



KONG CHI EXPLAINED HIS RELATIONSHIP WITH THE CO-DEFENDANTS AS HE CONTINUED HIS SELF-DEFENCE AT THE SECOND COURT

P4

ISLANDS HOSPITAL STARTS TRIAL OPERATIONS IN DECEMBER

P3

GAMING MASS-MARKET BACCARAT ON THE RISE

P2



UN The Security Council rejected a Russian resolution yesterday [Macau time] that condemned violence and terrorism against civilians but made no mention of Hamas, whose surprise attack that killed 1,300 Israelis was the worst Jewish massacre since the World War II Nazi Holocaust. Only four countries joined Russia in voting for the resolution — China, UAE, Mozambique and Gabon. Four countries voted against it — the United States, Britain, France and Japan. The other six countries abstained. Adoption needs a minimum of nine "yes" votes.



Israel A grisly montage of video and photographs of Hamas's massacre of hundreds of civilians across southern Israel last week highlights the savagery of the attack and the ease with which the militant group appeared to operate inside Israel. The footage that the Israeli military showed foreign correspondents Monday included a photo of a burnt baby. It showed gunmen shooting the dead bodies of civilians in cars, militants in the process of beheading a body with a hoe, burnt corpses thrown in a dumpster. *More on p8*

Germany Stalled spending on electrical grids worldwide is slowing the rollout of renewable energy and could put efforts to limit climate change at risk if millions of miles of power lines are not added or refurbished in the next few years, the International Energy Agency said. According to the report yesterday, the capacity to connect to and transmit electricity is not keeping pace with the rapid growth of clean energy technologies such as solar and wind power, electric cars and heat pumps being deployed to move away from fossil fuels.

More on backpage

XI ON CHARM OFFENSIVE

World leaders flock to Beijing for the Belt and Road Forum, including reclusive Putin

P6



WAR RAGES ON IN GAZA STRIP



P8

CENTER RECORDS INCREASED CALLS FOR HELP DUE TO GAMBLING

Sheng Kung Hui Macau Social Services Center has reported an increase in requests for help due to gambling. From January to September this year, there were approximately 2,200 cases, an increase of 10% to 15% compared with the same period during the pandemic. The center said that half of the more than 2,000 requests for help involved Macau or mainland residents. The center attributed the increase to the government's promotion of responsible gambling.

CITY TO SEE FREQUENT SHOWERS, STRONG WINDS TODAY

Macau's weather is expected to be cloudy with frequent showers, and winds will be strong today and tomorrow, according to the weather forecast. The weather bureau said a tropical depression has developed south of Hainan Island and will move towards the Beibu Gulf. The tropical depression is expected to remain approximately 700 kilometers from Macau, and is unlikely to directly impact the city, according to yesterday's forecast.

IAM TO IMPROVE HIKING TRAIL SIGNS

The Municipal Affairs Bureau (IAM) will improve the city's hiking trail signs to "better provide popular science information about mountain forest restoration." This includes works in the Morro de Hac Sá Family Trail, the Hac Sá Long Chao Kok Coastal Trail, the Ká Hó Reservoir Lakeside Trail, the Coloane North-East Hiking Trail Network, the Taipa Pequena 2000 Circuit, the Hac Sá Reservoir Fitness Trail and the Hac Sá Reservoir Family Trail. During this period, the trails and parks will be open as usual with only some areas closed. The works will continue until December.

GRAND PRIX

FUN RUN TO RETURN TO GUIA CIRCUIT FOR THE 70TH-ANNIVERSARY

RENATO MARQUES

THE commemoration of the Macau Grand Prix's 70th anniversary this year will see the return of the fun run to the Guia Circuit, the Macau Grand Prix organizing committee announced yesterday in a press conference.

The run, comprising a 6.2 km lap of the motorsports race track, returns after being part of the 65th GP and has been well received by the public. Slots were sold quickly, as the coordinator of the MGPOC and president of the Sports Bureau, Pun Weng Kun, said yesterday on the sidelines of the launching event.

As it did five years ago, the Bank of China-Macau (BOC) will sponsor this event, which will see 4,000 runners of all ages and levels participating. The run will go out on track on Nov. 5 (Sunday) from 6:30 a.m.

All residents, non-residents and tourists over the age of 15 – born on or before 2008 – are eligible to participate through an online registration that starts 9 a.m. this Sunday (Oct. 22) and ends as soon as all available positions are taken.

To join the fun run, participants must pay a MOP50 registration fee.

The run will begin and end at the Grand Prix's start-finish line, in



front of the Macau Grand Prix Building on the Avenida da Amizade.

During the press conference, the BOC's representative, Ip Sio Kai, stated the institution's long-term commitment and support of sports events, noting that BOC has been holding charity runs for 11 consecutive years.

Ip also recalled the BOC headquarters tower stair climbing event, adding that the institution has also established several scholarship programs dedicated to local sports and education sectors.

At the same opportunity, Pun expressed his hopes that the series of family-oriented events conducted concurrently with the GP can attract more tourists to Macau during this season and entice them

to stay longer, thus contributing to the region's economic recovery

plan that began when the borders reopened earlier this year.

GP CIRCUIT CONSTRUCTION ON SCHEDULE, FULL DETAILS SOON

THE construction of circuit barriers and other preparatory works for the racing event are on schedule, Pun told the media on the sidelines of the press conference that launched the GP fun run this year.

Questioned on the details about the event that officially starts on Nov. 11, the GP coordinator said full details about participants' entries as well as the full racing program will be unveiled in the second half of this month. When they unveiled the event in

mid-July, organizers said the 70th Macau Grand Prix would run across two weekends with five races presented on the first weekend (Nov. 11 and 12) and another six on the second (Nov. 16 to 19). However, only four races from the first weekend's five have been announced, including the Macau Asia Formula 4, the Greater Bay Area GT Cup, the TCR Asia Challenge and the Macau Roadsport Challenge with organizers leaving one last event to be unveiled.

Craft-Bamboo Racing's 3-car line-up for local GP

RENATO MARQUES

MERCEDES-AMG Team Craft-Bamboo Racing has announced its return to the iconic Guia Circuit, participating in races over the two weekends of the 70th Macau Grand Prix.

The International motorsport team based in Hong Kong will join this year's GP with three cars, as well as the 4-time Macau champion Hong Kong racer, Darryl O'Young, who will participate in the Greater Bay Area GT Cup this time.

For the second and main weekend of the GP,



Craft-Bamboo has listed two Mercedes-AMG GT3 cars to take part in the FIA GT World Cup.

Although the team has already announced the number of entries and

even the liveries that will be out on Guia Circuit, the names of the drivers of the two GT3 machines are still a well-kept secret.

The Craft-Bamboo twin cars at the FIA GT

World Cup will feature Evisu Racing livery as the team's title sponsor with the liveries following inspirational designs from the iconic Japanese streetwear brand and its origins.

As on previous occasions, the team will also display the legendary heritage logo of Theodore Racing, the only Formula One constructor from Hong Kong, founded by real estate magnate Teddy Yip, that was part of the genesis and early-stage development of the local GP.

Currently, Theodore Racing is an international

motor racing team owned by Teddy Yip Jr. It has returned to the local GP, supporting teams in several categories namely the F3, GT and F4 categories.

The three Craft-Bamboo cars that will be racing on the streets of Macau in November were on display last weekend in Hong Kong at the BAM Festival, organized by the German automotive brand Mercedes-Benz at Central Harbourfront. The festival showcased automotive technology, green innovation, wellness, gastronomy, arts and entertainment.

www.macaudailytimes.com.mo

REACHING OUT!

+25,000

Like us on facebook.com/mdtimes



MacauDaily 澳門每日時報
Times

DIRECTOR & EDITOR-IN-CHIEF Paulo Coutinho paulocoutinho@macaudailytimes.com
ASSISTANT EDITOR Lynzy Valles
CONTRIBUTING EDITORS Leanda Lee, Severo Portela, Sheyla Zandonai

NEWSROOM AND CONTRIBUTORS Alex Torrão, Albano Martins, Annabel Jackson, Anthony Lam, Emilie Tran, Grace Yu, Irene Sam, Ivo Carneiro de Sousa, Jacky I.F. Cheong, Jenny Lao-Phillips, João Palla Martins, Jorge Costa Oliveira, Joseph Cheung, Juliet Risdon, Linda Kennedy, Paulo Cordeiro de Sousa, Renato Marques, Richard Whitfield, Sérgio de Almeida Correia, Viviana Seguí **DESIGNERS** Miguel Bandeira, Rebeca Almeida | **ASSOCIATE CONTRIBUTORS** JML Property, MdME Lawyers, PokerStars, Ruan Du Toit Bester | **NEWS AGENCIES** Associated Press, MacauHub, MacaoNews, Xinhua **SECRETARY** Yang Dongxiao amy@macaudailytimes.com

SEND NEWSWORTHY INFORMATION AND PRESS RELEASES TO: NEWSROOM@MACAUDAILYTIMES.COM WEBSITE: WWW.MACAUDAILYTIMES.COM.MO

A MACAU TIMES PUBLICATIONS LTD PUBLICATION

ADMINISTRATOR & CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Kowie Geldenhuys kowie@macaudailytimes.com
OFFICE MANAGER Juliana Cheang juliana@macaudailytimes.com
ADDRESS Av. da Praia Grande, 599, Edif. Comercial Rodrigues, 12 Floor C, MACAU SAR **Telephones:** +853 287 160 81/2 Fax: +853 287 160 84
Advertisement advertising@macaudailytimes.com
For subscription and general issues: general@macaudailytimes.com | Printed at Welfare Printing Ltd

Islands Hospital starts trial operations in December

ANTHONY LAM

THE Peking Union Medical College Hospital will operate Cotai's new hospital, which will start trial operations on Dec. 20, local media has reported.

