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China Two people were killed and at least nine others were injured in a laboratory explosion at a university in eastern China, state media said yesterday. The blast occurred Sunday afternoon at the Nanjing University of Aeronautics and Astronautics. Officials were investigating the cause of the explosion at the university's School of Materials Science and Technology, state broadcaster CCTV reported.

Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi will meet with Taliban representatives during a trip this week to the Persian Gulf nation of Qatar, an official said yesterday. The talks during Wang's visit, scheduled for yesterday and today, are the latest high-level contact between the sides and will "provide an opportunity to have an in-depth exchange of views on Afghanistan's situation and issues of joint concern," Foreign Ministry spokesperson Wang Wenbin said at a daily briefing. [More on p8](#)

Japan expressed concern yesterday after China and Russia held a joint naval exercise in which 10 of their warships passed through international waterways between its northern and southern islands. The Chinese and Russian vessels were first spotted last week passing through the Tsugaru Strait between Japan's main island of Honshu and the northern island of Hokkaido.

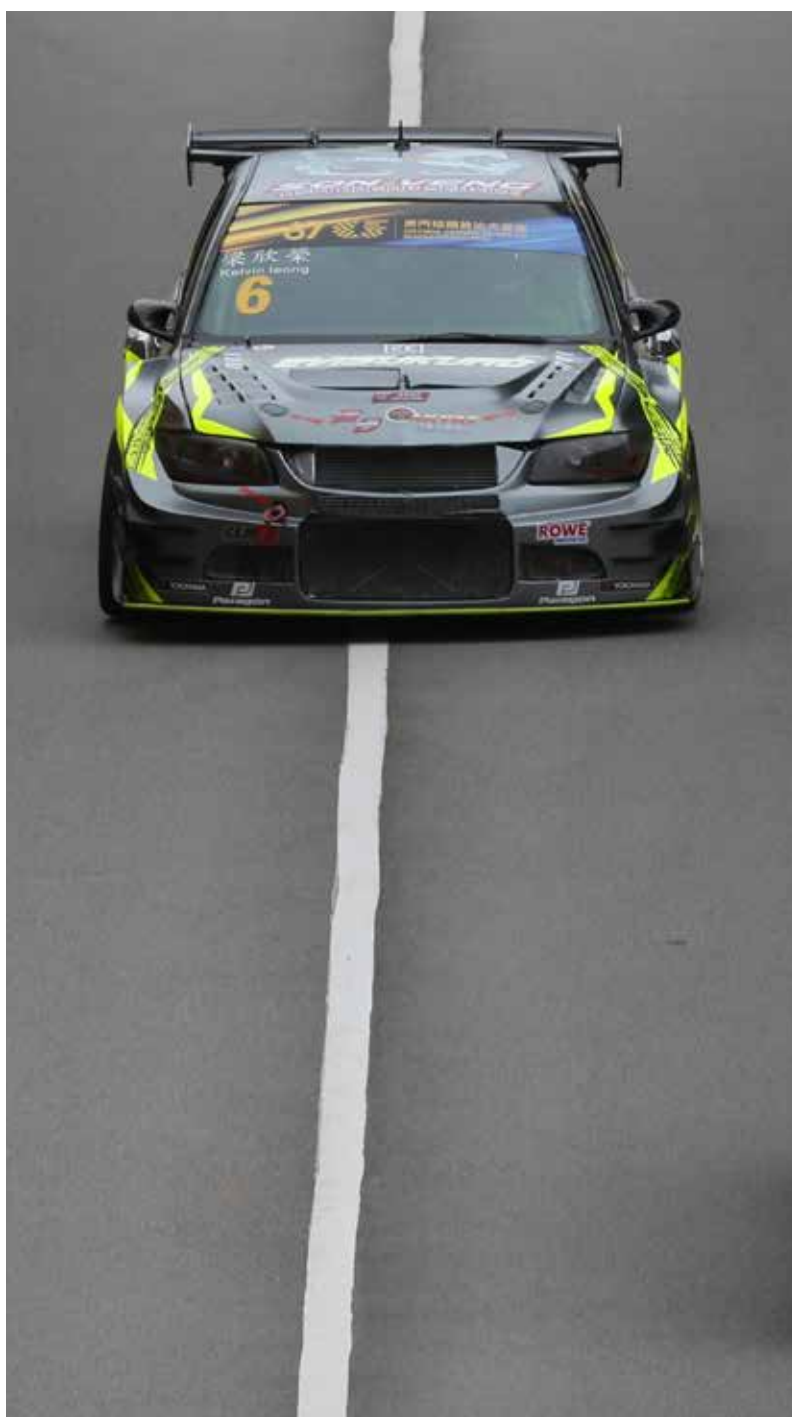


Indonesian President Joko Widodo has urged Southeast Asian countries to speed up plans to create a regional travel corridor to help revive tourism and speed up a recovery from the economic damage of the pandemic. Citing U.N. and World Trade Organization data, Widodo said yesterday that the level of restrictions in Southeast Asia was the highest in the world. With coronavirus cases in the 10-member Association of Southeast Asian Nations now declining, those limits should be eased to allow people to travel more freely, he said.

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GAMING CONCESSIONAIRES UNITE TO SPONSOR GP

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FOR the first time in the history of the Macau Grand Prix (GP) event, the six gaming concessionaires have coordinated to sponsor each of the racing events that are part of this year's program individually.

At the announcement of the program of this 68th local GP, it was

also announced that the six gaming concessionaires would be the sponsors of this year's competition, each one taking the sponsorship of one of the racing events.

SJM Resorts, S.A., Sands China Ltd. and Galaxy Entertainment Group will title-sponsor the main events of the program, the Formula 4 Grand Prix, the Macau GT Cup, and Macau Guia Race, respectively.

As for the other three gaming concessionaires, Melco Resorts & Entertainment, MGM China Holdings Limited, and Wynn Macau, Limited, they will be sponsoring the Macau Touring Car Cup, Greater Bay Area GT Cup, and Porsche Carrera Cup Challenge, respectively.

Altogether, the six concessionaires have contributed with a total of 28.5 million patacas of a total bu-

dget announced to be 170 million patacas.

The figure appears to fall a long way short, especially considering that back in 2019, Suncity Group titled-sponsored the event alone, contributing 25 million patacas.

Nonetheless, the fact that the six concessionaires have jointly sponsored this year's event has been regarded by the Coordinator of the Macau Grand Prix Organizing Committee (MGPOC), Pun Weng Kun, who highlighted the gesture in his speech, adding that the event is "the most important sports tourism brand of Macau."

"As the epidemic in Macau stabilizes, holding this year's Grand Prix as scheduled sends a clear message and demonstrates that Macau is a vibrant and safe city to visit. The associated positive effects of the Grand Prix serve to promote the development of different industries, and thereby boost the economy. In addition, the annual Grand Prix will be broadcast to countries and regions in the Mainland and overseas to positively promote the image of Macau," Pun added.

Like past Macau Grands Prix, the safety, medical, rescue, and working vehicles for this year's GP will be sponsored by BMW Concessionaires (Macau) Ltd., while Macau Industrial Ltd., will be the designated beverage sponsor.

Big Six reaching high rate of vaccination among staff

LYNZY VALLES

GAMING operators MGM China, Galaxy Entertainment Group (GEG), Wynn Macau and Melco Resorts & Entertainment are reaching a high rate of vaccination among its team members, according to data recently provided by the companies.

The vaccination rate of MGM employees is at 90%, followed by GEG, which has nearly 82% of its staff vaccinated, Wynn employees at 81% and Melco employees at 75%.

Working towards the goal of achieving herd immunity, MGM China has organized several 'Outreach Vaccination Programs' for



its team members, alongside explanatory seminars on the vaccines and a diverse range of promotional campaigns.

For Galaxy Macau, their initiatives have included the establishment of vaccination points at their property as well as the arrangements of vaccine information seminars.

