posts and the rice delivery to Sands China was on time.

The episode has left a strong impression on Sands China's management: "We recognize that Sea King Food is responsible and professional. In the future, we hope to increase the purchasing amount, as well as product varieties, for a longer term of cooperation."

According to Li, working with Sands China benefits the business in more ways than just profits: "The cooperation increased our confidence. And as our client is a leading integrated resort operator, they have strict standards in execution, atta-

ching high importance to food quality and safety. We needed to improve our management skills as well." Sea King Food encouraged staff to undertake food safety training, as well as courses provided by the Sands Procurement Academy, which is set up by Sands China and dedicated to helping SMEs gain the knowledge needed to work with large-scale international corporations.

COMMENTS AND SUGGESTIONS FROM SANDS

According to management from Sands China's procurement and food & beverage departments, the company has set up a unified standard for suppliers, by which product quality is required. SMEs like Sea King Food, which hold product certifications, will greatly increase confidence in working together. Sands China hopes Sea King Food will select and purchase more kinds of ingredients from different mainland provinces to bring to Macao.

For other SMEs who also hope to become suppliers for Sands China, the enterprise indicated that there are various channels to follow. SMEs can register their information via Sands China's official website, or participate in business matching and the SME open day organized by Sands China. Meanwhile, the Sands Procurement Academy is open for the enrollment of local suppliers. Graduates from the Academy receive priority in becoming Sands suppliers.



LAI CHI VUN SHIPYARD MUSEUM OPENS TO PUBLIC

JULIE ZHU

MACAU'S first museum featuring shipbuilding craft techniques and shipyard history is now open in Coloane village, at the Estrada de Lai Chi Vun.

On Friday, the Shipbuilding Craft Culture Association held a ceremony to inaugurate the opening of the Lai Chi Vun Shipyard Museum.

Located at the office of Macau-Taipa Coloane Shipbuilders Association, the small museum occupies an area of approximately six square meters.

This will be the first time these shipyards are presented to members of the public since late 2018, when the local government officially listed them as immovable property.

"It is the opening of a new page for Macau shipbuilding culture," the Shipbuilding Craft Culture Association said.

At the museum, visitors will be able to see shipbuilding tools which were used by Macau's shipbuilders, as well as depictions of fishing vessels from different times.

Through the exhibition, the association hopes to inspire members of the public to think about Lai Chi Vun Shipyards' re-



Kuan Wong, director of Shipbuilding Craft Culture Association



surrection.

At the sidelines of the opening ceremony, Kuan Wong, director of Shipbuilding Craft Culture Association, told the Times that since the government listed Lai Chi Vun Shipyards as an immovable property, "not much new progress has been made" by the government for these shipyards, adding that only recently did the gover-

ment begin performing basic maintenance on the buildings.

"We are looking forward to the future plan, how it [the plan] will unfold," said Wong, who hopes the government can get in touch with the Lai Chi Vun's local community to learn about their lives.

Previously, the government revealed one of its proposals for the Lai Chi Vun shipyard, which con-

sisted of constructing a museum on the site. In Wong's opinion, the government's proposal is "ambiguous and unsubstantial."

"We wonder if only one of the buildings will be made into a museum or the entire area? We wonder what will be planned for the entire area," said Wong.

Speaking on behalf of the association, Wong remarked that her

group hopes that building a museum will not be the only plan for the shipyards' redevelopment but there can be other ways of bringing this property to life.

Wong believes that the government should first understand the lives of people who are in the neighboring community of Lai Chi Vun shipyards before making an overall plan for the buildings.

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Barrier Gates Removal Schedule for the 67th Macau Grand Prix

As the 67th Macau Grand Prix draws to a conclusion, the Macau Grand Prix Organizing Committee would like to express our gratitude to all citizens for your support and cooperation! Barrier removal works have been started after the event and the barrier gates are expected to be completely removed on 3 December. The schedule is as follows:

Date	Time	Location
23-26/11/2020	08:00 to 20:00	(1) Remove all movable gates (2) Remove all barrier gates on both sides of the movable gates
23-28/11/2020	08:00 to 20:00	Remove all barrier gates from Avenida da Amizade to Reservoir Bend
26/11/2020 - 3/12/2020	08:00 to 20:00	Remove all barrier gates from Rua dos Pescadores to Reservoir Bend
28/11/2020 - 3/12/2020	08:00 to 20:00	Remove all barrier gates at the upper part of the Guia Hill

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Macau 'King' Huff dethroned by stewards' decision

RENATO MARQUES

BRITISH touring car racer Rob Huff received a late penalty from the racing stewards panel, which resulted in the loss of his 10th Macau Guia Race victory, after he finished first in a short but eventful six-lap race on Sunday.

Although Huff dominated the race during the weekend, he was stripped of his win after a protest from Shell Teamwork Lynk & Co Motorsport team.

