

Macau, Hengqin to set up joint centre serving China, Portuguese- & Spanish-speaking countries



Secretary for Administration and Justice André Cheong Weng Chon gestures while addressing yesterday's Q&A session about his portfolio's 2025 policy guidelines in the Legislative Assembly's (AL) hemicycle. – Photo courtesy of TDM

Tony Wong

Secretary for Administration and Justice André Cheong Weng Chon said yesterday that Macau and Hengqin will jointly establish a service centre for economic and trade cooperation between China and Portuguese- and Spanish-speaking countries, which is scheduled to start operating in the second half of this year.

The new service centre will operate its main office in the Guangdong-Macau In-Depth Cooperation Zone in Hengqin.

Cheong made the remarks during yesterday's one-day Q&A session in the Legislative Assembly's (AL) hemicycle about his portfolio's policy guidelines for next year.

Cheong's remarks yesterday came after Chief Executive Sam Hou Fai said in his 2025 Policy Address on Monday that with the aim of fully leveraging its long-standing role as a service platform for cooperation between China and Portuguese-speaking

countries, his government is committed to also strengthening and promoting exchanges and cooperation between China and Spanish-speaking countries in various fields.

Moreover, during a meeting with Vice-Foreign Minister Hua Chunying in Macau last month, Sam pledged that his government will enhance and expand Macau's external connections, particularly by exploring markets in Portuguese- and Spanish-speaking countries as well as in Southeast Asia.

During yesterday's Q&A session, Cheong said that with the aim of fully leveraging its role as a service platform for cooperation between China and Portuguese-speaking countries, Macau and Hengqin will jointly establish the China and Portuguese- and Spanish-speaking Countries Economic and Trade Service Centre.

Cheong said that the new service centre will provide enterprises from China and Portuguese- and Spanish-speaking countries with a



comprehensive set of services, in a combination of online and offline channels, covering language, legal, taxation, compliance, personnel training, arbitration and mediation services, with the aim of fostering economic and trade cooperation between China and Portuguese- and Spanish-speaking countries.

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China, Cambodia agree to build all-weather community with shared future in new era

PHNOM PENH – President Xi Jinping and Cambodian Prime Minister Hun Manet yesterday agreed to build an all-weather China-Cambodia community with a shared future in the new era, and designated 2025 the China-Cambodia Year of Tourism.

Xi said the ironclad friendship between China and Cambodia enjoys a profound history, a solid political foundation and a strong internal driving force, adding that no matter how the international situation changes, the two countries have always been at the forefront of building a community

with a shared future for mankind.

Xi noted that at present, changes unseen in a century are accelerating, saying that deepening the building of the China-Cambodia community with a shared future is fully in line with the fundamental interests of the two peoples.

China will, as always, support Cambodia in following a development path that suits its national conditions, support the Cambodian government's successful governance of the country, and back Cambodia in playing a more important role in international and regional affairs, he added.

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President Xi Jinping (centre) and Cambodian King Norodom Sihamoni (left) greet a welcoming crowd upon arrival at Phnom Penh International Airport yesterday. Xi arrived after visiting Vietnam and Malaysia as Beijing seeks to strengthen regional trade ties and offset the impact of huge tariffs imposed by his US counterpart. – (More on pages 6 & 7) – Xinhua

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Philippine film legend Nora Aunor dies aged 71

Nora Aunor, considered by many Filipinos as their country's greatest actor and singer, has died aged 71, the government and her family said yesterday.

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Trump says Fed chief's 'termination cannot come fast enough'

US President Donald Trump said yesterday that "termination" of the independent head of the Federal Reserve "cannot come fast enough" as he lashed out at Jerome Powell's warnings of tariffs-fuelled inflation.

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Amputee Palestinian boy image wins World Press Photo award

A haunting portrait of a nine-year-old Palestinian boy who lost both arms during an Israeli attack on Gaza City won the 2025 World Press Photo of the Year Award yesterday.

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Sands China celebrates 10th Anniversary of SME programme, hosts Open Day

Rui Pastorin

Integrated resort (IR) operator Sands China yesterday marked the 10th Anniversary of its Local Small, Medium and Micro Suppliers Support Programme with an event held yesterday afternoon at The Londoner Macao in Cotai, where it also held the 2025 Sands China Local Supplier Open Day.

Yesterday's activities were among those in a series of initiatives and events celebrating the 10th anniversary of the programme, which was created by the company in conjunction with the Macao Chamber of Commerce.

Sands China Chief Executive Officer and Executive Director Grant Chum Kwan Lock noted in his speech that "over the past 10 years, Sands China has proactively launched various initiatives to support local SMEs, and we have consistently adjusted our strategies in response to the latest market changes and demands, putting innovative ideas into practice to achieve mutually beneficial outcomes".

Chum also said that during the COVID-19 pandemic, "90 percent of our gross procurement amount went to Macau enterprises for three consecutive years. Last year, we recorded a gross procurement amount of 15.2 billion patacas, 84 percent of which went to Macau enterprises"



◀ Sands China Chief Executive Officer and Executive Director Grant Chum Kwan Lock (right) presents a souvenir to Macao Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors Vice President Hoi Lok Man yesterday afternoon at The Londoner Macao in Cotai.

– Photos: Rui Pastorin



SME representatives attend the 2025 Sands China Local Supplier Open Day at The Londoner Macao yesterday.