Meanwhile, Melco earmarked MOP16 million in incentives to achieve Covid-19 herd immunity as part of its 'Get the Jab' program.

Melco is now working towards achieving its goal of 80% or above vaccination rate with colleagues.

Lawrence Ho, chairman & CEO of Melco Resorts &

Entertainment, said, "We continue to support the government-led efforts towards community-wide vaccination for achieving herd immunity. [...] I am grateful that our colleagues are taking this important step towards protecting themselves and the community."

Melco's second 'Get the

Jab' MOP3 million lucky draw is scheduled to be hosted next month, with three colleagues set to win MOP1 million each.

Meanwhile, Wynn Macau has also held several rounds of vaccine information seminars, inviting representatives from the Health Bureau to deliver an in-depth explanation on the importance of the Covid-19 vaccination to more than 700 Wynn team members. Team members who have completed their vaccination doses are able to enjoy up to two days of special leave. Wynn Macau was also the first gaming operator to have announced that it would grant two days of leave to vaccinated staff.

Both Sands China and SJM Resorts have been proactively working with the Health Bureau to encourage and facilitate its team members and their families to get vaccinated against Covid-19.

AIR TRANSPORT SECTOR RECORDS MOP1B DEFICIT

DUE to a substantial drop in demand for passenger transport in and out of Macau during the Covid-19 pandemic, commercial flights and passenger ferry trips plunged by over 80% year-on-year in 2020, according to recent government data.

The decline badly impacted the Transport & Storage sector.

Analyzed by industry, receipts (MOP1.13 billion) of Air Transport fell by 78.1% and expenditure (MOP2.26 billion) fell by 54.9%; leading to a deficit of MOP1.14 billion, according to the Statistics and Census Service (DSEC).

Meanwhile, receipts (MOP450 million) and expenditure (MOP886 million) of Sea Transport fell by 74.1% and 53.0% year-on-year respectively, with a loss of MOP437 million.

As for Land Transport: receipts (MOP4.61 billion) fell by 15.3% year-on-year and expenditure (MOP3.99 billion) slipped by 0.7%, while Gross Surplus (MOP692 million) registered a decline of 50.9%.

Meanwhile, receipts in the Communications sector fell by 16.2% year-on-year to MOP6.49 billion: a decrease chiefly due to a 37.9% fall in receipts from Sales of Goods (MOP 1.93 billion), reflecting the decline in sales of electronic products. LV



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Macau Grand Prix goes fully 'national'

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THE 68th Macau Grand Prix, taking place next month, will be the first edition ever to include only drivers from the mainland, Macau, and Hong Kong, the president of Sports Bureau and coordinator of the Macau Grand Prix Organizing Committee (MGPOC), Pun Weng Kun, said yesterday on the sidelines of the press conference announcing the event.

According to Pun, the MGPOC has received requests from foreign racers expressing their will to participate in this year's event. However, the MGPOC has declined these requests, recommending the drivers to wait one more year to rejoin the international event that will be only national this year.

"We received requests from several famous foreign drivers who have expressed the wish to participate from the event [this year] even if they had to undergo 21-days of quarantine. But we have declined those requests taking into account the difficulties regarding the [Covid-19] pandemic restrictions, but we hope to have them participating again next year," Pun said.

The coordinator of the MGPOC

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also added that this year's event budget will be around 170 million patacas, a figure that represents a drop of 32% when compared to last year when the budget for the also three-day event was 250 million patacas.

This year's event will count on the participation of just around 100 drivers in a total of six different racing categories, one more than in 2020.

As the Times had reported early this month, this year the Grand Prix will have the addition of a special racing event from the Porsche

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PUN WENG KUN
COORDINATOR OF THE MACAU GRAND PRIX ORGANIZING COMMITTEE

Carrera Cup Asia (PCCA), named Porsche Carrera Cup Challenge, which will include a selected

group of drivers who took part in the PCCA season.

The other five racing events

will follow a similar program as in 2020, with the inclusion of the Formula 4 Grand Prix, Macau GT Cup, Guia Race for TCR specifications cars, Macau Touring Car Cup, and the Greater Bay Area GT Cup.

ONLY ONE NAT TO PARTICIPATE IN THE EVENT

Questioned further by the media on the sidelines of the press conference, Pun said that to comply with the pandemic prevention and control measures, all drivers, team members, as well as all staff from the MGPOC will undergo a nucleic acid test (NAT) before the event to ensure the safety of all participants.

Pun discarded the idea that MGPOC is calling for a compulsory vaccination (similar to what will happen for this year's international marathon event taking place in early December), saying that currently over 85% of all drivers and staff members are already fully vaccinated, and it is naturally expected that this percentage will increase before the day of the event.

Nevertheless, he noted that all staff from MGPOC who will be working on the event are all expected to be vaccinated by then.

68TH GP

CHEAPER TICKETS TO MATCH SLOWER ECONOMY

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SPECIAL discounts for Macau Grand Prix tickets have been announced to allow more people to participate in the event in view of the economic situation, the Macau Grand Prix Organizing Committee (MGPOC) said yesterday in a press conference announcing the 68th edition of the local motorsport event.

The tickets will generally cost the same amount as in previous years but a special discount will be granted to those who buy two or more tickets for the same stand on Saturday and Sunday (November 20 and 21).

These tickets which cost MOP 400 and MOP1,000, for Reservoir and Lisboa Stand respectively, will be subjected to a 30% immediate discount.

According to the MGPOC, the discount was considered taking into account "the prevailing effects of the epidemic on society and the economy," adding, "it is ho-



oped that residents and visitors will be encouraged to come and enjoy the Grand Prix due to more favorable prices."

Tickets for the first day of the event on November 19, which is dedicated to the Practice and Qualifying session, are priced at only MOP50 independently of the location, as is usual in other editions.

Students can also purchase tickets for Reservoir stands at the special price of MOP100 each for November 20 and 21, however, the number of these

tickets is limited.

Tickets go on sale today through the regular ticketing network which includes 17 sales points in Macau, Hong Kong, and mainland China.

Tickets can also be purchased through other sales channels such as online, telephone, email, and mobile applications.

During the event, and in addition to common ticket booths, each on-site ticketing booth will also include a self-service ticketing machine that will accept credit cards as well as other electronic payment methods.

FOOD FESTIVAL TO RETURN GIVEN NO OUTBREAK OVER PERIOD

LYNZY VALLES

THE 21st Macau Food Festival is set to begin on November 19 and will run for 17 consecutive days as long as no Covid-19 cases are detected during the period.

In a press conference, Chan Chak Mo, chairman of the organizing committee of the festival said that around 215 firms have signed up for the festival – an increase of some 20 to 30 food and beverage stores.

However, he expects that the number of attendees to decrease this year, noting that epidemic prevention measures have been strengthened, and visitors may only dine in the eating area.

Staff at the festival must have received both doses of a Covid-19 vaccine and must get a nucleic acid test certificate every seven days.

Chan, meanwhile, clarified that the food festival may be suspended at any time based on the health



authorities' assessment of the epidemic, and in that event, the canceled part of the festival will not be rescheduled.

One merchant, cited in a TDM report, commented that the vaccination measures are difficult to achieve and the operating conditions imposed by the health authorities are not feasible.

Although trading at the food festival is not expected to be ideal, it nevertheless helps to promote the stores, and stores are expected take extra health precautions to avoid losses caused by the suspen-

sion of the food festival.

Like last year, this year's festival will probably only feature local caterers; unlike the customary format, in which cuisines from a different country are showcased each year.

Last year, a total of 102 merchants were new to the festival, 10% more than the previous year.

Hosted by the United Association of Food and Beverage Merchants of Macao, this year's festival will be in the usual location: opposite the Macau Tower and the leisure area adjacent to the Sai Van Lake.

