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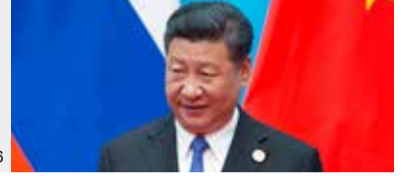
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**Armenia** Azerbaijani forces shelled Armenia's territory yesterday in a large-scale attack that killed at least 49 Armenian soldiers and fueled fears of even broader hostilities. Azerbaijan and Armenia have been locked in a decades-old conflict over Nagorno-Karabakh, which is part of Azerbaijan but has been under the control of ethnic Armenian forces backed by Armenia since a separatist war there ended in 1994. Azerbaijan reclaimed broad swaths of Nagorno-Karabakh in a six-week war in 2020 that killed more than 6,600 people and ended with a Russia-brokered peace deal.

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**Ukrainian** troops piled pressure on retreating Russian forces yesterday, pressing a counteroffensive that has produced major gains and a stunning blow to Moscow's military prestige. It was not yet clear if the Ukrainian blitz in the northeast after months of little discernible movement could signal a turning point in the nearly seven-month war. But the country's officials were buoyant, releasing footage showing their forces burning Russian flags and inspecting abandoned charred tanks. In one video, border guards tore down a poster that read, "We are one people with Russia."

**Germany** Economists, scientists and environmental campaigners called yesterday for the German government to create a 100 billion-euro fund for tackling climate change. Marcel Fratzscher, the president of the German Institute for Economic Research, said the money is needed partly because of Germany's failure to invest enough in solar and wind power. Adequate funding would have made the country less dependent on fossil fuel imports that are now contributing to energy poverty, Fratzscher said.

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### ILHA VERDE DISTRICT GROUP WELCOMES CLARIFICATION ON FUEL STORAGE RELOCATION

Chan Fong, manager at the Ilha Verde Neighborhood Association, said that residents in the district welcome further planning on the relocation of the fuel midway storage, which is currently in the district. She told local media, Cheng Pou, residents had been anticipating the relocation. 19 years ago, an unlawful fuel storage facility in Ilha Verde, which was surrounded by lawful storage facilities and residential buildings, exploded, caught fire, and forced hundreds of nearby residents to evacuate. Proposals to relocate all storage facilities were made, but plans have only recently been clarified.

FLORA TANG



### TOURISM TRADES CALL FOR RESUMPTION OF LOCAL FIELD TRIPS FOR STUDENTS

The head of a local tourism group has revealed the industry is planning to resume local student field trips in October to study the culture and history of Macau. Negotiations will be held with universities in the hopes of getting high school students onto their campuses for a taste of university life. Another tourism group head is considering Macau field trips for mainland students. Mainland students will have the opportunity to gain first-hand information about casino history and development, as well as east-west interactions.

### CARITAS

## FOOD BANK ASSISTS 2,900 STRUGGLING RESIDENTS

STAFF REPORTER

**C**ARITAS Macau's short-term food assistance service has received around 2,900 requests from January to August this year, a similar figure compared to the same period last year, secretary-general Paul Pun told the Times.

Pun said Caritas had received around 4,700 requests for help in 2021, with 3,022 requests oc-

curing from January to August.

"Although there were the same number of requests, in August this year the food bank's services were suspended for a period due to coronavirus outbreaks," said the secretary-general.

Pun said that, despite the fact that food bank services were suspended in August, if people requested help in an emergency, Caritas would still help them.

While the food bank mainly

distributes food, Pun added, it would also refer people needing help to other services provided by Caritas while distributing the food.

Individuals whose applications had been approved could receive 10 weeks of food assistance if they needed it, and could make one further application within the calendar year.

Speaking on whether people's lives had improved in Ma-

cau, Pun said "Life is harder under the pandemic, and we have received more and more requests."

He said that, with the recurrence of outbreaks in the past few years, and the social economy getting worse, people's lives are harder compared to the past.

Food deliveries enable isolated people to have contact with others and to save money. Therefore, Pun said, they could easily develop emotional and mental health problems.

The food service's was designed to alleviate the difficulties of the needy and those on a low-income, to encourage and support them, and to call on society to be aware of the problem of poverty.

Additionally, Caritas was entrusted by the Social Welfare Bureau (IAS) to launch a food assistance plan for people who are involuntary separated from their work, people could apply personally for help, Pun said.

The food assistance plan targets people unemployed since January 1 this year, who received 90-days of unemployment allowance distributed by the IAS, and who are still in involuntary separation from work, and who have not received any assistance from the bureau recently.

People were able to submit the required documents to four food assistance services stations from May 16 to December 31 this year.

At present, 514 people have applied for the food assistance plan.

### GAMING

## Wynn submits bid for 10-year casino licenses

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LYNZY VALLES

**G**AMING operator, Wynn Macau, submitted its tender to the government for a 10-year casino concession yesterday, one day ahead of the deadline.

The gaming operator stated, "Wynn Resorts (Macau), a wholly-owned subsidiary, submitted a tender to the Macau government on 13 September 2022 for the award of a 10-year gaming contract allowing it to operate casino gaming in Macau from

1 January 2023."

Hoping to acquire a license under the name of Wynn Resorts (Macau) S. A., the group is the first to publicly confirm it has submitted its bid.

In a photo shared online by Macao Daily News, two large boxes could be seen in which the operator submitted its proposals—labeled as original documents and photocopies.

The other gaming operators are expected to submit their proposals today, along with a deposit of at

least MOP10 million, at the Gaming Inspection and Coordination Bureau (DICJ).

In the largest gaming law overhaul yet, casino operators must have MOP5 billion in cash at all times during the 10-year license period.

All operators have paid up to MOP47 million for their licenses to be extended to December 31, following the delays of the finalization of the new gaming law and with their contracts expiring on June 26.

The extension payment comes amid casinos losing money daily due to the turmoil arising from the pandemic.

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RENATO MARQUES

# Gov't launches scheme to retire old diesel vehicles

**T**HE government announced yesterday a new measure to encourage owners to retire their old, high-polluting diesel vehicles.

The program will provide a subsidy to retire old diesel-powered vehicles but, unlike similar subsidies, will not incentivize the acquisition of new ones to replace them, noted a dispatch from the Secretary for Transport and Public Works, Raimundo do Rosário in Monday's edition of the government's official gazette.

All vehicles (light or heavy duty) using diesel as fuel and licensed before December 31, 2002, that is, vehicles aged 20 years or older, are included in the program.

The program will run for six months, starting September 15 and ending March 15 next year.

Eligible vehicle owners may apply to the Environmental Protection and Energy Conservation Fund, which will grant subsidies according to vehicle type. To be eligible for the program, vehicle owners must concurrently apply to the Transport Bureau for the retirement of their vehicle.

For each eligible diesel vehicle being phased out, the owner can be granted an amount from MOP25,000 to MOP115,000, according to the classification and

specifications of the vehicle.

The lower subsidy amount is for vehicles weighing 1.9 tons or less.

The higher subsidies are for vehicles categorized as heavy goods vehicles, weighing over 24 tons (large size trucks). They can receive the maximum subsidy of MOP115,000.

Tour and other buses with 31 or more seats can receive a subsidy of MOP85,000, while passenger vehicles with nine or fewer seats can get as much as MOP30,000.

The new subsidy is intended to remove from circulation and permanently retire those vehicles considered the most polluting.

Earlier programs, such as the retirement of scooters and motorcycles with two-stroke engines, were criticized because the subsidies sought to replace the vehicles rather than reduce the number in circulation, which was considered excessive by the same government officials on several occasions particularly during discussion over the 10-year Transport Plan 2020-2030.