Moreover, Macao Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors Vice President Hoi Lok Man said in her speech that "SMEs are the economic foundation of Macau. The flourishing development of Macau's local SMEs is one of the city's 'golden accesses' to economic prosperity".

The ensuing open day, which was attended by 250 SMEs, featured procurement booths for categories including F&B, outside services and logistics, marketing, advertising

and printing, technology and gaming products and services, hotel operating supplies and furniture, as well as facilities and construction. Moreover, there was also a booth for Economic and Technological Development Bureau (DSED)-certified local technology enterprises, along with a Sands Procurement Academy booth.

Yesterday's Sands China statement noted that local SMEs, including DESDT Technology Enterprise Certification Programme-

certified enterprises, were connected with Sands China procurement representatives.

Meanwhile, a training programme was also announced during yesterday's event that is slated to be launched this year, aiming to equip local SMEs with marketing skills for live broadcasting on new media platforms. ■

Macau's temperature 0.8 °C above climatological normal last year: govt

Staff Reporter

Macau's mean air temperature last year was 23.6 degrees Celsius, which was 0.8 °C above the climatological normal, i.e., the average value for 1991-2020, the Statistics and Census Bureau (DSEC) announced in a statement yesterday.

According to the statement, last year's highest temperature was 35.4 °C in August. There were 42 very hot days (with the maximum temperature at or above 33 °C) and 29 hot nights (with the minimum temperature at or above 28 °C), representing respective increases of 10.7 days and 17.5 nights when compared to the climatological normal.

On the other hand, the number of cold days (with the minimum temperature at or below 12 °C) decreased by 10.1 to 29 days as compared to the climatological normal.

Macau's rubbish incinerator in Pac On district treated a total of 526,979 tonnes of municipal solid waste in 2024, up by 5.1 percent year-on-year. Per-capita municipal solid waste rose from 2.02 kg per day in 2023 to 2.10 kg. Meanwhile, the amount of construction waste sent to Macau's landfill grew by 13.5 percent to 1,803,000 m³, while the amount of special

and hazardous waste dipped by 0.9 percent year-on-year to 5,355 tonnes.

Water consumption rose by 5.6 percent year-on-year to 94,123,000 m³ last year. The increase was mainly attributed to the growth in water consumption by the government sector (+12.0 percent) and the industrial and commercial sectors (+8.5 percent), which raised per-capita water consumption from 359.9 litres per day in 2023 to 374.3 litres. Besides, a total of 87,532,000 m³ of waste water was treated, up by 4.5 percent year-on-year.

The air quality ranged from "good" to "very bad" in 2024. Compared with 2023, the number of days with "bad" or "very bad" air quality increased. Among all monitoring stations, the Ka-Ho Roadside station had the highest number of "bad" air quality days (34) and recorded two "very bad" air quality days. This station also registered the highest air quality index of the year, at 216 ("very bad" level), with ozone (O₃) being the main pollutant.

Macau's land area remained at 33.3 km², while the population density increased 0.98 percent from 20,400 individuals per km² in 2023 to 20,600 individuals last year, one of the world's highest. ■

Wynn Palace's 'Gourmet Pavilion' to open on April 29

Rui Pastorin

Wynn Palace said in a statement earlier this week that it will open its "Asian culinary landmark" Gourmet Pavilion on April 29 at the integrated resort in Cotai.

The pavilion, the statement said, will bring together flavours from all over Asia and is set to feature 17 culinary brands, with more to come. Among those to showcase their offerings are Leela; Fat Boy Dumplings; Sushi Masa; Unagi Yondaime Kikukawa; Wumamii Beef Noodles; 328 Katong Laksa; and Yong Zuo•Fish Congee.

The statement said that the Gourmet Pavilion was created by London-based David Collins Studio. Its interiors, the statement added, take inspiration from some of Europe's most famous marketplaces, noting:

"Reminiscent of grand European concert halls and theatrical spaces, Gourmet Pavilion takes diners on a journey through time to discover the vibrant and rich cultural heritage of Europe. It is a culmination of global collaborations, where the finest craftsmanship by artisans from around the world is on full display".

Moreover, in celebration of the grand opening, a "Savour the Flavours & Reap Rewards" offer will be available from April 29 to May 31, which will feature online and offline experiences, along with exclusive offers. Among them diners are able to get 15 patacas off on all purchases over 80 patacas during the period.

More details can be found on <https://www.wynnresortsmacau.com/en/wynn-palace/dining/gourmet-pavilion>. ■



This image provided by Wynn Palace on Wednesday shows the entrance to the upcoming Gourmet Pavilion at the integrated resort in Cotai.

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Easter holiday notice

Due to it being the Easter holiday this weekend, *The Macau Post Daily's* team will be off today and Sunday and will return to work on Monday so the print edition of your favourite newspaper will be on the newsstands again on Tuesday morning. However, our digital edition on our website <https://www.macaupostdaily.com/> will be updated round-the-clock. Our local news and editorials as well as commentary by national media organisations are also available on various LinkedIn, Twitter and Facebook accounts.

The *Macau Post Daily's* office will be closed today.

We wish all our readers, advertisers, distributors and contributors a restful holiday.

All government offices and banks will be closed today and Monday, returning to work on Tuesday.

