

Local man commits suicide after killing younger brother

Ada Lei

A local man took his own life after murdering his younger brother over a financial dispute, Judiciary Police (PJ) spokesmen Leng Kam Lon and Leong Kuok Hei said during a special press conference yesterday.

According to Leong, the elder brother jumped to his death from his home's balcony yesterday while his younger brother, a middle-aged local man, was found dead in the murder suspect's flat in the northern district.

Both were surnamed Chan.

Leong declined to reveal the brothers' exact age.

The case is Macau's second homicide this year. Fratricides, i.e., the act of killing one's own brother, have been extremely rare in Macau.

Leong noted that at 12:20 p.m. yesterday, police received a report from the elder brother's son, who had discovered a male lying on the living room floor, covered in blood, in the flat. The elder brother's son told police that after accompanying his father home from a medical appointment, his father had locked him outside the flat. When the door was still ajar, the son saw a man lying on

the floor and called police. While firefighters and police officers were attempting to open the door, the elder brother jumped from the flat's balcony and was later confirmed dead at the scene. He died upon impact, Leong said.

Leong also said that the body of the younger brother was found lying in the living room, with a significant amount of dried blood on the floor and blood spatter on the surrounding walls, indicating a physical assault. Based on the state of the body, the police estimate that the victim had been dead for over 48 hours when his body was found.

The police discovered a bloodstained metal pipe, measuring 85 cm in length and 3 cm in diameter, in a corner of the living room, confirming the flat as the primary crime scene.

Leong added that the findings of an autopsy showed multiple open fractures on the left rear of the younger brother's skull, consistent with repeated blunt-force trauma. The younger brother also had facial and nasal fractures but showed no defensive wounds on his limbs or torso. The cause of death is believed to be blunt-force injuries, indicating homicide, Leong said. The body of the elder brother was found on the pavement below



A metal pipe used by the murderer to attack his younger brother is displayed in a press room of the Judiciary Police (PJ) headquarters in Zape yesterday.

– Photo: Ada Lei

the balcony with multiple fractures and no defensive wounds either, consistent with a fatal fall, according to Leong.

Leong added that the flat was owned by the elder brother. The police discovered that the younger brother had visited the flat at 4 p.m.

on Friday, while the elder brother had returned home around 6 p.m. that day. The murder is believed to have resulted from a financial dispute going back several years, Leong said, leading to the murder of the younger brother, followed by the elder brother's suicide. ■

Trump, alongside Zelensky, again rejects need for urgent Ukraine ceasefire



Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky (left) and US President Donald Trump hold a meeting in the presence of the press at the Oval Office of the White House in Washington, DC, yesterday.

– AFP

WASHINGTON – US President Donald Trump repeated yesterday his view that a ceasefire was not necessary to end the Russia-Ukraine war, echoing earlier comments that brought his position more in line with Russian President Vladimir Putin, who he met last week.

“I don’t think you need a ceasefire,” Trump said, sitting alongside Ukraine’s President Volodymyr Zelensky at the White House. “I know that it might be good to have, but I can also understand strategically why one country or the other wouldn’t want it. You have a ceasefire and they rebuild and rebuild and rebuild and you know maybe they don’t want that.”

Trump also said that the United States will be involved in providing security guarantees as part of a peace agreement on ending Russia’s war.

Speaking to reporters at the White House, Trump said that while European countries are “the first line of defence because they are there, they are Europe, we’re going to help them out also. We’ll be involved.”

Trump also said he will speak by telephone with Russian President Vladimir Putin, three days after they met and following yesterday’s White House talks with the leaders of Ukraine and European allies.

“I just spoke to President Putin indirectly and we’re going to have a phone call right after these meetings today [yesterday],” Trump told reporters as he met with Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky in the Oval Office.

The Republican said “we may or may not have a trilateral meeting” with him, Zelensky and Putin.

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Taiwan’s restoration to China is outcome of WWII victory, part of postwar int’l order: FM spokesperson

Taiwan’s restoration to China is an outcome of the WWII victory and part and parcel of the postwar international order, foreign ministry spokesperson Mao Ning said in Beijing yesterday.

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Son of Norway’s crown princess charged with 4 rapes

The 28-year-old son of Norway’s crown princess has been charged with raping four women and several acts of violence, and risks up to 10 years in prison, a prosecutor said yesterday.

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Centre-right senator right-wing ex-president headed to Bolivia presidential run-off

A centre-right senator and a right-wing ex-president will advance to a run-off for Bolivia’s presidency after the first round of elections on Sunday, marking the end of two decades of leftist rule, preliminary official results showed.

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Macau Customs busts 7 smuggling cases in 10 days

Armindo Neves

The Macau Customs Services announced in a statement on Sunday that it busted seven smuggling cases between August 6 and 15.

According to the statement, customs officers seized a total of 81 used electronic devices, 51 used mobile phones, nine cosmetic products, a bottle of Chinese white liquor (白酒), and 254.55 grams of recycled electronic chips.

In the statement, customs said the seven smugglers are aged between 17 and 73 years, comprising mainlanders and locals.

On August 6, customs officers at the Macau-Zhuhai Qingmao pedestrian checkpoint noticed a woman exhibiting an abnormally stiff gait. An inspection revealed 45 used mobile phones wrapped around her thighs.

On August 7, customs officers at the Barrier Gate checkpoint noticed a woman and a man exhibiting nervous behaviour. An inspection revealed 10 used mobile phones and six used mobile phones respectively to be smuggled into the mainland.

Last Tuesday, customs officers at the Barrier Gate checkpoint noticed a woman with a bulging waist. An inspection revealed 20 used electronic devices, nine cosmetic products and a bottle of Chinese white liquor wrapped around her abdomen, to be smuggled into the mainland.

Last Wednesday, customs officers at the Barrier Gate checkpoint noticed a man exhibiting suspicious behaviour. An inspection revealed 23 used mobile phones in his trouser pockets and a sling bag,

to be smuggled into the mainland.