RENATO MARQUES



# No gov't plan for collapsed Guia Hill city wall

ANTHONY LAM

**A**LTHOUGH pointing out mistakes at two construction projects near the collapsed Guia Hill city wall, the government has developed no mechanisms to avoid similar occurrences in the future.

The city wall is about 400 years old and has been listed as a local historic site.

On the evening of June 9, part of the city wall fell without warning. The incident did not cause any injury or casualty.

Before this, on both sides of the wall, two construction projects were underway. To the southeast of the wall was a private residential development, while in the northwest was the construction site for the public hospital's specialist medical building.

Three months after the incident, the government, represented by the Public Works Bureau (DSOP), issued part of an investigation report on the incident. The Civil Engineering La-

BOBO WANG



boratory of Macau (LECM) handled the investigation.

The LECM listed several possible causes for the incident, but rejected rainwater as the cause because, the rainfall level was 1.2mm on the day. However, in the preceding two days, heavy rain was recorded, which intensified the pressure on

the city wall.

Based on both official data and data provided by the constructors, the LECM found the retaining wall structure and the triangular low-rising wall near the bottom of the city wall were not intact. Drainage systems were also absent on the retaining wall, causing cor-

rosion to the main wall.

Bored pile work was being conducted at the private residential development when the incident occurred. The work caused vibrations to travel in all directions, further impacting the intactness of the city wall. At the same time, the terrain caused water to

wash to the lower end of the wall over the years, further shaking the body loose.

The LECM therefore identified three factors as the possible cause of the incident – the simultaneous constructions, the heavy rainfall and the weakness of the city wall.

The LECM also indicated the constructors of both projects had not done enough to better protect the wall, with particular emphasis on the long interval of surveillance on the wall, as well as the impossibility of regular hands-on inspections, as double-layer scaffolding was built against the wall.

In addition, it also pointed out that the constructor for the hospital project did not inspect the wall before the project commenced.

## LAWMAKER SLAM GOV'T'S LACK OF PLANNING

Lawmaker Ron Lam has spoken to local media, All About Macau, saying the two adjacent construction sites should be held res-

ponsible for the city wall's collapse. He added that if there had been no construction project nearby, the wall would not have been damaged.

Lam also said the abstract of the investigation report made no suggestion as to how the remainder of the wall could be rescued or protected, let alone who should bear responsibility for the original collapse. He commented that obviously no bureau had upheld their responsibilities in maintaining the wellness of the newly fallen wall.

The lawmaker suspected no communication had occurred between the various bureaus concerned, such as the Health Bureau and the Cultural Affairs Bureau.

He said there is a systemic flaw in the mechanism supervising private development and the protection of relics.

Therefore, the lawmaker called on the government to reveal to the public the responsible parties, the errors made and its plans to refine the mechanism.



MACAU'S LEADING NEWSPAPER

# BOC CLARIFIES RECRUITMENT MUDDLE, MAKES NO PLAN TO REFINE MODE OF NOTICE

ANTHONY LAM

**T**HE Bank of China, Macau Branch (BOC) has not confirmed whether it will improve the way notifications are sent to candidates after a recent job applicant interpreted a recruitment message as fraudulent.

Last week, a recruitment post appeared on a social media platform. The user noted they had received a text message, ostensibly from the Bank of China, Macau Branch, asking them to take a written recruitment test.

The text message included a specific date and time on which the test would take place.

However, as to the location of the test, no express reference was made in the text message. In contrast, there was a hyperlink with the domain wjx.cn. The text message instructions requested the recipient to follow the hyperlink for details of the test.

The social media user was also concerned the test location in the hyperlink is a relatively obscure building behind the bank's sub-branch near the Red Market.

Although many social media users found the location discreet, in older times banks used to purchase entire buildings where their branches or

sub-branches were located. The floor space could be used as auxiliary offices.

In fact, the message was confirmed as authentic by the bank. In its response to the Times on the matter, the bank confirmed the location is the bank's career training center. The recruitment test is part of a longer hiring procedure, the bank added.

The bank stressed it had been working with the government to support the recruitment and employment of local residents, with a particular emphasis on youth.

Nonetheless, the bank did not confirm whether it would improve the manner in which recruitment notifications would be made in future. Some social media users noted that using a hyperlink under the bank's domain would have helped improve the credibility of the notification.

In addition, a social media user disclosed under the post that a job application had been sent to the same bank through the Labour Affairs Bureau. The applicant, meanwhile, has received a similar text message from the bureau, instructing them to get ready for the aforementioned job test. The test location, according to the user, would be in the same place.

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# Docomomo to launch guidebook on Macau's modern architecture

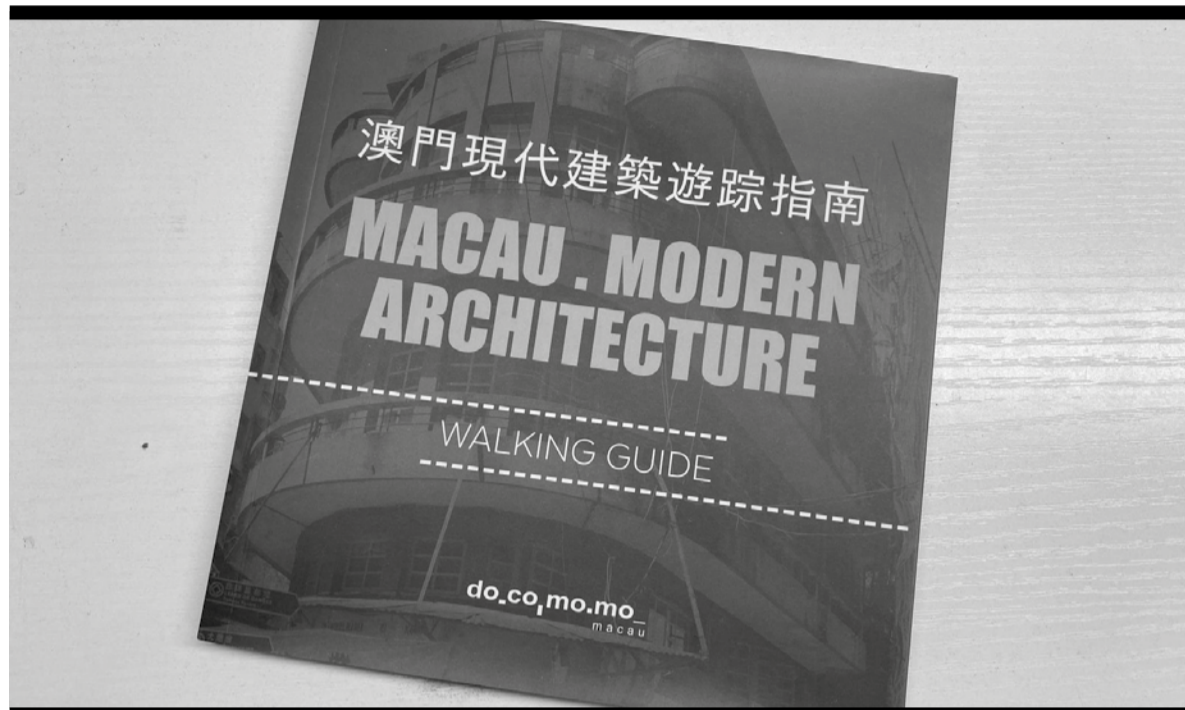
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**T**HE urbanism and architecture research center in Macau – Docomomo Macau – will launch a guidebook on Macau's modern architecture.

The publication, "Macau Modern Architecture – Walking Guide," will feature the most significant and iconic examples of twentieth century modern architecture, and aims to guide readers during city walks to observe those examples of this characteristic architectural style in situ.

The book launch will occur tomorrow, September 15, and with it a series of concurrent talks will explore the topic in depth.