'Queen of Love Songs' Fish Leong to perform at GLP

Rui Pastorin

Malaysian-Chinese singer-songwriter Fish Leong Ching Yu (梁静茹) is set to perform at the Grand Lisboa Palace's (GLP) Grand Pavilion in Cotai on May 3.

Titled "SJM Fish Leong Music Show", a Tuesday statement from the integrated resort operator noted that the "Queen of Love Songs" will be performing her classics such as "Courage", "Pain that Breathes" and "Unfortunately Not You".

Leong, according to Wikipedia, has sold over 20 million records and achieved success in the Chinese mainland, Hong Kong, Japan, Malaysia,

Singapore, and China's Taiwan region.

Meanwhile, SJM is also offering a hotel package that includes two Zone A show tickets, a stay at GLP on the night of the show and breakfast for two at The Grand Buffet. The package is priced at 4,988 patacas and is available on a first-come, first served basis until April 26.

One can also present their concert tickets to selected GLP restaurants for a 15 percent discount.

More information on the concert can be found by visiting <https://www.sjmresorts.com/en/happenings/sjm-fish-leong-music-show>. ■

2 extra Macao Arts Festival shows due to high demand

Rui Pastorin

Local productions "Chris-mas Kingdom" and "Raving•Vibration Z" will each feature additional performances for the upcoming 35th Macao Arts Festival (MAF), the Cultural Affairs Bureau (IC) said in a statement on Wednesday.

The additional performances are due to "high public demand", the statement said, with tickets to be sold from 10 a.m. today through Enjoy Macao Ticketing.

Regarding the two local shows, which are to be held at the Macau Cultural Centre (CCM), the statement said that the around one-hour clown show "Chris-mas Kingdom" will have its additional performance on May 18 at 4 p.m. The statement added that the performance that unveils social issues promises "an unexpected Christmas miracle for families with laughter and empathy". It is presented by Own Theatre, one of the few local troupes specialising in clowning, in conjunction with Hong Kong's Free to Play Theatre.

Meanwhile, "Raving•Vibration Z", created by young local choreographer Lao Pui Lon, will be presented by Four Dimension Spatial and dissects the "loneliness and desires" of Gen Z through electronic music and contemporary dance, according to the statement, with the additional shows, each



These photos provided by the Cultural Affairs Bureau (IC) on Wednesday shows "Chris-mas Kingdom" and "Raving•Vibration Z", both of which will be presented during the upcoming 35th Macao Arts Festival (MAF).

lasting around one hour, scheduled for May 24 at 7:45 p.m. and on May 25 at 2:45 p.m.

This year's MAF, themed "Growth", consists of 15 programmes and will be held from next Friday through May 31. More

information, including on ticketing and other activities, can be found by visiting www.icm.gov.mo/fam and relevant social media pages. Ticketing details are also available by calling 2840 0555 or by visiting <https://ticketing.enjoymacao.mo/>. ■



This poster provided by SJM Resorts on Tuesday promotes the upcoming "SJM Fish Leong Music Show", which will be staged on May 3.



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SPECIAL EDITION

These photos recently sent to The Young Post show Pui Ching students conducting on-campus interviews with their peers and teachers.



To ban or not to ban?

Examining the regulation of smart devices in schools

The Education and Youth Development Bureau (DSEDJ) announced last month that it would introduce guidelines for schools to regulate students' use of smartphones and electronic devices on campus in the next academic year. In response, a team of student journalists from Pui Ching Middle School interviewed their peers, teachers, and parents to gather their perspectives on the issue. Here are their findings:

A Secondary 5 student named Vinci said that mobile devices were great equipment for him to study and learn English. He mentioned that it was more convenient for him to take notes using an iPad. Therefore, he was opposed to restricting mobile devices at school. However, he also mentioned that students could easily be distracted by social media platforms and start conversations through social media apps. Still, he believed he could control himself during classes.

A senior high school student named Si Fong argued that mobile devices should be restricted in schools due to their negative effects. He said that the potential impact of electronic devices on academic performance could not be ignored since primary and junior high school students struggled to regulate their mobile phone usage. Similarly, according to Si Fong, excessive use of mobile devices could significantly reduce motivation to study. He believed that limiting mobile device usage could encourage more face-to-face social interactions and in-person gatherings with friends.

A senior high school student named Athena Leong said she believed that mobile devices should not be restricted in schools. "It would be too depressing for students if they couldn't use any mobile devices during school time." However, Athena thought that students should only use their smart devices during recess and when the teacher gave them permission to do so.

A high school teacher named Mr Ng argued that electronic devices should be completely banned in school. He mentioned concerns about seeing students using mobile phones in the hallways as they were walking. Sometimes, they even played games on their phones. Therefore, he said he hoped the school would enforce stricter rules to address this issue.

A primary school teacher, Mr Joel, said that mobile devices should be restricted to primary students at all times, while students studying in Secondary 3 or the above levels could be allowed to use devices for research and homework. "We use mobile phones every day," mentioned Mr Joel, "Although this is not the best way, it still helps them complete their schoolwork, as it is easier to find information on the internet."

Mr Chan, a parent of a primary student, said that he supported students using mobile devices. "Even though schools ban the use of mobile devices, students will still secretly play on their devices." He also mentioned that he chose to give his child freedom. He said he believed that letting them experience the negative impacts first could also help them recognise the correct use of mobile devices.