Last Thursday, customs officers at the Barrier Gate checkpoint noticed a man exhibiting an abnormally stiff gait. An inspection revealed 16 used electronic devices and eight used mobile phones wrapped around his lower abdomen, close to his private parts, to be smuggled into the mainland.

Last Friday, customs officers at the Barrier Gate checkpoint noticed a man exhibiting suspicious behaviour. An inspection revealed four used mobile phones and 254.55 grams of recycled electronic chips wrapped around his abdomen, to be smuggled into the mainland.

According to Macau's External Trade Law, the seven smugglers face a maximum fine of 50,000 patacas each, while the seized contraband has been confiscated. ■



This undated handout photo provided by the Macau Customs Services shows 45 used mobile phones seized from a female smuggler.

Police nab mainlander for theft by finding

Ada Lei

A man from the mainland was arrested on Thursday for theft by finding after stealing 47,000 patacas, Public Security Police (PSP) spokesman Lei Chan Hong said during a regular press conference yesterday.

Lei identified the suspect as a non-resident worker (NRW) in his forties surnamed Xu who works in food manufacturing.

According to Lei, the Public Security Police (PSP) received a report on August 10 from a local woman who said that her son had dropped 47,000 patacas in cash near the Barrier Gate Square. The woman also told the police that she had given the cash to her son to take

to the mainland for her daughter's school expenses. Suspecting that someone had taken it, she immediately reported the case to the police on her son's behalf after searching for the cash, to no avail.

Lei noted that through citywide CCTV surveillance footage, the police identified Xu as the suspect and arrested him on Thursday near Rua do Mercado de Iao Hon (市場街).

Under questioning, Xu admitted to stealing the 47,000 patacas out of greed and claimed that he had already spent part of the money. The police seized 37,500 patacas from Xu.

Xu has been transferred to the Public Prosecutions Office (MP), facing a charge of theft by finding. ■



This undated handout photo provided by the Public Security Police (PSP) yesterday shows a PSP officer escorting the theft suspect into a police station.

IAM receives 437 bids for 20 stalls at Taipa Market

Khalel Vallo

The Municipal Affairs Bureau (IAM) announced yesterday that it received 437 bids in its public tender for 20 stalls at Taipa Market, a figure nearly 22 times greater than the number of stalls available.

According to the bureau, the stalls are designated for "gastronomy and cultural

creativity", and are expected to begin trial operations in the fourth quarter of this year. Of the 437 bids submitted, 38 were excluded due to insufficient documentation or non-compliance with bidding rules.

The bureau noted that the evaluation criteria for the bidders include business strategy, experience and qualifications, and proposed daily operating

hours. The bureau added that the accepted bidders will be notified and, based on their ranking, will be able to select a stall and sign a three-year lease contract.

The statement concluded that the initiative aims to promote gastronomy and cultural creativity in Taipa, with the trial operation of the market scheduled to begin by year's end. ■



Pedestrians walk past Taipa Market, wrapped in tarpaulin as it is under renovation, in Taipa Village yesterday.

— Photo: Tony Wong

Airlines need to pay 15 million pataca deposit from Feb 1: executive order

Khalel Vallo

Starting February 1 next year, Macau-registered airlines will be subject to new financial requirements under the Civil Aviation Operations Law, according to an executive order published in the Official Gazette (BO) yesterday.

According to the order signed by Chief Executive Sam Hou Fai on August 12, 2025, locally registered airlines' deposit amounts to 15 million patacas. The fee for granting or renewing a licence for commercial passenger air transport is one million patacas, payable within 30 days of notification, the statement noted.

The annual operations fee has been fixed at 2 percent of the airlines' net profit recorded in the previous year, the order said. In addition, the minimum share capital for obtaining an air operator

certificate is set at 600 million patacas for commercial passenger air transport operations, and 200 million for commercial passenger air transport for helicopter or executive jet operations.

The order added that for commercial cargo air transport by cargo aircraft, the minimum requirement is 400 million patacas.

The rules will officially take effect on February 1 next year. ■



Passenger aircraft stand on the apron of the local airport during driving rain yesterday afternoon.

— Photo: Khalel Vallo

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'ZAPE Taste Jam' attracts 25,000 eventgoers in first 2 days: MGTO vice-chief

Armando Neves

Macau Government Tourism Office (MGTO) Deputy Director Cheng Wai Tong told reporters yesterday at Fisherman's Wharf that the "Zape Taste Jam" market had attracted 25,000 eventgoers in its first two days.

According to an MGTO statement on Friday, the "ZAPE Taste Jam" event, co-organised by MGTO and the Association of Returned Overseas Chinese Macau, officially opened earlier that day. The event is centred around the theme "Taste the Streets Food Truck Jam" and brings together local merchants and performance troupes to create a 10-day community-based gastronomic experience.

This market, the statement said, features food trucks, culinary, cultural and creative booths, and interactive games, making full use of Zape district's urban space. By integrating local community

characteristics, the initiative aims to attract eventgoers – both locals and tourists – to explore and consume in the area, promoting neighbourhood businesses and boosting tourism and the night-time economy.

A pharmacy owner surnamed Wong told the *Post* that although the government's food festival attracted 25,000 visitors in just two days, the surrounding shops saw no tangible benefits. During the event, street lights were turned off when the festival closed at 10 p.m. for the day, leaving the area poorly lit at night and further hurting late-night business opportunities. His pharmacy routinely stays open until 3 a.m. He said that the 10-day event period was too short and failed to effectively boost consumption, suggesting that inviting high-profile performers could draw larger crowds, while social media promotions could also enhance the outreach.

Wong noted that night business

after 10 p.m. was currently even slower than usual, as visitors focused solely on the festival and ignored neighbouring stores. He urged the government to streamline long-term economic support measures to ensure broader commercial benefits.