After analyzing the proof submitted, the panel of stewards decided to hand Huff a drive-through [pitlane] penalty for breaching the Macau Guia Race Sporting Regulation, Article 12.1.d, which relates to causing "an avoidable collision."

They reported on a collision between Huff and Chinese driver Ma Qing Hua in a Lynk & Co 03 TCR, occurring on the second lap of the race when Ma was leading and Huff was second.

Crossing the finish line into the second lap, Ma was leading at the Mandarin Bend when Huff hit the back of his car, making him lose control and hit the barriers hard. His car was destroyed, as were part of the safety protections in place.

The event led to an interruption in the race with the Grand Prix staff having to clear the area of all the debris from Ma's car as well as the barrier itself.

Since the decision from the panel was made after the race, the drive-through pitlane was transformed into a final penalty of 30 seconds, which was added to the total race time.

According to information that the Times had access to,



Huff did not decelerate briefly while passing the bend, as he had in previous laps. This led the stewards to blame him for the accident, which had resulted in Ma exiting the race.

During the press conference held after the race, Huff had expressed his happiness for attaining the record-breaking figure of 10 wins in the famous Guia Race, which has now been claimed back due to the stewards' decision.

Huff apologized for the accident, saying he had no intention to hit Ma's car, and that he felt Ma's car suddenly slowed down in front of him when he was too close, which resulted in him not being able to avoid

the crash. This contradicts the evidence presented to the stewards that Huff was going faster than normal and had caused the collision.

The race itself was not joyful, as it was cut short to half the distance and ended with all the racers lined up on the back of the Safety Car, which had a dominant role this year due to the consecutive crashes happening in different races. Due to the incident, Chinese manufacturer SAIC MG, the mother company of the almost century British brand MG Motor UK (Morris Garages) also lost their first victory in their first-ever participation in the Guia Race with the MG 6 XPower.

The loss of the title by Huff was not the only result under protest. Hong Kong's Andy Yan, who was driving the SAIC MG, was also targeted with a penalty.

Yan was penalized with an addition of 30 seconds to his race time, which resulted in him losing the third position and his place on the podium.

After all penalties were applied, victory in the race was handed to Jason Zhang in a Lynk & Co 03 TCR car, followed by his teammate Sunny Wong from Hong Kong. The last place on the podium was won by another Hong Kong driver, Lo Sze Ho, in a Honda Civic Type R FK2 TCR.

RENATO MARQUES



GT Cup: Polemic decision hands victory to Ye Hongli

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THE stewards panel's polemic decision on the results of Saturday's qualification race, which pushed Hong Kong's Darryl O'Young back in the starting grid by 10 places for the Sunday race, could have contributed to the victory of Ye Hongli, who raced for the Toro Racing team at this year's Macau GT Cup.

O'Young has achieved a faster time every session and won a shortened version of the qualification race on Saturday, allowing him to start in the pole position at the final race on Sunday. The stewards' panel only informed of its decision late in the evening, ruling that O'Young had been penalized 30 seconds for having started the qualification race too close to Ye's car.

Although disagreeing with the decision, the Hong Kong driver did not give up and started the race from 11th position with a successful attempt to immediately return to the front of the race. O'Young was racing in the third position with just fewer than three laps to the end of the race when the session was stopped due to a crash involving car number 8, driven by Yao Liangbo.

Race Control decided for a non-restart of the session since there were only two laps left to complete, and ruled that the race had concluded at the finish line of the previous lap before the interruption.

Ye emerged as the winner in a Mercedes-AMG, followed by Hong Kong's Marchy Lee in an Audi R8 LMS, and the third position was claimed by Chen Weian in another Audi car.

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MACAU racer Charles Leong has fulfilled predictions and won the Macau Grand Prix Formula 4 (F4) race.

Leong showed clear dominance as the fastest driver on the track throughout the weekend in both the practice and qualifying sessions.

His competitor was another local racer, Andy Chang, who finished second, closer to Leong than expected. In the last two laps of the race, Leong had a clear advantage

over the other competitors, which resulted in him trying to overtake them. However, at one instance on the last lap, Leong was behind a slow driver – James Wong. The light blue flags, which signal that a faster car is approaching and Wong should move aside to allow the car to pass, was waved from Lisboa Bend. Leong, and subsequently Chang, only managed to overtake Wong at the Maternity

Bend. By then, the time gap between Leong and Chang had been reduced to almost nothing, with Chang taking the unexpected opportunity to attempt to overtake the leader during the second half of the circuit and on the approach to the checkered flag.

Despite the pressure from Chang, Leong was calm, focused, and ultimately crossed the finish line first, winning the race.

With Chang placing second, the podium was completed by mainland racer Li Si Cheng, who came in third.