COVID-19

Tightened measures on foreign entrants grounded, says CDC coordinator

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LOCAL experience shows that the recovery period for a Covid-19 patient is usually two months at most, which is the foundation for the new tightened measures for overseas entrants, explained public doctor Leong Iek Hou, coordinator at the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

Leong made the explanation at the regular health press briefing yesterday. She was questioned why the health bureau has suddenly required individuals previously diagnosed with Covid-19 elsewhere to possess a certificate of recovery to enter Macau.

Moreover, travelers will not be allowed into Macau unless their first positive nucleic acid test (NAT) results are from at least two months prior to their arrival.

The background for the change, as Leong explained at the briefing, is the announcement on October 7, which requires local residents arriving from overseas countries to be fully vaccinated. Non-residents who have been to these countries within the 21 days preceding their arrivals are barred from entering Macau.

Leong explained that many of those who intended to enter Macau from these countries could not present the certificate "because they had been infected by the coronavirus," thus more rigid documented proofs are required, the public health doctor explained.

"Therefore, we require [entrants] to hold a certificate indi-

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cating their infections were from [at least] two months before their arrivals and their recovery [from the disease]," she explained, stressing that the two-month period is counted from the first positive NAT result or onset of the disease.

Moreover, the new requirement is set "so that the possibility of these individuals infecting others during their flights can be lowered," said Leong.

She was also challenged why these individuals still need to undergo a long quarantine period upon arrival in Macau.

In response, she noted that it is a unitary measure for all entrants from locations with a higher risk. "They all need to undergo quarantine regardless of their vaccination or previous diagnoses," she added.

On the matter of Kuok Kim - a third-party nucleic acid test provider - delaying the uploading of NAT results, Leong revealed that the report has been received. Kuok Kim has agreed to buy extra

equipment so that if similar incidents happen in the future, it will have auxiliary equipment to run the tests.

The official said that she had to revisit the provisions of the servi-

ce contract to determine if a fine might be issued to Kuok Kim, but she believed that the terms and conditions would permit it.

DISCUSSION ON NAT EXTENSION ONGOING

The government has been hinting at the possible extension of the NAT validity period for individuals crossing the border who have been fully vaccinated against Covid-19 for months, yet no news has been heard so far.

Yesterday, Leong was asked about the progress once again. She reiterated that the government has been in negotiations with its mainland counterpart. "But we can all see that the disease has recently seen a relapse on the Mainland, so we decided to take a vigilant attitude," Leong explained.

However, she stressed that negotiations are still taking place and hoped that there is good news soon.

QUARANTINE ARRANGEMENTS BASED ON SSM EVALUATION

ASKED to confirm whether the Treasure Hotel would be used to quarantine entrants from high-risk regions, Liz Lam Tong Hou, head of Public Relations Division of the Macao Government Tourism Office, said that any arrangement would be based on the evaluation of the Health Bureau.

The hotel has not been used for quarantine after the last outbreak that was reported to have started inside. Lam stressed that cleaning and sanitization have been conducted under the supervision of the health authorities. Currently, some internal repairs are being done. In addition, Leong explained that the health authorities

make arrangements based on the risks faced by the city. She admitted that entrants were assigned to different hotels in relation to their potential risks and the convenience of the health authorities. She said that announcement will be made when it is ready.

In an e-mail reply to the Times, the bureau clarified that "MGTO has discussed with all medical observation hotels about the streamlining of operating procedures required by the health authorities and possible future arrangements, but any changes will be subject to professional assessment by the health authorities."

UNESCO CREATIVE CITIES NETWORK

MGTO's report to tackle responses to Covid-19

THE SAR government has adopted various measures against Covid-19 in the catering industry particularly relating to food safety, as well as an array of supportive measures to bolster tourism and other related industries, the Macao Government Tourism Office (MGTO) stated in the 'Macao Creative City of Gastronomy' work meeting.

A report due to be submitted by the end of November to the UNESCO Creative Cities Network (UCCN) will elaborate the initiatives taken to revitalize

the industries in response to the Covid-19 pandemic.

As Macau was designated as a UNESCO Creative City of Gastronomy in 2017, the government is required to submit the monitoring reports once every four years.

MGTO's director Maria Helena de Senna Fernandes shared the first monitoring report yesterday with the meeting. This report will be submitted to the Secretariat of the UNESCO Creative Cities Network (UCCN) next month, in addition to delivering an overview of UCCN's current situation.

Fernandes hopes that the catering industry provides more suggestions and joins hands in fostering preservation, innovation and exchange of Macau's gastronomic culture, so as to advance sustainable development.

During the meeting, the official said that over the last four years, the MGTO and related governmental entities, academic institutions and industry operators have been collaborating to push forward Macau's development as a Creative City of Gastronomy.

This includes organi-

zing the 'International Gastronomy Forum, Macao'; launching the Macanese Cuisine Database; offering online learning videos, workshops and seminars for industry professionals; and engaging in events organized by the UCCN and member cities, among others.

Since January, the MGTO has solicited from 18 public entities, academic institutions and units on their summaries of work progress over the past four years and suggestions to formulate a future action plan. LV



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GAMING

To better conform to national development plans, the validity of casino concessions in Macau should be changed to the 10+5 mode, Davis Fong, director of the Institute for the Study of Commercial Gaming, said recently.

The Gaming Inspection and Coordination Bureau (DICJ) has restarted the public consultation series on the review of Law No. 16/2001 after the abatement of the city's Covid-19 epidemic.

It is holding eight sessions in four days – from October 22 to 25 – to gather opinions from members of the public. Despite this, eminent public figures such as Fong and lawmaker Pereira Coutinho also took seats at the events.

Currently, the city's casino licenses have a validity of 20+5 years.

Fong's justification for his proposal is that the city's economic development, particularly the casino and resort operations, would better be able to meet the 2035 economic targets of both the country and the Guangdong-Macau Intensive Cooperation Zone in Hengqin.

He stressed that the city's casino industry development must meet the city's own, as well as with the country's master plan. The year 2035 is politically deemed crucial because the administra-

Scholar calls for '10+5' mode for casino licenses

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tion has pinpointed it as benchmark, such as in the 14th Five-year Plan and the Framework for Long-term Targets.

Furthermore, since the unification of Macau and Hengqin is also set for 2035, Fong said that Macau's economy must be "basically diversified" by then.

On top of these factors, the

swift development of technologies in this period will give the government more flexibility if it issues shorter licenses.

Fong also pointed out that the government should look at the big picture rather than individual clauses, "because they're inter-related." He explained that if, for example, casino operators are re-

quired by law to re-invest in Macau, the entrepreneurial environment will then be unattractive to investors. This is to prove his point that the overall legal framework should relate to individual provisions in order to retain the industry's competitiveness and sustainability in Macau.

As for developing non-gam-

bling elements, Fong thinks that, after two decades of development, the city has achieved synergy between different offerings, such as conventions and exhibitions, as well as clubbing and performances.

The scholar recommends that the government encourage the introduction of projects which are beyond the capability of small and medium sized enterprises, such as large-scale concerts and multi-disciplinary performances, while giving a certain level of freedom to concessionaires to drive their own development on the foundation of their non-gambling operational experiences. "It doesn't have to be overly detailed," Fong said.

At another session, a participant spoke on concessionaires' fulfillment of corporate social responsibilities (CSR) and the localization of high-level management.

He cited a survey which found out 70% respondents agreed that the current concessionaires have fulfilled their CSR, while 90% requested the government to urge concessionaires to realize the localization of high-level management.

Meanwhile, 90% respondents from the same survey believed that more non-gambling elements would be needed in the future.

The speaker also opined that more support should be given to local cultural industries.

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PRESIDENT Xi Jinping yesterday called on the world to increase cooperation, and work together to address the challenges and global problems facing humanity.

Xi made the remarks at a conference in Beijing marking the 50th anniversary of the restoration of the People's Republic of China's seat at the United Nations (UN).

The international community is confronted by regional disputes as well as global issues such as terrorism, climate change, cyber security and biosecurity, said Xi.