A government statement disclosed trial operations will only commence "at the end of this year."

Officially referred to as the Islands District Medical Complex – Macao Medical Centre of Peking Union Medical College Hospital, the incubation of the new hospital started more than a decade ago, when the then government decided to reclaim a lake, which is where the current hospital stands, to build a new medical facility, in consideration of the growing permanent and fluid population in Taipa, Coloane and Cotai.

Two years ago, the government announced the Beijing entity will manage the hospital, while maintaining its role as a public hospital.

However, it is at present unclear whether the new hospital will have an accident and emergency department.

The new hospital "will pursue the objective of developing a re-



gional medical center at national level," noted the statement.

The largest medical facility in Macau, with a gross construction area measuring 430,000 square meters, the new hospital has been designed to hold more than 800 beds. During its early phase, the hospital will offer health management and specialist out-patient services.

Gradually, services will expand to oncology as well as medical and surgical in-patient services. Medical imagery servi-

ces will also be offered later, the government added.

The government also said the new hospital "will pursue a development path of taking advantage of its headquarters in Macau, focusing on the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area and extending to Southeast Asia."

Apart from "high-quality medical services, the new hospital will also be capable of conducting medical education and research," the government said.

FALLING SIGN AT RUA DO CAMPO SERIOUSLY INJURES WOMAN

RENATO MARQUES

A 42-year-old local woman was seriously injured Monday evening after the sign from a private building's parking lot fell on her as she was walking along Rua do Campo.

Passersby promptly helped her, calling emergency services.

The woman suffered several injuries to her right side, including fractures to her neck and potentially one of her ankles, according to a preliminary report from first attending rescuers.

She was taken to the Conde de São Januário Hospital Center for further evaluation and medical care and, for the time being, no updates are available on her condition.

The Public Works Bureau's preliminary analysis indicates rust, decay and poor maintenance of the sign's supports may have caused the incident, according to reports in the Chinese language newspaper, Macao Daily News. The exact causes of the incident are under



investigation.

The falling sign, made of wood and metal and about 2 meters long and 1 meter wide, was above the access gate to a private parking lot at the Ngan Fai Building.

Previously displaying advertising from a commercial establishment on the upper floor, the sign was, at the time, displaying information in the Chinese language about access to the parking lot.

EDUCATION

MACAU BRIDGES CHINA, PORTUGAL IN LATEST MARINE LABORATORY PROJECT

ANTHONY LAM

THE world's first China-Portugal Joint Laboratory for Marine and Environmental Sciences has opened in the University of St Joseph (USJ), highlighting Macau's position in bridging the two cultures through science.

According to the university, the project is the result of a Memorandum of Understanding for cooperation between China and Portugal via the Institute of Science and Environment of the University of Saint Joseph (ISE-USJ), the Centre of Biotechnology and Fine Chemistry of the Catholic University of Portugal (CBQF-UCP), the Portuguese Institute of the Sea and Atmosphere (IPMA), and the Institute of Oceanology, Chinese Academy of Sciences (IOCAS).

The MoU focuses on developing cooperation in the areas of marine and environmental sciences.

Explaining the significance of the laboratory, the university noted that it is intended to foster scientific cooperation between Portugal and China, through Macau, in the fields of marine and environmental sciences, promoting the development of a sus-

tainable blue economy for the future.

The project is organized around four main research axes: ecosystem change, ecological disasters, mariculture development and the utilization of bio-resources. The university hopes future research results will be capable of helping improve marine ecosystem health and support the blue economy of the two countries.

It was explained that ISE focuses on the study of the physiology and behavior of marine organisms under a scenario of global change and anthropogenic pressures, and the conservation of coastal ecosystems, with long-term links with Chinese and Portuguese entities.

The project is funded by the Ministry of Science and Technology of the People's Republic of China (MOST) to IOCAS, the lead unit of the project and currently one of the largest and most comprehensive oceanographic research institutions in China.

In addition, IPMA is Portugal's only national laboratory dedicated to marine and atmospheric science and technology research, with extensive facilities for marine research across continental Portugal, the Azores, and Madeira.

GAMING

Mass-market baccarat on the rise

THE city's VIP baccarat generated MOP11.767 billion of GGR in the third quarter (Q3), down 3.2% from MOP12.157 billion in Q2, and accounted for 24.1% of the overall GGR.

In the first three quarters, VIP baccarat accounted for MOP32.489 billion in GGR, or 25.2% of overall, data from the Gaming Inspection and Coordination Bureau (DICJ) shows.

Also, mass-market baccarat generated nearly MOP29.77 billion last quarter, recording an 11.6% increase from the second quarter.

The mass baccarat tables accounted for 60.8% of all gaming revenue during Q3 which represents a rise of 58.4% compared to the quarter prior, and 58.9% compared for Q1.

Macau's Financial Services Bureau released the Central Account - Budget Execution Data, which



showed that the total current revenue for the first nine months of the year amounted to MOP57.47 billion, an increment of 2.12 times compared to the same period last year with a total of MOP27.06 billion, and an execution rate of 87.7%.

Of this, the concession revenue from gaming amounted to

MOP45.771 billion, a three-fold increase from MOP15.121 billion in the same period last year, with an execution rate of 90%.

Meanwhile, the local government has collected MOP45.8 billion for the first nine months of 2023, a figure that represents a 203% increase over the same period last year. LV

SSM TO OPEN NEW SPECIALIST BUILDING PARKING LOT TO PUBLIC

The Health Bureau (SSM) has pledged that when the new specialist medical building beside the public hospital on the Macau peninsula opens, the parking lot will be available for public use. The bureau said it is finalizing procedures with the Transport Bureau (DSAT) for public use. The statement came a day after local media All About Macau's report cited readers critical of the lack of public hospital parking. The SSM told the media outlet discussions about public use of the new parking lot were in progress.

MACAO WEEK IN XIAMEN STARTS OCT.26

The mega roadshow "Macao Week in Fujian-Xiamen" will be staged along Zhongshan Road Pedestrian Street in Siming District of Xiamen from October 26 to 30. As the third event of its kind this year, the event will showcase the city's diverse "tourism+" offerings to Xiamen residents by the mega roadshow, mapping show and gastronomic promotion among other highlights. The aim is to expand the mainland market and attract mainland residents to Macau for the festivals and events in the second half of the year.

KONG CHI

SENIOR PROSECUTOR CONTINUES EXPLAINING RELATIONS TO COURT

ANTHONY LAM

ASSISTANT prosecutor general Kong Chi has explained his relationship with the co-defendants as he continued his self-defence at the Court of Second Instance.

Macau's senior prosecutor has been accused of bribery and of forming a criminal syndicate, among other charges.

The prosecution wanted to prove the existence of the criminal syndicate, which Kong denied on the first day of the hearing Friday.

Kong was repeatedly questioned to prove he was unfamiliar with lawyer Kuan Hoi Lon, the fourth defendant in the case. For example, he was asked about the fact that Choi Sao Ieng, the second defendant, had texted him about Kuan obtaining a lawyer's license.

Kong rebutted by asking how he could refuse the text message. "It was Choi texting me," he said.

Kong also said he had been friends with Choi for over a decade "and could talk about anything." He said Choi has many connections and considered it a waste that Choi did not work as a legal executive. Kong remembered telling Choi that "if [Kuan] had any questions" after Kuan became lawyer, she could ask Kong.

The prosecution said Kong and Choi had once discussed Kuan's legal fee. Kong suggested to Choi that Kuan charge her client MOP30,000 for a case, which Kong considered to be a simple one. As such, the prosecution believed Kong had the ability to set pricing on Kuan's cases.

Kong reiterated his unfamiliarity with Kuan by saying they were "not only unfamiliar, but so much so



that [he] wouldn't even recognize [Kuan]." He said he was only giving an opinion to Choi, and asked if that meant that he had participated in the law firm's operations.

According to Kong, Choi and he became friends as he had exchanged money at Choi's legal currency exchange establishment. He admitted to referring Hunan native association members to Choi's establishment.

Choi later gave Kong a privileged exchange rate.

Kong was then asked if he had helped his colleagues at the Public Prosecutions Office (MP) exchange money. He admitted to telling colleagues about the privileged rates.