At the press conference after the race, Leong said, “right now I feel that I just reached one of my childhood dreams and I am bit speechless. I don’t know how to describe what I am feeling. It’s just too many things happening.” “I feel like I’m dreaming,” he added.

Charles Leong wins first-ever F4 race in Macau



RENATO MARQUES

US, Taiwan sign pact to hold annual economic talks for five years

MIAOJUNG LIN & SAMSON ELLIS

THE U.S. and Taiwan signed a pact to establish annual economic talks for five years despite objections by China to Washington's support for Taipei.

The memorandum of understanding was signed after an inaugural round of economic talks in Washington on Friday. Future discussions will alternate between the U.S. and Taipei, Brent Christensen, director of the American Institute in Taiwan, said in a briefing in Taipei on Saturday.

Both sides agreed that strategic cooperation on the semiconductor industry is a mutual priority, and will push for further collaboration in supply chains, science and technology, 5G and telecommunications security and global health. The talks were led by U.S. State Department Undersecretary of State Keith Krach and Taiwanese minister John Deng.



The agreement can be extended another five years once the current pact is over, Taiwan's Foreign Minister Joseph Wu said, adding he was confident the MOU would be supported

by the next U.S. administration. Secretary of State Michael Pompeo launched the Economic Prosperity Partnership Dialogue with Taiwan in an effort to bolster cooperation. The

talks follow repeated calls from Washington and Taipei for negotiations over a formal trade deal with Taiwan.

Last month, 50 senators signed a letter urging U.S. Trade

Representative Robert Lighthizer to begin talks with Taipei. Taiwanese President Tsai Ing-wen echoed the call earlier this week, saying a trade deal would further strengthen the complementary nature of the two economies.

Pressure on Lighthizer to begin trade talks has increased since Tsai lifted Taiwan's restrictions on the import of U.S. pork and beef in August, a long-standing impediment to a free-trade agreement with the U.S. Since then, the Taiwanese government, industry groups and U.S. political figures had urged the Office of the U.S. Trade Representative to start talks with Taiwan. The USTR has so far given no indication it intends to do so.

China Calls Krach's Taiwan Visit Political Provocation

China has repeatedly signaled its displeasure over improving ties between Washington and Taipei. When Krach visited Taiwan in September, China called the trip a political provocation and sent military aircraft over the median line of the Taiwan Strait.

China's ruling Communist Party in Beijing claims the democratically ruled island as part of its territory despite never having controlled it. **BLOOMBERG**

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TRUMP AIDE SAYS HE EXPECTS BANS ON WECHAT, TIKTOK TO SUCCEED

JENNIFER JACOBS

U.S. National Security Adviser Robert O'Brien said he expects President Donald Trump's attempts to ban the WeChat and TikTok apps to "ultimately" succeed.

Moves by the Trump administration to restrict the Chinese-owned social-media platforms in the U.S. for what it said were national security reasons have been put on hold as a result of court injunctions. WeChat and TikTok users have argued that the bans have been motivated by election year politics rather than genuine security concerns.

"We're now looking - those court cases are ongoing, so the federal government will wait and see what our courts tell us we can or can't do with respect to those bans," O'Brien said at an event in the Vietnamese capital of Hanoi. "I think ultimately the president's authority with those bans on those apps will be enforced. And I think even if there's a change in administration, those bans will take place."

President-elect Joe Biden, who takes office on Jan. 20,



has promised to review security risks surrounding the TikTok app.

The administration is also looking at other Chinese companies that have popular apps in the U.S. "that are taking a lot of data from the American people," O'Brien said. "We're taking a look at those apps as well and there could be some action. We'll have to see what the president decides to do."

O'Brien repeatedly took jabs at China.

China has to learn to play

by international rules, and shouldn't act as though it owned the South China Sea "like it's some lake," he said.

China's expansive territorial claims in the resource-rich South China Sea have put it at odds with Southeast Asian neighbors including Vietnam, the Philippines and Malaysia. The U.S. has sent warships and aircraft near disputed areas for decades to assert the freedom to navigate through what it considers international airspace and waters. **BLOOMBERG**

Spike in cases delays Singapore-Hong Kong travel bubble

ZEN SOO, HONG KONG

SINGAPORE and Hong Kong on Saturday postponed the start of an air travel bubble meant to boost tourism for both cities, citing a spike in infections in the Chinese territory as a "sober reminder" of risks to public health.

The travel bubble, originally slated to begin yesterday, will be delayed by at least two weeks, Hong Kong's minister of commerce and economic development, Edward Yau, said at a news conference.

The arrangement is meant to allow travelers between the two cities to enter without quarantine as long as they complete coronavirus tests before and after arriving at their destinations, and fly on designated flights.

Hong Kong reported 43 new coronavirus cases on Saturday, including 13 untraceable local infections.

