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Hong Kong pro-democracy advocate and media tycoon Jimmy Lai (pictured) was refused bail yesterday on a fraud charge amid a growing crackdown on dissent in the semi-autonomous city. Jimmy Lai of Next Digital, which publishes the Apple Daily newspaper, was among 10 people arrested Aug. 10 on what police said was suspicion of violating a national security law and collusion with a foreign country.



India Instead of cars, the normally busy highway on the outskirts of New Delhi that connects most northern Indian towns to the capital is filled with tens of thousands of protesting farmers, many wearing colorful turbans. Their convoy of trucks, trailers and tractors stretches for at least three kilometers. Inside, they have hunkered down, supplied with enough food and fuel to last weeks. The farmers are protesting new laws they say will result in their exploitation by corporations, eventually rendering them landless.



Armenia Thousands of demonstrators rallied in Armenia's capital to continue to pressure the ex-Soviet nation's prime minister to resign over a peace deal with neighboring Azerbaijan that domestic critics see as a betrayal of national interests. The Russia-brokered agreement took effect on Nov. 10 and followed 44 days of fierce fighting over Nagorno-Karabakh, during which the Azerbaijani army routed Armenian forces and wedged deep into the separatist territory.

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GOV'T HOPES TO OPEN BORDERS TO 'SOME FOREIGN CITIZENS' ONCE CONDITIONS STABILIZE

ANTHONY LAM

SECRETARY for Social Affairs and Culture, Elsie Ao Ieong, has expressed that she strongly desires to make contingencies to welcome some foreign citizens back into Macau, while responding to lawmaker Agnes Lam's question.

At a recent parliamentary policy debate session, Lam reiterated that her office has received inquiries and requests for help from foreign citizens with connections to Macau, such as foreign non-resident workers and foreign spouses of local residents.

At the early stage of the Covid-19 outbreak, the city levied a ban on non-Macau residents from entering Macau. Later, the restriction was relaxed and non-resident workers from Greater China began coming into the city again.

As of now, individuals not holding Greater China IDs are not allowed to enter the city, not even when they are spouses of a Macau resident. Meanwhile, foreign students – even if they have previously commenced their studies in Macau – are not permitted to enter. This state of affairs gives context to Lam's question.

The lawmaker elaborated that the help-seekers understood that the request to enter Macau should not be made when the conditions

ELLEN JENNI



have not yet stabilized. "They have been waiting and waiting until they saw hope from the Grand Prix, which allowed foreign racers to enter the region," Lam said.

Lam proposed to the senior official that a channel be opened for these non-Macau ID holders to register through. The government would then be able to assess the risks of their locations and Macau's capacities as contingencies." Lam concluded.

Eager to welcome them in, although it is not yet possible, Ao Ieong disclosed that her branch has been assessing the risks that

returnees from different places may pose to Macau. "We've been waiting for more jurisdictions to lower their risks," Ao Ieong elaborated. "I am eager to see [possibilities] too."

The Secretary also disclosed that she has recommended several times the mechanism that Lam cited, but that the fluctuations in the global pandemic have made the realization of it impossible.

30 ZONES TO ACTUALIZE 'PRECISE OUTBREAK RESPONSE'

At the same debate session, Ao Ieong was asked about the

government's Covid-19 response in the future, as the government has reiterated the city is now under "regular outbreak control." Meanwhile, the mainland has entered a stage of "precise epidemic prevention and response", with Macau following suit.

It was the first time the government had disclosed its strategy. "Consensus has been made with the National Health Commission," Ao Ieong said. "Macau will be divided into 30 zones to implement district-focused control."

When a case is found within a zone, people living in the entire

zone will see their Health Code turned to yellow, meaning they will need to conduct self-health management. Furthermore, they will not be allowed to leave Macau.

Within one week, these people will be tested for coronavirus. When conditions become satisfactory, their Health Code will be turned to green, signaling they are not infected.

Tighter measures will be implemented if a certain number of cases, for instance 10, are found within a zone.

In addition, in his latest Policy Address, Chief Executive Ho Iat Seng has ordered the preparation of a makeshift hospital. The temporary hospital will be located far from residential areas and will have at least 500 beds, Ao Ieong said.

Many lawmakers expressed their concerns over insufficient social security funds for the elderly, who could not invest in their own funds when they were young. Ao Ieong assured that other welfare, such as the elderly supportive subsidy and the elderly honoring subsidy will not be lower than the minimum subsistence index.

Other auxiliary subsidies will be incorporated into the city's entire public welfare system, the official added.

JOSEPH LEE HUN WEI

MUST appoints new president

STAFF REPORTER

MACAU University of Science and Technology (MUST) has appointed Chair Professor Joseph Lee Hun Wei as President, effective from January 2021.

MUST said in a written statement that Lee's senior management experience in tertiary education will help propel the institution towards "innovation in academic disciplines and future development."

Lee, a Shanghai native, is a renowned scholar in water

and environmental engineering who specializes in environmental hydraulics, water quality modeling and environmental management.

He is the first Chinese scholar elected as the Chairman of The International Association for Hydro-Environment Engineering and Research (IAHR). He has also been appointed as a specialist consultant in many water engineering and environmental management projects.

After receiving his primary and secondary education in Hong Kong and graduating

with a Ph.D. degree from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT), Lee garnered tertiary education experience worldwide. He undertook educational and research roles at different universities, including the University of Delaware, the University of Hong Kong, and the Hong Kong University of Science and Technology.

He has also been active in publishing. He is now the founding editor-in-chief of the international journal "Journal of Hydro-environment Research."

Currently, Lee serves as Chairman of the Research Grants Council under the University Grants Committee of the Hong Kong SAR government.

EDITOR'S NOTE:

Due to an unfortunate technical error, Dr Joseph Lee Hun Wei's picture was mistaken by another one in yesterday's article about his appointment - and that is why we are reprinting it with the correct picture. To Dr Joseph Lee, MUST and the readers, we apologize for this honest mistake.



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URBAN CONSTRUCTION LAW

Additional guarantees for property buyers, ease on licensing for renovation works

RENATO MARQUES

THE new Urban Construction Legal Regime includes additional guarantees for property buyers among its provisions, such as a 10-year warranty for the foundations and main structural elements of the building and five-years for other parts of the building, the spokesperson of the Executive Council (ExCo) and Secretary for Administration and Justice, André Cheong announced yesterday during a press conference held at the government's headquarters.

According to Cheong's explanation, the new draft law also includes a series of new rules that aim to simplify the bureaucratic process for simple construction works. For instance, a formal construction license for renovations and other non-structural works will be replaced by a notice to the Land, Public Works and Transport Bureau (DSSOPT) for the intention and purpose of performing such works.

