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**India** Military teams were searching yesterday for people missing after a 143-year-old suspension bridge collapsed into a river Sunday in the western Indian state of Gujarat, sending hundreds plunging into the water and killing at least 133 in one of the country's worst accidents in years. As families mourned the dead, attention was turning to why the bridge, built by the British in the late 1800s and touted as an "engineering marvel," collapsed and who might be responsible.

**Iranian** authorities announced yesterday they will hold public trials for 1,000 people in the capital, Tehran, over the protests that have convulsed the country. The mass indictments mark the government's first major legal action aimed at quashing dissent since unrest erupted over six weeks ago. Iran's state-run IRNA news agency quoted judicial officials as saying that a thousand people who had a central role in the protests would be brought to trial in Tehran alone over their "subversive actions," including assaulting security guards, setting fire to public property and other accusations.

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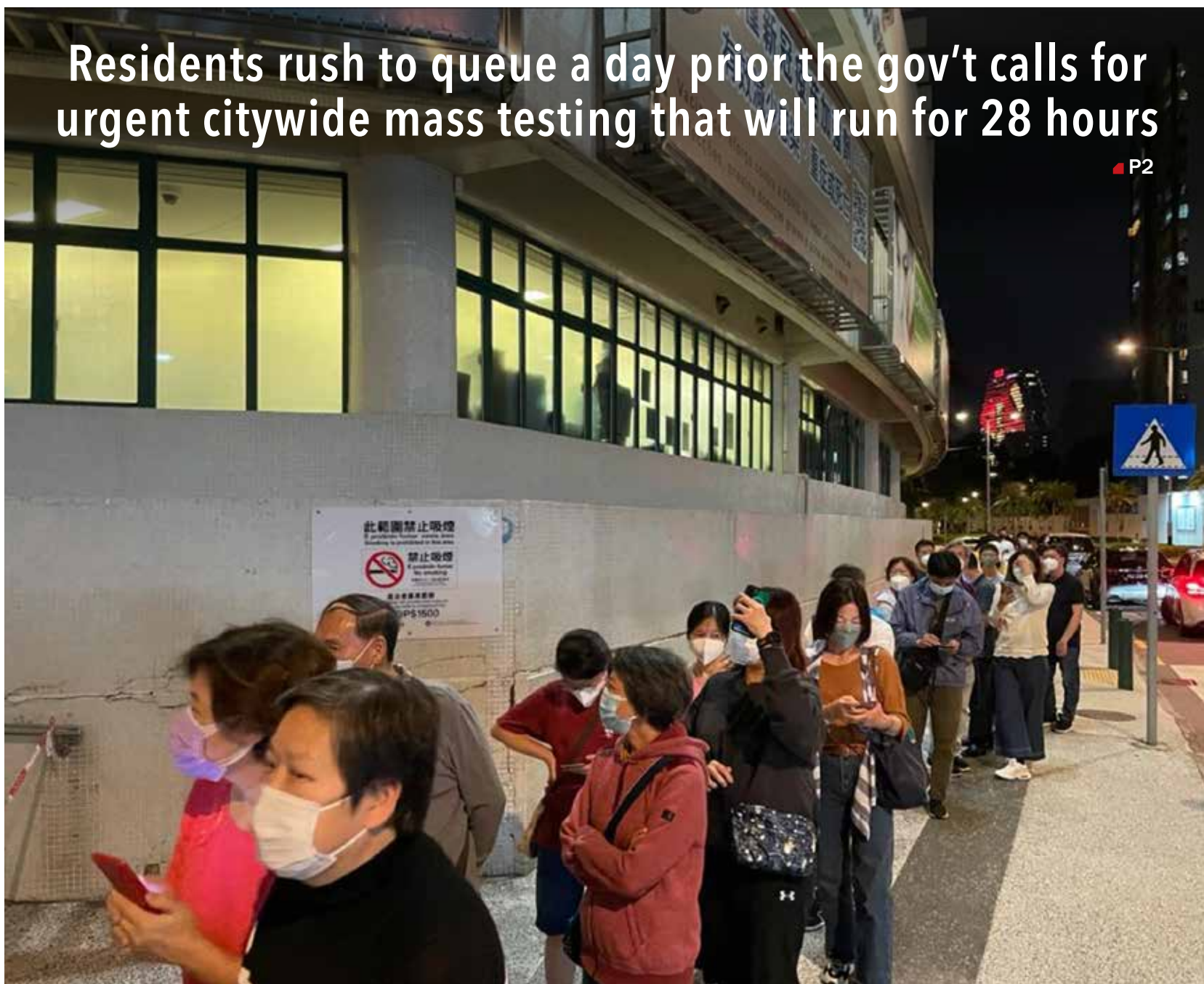
**Russian** President Vladimir Putin hosted the leaders of Armenia and Azerbaijan yesterday to try to broker a settlement to a longstanding conflict between the two ex-Soviet neighbors. In an initial meeting with Armenian Prime Minister Nikol Pashinyan at the Russian leader's Black Sea residence in Sochi, Putin said the goals would be to ensure peace and stability, and unblock transportation infrastructure to help Armenia's economic and social development.

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# URGENT NAT DRIVE FOLLOWING UNCERTAINTY OVER POSITIVE CASE

RENATO MARQUES

**L**OCAL health authorities have ordered a citywide nucleic acid test (NAT) for today following the discovery of a positive case in Zhuhai from a man who works in Macau as a seafood deliveryman.

The mass test will commence at 7 a.m. today until 11 a.m. tomorrow.

According to the director of the Health Bureau (SSM), Alvis Lo, the NAT drive is urgent for two reasons. The first is because the 58-year-old Zhuhai resident who tested positive in Zhuhai has a very uncertain itinerary due to his job and is likely to have come in contact with many people from different locations across town, since his job is to deliver seafood products to restaurants all over Macau. The second reason is that, according to weather bureau, there is a possibility that Macau will be affected by typhoon "Nalgae" in the upcoming days.



For this reason, health authorities decided to expedite mass testing of the population by restricting it to just one day to avoid the need to conduct testing during the peak of the typhoon, Lo explained.

"We don't know the itinerary of this case very well, and the source of the infection is also unknown.

Since he has had lots of contacts across the city, we fear that there may be some concealed infection cases," the SSM director said. Lo added, "We want to have a balance between the need to do this screening of the population without jeopardizing normal life, so we will try not to suspend social activities

and we will keep economic activities running normally as well as schools."

"The reason we want to do this [mass testing] in such a short time is that we have a typhoon coming and it will not be suitable to do this if there are strong winds and heavy rain. We are calling on everyone to

collaborate with us so we can have this screening done in this short period," Lo said.

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LAST MASS TESTING

For today's NAT drive, authorities explained the operations and procedures will be the same as the last mass testing, with authorities calling on citizens to book their NAT before heading to the sampling station. In addition, people should take a Rapid Antigen Test (RAT) and ensure the result is negative before leaving the house.

People should also wear a KN95 mask for the duration they are at the sampling station and strictly follow the booking time to avoid crowds gathering at the posts.

To facilitate the process and allow more NAT slots for those who are not doing tests regularly, Lo also explained that people who conducted a NAT yesterday (October 31) for work or border crossing reasons will be exempted from the mass testing. However, those who currently have yellow codes, are undertaking a period of health self-management, or who would otherwise need to do a NAT over consecutive days are not exempted from mass testing.

MASS TESTING

# Long lines at NAT stations following the announcement

RENATO MARQUES

**T**HE announcement of mass testing by health authorities as well as the exemption granted to those who did the test earlier on October 31 led many to rush to the nucleic acid test (NAT) stations, which were overwhelmed by the number of people.

Long lines of people waiting at the testing stations were seen yesterday immediately after the government announcement.

At the press conference from the Novel Coronavirus Response and Coordination Centre, Kong Chi Meng, director of the Education and Youth Affairs Bureau (DSEDJ) also said that after an emergency meeting yesterday after-



noon between the authorities and the companies that perform NATs, as well as those responsible for logistics and other support functions, a decision was made to extend the working schedule of some stations until 1 a.m. Tues-

day. This decision is intended to facilitate the work and address the potential surge of people wanting to clear their NAT sampling requirements as early as possible.