"For any scheme to be successful, they must



fulfill the condition of securing public health, and also make sure that both sides would be comfortable and feel safe about the scheme," Yau said. "In light of the situation in Hong Kong, I think it's the responsible way to put this back for a while, and then sort of relaunch it at a suitable juncture."

Under the initial agreement, the travel bubble

was to be suspended if the number of untraceable local infections in either Singapore or Hong Kong exceeded five on a seven-day moving average. The current average in Hong Kong is nearly four, prompting Yau and Singapore's transport minister, Ong Ye Kung, to postpone the inaugural flight.

On Friday, Hong Kong's top health official said that

the city had "probably entered" a new wave of cases. Recent clusters have spanned taxi drivers, a dance studio and hotels.

Hong Kong has confirmed a total of 5,561 cases, including 108 deaths. Singapore has reported 58,148 cases, but only 28 fatalities.

Prior to the postponement, Singapore said Saturday morning that travelers arriving from Hong Kong via the bubble would be required to take a coronavirus test on arrival. Originally, only people landing in Hong Kong were to be required to be tested.

Ong said in a Facebook post that the postponement is a "sober reminder that the COVID-19 virus is still with us."

"I can fully understand the disappointment and frustration of travellers who have planned their trips. But we think it is better to defer from a public health standpoint," he wrote. AP

JAPAN TO SUSPEND DOMESTIC TRAVEL CAMPAIGN IN VIRUS HOTSPOTS

CHIKAFUMI Hodo, Grace Huang & Takashi Nakamichi

Japan will partially suspend the country's "Go-To" domestic travel campaign in areas where coronavirus cases are increasing, Prime Minister Yoshihide Suga said.

Suga didn't specify the places where the campaign will be suspended. About 40 million people used the Go-To-Travel program between July 22 to Oct. 31, according to the tourism agency.

Suga and cabinet members gathered on Saturday to discuss the effort, which had been a boost to the local economy with subsidies provided on travel and dining. The country's virus task force had earlier recommended that the government consider reviewing the program,

Economy Minister Yasutoshi Nishimura said on Friday.

"We need to act as swiftly as possible," Suga told reporters, adding that he has instructed relevant ministers to take measures on the virus infections.

The premier said he suggested that no new reservations should be accepted under the campaign, and requested local governments to stop issuing new "Go-To Eat" food coupons.

Suga also said he plans use national funds to conduct Covid-19 tests for some elderly people in medical and nursing facilities.

The government will finalize details over the coming few days on how it will partially suspend the campaign designed to spur domestic traveling, the economy minister said. AP

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Trump stays mum on sharing vaccines as leaders pledge to do so

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LEADERS of the world's richest countries are promising to ensure equality in the race to vaccinate people against the coronavirus, even as President Donald Trump stays quiet on sharing U.S.-made vaccines with other nations.

The U.S. president told his counterparts on Saturday at a virtual summit of Group of 20 nations that any American who wants the vaccine will be able to get it, and singled out American producers Pfizer Inc., whose jab has been developed along with a German company, and Moderna Inc., according to officials who asked not to be named discussing the talks, which weren't open to the press.

Trump praised American leadership, claiming credit for what he said was an efficient fight against the virus and success in

bolstering the nation's economy. But he said nothing about granting access to American vaccines by the rest of the world.

Trump's comments stand in contrast to other leaders, many of whom spoke during the meeting, hosted by Saudi Arabia, of the need for fair distribution of vaccines, especially to poorer nations.

The summit communique - a copy of which was seen by Bloomberg and which the U.S. as a member state will have agreed to - pledges to "spare no effort to ensure their affordable and equitable access for all people, consistent with members' commitments to incentivize innovation." It calls widespread immunization a "global public good."

Meanwhile, Russia in August trumpeted its success in becoming the first nation to register a Covid-19 vaccine, Sputnik V. U.S. and European rivals, though, are now moving faster to produce

their vaccines and obtain regulatory approval. The European Union has reached a deal with Pfizer, which is partnered with Germany's BioNTech SE, and is negotiating an accord with Moderna.

China, meanwhile, is already rolling out mass vaccine output to fight the disease, offering it as a tool of soft power.

Echoing Trump, Brazilian President Jair Bolsonaro said it was up to each individual to decide whether to be vaccinated, adding that the pandemic shouldn't justify attacks on people's freedom.

Trump wasn't alone in praising his own country's efforts. But Russian President Vladimir Putin also said his country is ready to share its vaccines with others that need it. That's even as Russia hasn't produced enough doses to start mass inoculation of its own population.

"The main risk, of course, remains the likelihood, despite some positive signals, of mass, long-term unemployment and the

accompanying rise in poverty and social dislocation," Putin said in his speech. "And the role of the G-20 is to ensure this doesn't happen."