On the same topic, the new legal regime includes the possibility of the DSSOPT appointing an external private entity to handle some of the project and works approvals to accelerate the procedures and to "ease the burden on the bureau," the DSSOPT director, Chan Pou Ha added.

Replying to questions raised on the topic by the media as to how these private entities will be selected and appointed, Chan explained that, for the time being, the intention of the government is just to open such a possibility in



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the new legal regime for a future application.

"We are not aiming to enforce this right away, but we want to create this possibility for a possible application in the future," Chan said, adding, "We already have a list of engineers and engineering companies registered under the DSSOPT who are qualified to perform these tasks."

On the same topic, Cheong added that the selection and appointment system of these entities to perform these tasks will most likely be regulated at a later stage through a different law or administrative regulation.

For the time being, the government has some urgency in passing this key legal regime, which needs

to be approved by the Legislative Assembly before August 15 next year, when the current legislative term concludes.

MORE RESPONSIBILITIES FOR BUILDING OWNERS

Besides giving more assurances to building owners, the new regime also establishes additional responsibilities for them, namely relating to building maintenance and preservation. The bill proposes that buildings be evaluated and repaired as necessary by the owners, after 10 years of issuing the building usage license and reevaluated every five-years after that.

In case the building owners do not perform the necessary main-

tenance works in a timely fashion, the bill also establishes a new sanctioning regime that applies penalties such as fines ranging from 2,500 to 1 million patacas in instances where an owner is a person and from 5,000 to 2 million patacas for an owner who is a legal person or corporate entity.

Another charge proposed is the possibility of the government ordering the suspension of electricity and water supply to the site where illegal works are being performed or in cases where the sites are not compliant with safety, health, and hygiene conditions, an extra power that adds to the embargo of the construction.

On the other hand, the new regime also includes incentives for

the demolition of illegal constructions and voluntary compliance by owners with the government rules, with the government able to waive fines completely or apply them partially.

ILLEGAL WORKS ARE TO BLAME FOR BUILDINGS' LOW LIFESPAN: CHAN

Replying to questions from the media on the topic of the warranties established by the new regime for structural elements and other parts of the buildings, Chan explained that the second group includes aspects such as the water and sewage piping systems, as well as the electrical network, among others. She added that the new regime of warranties offers a significant added protection for buildings and unit owners.

According to Chan, "most of the building problems are not structural or caused by faulty construction process by the contractors but, instead, come from illegal works that are being performed over time by units or building owners" which ultimately weakens the building's condition and shortens its life-span.

The DSSOPT director also thinks that people in Macau should not be too worried as, "a building does not collapse from one day to the other but, instead, deteriorates over time," she said, adding that most of the buildings in Macau are subject to condominium management, which is usually well aware of the existing problems and can inform the owners promptly so that they can proceed with renovation and maintenance works.

Survey: 90% of young people regard private housing as extortionate

STAFF REPORTER

AROUND 90% of local young people believe that the price of private housing in Macau is extortionate, whilst 40% have been disgruntled with the government's housing policy, a survey conducted by Macao New Chinese Youth Association reports.

In the report, 80% of respondents said they have either bought a home or plan to do so. Yet 70% said that they are not able to afford

the current housing price which is out of reach.

From 2005 to 2020, the average price per square meter for a local apartment surged almost 10 times from MOP11,621 to MOP106,000.

"The salary growth continues to lag far behind that of private housing prices," the association concluded in another report published last month.

To help young people navigate the city's high-priced housing market, the

association is calling on the government to expedite the public consultation regarding "sandwich class" public housing — which targets middle-class residents whose income exceeds the maximum limit capped for social or economic public housing, but also does not suffice to purchase a private apartment.

From October 13 to December 11, the consultation period has been underway to gather public opinion over the definition

of "sandwich class" and eligibilities for applying for the status, such as citizenship, age limit, monthly income.

The government should expedite the process of drafting relevant legislation and the construction of "sandwich class" housing after reaching consensus in the consultation period, the association urged.

The survey polled 702 local young people aged 18 to 44 in November this year.



ANTHONY LAM

PSP TO ADD 350 BODYCAMS

The Public Security Police Force (PSP) is slated to provide 350 additional personal bodycams to supplement the current 400 that are in its workforce now. PSP Deputy Commissioner, Leong Heng Hong, told TDM Radio Forum that the 350 bodycams will have 4G network functionality in a bid for authorities to respond swiftly during serious cases. The functions will also allow images to be transmitted in real time to the main police station.

JOSÉ TAVARES' PRESIDENT TERM EXTENDED

The President of the Municipal Affairs Bureau (IAM), José Maria da Fonseca Tavares, will remain in his position for another year, after the government renewed his term by one year starting from January 1, 2021. The service term of Tavares' team, including Lo Chi Kin as the IAM Administration Council Vice President, has also been renewed. Tavares has served as President of the IAM since 2016.

ZHENG GUANYING MEMORIAL MUSEUM TO UNDERGO RENOVATION

In order to keep Macau's cultural and historical facilities in a good condition, renovation works will be carried out at the Zheng Guanying Memorial Museum under the auspices of the Cultural Affairs Bureau, starting from December 8. The renovation will mainly focus on the repair of the glass wall and exterior wall of the building. Works are expected to be completed in late December.

TAXI SECTOR CALLS ON GOV'T TO SUSPEND SMART TERMINAL FEE

JULIE ZHU

A group of the city's taxi drivers yesterday demanded the local government temporarily suspend charging taxi drivers for the smart terminal installed inside their vehicles.

Lawmaker Agnes Lam accompanied six taxi drivers to the government headquarters, some of whom are also taxi license owners.

Starting from yesterday, all of Macau's taxis must have installed a smart terminal, otherwise, without this terminal, a taxi operation will be considered illicit.

The smart terminal consists of a terminal, a meter, a flag, a receipt printer, a global satellite navigation system, audio and video recording equipment and an alarm device.

The Macau SAR government proposed to charge 300 patacas per month as a maintenance fee for the smart terminal in addition to a deposit of 5,000 patacas.

Speaking to the media, the representative of the group lamented, "The current government did not consult with [the taxi sector] at all."

The group accused the government of not having mentioned the installation of the smart terminal back in 2019, when authorities carried out a



Lawmaker Agnes Lam (left) accompanies six taxi drivers to the government headquarters

public consultation process for the new taxi law.

The group thinks that the charge should not be imposed on the taxi drivers.

In order to install the smart terminal, taxi drivers' old taxi meters had to be removed from the vehicles. The old meters cost 4,000 patacas.

"Our old meters were still working. Why did [the government] dismantle the old meters? We could still be using them," said one of the petitioners.

The group was able to collect signatures from a total of 1,005 taxi drivers, some of whom are

also taxi owners.

They mostly accused the government of not having sought taxi drivers' opinions regarding the smart terminal fees. They demand that the government consult the drivers during the next round of public tender for the installation of the devices.