He was then questioned about the reasonability of making profits from exchange rate differences. Kong said it was reasonable, as his colleagues could enjoy better exchange rates, while he did not actually make any profits, "just a few tens of dollars from several tens of thousand dollars exchanged."

When asked whether he considered it appropriate to discuss MP cases with Choi, saying that it was only chit-chat between friends, he asked what the problem was with this.

Kong stressed he did not receive any remuneration for offering Choi legal opinions.

The prosecution also asked Kong about certain wording found in his computer. For example, Kong has a log of HKD350,000, which the prosecution believed was remuneration from returning some items in custody to a suspect. The indictment said that in 2011, the Macao Customs had found and seized some counterfeit merchandise at a jewelry shop.

Kong said this was the fund to be used to open a pawn shop and a branch for a currency exchange establishment. However, after filing the application with the monetary authority, Kong was told off-record by a friend at the authority that it would not be approved. He stressed that the investor had retrieved most

of the money.

Meanwhile, presiding judge Tong Hio Fong doubted the Macao Customs' case was properly handled.

There were 47 items in custody, but Kong was accused of shelving the case without ordering the Customs to investigate. He was said to have returned various pieces of diamonds to the suspect and only ordered the destruction of a belt buckle.

He explained that normally it was the Customs role to identify the authenticity of such items. However, after the legal investigation period ended, the Customs had only identified one item. Seeing the procedure end, Kong and his colleagues had discussed how the items should be handled, and later decided to do what he did.

He also explained that even if the MP ordered the Customs to destroy the items, the Customs would eventually ask the MP for an opinion, so he thought he handled the items in the most appropriate way.

SPORTS

Oscar winner Michelle Yeoh elected to be an International Olympic Committee member



OSCAR-winning actor Michelle Yeoh was elected as a member of the International Olympic Committee on Tuesday despite some "no" votes from her new colleagues.

Eight new IOC members were voted in to make a total of 107 drawn from royal families, sports officials, current and former athletes, and leaders from politics and industry.

After being summoned to the lectern by Princess Nora of Liechtenstein, the longest serving IOC member at 39 years, Yeoh read the 104-word oath while holding a corner of the Olympic flag — white with five colored rings.

"I promise to fight against all forms of discrimination and dedicate myself in all circumstances to promote the interests of the International Olympic Committee and

Olympic Movement," Yeoh said to complete the oath.

Like the other new recruits, Yeoh was presented with a golden medallion by IOC president Thomas Bach.

Member duties at annual IOC meetings include approving recommended candidates as future Olympic hosts. In Paris next year, they could also be asked to change Olympic rules to

allow Bach to seek a third term as president in 2025 beyond the current 12-year limit.

Yeoh, who has ties to the United Nations representing her home country Malaysia, was elected in a 67-9 vote by secret ballot. Her membership comes in the same year as her Oscar win for best actress in "Everything Everywhere All at Once."

She also is an international campaigner for road safety in partnership with her husband, Jean Todt, the former head of the Ferrari team in Formula One racing. He also previously served as president of FIA, the governing body of motorsports. **MDT/AP**

TECH

Baidu unveils Ernie 4.0 AI model, claims that it rivals GPT-4

ZEN SOO, HONG KONG

CHINESE search engine and artificial intelligence firm Baidu yesterday unveiled a new version of its artificial intelligence model, Ernie 4.0, claiming that it rivals models such as GPT-4 in the U.S.

Baidu's CEO Robin Li demonstrated Ernie 4.0 at the company's annual BaiduWorld conference in Beijing. He said the model has achieved comprehension, reasoning, memory and generation, which uses algorithms to produce and create new content.

Li said that Ernie 4.0 was able to understand complex questions and instructions and apply reasoning and logic to generate answers to questions.

"It is not inferior in any as-



pect to GPT-4," Li said, stating that the latest model was "significantly improved" compared to its original Ernie Bot model.

In a live demonstration, Li prompted Ernie 4.0 to generate advertising materials including advertising posters and a marketing video. He also asked Ernie 4.0 to come up with a martial arts novel complete with characters with various personalities.

Baidu is a frontrunner among a slew of Chinese

companies racing to come up with artificial intelligence models, after OpenAI's ChatGPT took the world by storm last year. Beijing sees artificial intelligence as a key industry to rival the United States and aims to become a global leader by 2030.

Beijing-based Baidu started off as a search engine firm and over the past decade has invested heavily in artificial intelligence technology such as autonomous driving and more recently, generative AI

to stay competitive.

The company's Hong Kong-listed shares fell 1.7% yesterday following the announcement.

Baidu introduced its Ernie Bot in March. In August, it made the model available to the public.

Ernie 4.0 is not yet available to the general public but some people have been invited to try it.

Li said Baidu plans to incorporate artificial intelligence technology into its search engine, maps and cloud drive services, and its business intelligence offerings for enterprise customers. He did not give a timetable for that.

The technology can transform how certain products work. Baidu's search engine might generate a customized answer to a query instead of just providing a list of results and links.

China has recently sought to regulate the generative AI industry, requiring companies to carry out security reviews and obtain approvals before publicly launching their products. Companies that provide such AI services must also comply with government requests for technology and data.

The U.S. does not have such regulations. **MDT/AP**

INTERNET

Amazon, Tripadvisor team up to battle fake reviews

SOME of the most used platforms for travel and online shopping said yesterday they're going to team up to battle fake reviews.

Amazon, reviews site Glassdoor and Trustpilot as well as travel companies Expedia Group, Booking.com and Tripadvisor said in an announcement they're launching a coalition that aims to protect access to "trustworthy consumer reviews" worldwide.

The companies said the members of the group, which will be called Coalition for Trusted Reviews, will look for best practices for hosting online reviews and share methods on how to detect fake ones.

That will include developing standards for what constitutes a fake review and sharing information about how bad actors operate.

Phony reviews have long plagued online marketplaces despite their efforts to eradicate it. Much of the problem is fueled by brokers who solicit fake customer reviews through social media platforms, encrypted messaging apps and other channels in exchange for money, free items or other benefits. Brokers can solicit positive reviews to boost sales for businesses or sellers. They can also post negative reviews for competitors in order to tank their sales. **MDT/AP**

AD

仁德 CENTRO MEDICO PEDDER
仁德醫療中心

We bring high quality of medical service to Macau

General Surgery : Dr. Fok Manson, Dr. Lai Cheuck Seen Edward, Dr. Lau Wing Kee Peter, Dr. Kwong Man, Dr. Nie Fu Zhong, Dr. U Chong San, Dr. Lei Chin Chong

Breast Surgery : Dr. Leong Iat Lun

Urology : Dr. Lo Kwong Yin Richard, Dr. Zhao Yun Qiao

Paediatric Surgery : Dr. Yeung Chung Kwong

Paediatrics : Dr. Zhang Zhiqin

Obstetrics & Gynaecology : Dr. Fong Kuan Io

Plastic & Aesthetic Surgery : Dr. Lam U Lin

Orthopaedic Surgery & Sports Medicine : Dr. Lam Kun Kuan

ENT : Dr. Cheng Zheng Ang

Cardiology : Dr. Jin Chun, Dr. Leong Man Kin

General Medicine : Dr. Ng Kam Hong, Dr. Lam Weng Chio

Dietitian : Chan Lai U Joey

Avenida da Praia Grande No 599, Edifício Comercial Rodrigues 14 e 15 Andar, em Macau
T. 2832 2298 / 2832 2229 Website: www.peddermacau.com
Opening Hours: Mon - Fri 10:00 - 19:00 Sat 10:00 - 14:00 Sun & PH closed

澳門旅遊學院
INSTITUTO DE FORMAÇÃO TURÍSTICA DE MACAU
Macao Institute for Tourism Studies
www.iftm.edu.mo

Macao Institute for Tourism Studies (IFTM), a dynamic and innovative public higher education institution in Macau devoted to education and training for the tourism and service industry, invites applications for the following full-time teaching posts.

School of Tourism Management

Assistant Professor in Computer and Management Information System (1 vacancy)
- Ref. No. 014/AC/2023
should be able to teach and develop ICT-related subjects such as Applied Smart Technologies and Applied Data Analytics for the hospitality and tourism sector for both daytime and evening programmes/courses in Mandarin (except for foreign candidates) and English.

Assistant Professor in Management & Marketing (1 vacancy) - Ref. No. 015/AC/2023
should be able to teach and develop in Chinese (Cantonese/Mandarin, except for foreign candidates) and English with specific subjects such as Human Resources Management, Strategic Management, Leadership, Service Quality Management, Research Methods, and Advanced Marketing for both daytime and evening programmes/courses.

School of Hospitality Management

Assistant Professor in Hotel Management (3 vacancies) - Ref. No. 016/AC/2023
should be able to teach and develop in Mandarin (except for foreign candidates) and English with specific subjects such as Innovative Hospitality Technologies, Hotel Operations, F&B Cost Control, Hospitality Marketing, Lodging Management, Revenue Management and Hotel Planning, Design, and Development for both daytime and evening programmes/courses.