A noodle shop (麵店) owner surnamed Choi told the *Post* that her little eatery is struggling due to its location, which isn't easy to notice, with only a few tourists and minimal patronage from local residents. Despite staying open until 3 a.m., foot traffic remains low as the nearby "ZAPE Taste Jam" closes "too early". While Choi said she appreciates the government's economic initiative, she admitted seeing little direct benefit, adding the hoped for lower rents and taxes to ease operational pressures.

Zape, the neighbourhood's official name, is the Portuguese acronym for Outer Harbour Land Reclamation Zone. ■



Eventgoers visit the "ZAPE Taste Jam" 10-day market in Zape yesterday.

– Photo: Armando Neves

USJ joins IFCU Centenary General Assembly



This undated handout photo provided by the University of Saint Joseph (USJ) last week shows USJ Rector, Rev. Prof. Stephen Morgan addressing the recently held International Federation of Catholic Universities (IFCU) General Assembly in Guadalajara in Mexico.

Rui Pastorin

The University of Saint Joseph (USJ) said in a statement last week that it has recently joined the International Federation of Catholic Universities (IFCU) Centenary General Assembly that celebrated a century of global collaboration in Catholic higher education, in Guadalajara, Mexico.

The statement said that USJ, a member of IFCU, joined the event with over 100 leaders of Catholic Universities worldwide. Rev. Prof. Stephen Morgan, elected Vice-President of the IFCU Board of Administration for 2025–2028, and Vice-Rector for Internationalisation and Academic Affairs, Prof. Álvaro Barbosa, represented the private Catholic university at the event.

The statement added that they contributed to the conference titled "The Catholic University as a Driver of Social Impact" at the Catholic University UNIVA – Universidad del Valle de Atemajac, Mexico.

Throughout the conference,

USJ's delegation "engaged in sessions focused on academic innovation, sustainability, intercultural dialogue, and the evolving role of Catholic universities in today's global landscape", according to the statement.

The statement added that Rev. Prof. Morgan also chaired the General Assembly Inaugural Conference on the topic of Academic Diplomacy*, while Prof. Barbosa delivered the workshop "Catholic University: A Place of Creativity and Knowledge". ■

*Academic Diplomacy refers to the use of education, research, and scholarly collaboration as tools to foster international relations, mutual understanding, and cooperation between countries and regions. It involves universities, research institutions, scholars and students engaging in cross-border exchanges to address global challenges, build trust, and strengthen diplomatic ties. – DeepSeek

SJM Macao Open slated for October

Rui Pastorin

The SJM Macao Open will again take place at the Macau Golf and Country Club in Hac Sa, with this year's four-day tournament scheduled to be held from October 16-19.

The tournament marks its 22nd edition and has been title-sponsored by SJM Resorts since 2023. It is co-sanctioned by the Asian Tour and Macau Golf Association.

A press conference unveiling the details of the upcoming SJM Macao Open 2025 was held yesterday afternoon at Grand Lisboa Palace (GLP) in Cotai, during which the confirmed top golfers vying for prizes were announced including Liang Wenchong, the first Chinese player to win the Asian Tour Order of Merit; Macau's Kelvin Si Ngai; former world number one Lee Westwood from the UK, who won the Macau Open in 1999; South Korean PGA Tour star Sungjae Im; as well as last year's

champion Rattanon Wannasrichan of Thailand.

This year's tournament features a total prize purse of US\$1 million (8.045 million patacas).

Sports Bureau (ID) Acting Vice President See Lei said in her speech: "Since its inception in 1998, the Macao Open has grown to become a hallmark championship on the Asian Tour, and an event that has come to epitomise Macau's capability to host major international sporting events."

It was also announced during the press conference that SJM will be continuing to title-sponsor two additions of the tournament. Delivering a speech via video link, SJM Managing Director Daisy Ho Chiu Fung noted that the further collaboration continues "shared efforts to support the long-term development of golf in Macau."

Moreover, Asian Tour Commissioner & CEO Cho Minn Thant noted in his speech that the extended partnership was "tremendous news". He added

that the Open is one of the most important tournaments of the Asian Tour calendar, noting: "It boasts an outstanding reputation and proud history" and has been ever present on their schedule since it launched.

Si looks forward to representing Macau

Representing Macau, local golfer Si told the *Post* after yesterday's press conference that he was looking forward to representing Macau during the four-day tournament.

"It's great to be able to represent the home crowd, to have someone [from Macau] that the crowd can cheer for", the 22-year-old said. The young golfer also remarked that he was grateful to be able to compete against world-class players, remarking: "I think it's great to be able to see what my level is compared to them".

Asked about his expectations for the tournament, Si simply said that he hopes to continue to improve his game. ■



Guests and representatives pose with mainland Chinese golfer Liang Wenchong (right) and Macau's Kelvin Si Ngai (left) during yesterday's press conference at Grand Lisboa Palace (GLP) in Cotai.

– Photo: Rui Pastorin

'Déjà Vu' Sino-French art exhibition extended

Kristina Vallesteros

"Déjà Vu – A Sino-French Art Exchange Exhibition" at The Parisian Macao has extended its run through August 28, responding to positive feedback and high visitor numbers since its May opening, according to a recent statement from the local Art for All Society (AFA).

Organised by AFA as part of the French May Arts Festival, the multimedia exhibition "encourages a deeper awareness of the complex relationship between perception, memory, and time, and those fleeting, uncanny moments when we catch a glimpse of the present reflecting itself", the statement noted.