A parent, Mr Leong, expressed strong support for restricting mobile devices in school. He thought that using mobile devices in school might distract students' attention. "Most of the students use mobile devices to play games in class instead of learning." As a result, he said he hoped the school could set up more restrictive rules to tackle this phenomenon.

A parent, with her child studying in Primary 3, objected to the motion of banning electronic devices since she thought it was important to let the students adapt to current trends with an appropriate approach and time management skills. She also said that self-discipline against temptation could act as great training for children.

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Police issue statement on incident with 2 online reporters

Staff Reporter

The Public Security Police (PSP) issued the following statement about an incident involving two online reporters:

"At about 9:23 a.m. yesterday, two online media reporters, dissatisfied with the Legislative Assembly's arrangements, refused to enter the Legislative Assembly's auditorium.

They then caused a disturbance on-site and repeatedly attempted to enter the plenary chamber but failed.

Subsequently, they shouted very loudly at the scene. Despite multiple admonitions by Legislative Assembly staff, their behaviour seriously disrupted the order at the scene, prompting Legislative

Assembly personnel to request police assistance. As the two individuals were suspected of affecting the Legislative Assembly's operations, PSP officers took them in to assist in the investigation.

After investigating, it was found that there is strong evidence indicating that both individuals are suspected of violating Article 304 of the Penal Code – "Disrupting the operation of Macau Special Administrative Region organs." The case will be referred to the Public Prosecutions Office (MP) for further investigation.

According to Article 304 of the Penal Code, both face a prison term of up to three years or a fine. ■

ITTF World Cup: Wang beats Harimoto in comeback thriller

MACAU – China's Wang Manyu staged an incredible comeback to defeat Japan's Miwa Harimoto 4-3 at the ITTF Men's and Women's World Cup Macau 2025 yesterday, adding excitement to the first-day knockout stage.

World No. 2 Wang rallied from a 1-3 deficit, winning three consecutive sets to end the Macau World Cup journey of 16-year-old Harimoto. In the deciding game, Wang saw her first match point saved, and after a tense 10-10 tie, won two straight points to clinch the victory.

"My form is better than in the group stage after today's match. I'll give it my all for the matches ahead and fight for every point," Wang said in the mixed zone afterward.

On the men's side, World No. 2 Wang Chuqin won against Kanak Jha of the United States 4-1, going to



Wang Manyu of China hits a return during the women's singles Round of 16 against Harimoto Miwa of Japan at the ITTF Men's and Women's World Cup 2025 in Macau yesterday.

– Xinhua

face Germany's Benedikt Duda, who came through a seven-game match.

In the morning matches, World No. 1 Lin Shidong faced a tough battle against Swedish player Anton Kallberg, ultimately winning 4-3 after seven games (13-11, 11-5, 12-14, 9-11, 9-11, 11-7, 11-8).

"At 8-all in the deciding game, I was focused on taking the initiative on my serve. In particular, at the 9-8 point, I had a lot of determination," Lin said.

Defending women's champion Sun Yingsha of China cruised to a dominant straight-game victory over Austria's Sofia Polcanova, posting scores of 11-3, 11-4, 15-13, and 11-9. She will meet Cheng I-Ching of Chinese Taipei, who edged out Japan's Hina Hayata in a thrilling Round of 16 clash.

Team China's Liang Jingkun, Chen Xingtong, and Kuai Man also moved to the quarterfinals today.

– Xinhua

Nepalese security guard films staff using toilet with hidden camera: police

Staff Reporter

The police arrested a Nepalese security guard on Tuesday for placing a hidden camera on the floor of a female staff toilet cubicle to film other staff members in a casino-hotel resort in Cotai, a Public Security Police (PSP) spokesperson said during a regular press conference yesterday.

The 30-year-old suspect is a non-resident worker (NRW) from Nepal working as a security guard for the resort in Cotai.

According to the spokesperson, the Nepali had wrapped the camera in a tissue and put it on the floor in the cubicle in the female staff toilet in the resort early this month, before a cleaner found it on Tuesday morning.

After the resort reported the case to the police, PSP officers identified the suspect and arrested him later that day in the resort while he was on duty.

The spokesperson said that under questioning by the police, the Nepali admitted to filming other staff using the toilet with the camera since early this month.

According to the spokesperson, the police seized two memory cards from him and from his home in Areia Preta district containing about 180 furtively taken video clips and 20 photos in total.

The suspect has been transferred to the Public Prosecutions Office (MP) for further questioning. ■



This undated handout photo released by the Public Security Police (PSP) yesterday shows the evidence seized in the Nepalese's case.

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Cheong said that the new service centre is scheduled to start operating in the second half of this year.

Spanish is spoken by about 450 million people. It has official status in 20 countries. It is the world's second-most spoken native language after Mandarin, and the world's fourth-most spoken language overall after Mandarin, English and Hindi-Urdu.

Portuguese is spoken by about 250 million people. It has official status in nine countries. It is the world's seventh-most spoken native language, after languages including Arabic and Bengali.

Nearly nine percent of the world's eight billion people have Spanish or Portuguese as their mother tongue. About one-quarter of the world population speaks Mandarin, Spanish or Portuguese.

Macau has been committed to developing itself into a service platform between China and Portuguese-speaking countries since the Forum for Economic and Trade Cooperation between China and Portuguese-speaking Countries, known as Forum Macao for short, was launched in October 2003 in Macau, with its Permanent Secretariat established here in 2004.