The inaugural event will host a roundtable conversation with Professor Agnes Lam (University of Macau), Architect Christine Choi (President of Architects As-



sociation of Macau), and Chan Shui Wing (Macau Historian) as invited guests.

Docomomo Macau will moderate the talk and will focus on the topic of Modern Heritage and

Identity Issues.

This event will be held September 15, at 7 p.m. at Pin-to

bookstore - Rua de Coelho do Amaral, 47.

Following this first session, a second event themed Modern heritage relevance in the framework of current city policies, will occur October 6, also at 7 p.m. but this time at Portuguese Bookshop (Livraria Portuguesa).

The whole series is comprised of five events all under the theme of Macau's Modern Architecture. The last three sessions are planned to occur from December this year to April 2023, at dates and times to be announced.

The book comprises a selection of buildings grouped into eight sectors, each one corresponding to a proposed walking tour.

With the guidebook, Docomomo Macau aims to call people's attention to some of these buildings which the group claims are under threat by contemporary and cost-effective architectural forms.

For Docomomo Macau, this type of architecture has a role in the city's heritage and in telling the story of the development of Macau and its influences and should be preserved as part of the city's identity, which is the goal of the guide itself.

GBA

## Secretary Lei: Three Hengqin projects to boost industrial development

STAFF REPORTER

**T**HE gross domestic product (GDP) in first half year of the Guangdong-Macao In-Depth Cooperation Zone in Hengqin reached MOP22.39 billion, an increase of 2.5% year-on-year, said the Secretary for Economy and Finance, Lei Wai Nong.

The overall construction plan of the Cooperation Zone for one year has been published and is satisfactory, Lei said, and fiscal revenue amounted to MOP20.03 billion, an increase of 2.2% year-on-year.

"The managing organization and legal work of the Cooperation Zone were in the direction that they want," said Lei, as cited in a TDM report.

Since the development of the zone, the proportion of industry entities registered has increased from 13% to nearly 30%.

Lei said plans for another construction work in Hengqin have been finished and submitted to management committee



for approval, publication and implementation in the near future.

The construction work involved space, industrial development and people's livelihood, providing important support for the development of the blueprint of integration of Hengqin and Macau.

Lei expected the Cooperation Zone first-line and second-line construction work would be finished by the end of

the year.

With the completion of these two projects, the construction of the smart port platform and related policies will be implemented as soon as possible.

The Macau New Neighborhood project in Hengqin will be finished next year. Lei believed the project could promote the gradual growth of Hengqin's population, and its commercial and

industrial development.

Lei said the project could provide 4,000 living units, and community facilities such as schools, health services and services for the elderly.

Lei said the Hengqin's population is small, but he expects the project's completion to help the population to grow, especially after the implementation of industry and related policies such as tax incentives.

MICE

## 35 LARGE EXHIBITIONS STILL TO COME THIS YEAR

STAFF REPORTER

**S**OME 35 exhibitions will be held from September to December, with authorities expecting over 500,000 online and offline participants.

A statement from the Macao Trade and Investment Promotion Institute (IPIM) says that the exhibitions include the 13th International Infrastructure Investment and Construction Forum (IIICF), which will be held on September 28 and 29 at The Venetian Macao Cotai Expo, as well as three more exhibitions to be held October 20 to 22: The 27th Macao International Trade and Investment Fair (MIF), the Macao Franchise Expo (MFE) and the Portuguese Speaking Counties Products and Services Exhibition (Macao).

This year's Guangdong and Macao Branded Products Fair will be held on November 11 to 13. The Macao International Environmental Co-operation Forum and Exhibition (MIECF) will be held from December 9 to 11.

The IPIM said that visitors can combine these exhibitions with other events, taking advantage of a "tourist + exhibition" experience, supporting the recovery of related industries such as retail, catering and hotels, promoting the community and economy.

Additionally, new tourist attractions "Arraial Na Taipa" were opened on September 9, providing four augmented reality experiences to the public, with another two tourist attractions "Arraial na Ervanários" and "Arraial em Coloane" also available.





ANALYSIS

# XI HEADS ABROAD TO PROMOTE STRATEGIC ROLE

JOE MCDONALD, BEIJING

**C**HINESE President Xi Jinping is using his first trip abroad since the start of the pandemic to promote his country's strategic ambitions at a summit with Russia's Vladimir Putin and other leaders of a Central Asian security group.

The Chinese leader is promoting a "Global Security Initiative" announced in April following the formation of the Quad by Washington, Japan, Australia and India in response to Beijing's more assertive foreign policy. Xi has given few details, but U.S. officials complain it echoes Russian arguments in support of Moscow's attack on Ukraine.

Xi, 69, is due to meet Putin in Uzbekistan this week at a summit of the eight-member Shanghai Cooperation Organization, which also includes Uzbekistan, India and Pakistan.

"China and Russia share the same stance in opposing the Western practice of imposing sanctions and overthrowing regimes of other countries," said Li Xin, director of Shanghai University of Political Science and Law's Institute of European and Asian Studies.

Xi's trip at a time when his government is urging the Chinese public to avoid foreign travel under its "zero COVID" strategy emphasizes the importance to the ruling Communist Party of asserting China's role as a regional leader.



The summit takes Xi abroad at a time when the party is preparing for an October congress where he is expected to break with political tradition and try to award himself a third five-year term as leader.

That suggests Xi, China's most powerful leader since at least the 1980s, is confident he doesn't need to stay home to make political deals. It also might help to promote his standing with nationalists in the ruling party.

Xi's government has refused to criticize Putin's attack on Ukraine. It accuses the United States of provoking the conflict.

Xi declared the two governments had a "no limits" friendship when the Russian leader attended the Winter Olympics in Beijing ahead of the Feb. 24 attack on Ukraine.

The two governments have no alliance and have differing interests in Europe, said Wang Yiwei, an international relations expert at Renmin University in Beijing. He said the "no limits" language is meant to give them leverage in dealing with the West on Taiwan and other issues.

"This is a deterrence," Wang said. He said China wants an independent foreign policy. "If we put China and Russia too close, it's not necessarily good for China," he said.

Xi has participated in other global gatherings by video link. His only trip outside the Chinese mainland since early 2020 was a one-day visit to Hong Kong to mark the 25th anniversary of the end of British colonial rule.

Other SCO governments are

Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan and Tajikistan. Iran and Afghanistan are observers.

"The Shanghai Cooperation Organization is attracting more countries with a new principle that is completely different from the West in handling relations between nations," Li said.

China sees the group, founded under Xi's predecessor, Hu Jintao, as a counterweight to U.S. alliances across East Asia to the Indian Ocean. Beijing has taken part in multi-government military exercises, showing off its fast-developing forces.

Relations with Washington, Europe, Japan and India are increasingly tense over complaints about trade, technology, security, Taiwan, Hong Kong, human

rights and territorial conflicts at sea and in the Himalayas.

In April, Xi said the "Global Security Initiative" was intended to "uphold the principle of indivisibility of security" and "oppose the building of national security on the basis of insecurity in other countries."

Despite the bland language, U.S. officials and Asian security analysts see Xi's initiative as a tactic by China, with the world's second-largest military after the United States, to dominate the region.

A State Department spokesperson, Ned Price, said in April it appeared to "parrot some of what we have heard coming from the Kremlin" as justification for the attack on Ukraine.

"This is a blatant effort at the pursuit of an Asian hegemony by China," wrote Rajeswari Pillai Rajagopalan of the Observer Research Foundation, an Indian think tank, in *The Diplomat*. It is "designed to promote China's interests in its great power competition with the United States."