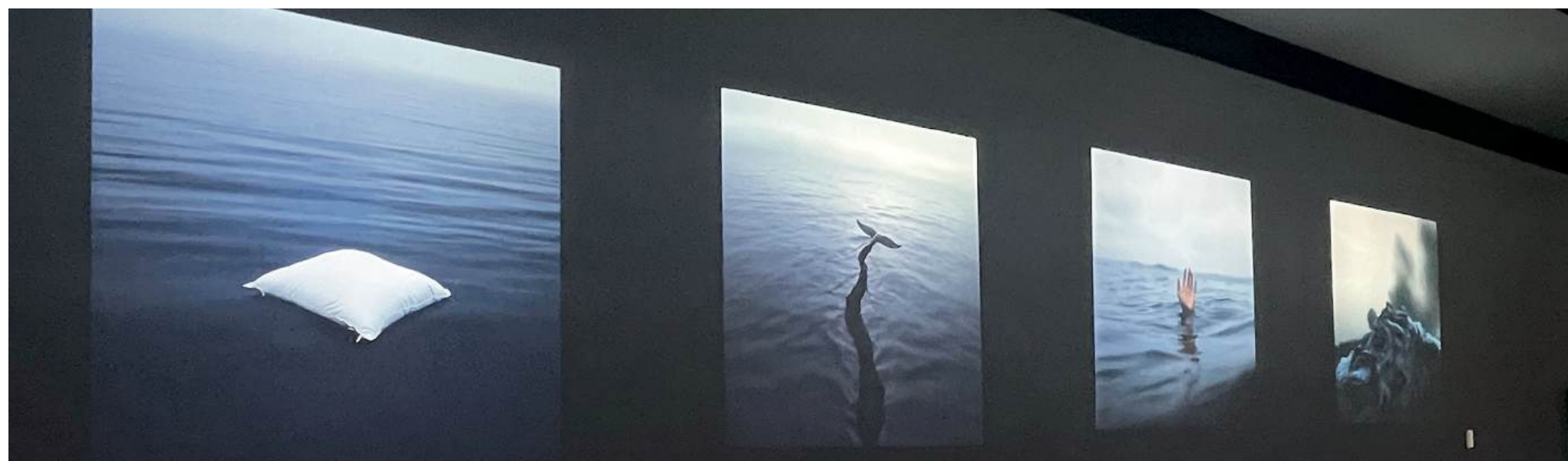
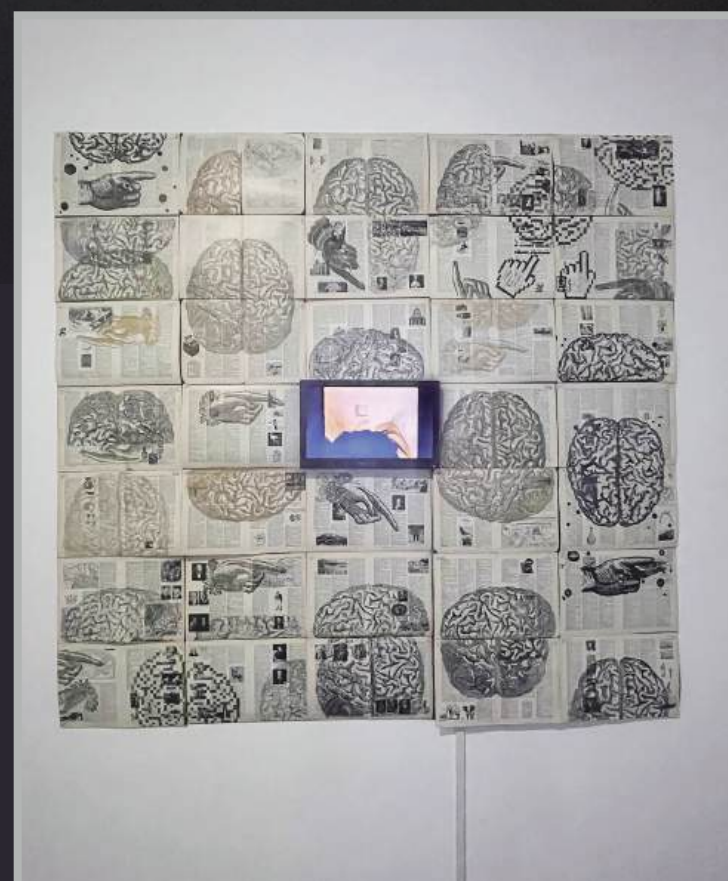
The exhibition features work by three generations of artists. French video art pioneer Robert Cahen presents his signature slow-motion pieces that manipulate our sense of time, while local artist Alice Kok (郭恬熙) contributes AI-generated works examining digital memory and consciousness. Local artist Catherine Cheong (蔣靜華) completes the trio with experimental video works that challenge perceptions of duration and recollection.

The statement emphasised how the exhibition builds on French philosopher Henri Bergson's* theories about the "memory of the present". Visitors can engage with installations that create immersive environments playing with these concepts, including interactive elements that personalise the experience.

The free-admission exhibition will run through August 28 on the 3rd floor's 320 shop at The Parisian Macao. Opening hours are from noon to 7 p.m. daily.

* Henri Bergson (1859–1941) was a French philosopher and one of the most influential thinkers of the late 19th and early 20th centuries. He was a leading figure in the tradition of continental philosophy and is best known for his ideas on time, consciousness, intuition, and creative evolution. Bergson's work had a significant impact on philosophy, literature, and psychology, and he was awarded the Nobel Prize in Literature in 1927. Continental philosophy is a broad term used to describe a set of philosophical traditions that emerged primarily in mainland Europe (particularly Germany and France) in the 19th and 20th centuries, in contrast with analytic philosophy, which became dominant in the Anglophone world. – DeepSeek

Photos: Kristina Vallesteros



Sam emphasises Shanghai-Macau cooperation in high tech

Tony Wong

Chief Executive Sam Hou Fai met with Communist Party of China (CPC) Shanghai Municipal Committee Secretary Chen Jining yesterday during his ongoing working visit there, where both sides exchanged views on deepening practical cooperation in key areas and on promoting regional coordinated development, according to a statement by the Macau Government Information Bureau (GCS) last night.

During the meeting, the statement said, Sam also said he expects Shanghai to encourage its technology enterprises to expand business opportunities in Macau.