Forum Macao's Permanent Secretariat is headquartered in Macau.

During yesterday's Q&A session, Cheong stressed that the functions and tasks of the new service centre will not overlap those of Forum Macao. He stressed that the new service centre will be an organisation operated with corporate-style management dedicated to primarily providing various types of services, which will be jointly run by the Macau government and the in-depth cooperation zone's executive committee.

While the zone's management

committee is its top decision-making body jointly administered by Guangdong Province and the Macau Special Administrative Region (MSAR), running under a dual director system jointly led by the governor of Guangdong Province and the chief executive of the MSAR, the zone's executive committee, which is run under the management committee, is the body tasked with the zone's daily functioning and execution of tasks.

Cheong said that the Macau government and the zone's executive committee have hired a consultancy to design the new service centre's organisational and operational structure, adding that local professionals in the legal, accounting and Portuguese translation fields are welcome to join the new service centre's operation.

Cheong said that Macau has a relatively large number of professionals familiar with the legal and taxation systems in Portuguese-speaking countries, while Hengqin enjoys a more direct link with the mainland market thereby having advantages in serving enterprises from the mainland. Consequently, he said, the new service centre can leverage the synergetic effects created by collaboration between Macau and Hengqin.

Single feedback platform

Meanwhile, Cheong acknowledged during yesterday's Q&A session that the current public feedback systems run by different public entities do not function well in responding to opinions and complaints from residents. Consequently, he said, the government will set up a single and simple platform for residents to raise opinions and complaints related to all government entities.

Cheong said that the local government has designed the

modus operandi of the new platform after referencing the design of the mainland's government service hotline 12345. He said that the new platform will be operated by the Public Administration and Civil Service Bureau (SAFP) with the applications of big data models and artificial intelligence (AI) technologies, with the aim of being able to sort out enquiries, opinions and complaints from residents in a short time and transfer them to the respective public entities.

Hac Sa adventure camp to cost up to 600 million patacas

Meanwhile, Cheong also revealed yesterday that the government's youth adventure camp project near Coloane's Hac Sa Beach is now budgeted at 500 to 600 million patacas after improving and revising the project's design.

When the government announced the large-scale youth adventure camp project in 2023, it said that the project was slated to cost up to 1.4 billion patacas.

Cheong said yesterday that after further studying opinions from community associations and professional associations, the government has made amendments to the project's design in terms of different aspects such as its architectural and structural designs as well as construction techniques and methods, on the premise of ensuring the project's quality and construction standards and adhering to the cost-effectiveness principle.

Cheong also said that the government is now aiming to launch a tender later this quarter for the project's first phase, which is scheduled to be completed in the second half of next year. He said that the government is aiming for the whole camp to be completed in the fourth quarter of 2027. ■

STOCK MARKETS

Hang Seng Index closes 1.61 pct higher

HONG KONG – Hong Kong's stock market ended higher yesterday with the benchmark Hang Seng Index up 1.61 percent to close at 21,395.14 points.

The Hang Seng China Enterprises Index rose 1.52 percent to end at 7,897.44 points, while the Hang Seng Tech Index climbed 1.90 percent to end at 4,887.37 points. – Xinhua

Highlights of Xi's remarks during his visit to Malaysia

KUALA LUMPUR – President Xi Jinping wrapped up his state visit to Malaysia yesterday.

During his visit, Xi held talks with King Sultan Ibrahim Sultan Iskandar and Prime Minister Anwar Ibrahim on promoting bilateral ties and regional cooperation. The following are some of the highlights of Xi's remarks during the visit.

ON TIES AND COOPERATION

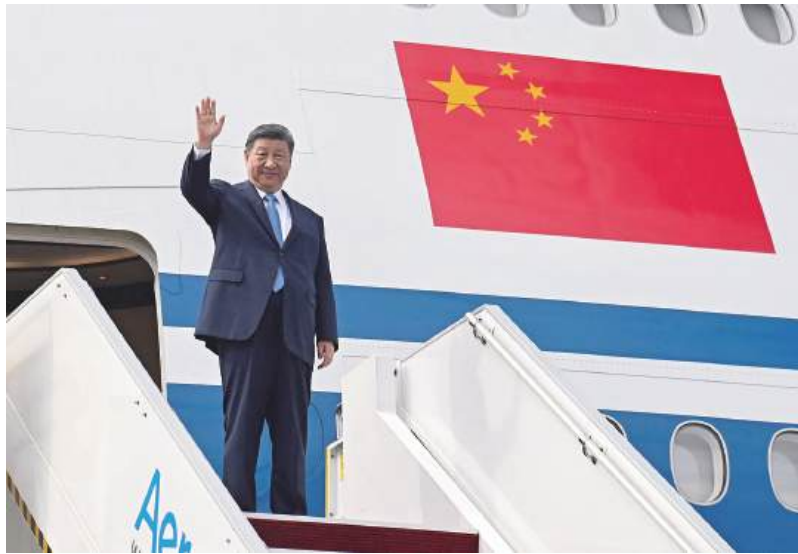
– The traditional friendship between China and Malaysia has spanned a thousand years. Nurtured in a long and rich history, the friendship has grown through cultural exchanges, been consolidated through mutual benefit and elevated through solidarity against challenges. It reflects a pursuit of common values, characterized by sincere interactions, honesty, commitment to righteousness and respect for peace.