At a July meeting, Foreign Minister Wang Yi told his Russian counterpart, Sergei Lavrov, that China would "strengthen strategic communication" with Moscow about international security, according to a statement by the Chinese Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

That will "show the basic momentum of China-Russia comprehensive strategic partnership" and "practice true multilateralism," the ministry said. **MDT/AP**

ECONOMY

# Premier Li highlights central role of consumption

**P**REMIER Li Keqiang has underlined efforts to promote the role of consumption as the major driver of economic growth and to expand effective investment in order to boost the confidence of market players, as they play a critical role in stabilizing the economy.

Li made the remark at a recent State Council meeting, during which he was briefed on the work of two task forces sent to 16 provincial-level regions by the State Council to supervise local efforts in the stabilization of economy and policy implementation.

He stressed full implementation of the new development philosophy and efficient efforts to coordi-



nate the country's response to the COVID-19 pandemic with socioeconomic development, saying that both the central and local authorities should be given full play to take the initiative in this work.

Adhering to development is the basis and also

the key to solving all problems facing the country, Li said.

He called for multiple measures to be adopted to maintain stable growth, ensure employment and keep the prices of commodities stable, thus keeping the economy operating

in a reasonable range and maintaining its stability and growth.

The premier said that while assistance should be provided to help enterprises navigate hardships, it is necessary in the meanwhile to create demand for market players in order to

boost their confidence.

To speed up the construction of key projects, Li said that the quota for policy-based and developmental financial instruments can be increased in accordance with local demand, and projects that have started construction in the first half of this year will also be supported.

Policy-based, developmental financial tools are designed to increase financial support for major projects by playing a greater guiding role, without resorting to massive stimulus or excessive money supply.

Earlier this month, the quota for such tools was increased by another 300 billion yuan (\$43.31 billion)

to better fund major infrastructure projects. Prior to this, 300 billion yuan in total had already been allocated via such instruments, benefiting more than 900 projects, according to the People's Bank of China.

Measures including phased government interest discounts on loans and policy-based financial tools will also be provided for upgrading and renovating equipment in some fields, Li said.

The premier noted that the macro policies have maintained their sustainability over the past years, with no sharp rise in the fiscal deficit or an excessive increase in the money supply.

This reserves policy tools for this year, Li said, calling for efforts to continue formulating and putting into place phased policies to stabilize the economy. **MDT/CHINA DAILY**



SOUTH KOREA

# Celebration of 'Squid Game' Emmy wins subdued

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**S**OUTH Koreans shared congratulations on social media yesterday for the multiple wins by "Squid Game" at the Emmy Awards, but the overall reaction was subdued as the country grows accustomed to its increasingly prominent role in global entertainment.

From K-pop sensations BTS and BLACKPINK to the movie "Parasite" that won four Oscars, South Korean pop culture is now a global phenomenon. While it was big news that "Squid Game" became the first South Korean drama to win an Emmy, many South Koreans weren't as surprised by such triumphs as in the past.

South Korean social media were flooded with messages after the star of the Netflix drama, Lee Jung-jae, won the award for best male actor in a drama series, and its creator, Hwang Dong-hyuk, the award for best drama director. Both were the first Asians to win in those categories.

President Yoon Suk Yeol congratulated Lee and Hwang, saying the entire nation was celebrating their accomplishments in a show that resonated with viewers around the world.

"(We) hope that (you) will con-



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tinue to be active with your work and appear in good works that move hearts around the world," Yoon said in a message to Lee he shared on Facebook.

Seoul Mayor Oh Se-hoon wrote on Facebook that he was proud that South Korean artists are producing work that is "enthusiastically celebrated and emphasized by the whole world."

Ordinary citizens also wrote congratulatory messages on so-

cial media. But some messages were critical of the drama, and the level of elation was much lower than when Bong Joon Ho's "Parasite" became the first non-English-language film to win best picture at the Academy Awards in 2020 and won three other Oscars.

The president at the time, Moon Jae-in, and his advisers began a regular meeting by clapping to celebrate the Oscars, and South Korean media extensively played

up the news.

Several hours after the Emmy wins by "Squid Game," the news was still on the front pages of the internet editions of major South Korean media outlets, but not at the top, which was dominated by domestic politics.

"People are getting used to (major awards)," film critic Kim See-moo said. "Bong Joon-ho took home four Oscars for 'Parasite,' another one of our actors won

an Oscar for 'Minari' and then Park Chan-wook won best director at Cannes (for 'Decision to Leave'). South Koreans no longer think there are any entry barriers for these awards, and they think anyone has a shot at winning if they put in the hard work."

Kim noted that South Koreans are less familiar with the Emmys than the Oscars, partly because Korean dramas previously didn't have a large presence in the United States.

"South Korean TV dramas have been huge in Asia for years, especially in markets where people share similar emotional sentiments with South Koreans," Kim said. "'Squid Game' became a broader global hit because it tackled the intense global issue that is inequality, but also took a refreshing approach by telling that story through a brutal and deadly competition of children's games."

"As a Korean, I'm very proud of (the drama)," Choi Hyun Sik, a 32-year-old office worker, told The Associated Press. "I once again came to realize how popular 'Squid Game' was."

"(Lee) made an award speech in English but at the end he spoke in Korean and highlighted his fans and people in South Korea, so I was really touched by that," said Jeong Ye-won, a 22-year-old university student.

Squid Game is a brutal survival drama about desperate adults competing in deadly children's games for a chance to escape debt. In the drama, Lee stars as the show's protagonist, Seong Gi-hun, a laid-off autoworker coping with a messy divorce and struggling with constant business failures and gambling problems. **MDT/AP**

BANGLADESH

# Prolonged Rohingya stay impacts stability: PM

**B**ANGLADESH'S prime minister said that the prolonged stay of more than 1 million Rohingya refugees in crowded camps in the country has become a serious security and stability concern.

"Apart from their own miseries, their prolonged presence is causing a serious impact on the economy, environment, security and sociopolitical stability of Bangladesh," Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina said at the opening ceremony of a three-day meeting of military officials from 24 countries in the Indo-Pacific region.

The United States is the co-host of the gathering, called the Indo-Pacific Armies Management Semi-



A Rohingya man stretches his arms out for food distributed by local volunteers, with bags of puffed rice stuffed into his vest at Kutupalongin 2017

nar, along with the Bangladesh army.

While the militaries of the participating countries are discussing disaster management, transnational

crime, security issues and women's empowerment, Bangladesh is using the platform to highlight the issue of Rohingya refugees who have fled from violence in Myanmar.

Participants in the meeting, including the U.S., Canada, Australia, Japan, Indonesia, India, China and Vietnam, will visit the sprawling Rohingya refugee camps to see their plight firsthand, said Gen. S.M. Shafiuddin Ahmed, chief of Bangladesh army.

Ahmed said the military leaders are being taken to the camps in Cox's Bazar district to give them "a clear perception" of the gravity of the refugee crisis and why their repatriation to Myanmar is necessary.

Last month, the refugees marked the fifth anniversary of a mass exodus of more than 700,000 Rohingya into Bangladesh who were fleeing a harsh crackdown by Myanmar's military. In total, Bangladesh is hosting more than 1 million Rohingya refugees.

Hasina has said that repatriation is the only solution to the crisis, but that Bangladesh would not force them to go back to Myanmar. Bangladeshi officials have expressed frustration after at least two attempts to repatriate the refugees failed under a bilateral agreement brokered by China. The Muslim Rohingya have said that conditions remain too dangerous in Buddhist-majority Myanmar, where they face extensive discrimination.

Charles A. Flynn, commanding general of the U.S. Army Pacific, told

reporters that he could not reply to policy questions such as how militaries can help repatriate the Rohingya to Myanmar, but thanked Bangladesh for arranging the trip for the refugee camps.