Sam is paying a five-day fact-finding visit to Hangzhou, capital of Zhejiang Province, Shanghai Municipality, and Nanjing, capital of Jiangsu Province, which started on Saturday last week. Sam is scheduled to return to Macau tomorrow night. After his inspection visit in Hangzhou, Sam departed for Shanghai on Sunday afternoon.

CPC Shanghai Municipal Committee Deputy Secretary and Shanghai Mayor Gong Zheng also attended yesterday's meeting between Sam and Chen.

Yesterday's statement said that Sam will depart for Nanjing today.

During yesterday's meeting, according to the statement, Sam expressed his gratitude to Shanghai for its close attention to Shanghai-Macau cooperation and its long-standing support for Macau's successful implementation of the "One Country, Two Systems" principle and continuous development.

Sam noted that Shanghai-Macau relations have always been close, with both sides expanding cooperation across various fields, adding that significant results have been achieved in mutual cooperation in various areas such as finance, technological innovation, cultural tourism, conventions and exhibitions, youth affairs, and education.

According to the statement, Sam said that the two sides can engage in joint research projects in science and technology, deepen cross-border financial cooperation, cultivate interdisciplinary talent through shared educational resources, promote multi-destination tourism packages for international markets, and strengthen synergy in the conventions and exhibitions industry.

In the future, Sam said, Shanghai and Macau can focus on the joint development of high-tech industries, with an emphasis on fostering deeper exchanges and collaboration between technology enterprises and academic institutions in the two places and on launching cooperation projects that involve industry-academia-research collaboration and the commercialisation of cutting-edge technologies, with the aim of helping technology enterprises in Macau achieve technological breakthroughs while creating new development opportunities for technology enterprises in Shanghai.

According to the statement, Sam noted that Shanghai, as a core city in the Yangtze River Delta, and Macau, as a core city of the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macau Greater Bay Area (GBA), are two places that possess distinct advantages within their respective locales, and are both committed to advancing technological innovation and its practical application.

Sam noted that in accordance with the important tasks assigned by the central authorities, Shanghai is accelerating its commitment to developing into a "five centres" international city, namely economic, financial, trade, shipping, and technology innovation, while Macau is committed to implementing the spirit of President Xi Jinping's important speeches made during his inspection to Macau late last year, including advancing its appropriate economic diversification in line with the local government's 1+4 plan and promoting the development of the Guangdong-Macau In-Depth Cooperation Zone in Hengqin.

Sam said that both places are embracing greater development opportunities as they are integrating their respective development into the nation's overall development.

Sam said that based on this foundation, Shanghai and Macau can jointly explore collaborative projects that link Shanghai's "five centres" goals and Macau's 1+4 strategy, complementing each other's strengths and injecting greater impetus into collaborative development for enterprises from both sides.

According to the statement, Sam said he expects Shanghai to continue supporting Macau's appropriate

economic diversification campaign and to further leverage Macau's role as a business service platform between China and Portuguese-speaking countries so as to deepen its exchanges and cooperation with Portuguese-speaking countries.

According to a separate GCS statement yesterday, Sam yesterday visited Zhangjiang Science City, a high-tech industrial park in Shanghai, and two technology enterprises in the city.

Sam also visited the "Mosu Space", a large-scale model innovation-based ecological community in Shanghai, to gain a better understanding of its development as a specialised incubation and acceleration platform for artificial intelligence (AI) large models, and Shanghai's strengths in the AI sector. ■



Chief Executive Sam Hou Fai (left) meets with Communist Party of China (CPC) Shanghai Municipal Committee Secretary Chen Jining at the Grand Halls in Shanghai yesterday.

NOTICE

School of the Nations IB Results: Adding Top Scholars, Upholding the Mission to Cultivate Future Leaders



Class of 2025

SCHOOL OF THE NATIONS

In July this year, the results of the International Baccalaureate Diploma Program (IBDP) for 2025 were announced, and graduates from the School of the Nations once again garnered attention in the education sector for their outstanding performance. Students achieved dual success in academics and holistic education, with one student earning a perfect score of 45, being honored as the "IB Top Scholar." The school has maintained a 100% diploma pass rate for several consecutive years, with an overall average score of 35.3 (nearly 5 points above the global average). Furthermore, 34% of candidates achieved excellent scores of 40 or above, marking a record high for the school. Graduates are highly sought after by top universities in Macao and around the world, including the University of Cambridge, King's College London, the University of Hong Kong, the Chinese University of Hong Kong, the University of Melbourne, the University of New South Wales, the University of Toronto, the University of California, San Diego, the University of Michigan, and Berklee College of Music, as they prepare to embark on new journeys toward their dreams.

As a leading educator in global IB education, the School of the Nations is committed to the core mission of "serving Macao and cultivating patriotic talents." It deeply integrates local cultural essence with international educational philosophies. The curriculum emphasizes the development of critical thinking, research skills, and international perspectives, incorporating practical activities such as community service and cross-cultural understanding to comprehensively nurture students' sense of social responsibility and global citizenship.



Chief Executive Sam Hou Fai is briefed by a staff member about the functions of a robot while visiting a tech enterprise in Shanghai specialising in the development and production of general-purpose robots. — Photos: GCS

Picture book pays tribute to Xian Xinghai: IC



This handout provided by the Cultural Affairs Bureau (IC) yesterday shows the bureau's picture book titled "The Musical Journey of Xian Xinghai."

Armindo Neves

The Cultural Affairs Bureau (IC) announced in a statement yesterday that in order to commemorate the 80th Anniversary of the Victory of the Chinese People's War of Resistance against Japanese Aggression and the 120th anniversary of the birth of the nation's classical composer Xian Xinghai, it has recently launched a picture book titled "The Musical Journey of Xian Xinghai" in paperback, aiming to pay tribute to Xian's "remarkable contributions to the nation and his musical achievements".

The picture book, according to the statement, also aims to offer young readers an inspiring example of bravery, dedication and patriotism. The picture book will be distributed free of charge from tomorrow at all public libraries, cultural venues and events commemorating Xian Xinghai. Residents are welcome to collect a copy.