– This friendship embodies the historical wisdom and courage of both peoples and is shared treasure for the two nations.

– Since the establishment of diplomatic ties more than half a century ago, the two countries have been committed to mutual respect, equal treatment and win-win cooperation, setting a good example of state-to-state relations.

– China and Malaysia are good neighbors, good friends and good partners who visit each other as often as family. Bilateral relations have gone through a magnificent half-century and are embracing an even brighter future.

– Deepening high-level strategic cooperation between the two countries serves the common interests of both countries and is conducive to peace, stability and prosperity in the region and beyond.



President Xi Jinping waves upon his departure to Cambodia from the Bunga Raya VIP complex of Kuala Lumpur International Airport in Sepang yesterday. – AFP

ON REGIONAL, GLOBAL DEVELOPMENT

– China stands ready to work with Malaysia to implement the Global Development Initiative, the Global Security Initiative and the Global Civilization Initiative, and promote the Global South's pursuit of solidarity-driven collective advancement and common development.

– The two countries will join nations in the region to combat the countercurrent of unilateralism and protectionism in face of shocks to global order and economic globalization.

– Together, we will energize modernization in both of our countries, set up a fine example of unity and cooperation for the Global South, and make new and greater contributions to peace, stability and prosperity in our region and beyond.

– China supports Malaysia in playing its role as ASEAN's rotating chair. China stands ready to work with countries in the region to sign the China-ASEAN Free Trade Area

Upgrade Protocol at an early date.

– China and Malaysia should collaborate on Confucian-Islamic civilizational dialogue to jointly build a platform for cultural exchanges at both the bilateral and regional levels.

ON CHINA-MALAYSIA COMMUNITY WITH SHARED FUTURE

– China is ready to work with the Malaysian side to build a high-level strategic China-Malaysia community with a shared future, so as to usher in a new "Golden 50 Years" for bilateral ties.

– The two countries should continue to work hand in hand to pursue development paths suited to their respective national conditions, resolutely support each other in safeguarding sovereignty, security and development interests, and keep their future firmly in their own hands.

– China and Malaysia should build synergy for development and set a model for high-quality development cooperation. – Xinhua

China slams US low-value package tariff as 'disruptive'

BEIJING – The Ministry of Commerce yesterday slammed the US tariff adjustment on low-value packages as "disruptive," noting that the move will "severely impact the interests of American consumers."

Spokesperson He Yongqian made the remarks at a regular press briefing, stressing that cross-border e-commerce offers unique advantages like high efficiency, fast

delivery and low costs.

The spokesperson went on to add that it not only caters to consumers' growing demand for personalized and diverse products but also represents a key trend in the innovation of international trade, and has become an integral part of people's lives.

Cross-border e-commerce is a new form of trade that closely aligns

with global consumption trends and effectively serves numerous consumers, she said.

"Policy adjustments in this area should aim for facilitation," the spokesperson said, adding that China is ready to work with other countries to enhance exchanges and cooperation, and jointly promote the sound and sustainable development of cross-border e-commerce. – Xinhua

China welcomes more US-funded firms to deepen presence in China: vice premier

BEIJING – Vice Premier He Lifeng met with President and CEO of Nvidia Jensen Huang (黃仁勳) in Beijing yesterday.

Huang is a Taipei-born American businessman. Nvidia is the world's largest semiconductor company.

He, also a member of the Political Bureau of the Communist Party of China Central Committee, pointed out that the Chinese market has huge investment and consumption potential, and the

industrial transformation and upgrading are accelerating.

The Chinese market is the best application scenario for the new round of technological revolution and industrial transformation, and has always been a fertile ground for foreign-funded enterprises to invest and trade, He noted.

China welcomes more US-funded enterprises, including Nvidia, to deeply cultivate the Chinese market and fully

demonstrate their industrial advantages and capabilities in China, thereby gaining the upper hand in global competition, He said.

Huang expressed optimism about the economic prospects of China and the willingness to continue to deepen presence in the Chinese market and play an active role in promoting economic and trade cooperation between the United States and China.

– Xinhua, MPD

China, Cambodia agree to build all-weather community with shared future in new era

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Xi called on both sides to take the building of an all-weather China-Cambodia community with a shared future in the new era as a new starting point, build on the momentum, continue to implement a new action plan on building the China-Cambodia community with a shared future, strengthen unity and cooperation, and speed up the implementation of the Global Development Initiative, the Global Security Initiative and the Global Civilization Initiative.

He also urged the two sides to deepen political mutual trust at a higher level, expand mutually beneficial cooperation of higher quality, consolidate security guarantees of a higher level, carry out people-to-people and cultural exchanges at a higher frequency, and strengthen strategic coordination of higher standards, so as to bring greater benefits to the two peoples.

The Chinese president call for maximizing the role of the China-Cambodia Intergovernmental Coordination Committee, ensuring the strategic dialogues between the foreign and defense ministers of the two countries a success, strengthening exchanges through such channels as political parties and legislative bodies, jointly addressing risks and challenges, and safeguarding the common interests of both sides.

The Chinese side, Xi said, is ready to share opportunities and seek common development with Cambodia.