Kong also said that although school facilities

will not be used this time, the services have established some 60 sampling stations that will offer 300 specimen collection points. The authorities believe this will be enough to face the anticipated demand.

Meanwhile, although the complete list of NAT stations was unavailable at the time of the announcement, Kong said that in most cases the additional NAT stations to be added will include places like indoor sports venues, amphitheatres, and suitable governmental buildings that have been used in previous occasions.

He also said the choices preferentially fell on places that allow good ventilation to reduce the risk of transmission among people waiting for sampling.

One of the places he noted would be used is the sports pavilion of the Escola Luso-Chinesa Técnico-Profissional, because the facility is independent of the school and can be used separately.

WEATHER

# T3 ISSUED AS CITY BRACES FOR TYPHOON NALGAE

**T**HE weather bureau raised the typhoon signal to T3 earlier today at 3 a.m. as it expects local winds to grow stronger due to Typhoon Nalgae.

In a statement, the Meteorological and Geophysics Bureau said that at about 9 p.m. last night, the typhoon was located about 590 km southeast of Macau and is expected to move northward and slowly approach the southern coast of China.

Due to the high astronomical tide in the next few days and the impending approach of Typhoon Nalgae, flooding is possible in

the inner harbor area between midnight and early morning of November 2 and 3.

It will be cloudy with occasional showers and cooler in the next couple of days.

There is a medium possibility of issuing T8 tomorrow evening to November 3.

The Hong Kong Observatory issued the Strong Wind Signal No.3 at around 4.20 p.m. yesterday, as the severe tropical storm edged closer to the city.

In the Philippines, the tropical storm has killed at least 98 people. Nalgae has caused landslides five times in the Philippines. LV

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**TOURISM**

# Beijing to resume issuing eVisas today, 'great boon' for Macau

LYNZY VALLES

**T**HE resumption of electronic visas for mainland travelers to Macau will commence November 1, a move that has long been awaited by the tourism sector since eVisas were halted in 2020 due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

The issuance of group package tours to Macau and eVisas under the Individual Visit Scheme (IVS) is shaping up to be a massive boost for the SAR's gaming and tourism operators, which have been negatively affected since the pandemic began in early 2020.

In an announcement made by the National Immigration Administration (NIA), from today, mainland residents can apply for a group travel endorsement and an individual travel endorsement to Macau without the need to submit applications in person.

Persons from medium and high-risk areas of the pandemic and those with a history of living in medium and high-risk areas are not allowed to use the eVisa system.

The NIA has said the public is



“requested to pay close attention to the [pandemic] situation in the mainland and Macau and the management measures for epidemic prevention and control.”

In a press conference held Sunday, local government said

it remains optimistic on the resumption of mainland group tours to Macau amid the discovery of Covid-19 cases during the weekend until yesterday.

The new cases have led to a mass testing today from 7 a.m. until November 2, 11 a.m.

Health Bureau (SSM) director and pulmonologist Alvis Lo has said the forecast on resuming group travel should still be bright, judging from the effects of control measures as well as the scale, source and transmission route of infections.

As part of the resumption of group travel, SSM has limited the number of people participating in each tour. In addition, tour guides must take Covid-19 nucleic acid tests (NATs) once every seven days and both staff and participants must complete

a 10-day travel history declaration.

Some travel agencies in China have unveiled Macau's travel packages in advance. These show the earliest departure date is November 13.

Until November 5, both Macau and Zhuhai require a negative NAT result obtained within 24 hours before entry.

## 'GREAT BOON' TO RETURN TO NORMALCY

Beijing's official announcement that mainland travel visas and eVisas to Macau will resume is considered a great boon for the city's gaming sector, which has been in great turmoil since the start of the pandemic.

In a note, JP Morgan has suggested the issuance of visas will resume for 49 eligible cities, as opposed to what was initially announced – the resumption of visas will only roll out in four mainland cities.

Analyst DS Kim said, “This will be a great boon for Macau's return to normalcy.”

“In a nutshell, we think the resumption greatly alleviates the frictions for a Macau trip (no need to pre-book an application slot, no need to get interviewed, no need to wait seven plus days to get a visa approved) and could signal to many that it's okay to come to Macau now,” the analyst added.

However, there are no expectations regarding the rise to the city's gross gaming revenue.

The announcement was acknowledged to be a “significant step” towards the city's normalization, and the JP Morgan is “sanguine about the gradual yet meaningful recovery from December,” which could lead to positive EBITDA.

## CE TO DELIVER POLICY ADDRESS NOV. 15

The Chief Executive, Ho Iat Seng, will deliver the Policy Address for the Fiscal Year 2023, on November 15 at the Legislative Assembly (AL). The session will be held at 3 p.m and will be followed by a press conference at the Government Headquarters at 5 p.m., when Ho will answer questions from the press. The following day, Ho will attend a plenary meeting of the AL, to explain the government's policy programme, and to take questions from the lawmakers.

## SURRENDER OF TOURISM GUEST LISTS MANDATORY FROM MID-NOV.

Two new executive regulations will take effect from November 16 to order the surrender of lists of airline passengers and crews as well as non-local hotel guests to the Public Security Police Force (PSP). The purpose of this is “to help refine entry-exit management measures and prevent crimes,” according to the Executive Council in a statement. The airline lists must be surrendered after the boarding process. The hotel guest lists, meanwhile, will only concern those staying without Macau-issued ID documents, and those with Macau-issued IDs who are accompanying somebody who does not have a Macau-issued ID. All data collected will be retained in the PSP database for five years.

## STOCKS RALLY AS CHINA EASES TOURIST VISA RULES

**MACAU** gaming stocks rallied yesterday as Beijing has now announced a date for the resumption of eVisas, which are expected to boost visitor numbers to the city. Sands China Ltd led the climb with growth of 4.42%, followed by Melco with a 3.53% rise. Wynn Macau, Galaxy, MGM China

and SJM Holdings rose 2.62%, 1.85%, 1.61%, and 1.23% respectively. MGM China is in lockdown, with staff and guests ordered to stay inside until today as one of its croupiers tested positive on Sunday, being the first case in the Hac Sa Wan Covid-19 cluster.

**ZERO-COVID**

# Testing in target zones identifies three new cases, two related to imported case

RENATO MARQUES

**T**ESTING conducted Sunday in the target zones, as well as buildings classified as red zones in Fai Chi Kei and Areia Preta, have returned three positive results. Of these,

two are related to the first patient who was found to be positive, while health authorities have yet to establish a source of infection for the third.

According to Dr. Leong Iek Hou, coordinator of the local Center for Di-

sease Control and Prevention, around 62,000 nucleic acid tests (NATs) were conducted Sunday, of which over 15,000 were regular NATs from working groups.

Of the others, two were positive. Both are from

the 357 people in isolation in the red zone. The third test is from late Saturday and concerns a 34-year-old local woman who lives in one of the target zones and is a housewife.

The source of the wo-

man's infection is unclear, but Leong said she potentially has common itineraries in the Iao Hon market area and surroundings that match the previously identified cases.

The mother of two has tested positive. Other members of the family have, so far, tested negative, including her children who attend kindergarten in the Tamagnini Barbosa area. Both children completed two tests on October 30 and 31, the results of which were negative.

As a preventive measure, the school has suspended the classes frequented by these children and all school colleagues have also been tested. So far, no positive results have been found.

The tests of all 1,500 people in lockdown at MGM Cotai hotel were also negative, Leong said noting that no other cases have been linked to the two imported cases found between October 26 and 31 and the eight infected cases related to them.



TRAVEL AGENCY

# GOV'T: IMPACT ON HONG THAI MACAU BRANCH CLOSURE STILL LIGHT

ANTHONY LAM

**M**ACAU branches of the Hong Kong-founded Hong Thai Travel Services agency have not been directly impacted by the closure of the parent company for the time being, local media reports.

On the sidelines of an industry event, Maria Helena de Senna Fernandes, director of the Macao Government Tourism Office (MGTO), said the bureau has been in regular contact with the travel agency.

Senna Fernandes added the bureau had been assured by the agency of its financial status, and it has been settling bills for products and services in a regulated manner. The MGTO director said the travel agencies are legally required to have MOP500,000 bank guarantees and third-party insurance. As such, even if the Macau branches close, the impact should be controllable.