The group of taxi drivers made it clear that they "support the government making rules regulating taxi operations" but they hope they can also receive fairer treatment regarding issues such as the smart terminal maintenance fee.

Speaking to the Times, lawmaker Agnes Lam lent her

support to the group's opinion.

"I think that in pushing this [smart terminal fee] forward, one of the government's major flaws was not having consulted the taxi drivers. They were not aware that they had to pay this amount of money until the service proposal was awarded to the company. If the government wants somebody to pay for some service, the government needs to let those people know," said Lam.

"The lack of consultation and communication are very bad examples of public service this time. This is very unfair for them," the lawmaker remarked.

Int'l marathon to only see participants from Greater China region

ANTHONY LAM

PUN Weng Kun, President of the Sports Bureau (ID), disclosed that his department has received inquiries on registering for the 39th Macao International Marathon from abroad.

The marathon that will be held this Sunday, which attracted 12,000 registrants, will only see runners from within the Greater China Region, Pun stressed on the sidelines of the press conference held for the purpose of promoting the annual marathon.

However, Pun explained that arrangements for the marathon will be different from the recently held Grand Prix (GP), adding



that those foreign runners who have expressed their will to run in Macau will not be allowed in.

In the recent GP, foreign racers were allowed to enter Macau for the purpose of racing amid a

ban on entry by foreign citizens. In the end, British racer Robert Huff was the only foreign racer who

participated.

Therefore, this year's marathon will be a race between runners from the Greater China Region.

The past five editions of the marathon were all won by foreign runners in both male and female categories. Coincidentally, the race records for both categories were renewed three years ago.

In contrast, this year's marathon will be between runners from Macau, mainland China and Hong Kong.

Pun specifically remarked that some Hong Kong runners are competing in the race despite the mandatory need for self-paid quarantine upon their arrival in Macau.

The local race has also obtained support from various provinces in mainland China, according to Pun, to help with promoting and attracting runners.

Besides the main race, the organizing committee will also host two extended events to add an enjoyable tone to the celebration of the race. One of them is the Most Creative Attire Award, which will only be open to participating marathon runners. The organizing committee will award the runner who dresses up most creatively.

Meanwhile, the collection of race bibs has commenced. Runners should collect their bibs until tomorrow from 12 p.m. to 10 p.m. at the Broadway Macau.

Road traffic will be impacted, as the track will be open for restricted access from 11 p.m. the night before the race. At 4 a.m. on the race day, the entire track will be closed to public access. It will gradually be reopened from 7 a.m. to 11 a.m. on the same day.

IN August this year, Wynn launched a three-month workplace experience plan for new local graduates—"Wynn Career Experience Program for Fresh Graduates"—in full support of the Fresh Graduates Internship Program initiated by the Macau Labour Affairs Bureau (DSAL). The program aims to enhance the practical skills of the interns and deepen their understanding of integrated tourism and leisure enterprise operations, thereby opening up new directions for their career development.

A graduation ceremony was hosted at Wynn Macau last month to commemorate the successful completion of "Wynn Career Experience Program for Fresh Graduates". The ceremony gave tribute to the outstanding performance and achievement of all 39 participating interns who successfully completed the program. DSAL Director Wong Chi Hong, Deputy Director Chan Un Tong, and Head of the Vocational Training Department Cheung Wai were all present to witness the achievements of the interns together with the management and training instructors from Wynn. Several representatives from among the interns were also invited to share their work experiences and learning outcomes, and express their gratitude to the department heads for their patient guidance and encouragement.



Wynn Career Experience Program Writes A New Chapter for Macau Fresh Graduates

NEARLY 70 PERCENT OF INTERNS TRANSITION TO FULL-TIME

In tandem with the program's successful completion, Wynn further went on to extend hiring opportunities to all interns who had completed the course, to which nearly 70 percent accepted and have now become full-time Wynn team members, injecting new energy into the hospitality and tourism industry.

During her speech at the graduation ceremony, Zuleika Mok, Senior Vice President of Human Resources of Wynn Macau, Limited, expressed her gratitude to the Labour Affairs Bureau for building such a valuable learning platform for young people through the Fresh Graduates Internship Program. She said, "Although this year

has been a very different year for graduates who have just stepped off campus, the pandemic will not limit our development opportunities. As long as you take a positive and proactive attitude, seize every opportunity to learn, you will surely continue to become stronger and wiser."

COMBINING THEORETICAL AND PRACTICAL TRAINING COURSES

"Wynn Career Experience Program" assigned fresh graduates to Wynn Macau and Wynn Palace's Hotel Operations, Food & Beverage, Marketing, Retail Operations, Facilities and Information Technology departments to take part in both theoretical and practical training courses. By participating in various



practical scenarios, the interns were able to gain valuable work experience and thereby enhance their competitiveness in the workplace.

The first week of training comprised a five-day orientation event. A team of experienced trainers introduced Wynn's work culture and core value of being people-oriented, and

also provided various practical tips on workplace knowledge and mindset training, including five-star service standards, workplace etiquette, communication skills, personal growth, career development, and much more, thereby fully equipping the participants for their internship journey.

In order to strengthen the interns' communication skills and build a spirit of teamwork, Wynn also arranged a "Workplace Sharing" workshop. Group discussions and competitive mini-games were used to allow graduates to gain a more comprehensive insight into their work and deepen their understanding of the structure and function of each department. This activity also helped the interns to build close friendships, learn

from each other and challenge themselves.

MENTORS' GUIDANCE UNLEASHES TRAINEE POTENTIAL

Wynn also assigned a senior mentor to each intern to provide guidance on professional skills. During the program, mentors kept track of their interns' learning progress, offered suitable instructions and suggestions as required, and also carefully taught the students how to face challenges in the workplace and improve their problem-solving skills, encouraging them to demonstrate their full potential at work and cultivate professional traits. Mentors met with the interns on a regular basis to offer advice on their career development path and help prepare them for future employment.



MACAU'S LEADING NEWSPAPER

PRIVATE PROPERTY COMMITTEE CALLS FOR GOV'T SUPPORT

JULIE ZHU

YESTERDAY, a group of more than 10 people delivered a petition to the government headquarters asking for support in private property management affairs.

Lawmaker Sulu Sou accompanied the group.

The group consisted of members of the property management committee of two buildings located in the northern district.

The committee believes that the Housing Bureau (IH) should provide a location, which they could apply to use, for them to organize meetings among property owners.

The group also wants the bureau to help relevant committees review a drafted letter of appeal to confirm if there are any illegal regulations proposed inside the draft. This proposal serves the purpose of reducing the number of disputes among property owners.

In addition, the group urges the IH to deploy officers to attend their meetings, as well



Lawmaker Sulu Sou (left) with representatives of the private property committee handing a petition letter

as to provide legal assistance on-site.