Lecturer in Culinary Arts Management (1 vacancy) - Ref. No. 017/AC/2023
should be able to teach and develop in Mandarin (except for foreign candidates) and English with specific subjects such as Food Preparation courses and Food Product Knowledge for both daytime and evening programmes/courses.

Requirements:
Assistant Professor: must have (1) a Master's degree or above in the relevant area and (2) at least 4 years of full-time teaching experience as Lecturer
Lecturer: must have a Master's degree or above in the relevant area

Annual Taxable Remuneration and Benefit:
Assistant Professor: MOP687,960 - MOP968,240 (salary index: 540 - 760)
Lecturer: MOP547,820 - MOP687,960 (salary index: 430 - 540)

- The current local income tax rate ranges from 7% to 12%. Exchange rate: approx. USD1 = MOP8.
- The position and remuneration offered will be commensurate with academic qualifications and higher education teaching experience.
- For benefits and FAQ, please refer to IFTM website.

Selection:
Full lists of selection panels can be referred to the detailed recruitment announcements at IFTM website <http://www.iftm.edu.mo/visitors/job-vacancies>. Selection will be based on (1) documentary evaluation, (2) interview and mock teaching.

Application: Please refer to the detailed recruitment announcement at IFTM website <http://www.iftm.edu.mo/visitors/job-vacancies> or scan the QR code.
Application closes on 16 November 2023



AP PHOTO

BRI FORUM

Putin begins China visit highlighting ties amid Ukraine war, Israeli Palestinian conflict

RUSSIAN President Vladimir Putin arrived in Beijing yesterday for a visit that underscores China's support for Moscow during its war in Ukraine as well as Russian backing for China's bid to expand its economic and diplomatic influence abroad.

The two countries have forged an informal alliance against the United States and other democratic nations that is now complicated by the Israel-Hamas war. China has sought to balance its ties with Israel against its relations with Iran and Syria, two countries that are strongly backed by Russia and with which China has forged ties for economic reasons as well as to challenge Washington's influence in the Middle East.

Putin's plane was met by an honor guard as the Russian leader began his visit that is also a show of support for Chinese leader Xi Jinping's signature "Belt and Road" initiative to build infrastructure and expand China's overseas influence.

In an interview to Chinese state media, Putin praised the massive but loosely linked BRI projects.

"Yes, we see that some people consider it an attempt by the People's Republic of China to put someone under its thumb, but we see otherwise, we just see desire for cooperation," he told state broadcaster CCTV, according to a transcript released by the Kremlin on Monday.

Putin will be among the highest profile guests at a gathering marking the 10th anniversary of Xi's announcement of the BRI project, which has laden countries such as Zambia and Sri Lanka with heavy debt from contracts with Chinese companies to build roads, airports and other public works they could not otherwise afford. U.N. Secretary-General António Guterres has praised the Chinese policy as bringing development to neglected areas.

Asked by reporters Friday about his visit, Putin said it would encompass talks on Belt and Road-related projects, which he said Moscow wants to link with efforts by an economic alliance of former Soviet Union nations mostly located in Central Asia to "achieve common development goals." **MDT/AP**

ANALYSIS

Key leaders joining the Belt and Road forum and their wish lists to Beijing

CHINA is hosting its third international forum centered around President Xi Jinping's signature policy, the Belt and Road Initiative, which over the past 10 years has built infrastructure across continents, burdening some smaller countries with debt.

The forum brings a flurry of diplomacy to Beijing, including at least 20 heads of state and government, mostly hailing from developing markets in Southeast and South Asia, the Middle East, Africa and Latin America.

Here are some key leaders visiting Beijing and an overview of their countries' involvement in the Belt and Road projects.

RUSSIAN PRESIDENT

Russian President Vladimir Putin landed in Beijing, on his first trip outside the former Soviet Union since the International Criminal Court issued a warrant for him in March over his alleged involvement in the mass abduction of children from Ukraine.

Russia has been aiming to redirect trade toward Asia after being shut out by the European Union over its Ukraine war. China-Russia trade soared 30% in the first half of the year and is expected to exceed \$200 billion this year, according to the Russian government. One of Russia's priorities in terms of joint infrastructure projects with China is building the Power of Siberia-2 pipeline, which is set to traverse Mongolia and enable Moscow to sell more natural gas to China.

SRI LANKAN PRESIDENT

Sri Lanka, along with Zambia, is one of the countries that have defaulted on their debt to China and other international lenders. The country's former president, Gotabaya Rajapaksa, stepped down in July 2022 amid protests over soaring inflation and a severe economic crisis. Sri Lanka had accessed Chinese financing to build highways, a port, an airport and a coal power plant, raking in

\$7 billion in debt. As part of its efforts to repay Beijing, Colombo handed it over control of a strategic port, in a move often referenced by BRI critics as an example of China's "debt trap" diplomacy.

Last week, Sri Lanka reached an agreement with the Import-Export Bank of China to cover about \$4.2 billion of that debt as part of a broader restructuring plan involving deals with other international creditors including India and Japan.

Sri Lankan President Ranil Wickremesinghe, who took office last year, is attending the forum as part of his first official trip to China. He is expected to hold a bilateral meeting with Xi.

KENYAN PRESIDENT

One of the key BRI projects in Africa is the Mombasa-Nairobi Railway, extending for 592 kilometers and connecting Kenya's largest port to its capital. Opened in 2017, China touts the project as a success story, saying it has supported Kenya's economic growth. But work on a second section of the railway, which was meant to reach neighboring Uganda and serve other landlocked countries halted after Kampala pulled out and opted instead for a partnership with a Turkish firm. Kenya owes about \$6 billion to China, according to national data. President William Ruto is expected to explore funding options for the remaining section of the railway during the Belt and Road summit.

INDONESIAN PRESIDENT

In Southeast Asia, one of the most prominent BRI projects has been the construction of a high-speed 142-kilometer (88-mile) railway linking Indonesia's capital, Jakarta, to the economic hub of Bandung. Indonesian President Joko Widodo inaugurated the \$7.3 billion China-funded project earlier this month.

He is expected to meet Xi and discuss a plan to extend the railway by about 700 kilometers (435

miles) to the city of Surabaya, as well as new potential investments in renewable energy projects and trade.

HUNGARIAN PRIME MINISTER

Hungarian Prime Minister Viktor Orban is the only E.U. head of state or government to attend the Belt and Road forum. Hungarian media reports last month suggested a Chinese-backed railway project connecting Budapest with Belgrade has hit snags and China would halt funding. Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi earlier this month told his Hungarian counterpart the project would continue as planned.

Orban's participation as the sole E.U. leader at the event comes in contrast with the 2019 edition of the forum when then-Italian Prime Minister Paolo Gentiloni attended right as Italy had formally joined the initiative. Italy this year signaled its intention to drop out of the scheme as major China-backed infrastructure projects haven't materialized, while Italy's trade deficit with China has more than doubled, to 48 billion euros (around \$50 billion), since 2019.

ARGENTINIAN PRESIDENT

Argentina's President Alberto Fernandez also arrived in Beijing on Tuesday. Argentina is one of the countries that joined the BRI relatively recently, in 2022, seeking Chinese investment in areas such as railways, nuclear energy, solar and hydropower, agriculture and digital infrastructure. Argentina has asked China to fully finance a new \$8.3 billion nuclear power plant.

China's focus in Latin America lies in green technology and the extraction of minerals, according to experts. Chinese companies are involved in dozens of lithium extraction projects in Argentina and Chile, according to research by Facultad Latinoamericana de Ciencias Sociales in Buenos Aires. **MDT/AP**



AP PHOTO

AP PHOTO

CAMBODIA

New airport opens to serve Angkor Wat as it seeks to boost tourist arrivals



SOPHENG CHEANG,
PHNOM PENH

COMMERCIAL operations began this week at Cambodia's newest and biggest

airport, designed to serve as an upgraded gateway to the country's major tourist attraction, the centuries-old Angkor Wat temple complex in the northwestern province of Siem Reap.

A Bangkok Airways flight from Thailand was the first to land, with 16 additional flights scheduled for the first day of operations at the Siem Reap-Angkor International Airport.

The airport, which was built at a cost of about \$1.1 billion on 700 hectares of land about 40 kilometers east of Angkor Wat, boasts a 3,600-meter long runway. Construction began in 2020 to

replace the old airport, about 5 kilometers from the temple site, which is being retired in part because of fear that vibrations from frequent flights were damaging the temples' foundations.

The new airport can handle 7 million passengers a year, with plans to augment it to handle 12 million passengers annually from 2040. It was constructed under a 55-year build-operate-transfer (BOT) program between Cambodia and China.

According to the Ministry of Tourism, Cambodia received some 3.5 million international tourists in the first eight months of 2023, while for the whole of 2019 — the last year before the coronavirus pandemic — it received some 6.6 million foreign visitors. Tourism is considered one of the main pillars supporting Cambodia's economy.

Deputy Prime Minister Vongsey Vissoth, who headed the ceremony marking the start of operations, said the new airport will be officially inaugurated on Nov. 16 by Prime Minister Hun Manet and top Chinese officials.