"Only by more inclusive global governance, more effective multilateral mechanisms and more active regional cooperation, can these issues be addressed effectively," he added.

The past five decades have witnessed China's peaceful development and its commitment and dedication to the welfare of all humanity, Xi said.

"For these 50 years, the Chinese people have demonstrated an untiring spirit and kept to the right path in China's development amidst changing circumstances, thus writing an epic chapter in the development of China and humanity."

According to Xi, the Chinese people have stood in solidari-

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ty and cooperation with people around the world and upheld international equity and justice, contributing significantly to world peace and development.

They have upheld the authority and sanctity of the United Nations and practiced multilateralism, and China's cooperation with the United Nations has steadily deepened, Xi added.

Xi stressed that China has faithfully fulfilled its responsibility and mission as a permanent member of the UN Security Council, stayed true to the purposes and principles of the UN Charter, and upheld the central role of the UN in international affairs.

China has actively sought the political settlement of disputes through peaceful means, Xi said, adding that it has sent over 50,000 peacekeepers to UN peacekeeping operations, and is now the second largest financial contributor to both the UN and its peacekeeping operations. **MDT/XINHUA**

Note: See full text of President Xi Jinping's address on macaudailytimes.com



President Xi Jinping delivers a speech at a commemorative meeting marking the 50th anniversary of the restoration of the People's Republic of China's seat at the United Nations

COVID-19

China to start vaccinating children to age 3 as cases spread

CHILDREN as young as 3 will start receiving COVID-19 vaccines in China, where 76% of the population has been fully vaccinated and authorities are maintaining a zero-tolerance policy toward outbreaks.

Local city and provincial level governments in at least five provinces issued notices in recent days announcing that children ages 3-11 will be required to get their vaccinations.

The expansion of the vaccination campaign comes as parts of China take new clampdown measures to try to stamp out small outbreaks. Gansu, a northwestern province heavily dependent on tourism, closed all tourist sites yesterday after finding new COVID-19 cases. Residents in parts of Inner Mongolia have been ordered to stay indoors due to an outbreak there.

The National Health Commission reported 35 new cases of local transmission had been detected over the past 24 hours, four of them in Gansu. Another 19 cases were found in the Inner Mongolia region, with



others scattered around the country.

China has employed lockdowns, quarantines and compulsory testing for the virus throughout the pandemic and has largely stamped out cases of local infection while fully vaccinating 1.07 billion people in its population of 1.4 billion.

In particular, the government is concerned about the spread of the more contagious delta variant by travelers and about having a largely vaccinated public ahead of the Beijing Olym-

pics in February. Overseas spectators already have been banned from the Games, and participants will have to stay in a bubble separating them from people outside.

China's most widely used vaccines, from Sinopharm and Sinovac, have shown efficacy in preventing severe disease and transmission of the virus, based on public data. But the protection they offer against the delta variant has not been answered definitively, although officials say they

remain protective.

Hubei, Fujian and Hainan provinces all issued provincial level notices alerting new vaccination requirements, while individual cities in Zhejiang province and Hunan province have also issued similar announcements.

China in June had approved two vaccines — Sinopharm's from the Beijing Institute of Biological Products and Sinovac — for children age 3-17, but it has only been vaccinating those 12 and older. In August,

regulators approved another, Sinopharm's from the Wuhan Institute of Biological Products.

After the vaccines received domestic approval for children in China, foreign governments began giving the shots to children in their own countries. Cambodia uses both Sinovac and Sinopharm's shots in children 6-11. Regulators in Chile approved Sinovac for children as young as 6. In Argentina, regulators approved the Sinopharm vaccine for children as young as age 3.

Many developing countries left out of the race to get shots from Western pharmaceutical companies like Pfizer and Moderna bought Chinese vaccines. China has shipped more than 1.2 billion doses as of September, according to its Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

Even with widespread domestic and global use, not every parent is reassured about the vaccine, citing less publicly available data on the shots.

Wang Lu, who lives in the southern city of Fuzhou

in Fujian province, said she isn't particularly rushing to get her 3-year-old son vaccinated. "I'm just not very clear on the vaccine's safety profile, so I don't really want to get him vaccinated, at the very least, I don't want to be the first," Wang said.

Sinovac started an efficacy trial with 14,000 child participants across multiple countries in September. Its approval in China was based on smaller phase 1 and phase 2 trials. Sinopharm's Beijing shot was also approved based on smaller phase 1 and phase 2 trials. These were published later in peer-reviewed journals.

Other parents said they weren't concerned, given that many other people had already gotten the shot.

Wu Cong, a mom of a 7-year old, said her daughter's school in Shanghai hadn't yet notified them of any vaccinations.

"I think this isn't too different from the flu vaccine, there's already been so many people vaccinated, so I don't have too many worries," said Wu. **MDT/AP**

EILEEN NG & JIM GOMEZ,
KUALA LUMPUR

ANALYSIS

ASEAN leaders hold summit with Myanmar's general shut out

SOUTHEAST Asian leaders are meeting this week for their annual summit where Myanmar's top general, whose forces seized power in February and shattered one of Asia's most phenomenal democratic transitions, has been shut out for refusing to take steps to end the deadly violence.

Myanmar defiantly protested the exclusion of Senior Gen. Min Aung Hlaing, who currently heads its government and ruling military council, from the summit of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations.

Brunei, which currently leads the 10-nation bloc, will host the three-day meetings starting today by video due to coronavirus concerns. The talks will be joined by President Joe Biden and the leaders of China and Russia, and are expected to spotlight Myanmar's worsening crisis and the pandemic as well as security and economic issues.

ASEAN's unprecedented sanctioning of Myanmar strayed from its bedrock principles of non-interference in each other's domestic affairs and deciding by consensus, meaning just one member can effectively shoot down a group decision. Myanmar cited the violation of those principles enshrined in the group's charter in rejecting the decision to bar its military leader from the summit.

But the regional group has few other options as the general's intransigence further risked tainting its image as a diplomatic refuge for some of the most intractable tyrants in Asia.

A senior ASEAN diplomat, who joined an Oct. 15 emergency meeting where the foreign ministers



Sule Pagoda in Yangon

decided to rebuff Myanmar, said those two principles bind but "will not paralyze" the bloc. The diplomat called ASEAN's more forceful response "a paradigm shift" but added its conservative principles would likely stay.

"In serious cases like this, when the integrity and credibility of ASEAN is at stake, ASEAN member states or even the leaders and the ministers have that latitude to act," said the diplomat, who spoke to The Associated Press on condition of anonymity because of a lack of authority to discuss the issues publicly.

Instead of Myanmar's top general, the country's highest-ranking veteran diplomat, Chan Aye, was invited to the summit as the country's "non-political" re-

presentative, the diplomat said. It remains unclear if Chan Aye will attend.

Myanmar's military-appointed foreign minister joined the online emergency meeting two weeks ago. It was held in a calm manner, although some ministers bluntly expressed their opposition to the Feb. 1 military takeover that ousted civilian leader Aung San Suu Kyi and her party, which overwhelmingly won last November's vote. Singapore's Foreign Minister Vivian Balakrishnan declared that his government still recognizes Suu Kyi and ousted President Win Myint, both of whom have been detained, as Myanmar's legitimate leaders, according to the diplomat.

Malaysian Foreign Minister

Saifuddin Abdullah, a staunch critic of the military's seizure of power, told his ASEAN counterparts that the principle of non-interference cannot be used "as a shield to avoid issues being addressed" given that the Myanmar crisis has alarmed the region. In a separate online forum last week, he suggested officials and others "do some soul-searching" for ASEAN "on the possibility of moving away from the principle of non-interference toward 'constructive engagement' or 'non-indifference.'"

ASEAN has been under intense international pressure to take steps to help end the violence that has left an estimated 1,100 civilians dead since the army took power and locked up Suu Kyi and others, igniting widespread peaceful protests and armed resistance. U.N. special envoy Christine Schraner Burgener warned last week that Myanmar "will go in the direction of a failed state" if violent conflicts between the military, civilians and ethnic minorities spiral out of control and the democratic setback was not resolved peacefully.