"What I will say is this. I am thankful that the chief of the Bangladesh army has found a way in the program to bring us to Cox's Bazar and to see the magnitude of the humanitarian assistance that Bangladesh has provided for five years to that situation," he said.

The Rohingya crisis has gone to international courts, where Myanmar has denied any wrongdoing.

Last month, U.S. Secretary of State Antony Blinken said the U.S. remains "committed to advancing justice and accountability" for Rohingya and all people of Myanmar. **MDT/AP**



FRANCE

# Iconic New Wave director Jean-Luc Godard dead at 91

JAMEY KEATEN & THOMAS ADAMSON, GENEVA

**J**EAN-LUC Godard, the ingenious “enfant terrible” of the French New Wave who revolutionized popular cinema in 1960 with his first big endeavor, “Breathless,” and stood for years as one of the world’s most vital and provocative directors, has died. He was 91.

Swiss news agency ATS quoted Godard’s partner, Anne-Marie Mieville, and her producers as saying he died peacefully and surrounded by his loved ones at his home in the Swiss town of Rolle, on Lake Geneva, yesterday.

French President Emmanuel Macron paid tribute to Godard as “the most iconoclastic of the New Wave directors” who “invented a resolutely modern, intensely free art form.”

He added: “We have lost a national treasure, the eye of a genius.”

Godard defied convention over a long career that began in the 1950s as a film critic. He rewrote rules for camera, sound and narrative.

He worked with some of the best-known names of French cinema like Brigitte Bardot and bad-boy Jean-Paul Belmondo, who was propelled to stardom through Godard films. He profiled the early Rolling Stones, gave a voice to Marxist, leftist and 1960s-era Black Power politics, and his controversial modern nativity play “Hail Mary” grabbed headlines when Pope John Paul II denounced it in 1985.

While many of his works were lauded, Godard also made a string of films that were politically charged and experimental, and pleased few outside a small circle of fans, while frustrating many critics who saw them as filled with overblown intellectualism.

Cannes Film Festival Director Thierry Fremaux told The Associated Press yesterday that he was “sad, sad. Immensely so” at the news of Godard’s death.

Born into a wealthy French-Swiss family on Dec. 3, 1930 in Paris, Godard grew up in Nyon, Switzerland and studied ethnology at the Sorbonne in France’s capital, where he was increasingly drawn to the cultural scene that flourished in the Latin Quarter “cine-club” after World War II.



Film director Jean-Luc Godard at Cannes festival, France on May 25, 1982

He became friends with future big-name directors Francois Truffaut, Jacques Rivette and Eric Rohmer and in 1950 founded the shortlived Gazette du Cinema. By 1952 he had begun writing for the prestigious movie magazine Cahiers du Cinema.

After working on two films by Rivette and Rohmer in 1951, Godard tried to direct his first movie while traveling through North and South America with his father, but never finished it.

Back in Europe, he took a job in Switzerland as a construction worker on a dam project. He used the pay to finance his first complete film, the 1954 “Operation Concrete,” a 20-minute documentary about the building of the dam.

Returning to Paris, Godard worked as spokesman for an artists’ agency and made his first feature in 1957 — “All Boys Are Called Patrick,” released in 1959 — and continued to hone his writing.

He also began work on “Breathless,” based on a story by Truffaut. It was to be Godard’s first big success when it was released in March 1960.

The movie stars Belmondo as a penniless young thief who models himself on Hollywood movie gangsters and who, after he shoots a police officer, goes on the run to Italy with his American girlfriend, played by Jean Seberg.

Along with Truffaut’s “The 400 Blows,” released in 1959, Godard’s film set the new tone for French movie aesthetics. Godard rejected conventional narrative style and instead used frequent jump-cuts that mingled philosophical discussions with action scenes.

He spiced it all up with references to Hollywood gangster movies and nods to literature and visual art.

Godard also launched what was to be a career-long participation in collective film projects, contributing scenes to “The Seven Deadly Sins” along with directors such as Claude Chabrol and Roger Vadim. He also worked with Ugo Gregoretti, Pier Paolo Pasolini and Roberto Rossellini on the Italian movie “Let’s Have a Brainwash,” with Godard’s scenes portraying a disturbing post-apocalypse world.

Godard, who was later to gain a reputation for his uncompromising left-wing political views, had a first brush with French authorities in 1960 when he made “The Little Soldier.” The movie, filled with references to France’s colonial war in Algeria, was not released until 1963, a year after the conflict ended.

His work turned more starkly political by the late 1960s. In “Weekend,” his characters lampoon the hypocrisy of bourgeois society even as they demonstrate the comic futility of violent class war. It came out a year before popular anger at the establishment shook France, culminating in the iconic but short-lived student unrests of May 1968.

Godard harbored a life-long sympathy for various forms of socialism depicted in films from the early 1970s to the 1990s.

Some of the world cinema’s greatest directors counted Godard’s boundary-breaking work as an influence, including Quentin Tarantino, Bernardo Bertolucci, Brian De Palma and

Jonathan Demme.

Godard took potshots at Hollywood over the years.

He remained home in Switzerland rather than travel to Hollywood to receive an honorary Oscar at a private ceremony in November 2010 alongside film historian and preservationist Kevin Brownlow, director-producer Francis Ford Coppola and actor Eli Wallach.

His lifelong advocacy of the Palestinian cause also brought him repeated accusations of antisemitism, despite his insistence that he sympathized with the Jewish people and their plight in Nazi-occupied Europe.

Though the academy received some complaints about Godard being selected to receive the award, academy President Tom Sherak said the director was recognized solely “for his contributions to film in the New Wave era.”

Godard married Danish-born model and actress Anna Karina in 1961. She appeared in a string of movies he made during the remainder of the 1960s, all of them seen as New Wave landmarks. Notable among them were “My Life to Live,” “Alphaville” and “Crazy Pete” — which also starred Belmondo and was rumored to have been shot without a script. Godard and Karina divorced in 1965.

Godard married his second wife, Anne Wiazemsky, in 1967. He later started a relationship with Swiss filmmaker Anne-Marie Miéville. Godard divorced Wiazemsky in 1979, after he had moved with Miéville to the Swiss municipality of Rolle, where he lived with her for the rest of his life. **MDT/AP**

## this day in history

### 1982 HOLLYWOOD PRINCESS DEAD



Princess Grace of Monaco has died of the injuries she sustained in a car crash near Monte Carlo yesterday.

The Hollywood actress Grace Kelly - who starred in the Alfred Hitchcock hits Dial M for Murder and Rear Window - suffered a brain haemorrhage.

A statement issued by the royal palace said she died at 2130 GMT after her conditioned worsened throughout the morning and become irreversible by the afternoon.

It also said the former film star’s husband, Monaco’s head of state Prince Rainier, and her three children were at her bedside when she died.

The US-born princess’ youngest daughter Stephanie was in the car at the time of the accident, but suffered only light bruising.

The news of her death was unexpected as previous reports from the palace had indicated that despite broken ribs, leg and collarbone she was in a stable condition.

The Monaco royal family also released an account of yesterday’s accident and said the princess had lost control of the car when the brakes failed.

After leaving the road her 10-year-old Rover tumbled 100 ft (30.5 m) down a ravine, turning over several times before coming to rest in a garden.

But a witness who was driving behind the two princesses said the car began zigzagging erratically some time before the crash happened.

Two engineers from British Leyland are on their way to Monte Carlo to examine the wreckage.

Courtesy BBC News

## IN CONTEXT

Princess Grace was given a full royal funeral at the Cathedral of St Nicholas in Monte Carlo.

Her daughter Stephanie - who was later reported to have suffered a serious cervical fracture rather than slight bruising - was too ill to attend. The Leyland engineers who were sent to the crash scene said the car had been in a perfect state before the accident.