Xian Xinghai, according to the statement, who was born in Macau, is officially recognised as an "outstanding musician of China in the 20th century". "His life was one of assiduous study and practice, marked by exertion and sacrifice for the nation," the statement said.

The book, the statement said, will be available in Chinese, Portuguese and English, relating the story of Xian's upbringing, education and musical career developments.

"The rich content and exquisite illustrations allow children to learn about the composer's life while also deepening their understanding of the history of the nation's resistance against Japanese aggression," the statement said.

According to the statement, the book will be available for free collection during opening hours at the following locations: all public libraries under the Cultural Affairs Bureau, Xian Xinghai Memorial Museum, Macao Museum, General Ye Ting's Former Residence, Mandarin's House, Lou Kau Mansion, Information Counter at the Ruins of St. Paul's, Chong Sai Pharmacy, Macao Museum of Art, Taipa Houses – Macanese Living Museum, Museum of Taipa and Coloane History, Heritage Exhibition of a Traditional Pawnshop Business, Former Iec Long Firecracker Factory Walkway, Reception of the Cultural Affairs Bureau Headquarters, and Archives of Macao. Each person can collect only one copy on a first-come, first-served basis while stocks last.

Xian Xinghai is best known for the Yellow River Cantata upon which the Yellow River Piano Concerto is based. Composed in Yan'an in early 1939 during the Second Sino-Japanese War, the work was inspired by a patriotic poem by Guang Weiran, which was also adapted as the lyrics. ■

Chinese benchmark stock index closes higher yesterday, hits almost 10-year high

BEIJING – Chinese shares continued their rise yesterday, with the Shanghai Composite Index closing 0.85 percent up at 3,728.03 points, after hitting an intra-day high of 3,745.94 points, its highest level in almost a decade.

The Shenzhen Component Index closed 1.73 percent higher at 11,835.57 points.

The combined turnover of these two indices reached 2.76 trillion yuan – compared with 2.24 trillion

yuan registered on the previous trading day.

Shares related to liquid-cooled servers and cinemas led the gains, while stocks in coal mining and processing, as well as precious metals, were among the biggest decliners.

The ChiNext Index, tracking China's Nasdaq-style board of growth enterprises, gained 2.84 percent to close at 2,606.2 points yesterday. – Xinhua

Remembering George Hogg, heroic British journalist supporting Chinese in WWII

Analysis

LONDON – As dusk settled over the quiet town of Harpenden, north of London, on July 22, dozens of residents gathered in a church to commemorate a journalist born in their community over a century ago and his legendary rescue trip in China during World War II (WWII).

Eighty years ago to the day, less than a month before the Chinese people secured victory in their war against Japanese aggression, British journalist George Hogg, who courageously exposed Japanese wartime atrocities and rescued and educated the Chinese youth, died in northwest China at the age of 30.

Decades later, Hogg's enduring solidarity with the Chinese people continues to resonate. His selfless actions serve as a moving reminder of wartime hardship and heroism, and of the timeless importance of safeguarding peace and justice.

"NOBLE AND WISE FRIEND OF CHINA"

"George Hogg became a true friend, a noble and wise friend of China," said Mark Aylwin Thomas, nephew of the late Hogg and author of the biography "Blades of Grass: The Story of George Aylwin Hogg," during his speech at the church.

Hogg was born in 1915 into a middle-class family in Harpenden. He arrived in China in the late 1930s after graduating from Oxford University. Witnessing the horrors committed by the Japanese army in cities such as Shanghai, Nanjing and Wuhan, he wrote prolifically for outlets like the United Press Association and *The Manchester Guardian*, detailing the devastation inflicted upon China.

Hogg soon befriended international allies such as New Zealander Rewi Alley and American journalists Edgar and Helen Snow, becoming deeply involved in the Gong He (Gung Ho) movement of industrial cooperatives on unoccupied Chinese territories. Together, they helped unemployed Chinese workers and refugees form small-scale industrial cooperatives to produce military and civilian goods for the war.

Passionately committed to the movement, Hogg traveled widely to help establish these cooperatives and wrote articles to garner international aid for China.

To address the shortage of skilled talent, Hogg and Alley founded schools across China, enrolling poor and rural youth and equipping them with practical skills to enable them to join cooperatives later.

In 1944, to escape the threat of conflict, Hogg, then headmaster of the Bailie School in Shuangshipu, Shaanxi Province, led over 60 students and tons of teaching equipment on a perilous trek westward from Shuangshipu to Shandan, a remote town in neighboring Gansu Province,



Author Mark Aylwin Thomas poses with the Chinese editions of his book "Blades of Grass: The Story of George Aylwin Hogg" during a launch event at London Book Fair, in London, on March 12, 2025. As this year marks the 80th anniversary of the victory of the World Anti-Fascist War, Chinese and British publishers hosted a series of events to pay tribute to the victory, at the London Book Fair at that time. – Xinhua

where they continued their work in the desert.

Tragically, on July 22, 1945, just weeks before the end of World War II, Hogg died from tetanus in Shandan.

Hogg's relative Thomas shared with reporters that "Aylwin," Hogg's middle name, is derived from an ancient Celtic word meaning "wise friend" or "noble friend."

He recalled being told a Chinese saying during a visit to China in April: "If you give a person a name, he or she will become that name."

"It certainly was true in this case," Thomas said, "George Hogg became a true friend, a noble and wise friend of China."

"I SEE A NEW CHINA"

A George Hogg memorial exhibition opened on July 22 at the Harpenden Museum, showcasing his journalism and his book "I See A New China" written during his time in China.

The book was published in the United States in 1944, vividly depicting the lives of ordinary Chinese people enduring war yet striving to protect their homeland.