He called on both sides to vigorously promote high-quality Belt and Road cooperation, and continuously enrich the "Diamond Hexagon" cooperation framework, so as to inject new impetus into their respective modernization efforts.

China, Xi said, encourages more Chinese enterprises to invest in Cambodia, adding that

it will open its mega-market to Cambodia and import more high-quality agricultural products from the country.

The people of the two countries should enhance mutual understanding and friendly feelings for each other, and promote exchanges and mutual learning between Chinese and Cambodian civilizations, he added.

China will continue to offer government scholarships to Cambodia, support the establishment of a dialogue and exchange mechanism for youths between the two countries, and encourage more exchanges at the local level, as well as between media outlets and think tanks, so as to bring the people of the two countries closer and closer, he said.

He called on the two countries take stronger and more effective measures to resolutely crack down on online gambling and telecom fraud, and to maintain social stability and the normal order of exchanges among regional countries.

Xi said China and Cambodia, important forces in the Global South, should stick to the common values of peace, unity and cooperation.

He called on both sides to oppose unilateral bullying, practice true multilateralism, firmly oppose bloc confrontation, strengthen coordination and cooperation within the frameworks of ASEAN and Lancang-Mekong Cooperation, and jointly safeguard hard-won regional peace and development, so as to contribute to promoting the building of a community with a shared future for mankind.

Xi arrived here earlier yesterday for a state visit to Cambodia, the third leg of his three-nation Southeast Asia tour which has already taken him to Vietnam and Malaysia. – Xinhua

Chinese scientists unveil world's fastest flash memory device

SHANGHAI – A Chinese research team has developed a revolutionary flash memory device that can store data at a speed of one bit per 400 picoseconds, setting a new record for the fastest semiconductor storage device ever reported.

Named "PoX," this non-volatile memory outperforms even the fastest volatile memory technologies, which take around 1 to 10 nanoseconds to store one bit of data. A picosecond is one-thousandth of a nanosecond or one-trillionth of a second.

Volatile memories like SRAM and DRAM, which lose data on power loss, are ill-suited for low-power systems, while non-volatile memories like flash, though energy-efficient, fail to meet the high-speed data access demands of AI.

Researchers at Fudan University developed a two-dimensional Dirac graphene-channel flash memory using an innovative mechanism, shattering the speed limits of non-volatile information storage and access.

The results were published on Wednesday in the journal *Nature*.

"By using AI algorithms to optimize process testing conditions, we have significantly advanced this innovation and paved the way for its future applications," said Zhou Peng, the lead researcher of the study from Fudan University.

"This is original work and the novelty is enough for designing the potential future high-speed flash memory," the journal's peer reviewer commented.

– Xinhua

Xi meets with Cambodian Prime Minister Hun, based on 'iron-clad' friendship

PHNOM PENH – President Xi Jinping met with the Cambodian premier in Phnom Penh yesterday on the final leg of a three-nation Southeast Asia tour in which he sought to strengthen regional trade ties.

Xi arrived in the Cambodian capital after visiting Vietnam and Malaysia, as Beijing seeks to build ties and offset the impact of huge tariffs imposed by his US counterpart Donald Trump.

Former Cambodian leader Hun Sen and his son, Prime Minister Hun Manet, shared posts on their social media accounts showing them meeting with Xi.

The two countries exchanged 37 agreements on a wide range of areas, including water resources and agriculture, Hun Manet wrote on Facebook.

China is Cambodia's biggest trading partner and source of investment.

Earlier in the day, Xi was greeted by King Norodom Sihamoni during a military welcome ceremony after he touched down in Phnom Penh.

Xi told the monarch their two nations "set a model for equality, mutual trust and win-win cooperation between countries of different sizes", according to Xinhua.

Phnom Penh is also among Beijing's most reliable supporters in Asia. Hun Manet had described Xi's visit as a display of "iron-clad" friendship.

He underlined in a video posted on Wednesday that the two countries have "common interests based on the principles of respect for sovereignty, equality, and non-interference in internal affairs".

He also said China had played a "pivotal role" in Cambodia's socio-economic development.

China and Cambodia celebrate 67 years of diplomatic relations this year.

Trump imposed tariffs of 49 percent on Cambodia, among the highest of the levies handed out in his April 2 "Liberation Day" trade announcements.

He then paused the levies for most countries for 90 days, reverting to a base tariff of 10 percent.

While meeting Hun Sen, Xi said "trade wars undermine the multilateral trading system and disrupt global economic order".