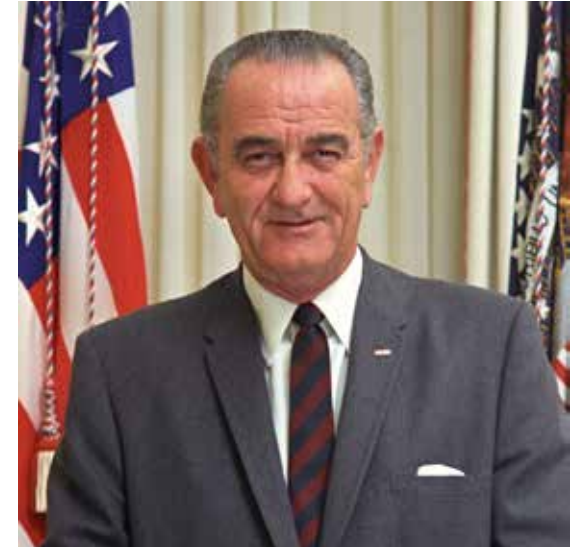
"It is a case when competition may be inevitable, but we must proceed primarily from humanitarian considerations and make it a priority," Putin added about vaccine availability, according to an official Kremlin translation of his remarks.

China, likewise, made a point of offering up its vaccines. "China will honor its pledge, provide help and support to developing countries, and strive to make vaccines a global public good that is accessible and affordable to all countries," President Xi Jinping told the meeting, according to state broadcaster CCTV.

Xi also called on G-20 members to support the World Health Organization in coordinating resource allocation to ensure equitable and efficient distribution of vaccines worldwide. **BLOOMBERG**

this day in history

1963 JOHNSON TAKES OVER AS US PRESIDENT



Fifty-five year old Lyndon Baines Johnson begins his new job today as US president.

He was sworn in yesterday just two hours after an assassin shot President John F Kennedy in the head.

The former vice-president took his oath on the presidential plane at Andrew's Air Force Base.

The new first lady, Claudia Alta Taylor Johnson, witnessed the swearing-in together with the dead president's widow Jacqui Kennedy - her stocking still stained with her husband's blood.

The party flew to Washington with the assassinated president's coffin after the ceremony.

On arriving in Washington the president said, "I will do my best. That is all I can do."

President Johnson will address a joint session of Congress in three day's time where it is likely he will outline his future programme.

Commentators say there probably will be little immediate change in policy with a presidential election on the horizon.

The new president has come from humble beginnings to become one of the world's most powerful men.

The eldest of five children, he was born on a Texan farm in 1908 into a poor background.

Mr Johnson worked as a teacher before entering politics as a Texan congressman's secretary in 1931.

President Roosevelt soon spotted his talents and made him the director of the National Youth Administration in Texas in 1935.

After serving six successive terms in the House of Representatives, he entered the senate in 1948 and rapidly rose through the ranks gaining powerful posts.

He made his mark by single-handedly steering the Civil Rights Act through the senate in 1957 despite opposition from within his own party.

In 1960 Mr Johnson ran in the Democratic presidential elections which he lost to Kennedy who then invited him to be his running mate.

He is regarded by some commentators as a master of compromise with an able political brain.

Mr Johnson is married with two daughters, 19 year old Lynda and Lucy aged 16.

Courtesy BBC News

IN CONTEXT

President Lyndon Johnson was re-elected by a massive majority in 1964.

He gained widespread popularity for his programme of social reform introducing improvements in civil rights legislation, housing and medical care for the elderly.

The president began to lose support as a result of the continued involvement of US troops in Vietnam.

In 1968 he gave in to demands to stop the bombing of North Vietnam.

He then announced he would not stand for re-election and retired to his Texan ranch in 1969.

He published his memoirs, "The Vantage Point" in 1971.

He died in 1973.

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ARIES

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TAURUS

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Instant romance could be yours if you go out with friends. Call someone you haven't seen in a long time. Help elders with their concerns.



GEMINI

May. 21-Jun. 21

You may have problems with children. You're undergoing changes. Opportunities to pamper yourself may unfold. You can make excellent investments if you are in the right place at the right time.



CANCER

Jun. 22-Jul. 22

Find an outlet for any mounting frustration. Consider a creative hobby. You can accomplish a lot if you work out of your home today. You can find solutions if you are willing to communicate.



LEO

Jul. 23-Aug. 22

You have a lot to offer. Upheavals may occupy your day. Take a look at the possibilities of starting a small part time business with friends or relatives.



VIRGO

Aug. 23-Sep. 22

Older relatives may be a burden. Advancement can be yours if you put your efforts into work related matters. You're on the right track and you can make money if you are willing to go out on a limb.



LIBRA

Sep. 23-Oct. 22

You may find yourself in an uncomfortable situation if you have overloaded your plate unintentionally. You need to take a long, hard look at yourself and your personal situation.



SCORPIO

Oct. 23-Nov. 21

Money can be made if you are willing to take a chance. Opportunities for financial gains through investments and games of chance are likely. Be prepared to take advantage of your good fortune.