Another Chinese-funded airport is being constructed at a cost of \$1.5 billion to serve the capital Phnom Penh. The new Phnom Penh international airport, formally known as the Techo International Airport, is set on 2,600 hectares (6,425 acres) and scheduled for completion in 2024. **MDT/AP**

NEW ZEALAND

Defeated PM Hipkins will remain leader of Labour Party

DEFEATED New Zealand Prime Minister Chris Hipkins said yesterday he will continue to lead his liberal Labour Party — for now, at least — despite its big election loss over the weekend.

"I've still got a bit of fight left in me," Hipkins told reporters.

Hipkins made the comments after a meeting with his party's caucus, during which there was no immediate move to oust him.

Still, Hipkins acknowledged that he and others in the party would be reflecting on their futures over the coming months and figuring out what would be best for the party going forward.

"Obviously the election result was one that



New Zealand Prime Minister Chris Hipkins

was very disappointing to us as a team," Hipkins said.

Former businessman Christopher Luxon will

be the nation's next prime minister after his conservative National Party won 39% of the vote during the election, by far the

largest share of any single party.

Under New Zealand's proportional system, National plans to form a

coalition with the libertarian ACT Party.

The two parties combined hold only a slim majority, which could evaporate once the remaining 20% of outstanding votes are counted. In that instance, the parties would also need the support of a third party, New Zealand First, which is led by 78-year-old maverick Winston Peters.

Luxon said he wouldn't be revealing the "blow-by-blow" details of the negotiations between the various parties until a deal is finalized.

"We had a mandate on Saturday night. We're going to work our way through our arrangements," Luxon told reporters.

He said the only roles that were locked in so far were his own as prime

minister, and his deputy, Nicola Willis, as finance minister.

The final vote tally will be announced in early November.

Hipkins spent just nine months as prime minister after replacing Jacinda Ardern, who unexpectedly stepped down after five years in the top job. She won the last election in a landslide, but this time the Labour Party won just 27% of the vote.

One of Hipkins's top deputies announced yesterday he would retire. Andrew Little, a former party leader who held many ministerial portfolios including health, immigration and defense, said by stepping aside he would allow a "face of the future" to take his place. **MDT/AP**

MIDDLE EAST

Aid is held up for Gaza on the verge of total collapse

NAJIB JOBAIN,
KHAN YOUNIS

THE U.S. worked Tuesday to break a deadlock over delivering aid to millions of increasingly desperate civilians in the Gaza Strip, which has been besieged and under assault by Israel since a brutal attack by Hamas militants, as U.S. President Joe Biden prepared to head to the region.

Meanwhile, flaring violence along Israel's border with Lebanon led to concerns over a widening regional conflict that diplomats were working to prevent.

Unrelenting Israeli airstrikes killed dozens of people yesterday in south Gaza, where Israel told civilians from the north to seek shelter ahead of an expected ground offensive.

Wounded people were rushed to the hospital after heavy attacks outside the southern Gaza cities of Rafah and Khan Younis, Gaza residents reported. Basem Naim, a senior Hamas official and former health minister, reported 27 people were killed in Rafah and 30 in Khan Younis.

An Associated Press reporter saw around 50 bodies brought to Nasser Hospital in Khan Younis since early yesterday. Family members came to claim the bodies, wrapped in white bedsheets, some soaked in blood.

An airstrike in Deir al Bahlah reduced a house to rubble, killing nine members of the family living there. Three members of another family that had evacuated from Gaza City were killed in a neighboring home. The dead included one man and 11 women and children. Witnesses said there was no warning before the strike.

The Israeli military said it was targeting Hamas hideouts, infrastructure and command centers.

"When we see a target, when we see something moving that is Hamas, we'll take care of it. We'll handle it, said Lt. Col. Richard Hecht, an Israeli military spokesman.

Israel has sealed off and bombed Hamas-ruled Gaza since the militant attack on southern Israel last week killed 1,400 people, mostly



civilians, and left about 200 captive in Gaza.

Israeli strikes have killed at least 2,778 people and wounded 9,700 others in Gaza, according to the Health Ministry. Nearly two-thirds of the dead were children, said Medhat Abbas, a Gaza Health Ministry official. The strikes have not stopped Hamas militants from continuing to barrage Israel with rockets launched from Gaza.

Another 1,200 people across Gaza are believed buried under the rubble, alive or dead, health authorities said. Emergency teams struggled to rescue people while cut off from the internet and mobile networks, running out of fuel and exposed to unceasing airstrikes. On Monday Israeli warplanes struck the headquarters of the Civil Defense in Gaza City, killing seven paramedics. Another 10 medics and doctors have been killed on the job, health authorities said.

Israel has massed troops at the border for an expected ground offensive, but Hecht said no concrete decisions have been made.

"These plans are being developed. They will be decided by, and presented to, our political leadership," he said.

Airstrikes, dwindling supplies, and Israel's mass evacuation order for the north of the Gaza Strip has thrown the tiny territory's 2.3 million people into upheaval and caused in-

creasing desperation.

More than 1 million Palestinians have fled their homes, and 60% are now in the approximately 14-kilometer-long area south of the evacuation zone, the U.N. said.

Aid workers warned that the territory was near complete collapse as hospitals were on the verge of losing electricity, threatening the lives of thousands of patients, and hundreds of thousands of people searched for bread and water.

At the Rafah crossing, Gaza's only connection to Egypt, truckloads of aid were waiting to go into the tiny, densely populated territory, and trapped civilians with foreign citizenship — many of them Palestinians with dual nationalities — were hoping desperately to get out.

Mediators were trying to reach a cease-fire to open the border, which shut down last week after Israeli airstrikes. An agreement appeared to have been reached Monday, but Israel denied reports of a cease-fire in Rafah, which would be needed to open the gates. On Tuesday morning, they were still closed.

An Egyptian official said Tuesday that Egypt and Israel agreed that the aid convoys at the border would travel into Israel for inspection at the Kerem Shalom crossing between Gaza and Israel. The aid would then be allowed into Gaza. A brief humanitarian ceasefire would take place and foreign

nationals would be allowed to exit Gaza via Rafah, the official said, speaking on condition of anonymity because he was not allowed to speak with the media.

Both Hamas and Israel cast doubt on an immediate opening.

"The crossings are closed, and I'm not aware of a truce or stop of hostilities," Hecht said.

Wael Abu Omar, Hamas' spokesman for the Rafah crossing, said: "Up until now, there is no agreement."

U.S. Secretary of State Antony Blinken, who visited Israel for the second time in a week on Monday after a six-country tour through Arab nations, said in Tel Aviv that the U.S. and Israel had agreed to develop a plan to enable humanitarian aid to reach civilians in Gaza. There were few details, but the plan would include "the possibility of creating areas to help keep civilians out of harm's way."

Gen. Erik Kurilla, the head of U.S. Central Command, arrived in Tel Aviv for meetings with Israeli military authorities ahead of a Biden visit planned for today to signal White House support for Israel. Biden will also travel to Jordan to meet with Arab leaders amid fears the fighting could expand into a broader regional conflict.

Israel evacuated towns near its northern border with Lebanon, where the military has exchanged fire repeatedly with the Iranian-backed Hezbollah group. **MDT/AP**

this day in history

1976 FUNERAL OF MAFIA BOSS HELD IN NY



The funeral of Carlo Gambino, the 'boss of the bosses' in the Mafia, has taken place in New York.

Mr Gambino, considered the most powerful of the leaders of the American Mafia, died in his sleep at his home on Friday. It is thought he suffered a heart attack.

The funeral, which was ticket-only, was held at the Church of Our Lady of Grace in a quiet, residential area of Brooklyn.

Plain clothes police officers and FBI agents were among the crowds outside the church. No trouble was expected as Mafia families have a history of respecting funerals, but the FBI had gone to find out who might succeed Mr Gambino as head of the family.

Carlo Gambino, in a \$7,000 (£4,400) bronze coffin, was buried next to his wife Catherine who died in 1971.

The death of Mr Gambino had long been expected following his recent spate of heart trouble.

Attempts had been made to arrest and deport him for his involvement in the attempted hijack of an armoured car in Sicily but he was considered too ill to make the journey back.

He was allowed to remain in the country and died at his home in Massapepequa, NY.

Born in Sicily in 1902, Mr Gambino moved to America in 1921 and began moving up within the Mafia. He became head of his Mafia family in 1957.

At the height of its power his family was considered to be the most influential in all America.

Speculation is now over who will become leader. Aniello Dellacroce, who once challenged Mr Gambino for the leadership of the family, and Carmine Galante, head of another New York family have been put forward.

Whoever takes over will control a 1,000 strong network of staff employed to run Mr Gambino's multimillion dollar empire of gambling, narcotics and loan sharking.

Courtesy BBC News

IN CONTEXT

Paul Castellano took over from Carlo Gambino as head of the family. A cousin of Mr Gambino he had previously set up construction bids, union affairs and political ties.

It is widely believed the character of Don Vito Corleone played by Marlon Brando in Mario Puzo's 'The Godfather' is based on Carlo Gambino. As well as being the head of the five New York families Carlo Gambino was also on the National Mafia Commission which governed the affairs of the 26 American families. He was considered to be very influential in this role.