It was later determined the princess had probably suffered a minor stroke which had caused her to lose control of the car.



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### YOUR STARS

#### ARIES

**Mar. 21-Apr. 19**

Sign up for seminars that will expand your business awareness. Friends and relatives can give you good advice. Groups you belong to will also share your interests.

#### TAURUS

**Apr. 20-May. 20**

You must be careful not to reveal secrets or get involved in gossip. You may have a problem with coworkers if you try to tell them what to do. Try to avoid any drastic decisions concerning personal legal matters.

#### GEMINI

**May. 21-Jun. 21**

Problems with large corporations or institutions are apparent. Look into ways to better yourself through improving your dietary habits and daily routines.

#### CANCER

**Jun. 22-Jul. 22**

Camping, swimming, and biking expeditions should all be considered. You may not be happy if members of your family are not pulling their weight.

#### LEO

**Jul. 23-Aug. 22**

Opportunities to get ahead will be evident. Things aren't as they appear. Exercise discipline when it comes to controlling bad habits.

#### VIRGO

**Aug. 23-Sep. 22**

Plan a nice evening for two. Cutbacks at work will be a cause for worry. Consider a trial separation if you and your mate just can't come to terms.

#### LIBRA

**Sep. 23-Oct. 22**

Money can be made if your are willing to take a chance. You can spend a passionate evening with someone you cherish if you make your plans early.

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**Oct. 23-Nov. 21**

Be aware of any emotional deception. Do not sign legal contracts or documents today. Problems with gas, oil, or water in your home may disrupt your routine.

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**Dec. 22-Jan. 19**

You will have to check your cash flow before you decide to indulge in hobbies or entertainment that may be beyond your budget. Travel or short trips will probably be your best outlet.

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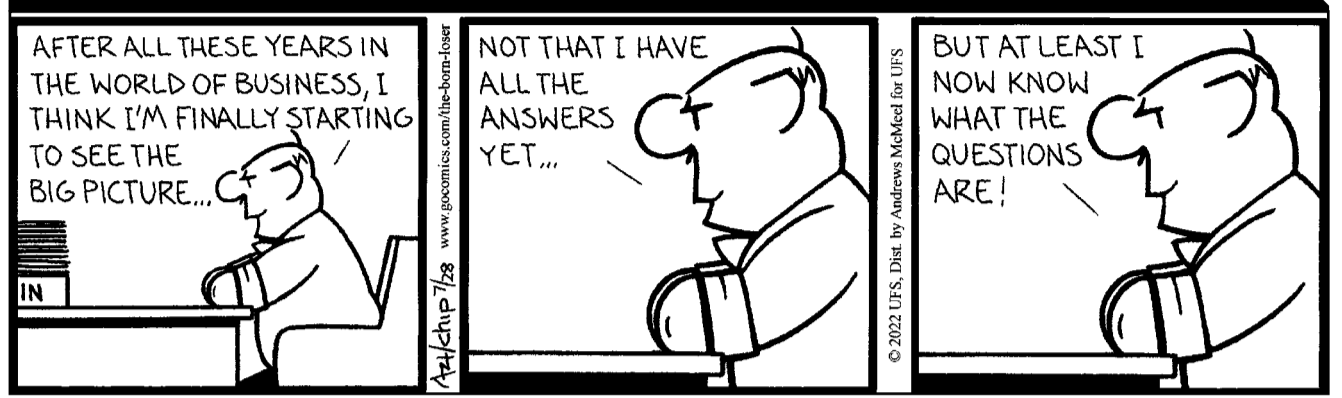
Keep tabs on your spending. Business partnerships should turn out to be quite lucrative. New projects may lead you into a dead end.

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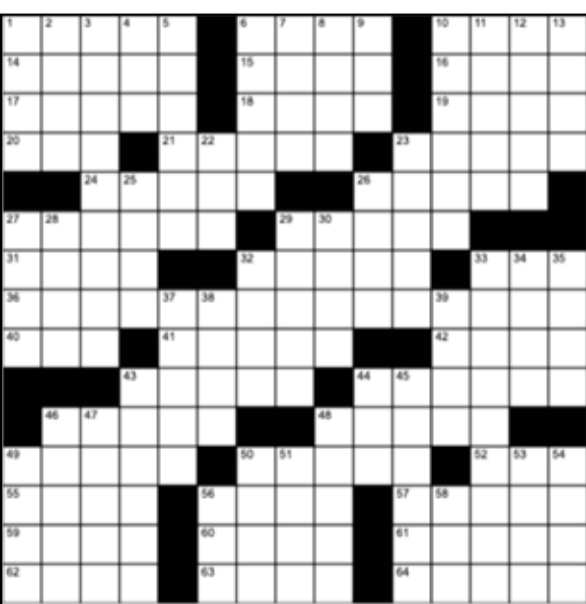
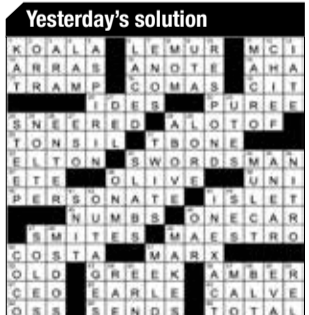
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Hangzhou	21	24	rain
Harbin	8	24	fine
Hefei	20	26	rain
Nanjing	21	24	rain
Shanghai	23	27	rain
Taipei	25	30	cloudy
Wuhan	21	32	fine
Hong Kong	28	34	fine
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Moscow	8	15	rain
Frankfurt	15	21	rain
Paris	16	26	thunderstorm
London	13	21	rain
New York	17	28	fine

### CROSSWORDS

ACROSS 1- Ribbons; 6- Fix up; 10- Speed contest; 14- Put to shame; 15- Charles Lamb's nom de plume; 16- Cabinet dept.; 17- Brief; 18- Hey, over here!; 19- Team; 20- After; 21- Stern with a bow; 23- Hawaiian dances; 24- Hard candy; 26- Conger catcher; 27- Extra time; 29- Failed to; 31- Yen; 32- French film award; 33- Bottle lid; 36- Cause light to pass through; 40- Alien's subj.; 41- Inexpensive; 42- Memo opener; 43- Spacious; 44- Type of thermometer; 46- Small assemblage; 48- Lost; 49- Passed out; 50- Flu symptoms; 52- Mouthpiece of a bridle; 55- Natural blue dye; 56- Natural balm; 57- Spring up; 59- Greet the day; 60- Sci-fi princess; 61- Shouts; 62- At hand; 63- Remain undecided; 64- Driving hazard;

DOWN 1- See ya!; 2- Genesis shepherd; 3- Attorney's assistant; 4- Self starter?; 5- Young woman, Down Under; 6- Settle a loan; 7- Socialite Maxwell; 8- Round object, often used to store computer data; 9- Feedbag bit; 10- Outcome; 11- Old-womanish; 12- Cupressus; 13- "\_\_\_ Tu"; 1974 hit; 22- Shortened version of actor Stallone's first name; 23- Painter Rousseau; 25- Western writer Wister; 26- Dutch cheese, wrapped in red wax; 27- Stringed instrument; 28- Slips up; 29- Postpone; 30- The jig \_\_\_!; 32- Skelton's Kadiddlehopper; 33- Songlike; 34- Gillette brand; 35- Rind; 37- Reconnoiter; 38- Breakfast chain, for short; 39- Pleasing; 43- Wheel; 44- Road with a no.; 45- Compositions; 46- Bottled spirit; 47- Mikhail's wife; 48- In the future; 49- Mend with rows of stitches; 50- Sheltered, nautically; 51- Quarter, e.g.; 53- Land in water; 54- Dry run; 56- Climber's challenge; 58- Fam. reunion attendee;



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# IDAHO COMPUTER CHIP PLANT MAKES US MORE RESILIENT: OFFICIAL

KEITH RIDLER, BOISE

**CHIPMAKER** Micron's planned \$15 billion investment in a new factory in the company's hometown of Boise will help protect the United States from the vulnerabilities of a globalized semiconductor market, U.S. Energy Secretary Jennifer Granholm said yesterday [Macau time].