Eager to better understand the China that Hogg saw and sacrificed for, his relatives have traveled to China multiple times. Earlier this year, a delegation that included his family and members of the Society for Anglo-Chinese Understanding (SACU) retraced his journey from east to west in China, traveling through Shanghai, Nanjing before finally arriving in Shandan.

Peter Jarvis, Hogg's grandnephew and trustee of the SACU, recalled previous visits to China in 1990 and 2016. He said the pace of development in China is astonishing in terms of infrastructure and urban construction and mobile payments technologies, reflecting the kind of future Hogg once envisioned for China.

Jarvis said he was also happy to see the spirit of "the Bailie School" has lived on. Today, the

school has evolved into a modern vocational college, an institution carrying forward the spirit of internationalism and practical education.

Back in Britain, Hogg's alma mater, Wadham College, at the University of Oxford, has established a fund named after Hogg, sponsoring undergraduate students who are reading Chinese Studies to travel and study in China.

INDISPENSABLE CHAPTER OF WWII

At the Harpenden Museum exhibit, Thomas paused in front of a large photo of his uncle – young, smiling, dressed in a simple outfit and straw hat.

Hogg is highly respected in China, but sadly, few people in the UK know of him, Thomas said, expressing hope that this year's commemoration would help more Britons discover Hogg's story and recognize the enormous sacrifice made by the Chinese people during WWII, a chapter he called "indispensable" to the Allied victory.

"He [Hogg] was an incredible young man who achieved a great deal in a tragically short life. But the way in which the Chinese revealed his memory brought it home to us what an important figure he is," said David Kendall, trustee of the Harpenden History Society.

Zoe Reed, honorary president of the SACU, has followed Hogg's footsteps in China many times. Her Chinese father, a wartime orphan who became Hogg's student, studied in Britain with the help of renowned scholar Joseph Needham, the founder of the SACU, in the 1940s.

For Reed, Hogg's story is more than family history – it is an emotional bridge between China and Britain and a reminder of China's contributions to the WWII victory.

"I do think there's a real issue about we, in the West, sort of think World War II was just a European thing with a bit of American involvement and we don't really think through how the rest of the world suffered," she said.

"We have very limited education about what happens in China and what happened in China," she said, calling for broadening the understanding of Britons, especially children, towards this part of history in which China was involved.

Tim Fleming, chief operating officer of St. George's School, where Hogg studied during his childhood, also participated in the opening ceremony of the exhibition. He said the exhibition would help more students learn about this part of China's experience during the World Anti-Fascist War.

The school's motto, "aim higher," might well have inspired Hogg in his university studies and heroic experiences in China later, said Fleming. – Xinhua

Taiwan question purely China's internal affair: FM spokesperson

BEIJING — The Taiwan question is purely China's internal affair, and how to resolve it is a matter only for the Chinese people, foreign ministry spokesperson Mao Ning said in Beijing yesterday.

Mao made the comment at a regular press briefing in response to a relevant query, stressing that Taiwan is an inalienable part of China's territory and China's position on the Taiwan question is consistent and clear.

China is willing to strive for the prospect of peaceful reunification with utmost sincerity and efforts, but will never allow any person or any force to split Taiwan from China in any way, the spokesperson said.

Answering a question related to German foreign minister's comment about China's behavior in the Taiwan Strait, the East China Sea and the South China Sea,

Mao said the one-China principle is the political foundation for the establishment and development of diplomatic relations between China and all countries in the world, which is also a basic norm in international relations and a prevailing consensus in the international community.

It is absolutely essential to unequivocally uphold the one-China principle and oppose "Taiwan independence" separatist activities in order to keep the Taiwan Strait peaceful and stable, Mao said.

Noting that the current situation in the East China Sea and the South China Sea is overall stable, Mao urged relevant parties to respect regional countries' joint efforts to settle the issues through dialogue and consultation and safeguard peace and stability, rather than sowing discord and hyping up tensions. — Xinhua

Taiwan's restoration to China is outcome of WWII victory, part of postwar int'l order: FM spokesperson

BEIJING — Taiwan's restoration to China is an outcome of the WWII victory and part and parcel of the postwar international order, foreign ministry spokesperson Mao Ning said in Beijing yesterday.

Mao made the comment at a regular press briefing in response to remarks by head of the foreign affairs office of China's Taiwan region that after World War II, "the Treaty of San Francisco" took the place of political statements such as the Cairo Declaration and the Potsdam Proclamation, and the treaty did not hand over Taiwan to the People's Republic of China (PRC).

"Those fact-distorting and misleading rhetorics once again lay bare the nefarious separatist nature of the Lai Ching-te authorities," Mao said, adding that a series of instruments with legal effect under international law, namely the Cairo Declaration, the Potsdam Proclamation, and the Japanese Instrument of Surrender and so on, all affirm China's sovereignty over Taiwan.

"Taiwan belongs to China. This

is a solid fact rooted in history and the law and beyond any doubt," she noted.

Mao said on October 1, 1949, the PRC was founded, and the Central People's Government became the sole legal government representing the whole of China, and the change of government took place while China remained unchanged as a subject of international law. China's sovereignty and inherent territory did not change. As a natural result, the government of the PRC fully enjoys and exercises China's sovereignty, including sovereignty over Taiwan, Mao added.

Noting that the so-called Treaty of San Francisco is an illegal and invalid instrument issued by some countries gathered by the United States years after the end of WWII to separately make peace with Japan without including the PRC and despite the Soviet Union's rejection, Mao said this document contravenes the provisions of the Declaration by United Nations signed by 26 countries including China, the United States,

the United Kingdom and the Soviet Union in 1942, and goes against the fundamental principles of the UN Charter and international law.

Anything set out in the document, including the sovereignty over Taiwan or the handling of the territory and sovereign rights of China as a non-signatory, is thus entirely illegal and null and void, the spokesperson said.

The Lai Ching-te authorities have completely forfeited the national stance, disregarded the outcomes of the victory of the Chinese People's War of Resistance against Japanese Aggression, and deliberately distorted the history of WWII. This is simply contemptible, Mao said.