COURTESY SCMP/SAM TSANG

As of end October, the city has seen five travel agencies closed, 15 suspended and 220 remaining in operation.

On the other hand, local media agency All About Macau cited the Consumer Council of Macao (CC), which disclosed that a meeting had been conducted with the travel agency's Macau office. A request had been made to the agency regarding protecting the interests of its customers.

According to the CC, the

travel agency has suspended accepting new customers in Macau. The CC also reminded affected members of the public to file any queries or complaints on its e-platform.

Hong Thai Travel Services was founded in Hong Kong and, before the suspension of its operations, was one of the largest tourism chains in Hong Kong. Its parent company announced last Friday the agency would enter voluntary liquidation, citing Covid restrictions as the reason.

# IC CONFIRMS SUN YAT-SEN MEMORIAL NOT ON SALE

**P**RESIDENT Leong Wai Man of the Cultural Affairs Bureau (IC) has confirmed Sun Yat-sen Memorial House is not up for sale, according to local media reports.

Previously, Taiwanese media had reported the government in Taiwan was trying to sell the memorial house. Before October, the working visa extensions for personnel at the Taiwan Office in Macau were unclear as to whether they would be granted. It was thought the uncertainty around working visa extensions would lead to a lack of management of the memorial house, and this was cited as the reason behind the purported sale.

At a recent media event, Leong said that although the Cultural Heritage Committee did discuss the sale of a historic building, it did not concern the Sun Yat-sen Memorial House, according to local media Cheng Pou.

The IC has not received an application to sell the building. Leong has not responded to questions on whether the architecture is worthy of the government's retention if the current owner decides to sell it.

Meanwhile, the IC president has admitted the Cultural Heritage Committee had discussed the intended sale of another historic




building, following the bureau's receipt of an application. Pursuant to the law, the IC has the priority rights to purchase such buildings on behalf of the government. The opinion from the Cultural Heritage Committee is a precondition.

Both the committee and the IC have decided to green light the sale of the other historical building.

The IC president has refrained from releasing details on the sale, citing personal privacy. AL

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**Notice**  
**Third General Scientific Research Funding Application of 2022**

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The Science and Technology Development Fund (FDCT) aims to concur with the objectives of the science and technology development policy of the Macao Special Administrative Region, and provide funding for projects that would enhance Macao SAR's science research capability, innovativeness and competitiveness.

**II. Targets**

1. Local universities, colleges and their R&D centers;
2. Laboratories or entities engaged in R&D activities in Macao;
3. Local private non-profit organizations;
4. Commercial enterprises and entrepreneurs registered in Macao and engaged in R&D activities;
5. People engaged in R&D activities in Macao.

**III. Eligible Projects**

1. Projects facilitating the popularization and deepening of scientific and technological knowledge;
2. Projects facilitating enterprises' improvement in productivity and competitiveness;
3. Projects facilitating the research and development, promotion and innovation of industrial development;
4. Projects facilitating the transformation of R&D achievements
5. Projects facilitating foreign scientific and technological cooperation;
6. Technology transfer projects promoting the city's economic development as a priority;
7. Patent application.

**IV. Project Types**  
Applicants shall select one of the following project types for their projects, defined based on the classification of the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD).

1. Fundamental research: projects undertaken to obtain new knowledge of the basic theories of phenomena and observable facts;
2. Applied research: innovative projects with specific aims, undertaken to promote the application of the results of fundamental research.
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**V. Approved Amounts:**

1. Applications for less than or equal to MOP1,000,000.00 (One million Patacas) (reviewed by Administrative Committee)
2. Applications for more than MOP 1,000,000.00 (One million Patacas) (reviewed by Trustee Committee)

**VI. Application period:**  
1<sup>st</sup> November, 2022 to 30<sup>th</sup> November, 2022

**VII. Application Method**  
Please apply through FDCT's online funding application system with the required documents listed in Article 6 of the Financial Aid Grant Regulation, approved as per the Chief Executive's Dispatch No. 64/2021 published in the Official Gazette, No.18 dated May 4<sup>th</sup> 2021. (website: www.fdct.gov.mo)  
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**VIII. Review Criteria**  
The review is conducted according to the Financial Aid Grant Regulation approved as per the Chief Executive's Dispatch No. 64/2021.

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ANTHONY LAM

# Gov't insists a health center suitable for Zone A

**D**ESPITE many calling for a higher-tier healthcare facility in the New Urban Zone A, the planning entities have insisted a health center would be sufficient.

At the first public consultation session regarding specific planning of the New Urban Zone A, the availability of healthcare services was raised as an issue once again.

A participant recalled the government's plan to house nearly 100,000 people on the reclaimed land and questioned whether a mere health center would be sufficient. A health center is on the 'community' care level in the city's healthcare hierarchy. Years ago, a member of the public who sought medical support at a health center after a minor traffic accident was told to call an ambulance instead.

In response to the question, Mak Tat Io, deputy director of the Land and Urban Construction Bureau (DSSCU), said the hospital development was a major project for a city. The Health Bureau (SSM) insisted the public hospital on the Guia Hill would have capacity to meet the medical needs of all residents on the Macau Peninsula, adding that an expansion project is underway.



"The SSM thinks the public hospital is enough for the Macau Peninsula," Mak said.

According to the government's statistical body, the city had about 550,000 people in 2010 and nearly 700,000 in 2021. It is expected the Islands Hospital will be opened in a year or two.

Another participant expressed concerns over the development

of underground shopping malls at the Zone A. The government has made plans to develop such facilities in the area as complementary facilities for the Light Rail Transit (LRT) East Line.

The participant cited precedents in Montreal, Canada and Tokyo, Japan to show such projects were usually easier said than done. It took the Canadians half

a century to complete a similar project, while the Japanese made specific laws to support the development.

Chan Wa Keong, an official at the Housing Bureau (IH), said the government has not made up its mind on the development, but invited the public to provide more comments for the government to consider.

Meanwhile, at another event, Cultural Affairs Bureau's (IC) President Leong Wai Man said the Macao Museum of Art (MAM) may be relocated to the southside of the Zone A. A community library will also be built at the Zone A and will occupy about 2,000 square meters.

Despite the opposing comments from a local librarian association, which called for a large and standalone library, the IC president insisted Zone A needs a community library rather than a major library.

Leong said two larger plots of land located on the southside of the Zone A had been reserved for urban cultural facilities. The cultural bureau is contemplating using them temporarily for museums or performance venues. No timetable or specific steps have been established so far.

While explaining the masterplan, the IC president mentioned the relocation of the MAM to Zone A. She expects this to be able to provide higher quality exhibitions and spaces for relics from the Palace Museum in Beijing and larger-scale exhibitions from abroad.

On whether the expulsion of Taiwanese HyRead from the public library's free-of-charge e-reading platform was driven by political or geographical concerns, Leong declined to comment.

## Important Announcement on Adjustments Related to Financial Business (From November 2022)

Dear customers,

In order to better serve customers and community in Macau, in accordance with Executive Order No.32/2021, Bank of China has invested to establish a wholly owned subsidiary, Bank of China (Macau) Limited, referred to as Bank of China (Macau), in the Macau SAR of the People's Republic of China. The sub-branches of Bank of China (Macau) will formally start business from November 21, 2022 (Monday). The addresses, phone numbers and business hours of the sub-branches will remain the same as normal. The banking business involves assets and liabilities between Bank of China Limited Macau Branch and personal customers will be fully transferred to Bank of China (Macau) on November 20 (Sunday).

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We apologize for any inconvenience caused by business adjustments. Thank you for your understanding and support!

Creditors may raise judicial objections within 30 days from the date of first promulgation (October 24, 2022) of this announcement.

It is hereby announced.

Bank of China Limited Macau Branch  
 Bank of China (Macau) Limited  
 November 1, 2022



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## Important Announcement on Suspension of Some Services Due to System Upgrade (November 19 - 20)

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In this regard, we will be performing system upgrade from November 19 (Saturday) to November 20, 2022 (Sunday). Affected by this upgrade, the suspension and resumption time for some banking products and services are as below. Please be prepared in advance.