Suu Kyi's party won in a landslide victory in 2015 after more than five decades of military rule. But the military remained powerful and contested her National League for Democracy party's win in last November elections as fraudulent.

ASEAN has not recognized the military leadership although Myanmar remains a member.

The group "must take a bolder step to speak up against non-democratic overthrow of democratically elected government and crimes against humanity against the Myanmar people," said Alexander Arifianto, an Indonesian expert on regional politics at Singapore's S. Rajaratnam School of International Studies. "ASEAN needs to reform its decision-making process."

ASEAN leaders agreed on a five-point contingency plan in an emergency meeting in April in Indonesia that was attended by Min Aung Hlaing. They called for an immediate end to the violence and the start of a dialogue to be mediated by a special ASEAN envoy, who should be allowed to meet all parties. But the military later repeatedly refused to allow the envoy to meet Suu Kyi and other political detainees in an impasse that is testing the regional bloc.

ASEAN admitted Myanmar in 1997 despite intense opposition from the U.S. and European countries, which then cited its military junta's record of suppressing democracy and human rights. The other members of the bloc are Brunei, Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, the Philippines, Singapore, Thailand and Vietnam. **MDT/AP**

AUSTRALIA

Canberra invests in USD1.6 billion South Pacific telco deal

AUSTRALIAN telco Telstra has partnered with the Australian government in a \$1.6 billion deal to buy the South Pacific operations of Digicel in a deal that would prevent a key part of the region's telecommunications infrastructure falling into Chinese hands.

Telstra, the nation's largest telco, said in a statement on Monday it would contribute \$270 million to the deal and hold 100% of the equity in Digicel Pacific.

The terms of the sale were agreed on and would be completed within six months, Telstra chief executive Andrew Penn said.

"Digicel Pacific is a commercially attractive asset and critical to telecommu-

nications in the region," Penn said.

Digicel is owned by Irish businessman Denis O'Brien, is incorporated in Bermuda and is headquartered in Jamaica. It operates in 33 markets in developing countries around the world.

It is the leading mobile phone carrier in Papua New Guinea, Tahiti, Tonga, Nauru, Samoa and Vanuatu. It is the second biggest carrier in Fiji after Vodafone.

Trade and Investment Minister Dan Tehan said in a statement the partnership with Telstra, once a state-owned monopoly, was "consistent with Australia's longstanding commitment to growing quality investment in regional infrastructure."

The deal also reflected Australia's commitment to support the development of secure and reliable infrastructure in the region, which is critical to the region's economic growth and development, Tehan said.

The U.S. and some other governments have sought to minimize involvement of Chinese telecoms equipment makers in upgrades of communications networks, citing security concerns. Added to that, trade and other relations between Australia and China have been strained over a range of issues in the past several years.

Australia signaled it was competing head on with China on telecommunica-



tions in the Pacific when it paid for a \$130 million fiber-optic submarine telecommunications cable linking Sydney to Papua New Guinea and the Solomon Islands which started operating last year. The cable resulted in the Solomons government ripping up a contract with China's

Huawei to run a cable to Sydney.

Jonathan Pryke, Pacific Islands program director at the Sydney-based Lowy Institute international policy think tank, said Australia's main concern about Chinese ownership of Digicel was how heavily Pacific economies

would come to rely on 5G telecommunications networks.

"Utilities are going to rely on 5G networks to operate and if Digicel were to fall into a Chinese state-owned enterprise's hands — and Digicel while not a monopoly does have a very dominant market share — it would give China the power to be a significant disruptor in these economies in time of geopolitical tension," Pryke said.

"If China and Australia are really having it out, China could flick the switch in Papua New Guinea and cause all sorts of mayhem and distract Australia's attention," he added, referring to Australia's nearest neighbor. **MDT/AP**

AFGHANISTAN

Chinese, Taliban representatives to meet in Qatar

CHINESE Foreign Minister Wang Yi will meet with Taliban representatives during a trip this week to the Persian Gulf nation of Qatar, an official said yesterday.

The talks during Wang's visit, scheduled for Monday and Tuesday, are the latest high-level contact between the sides and will "provide an opportunity to have an in-depth exchange of views on Afghanistan's situation and issues of joint concern," Foreign Ministry spokesperson Wang Wenbin said at a daily briefing.

Beijing long opposed operations by U.S. and NATO forces in Afghanistan — with which it shares a narrow border — while benefiting from the relative stability that the presence provided. It has kept its embassy open in Kabul but has not recognized the Taliban as the government of Afghanistan. It has urged the group not to provide

AP PHOTO



Foreign Minister Wang Yi

de a safe haven for Islamic militants seeking independence for the northwestern Chinese region of Xinjiang.

"Since August this year, the situation in Afghanistan has undergone fundamental changes and

the Afghan people have a historic opportunity to independently decide the country's destiny. Meanwhile, however, they still face many difficulties and challenges and are in urgent need of external su-

pport," Wang said.

"As a traditional friendly neighbor and partner of Afghanistan, China always called for dialogue and contact to guide the development of the Afghan situation in a positive direction and help the Afghan people to get over difficulties," he said.

Wang met with a delegation led by a top Taliban leader, Abdul Ghani Baradar, in July in the Chinese city of Tianjin, shortly before the group seized power from Afghanistan's elected government.

At that meeting, Wang referred to the Taliban as "a pivotal military and political force in Afghanistan" that is "expected to play an important role in the process of peace, reconciliation and reconstruction."

China has urged the group to keep border crossings open, while offering \$31 million in humanitarian assistance along with 3 million doses of Chinese-made COVID-19 vaccines.

China has previously signed deals for oil, gas and copper mining in Afghanistan, although those have long been dormant.

Chinese officials have called for an inclusive government in Afghanistan but said virtually nothing about the Taliban's restrictions on women's access to work and education and other human rights issues. **MDT/AP**

this day in history

1979 SOUTH KOREAN PRESIDENT KILLED



The President of South Korea, Park Chung Hee, has been "accidentally" shot dead by the chief of his intelligence service, Kim Jea Kyu.

Five other people, including the president's bodyguard, were also killed.

The incident took place at the Korean Central Intelligence Agency's headquarters during a dinner being held by Kim in honour of the president.

A government statement revealed that an argument broke out between Kim Jae Kyu and Park's chief bodyguard, Cha Chi Chul, during which a shot was fired by Kim which hit the president as he tried to intervene.

The President was taken from the scene to a nearby army hospital where he later died.

There had been a long-standing dispute between the president and Kim Jae Kyu over whether to adopt a tough or moderate policy towards political opponents.

An emergency meeting of the Cabinet has named Prime Minister Choi Kyu-Hua as acting president. Martial law has also been proclaimed throughout the country.

General Chung, the army chief of staff, has been appointed commander of martial law. His first act was to order a nightly curfew and to ban all demonstrations throughout the country.

The US Government reacted immediately saying that it would deal strongly with any attempt by North Korea to exploit the situation.

The US Defense Department ordered American troops based in South Korea to be on "alert status" as a warning.

Park Chung Hee became President in 1961. He was known for his firm rule which he said was justified by the constant threat of invasion from North Korea.

He had already survived one assassination attempt. In August 1974 a series of shots were fired at him as he gave a speech. All shots missed him but one killed his wife.

Courtesy BBC News

UZBEKISTAN

Mirziyoyev heading toward landslide win in election

AGNIESZKA PIKULICKA-WILCZEWSKA, TASHKENT

UZBEKS voted this weekend in a presidential election that the incumbent is expected to win in a landslide against weak competition.

Although President Shavkat Mirziyoyev has relaxed many of the policies of his dictatorial predecessor, he has made little effort at political reform.

Mirziyoyev, who took office in 2016 upon the death of Islam Karimov, faces four relatively low-visibility candidates who didn't even show up for televised debates, instead sending proxies who failed to engage in substantial discussions.