SAGITTARIUS

Nov. 22-Dec. 21

Avoid getting trapped in internal disputes. Make changes that will enhance your appearance and entice potential partners. Your ability to ferret out secret information will lead you to an amazing financial deal.



CAPRICORN

Dec. 22-Jan. 19

Misunderstandings could cause confusion and upset. The home environment will be unpredictable today. You may be tempted to get involved in secret affairs or love triangles.



AQUARIUS

Jan. 20-Feb. 18

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Chongqing	8	10	overcast
Kunming	9	21	clear
Nanjing	6	8	drizzle
Shanghai	11	15	overcast
Wuhan	5	7	drizzle
Hangzhou	10	12	drizzle
Taipei	21	23	drizzle
Guangzhou	20	27	cloudy
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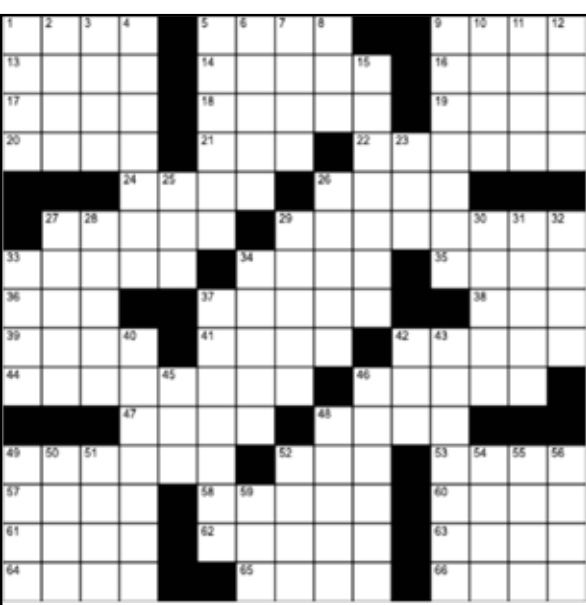
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DOWN 1- Carnivorous mammal; 2- Actor Novello; 3- Roman emperor; 4- Citadel of Moscow; 5- ___ Fideles; 6- Piece of poetry; 7- School founded in 1440; 8- Blushing; 9- Final course; 10- Commedia dell'___; 11- Clock face; 12- Drudge; 15- Ruled; 23- Musical syllable; 25- Put into service; 26- Jack of "The Great Dictator"; 27- Ingenuous; 28- Fuel transport; 29- Polite; 30- Girder; 31- Words on a Wonderland cake; 32- Ladies of Spain; Abbr.; 33- Yes, ___; 34- "The Taming of the Shrew" setting; 37- Protection; 40- Bright red color; 42- Inc., overseas; 43- Small bone; 45- Rage; 46- Halogen element; 48- Chalice; 49- Of the highest quality; 50- Rent-___; 51- Sat on the back of a horse; 52- Aware of; 54- Letters, e.g.; 55- To ___ (perfectly); 56- It smells; 59- Cartesian conclusion;

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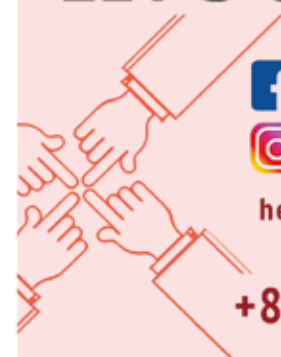
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TOTTENHAM 2, MAN CITY 0

TOTTENHAM beat Manchester City 2-0 yesterday [Macau time] to go top of the English Premier League with a trademark, defense-first performance from Jose Mourinho against his old rival Pep Guardiola.

Mourinho marked a year since he replaced Mauricio Pochettino as Tottenham manager with a win built on compact defending and smartly timed counter-attacks, as Guardiola tasted defeat in his first game since signing a two-year contract extension at City.

"We know how good Pep's teams are and how good the players are," Mourinho told Sky Sports. "We found a way to play and it was magnificent to see them play how they did."

Tottenham took the lead in the fifth minute when both of City's center-backs followed Harry Kane. That opened up plenty of space for Son Heung-min to pick up a lobbed pass from Tanguy Ndombele and score. Kane put the ball in the net soon after but was offside.

City had an overwhelming share of possession but accomplished little with it except for a disallowed goal for Aymeric Laporte after Gabriel Jesus controlled the ball with his arm in the buildup.

Giovani Lo Celso stretched Tottenham's lead less than 30 seconds after coming off the bench when Kane played him in to score

Tottenham beats Man City to go top of Premier League

on a 65th-minute counter-attack. Goalkeeper Hugo Lloris reacted quickly to keep out Ruben Dias' header late on.

Third-place Leicester can move above Tottenham if it beats fourth-place Liverpool today.