Banking Products and Services	Suspension Time	Resumption Time
Thailand Baht (THB) Banknotes Exchange	Nov 11 (Friday) 09:00	Nov 22 (Tuesday) 09:00
BOC Tax Connect	Nov 11 (Friday) 18:00	Until otherwise notified
Automatic Transfer Payment Upon Registration for Fee Payers	Nov 12 (Saturday) 00:00	Nov 20 (Sunday) 14:00
'Easy Transfer' Registration/Amendment/Cancellation	Nov 12 (Saturday) 09:00	Nov 21 (Monday) 10:00
Online Account Opening for BOCNET and Mobile Banking	Nov 13 (Sunday) 06:00	Nov 20 (Sunday) 14:00
Customer Information Modification for BOCNET and Mobile Banking		Until otherwise notified
Safe Deposit Box Services (Rental of New Boxes and Return of Boxes)	Nov 14 (Monday) 00:00	Nov 21 (Monday) 09:00
Automated Teller Machines (ATM), Cash Withdrawal and Deposit Machines (CWD)	Nov 15 (Tuesday) suspend gradually, please visit our website for details	Nov 20 (Sunday) resume gradually, please visit our website for details
Mobile Banking Mainland (NUCC) Payment Services	Nov 15 (Tuesday) 18:00	Until otherwise notified
Korean Won (KRW), Taiwan Dollars (TWD), Malaysian Ringgit (MYR) Banknotes Exchange	Nov 16 (Wednesday) 09:00	Nov 22 (Tuesday) 09:00
TFB Transfer Payment Services (Counter, BOCNET, Mobile Banking), Suspension of Account Opening for Mobile Banking	Nov 16 (Wednesday) 18:00	Nov 20 (Sunday) 14:00
Intelligent Counter System (Cash)		Nov 21 (Monday) 09:00
Online Account Opening for Mobile Banking (For New Customers)	Nov 17 (Thursday) 09:00	Nov 20 (Sunday) 14:00
Application for Change Book, Intelligent Counter System (Integrated Account Opening, Personal Information Modification and Issuance/Re-issuance of BOC Cards), Cross-Border Wealth Management Connect Northbound Trading Remittance and All Southbound Trading Services	Nov 17 (Thursday) 18:00	Nov 21 (Monday) 09:00
Intelligent Counter System (Issuance/Re-issuance of BOC Cards) (University of Macau Sub-branch and Macau University of Science and Technology Sub-branch)		Nov 22 (Tuesday) 09:00
JETCO Inter-bank Transfer Services	Nov 17 (Thursday) 19:00	Nov 20 (Sunday) 12:00
Account Opening for College Students	Nov 17 (Thursday) 23:00	Nov 20 (Sunday) 14:00
Payroll and Automatic Transfer	Nov 18 (Friday) 00:00	Nov 20 (Sunday) 14:00
Outward Remittance	Nov 18 (Friday) 16:00	Nov 21 (Monday) 09:00
Fee Payment		Nov 20 (Sunday) 14:00
'Easy Transfer' Transfer Services	Nov 18 (Friday) 18:00	Nov 21 (Monday) 10:00
Changes in Instruction on Fund Dividend Distribution		Until otherwise notified
Credit Card and Debit Card Transactions through JETCO		Nov 20 (Sunday) 12:00
Mobile Banking Cardless Withdrawal and Repayment via Bank Cards of Other Banks	Nov 18 (Friday) 19:00	Nov 20 (Sunday) 14:00
Mobile Banking QR Code Payment Services (BOC Pay)	Nov 18 (Friday) 23:00	Nov 20 (Sunday) 14:00
E-banking (Telephone Services)		Nov 20 (Sunday) 12:00
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SPACE

# CHINA LAUNCHES THIRD AND FINAL SPACE STATION COMPONENT

**C**HINA yesterday launched the third and final module to complete its permanent space station and realize a more than decade-long effort to maintain a constant crewed presence in orbit, as its competition with the U.S. grows increasingly fierce.

Mengtian was blasted into space on Monday afternoon from the Wenchang Satellite Launch Center on the southern island province of Hainan.

A large crowd of amateur photographers, space enthusiasts and others watched the lift-off from an adjoining beach.

Many waved Chinese flags and wore T-shirts emblazoned with the characters for China, reflecting the deep national pride invested in the space program and the technological progress it represents.

"The space program is a symbol of a major country and a boost to the modernization of China's national defense," said Ni Lexiong, a professor at Shanghai University of Political Science and Law, underscoring the program's close military links.

"It is also a boost to the confidence of the Chinese people, igniting patriotism and positive energy," Ni said.

Mengtian, or "Celestial Dream," joins Wentian as the second laboratory module for the station, collectively known as Tiangong, or "Celestial Palace." Both are connected to the Tianhe core module where the crew lives and works.

Like its predecessors, Mengtian was launched aboard a Long March-5B Y4 carrier rocket, a member of China's most powerful family of launch vehicles.

Mengtian was due to spend 13 hours in flight before reaching



The Long March-5B Y4 carrier rocket carrying the space lab module Mengtian, blasts off from the Wenchang Satellite Launch yesterday

Tiangong, which is populated by a crew of two male and one female astronauts, according to the China Manned Space Agency.

Chen Dong, Cai Xuzhe and Liu Yang arrived in early June for a six-month stay on board, during which they will complete the station's assembly, conduct space walks and carry out additional experiments.

Following Mengtian's arrival, an additional uncrewed Tianzhou cargo craft is due to dock with the station next month, with another crewed mission scheduled for December, at which time crews may overlap as Tiangong has sufficient room to accommodate six astronauts.

Mengtian weighs in at about 20 tons with a length of 17.9 meters (58.7 feet) and a diameter of 4.2 meters (13.8 feet). It will provide space for science experiments in zero gravity, an airlock for exposure to the vacuum of space, and a small robotic arm to support ex-

travehicular payloads.

The already orbiting 23-ton Wentian laboratory is designed for science and biology experiments and is heavier than any other single-module spacecraft currently in space.

Next year, China plans to launch the Xuntian space telescope, which, while not a part of Tiangong, will orbit in sequence with the station and can dock occasionally with it for maintenance.

No other additions to the space station have been publicly announced.

In all, the station will have about 110 cubic meters (3,880 cubic feet) of pressurized interior space.

China's crewed space program is officially three decades old this year. But it truly got underway in 2003, when China became only the third country after the U.S. and Russia to put a human into space using its own resources.

The program is run by the ru-

ling Communist Party's military wing, the People's Liberation Army, and has proceeded methodically and almost entirely without outside support. The U.S. excluded China from the International Space Station because of its program's military ties.

Prior to launching the Tianhe module, China's Manned Space Program launched a pair of single-module stations that it crewed briefly as test platforms.

The permanent Chinese station will weigh about 66 tons — a fraction of the size of the International Space Station, which launched its first module in 1998 and weighs around 465 tons.

With a lifespan of 10-15 years, Tiangong could one day find itself the only space station still running if the ISS adheres to its 30-year operating plan.

China has also chalked up successes with uncrewed missions, and its lunar exploration program generated media buzz last year

when its Yutu 2 rover sent back pictures of what was described by some as a "mystery hut" but was most likely only a rock. The rover is the first to be placed on the little-explored far side of the moon.

China's Chang'e 5 probe returned lunar rocks to Earth for the first time since the 1970s in December 2000 and another Chinese rover is searching for evidence of life on Mars. Officials are also considering a crewed mission to the moon.

The program has also drawn controversy. In October 2021, China's Foreign Ministry brushed off a report that China had tested a hypersonic missile two months earlier, saying it had merely tested whether a new spacecraft could be reused.

China is also reportedly developing a highly secret space plane.

China's space program has proceeded cautiously and largely gone off without a hitch.

Complaints, however, have been leveled against China for allowing rocket stages to fall to Earth uncontrolled twice before. NASA accused Beijing last year of "failing to meet responsible standards regarding their space debris" after parts of a Chinese rocket landed in the Indian Ocean.

China's increasing space capabilities also featured in the latest Pentagon defense strategy released Thursday.

"In addition to expanding its conventional forces, the PLA is rapidly advancing and integrating its space, counterspace, cyber, electronic, and informational warfare capabilities to support its holistic approach to joint warfare," the strategy said.