Independent candidates weren't allowed.

"The other candidates talk about abstract things like strengthening social security, but they don't provide any details. They don't have a real program and they don't have to because they know who will win," political analyst Akhmed Rahmonov said.

Despite the absence of significant competition, voter turnout was strong. The elections commission said that by 5 p.m. (1200 GMT), three hours before the polls closed, more than 70% of the electorate had cast ballots.

Preliminary results are to be announced early today [Macau time].

The only Mirziyoyev challenger who got significant notice in the campaign was Alisher Qodirov, with his proposal that Uzbeks working outside the country should pay taxes in Uzbekistan, a widely unpopular idea for the large share of the population that depends on remittances from family members abroad.

Mirziyoyev openly disagreed with the proposal and some observers suggested that Qodirov, whose party is in coalition with Mirziyoyev's in the parliament, made it in order to channel votes to the incumbent.

Under Mirziyoyev, freedom of speech has expanded compared with the su-

ppression of the Karimov era, and some independent news media and bloggers have appeared. He also relaxed the tight controls on Islam in the predominantly Muslim country that Karimov imposed to counter dissident views.

He also lifted controls on hard currency, encouraging investment from abroad, and he moved to patch up foreign relations that soured under Karimov.

"Mirziyoyev improved relations with world players such as Russia, China and the West, while also resolving conflicts with neighbors including establishing peaceful interaction with Afghanistan," said Andrey Kazantsev of the Moscow State Institute of Foreign Relations.

Uzbekistan and Afghanistan share a 144-kilometer border, and Uzbekistan has consistently worried that conflict could spill over. **MDT/AP**

IN CONTEXT

When the president's body was moved from Government House to the national cemetery more than two million Koreans lined the streets. In a re-enactment of the incident, required by Korean law, Kim Jae Kyu showed how he first shot the president's bodyguard and then the president himself whom he shot twice. The incident was seen as an attempted coup with intelligence agents admitting to shooting four of the president's other body guards after being told of the plan by Kim Jae Kyu. Kim Jae Kyu and four KCIA agents were tried and sentenced to death for the murder of President Park Chung Hee and his bodyguards.

YOUR STARS**ARIES****Mar. 21-Apr. 19**

Today's cosmic landscape gently pushes you out to sea. Magnetic Venus spends the day in a disorienting square with reality-bending Neptune, submerging you in a world of fantastical visions of love and romance.

**TAURUS****Apr. 20-May. 20**

You answer to the cosmically-enchanting goddess of love, Venus. Tuesday's skies find Venus disarmed by an alluring siren song echoing from reality-bending Neptune, putting you into a trance-like state.

**GEMINI****May. 21-Jun. 21**

This energy can be enjoyable when it comes to getting lost in fantasies via music and film but can make real time relationships undergo intense criticism if they can't live up to an ideal.

**CANCER****Jun. 22-Jul. 22**

Today's skies make it difficult to see things as they really are. Value-defining Venus locks into a disorienting connection with illusionist Neptune, creating a divide between fantasy and reality on the job front.

**LEO****Jul. 23-Aug. 22**

Don't expect matters of the heart to make much sense today, Leo. Bond-building Venus gets swept out to sea when she forms a disorienting square with reality-twisting Neptune.

**VIRGO****Aug. 23-Sep. 22**

Tuesday's skies encourage you to surrender control to your deeper desires for fantasy and otherworldliness as other-oriented Venus squares off with illusory Neptune.

**LIBRA****Sep. 23-Oct. 22**

As a Libra, you seek cosmic guidance from the goddess of love herself, Venus. Tuesday's skies see Venus locked into a disarming and disillusioning square with reality-bending Neptune.

**SCORPIO****Oct. 23-Nov. 21**

It's all too easy to try to fill the void by dropping some dough on the wrong things today as value-defining Venus locks into a confusing square with reality-twisting Neptune.

**SAGITTARIUS****Nov. 22-Dec. 21**

A hazy romantic atmosphere seems to wash over Tuesday's cosmic landscape, Sagittarius. Let yourself be beckoned into a dreamy landscape without fully letting go of reality.

**CAPRICORN****Dec. 22-Jan. 19**

Your relationships are being tested. While it's hard to loosen up control, try to surrender to the process at hand. Tuesday's skies find lover Venus locked into a reality-bending square with illusory Neptune.

**AQUARIUS****Jan. 20-Feb. 18**

Bond-building Venus' square with spaced-out Neptune makes boundaries thin and idealism run high, so be mindful of whom you expend time and energy on.

**PISCES****Feb. 19-Mar. 20**

Career matters are likely to feel especially foggy under Today's skies. Let your changing values wash up on the shores of your heart as magnetic Venus locks into a reality-bending square with mystical Neptune.

The Born Loser by Chip Sansom**SUDOKU****EASY**

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Harbin	5	14	cloudy
Tianjin	11	22	cloudy
Urumqi	13	18	rain
Xi'an	16	18	rain
Lhasa	13	18	overcast
Chengdu	19	23	overcast
Chongqing	15	25	cloudy
Kunming	10	14	overcast
Nanjing	21	25	cloudy
Shanghai	12	21	cloudy
Wuhan	5	12	cloudy
Hangzhou	9	21	cloudy
Taipei	1	14	fine
Guangzhou	18	28	cloudy
Hong Kong	22	26	overcast

WORLD

Moscow	2	7	overcast
Frankfurt	5	15	overcast
Paris	8	17	overcast
London	14	17	overcast
New York	13	17	rain

CROSSWORDS

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DOWN: 1- Pearl Mosque city; 2- Ovid, e.g.; 3- Mercury or Saturn; 4- Crevice; 5- Gardening tool; 6- Latvian capital; 7- Hgt.; 8- Facade; 9- Fab Four name; 10- Kachina doll maker; 11- Buck follower; 12- Boxer Spinks; 13- Building add-on; 22- Of religious rites; 24- I don't give ___; 26- Early anesthetic; 27- Pigs; 28- Deputised group; 30- New Haven collegian; 31- High up; 33- Like cool cats; 34- Pains; 35- Article of bedding; 36- Paris "thanks"; 38- Believable; 39- Weeps; 41- Shakespearean contraction; 42- Gangster's gun; 47- Magazine VIP; 48- Help; 50- Martini garnish; 52- Ejects; 53- Not one; 54- Uniform; 55- Show to a table; 56- Black, in Bordeaux; 57- Deities; 59- Jai ___; 60- Hiker's snack; 61- ___ quam videri" (North Carolina's motto); 62- Long-leaved lettuce;



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BOX OFFICE

DESPITE HYBRID RELEASE, 'DUNE' DRAWS WELL ON THE BIG SCREEN

JAKE COYLE, NEW YORK

DENIS Villeneuve's "Dune" debuted with \$40.1 million in ticket sales in its opening weekend in North America, drawing a large number of moviegoers to see the thundering sci-fi epic on the big screen despite it also being available to stream in homes.

Warner Bros. launched the Legendary Entertainment production simultaneously in theaters and on HBO Max. When the studio first charted that course for all its 2021 releases due to the pandemic, how the strategy would affect "Dune" — one of the year's most anticipated spectacles — was always one of the biggest question marks. Villeneuve vehemently protested the decision.

"I strongly believe the future of cinema will be on the big screen, no matter what any Wall Street dilettante says," Villeneuve wrote in a lengthy statement to Variety last December.

Warner Bros. has continued to maintain it will return to exclusive theatrical releases next year. For now, the \$165 million-budgeted "Dune" marks the best domestic



Timothee Chalamet (left) and Charlotte Rampling in a scene from "Dune"

opening for any of the studio's hybrid releases, surpassing the \$31.7 debut of "Godzilla vs. Kong" in March. Expectations had hovered closer to \$30-35 million for "Dune."