The families were used to refer to the way different groups were split. The hierarchical systems each have a 'boss', an 'underboss', 'lieutenants' and 'soldiers' who together run the family businesses.

MACAU'S LEADING NEWSPAPER

YOUR STARS

ARIES
Mar. 21-Apr. 19

Secret love affairs may be enticing; however, you must be prepared for the restraints that will follow. You might find group functions tiring.

TAURUS
Apr. 20-May. 20

Unexpected events may upset your routine. You will easily capture the interest of those you talk to. You should put a little extra effort in at work.

GEMINI
May. 21-Jun. 21

You can come up with ways of earning extra cash. Try making some changes to your appearance and your attitude that will reinforce just that.

CANCER
Jun. 22-Jul. 22

You will be in the mood for entertainment. You may be somewhat emotional concerning a rather private matter. Get out and have some fun.

LEO
Jul. 23-Aug. 22

Secret enemies may be holding a grudge that you're not even aware of. Luck is with you. Secret affairs may be tempting. Make sure that you make reservations early.

VIRGO
Aug. 23-Sep. 22

Set a limit, or you'll wind up on a tight budget. Be careful if a friend asks you for advice. Discover opportunities based on the individuals you mingle with today.

LIBRA
Sep. 23-Oct. 22

Be prepared to jump quickly if you wish to stay in the forefront of your industry today. Opportunities for romance are present. You may find a rare antique today.

SCORPIO
Oct. 23-Nov. 21

A change is as good as a rest. Don't go looking for change. Opportunities for financial gains through investments and games of chance are likely.

SAGITTARIUS
Nov. 22-Dec. 21

Don't count on others to cover up for your shortcomings. Nothing can be resolved if you don't want to talk about it. You may feel a need to make changes to your legal documents.

CAPRICORN
Dec. 22-Jan. 19

Be professional, and you will advance much more quickly. You will take on too much if you aren't careful. Stick to basics. You will have an inaccurate assessment of your status in society.

AQUARIUS
Jan. 20-Feb. 18

You need to take a break with the ones you love. Don't bother retaliating, just walk away. Efforts made to improve yourself will turn out to your satisfaction.

PISCES
Feb. 19-Mar. 20

Do not yield to children or relatives when they really don't deserve it. Accept the inevitable and continue to do your job. Take care of chores that have been hanging over your head.

The Born Loser by Chip Sansom



SUDOKU

EASY

4		6	9	8	3			
1	8	5		3				
		5	4	1	7			
6	7					5		
3	1		4	9	2			
7				3	6			
	5	8	9	2				
			7	2	8	1		
2	7		6	8			9	

EASY+

7		9	4					
	2					1		
3	4							5
1		4			9			
		7				6		
	4			8				1
6						9	7	
		5					3	
				8	6			2

MEDIUM

7			6					
			8			2		
1		4						
		7	2				4	
3					1			
8	2					5		
		1	9	3				

HARD

2	8						7	
			4	1				
			3					
4						1		
5				2				
							3	
	3	1	8					6
7							5	

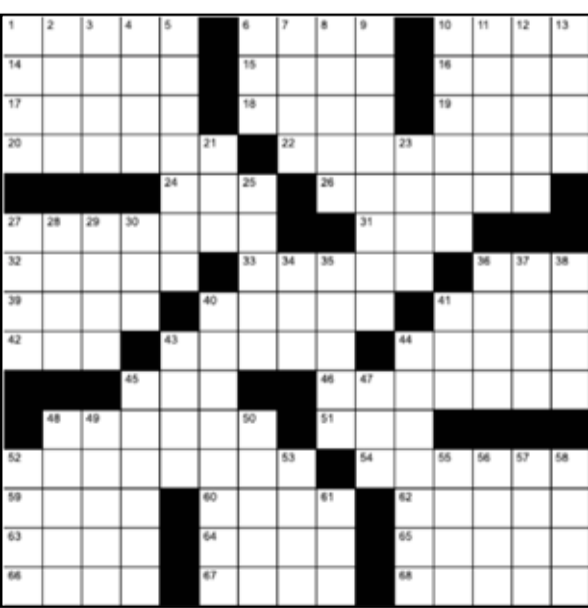
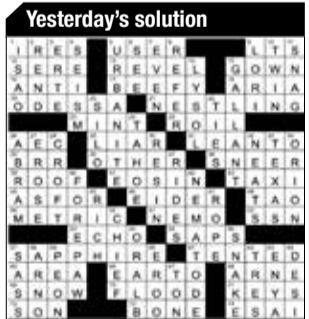
WEATHER

	MIN	MAX	CONDITION
CHINA			
Beijing	12	23	cloudy
Changchun	10	13	rain
Chengdu	17	20	rain
Chongqing	20	28	rain
Fuzhou	19	28	cloudy
Guangzhou	22	27	rain
Guiyang	13	24	cloudy
Haikou	23	25	rain
Hangzhou	14	26	fine
Harbin	7	14	cloudy
Hefei	13	27	fine
Nanjing	15	27	fine
Shanghai	16	25	cloudy
Taipei	22	27	cloudy
Wuhan	15	29	fine
Hong Kong	26	27	thunderstorms
WORLD			
Moscow	3	6	rain
Frankfurt	10	16	cloudy
Paris	15	22	rain
London	15	16	rain
New York	11	19	overcast

CROSSWORDS

ACROSS 1- Give; 6- Type of tomato; 10- Strike callers; 14- Sharp-edged instrument; 15- Take ___ from me; 16- Labor; 17- Playing marble; 18- Screen; 19- Nabisco cookie; 20- Zealot; 22- Shell of a turtle; 24- Bit; 26- Figure of speech with "like" or "as"; 27- Arctic; 31- JFK posting; 32- Bendable twig, usually of a willow tree; 33- Tall tales; 36- Front part of an apron; 39- Allot; 40- Apportion; 41- Pasternak heroine; 42- Begley and Wynn; 43- Welcome; 44- Flower segment; 45- Limb of a felled tree; 46- Left out; 48- Second book of the Bible; 51- Friend of Tigger; 52- Agreeable; 54- Slowpokes; 59- Bits of thread; 60- Glass ornament; 62- Heron, usually white; 63- Yikes!; 64- Carson's successor; 65- One of the Muses; 66- Sand hill; 67- As a result; 68- Dreadlocks wearer;

DOWN 1- Metric unit of mass; 2- Hindu music; 3- Islamic call to prayer; 4- Words of denial; 5- Tab grabber; 6- Go, team!; 7- Auricular; 8- King with a golden touch; 9- Mild laxative; 10- System of social perfection; 11- Virtuous; 12- Portion; 13- Blackthorn fruit; 21- Teen's desire; 23- Tsp. and tbsp.; 25- Holmes's creator; 27- A bit; 28- Not new; 29- Fragments; 30- Mark of Zorro; 34- Pub drink; 35- Copter part; 36- Inner layer of a quilt; 37- Dies ___; 38- Hairless; 40- Questionable; 41- Court cry; 43- Deities; 44- Explorer; 45- Feel intense aversion; 47- Cal. pages; 48- Nobelist Root; 49- Chemically inactive gas; 50- Scoff; 52- Trudge; 53- Zingy taste; 55- Pearl Mosque city; 56- Some nest eggs; 57- Riga resident; 58- Portico; 61- Scooby-___;



Crossword puzzles provided by BestCrosswords.com

USEFUL TELEPHONE NUMBERS

- Emergency calls 999
- Fire department 28 572 222
- PJ (Open line) 993
- PJ (Picket) 28 557 775
- PSP 28 573 333
- Customs 28 559 944
- S. J. Hospital 28 313 731
- Kiang Wu Hospital 28 371 333
- Commission Against Corruption (CCAC) 28326 300
- IAM 28 387 333
- Tourism 28 333 000
- Airport 59 888 88
- Taxi 28 939 939 / 2828 3283
- Water Supply - Report 2822 0088
- Telephone - Report 1000
- Electricity - Report 28 339 922
- Macau Daily Times 28 716 081



It's prime time to **BUY & RENT!**

有關樓宇廣告法例資料請向職員查詢
For more information on advertising laws, please speak to one of our representatives.

jml property

CONTACT US & SEIZE THIS OPPORTUNITY!

hello@jmlproperty.com
www.jmlproperty.com

f jmlmacau @jmlproperty

Va Fat
HKD 3,980,000 2 bed 1 bath

Nam Long (Old Taipa)
HKD 10,200/mth 1 2 beds 1 bath

Coloane Village
HKD 9,950/mth 1 bed 1 bath

AD



The 92-year-old Tai Long Fong Casa de Cha, a relic from a bygone era

A TRAVELER'S LOG

MACAU: BEYOND CASINOS AND EUROPEAN LANDMARK REPLICAS

LOUIS LEE, SHANGHAI DAILY

Text and photos, Subtitles by MDT

A few weeks ago, two leading Irish academics visited me after attending a large international conference in nearby Macau. Macau hosted the previous edition of the conference so well that it was chosen to host this year's again. My two friends raved about the state-of-the-art management of the conference venue (a glitzy five-star hotel in the Cotai Strip 路氹) at length before expressing their disappointment at being overwhelmed by casinos and European landmark replicas.