Meanwhile, a call to review law No.13/2012, and to provide judicial help to property management representatives who do not have the financial capability to be involved in a lawsuit when they are sued are included in the petition.

In addition, suggestions have been made for the hou-

sing authority to provide arbitral help for property owners so that they can solve a dispute without having to enter into a lawsuit.

In their petition to the government, the group pointed out a situation where real estate developers sue all the property owners of one building in order to take ownership of the relevant parking lot.

"It is necessary for the government to look at the dispute regarding the ownership of parking lots built before and which will be potentially built in the future and it is necessary for the government to find a solution for the problem, otherwise the issue could create social problems at any moment," the group stated.

15-YEAR-OLD FELL TO DEATH FROM BUILDING, PJ REPORTS

LYNZY VALLES

A 15-year-old girl reportedly fell to her death from a building yesterday, the Fire Services Bureau notified the Judiciary Police (PJ) yesterday morning.

After contacting the mother of the deceased, the parent said that she had an argument with her daughter, who was in junior high school, due to academic problems. She left home to take her son to school.

When she returned home at 8 a.m., the firefighters notified the woman that her daughter had fallen from the building and died.

After on-site investigations, it is suspected that the deceased fell onto the street from the terrace of her home.

After a preliminary inspection, there were no suspicious or criminal injuries found on the surface of the body, and no suicide note was found at the scene.

The Social Welfare Bureau (IAS) encourages residents to be aware of their psychological and emotional state as well as that of their relatives' and friends'. In case of need, residents can call Caritas' Life Hope hotline (28525222) or IAS' counseling hotline (28261126).

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China hits out at US after report of new visa restrictions

CHINA yesterday accused critics in the U.S. government of “an escalation of political suppression” against Beijing following a report of new visa restrictions on members of China’s ruling Communist Party and their immediate family members.

Foreign ministry spokesperson Hua Chunying said China would “make representations” to the U.S. following the report yesterday in the New York Times that such people would be limited to one-month, single-entry visas.

Hua called Washington’s approach “totally inconsistent with the U.S.’s own interests,” and said it would damage America’s global image.

“I think it is obvious to all that this is an escalation of political suppression by some extreme anti-China forces in the U.S. out of strong ideological prejudice and deep-rooted Cold War mentality against China,” Hua said at a daily briefing.

The Times report could not immediately be confirmed, but



Donald Trump and Xi Jinping

follows earlier hints that Washington was planning such a move, possibly even including a total ban on all 92 million Communist Party members. It wasn’t clear how the restrictions would be enforced since many members do not play active public roles in the party’s institutions.

The restrictions would be the latest punitive measure taken against China’s leadership and

economy amid sharpening disputes over human rights, the coronavirus pandemic, trade, technology, Taiwan and a host of other issues.

Earlier in the week, the U.S. said it would block imports from a major Chinese producer of cotton goods because of its reliance on workers detained as part of a crackdown on ethnic minorities in China’s northwest.

Washington has already slapped travel bans and financial sanctions on officials connected to the crackdown on Uighurs and other Chinese Muslim groups in Xinjiang, as well as on Chinese and Hong Kong officials it accuses of restricting social and political rights in the semi-autonomous Chinese city through the implementation of a harsh new national security law.

Diplomatic ties hit a low point over the summer when the U.S. ordered the closure of the Chinese consulate in Houston and China responded by demanding the U.S. vacate its consulate in the southwestern city of Chengdu.

Washington had been loosening restrictions on travel by Chinese to the U.S., seeking to take advantage of the lavish spending habits of China’s newly wealthy. Beginning in 2014, Chinese travelers — whether party members or not — became eligible for multiple-entry visas valid for 10 years, with stays of 180 days allowed for each entry, while students were permitted visas good for five years. China reciprocated with similar treatment for U.S. citizens.

Chinese who make up the single largest group of foreign students at American universities have already complained of tougher conditions for obtaining or extending visas. Chinese academics have also faced greater scrutiny, while dozens of journalists with state media have been forced to return home and visa restrictions placed on those remaining, prompting retaliation from Beijing.

Analysts have long speculated that President Donald Trump will impose harsher measures on China before leaving office on Jan. 20, placing President-elect Joe Biden in a bind in managing the increasingly fractious relationship. **AP**

MORRISON SEEKS CONCILIATION IN DISPUTE WITH BEIJING

Adiplomatic war of words between Australia and China over a graphic tweet seemed to finally cool yesterday as Australian Prime Minister Scott Morrison struck a much more conciliatory tone.

Morrison’s change in approach came even after he was thwarted in getting his views out directly to Chinese people over the messaging app WeChat, after the Chinese company deleted his post on the grounds it could distort historical events and confuse the public.

China has angrily rejected Morrison’s complaints, but its foreign ministry yesterday declined to comment further on the controversy. Spokesperson Hua Chunying told reporters at a daily briefing that WeChat’s management had their “own rules and regulations, and they have the right to handle business concerning WeChat according to their own rules.”

Earlier this week, Morrison expressed indignation and anger at the tweet posted by a Chinese official that showed a fake image of a grinning Australian soldier holding a bloodied knife to a child’s throat.

The post took aim at alleged unlawful killings and abuses by Australian soldiers during the conflict in Afghanistan.

Morrison called the tweet “truly repugnant” and “deeply offensive” and demanded an apology from China. But China did not back down, saying that Australia should be the one examining its actions.

Yesterday, Morrison took a much different approach, telling reporters in Canberra that his aim was for the two countries to have a “happy coexistence.”

“My position and my government’s position is to seek constructive engagement,” he said. “The relationship with China

is a mutually beneficial one. It supports both our countries, it is good for both of our countries.”

China is Australia’s largest trading partner.

Morrison said Australia had made its views very clear on both the tweet and the WeChat message.

Australian Treasurer Josh Frydenberg said he was disappointed about both the tweet and the deleted post.

“What the prime minister did in his WeChat message before it was disappointingly deleted was he made it very clear Australia is proud of its servicemen and women who wear the uniform,” Frydenberg said.

The rift between the two nations has grown since the Australian government called for an independent inquiry into the origins of the coronavirus pandemic. China has since imposed tariffs and other restrictions on a number of Australian exports. **MDT/AP**

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IBM security researchers detected the cyberespionage attempt

PANDEMIC

Phishing ploy targets Covid-19 vaccine distribution effort

FRANK BAJAK, BOSTON

IBM security researchers say they have detected a cyberespionage effort using targeted phishing emails to try to collect vital information on the World Health Organization's initiative for distributing COVID-19 vaccine to developing countries.

The researchers said they could not be sure who was behind the campaign, which began in September, or if it was successful. But the precision targeting and careful efforts to leave no tracks bore "the potential hallmarks of nation-state tradecraft," they said in a blog post yesterday.