The U.S. and China are at odds on a range of issues, especially the self-governing island of Taiwan that Beijing threatens to annex with force. China responded to a September visit to Taiwan by U.S. House Speaker Nancy Pelosi by firing missiles over the island, holding wargames and staging a simulated blockade. **MDT/AP**

HONG KONG

# Sedition trial begins for closed news site editors

**A** sedition trial opened in Hong Kong yesterday for two former top editors of a shuttered online media outlet who have been detained without bail for 10 months.

Stand News editor-in-chief Chung Pui-ken and acting editor-in-chief Patrick Lam were arrested last December during a crackdown on dissent following widespread anti-government protests in 2019.

Stand News was one of

the city's last news media that openly criticized the government after the closure of the pro-democracy Apple Daily newspaper, whose jailed founder Jimmy Lai faces collusion charges under a sweeping National Security Law enacted in 2020.

Ahead of the opening statements, the judge heard arguments from both sides about which articles could be included as part of the prosecution's case and whether

it was necessary to prove the defendants had seditious intent.

The defense argued that the law requires prosecutors to bring charges within six months after any allegedly seditious articles are published, and that 10 out of the 17 articles which the prosecution referred to did not fall under that time frame.

But the prosecution insisted the case was about conspiracy so the time limit was not applicable.

The judge said he would issue a decision in the dispute on Tuesday.

Unlike Lai, Chung and Lam were charged under a colonial-era sedition law that has been used increasingly to snuff out critical voices in the semi-autonomous Chinese city. Hong Kong was a British colony until its return to China in 1997.

Best Pencil (Hong Kong) Ltd., the holding company for Stand News, faces the same charge of

conspiracy to publish seditious materials. It had no representatives at the trial.

Former Stand News reporters and veteran local journalists were among the spectators at the trial. Chung and Lam waved at their friends in the courtroom.

Sedition is punishable by a maximum jail term of two years and a fine of 5,000 Hong Kong dollars (about \$640) for a first offense, and three years for

a subsequent offense. The trial is expected to last 20 days.

Stand News shut down in December after the arrests and a high-profile police raid at its office. Armed with a warrant to seize relevant journalistic materials under the National Security Law, more than 200 officers participated in the search. But Chung and Lam and the company were not charged under the security law.

Months earlier, police raided the offices of Apple Daily and seized boxes of materials and computer hard drives. **MDT/AP**



SOUTH KOREA

# Police probe Halloween crowd surge as nation mourns

HYUNG-JIN KIM, SEOUL

**S**OUTH Korean police investigated yesterday what caused a crowd surge that killed more than 150 people including 26 foreigners during Halloween festivities in Seoul in the country's worst disaster in years, as President Yoon Suk Yeol and tens of thousands of others paid respects to the dead at special mourning sites.

Saturday's disaster was concentrated in a sloped, narrow alley in Seoul's Itaewon neighborhood, a popular nightlife district, with witnesses and survivors recalling a "hell-like" chaos with people falling on each other like dominoes. They said the entire Itaewon area was jammed with slow-moving vehicles and partygoers clad in Halloween costumes, making it impossible for rescuers and ambulances to reach the crammed alleys in time.

Police said they've launched a 475-member task force to investigate the crush.



A mourner wipes his tear as he pays a silent tribute for victims of a crowd accident following Saturday night's Halloween festivities, at a joint memorial altar for victims at Seoul Square, yesterday

Officers have obtained videos taken by about 50 security cameras in the area and are also analyzing video clips posted on social media. They have interviewed more than 40 witnesses and survivors so far, senior police officer Nam Gu-Jun told reporters. Other police officers said they

are trying to find exactly when and where the crowd surge started and how it developed. They said a team of police officers and government forensic experts searched the Itaewon area yesterday.

"The government will thoroughly investigate the cause of the incident and do its best to make

necessary improvements of systems to prevent a similar accident from recurring," Prime Minister Han Duck-soo said at the start of a government meeting on the disaster.

The Itaewon area, famous for its cosmopolitan atmosphere, is the country's hottest spot for Halloween-themed events and parties, which have grown increasingly popular among young South Koreans in recent years. An estimated 100,000 people were gathered there in the country's largest Halloween celebration since the pandemic began.

The dead included 26 foreign nationals.

One of the Americans killed was Anne Gieske, a University of Kentucky nursing student from northern Kentucky who was doing a study-abroad program in South Korea, the university said in a statement. The other was Steven Blesi, 20, his father, Steve Blesi, wrote on Twitter after earlier seeking information about his son.

Blesi appealed for information after not hearing from his son, asking, "If anyone has any news please share." After a flood of responses offering help and support, he tweeted, "We just got confirmation our son died," followed by "Thank you for the outpouring of love. We need time to grieve."

Australian victim Grace Reached, a Sydney film production assistant, was described by her family as "our life of the party." Her family said in a statement that "We are missing our gorgeous angel Grace, who lit up the room with her infectious smile."

The Japanese dead included Mei Tomikawa, who was studying Korean language in Seoul, according to Japanese media. Her father, Ayumu Tomikawa, told Japanese public broadcaster NHK that his daughter "really liked South Korea and was enjoying her life there."

Halloween festivities in Itaewon have no official organizers. South Korean police said yesterday they don't have any specific procedures for handling incidents such as crowd surges during an event that has no organizers.

Police said they dispatched 137 officers to maintain order during Halloween festivities on Saturday, much more than the 34-90 officers mobilized in 2017, 2018 and 2019 before the pandemic. **MDT/AP**

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ANALYSIS

# 'Our phoenix': Lula's ups and downs in Brazil defy belief

MAURICIO SAVARESE,  
SAO PAULO

**F**OUR years ago, Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva's reputation and political future were in tatters. After an unlikely rise from poverty to union leader to Brazil's presidency, the man universally known as Lula had landed in prison.

Yesterday [Macau time] – in yet another twist – Brazilian voters chose him by the narrowest of margins to once again lead the world's fourth-largest democracy. He will also be putting his legacy on the line.

"I consider myself a citizen who has had a process of resurrection in Brazilian politics, because they tried to bury me alive," da Silva said in a speech after results that confirmed his third presidential win. "I am here to govern in a very difficult situation. But I have faith in God that, with our people's help, we will find a way out for this country."

The life of da Silva has unfolded in such a unique, extraordinary way that it strains credulity.

His family moved from Brazil's poor northeast region to Sao Paulo state in pursuit of a better life, following his father who had traveled south years before. Upon arriving, however, they found he had settled down with another woman. Da Silva's mother was left alone to raise eight children, of whom Lula was the youngest.

Pressed for money, he became a metalworker at age 14 in the metropolis' gritty outskirts. It was a physical job that cost him his left pinky finger. He became a union leader in an era when Brazil's manufacturing work force was still vast, and translated that into political power. He made his first presidential run in 1989, which he lost — along with two subsequent races.

Finally, in 2002, he claimed victory and became the first worker to assume the nation's top job. And he was reelected four years later, defeating Geraldo Alckmin — who this year became his running mate.

Commodities exports to China were surging, filling government coffers, and a



Former Brazilian President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva embraces his wife Rosangela, after defeating incumbent Jair Bolsonaro in a presidential run-off to become the country's next president, in Sao Paulo

vast welfare program lifted tens of millions of Brazilians into the middle class. Da Silva left office with an approval rating above 80%, and then-U.S. President Barack Obama called him "the most popular politician on Earth." His hand-picked successor, Dilma Rousseff, was elected in 2014.

In Rousseff's second term, however, a sprawling corruption investigation ensnared top politicians and businessmen alike. It plunged her administration — along with da Silva and the rest of the Workers' Party he founded — into disgrace.

Revelations of systemic kickbacks in exchange for government contracts were followed by a deep, two-year recession that many blamed on Rousseff's economic policies, and which turbocharged resentment of the Workers' Party. She was impeached in 2016 for breaking fiscal responsibility laws regarding management of the federal budget.

Then da Silva himself was sentenced for corruption and money laundering, and confined to a 160-square-foot room on the fourth floor of a Federal Police building in southern city Curitiba. That sidelined him from the 2018 presidential race and cleared the way for Jair Bolsonaro, then a fringe lawmaker, to cruise to victory. Da Silva's political legacy was in tatters.

His personal life, too, was blown to pieces. His wife passed away, which at the

time he blamed on the strain caused by the investigation.