I feel sorry for my friends, for those poor academics had precious little time to venture out of their conference venue environs. It is true that Macau can frequently feel overrun by tourists who are looking for fun and might not be interested in cultural explorations. But how can a city with almost 500 years of European cultural exchange disappoint in its cultural offerings? The following is a guide for a short but in-depth weekend trip to explore the rich history of Macau.

THE BEGINNINGS

Start with A-Ma Temple 媽閣廟 in the Macau Peninsula, the very spot that made Macau Macau. Legend has it that when early Portuguese navigators reached this corner of the "Far East" and asked the locals for their whereabouts, they mistook the answer Maa-gok (the temple's Cantonese name) to be the name of the place and named the peninsula Macau. The Temple, thought to be built before Columbus "discovered" the Americas, honors the Goddess of Seafaring Mazu 媽祖. Opposite the temple stands the Maritime Museum, which is well worth a visit.

The temple faces piers serving different trades along the Inner Harbor 內港. Some are now defunct, the most noteworthy being perhaps Pier 11, where the Kwong Hing Tai Firecracker Company 廣興泰爆竹廠 office building still stands.

One hundred years ago, the major industry in tiny Macau was firecracker manufacturing. For a wonderful exhibition of this piece of Macanese history, make a special trip to the former site of the Iec Long Firecracker Factory 益隆炮竹廠 on Taipa 氹仔. Others are still in operation; do not just stroll along Rua do Almirante Sérgio 河边新街, but also check out Rua do Dr. Lourenco Pereira Marques 比厘喇馬忌士街, where plenty of seafood companies still operate.

THE CHINESE BAZAAR

Continue walking north along Almirante Sérgio until you hit Avenida da Almeida Ribeiro 亞美打利庇盧大馬路, which will lead you to the picturesque Largo do Senado 議事亭前地, Macau's most easily recognizable image, together with that of the ruins of São Paulo Church 大三巴. You will have plenty of time to explore those famous sites later on.

About 100 meters onto Almeida Ribeiro, turn left on Avenida de Cinco de Outubro (十月初五日街; the Avenida commemorates the day when Portugal became a republic). This avenue is as local as it gets; in Tai Long Fong Casa de Cha (大龍鳳茶樓; No.127 & 129), you will find patrons enjoying dim sum to Cantonese opera tunes performed by professionals and aficionados alike in the background. The dining experience is decidedly a throwback to the 1980s.

Further down the avenue, you will find tea shops selling Lychee Red Tea 荔枝紅茶. This fragrant tea is not easy to find. It is a unmistakably

Cantonese tea and is prepared by smoking tea leaves with lychee fruit. You will also find various traditional eateries, including Nam Peng Café (南屏雅敘; No. 85 & 85A), another throwback to times bygone, as well as the Ngao Kei Curry House (牛記咖喱美食; No. 1) at the end of the Avenida. Take your pick for lunch.

Continue north at the end of the Avenida and take the next right. The name Travessa Dos Calafates (掙匠巷; Caulkers Lane), just like the names of many other lanes and streets you have passed by, reminds you of those who have plied their trade in this area. You'll see a small temple at the end of the lane, like the kind found throughout the Macau Peninsula.

Meander up the stairs to its left, and you will be amazed by your vista. You will find three more temples of various deities, including the Monkey God 齊天大聖 and the Old

Man under the Moon 月下老人, the God of Marriage and Love. You will find offerings made by Macanese singles hoping for love around the Chinese Lantern Festival 元宵節 in February.

THE POET AND A MISSIONARY

Continue your climb up to Jardim Camões 白鴿巢公園, which pays homage to Luís Vaz de Camões 賈梅士, who wrote part of his Portuguese epic poem Os Lusíadas in a cave right here. Look not only for his statue but also for mosaics depicting sections of the epic.

Find your way to the garden's main entrance, to the left of which you will find traces of a whole different kind of deity. The British East India Company church and cemetery – an Anglican cemetery in overwhelmingly Catholic Portuguese Macau – is noteworthy for three reasons: the grave of the Missionary Robert Morrison 馬禮

遜, author of the first Anglo-Chinese dictionary; the grave of the English painter George Chinnery, whose seminal watercolor paintings of Guangzhou (Canton as it was known then) are a valuable record of South China in the 19th century; and the graves of British officers who fought in the First Opium War – a testament to the atrocities of the unjust war that shaped this part of the world the next 150 years to come.

Jardim Camões is only 10 minutes away from the famous ruins of São Paulo Church. Join the throngs of tourists in exploring the architecture, if not shopping, down the steps from the church. Alternatively, visit the nearby Museum of Macau 澳門博物館 right in the historic Fort of Macau.

Two other hidden gems of the Peninsula are the murals inside the Capela de Nossa Senhora at the Guia Fortress 東望洋炮台, which overlooks the Outer Harbor (外港; outer, as it faces the Pacific Ocean), and the Colina da Penha 西望洋山, which was once the seat of the Macanese Archbishop. The church dates from 1622.

Finish your trip with a hearty Macanese dinner – Chinese-Portuguese fusion cuisine with a long history – at Restaurante Litoral 海灣餐廳, Restaurante A Lorcha 船屋餐廳, both a stone's throw from A-Ma Temple or the more earthy and local A Vencedora 坤記餐室. Booking is necessary for the former two.

TRAVEL TIPS

There are 12 flights from Shanghai Hongqiao and Shanghai Pudong international airports daily. An alternative is the overnight sleeper train D941, which departs from Shanghai Hongqiao Railway Station at 19:55 and reaches Zhuhai at 08:27 the following morning.

Zhuhai station is within walking distance of the Zhuhai-Macau border. D941 runs only from Friday to Monday, and the same applies to its return service, D942, which leaves Zhuhai at 18:14 and reaches Hongqiao at 07:00 the next day. COURTESY SHANGHAI DAILY



The name Macau probably comes from A-Ma Temple



Pier 11: Kwong Hing Tai Firecracker Factory



A statue of Luís Camões was erected not far from the "cave" in which he composed the greatest of Portuguese literary works "Os Lusíadas"

FOOTBALL

Sabitzer's penalty sends Austria to Euro in day overshadowed by Brussels shooting

SAMUEL PETREQUIN, BRUSSELS

SUBSTITUTE Marcel Sabitzer scored from the penalty spot shortly after entering the game to secure a 1-0 win for Austria to Azerbaijan and send his country to next year's European Championship in a day overshadowed by a deadly shooting in Brussels which saw Belgium's game against Sweden halted at halftime.

"Due to the incidents in Brussels earlier tonight, play is suspended. Our thoughts are with all those affected," a post from the Belgian national team read on X, formerly known as Twitter.

European soccer governing body UEFA confirmed the Group F match had been called off following consultation with both teams and local police.

The score was 1-1 at the time. Viktor Gyokeres gave Sweden a 15th-minute lead, but Romelu Lukaku had Belgium level just after the half-hour.

Belgium had already qualified



for Euro 2024 while Sweden's chances of a top-two place had been ended by Austria's victory earlier.

AUSTRIA ADVANCES

After losing 3-2 to Belgium in Vienna last week in the fight for Group F supremacy — Austria's only defeat in seven qualifying games so far — Sabitzer and his teammates knew a win in Baku would secure a spot at the tournament hosted by Germany.

With several key players sidelined because of injuries, Austria struggled to create real chances in the first half. It was awarded a penalty just minutes into the second half after a hand ball. Sabitzer was clinical in converting with a strike into the corner in the 48th.

Sabitzer, who plays for Borussia Dortmund, recently returned to competition after recovering from an adductor injury he picked up last month in a Champions League

match against PSG.

Austria finished with 10 men after striker Guido Burgstaller was sent off in stoppage time for a second yellow card.

Austria became the seventh team to qualify after Belgium, France, Portugal, Scotland, Spain and Turkey, along with host Germany.

RONALDO SCORES 2

Cristiano Ronaldo scored twice for Portugal in a 5-0 demolition of

host Bosnia in Group J.

Bruno Fernandes, Joao Cancelo and Joao Felix also scored with all goals coming in the first half.

Iceland routed Liechtenstein 4-0 and Slovakia won 1-0 at Luxembourg in the same group.

Netherlands came away from Greece with a 1-0 win in Group B to revive its hopes. Virgil Van Dijk's penalty in second-half stoppage time sent the Netherlands above their opponents and into second in their group. Both have 12 points.

Wout Weghorst earlier failed to convert his penalty.

"We do not have a specialist for penalties, corners and free kicks," said Netherlands coach Ronald Koeman. "When Virgil was behind the ball for the second one, I suddenly thought 'Surely it won't be one of those evenings when this one goes wrong too.' But Virgil took it well and decided the match."

Ireland thrashed Gibraltar 4-0 in the group's other game.