The campaign's targets, in countries including Germany, Italy, South Korea and Taiwan, are likely associated with the development of the "cold chain" needed to ensure coronavirus vaccines get the nonstop sterile refrigeration they need to be effective for the nearly 3 billion people who live where temperature-controlled storage is insufficient, IBM said.

"Think of it as the bloodline that will be supplying the most vital vaccines globally," said Claire Zaboeva, an IBM analyst involved in the detection.

Whoever is behind the operation could be moti-

vated by a desire to learn how the vaccines are best able to be shipped and stored — the entire refrigeration process — in order to copy it, said Nick Rossmann, the IBM team's global threat intelligence lead. Or they might want to be able to undermine a vaccine's legitimacy or launch a disruptive or destructive attack, he added.

In the ploy, executives with groups likely associated with the initiative known as Covax — created by the Gavi Vaccine Alliance, the World Health Organization and other U.N. agencies — were sent spoofed emails appearing to come from an executive of Haier Biomedical, a Chinese company considered the world's main cold-chain supplier, the analyst said.

The phishing emails had malicious attachments that prompted recipients to enter credentials that could have been used to harvest sensitive information about partners vital to the vaccine-delivery platform.

Targets included the European Commission's Directorate-General for Taxation and Customs Union and companies that make solar panels for powering portable vaccine refrigerators. Other targets were petrochemical companies, likely because they produ-

ce dry ice, which is used in the cold chain, Zaboeva said.

The EU agency has been busy revising new import and export regimes for coronavirus vaccines and would be a gold mine for hackers seeking stepping stones into partnering organizations, she said.

Covax has struggled to raise enough money to compete for vaccine contracts against the world's wealthiest nations in the race to secure doses as fast as they can be produced. But the UN and Gavi have invested millions in cold-chain equipment across Africa and Asia. The investment, in the works well before the pandemic, was accelerated to prepare for an eventual global rollout of coronavirus vaccines.

Whoever was behind the phishing operation likely sought "advanced insight into the purchase and movement of a vaccine that can impact life and the global economy," the blog post said. Coronavirus vaccines will be one of the world's most sought-after products as they are distributed, so theft may also be a danger.

Last month, Microsoft said it had detected mostly unsuccessful attempts by state-backed Russian and North Korean hackers to steal data from

leading pharmaceutical companies and vaccine researchers. It gave no information on how many succeeded or how serious those breaches were. Chinese state-backed hackers have also targeted vaccine makers, the U.S. government said in announcing criminal charges in July.

Microsoft said most of the targets — located in Canada, France, India, South Korea and the United States — were researching vaccines and COVID-19 treatments. It did not name the targets.

On Wednesday, Britain became the first to country to authorize a rigorously tested COVID-19 vaccine, the one developed by American drugmaker Pfizer and Germany's BioNTech.

Other countries aren't far behind: Regulators not only in the U.S. but in the European Union and Canada also are vetting the Pfizer vaccine along with a shot made by Moderna Inc. British and Canadian regulators are also considering a vaccine made by AstraZeneca and Oxford University.

The logistical challenges of distributing vaccines globally are huge. The Pfizer-BioNTech one must be stored and shipped at ultra-cold temperatures of around minus 70 degrees Celsius. AP

this day in history

1961 BIRTH CONTROL PILL 'AVAILABLE TO ALL'

Women who wish to have oral contraception will now be able to get it on the National Health Service.

The Health Minister, Enoch Powell, made an announcement in the House of Commons today but did not give any guidelines as to whom the pill should be given.

"It is not for me to indicate to doctors when they should decide for medical reasons to prescribe for their patients," he said.

However some GPs are in a dilemma over whether they can prescribe the Pill, as it is commonly known, for social as well as medical reasons.

Several companies are busy manufacturing the product in Britain which will cost the NHS just over one shilling a pill - 17s a month.

And some politicians are anxious that the drug could be a huge financial burden on the Treasury which currently spends £90m a year on drugs provided by the health service.

The oral contraceptive is a combination of a synthetic hormones oestrogen and progestogen taken to prevent conception by hampering monthly release of an egg cell from the ovary.

Pills have to be taken regularly in order to work and some physicians are concerned about the effects the drug could have on the body's delicate balance of hormones.

Sir Charles Dodds, Britain's leading expert on the drugs contained in the Pill and who heads a research institute at Middlesex Hospital, has said the pills could have long-term side-effects.

He compared a woman's body with a clock mechanism. "Even if you thoroughly understand the mechanism of a clock, provided it is going well it is very much better to leave it alone. To interfere with it if you do not understand it can be disastrous," he said.

The Family Planning Association, which runs clinics all over Britain, is still deciding whether or not to give the go-ahead to its physicians to issue the Pill to married women.

Two scientists at Birmingham University will carry out basic experiments on the Pill because it is not fully understood how it works.

In the current issue of the Queen's Medical Magazine, Birmingham Medical School's journal, they write: "Much careful quantitative work remains to be done before the biological action of these drugs is understood and before any recommendations of these drugs for routine use by the medical profession."



Courtesy BBC News

IN CONTEXT

The rest of the decade saw a huge demand for what is an extremely effective form of birth control. It remains the most popular reversible contraceptive in the UK and the USA in spite of various health scares since its invention in the early 1950s.

To prevent side-effects produced by combined hormone pills - such as fluid retention, depression, weight gain, and in rare cases thrombosis - progestogen-only pills were developed in the 1980s. They have fewer side-effects than the combined pill but are slightly less efficient.

Pioneers behind the invention of the Pill include Marie Stopes who opened a birth control clinic in London in 1921 and Margaret Sanger, an American campaigner for women's rights. Mrs Sanger coined the phrase "birth control" and raised \$150,000 to fund the development of the first human contraceptive pill first invented by Carl Djerassi at a laboratory in Mexico in 1951.

It was Frank Colton, an American chemist, who invented the first commercially available oral contraceptive named Enovid in 1960 and produced by GD Searle and Co. In 1964 Searle took in \$24 million in net profits from Pill sales.

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YOUR STARS



ARIES

Mar. 21-Apr. 19

If there's any way to excuse yourself from a situation that requires you to act other than how you really feel, better make arrangements bright and early to be unavailable.



TAURUS

Apr. 20-May. 20

First thing this morning, you should decide what to give them, "them" being your partner, best friend, or whoever's been putting up with you no matter what you've dished out lately.



GEMINI

May. 21-Jun. 21

You're in the mood to disappear from the world now, however, and you won't want to chat with them about it. Be nice. Call when you know they won't be there to answer and leave a message.



CANCER

Jun. 22-Jul. 22

Regardless, it's just about time for you to do both yourself and your charge a favor. Give them a few referral numbers and a pep talk, make your exit, and see what happens.



LEO

Jul. 23-Aug. 22

You may, however, need to do some explaining to your partner if you're planning on skipping town. After all, you just can't turn down a challenge.