Mao stressed that no matter what the Lai Ching-te authorities say or do, they do not change the fact that Taiwan is part of China — a fact well supported by history and the law, nor can they change the prevailing international commitment to the one-China principle, still less will they stop the course toward China's reunification. — Xinhua

China's summer box office surpasses 10 billion yuan, led by domestic films

Zhang Yunlong

BEIJING — China's summer box office revenue has surpassed 10 billion yuan as of yesterday with homegrown titles dominating the season's top earners.

According to ticketing platforms Maoyan and Beacon, domestic films currently occupy four of the top five slots.

Leading the charge is "Dead To Rights," a film about the Nanjing Massacre during World War II, which has grossed 2.6 billion yuan since its July 25 release. It is the only summer release to top the 2-billion-yuan threshold so far, and now ranks as the year's third-highest earner overall in China.

Drawing on verified photographic evidence of Japanese wartime atrocities during the Nanjing Massacre, "Dead To Rights" tells the story of a group of Chinese civilians who shelter in a photography studio during the brutal occupation of Nanjing by Japanese aggressors in 1937.

In a desperate bid for survival, they are compelled to assist a Japanese military photographer by developing film, only to discover that the negatives contain damning evidence of atrocities committed by Japanese forces across the city. Determined to expose the truth, they secretly keep possession of the negatives and risk their lives to smuggle them to the outside world.

The film has received a rating of 8.7 out of 10 on review platform Douban and won widespread critical acclaim. Director Feng Xiaoning has hailed it as "a new high point for Chinese cinema," while audiences

have described screenings as harrowing yet profoundly moving. "The simplicity and restraint of the storytelling make every scene piercingly poignant," one popular comment on Douban reads.

This year's summer slate has been shaped by the 80th anniversary of victory in the Chinese People's War of Resistance Against Japanese Aggression and the World Anti-Fascist War. Alongside "Dead To Rights," themed releases include historical drama "Dongji Rescue" and documentary "Mountains and Rivers Bearing Witness."

"These films tell stories through ordinary people who represent the broader Chinese experience," said Yin Hong, vice chairman of the China Film Association and a Tsinghua University professor. "Through their fates, their suffering, their struggles and their cries of defiance, the films both denounce atrocities such as the Nanjing Massacre and highlight the moral strength and resilience of everyday Chinese people."

Animation has also been a breakout category. "Nobody," a spinoff from the acclaimed "Yao-Chinese Folktales" animation series, ranks second on the summer chart, raking in more than 1 billion yuan since its Aug. 2 release. It has become the highest-grossing two-dimensional animated film ever released in China.

"'Nobody' is a genuine surprise, expanding the space for Chinese animation," Rao Shuguang, president of the China Film Critics Association, said in an interview with Xinhua. "When I watched it in the theater, the kids around me were laughing uncontrollably, stomping

their feet with joy... It clearly has room for further revenue growth."

Other strong performers include "The Lychee Road," a bittersweet drama set during the Tang Dynasty (618-907) which has grossed more than 670 million yuan, and "The Legend of Hei 2," the sequel to a 2019 animated hit and now at nearly 450 million yuan. Universal's "Jurassic World Rebirth" is the highest-ranking imported film, currently in fourth place with more than 560 million yuan earned to date.

China's summer moviegoing season runs from June 1 through Aug. 31 and is traditionally one of the country's most lucrative film periods. Analysts note that local hits have revitalized what began as a sluggish season. "The first half of the summer was relatively flat, with imported films outperforming locals," according to Maoyan analyst Lai Li. "But as 'The Lychee Road' and 'Dead To Rights' rolled out, daily box office numbers made a sharp climb. As of Sunday, China's box office has logged more than 30 consecutive days of daily grosses above 100 million yuan."

Beacon analyst Chen Jin added that the number of well-reviewed titles this summer has exceeded past years, with several scoring above 8 out of 10 on Douban. Among them, crime action flick "The Shadow's Edge," released on Aug. 16, is projected to surpass 1 billion yuan.

With just under two weeks left of the season, Chen said the total is on track to exceed last year's summer haul of 11.6 billion yuan, which would keep the industry on track for an annual gross of 50 billion yuan. — Xinhua



A couple pose with a panda mascot during a celebration marking the 51st anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations between the People's Republic of China (PRC) and the Federative Republic of Brazil, and the 80th anniversary of China's victory in World War II, at Forte Copacabana in Rio de Janeiro on Saturday. — Xinhua

Chikungunya fever cases continue to drop in south China, no after-effects reported: experts

GUANGZHOU — The number of local cases of Chikungunya fever has dropped from a daily peak of over 600 to less than 100 in Foshan, Guangdong Province, indicating further progress delivered by effective prevention and control measures during the early stage, according to experts with a national disease control and prevention team dispatched to the city.

Statistics from Foshan's public health authority showed that 84 new confirmed cases of Chikungunya fever were reported on August 14 in the city, which has been hit the hardest by the mosquito-borne viral disease since its recent outbreak in China. Starting from August 9, the city's tally of newly confirmed cases has continued to decline at a steady pace.

At present, new cases in Foshan are sporadic, said Ren Dongsheng, a researcher with the Chinese Center for Disease

Control and Prevention (China CDC), adding that in the next step, prevention and control measures will be taken in a more precise and targeted manner to further stem the transmission of the disease.

Chen Zhihai, director of the infectious disease center of Beijing Ditan Hospital affiliated with Capital Medical University, noted that while fever, rash and joint pain constitute major symptoms of this disease, there has been no report of after-effects among all Chikungunya fever patients in Foshan.

The experts noted that the environmental conditions in Guangdong are relatively suitable for the survival of mosquitoes, and adult mosquitoes can survive for one to two months or even longer.

Therefore, the extermination of adult mosquitoes is a key measure in the prevention and control of Chikungunya fever. — Xinhua