Slowly, hope crept in. He started exchanging love letters with a woman named Rosângela da Silva, nicknamed Janja. Their relationship blossomed thanks to da Silva's then lawyer, Luis Carlos Rocha, who visited him every weekday.

Rocha acted as dutiful courier, hiding Janja's letters inside his jacket pocket where guards wouldn't check. He told The Associated Press he saw da Silva's face light up with each colorful envelope he delivered.

"God willing, one day we will publish (the letters)," da Silva said at a rally in September. "But only for people aged over 18."

The Supreme Court also started assessing the legality of his convictions, which it eventually annulled on the grounds that the presiding federal judge had been biased and colluded with prosecutors.

After 580 days imprisonment, da Silva was a free man — free to marry his girlfriend, and free to run for the presidency. Still, Bolsonaro, seeking a second term, reminded voters of da Silva's convictions at every turn, warning that electing him would be like letting a thief return to the scene of the crime.

It revitalized semi-dormant sentiment against the Workers' Party, and the fact that much of Brazil still holds da Silva in disdain is a key reason this year's contest

between the two political titans grew ever closer.

Ultimately, it came down to the wire: Da Silva was elected with 50.9% of the vote. It was the tightest election since Brazil's return to democracy over three decades ago.

During his victory speech, Janja was by his side, as she was throughout his campaign. She shed tears, overwhelmed with emotion. And she wasn't alone.

"I cried when he was jailed. Now I cry because he will take Brazil back to normal. He can do it, he has the charisma to do it," said Claudia Marcos, a 56-year-old historian who joined thousands of others to celebrate the leftist's victory on Sao Paulo's main boulevard. "He is our phoenix. The most important president in Brazil's history."

At the Workers' Party's headquarters yesterday, da Silva read out a long, carefully written speech promising to unite Brazil. Seeking redemption, he will face a much more challenging environment — economically and politically — than during his last presidency. He will take office on Jan. 1, and has said he will be a one-term president. It could be his final act.

"It is not the number of years that makes someone old. What makes you old is the lack of a cause," said da Silva, who turned 77 three days before the vote. "Brazil is my cause. The Brazilian people are my cause." **MDT/AP**

## this day in history

### 1990 HOWE RESIGNS OVER EUROPE POLICY



The UK's deputy Prime Minister, Sir Geoffrey Howe, has resigned.

He informed the Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher of his decision at around 1800 on Thursday.

Sir Geoffrey said the reasons for his resignation were the prime minister's policies towards Europe and her opposition to a single European currency.

He is the fourth member of the cabinet to leave after disputes over Europe.

The prime minister is said to have had no prior warning that Sir Geoffrey had decided to go.

A statement from the prime minister's office said Mrs Thatcher and Sir Geoffrey had talked for 30 minutes before she accepted his resignation "more in sorrow than in anger". Sir Geoffrey, 63, was the last remaining member of Mrs Thatcher's original 1979 cabinet.

He served as both chancellor and foreign secretary.

A short statement from Sir Geoffrey was read to journalists by his parliamentary private secretary, David Harris.

There were few details but Mr Harris told reporters Sir Geoffrey had no intention of challenging for the party leadership.

"I have absolute authority from Sir Geoffrey to say that there is no question of his standing against Mrs Thatcher in a leadership election," Mr Harris said.

Labour leader Neil Kinnock said Mrs Thatcher had got what she deserved and had been bitten by the man she had treated as a "doormat".

Courtesy BBC News

## IN CONTEXT

The Labour MP Dennis Healey once famously said being attacked by Geoffrey Howe was "like being savaged by a dead sheep". But the former deputy PM's attack on Mrs Thatcher in a dramatic resignation speech on 13 November ultimately led to her downfall.

The speech spurred Mrs Thatcher's long-time adversary, Michael Heseltine, to stand against her in a leadership contest. When she failed to win the contest outright in the first round, Mrs Thatcher resigned. Geoffrey Howe retired from the Commons in 1992 and was given a life peerage taking the title Baron Howe of Aberavon.



MACAU'S LEADING NEWSPAPER

YOUR STARS

ARIES Mar. 21-Apr. 19 Family outings that aren't expensive will be enjoyable and help strengthen ties. Visit friends or relatives you don't get to see very often. Help others solve their dilemmas.

GEMINI May. 21-Jun. 21 Your lover may not understand your needs so you must figure out a way to communicate them. You will meet exciting new people through interest groups or functions that you attend with your children.

LEO Jul. 23-Aug. 22 Check your project over carefully if you were not the only one contributing to the end result. You can expect your mate to get fed up and make the choices for you or back off completely.

LIBRA Sep. 23-Oct. 22 Be wary of those who have overly strong convictions. Join humanitarian groups and let your leadership ability take over. You should be getting into self-improvement projects.

SAGITTARIUS Nov. 22-Dec. 21 Keep a lookout for any individuals eager to confront you with unsavory situations. Business or pleasure trips will be knowledgeable as well as highly successful.

AQUARIUS Jan. 20-Feb. 18 Avoid being intimately involved with clients or colleagues. Your versatile mind and common sense will allow you to come up with various solutions. Someone close to you may need help.

TAURUS Apr. 20-May. 20 You can make financial deals, but it may be best if you're not using your own cash. You have bent over backward trying to help them and now it's time to let them stand on their own two feet.

CANCER Jun. 22-Jul. 22 Use your creative flair. Get together with friends and catch up on reading and letter writing. Try to make arrangements with close friends or relatives to spend a few days away.

VIRGO Aug. 23-Sep. 22 Take that long overdue vacation if you can. You may find that your plans will cost a little more than you had expected. You are best to move quickly and to get in good with the boss.

SCORPIO Oct. 23-Nov. 21 You may be looking through rose colored glasses. Do yourself a favor and leave your plastic at home. Work at home if at all possible. Get down to business and do the work yourself.

CAPRICORN Dec. 22-Jan. 19 You may find it difficult to communicate with someone at work. Realize that you don't have to do everything yourself. You need to keep everyone on your domestic scene too busy to complain.

PISCES Feb. 19-Mar. 20 Your nerves are frazzled. You may be confused emotionally. If you put your energy into physical outlets you will avoid confrontations. You should be getting into self-improvement projects.

The Born Loser by Chip Sanson



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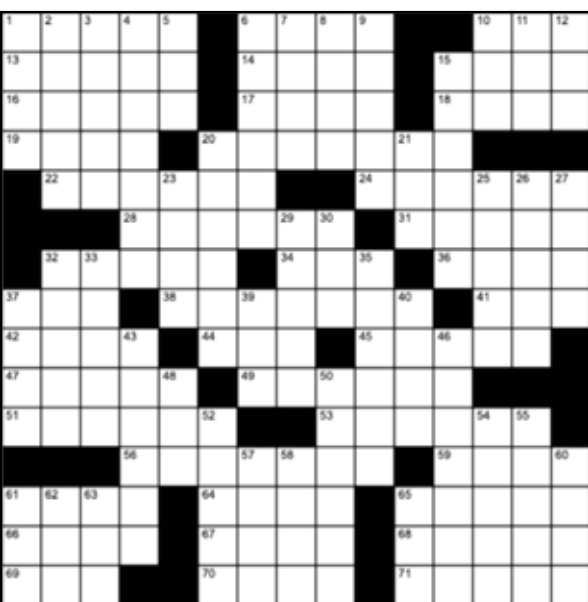
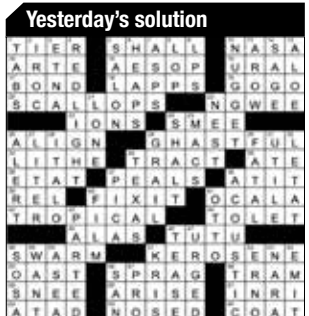
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DOWN 1- Makes a move; 2- Congo, once; 3- Walk; 4- Hard to define; 5- Cruiser driver; 6- Unfold; 7- Dirty; 8- Airline to Tel Aviv; 9- Glossy fabric; 10- Impresario Hurok; 11- Numero \_\_\_; 12- Born, in France; 15- Gun; 20- Hot water tank; 21- Alley-\_\_\_; 23- Blab; 25- Light \_\_\_; 26- Young girl; 27- Coup d'\_\_\_; 29- Ruhr city; 30- Actress Joanne; 32- \_\_\_ Domingo; 33- Doled (out); 35- Van Gogh masterpiece; 37- Political cartoonist Thomas; 39- Acknowledgment of debt; 40- At all; 43- Dazed; 46- Rust causing agent; 48- Suffix with Capri; 50- Sharon's land; 52- Cornerstone abbr.; 54- Slip; 55- Glove material; 57- London gallery; 58- Pulitzer-winning biographer Leon; 60- Increased in size; 61- Clairvoyant's claim; 62- Bearded grazer; 63- Breach; 65- \_\_\_ Tafari (Haile Selassie);



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TECH

# WORKERS WALK OUT OF IPHONE FACTORY, HIGHLIGHTING VIRUS WOES

JOE MCDONALD, BEIJING

**WORKERS** who assemble Apple Inc.'s newest iPhone walked away from a factory in central China following virus outbreaks and complaints of unsafe working conditions, highlighting the clash between the disease's enduring risks and efforts to restore the global flow of goods.