VIRGO

Aug. 23-Sep. 22

If you've already warned them, or if you know they've heard about your recent dealings with someone impolite, you won't hesitate to come out with both guns blazing. And well you should.



LIBRA

Sep. 23-Oct. 22

The long-distance travel bug hasn't just landed in your vicinity. It's set up shop in your imagination, igniting an insatiable urge to get to that place you've always wanted to see.



SCORPIO

Oct. 23-Nov. 21

You just have to be yourself, and they'll be just as infatuated as they were the first time you wooed them. If they're not yours, let's just say that situation won't last for very long at all.



SAGITTARIUS

Nov. 22-Dec. 21

You've worked so hard for so long on this particular project that you can't imagine finishing it. That's a good thing if you happen to be in a hurry to move on to something new, and when aren't you?



CAPRICORN

Dec. 22-Jan. 19

Believe it or not, you're an expert at romance. You just don't do it the way most folks do. When you're out to impress someone, you don't just pick up a pizza and some sodas.



AQUARIUS

Jan. 20-Feb. 18

Don't forget that you offer a necessary and unique contribution to these people's lives. Your insight, charm, and humor would be welcome right now, so don't hold back!



PISCES

Feb. 19-Mar. 20

You have little time to achieve your mission: finding a way to make your loved ones realize that working together on the same side is better for all parties concerned than keeping a nonsensical battle of wits going.

The Born Loser by Chip Sansom



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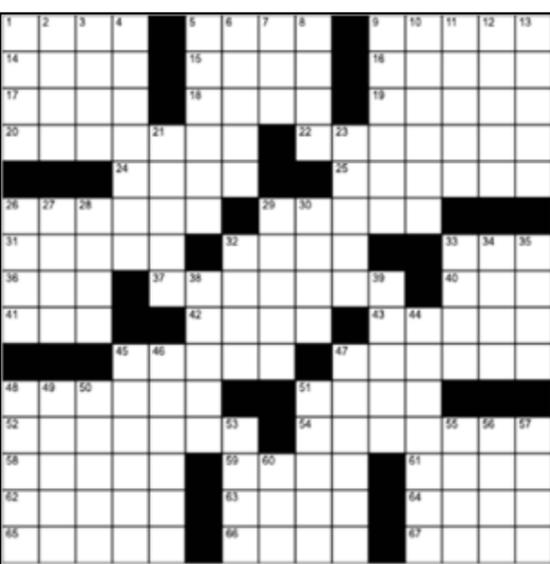
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Tianjin	-3	4	clear
Urumqi	-13	-8	foggy
Xi'an	-4	4	overcast
Lhasa	-4	10	cloudy
Chengdu	4	6	overcast
Chongqing	9	11	overcast
Kunming	6	13	overcast
Nanjing	2	8	cloudy
Shanghai	5	11	cloudy
Wuhan	3	9	cloudy
Hangzhou	4	9	cloudy
Taipei	16	19	drizzle
Guangzhou	12	19	clear
Hong Kong	15	20	clear
WORLD			
Moscow	-3	-2	flurry
Frankfurt	1	4	sleet
Paris	4	6	drizzle
London	1	5	drizzle
New York	8	10	drizzle

CROSSWORDS

ACROSS 1- Lab fluids; 5- Blab; 9- Gnu cousin; 14- Camaro model; 15- It's blown among the reeds; 16- Chopper top; 17- Quote; 18- Cairo cobras; 19- Keep an ___ the ground; 20- See-through material; 22- Subdivision; 24- Sign; 25- Natural gas component; 26- Bully; 29- It's often taken after exercise; 31- Siouan speakers; 32- Alleviate; 33- Tic ___ Dough; 36- Richards of Texas; 37- Genuine; 40- Vladimir Nabokov novel; 41- Dundee denial; 42- Stains; 43- Unit just above a yard; 45- Lend ___; 47- Having sound; 48- Monetary unit of Panama; 51- Pismires; 52- Affable; 54- Southeasternmost hill of Rome; 58- ___ Domingo; 59- Hide in the shadows; 61- Teen spots?; 62- Signed; 63- Away from the wind; 64- Cast a ballot; 65- Pert; 66- Capone's nemesis; 67- Geraint's lady;

DOWN: 1- Director Vittorio De ___; 2- Actor Stoltz; 3- Routine; 4- Polish remover; 5- Perfectly; 6- Clamptett player; 7- Prune; 8- Minus; 9- Builds; 10- Feel intense aversion; 11- Heart chambers; 12- ___ your life!; 13- Honeybee; 21- Wrong; 23- Conger catcher; 26- Haunted house sound; 27- Europe's highest volcano; 28- Outstanding; 29- Nervous person, maybe; 30- Employs; 32- "Only Time" singer; 33- Parting word; 34- Mideast gulf; 35- Wagon; 38- Utopian; 39- Chew the scenery; 44- Shackle; 45- Lets up; 46- Little guy; 47- Slithery beasts; 48- Groundwork; 49- Appliance brand; 50- Rings of a chain; 51- Lots of lots; 53- Brio; 55- Clickable image; 56- Opposed to; 57- Require; 60- Suffix with glob;



Crossword puzzles provided by BestCrosswords.com

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- PJ (Open line) 993
- PJ (Picket) 28 557 775
- PSP 28 573 333
- Customs 28 559 944
- S. J. Hospital 28 313 731
- Kiang Wu Hospital 28 371 333
- Commission Against Corruption (CCAC) 28326 300
- IAM 28 387 333
- Tourism 28 333 000
- Airport 59 888 88
- Taxi 28 939 939 / 2828 3283
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DRIVE IN

REORIENTING THE CRIME DRAMA IN 'I'M YOUR WOMAN'

JAKE COYLE,
MDT/AP FILM WRITER

WHEN it's at its best, "I'm Your Woman" feels like you've slipped through a trap door, revealing a hidden pathway in an old genre apparatus. Everything looks familiar — this is a '70s-set crime drama with all the usual trappings of shootouts, safe houses and polyester — but you're seeing it from a different perspective. The camera doesn't stick with the usual characters. It has other interests.

"I'm Your Woman," which debuts Friday in theaters and Dec. 11 on Amazon Prime Video, is directed by Julia Hart, who also wrote the script with her husband, the producer (and Oscar flub hero) Jordan Horowitz. Rachel Brosnahan ("The Marvelous Mrs. Maisel") stars as Jean, the kind of woman typically relegated to bit character in more masculine dramas.

She's sitting in their suburban home when her husband Eddie (Bill Heck) comes home and presents a new baby the way someone might unveil a new toaster.