"It is time to get America making things again, with American parts and American labor," Granholm told a crowd of about 250 guests and Micron workers invited to a tent-covered dirt field for a ceremonial groundbreaking. The event included setting off a ground-clearing explosion far from the crowd that emitted red, white and blue smoke.

The U.S. and Europe are pushing aggressively to build chipmaking capacity and reduce reliance on producers that are now mostly based in Asia. Semiconductor businesses have also been trying to diversify their operations to avoid bottlenecks caused by problems — such as a natural disaster or pandemic lockdown — in a specific region.

Micron officials said that the high desert, sagebrush steppe area east of Boise is expected to have the largest chipmaking cleanroom, or fab, in the U.S. by the end of the decade, covering 600,000 square feet and creating 17,000 jobs. Construction is expected to start in 2023, with some cleanroom working space ready by 2025 and expanding in phases.

Micron is among the nation's largest chipmakers, with product development sites in five other states and eight countries. Research

AP PHOTO



U.S. Energy Secretary Jennifer Granholm

and development is centered in Boise.

Sanjay Mehrotra, Micron's president and chief executive officer, said the company is committed to investing in the Idaho community — with an emphasis on STEM (science, technology, engineering, and math) education in both K-12 and higher education. He said the company would focus on reaching underrepresented and rural school populations.

Micron "will inspire young minds to build the STEM skills they need to succeed in our technology-based world," he said.

In recent years, state Republican lawmakers have caused dismay among Idaho's business community by launching attacks on public education spending, which succeeded in 2021 with a \$2.5 million cut to universities despite a budget surplus.

Micron officials late last year announced plans to build a 500-worker, memory design center in Georgia, partly to take advantage of that area's education system. That sent tremors through Idaho's business and political landscape.

But earlier this year, lawmakers

approved a record \$300 million boost to education. And earlier this month, lawmakers added another \$410 million from a budget surplus in a legislative special session that was called due to high inflation.

"We really needed this (semiconductor plant) in the U.S. and not overseas," said Republican state Sen. Scott Grow, who attended Monday's groundbreaking ceremony and has helped push through legislation beneficial to Micron. "To get a big outfit like this, and to get enough workers, we have to do all we can here in

Idaho to help provide that kind of education so this can continue to grow, and they don't have to just bring in people from out of state."

Several chipmakers last year signaled an interest in expanding their American operations if the U.S. government is able to make it easier to build chip plants. Samsung said in November it plans to build a \$17 billion factory outside of Austin, Texas, and Intel broke ground last week on a \$20 billion new computer chip facility in Ohio.

Micron's \$15 billion investment was made possible by last month's passage of the CHIPS and Science Act, a \$280 billion bill aimed at bolstering U.S. competitiveness against China and avoiding another chip shortage like the one that derailed the auto and tech industries during the pandemic. The law sets aside \$52 billion to bolster the semiconductor industry that, due to COVID-related supply chain constraints, has struggled to manufacture the chips.

Besides the CHIPS law, Micron also benefits from property tax breaks in Idaho. And lawmakers earlier this year passed legislation, signed by Republican Gov. Brad Little, that eliminates sales taxes on expensive equipment Micron will have to buy to produce the chips.

Of the 17,000 expected jobs, 2,000 will be employed directly by Micron, and 15,000 are expected to come from other companies working in support of the new plant.

LaMarr Barnes, chief executive officer of Tokyo-based Kurita, said this company will bid to help create the supply of ultra-pure water needed for chipmaking. If successful, he expects to hire several hundred workers for the Boise area.

"We'd love to be able to do the work for this new fab, and if we do, we'd have to hire quite a bit of engineering staff," he said. **MDT/AP**

## CORPORATE BITS

### The Manor presents Provence's rosé wines with Valentino Beauty



The Manor at The St. Regis Macao is, celebrating the rising star of the beverage scene, Rosé wines from Provence, France, together with Moët Hennessy Diageo (MHD) and is also adorned by beauty brand, Valentino Beauty throughout September.

Rosé Wine Indulgence will be filling The Verandah at The Manor until September 30, with an array of Provence rosé wines from two different rosé wineries selected by MHD. Guests can also savor a variety of fine canapés specially created by Executive Sous Chef, Michele, such as ōra king salmon toast, Hokkaido scallop sashimi, truffle brie cheese sourdough, fresh French oysters and many more.

To celebrate Valentino Beau-

ty boutique's First Anniversary in Macau, guests who partake in this delightful Rosé Wine Indulgence and spend MOP300 will be able to redeem a special gift set at Valentino Beauty boutique.

Rosé wines from other renowned wineries around the globe including Quinta de Soalheiro Rosé, from Vinho Regional do Minho, Portugal and Little Pig Rosé, from Margaret River, Australia, will also be available to enhance the rosé tasting journey.

Under the tutelage of Executive Sous Chef Michele Dell'Aquila, The Manor has been named one of the top 20 restaurants in Macau by the prestigious 100 Top Tables 2022 – A Fine Dining Guide.



WORLD CUP WATCH

# Contractual tug-of-war may help Griezmann

TALES AZZONI, MADRID

**L**ESS could be more for Antoine Griezmann going into the World Cup.

The France forward has been getting few minutes with Atlético Madrid because of a unique contractual dispute with Barcelona, but with his World Cup spot not really in danger, he may end up being one of the few players arriving fresh for the tournament in November.

Griezmann has been on the bench at Atlético while the Spanish club reportedly tries to avoid having to pay Barcelona 40 million euros (\$40.5 million) if he plays more than 45 minutes on average in a number of matches during his loan. Atlético coach Diego Simeone has used the forward only after the 60-minute mark in all six of the team's matches this season.

The 31-year-old Griezmann, a World Cup champion with France four years ago, is in the second of his two-year loan from Barcelona. He was a star



Atletico Madrid's Antoine Griezmann

at Atlético from 2014-19 before moving to the Catalan club for two disappointing seasons.

"It is what it is, it's not up to

me," Griezmann said. "Of course, I want to play more, but I will give everything I have in the minutes that I get. I am a

team player, I am happy here and I just want to play and give it all for the club, for Simeone and for the fans."

And Griezmann has certainly made the most of his time on the field so far, performing well whenever he comes off the bench. He has scored three goals already, including a stoppage-time winner in Atlético's victory over Porto in the team's Champions League opener last week.

"At this point in the season, he is helping us this particular way, and it shows in the quality of the minutes he plays, and in his hierarchy," Simeone said. "What we know is that in 30 minutes he has been playing very well. We don't know how it would be in 60. I can only go by what we know."

If Griezmann keeps playing well while not getting too overworked, he could arrive at the World Cup in great physical condition while the majority of players will be coming off a schedule of non-stop games prompted by the tight calendar of a World Cup year.

Griezmann would be in good position to be the third starter in a France attack that is expected to be spearheaded by Kylian Mbappé and Karim Benzema. France coach Didier Deschamps' other choices up front include Wissam Ben Yedder, Kingsley Coman, Moussa Diaby, Ousmane Dembélé, Olivier Giroud and Christopher Nkunku.

And the good thing for France if Griezmann does arrive in top form, there will be no limit on his playing time.

Just 10 weeks before France begins its title defense against Australia, Paris Saint-Germain said central defender Presnel Kimpembe will miss the next six of them with a left hamstring injury.