"This was a tremendous result as we're ramping out of the pandemic," said Jeff Goldstein, distribution chief for Warner Bros. "Once we get out of the pandemic, if we have a movie like this, clearly you'd want to go into theaters first.

There's no question of that."

Goldstein estimated the film would have debuted with approximately 20% more in box office had it not also been streaming simultaneously. (The studio didn't release streaming figures.) Coming into the weekend, "Dune," which first premiered at the Venice Film Festival in early September, had already grossed \$130 million internationally. This weekend, it debuted with \$21.6 million in China, where Legendary and Wanda handled distribution. Altogether, "Dune" added \$47.4 million internationally for a global cumulative gross of \$220.7 million.

"Dune" is the second big-screen attempt to adapt Frank Herbert's 1965 epic, following David Lynch's much derided 1984 version. Villeneuve's "Dune," which adapts only the first half of the book, stars Timothée Chalamet, Oscar Isaac, Rebecca Ferguson, Zendaya and Javier Bardem. Legendary and Warner Bros. have yet to confirm a sequel to "Dune," which chronicles a violent power

shift on the desert planet Arrakis, where a valuable mineral called "spice" is harvested.

Moviegoers gave "Dune" an A- CinemaScore and critics (83% on Rotten Tomatoes) have praised the operatic sweep and visual craft of Villeneuve's film. It fared particularly well on large-format screens, with IMAX accounting for about \$9 million in ticket sales.

"What I think Warner's strategy has proven is that movie fans, by and large, will choose the movie theater experience when given the choice — particularly for movies like this," said Paul Dergarabedian, senior media analyst for data firm Comscore. "This should be a very encouraging sign for theater owners. The allure of the movie theater remains whether a piece of content is available at home or not."

Last week's top film, Universal Pictures' horror sequel "Halloween Kills," also launched well while streaming at home, on Peacock. After debuting with \$50.4 million, "Halloween Kills"

slid steeply in its second week with \$14.5 million, good for second place. In two weeks, it has grossed \$73.1 million domestically.

"No Time to Die," Cary Fukunaga's James Bond film starring Daniel Craig, came in third with \$11.9 million in its third week. Worldwide, the film has brought in more than \$525 million. MGM, United Artists and Universal Pictures charted a theater-only release for "No Time to Die."

The weekend's biggest disappointment, albeit not unexpectedly, was "Ron's Gone Wrong." The lightly marketed Disney animated release, produced by 20th Century Fox before Disney acquired the studio, opened with a modest \$7.3 million domestically and about the same internationally. But with good reviews and an "A" CinemaScore from audiences, the film could hold well in the coming weeks, with little family competition. "Ron's Gone Wrong" is about a middle-schooler and his walking, talking digital device Ron (voiced by Zach Galifianakis).

Another Chalamet film, "The French Dispatch," also debuted strongly. The Wes Anderson film, released by Disney's Searchlight Pictures, launched with \$1.3 million in 52 theaters. That gave "The French Dispatch" the best per-theater average of the pandemic. Anderson's ode to the New Yorker, which had been delayed by a year because of the pandemic, opens nationwide on Friday. While "The French Dispatch" — a \$25 million film with a starry cast including Frances McDormand, Bill Murray, Benicio del Toro, Tilda Swinton and others — isn't a small indie, the film's first-week performance gave arthouses a lift.

Said Searchlight Pictures' distribution chief Frank Rodriguez in a statement: "These figures show that after a year and a half, arthouse and independent theaters have a superhero of their own in Wes Anderson."

BOX OFFICE

ESTIMATED ticket sales for Friday through Sunday at U.S. and Canadian theaters, according to Comscore.

1. "Dune," \$40.1 million.
2. "Halloween Kills," \$14.5 million.
3. "No Time to Die," \$11.9 million.
4. "Venom: Let There Be Carnage," \$9.1 million.
5. "Ron's Gone Wrong," \$7.3 million.
6. "The Addams Family 2," \$4.3 million.
7. "The Last Duel," \$2.1 million.
8. "Shang-Chi and the Legend of the Ten Rings," \$2 million.
9. "The French Dispatch," \$1.3 million.
10. "Free Guy," \$258,000.

CORPORATE BITS

MGM COTAI first in Macau to win two hotel design awards



The Emerald Villa of MGM Cotai recently won the SBID International Design Awards 2021 in the Hotel Bedroom & Suites Design category as well as the Platinum Winner at the 2021 MUSE Design Awards in the Interior De-

sign (Hotels & Resorts) category.

The resort is the first in Macau to receive these two prestigious prizes, which recognize exceptional interior designs worldwide. Kenneth Feng, president,

chief strategic & financial officer of MGM, said: "It is with great honor that we attained both prestigious titles which serve as testimony to our pursuit of excellence."

Perched atop MGM Cotai, each of the 28 Emerald Villas sees modern aesthetics meeting traditional Chinese heritage.

Some unique design features in the Emerald Villa include the centerpiece diamond-shaped aquarium, the rotatable sand art piece, the gold ingot inspired bathtub, the KTV rooms with rhythm interactive lighting wall feature and Rio Chaise Lounge by famed Brazilian architect Oscar Niemeyer, among other furniture pieces.

Sands China launches fast payment programme for local SMEs



Sands China Ltd. is launching a financial support programme for its local SME suppliers, in support of the SAR government's relief package that includes eight measures to assist struggling SMEs

amid the Covid-19 pandemic.

The 2021 SME Expedited Payment Programme aims to help all Sands China's local SME suppliers navigate the challenging business

environment arising from the Covid-19 pandemic by easing their cash flow pressures amidst operational challenges.

"Although the pandemic has hit Macau's economy hard, especially its tourism industry, we have not forgotten our roots, and are as committed as ever to supporting local enterprises as part of our corporate social responsibility efforts," said Wilfred Wong, president of Sands China Ltd.

Between November 1 and January 31, 2022, Sands China's SME partners can apply for the payment programme in order to have their payment terms shortened from the current 30 days to seven days.

ROB HARRIS, MANCHESTER

FOOTBALL

MAN UTD 0, LIVERPOOL 5

OF all Ole Gunnar Solskjaer's miserable moments as Manchester United manager, losing 5-0 to Liverpool felt the lowest.

Especially when it came at Old Trafford against United's greatest rival in the season when the team should be challenging for the title after so much more spending.

"This is the worst feeling," Solskjaer said. "You feel rock bottom."

Maybe all that is keeping Solskjaer in the job is the lack of chants aimed at him by United's fans. There were enough of those being directed his way by the visiting Liverpool fans, gloating as the goals flowed from the fifth minute.

The rout was begun by Naby Keita and the porous United defense allowed Diogo Jota to score again in the 13th minute. Mohamed Salah picked up the scoring to net for a 10th consecutive game for Liverpool, with two before halftime. The forward's hat trick was completed five minutes into the second half.

"We have conceded too many goals, too many easy

goals and that's a concern," Solskjaer said. "I am still thinking about tomorrow's work, I can't say now I have felt any worse than this."

Not even after losing to Tottenham 6-1 here last October. Nine games into the season, the record 20-time English champions are already seven points behind Liverpool in second

place with Chelsea a further point away in the lead.

United looks no closer to winning a first Premier League title since 2013. Even Jose Mourinho delivered the Europa League in 2017. His successor, Solskjaer, lost his only final in last season's Europa League but was still handed a new contract in July through 2024.



Manchester United's manager Ole Gunnar Solskjaer and Cristiano Ronaldo

"It's not easy to say something apart from it's the darkest day I've had leading these players and we weren't good enough, individually and as a team," Solskjaer said. "You can't give a team like Liverpool those chances, unfortunately we did. The whole performance wasn't good enough, that's for sure. We've created openings, they've had chances and they've been clinical. We didn't take our chances early on and the third goal is the one that decided the game."

Although United finished second last season, Manchester City was 12 points in front for a fifth title in a decade.

"I do believe in myself. I do believe I'm getting close to where I want with the club," Solskjaer said. "Just the results lately haven't been good enough."