Man City is eight points off Tottenham.

"We are far away from where we want to be, we have to start to win. We want to be there until the end," Guardiola told Sky Sports. "This is a weird season, for many reasons, and we have to start to lift the players."

Mourinho said Tottenham could be without defender Toby Alderweireld for a while after he was substituted in the 81st minute with what the Portuguese coach called an "important injury."

Both clubs paid tribute to former England goalkeeper Ray Clemence before kickoff with a minute's applause. Tottenham's players wore black armbands for their former goalkeeper, who won trophies with both Tottenham and Liverpool. Clemence's death was announced last weekend at age 72. AP



Tottenham's Giovani Lo Celso (center) celebrates after scoring his side's second goal



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OPINION

World Views

Daniel Moss, MDT/Bloomberg



GO ON, JUMP.
A PILE OF SOFT DOLLARS
WILL CATCH YOU

The economic recovery from the coronavirus will have its share of false dawns. What's unlikely to be derailed, however, is the wall of money sloshing through the global financial system, much of it courtesy of the Federal Reserve. Without this backstop, officials in Asia wanting to juice domestic growth wouldn't have a prayer.

Surprise interest-rate cuts late Thursday in Indonesia and the Philippines, both coronavirus hotspots mired in deep recessions, owe as much to Washington as they do to local conditions. Each shaved its benchmark interest rate by a quarter point, bucking the consensus forecast among economists of a hold.

For all the talk about the reductions being a sign of weakness at home, they are also bets on currencies holding up. Both the Philippines and Indonesia run persistent deficits in their current account, the broadest measure of trade. That makes them acutely sensitive to the prospect of a weaker rupiah or fragile peso.

A weaker dollar has helped offset these factors. The peso is up about 5% this year and 2.7% in the third quarter. After slipping 4% against the dollar from July to September, the rupiah has rallied about 3% this month.

A lot of the dollar's recent direction comes down to debate about the size of U.S. stimulus. The fine print of this largesse has shifted since the election propelled Joe Biden to the presidency. A large-scale rescue looks elusive now that chances of a Democratic majority in the Senate have diminished. The most likely outcome is a narrow Republican majority, and one disinclined to offer Biden much support. That means the Fed will have to do even more.

The rift that opened up Thursday between the Fed and Treasury over future of emergency lending programs also makes the prospect of enhanced stimulus through traditional monetary policy far more proximate. If the Fed no longer has that support, it will have to find other ways of stepping in, at least until a new Treasury secretary takes office. A bigger and broader program of quantitative easing is in the cards. That's likely to mean a weaker buck.

This is surely on the minds of officials in Manila and Jakarta. Neither Bank Indonesia nor Bank Sentral ng Filipinas would have been prepared to surprise investors if they didn't think their backs would be covered.

Officials in both countries have good reason to watch flickering lights on foreign-exchange screens. Indonesia has gone down a path of monetary adventurism this year that, in the absence of generally benign markets, would have had officials burned at the stake. The central bank is buying bonds directly from the government in an overt display of debt monetization, once an absolute no-no. Though there were some wobbly moments during that journey, this didn't prove fatal for the rupiah. To move now, Jakarta must feel that it has prevailed.

The Philippines has been subtler, scooping up government bonds but balking at labels that might frighten the horses. Manila hasn't made an enormous fuss about this form of quasi-monetization, and top officials have been pretty disciplined in their language. Low inflation in both countries has also delivered governments benign financing conditions.

Happy days are far from here again. The International Monetary Fund warned of a faltering rebound Thursday, adding that it would be very unwise to withdraw fiscal and monetary support. And not every emerging market is enjoying the ride. Turkey's central bank rolled out a 475-basis point 'increase' Thursday, as I wrote here. That country is paying the price for years of sabbatical and presidential brow-beating that pushed inflation to double digits and hammered the lira. The dollar's benevolence has its limits.

In the monetary realm, though, Pax Americana is alive and well. Don't central bankers in Indonesia and the Philippines know it.

BODIES OF MAN AND HIS SLAVE
UNEARTHED FROM ASHES AT POMPEII

Skeletal remains of what are believed to have been a rich man and his male slave attempting to escape death from the eruption of Mount Vesuvius nearly 2,000 years ago have been discovered in Pompeii, officials at the archaeological park in Italy said.

Parts of the skulls and bones of the two men were found during excavation of the ruins from what was once an elegant villa with a panoramic view of the Mediterranean Sea on the outskirts of the ancient Roman city destroyed by the volcano eruption in 79 A.D. It's the same area where a sta-

ble with the remains of three harnessed horses were excavated in 2017.

Pompeii officials said the men apparently escaped the initial fall of ash from Mount Vesuvius then succumbed to a powerful volcanic blast that took place the next morning. The later blast "apparently invaded the area from many points, surrounding and burying the victims in ash," Pompeii officials said in a statement.