Employees started leaving the Foxconn factory in Zhengzhou after some fell ill in mid-October and received no treatment, according to an employee who asked not to be identified by name. He said Foxconn has begun requiring face masks and disinfects the workplace daily but work continues normally.

"There are still people getting infected at the assembly lines, and they are still worried about going to work," the employee said yesterday by phone from Zhengzhou. He said he had left the factory and planned to return to his hometown.

As other countries ease anti-virus curbs, exporters in China are trying to fill orders while coping with a "Zero COVID" strategy that abruptly shuts down cities for a week or longer to contain outbreaks.

In a statement, Foxconn said it is using "closed-loop management" in Zhengzhou, an official term for having employees live in their workplace with no outside contact. The company said it was providing three meals a day. It did not say when those measures began.

Foxconn, also known as Hon Hai Precision Electronics Inc., didn't respond to questions about



AP PHOTO

how many employees were infected, whether new cases were occurring or to complaints that people who were sick in early October received no treatment.

The activist group China Labor Watch said Foxconn was under pressure from Apple to maintain its output of the iPhone 14 during its "peak production season." It said the factory in Zhengzhou, with 90 assembly lines, is the main iPhone assembly site.

Apple didn't respond to questions about how production might be affected. The Foxconn statement said the company would coordinate with other factories to

"reduce any potential impact."

It wasn't clear how many workers left the factory, which Foxconn says employs about 200,000 people. The employee in Zhengzhou and social media posts said as many as half had left.

President Xi Jinping's government faces mounting public frustration over controls that have confined tens of millions of people to their homes. That has boiled over into protests and fights with police in Shanghai and other cities.

Foxconn, headquartered in Taipei, Taiwan, is the biggest contract assembler of smartphones and

other consumer electronics. Its factories, with hundreds of thousands of employees, are among China's biggest private employers.

Companies are required to pay for anti-disease controls and monitoring of employees for possible infections. That gives them an incentive to cut corners. Those with large workforces might miss violations.

Foxconn reacted slowly, according to news reports, China Labor Watch and the employee reached by phone in Zhengzhou.

"At the beginning of the outbreak, no one took care of the workers that were confirmed as

having contracted the virus," said the employee. "No food and no medicine."

Later, when employees who tested positive were quarantined, Foxconn used sites including nearby unfinished apartment buildings, according to China Labor Watch. Employees complained that the food the factory provided was poor quality.

Employees who live in crowded factory dormitories worry about neighbors who test positive and are released after one week in quarantine, said the employee in Zhengzhou.

"They have no choice but to leave," he said.

Videos on social media showed people said to be Foxconn employees climbing over fences and walking down a road with their belongings. It was impossible to confirm whether all the videos showed Foxconn employees.

Volunteers from nearby villages put out food and drinks for the workers. Governments of cities near Zhengzhou appealed to Foxconn workers to report to authorities in their hometowns to undergo quarantines.

Foxconn and the city government of Zhengzhou announced Sunday they would arrange transportation for employees who want to leave.

"The welfare of our workforce is a priority," the Foxconn statement said. It appealed for "understanding and support."

"Zero COVID" has helped to keep China's infection numbers low but at a rising cost that has prompted warnings the ruling party needs a less disruptive strategy. Restaurants and other small businesses have shut down due to high costs and plunging revenue.

The economic impact of anti-virus controls is so severe that foreign companies are shifting planned investments to other countries, business groups say. **MDT/AP**

## CORPORATE BITS

### Sands China garners four rankings in CUHK's Business Sustainability Indices



Sands China has been recognised by CUHK's Business Sustainability Indices (BSI), earning rankings in four of its indices this year.

Among them is a Top 10 ranking in the 2nd Greater

China Hotel Business Sustainability Index (Hotel BSI), with Sands China gaining the additional distinction of being named a Pace-setter in the category. The company is one of only two companies

out of 38 in the Hotel BSI that performed at the Pace-setter level, which was the highest level awarded in the category this year, the gaming operator said in a statement.

Launched in 2015 by the Chinese University of Hong Kong (CUHK) Business School, the Business Sustainability Indices (BSI) promote business practices that contribute to positive social and environmental impact. This year's rankings were announced in September, after the BSI examined the sustainability performance of 285 companies across 12 industries, based on their Environmental, Social, and Governance (ESG) and Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) performance in 2020.

### MGM and tech SMEs inked procurement contracts



MGM has earlier inked procurement contracts with two local tech SMEs – which will leverage their technological expertise to develop a set of advanced digital systems implemented in

MGM's premises.

The objective of the collaborations is to not only accelerate the development of smart tourism in Macau, but also open up "more growth opportunities for

local SMEs through an increased uptake of digital solutions in tourism industry," the gaming operator said in a statement.

The contract signing ceremony was held earlier at the 27th Macao International Trade and Investment Fair (MIF), during which MGM inked procurement contracts with the representatives of the two SMEs, namely DigitalBay Limited (DigitalBay) and TECHCOMM Technical Consultation Limited (TECHCOMM). The two SMEs will develop various smart solutions for MGM, expected to reach an aggregate procurement amount of MOP1 million.



MACAU'S LEADING NEWSPAPER

**FOOTBALL**

# Four spots in CL up for grabs; Bayern, Napoli chase perfection

**T**HE Champions League has reached the final round of group-stage matches, with four spots in the lineup for the last 16 still up for grabs.

Eight teams are still in contention for the knockout stage with four of them all coming from the same group.

It's everything to play for in Group D, with just two points separating top-place Tottenham and Marseille at the bottom. Those two teams face each other in France on Tuesday, while Sporting Lisbon hosts Eintracht Frankfurt.

A draw will be enough to see Tottenham qualify but all of the teams in the group know a win will ensure qualification.

AC Milan and Salzburg meet at the San Siro on Wednesday to decide which team joins Chelsea in qualifying from Group E. A draw would be enough for Milan.

Leipzig needs to avoid a loss against Shakhtar on Wednesday in Group F to secure progress to



Napoli's Victor Osimhen and Sassuolo's Gian Marco Ferrari vie for the ball during the Serie A soccer match between Napoli and Sassuolo last weekend

the round of 16. Shakhtar would advance with a win.

Ukrainian club Shakhtar had a tough task just to play in the Champions League again following the Russian invasion. Now it could fly the Ukrainian flag

in the last 16.

Shakhtar has to play its home Champions League games in Poland because of the war and is fielding a young squad after FIFA allowed foreign players to suspend their contracts with Ukrai-

nian teams and play elsewhere. Coach Roberto De Zerbi left and the Ukrainian league shut down for six months from February to August. Shakhtar's league game Saturday was interrupted for more than an hour by an air-raid alarm.

Despite that, Shakhtar has stayed competitive and knows it will qualify from its group if it beats Leipzig. Shakhtar is assured of placing at least third and continuing its unusual European season in the Europa League.

Shakhtar won its first meeting with Leipzig 4-1 in September, prompting Leipzig to fire coach Domenico Tedesco. The German team has bounced back under Marco Rose, upsetting Real Madrid 3-2 last week after twice beating Celtic.

### GROUP WINNERS

Bayern Munich, Chelsea and Manchester City are the only teams to have already won their groups heading into the final ma-

tchday.