Next up for United is a trip to Tottenham on Saturday. Nuno Espirito Santo's side remains a point and place ahead of Uni-

ted after losing 1-0 to West Ham on Sunday when Michail Antonio got ahead of marker Harry Kane to score from a corner in the 72nd minute.

In Sunday's other game, Yuri Tielemans and James Maddison scored to give Leicester a 2-1 victory at Brentford.

Liverpool remains the league's last unbeaten team as it looks to regain the Premier League trophy from Manchester City, which is a point behind.

The scale of Liverpool's success at United is highlighted by Salah being the first opposition player to score a Premier League hat trick at Old Trafford.

"As long as the team keep winning, I'm more than happy," Salah said. "I'm always trying to give assists. The first one I could go alone but I gave it to Naby, so I think I'm trying always to give my best for the team to win, which is the most important thing." **MDT/AP**

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HONG KONG A TOUCHSTONE FOR US SINCERITY

In a statement it released on Thursday, the United States Department of State expressed its “serious concern” about the situation in Hong Kong. But its real gripe was not what it called the “continued erosion of human rights and fundamental freedoms” in the special administrative region, but the impotence of its former proxies.

The concerns the US government expressed over the “teachers, labor unions, lawyers, journalists, healthcare workers, student unions and individual citizens” that “the increase in politically-motivated prosecutions, including through the National Security Law” are “targeting” do not stand up to scrutiny at all.

Those subject to law enforcement actions are a minority in their respective fields. However, the wide spectrum of so-called targets only shows the extent to which the US has attempted to infiltrate and influence Hong Kong affairs, and how aggrieved it is that its patronage should be rendered futile.

It is the US concerns about judicial procedures, which are based on complete chains of evidence and adhere to the law, that are politically motivated, since it was through these individuals and organizations that the US government tried to advance the cause of “freedom” and “democracy” in the SAR.

Under such a “lofty” pretext it has engineered “color revolutions” around the world for the purpose of embedding puppet regimes.

As for Hong Kong, the US’ purpose has been to ruin it and turn it into a bridgehead for its containment of China, irrespective of the harm it does to the SAR economy and the livelihoods of Hong Kong residents.

The enforcement of the National Security Law for Hong Kong and the reform of the election system of the SAR have been timely and effective responses to the pernicious schemes of Washington. That the US State Department has voiced its displeasure at their potency attests to their successfully safeguarding the city’s peace and stability by rendering the US proxies powerless to do its bidding.

The US government’s lament over the disqualification of “scores of pro-democracy district councilors” is because the channels for the separatists it has patronized to hijack public organs are being blocked once and for all, and the days when it could take advantage of “democracy” and “freedom” as excuses to do as it wants in the SAR are now gone.

The release of the US State Department statement is just the latest attempt by the US government to meddle in China’s internal affairs, and goes against the consensus the two leaders reached in their telephone talks last month that the two sides should make joint efforts to prevent their relations veering into conflict.

Hong Kong is an inalienable part of China, and concerns the country’s core interests. The take-it-or-ruin-it approach the US has adopted toward the city will only consolidate China’s resolve to defend the SAR’s security and stability.

Hong Kong is not only a mirror reflecting the attitude of the US toward the basic norms of international relations, but also a touchstone of its sincerity in playing its part in keeping Sino-US relations on the right track.

TAIWANESE DELEGATION IN PRAGUE TO BOOST TIES; CHINA PROTESTS

Taiwanese government ministers were visiting the Czech capital yesterday accompanied by dozens of business and research representatives to boost trade and investment, a move that has angered China.

Minister of National Development Kung Ming-hsin is leading a delegation of 66 officials representing business and research groups and organizations, including biotechnology, green energy, information technology, machinery and tourism.

Taiwanese Foreign Minister Joseph Wu will visit later in the week. China has protested, threatening unspecified retaliatory steps. Taiwan relies on such exchanges to counter China’s efforts to

isolate the self-governing island that Beijing claims as its own territory, to be annexed by military force if it deems necessary.

The Czech Republic, like most countries, has no formal diplomatic ties with Taiwan, but maintains robust informal contacts. Taiwan’s high-tech companies are also significant investors in the Czech Republic.

The ties between Prague and Taipei were boosted by last year’s trip to Taiwan by the speaker of the Czech parliament’s upper house, the Senate, Milos Vystrelil. He was accompanied by more than 80 representatives from government, business and academia, drawing strong criticism from China.

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AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL TO CLOSE HONG KONG OFFICES THIS YEAR

ZEN SOO, HONG KONG

THE human rights group Amnesty International said yesterday it will close its two offices in Hong Kong this year, becoming the latest non-governmental organization to cease operations amid a crackdown on political dissent in the city.

The group said its local office in Hong Kong will close this month and its regional office will close by the end of the year, with operations moved to other offices in the Asia-Pacific region.

“This decision, made with a heavy heart, has been driven by Hong Kong’s national security law, which has made it effectively impossible for human rights organizations in Hong Kong to work freely and without fear of serious reprisals from the government,” Anjhula Mya Singh Bais, chair of Amnesty International’s board, said in a statement.

Mainland China imposed a sweeping National Security Law in Hong Kong in 2020 following

months of massive anti-government protests. The law outlaws secession, subversion of state power, terrorism and foreign collusion to intervene in the city’s affairs. More than 120 people, many of them supporters of the city’s democracy movement, have been arrested under the law.

The majority of the city’s prominent pro-democracy activists have been arrested for taking part in unauthorized assemblies, and dozens of political organizations and trade unions have ceased operation out of concern for their members’ safety under the security law.

Bais said the recent targeting of local human rights and trade union groups signaled that authorities are intensifying their campaign to rid the city of dissenting voices. “It is increasingly difficult for us to keep operating in such an unstable environment,” she said.

In a June report, Georgetown University’s Center for Asian Law said the National Security Law mirrored legislation

in mainland China that tightly restricts contacts between local and international non-governmental organizations and threatens activists with imprisonment for allegedly colluding with foreign forces.

“Given this very real risk, foreign NGOs will face difficult questions about whether to travel to Hong Kong, whom to meet with, or even whether to continue working on human rights and democratic development in Hong Kong at all,” the report said.

The legislation makes it “all the more difficult for international human rights NGOs and pro-democracy groups -- among others whose work could be considered ‘political’ -- to engage directly with their counterparts in Hong Kong,” it said.

Critics in Hong Kong say the National Security Law erodes freedoms, such as those of expression and assembly, that were promised to the city for 50 years when the former British colony was handed over to China in 1997. **MDT/AP**

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Lebanon A judge has charged 68 people in this month’s deadly clash in Beirut that left seven people dead and dozens wounded, the state news agency reported yesterday. The clash south of Beirut on Oct. 14 was the worst fighting in the capital in years and broke out during a Hezbollah-organized protest against the judge leading the investigation into last year’s massive Beirut port blast.

UK Environmental protesters pressuring the British government to insulate all homes within a decade resumed a road-blocking campaign in London yesterday ahead of the United Nations’ annual climate conference. As commuters headed to work, demonstrators from the Insulate Britain campaign obstructed a major artery into Canary Wharf, a major financial center in east London that is home to some of the world’s biggest banks.

Poland Officials in Poland said yesterday that two soldiers were lightly hurt when a group of some 60 migrants tried to force their way across the border from Belarus. The Border Guards office said the troops — who have been deployed to help protect the European Union’s eastern border from growing migration pressure — were treated at a hospital for facial injuries following the events Sunday near the village of Usnarsz Gorny.

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Sudan’s military seized power yesterday, dissolving the transitional government hours after troops arrested prime minister Abdalla Hamdok (pictured). Thousands of people flooded into the streets to protest the coup that threatens the country’s shaky progress toward democracy. The takeover comes more than two years after protesters forced the ouster of longtime autocrat Omar al-Bashir and just weeks before the military was supposed to hand the leadership of the council that runs the country over to civilians.