The remains of the two victims, lying next to each other on their backs, were found in a layer of gray ash at least 2 meters (6.5 feet) deep, they said.



THE BUZZ

ONE GOOD THING

MALAYSIA GROUP
TEACHES REFUGEE WOMEN
HOW TO READ AND WRITE

In a bare room, students seated on the floor recite the alphabet. But these are not children. The students are refugee women in Malaysia, some in their late 50s, who for the first time are learning how to read and write, both in Malay and English.

The weekly classes in a dingy neighborhood outside Kuala Lumpur are offered by the Women for Refugees group, which was formed in September by two law students to help illiterate migrant women integrate into the local community and empower them to be more than just passive wives.

"I don't know even know my ABCs, but now I am learning," Zaleha Abdul, 54, a Muslim Rohingya refugee, said as she struggled to remember the alphabet during a class last month. She said she wants to be more independent when going shopping or anywhere else.

Like Zaleha, many refugee women in Malaysia have picked up the local tongue, but without knowing how to read or write, they are mostly confined to familiar surroundings.

Arissa Jemaima Ikram Ismail, 23, was a volunteer with a relief agency when a refugee leader in the town of Selayang, which is home to many migrant workers, requested help to uplift women in his community.

She and fellow law student Davina Devarajan, 25, then met some of the women and were surprised that they wanted to learn the English and Malay languages. For most refugee women, education is often viewed as a low priority, Arissa said.

The duo then formed Women for Refugees and recruited teachers via Instagram. They now have about 20 volunteers, giving weekly two-hour literacy classes in English and Malay in a run-down two-story block that houses some 50 families.

"It was very essential for us to not pitch the refugee



women as a charity, where they are constantly requiring external aid," Arissa said. "We want to equip them with the necessary skills so that they can sustain themselves ... and contribute back to the community."

The free classes are open to all migrant women, although currently the students are all from Myanmar and Indonesia.

Over a dozen women, ranging in age from 18 to 50, initially attended, but they brought along their children, which proved to be disruptive. The group then launched classes for the children in a separate room so that their mothers could study in peace.

In the long run, Davina said they hope to expand classes in other neighborhoods and include technical skills that could help the women earn an income.

All classes have, however, been halted since mid-October in tandem with restrictions put in place in Kuala Lumpur and surrounding areas to curb a fresh surge in coronavirus cases. The restrictions were expanded to most of the country this month, and all schools nationwide were shut until the end of the year.

Arissa said teaching still goes on with pre-recorded lessons that are viewed on three shared laptops in the migrants' living quarters, and that live classes were also being conducted once a week for older migrant children.

She said that as the coronavirus subsides, she would "love to integrate more volunteers ... to actually come and teach them and have this very community-based integration between" the women and the locals, many of whom view migrants as a burden on the country's resources and healthcare system.

Arissa's group is not the first to offer literacy courses for refugees in Malaysia, but one of only a few to focus on women. Some 178,000 refugees and asylum seekers in the country are registered with the United Nations High Commission of Refugees, and many pockets of the refugee community are left out in terms of educational opportunities.

When The Associated Press visited in October before the classes stopped, Shahidah Salamatulah, 38, was among three women learning how they would communicate in English if they had to seek treatment at a medical clinic. The women broke into giggles at the antics of their Algerian volunteer teacher.

Shahidah, a Muslim from Myanmar and a mother of two, said she was preparing for a new life abroad. She was called for interviews three times last year by the UNHCR on possible resettlement to a third country, but there has been no news amid the coronavirus pandemic.

"English is important for us [...] when we go overseas we will need English," she said. AP



Lebanon Nearly 70 inmates broke out of a prison after smashing their cell doors and attacking prison guards, police said. According to a police statement, five of the escaped inmates died when a car they stole while fleeing crashed into a tree during an ensuing police chase.



UK Prime Minister Boris Johnson plans to end an England-wide lockdown as scheduled on Dec. 2 and will announce a return to regional restrictions as statistics show that coronavirus infections have stabilized. Johnson's office also confirmed plans to begin a nationwide COVID-19 vaccination program next month, assuming regulators approve a vaccine against the virus.



Guatemala Hundreds of protesters broke into the Congress and burned part of the building amid growing demonstrations against President Alejandro Giammattei and the legislature for approving a controversial budget that cut educational and health spending. The incident came as about 10,000 people were protesting in front of the National Palace in Guatemala City against corruption and the budget, which protesters say was negotiated and passed by legislators in secret.



Nigeria The Army has admitted for the first time that soldiers were given live bullets when they went to disperse a large crowd at the Lekki Toll Plaza in Lagos, where several peaceful protesters were killed in late October. The deadly Oct. 20 shootings at the plaza caused both local and international outrage. At least 10 people protesting police brutality were killed in the Lekki Plaza shooting.