AP PHOTO



Rachel Brosnahan and Marsha Stephanie Blake (background left) appear in a scene from the film "I'm Your Woman"

"Who is that?" Jean says. "He's our baby," he answers, beaming. We get no more information than she does, as the film immediately drops us into the disorientation of Jean's world as the kept woman of a man we soon learn is some kind of gangster. But even Jean doesn't seem to know much about what he does.

Instead of Eddie coming home

one night, Jean is roused by a knock at the door. The man, Cal (a very good Arinze Kene), explains men are after Eddie, and soon will be looking for Jean, too. They have to go. Whatever Eddie did or whoever his pursuers are remains, like Jean's own hazy understanding, in the distant background. Instead, the film rigorously stays with her as she and the baby are

plunged into a loosely connected underworld meant to shield her from whatever trouble is after her. Eventually, she'll reach for a gun, herself.

Hart's schematic framework is a worthy and intriguing one, yet "I'm Your Woman" struggles to turn thesis into drama. Jean slowly transforms into a more conscious, decision-making woman but her

character's psychology doesn't fill out. Even with growing independence, Jean remains a perplexingly passive genre fragment in a narrative that never comes into focus — though it continues to compellingly bring in elements usually kept at bay in the crime film, like family and race. It's also possible that Brosnahan, so identifiable already as the unflinching Midge Maisel, is too charismatic and clever to convince us otherwise.

Hart has spoken about how she was pulled to make "I'm Your Woman" by wanting to follow Diane Keaton in "The Godfather" or Tuesday Weld in "Thief." It's a tantalizing concept, one that "I'm Your Woman" comes close to achieving. Hart, gifted as a filmmaker rich in both texture and ideas, has already skipped around in genre, often reorienting it in the process. Her 2019 sci-fi film "Fast Color" told a human-scaled superhero story about three women in a family with superhuman powers. It will be exciting to see what genre she tackles — and potentially remakes — next. In the meantime, I wouldn't mind knowing where that baby came from.

"I'm Your Woman," an Amazon Studios release, is rated R by the Motion Picture Association of America for violence and language. Running time: 120 minutes. ★★☆☆

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WELLNESS WINTER SKIN MIRACLE

ENVIRONMENTAL factors such as low humidity and ultra violet rays affect the texture of skin in various manners. During winter, skin can easily become dull and lack luminosity. To improve tone and moisture level, innovative skin care brand Ceramiracle has several products that brighten and hydrate from the inside out. Well known for their supplements that can improve skin tone in a matter of days, Ceramiracle's signature skin brightening supplement True Bright features white tomato and sakura exact to provide antioxidants to the body. After taking the pills for just a number of days, skin tone

is transformed.

In addition, the brand's Advanced Brightening Complex Serum uses a natural complex to enhance skin luminosity without harsh acids. The formula contains skin friendly elements such as nicotinamide and liquorice, which is extremely gentle and could be applied even on sensitive skin. For hydration, Ceramiracle's First Light serum includes cutting-edge plant-based phytosqualane and wheat ceramides to coat the skin with a layer of light-weight moisture. When used in combination, the three products can indeed enable one to achieve the flawless skin look.



TASTE OF EDESIA

Seasonal delicacies

IRENE SAM, MDT

OFFERING an exquisite dining experience at Studio City, **Pearl Dragon** is a one-Michelin-starred Cantonese restaurant dedicated to culinary perfection. Showcasing refined provincial Chinese flavours, innovative creations and the finest delicacies to tempt the palate, Hong Kong-born Chef Otto Wong maintains respect for traditional Canto-

nese culinary methods while marrying contemporary and original techniques with seasonal ingredients to prepare delicious dishes adored by guests.

A recent "Premium Tasting Menu" by Chef Otto woos discerning diners with elements such as deep fried Alaskan king crab meat with green onions, barbecued honey glazed Iberico pork, tossed jelly fish with pomegranate and passion fruit sauce at the beginning of the culinary

journey. Steamed grouper fillet with egg white and crab roe combines umami characteristics with delicate protein. Poached organic vegetable sprouts with razor clams in pumpkin superior broth is one-of-its-kind, complex and reflects the chef's ability to combine dissimilar ingredients. Finally, double-boiled bird's nest with peach resin and Japanese apple sweetens the conclusion of a gastronomic feast which is definitely worth a try.

Macau Racing Tips

By Davy Chiu, MDT



THE BARNET 1510 METRES SAND

2020-12-05 | Sat | 15:10

TUHAO CHOICE is my idea of a winner for race 3 this Saturday. He is a talent sand horse which shown plenty of ability across his four starts this season, he grabbed two thirds in his first two runs and a good second in his third outings, his last outing was unlucky and the race itself was not run to his patter. This time with J B Hamel on his back he should handle challenges that throw out in the race with ease. **Tuhao Choice** is ready to bounce out of the ground following his eye-catching prep in the mornings, he will certainly get his chance in this race again come Saturday. His racing pattern would give him every opportunity to set close to the speed, I wouldn't be shock to see him running well at the straight. The distant 1510 would suit him and with the benefit of 4 runs, he is solid to get into the money again.

Race 3 | Horse no.4 Tuhao Choice Win & Place bets



OPINION

World Views

Tyler Cowen, MDT/Bloomberg



WOMEN TAKE THE LEAD IN VACCINE DEVELOPMENT

The early history of vaccines is a male-dominated field. The science, which is currently showing spectacular results, is now led by women. Therein lies a lesson about the allocation of talent.

Consider the history of the mRNA vaccine, which is the technological basis of both the Moderna and Pfizer/BioNTech vaccines, the two leading vaccine contenders for the U.S. To oversimplify, mRNA vaccines teach cells how to make a protein that triggers an immune system response, rather than injecting live or dead virus material.

If done properly, that makes the vaccine quicker to develop, safer to use, and easier to manufacture at scale. In addition to its forthcoming role in fighting Covid-19, the mRNA vaccine platform can probably be adapted to fight other viruses, and other mRNA products may have additional uses, such as helping to treat skin disorders.

The core work behind the mRNA approach comes from Katalin Karikó, a Hungarian-born émigré who came to the U.S. to work on RNA-related issues. Her career had its fits and starts, including problems with raising research money and a bout with cancer, but she persisted. She ended up working with Drew Weissman, and they figured out how to inject RNA material into humans without causing excess inflammation, which previously had been the critical barrier to making progress.

Karikó ended up working with BioNTech, a German start-up founded by Uur ahin and Özlem Türeci, a husband-and-wife team whose parents were Turkish guest workers in Germany.

Then there is the vaccine from Novovax, which is based in Gaithersburg, Maryland. The Novovax results are not yet published, but early word is that they are very promising. This vaccine also is based on new ideas, using an unusual moth cell system to crank out proteins in a highly innovative manner.

Novovax's team is led by Gita Patel, an immigrant from Gujarat, India. Her vaccine team is identified as "all-female." Patel is from a very poor family; her father almost died of tuberculosis when she was 4 years old, and she often had to beg for bus fare.