Competition for places has heated up with William Saliba emerging at Arsenal and both Samuel Umtiti and Clément Lenglet leaving Barcelona on loan — for Lecce and Tottenham, respectively — to seek more playing time and also cut the Spanish club's salary bill. **MDT/AP**

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**SAFEGUARDING  
 MOMENTUM OF CHINA-  
 JAPAN COOPERATION  
 IN INTERESTS OF BOTH  
 COUNTRIES**

This year marks the 50th anniversary of the normalization of diplomatic relations between China and Japan. With their strategic vision and political wisdom, former Chinese and Japanese leaders jointly made historic breakthroughs amid the Cold War, paving the way for the healthy and fruitful development of bilateral relations between the two countries.

Given the significance of China-Japan relations to not only the economic growth of both countries but also to the peace and development of East Asia, what Chinese State Councilor and Foreign Minister Wang Yi proposed for maintaining the sound development of bilateral ties and furthering the momentum provide food for thought.

Wang made the proposals in his speech at a symposium in celebration of the 50th anniversary of the normalization of ties held in Beijing on Tuesday.

As he said, there should be no deviation from the commitments that the two countries made in the four political documents that are the political foundation for the development of bilateral ties. No ambiguity or even backpedaling on the question of Taiwan, and history should not be allowed to rock the boat.

The two sides should have a strategic and long-term vision of how to flesh out the political consensus of "remaining partners to each other and posing no threat to each other" in their policies and interactions, with the fundamental interests of both countries taken into consideration.

Cooperation between the two countries should be furthered in a wide range of areas as there is still great potential for both sides to work together for common growth. And both countries should create an environment conducive to both peoples developing positive views of the other on the basis of harmony without uniformity.

The two countries should pursue real multilateralism with a clear understanding about the trend of globalization, multipolarization and the diversity of cultures. China and Japan as major countries in the region and the world should work together to contribute to world peace and development.

Given the difficulties Sino-Japanese relations face, Wang's proposals are particularly pertinent to prevent the recent tentative steps taken by the two sides toward rapprochement being reversed.

Japanese leaders and politicians need to be cool-headed and take into consideration Japan's long-term interests and recognize how important it is for China and Japan to maintain sound bilateral ties and how such relations make a difference to regional peace and development.

Japan needs to think twice before jumping on the United States' "Indo-Pacific" bandwagon, as encouraging it in its divisive, exclusionary and confrontational geostrategic games targeting China will only disrupt the stability and development momentum in Southeast Asia and East Asia and therefore do a disservice to the economic growth of Japan.

China-Japan economic cooperation over the past five decades has proved to be a success for both sides and there is enough reason for such cooperation to be continued in a deepened manner.

**UN SUMS UP CLIMATE SCIENCE: WORLD  
 HEADING IN WRONG DIRECTION**

**THE  
 BUZZ**

With weather disasters costing \$200 million a day and irreversible climate catastrophe looming, the world is "heading in the wrong direction," the United Nations says in a new report that pulls together the latest science on climate change.

The World Meteorological Organization, in the latest stark warning about global warming, said weather-related disasters have increased fivefold over the last 50 years and are killing 115 per day on average — and the fallout is poised to worsen.

U.N. Secretary-General Antonio Guterres cited the floods in Pakis-

tan, heat waves in Europe, droughts in places such as China, the Horn of Africa, and the United States — and pointed the finger at fossil fuels.

"There is nothing natural about the new scale of these disasters. They are the price of humanity's fossil fuel addiction," he said.

The report, drawn from data compiled by several U.N. agencies and partners, cited a 48% chance that global temperature rise compared to pre-industrial times will reach 1.5 degree Celsius in the next five years. There's a 93% percent chance that one year in the next five will see record heat.

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**KING CHARLES IN  
 BELFAST, QUEEN'S COFFIN  
 TO RETURN TO LONDON**

**RENATA BRITO, JILL  
 LAWLESS & MIKE CORDER,  
 BELFAST**

**K**ing Charles III flew to Northern Ireland yesterday on the latest leg of his tour of the four parts of the United Kingdom, where a cheering crowd gathered to greet him in a region with a contested British and Irish identity that is deeply divided over the British monarchy.

In the latest outpouring of affection since Queen Elizabeth II's death last Thursday, hundreds of people lined the street leading to Hillsborough Castle, the royal family's official residence in Northern Ireland, just outside Belfast. The area in front of the gates to the castle was carpeted with hundreds of floral tributes.

Charles and his wife Camilla, the Queen Consort, got out of their car to greet villagers — waving to the cheering crowd and sometimes using both hands at once to shake the mass of outstretched hands from people including schoolchildren in bright blue uniforms.

Charles even petted a corgi — famously his late mother's favorite breed of dog — held up by one person.

"Today means so much to me and my family, just to be present in my home village with my children to witness the arrival of the new king is a truly historic moment for us all," said Hillsborough resident Robin Campbell, as he waited for the new monarch.

"Although it is also a day tinged with great sadness as we witness a loving son coming to our village while we are all in mourning for the loss of a truly magnificent queen and his loving mother," he added.

While there was a warm welcome in Hillsborough, the British monarchy draws mixed emotions in Northern Ireland, where there are two main communities: mostly Protestant unionists who consider themselves British and largely Roman Catholic nationalists who see themselves as Irish.

That split fueled three decades of violence known as "the Troubles" involving paramilitary groups on both sides and U.K. security forces, in which 3,600 people died. The royal family was touched personally by the violence: Lord Louis Mountbatten, a cousin of the queen and a much-loved mentor

to Charles, was killed by an Irish Republican Army bomb in 1979.

A deep sectarian divide remains, a quarter century after Northern Ireland's 1998 peace agreement.

But in a sign of how far Northern Ireland has come on the road to peace, representatives of Sinn Fein — the main Irish nationalist party, linked during the Troubles to the IRA — are attending commemorative events for the queen and meeting the king yesterday.

Sinn Fein's president, Mary Lou McDonald, paid tribute to the 96-year-old monarch following her death last Thursday, calling her "a powerful advocate and ally of those who believe in peace and reconciliation."

The president and prime minister of the neighboring Republic of Ireland are also due to attend a memorial service in Belfast, despite tense relations between Dublin and London over Brexit. Since Britain left the European Union in 2020, the U.K. and the EU have been wrangling over trade rules for Northern Ireland, the only part of the U.K. that shares a border with a member of the bloc. **MDT/AP**

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**Germany** A man was convicted of murder and given a life sentence yesterday for fatally shooting a young gas station clerk following a dispute over face masks. The killing in the western town of Idar-Oberstein on Sept. 18 last year shocked the country. The 50-year-old defendant also was convicted of illegal weapons possession because he didn't have a license for the gun used in the killing, German news agency dpa reported.

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**French** President Emmanuel Macron yesterday announced a national debate meant to broaden end-of-life options that will include exploring the possibility of legalizing assisted suicide, with the aim of implementing changes next year. The current 2016 law in France provides that doctors can keep terminally ill patients sedated until death comes but stops short of legalizing assisted suicide.

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**Hungary's** right-wing government has issued a decree which will require doctors to present women requesting an abortion with fetal vital signs, an obligation that tightens the country's relatively liberal abortion rules. The decree issued on Monday states that health care providers must provide pregnant women with "a clearly identifiable indication of fetal vital signs" before proceeding with any abortion procedure. The regulation enters into force on Sept. 15.

**Kenya** William Ruto (pictured) was sworn in as Kenya's president yesterday after narrowly winning the Aug. 9 election in East Africa's most stable democracy, and quickly signaled that his leadership would be a strongly Christian one. The Supreme Court last week rejected a challenge by losing candidate and longtime opposition figure Raila Odinga to the official results, completing a markedly peaceful election.