France has already qualified from Group B. **MDT/AP**



**BENFICAMACAU
ACADEMY**
澳門賓菲加體育學校



FOOTBALL | BASKETBALL | DAILY TRAININGS

Macanese 土生 • 澳葡之夜
NIGHTS

Savor the culinary heritage of Macanese cuisine as we celebrate this rich cultural legacy at Café Bela Vista.
品味澳葡美饌之傳統風味，於薈景閣餐廳同承共慶這文化瑰寶。

10 ~ 26 / 10 / 2023
Tuesdays to Thursdays 星期二至四

DISCOVER MORE 探索更多
T +853 8793 3871
Terms and Conditions Apply 條款及細則適用

ARTYZEN
GRAND LAFAY MACAU
澳門雅軒酒店

OPINION

Business Views

Shuli Ren, Bloomberg



PING AN REAL ESTATE IS CHINA PROPERTY'S NEW HOT POTATO

China's property sector is struggling to halt its unprecedented decline. The biggest developers have gone into default. What will happen to private equity that had enthusiastically bought into real estate during the euphoric years then, investors are asking.

The fate of Ping An Real Estate Co., the wholly-owned subsidiary of insurance giant Ping An Insurance Group Co., is igniting a lively debate. The PE firm's 2 billion-yuan (\$274 million) bond, due next January, went through a roller coaster ride in recent months, hitting a yield of 30% in late August.

As of the end of June, Ping An Real Estate — with 110 billion yuan in assets — held around 10 billion yuan in cash, allowing it to cover only about half of its interest-bearing debt due in the next 12 months. Over the last year, its business operations and liquidity positions have deteriorated rapidly alongside China's property slump, with sales falling by more than half from their 2021 high.

But worrying investors the most is not what shows up in financial reports, but liabilities Ping An Real Estate might be on the hook for off its balance sheet. In late September, while processing the company's application for a new corporate bond, China Securities Regulatory Commission said it noticed that the firm had concealed an overdue loan totaling 200 million yuan.

Ping An Real Estate routinely resorted to joint ventures for its investments, playing the minority shareholder role and giving out shareholder loans to the JV. This way, the private equity can be shielded from day-to-day operations — it is a financial firm, not a professional developer after all. In addition, these risky early-stage projects, along with their debt, don't need to enter Ping An's balance sheet.

For instance, Shenzhen Anchuang Investment Management Co., a 49%-owned associate, is an entity Ping An Real Estate frequently used for these JV projects. In 2022, loans to Anchuang alone totaled 17.8 billion yuan.

This form of investing became problematic when property values tumbled and developers fell into distress — as reflected by the securities watchdog's recent inquiry into the overdue loan. It was regarding a JV project between Ping An Real Estate and Zhenro Properties Group Inc., which has defaulted on its bonds. Unable to collect a developer loan the JV had taken out, the bank started knocking on Ping An Real Estate's door. In its response to the CSRC inquiry, Ping An Real Estate said the loan was collateralized and the underlying land value should be able to cover the overdue amount. In other words, it was not on the hook for repayments.

Ping An Real Estate can't shirk responsibility indefinitely, however. For instance, since 2022, Anchuang has exited 27 investments; more than half were sold to Ping An Real Estate. Going forward, how much additional debt and how many low-return projects will the company have to bring onto its balance sheet?

A skeptic may say that Ping An Real Estate is so insignificant in the Ping An empire that its demise doesn't matter. Real estate accounted for only 4.5% of its total investments as of the first half, down from 5.5% in 2021. A believer, meanwhile, might point out that there are so many business entanglements under the company umbrella that a default from Ping An Real Estate can send shudders through important subsidiaries, such as Ping An Bank Co.

Globally, as commercial real estate wobbles, investors are starting to worry about private equity, given the scope for future declines in property values. China is no exception. Ping An, in Chinese, means tranquility and safety. Ping An Real Estate, it turns out, is anything but. [Abridged]

Courtesy Bloomberg

600 DAYS INTO THE WAR, RUSSIA'S ASSAULT ON A KEY UKRAINE CITY APPEARS TO BE WEAKENING

THE BUZZ

A dayslong attempt by Russian forces to storm a strategically important city in eastern Ukraine appears to be running out of steam, Kyiv officials said, as the Kremlin's war entered its 600th day.

Ukrainian forces repelled 15 Russian attacks from four directions on Avdiivka over the previous 24 hours, the Ukrainian General Staff said.

The slackening suggests the Russian effort to capture Avdiivka has "deflated," Barabash said.

A Washington-based think tank broadly concurred with that assessment. "Russian forces continued offensive operations aimed

at encircling Avdiivka ... but have yet to make further gains amid a likely decreasing tempo of Russian operations in the area," the Institute for the Study of War said in analysis published late Sunday.

Russia's ambassador to the United Nations, Vassily Nebenzia, told a U.N. Security Council meeting last Friday that the ramped-up attacks in the east amounted to a new stage in Moscow's campaign in Ukraine.

With the looming onset of wintry conditions that will limit military operations, both sides have been seeking battlefield breakthroughs that could invigorate their efforts and raise morale.

AP PHOTO



UGANDA'S LEADER WANTS A BAN ON USED CLOTHING FROM THE WEST

RODNEY MUHUMUZA, KAMPALA

JOSTLING for space, people jam the crowded footpaths crisscrossing a massive open market in Uganda's capital. They are mostly looking for secondhand clothing, sifting through underwear for pairs that seem new or trying on shoes despite getting pushed around in the crush.

Downtown Kampala's Owino Market has long been a go-to enclave for rich and poor people alike looking for affordable but quality-made used clothes, underscoring perceptions that Western fashion is superior to what is made at home.

Discarded by Europeans and Americans, these clothes are often purchased from wholesalers and then shipped to African countries by middlemen. It's a multi-million-dollar business, with some two-thirds of people in seven countries in East Africa having "purchased at least a portion of their clothes from the secondhand clothing market," according to a 2017 U.S. Agency for International Development study, the most recent with such details.

Despite the popularity, secondhand clothes are facing increasing pushback. Ugandan President Yoweri Museveni, a semi-authoritarian leader who has held power since 1986, decla-

red in August that he was banning imports of used clothing, saying the items are coming "from dead people."

"When a white person dies, they gather their clothes and send them to Africa," Museveni said.

Trade authorities have not yet enforced the president's order, which needs to be backed by a legal measure such as an executive order.

Other African governments also are trying to stop the shipments, saying the business amounts to dumping and undermines the growth of local textile industries. The East African Community trade bloc — consisting of Burundi, Congo, Kenya, Rwanda, South Sudan, Tanzania and Uganda — has recommended banning imports of used apparel since 2016. However, member states have not enforced it at the same pace amid pressure from Washington.

In Uganda, the president's order has spread panic among traders, for whom such a ban, if implemented, spells disaster. They hawk used clothes in scores of large open-air markets across the country of 45 million people, at roadside stands and even in shops in malls where it's possible to buy secondhand clothes marketed as new.

The clothes are cheap

and drop further in price as traders make room for new shipments: a pair of denim jeans can go for 20 cents, a cashmere scarf for even less.

At one of Uganda's Green Shops, a chain specializing in used clothes, apparel reseller Glen Kalungi shopped for items his customers might want: vintage pants for men and cottony tops for women.

"I am a thrift shopper," he said. "I usually come to these Green Shops to check out clothes because they have the best prices around town."

Kalungi likes to visit on clearance days when he can buy clothes for a fraction of a dollar. Then he sells them at a profit.

The chain, whose owners include Europeans, unveils new clothes every two weeks at its three stores. Some of the items are sourced from suppliers in countries including China and Germany, retail manager Allan Zavuga said.

"How they collect the clothes, we are not aware of that," Zavuga said of their suppliers. "But (the clothes) go through all the verification, the fumigation, all that, before they are shipped to Uganda. And we get all documents for that."

The Green Shops are environmentally friendly because they recycle used clothes in bulk, he said. MDT/AP

AP PHOTO



Police in Belgium yesterday shot dead a suspected Tunisian extremist accused of killing two Swedish soccer fans in a brazen shooting on a Brussels street before disappearing into the night. Hours after a manhunt began in the Belgian capital, Interior Minister Verlinden posted on X that "the perpetrator of the terrorist attack in Brussels has been identified and has died."

Vatican A prominent Irish nun said that women's voices are being heard at Pope Francis' big meeting on the future of the Catholic Church, and said delegates are also acknowledging the hurt caused by the church's position on homosexuality. Sister Patricia Murray, executive secretary of the main umbrella group of women's religious orders, provided an update on the status of discussions halfway through the Vatican's nearly month-long synod, or meeting.

AP PHOTO



USA Former President Donald Trump returns to a New York City courthouse today [Macau time] to be a spectator at the civil fraud trial threatening to disrupt his real estate empire. Trump voluntarily attended the first three days of the trial, Oct. 2-4. He turned his appearance into a campaign stop by complaining about the case at every opportunity to TV cameras in the hallway outside the courtroom. Now he will be back accompanied by bolstered security inside and outside the Manhattan courthouse.