Real Madrid will win Group F — regardless of rival Leipzig's result — by beating Celtic at home on Wednesday.

Napoli will be the Group A winner if it avoids defeat at Liverpool on Tuesday by four goals or more in a match between two teams already sure of progressing.

Paris Saint-Germain and Benfica are the teams advancing from Group H. They each have 11 points before closing matches at Juventus and Maccabi Haifa, respectively, on Wednesday.

In Group B, Club Brugge leads Porto by a point and both teams have already qualified. They finish against teams who are fighting to finish third to reach the Europa League knockout round playoffs. Brugge visits last-place Bayer Leverkusen on Tuesday and Porto hosts third-place Atletico Madrid.

Only 10 teams have finished a single Champions League group stage with six wins from six matches. There could be two more this week.

Bayern could achieve the feat for the third time with a victory on Tuesday [Wednesday, Macau time] in Group C over Inter Milan, which is already guaranteed to finish in second place so may choose to rest some players. **MDT/AP**

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**OPINION**

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**MENGTIAN CARRIES HUMAN KIND'S DREAM OF SPACE**

A Long March-5B Y4 carrier rocket blasted off from a launchpad at the Wenchang spaceport in South China's Hainan province on Monday carrying a second lab module for China's space station. When in place, the Mengtian lab module will complete the space station's basic T-shaped structure, which means that the space station will be able to perform all its designated functions.

Mengtian is the second lab module for the space station. The first is the Wentian module which is already docked with the Tianhe core module.

While Wentian is to be used for biological and space life science projects, such as observing the growth of multiple kinds of plants, animals and microbes in space, Mengtian will be used for in-orbit experiments dedicated to physics and material sciences and will focus on micro-gravity experiments.

As well as being a lab module, Mengtian will also act as a backup for the core module when it is undergoing maintenance. And with Mengtian in place, the space station will be able to host more astronauts. There are three astronauts on board the space station at the moment. When Shenzhou XV arrives with a change of crew, scheduled for early December, there will be six Chinese astronauts living on the space station for a time until the return of the Shenzhou XIV mission crew members.

China's space station will be the only one in space in 2024, if an agreement can't be reached on extending the life of the International Space Station. The ISS was due to be decommissioned in 2031, but that might not be feasible since it requires the cooperation of the United States and the European Union with Russia.

That the ISS is even still operational at this point is a testament to its design and engineering. Like the ISS, China's space station will have to withstand tremendous stresses and strain. While the power, environmental control and life support, and communications systems are all repairable or replaceable in orbit, the operational lifetime of the spacecraft is limited by the integrity of the primary structure. This has to bear the strain of repeated vehicle dockings and undockings, and the stress effects of daily temperature swings of about 278 degrees Celsius in either direction.

Mengtian means "dreaming of heaven" in Chinese. And China's space station will not only carry the nation's dream of exploring space, but also that of humankind as a whole when the ISS meets its fiery fate.

China views learning more about the vast cosmos as a common dream of humankind, and researchers from other countries already have access to China's orbiting laboratory. China has selected nine initial international experiments for the space station through a collaborative project with the United Nations, and more are to follow. It is also anticipated that the space station will host astronauts of various nationalities during its lifetime as China is encouraging international space exchanges and cooperation to help protect the Earth, improve people's well-being and serve human progress.

**TRUMP ORGANIZATION FACES CRIMINAL TAX FRAUD TRIAL OVER PERKS**

**THE BUZZ**

For years, as Donald Trump was soaring from reality TV star to the White House, his real estate empire was bankrolling big perks for some of his top executives, including apartments and luxury cars.

Now Trump's company, the Trump Organization, is on trial for criminal tax fraud — on the hook for what prosecutors say was a 15-year scheme by his most trusted lieutenant to avoid paying taxes on those fringe benefits.

In opening statements today (Macau time), prosecutors and defense lawyers sparred over the company's culpability for the actions of Allen Weisselberg, who has pleaded guilty and agreed to testify

as a star prosecution witness in exchange for a five-month jail sentence.

Another Trump Organization executive, senior vice president and controller Jeffrey McConney, took the witness stand Monday afternoon for the first of what's likely to be several days of testimony. Prosecutors say McConney helped Weisselberg by misreporting his income to tax authorities.

McConney was granted immunity to testify last year before a grand jury and said he appeared before the panel eight times on a variety of Trump-related matters.



**J&J SALES GROW, BUT STRONG DOLLAR TUGS AT EXPECTATIONS**

**TOM MURPHY**

**J**ohnson & Johnson topped third-quarter expectations thanks to pharmaceutical sales growth, but a strong dollar made the health care giant tread cautiously again with its outlook.

J&J narrowed its 2022 forecast and stuck to the midpoint of its previous range after lowering expectations earlier this year due to the impact of currency exchanges.

J&J brings in nearly half of its sales from outside the United States. A strong U.S. dollar — now worth more than a euro for the first time in 20 years — can affect sales for companies that do a lot of international business.

They have to convert those sales into dollars when they report earnings. The stronger dollar decreases the value of those sales. It also gives foreign products a price edge in the United States.

In the third quarter, J&J's profit climbed 22% to \$4.46 billion. Revenue rose 2% to \$23.79 billion, and

adjusted earnings totaled \$2.55 per share.

Analysts were expecting earnings of \$2.48 per share on \$23.36 billion in revenue, according to FactSet.

Revenue from the company's biggest segment, pharmaceutical, climbed 2.6% — or 9% without the impact of foreign exchange — to \$13.2 billion. That business was charged by sales of the blood cancer treatment Darzalex, which soared nearly 30% to \$2.06 billion.

J&J also brought in \$2.45 billion in worldwide sales from Stelara, which treats psoriasis and other inflammatory disorders.

The company recorded no U.S. sales in the quarter from its one-shot COVID-19 vaccine, which brought in \$489 million in revenue from international markets.

J&J's vaccine was one of three initially authorized by U.S. regulators to protect against COVID-19. Interest in the preventive shots has since waned, and the government has strictly limited who can receive J&J's shot due to a

small risk of rare but serious blood clots.

Sales climbed 2% in the company's medical device segment, to \$6.78 billion, while revenue slipped in consumer health. J&J is spinning off that segment, which sells Band Aids and beauty products, into a separate, publicly traded company named Kenvue.

For 2022, the company now expects adjusted earnings to range between \$10.02 and \$10.07 per share.

That compares to the \$10-to-\$10.10 range the company predicted in July.

FactSet says analysts expect, on average, earnings of \$10.07 per share.

Shares of the New Brunswick, New Jersey, company slipped 78 cents to \$165.81 while broader indexes rose after markets opened Tuesday.

The stock was down 2.6% this year as of yesterday's close. That compares to the roughly 17% drop recorded by the Dow Jones industrial average, of which J&J is a component. **MDT/AP**



**Ukraine** A massive barrage of Russian strikes hit critical infrastructure in Kyiv, Kharkiv and other cities yesterday morning, knocking out water and power supplies in apparent retaliation for what Moscow alleged was a Ukrainian attack on its Black Sea Fleet over the weekend. Russia has intensified its attacks on Ukraine's power plants and other key infrastructure as the war enters its ninth month. Large parts of Ukraine are already experiencing rolling power cuts as a result of Russia's strategy.

**Norway** said yesterday it's stepping up its military preparedness, but the NATO member's Prime Minister Jonas Gahr Støre said there is "no reason to believe that Russia will want to invade Norway or any other country directly." "We must be more vigilant," Gahr Støre said. "I don't believe ordinary people will notice any change." Even before Russia invaded Ukraine, the Norwegian government had boosted its level of preparedness, he said, adding that Russia's "large losses ... are causing the Russian regime to resort to new means."



**Germany** is postponing politically sensitive decisions on reducing greenhouse gas emissions in the transport sector until 2023 amid strong opposition from one governing party to the idea of a universal speed limit, officials said yesterday. The libertarian Free Democratic Party, which controls the Transport Ministry, has long blocked the introduction of mandatory speed limits seen in most of Germany's neighbors.

**HOLIDAY TIMES**

Macau Daily Times will not be published during the holiday. The Times will be back on the stands on Friday November 4. However the MDT website will be updated with breaking news during the recess period. We wish our readers, advertisers and friends the best of times.