The common theme here is one of outsiders, as women and immigrants have been prominent at crucial points. Phase One of Moderna's trial, for example was led by Lisa A. Jackson at the University of Washington. Moderna's co-founder and chairman, Nour Afeyan, is a two-time immigrant. Born in Lebanon, his parents later migrated to Canada and then he moved to the U.S.

The swift development of all these vaccines could end up being the biggest scientific advance in decades — and it has been driven by people who, in another era, never would have had a chance.

This is a positive development, a sobering truth — and a warning about the future. In business, academia and other fields of science, women do not have roles nearly as prominent as they do right now in vaccine development. Given what women have contributed to vaccines just this year, think what kind of impact they could have in other areas.

The argument is not that women and men will achieve the exact same outcomes. There may well be reasons that talented women are drawn more to vaccine development than to other areas. Still, the recent and unprecedented impact of women in this field means that there are other endeavors which society cares about that would greatly benefit from more involvement by women.

The story of vaccines in the 21st century shows two things. The first is that society could still do a much better job at allocating talent, and reap similar gains across a broader variety of areas. The second is that it is possible to remedy talent misallocations, if we are willing to take the necessary steps.

If you are looking for something hopeful amid the millions of tragic Covid experiences, that's not a bad place to start.

Secrecy and cronyism at China's top disease control agency led to widespread test shortages and flaws that hampered the early response to the coronavirus outbreak, an Associated Press investigation has found.

China's Center for Disease Control and Prevention gave test kit designs and distribution rights exclusively to three then-obscure Shanghai companies with which officials had personal ties, according to the investigation.

It was based on interviews with more than 40 doctors, CDC employees, health experts, and industry insiders, as well as

hundreds of internal documents, contracts, messages and emails.

The Shanghai companies — GeneDx Biotech, Huirui Biotechnology, and BioGerm Medical Technology — paid the China CDC for the information and the distribution rights, according to two sources with knowledge of the transaction who asked to remain anonymous to avoid retribution. The price: One million RMB (\$146,600) each, the sources said. It's unclear whether the money went to specific individuals.

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TURKEY ANNOUNCES VACCINATION PLAN FOR CHINESE CORONAVAC

TURKEY'S health minister has announced a vaccination plan starting with an experimental "inactivated vaccine" later this month to combat the COVID-19 pandemic amid a surge in infections and deaths.

Fahrettin Koca had previously announced an agreement with Chinese biopharmaceutical company Sinovac Biotech for 50 million doses of CoronaVac, which is currently in Phase 3 trials. Koca said in a statement yesterday [Macau time] that the first shipment of the inactivated vaccine will arrive in Turkey after Dec. 11.

Inactivated vaccines are made by growing the whole virus in a lab and then killing it. Safely brewing and then killing the virus can take longer than newer technologies. But inactivated vaccines give the body a sneak peek at the germ itself rather than just the single spike protein, which mediates the entry of the coronavirus.

The minister said early use authorization would be granted after Turkish labs confirm vaccine safety and initial results from Phase 3 trials are assessed.

"If developments continue positively as we expect, Turkey would be among the first countries in the world to begin vaccinations in the early phase," Koca said.

In November, The Lancet published a study about the efficacy of Sinovac's vaccine candidate based on initial Phase 1 and Phase 2 clinical trials. The study said the efficacy was determined to be moderate, and that the vaccine produced lower levels of antibodies than those that have been found in recovered COVID-19 patients.

"The protective efficacy of CoronaVac remains to be determined," the study said.



A health worker administers the first dose of a Covid-19 vaccine currently on phase III clinical trials to a physician at the Acibadem Hospital in Istanbul

Candidates from Pfizer-BioNTech and Moderna have said that they have more than 90% efficacy rates. The U.K.'s AstraZeneca have an efficacy rate of 70-90%, again based on limited clinical trials.

Vaccination efforts would be rolled out in four stages, the minister said. The first group includes health care workers, citizens above age 65, and people living in homes for the elderly, disabled or other protective care homes.

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Next would be essential workers and people above 50 with at least one chronic disease. Third, people younger than 50 with at least one chronic illness, young adults and other workers would be vaccinated. The fourth and final phase would be for the rest of the population.

The CoronaVac will be delivered in two doses per person.

Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan said Monday the vaccine would be administered free of charge. Other COVID-19 vaccines would be sold at pharmacies, according to the health minister.

"We will take delivery of at least 10 million doses of the vaccine in December and likely 20 million. Another 20 million doses in January and 10 million in February," Koca said earlier this week. Turkey's population is more than 83 million.

Koca had previously announced an agreement for 1 million doses of the Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine to be delivered in December. He said that negotiations were ongoing for more vaccines that introduce a so-called messenger RNA, or mRNA, sequence coded for a disease specific antigen, which prompts the body to have an immune response.

RNA vaccines work by introducing an mRNA sequence (the molecule which tells cells what to build) which is coded for a disease specific antigen, once produced within the body, the antigen is recognized by the immune system, preparing it to fight the real thing."

Turkey was included in the trial phases of both vaccines and is also developing a local vaccine. Vaccine trials usually take years but have been drastically sped-up in wake of the global pandemic.

Turkey has reported record fatalities for 10 consecutive days, with 193 new deaths yesterday, bringing the total death toll in the country to 14,129. MDT/AP

UN The Commission on Narcotic Drugs voted to remove cannabis and cannabis resin from a category of the world's most dangerous drugs, which could impact the global medical marijuana industry. The Vienna-based U.N. agency said in a statement that it had voted 27-25, with one abstention, to follow the World Health Organization's recommendation to remove cannabis and cannabis resin from Schedule IV of the 1961 Convention on Narcotic Drugs, where it was listed with heroin and several other opioids.



Russian President Vladimir Putin has ordered a "large-scale" COVID-19 immunization campaign to start by late next week, with doctors and teachers set to be first in line to get a Russian-designed vaccine that has yet to complete the advanced studies needed to ensure its effectiveness and safety in line with established scientific protocols. Putin's action came hours after Britain became the first country in the West to authorize the use of a vaccine against the coronavirus developed by U.S. drugmaker Pfizer and Germany's BioNTech.



France and the United Nations vowed to keep providing humanitarian aid to Lebanon but urged the country's leaders to form a new government as a political deadlock in Beirut has blocked billions of dollars in assistance for the cash-strapped country hit by multiple crises.

Space A mysterious object temporarily orbiting Earth is a 54-year-old rocket, not an asteroid after all, astronomers confirmed. Observations by a telescope in Hawaii clinched its identity, according to NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory in Pasadena, California. The object was classified as an asteroid after its discovery in September. But NASA's top asteroid expert, Paul Chodas, quickly suspected it was the Centaur upper rocket stage from Surveyor 2, a failed 1966 moon-landing mission.