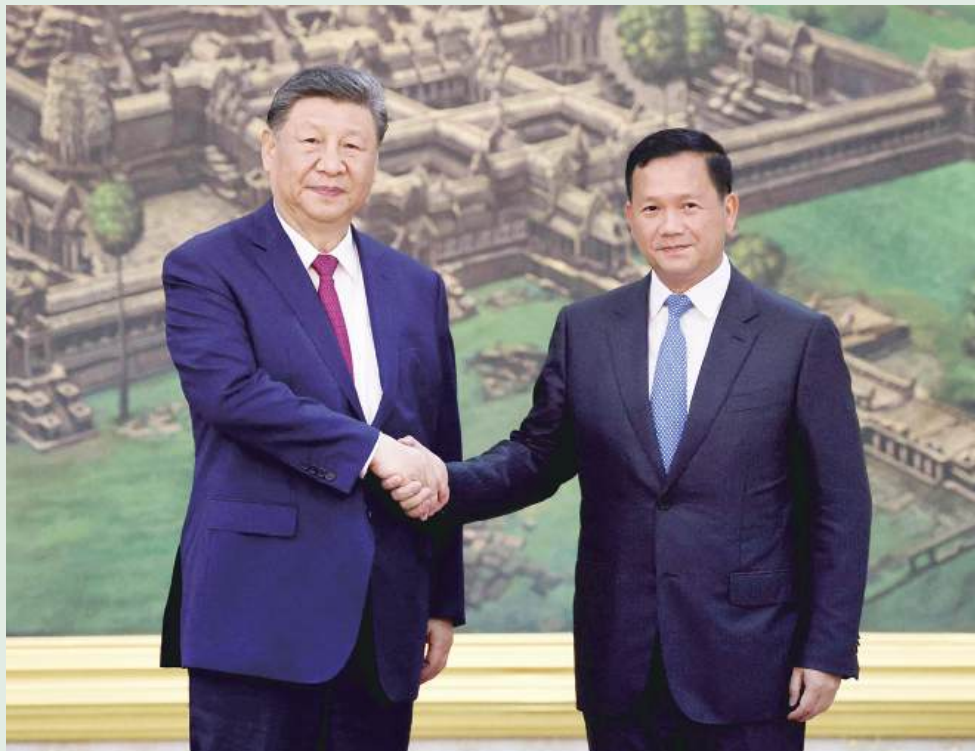
"Unilateralism and hegemonism receive no support of the people," Xi said, as quoted by Xinhua.

China is excluded from the 90-day pause and faces new US levies of up to 145 percent on many of its products.

Beijing has called the taxes a "joke" and imposed tariffs of 125 percent on US goods.

Xi said yesterday China will "open its mega-market to Cambodia, import more high-quality Cambodian agricultural products", as quoted by Xinhua.

– AFP, MPD



Cambodia's Prime Minister Hun Manet (right) shakes hands with visiting President Xi Jinping during a meeting at the Peace Palace in Phnom Penh yesterday. – AFP

China says US tariff hikes no longer make economic sense

BEIJING – A foreign ministry spokesperson said yesterday that the United States' 245 percent tariff on certain products from China no longer makes economic sense.

The White House issued a Fact Sheet about Section 232 investigation on its website on April 15, saying that China faces up to a 245 percent tariff on imports to the United States as a result of its retaliatory actions.

In response to a relevant query, the spokesperson pointed out that China has made it very clear that the United States' extortionate tariff hikes on China have become a numbers game, which

economically does not make much actual difference anymore, except further demonstrating how the United States weaponizes tariff to coerce and bully others.

"China does not want to fight those wars but neither are we afraid of them," said the spokesperson, noting that tariff and trade wars have no winners.

"If the United States continues to play this numbers game with tariffs, it will simply be ignored. But if the United States continues to inflict actual damage on China's rights and interests, China will respond with resolute countermeasures and will stand our ground to the end," the spokesperson said.

– Xinhua

Xi says China, Cambodia set model for equality, mutual trust, win-win cooperation between countries of different sizes



Cambodia's King Norodom Sihamoni (right) shakes hands with visiting President Xi Jinping during a meeting at the Royal Palace in Phnom Penh yesterday. – Xinhua

PHNOM PENH – President Xi Jinping said yesterday that China and Cambodia set a model for equality, mutual trust and win-win cooperation between countries of different sizes.

Xi made the remarks when meeting with Cambodian King Norodom Sihamoni during his state visit to Cambodia.

Noting that Cambodia has recently celebrated the 20th anniversary of King Sihamoni's enthronement and the Khmer New Year, Xi said he is delighted to visit the beautiful country of Cambodia at the invitation of the king, extending his heartfelt New Year greetings to the Cambodian people.

Xi said that Cambodia's nation-building is thriving, and he firmly believes that, under the blessings of King Sihamoni, the hardworking and intelligent Cambodian people will surely build an even more prosperous and stronger nation.

Xi pointed out that China and Cambodia share a millennia-old friendship, with their people having always striven together and thrived together. Regardless of changes in the international landscape, China and Cambodia have stood by each other in good faith and with mutual assistance, offering unwavering support on issues concerning each other's core interests and major concerns.

China and Cambodia have always been at the forefront of building a community with a shared future for mankind, bringing tangible

benefits to the Cambodian people, said Xi.

He said that China values its friendship with the Cambodian royal family, and spoke highly of the important contributions made by the Cambodian royal family to the cause of China-Cambodia friendship over the years.

Under the new circumstances, China and Cambodia should cherish and carry forward the ironclad friendship jointly forged by the elder generation of Chinese leaders and King Father Norodom Sihanouk, endow the China-Cambodia community with a shared future with new connotations of the time, serve the development of their respective countries and the well-being of their people, and make greater contributions to building a community with a shared future with neighboring countries and promoting the building of a community with a shared future for mankind, said Xi.

He noted that China firmly supports Cambodia in maintaining stability, accelerating development, improving people's livelihoods and following a development path that suits its national conditions.

Xi said that he believes Chinese modernization will bring more opportunities to Cambodia and other neighboring countries and expressed confidence in writing a splendid chapter of building an all-weather China-Cambodia community with a shared future in the new era.

– Xinhua

'Classics Quoted by Xi Jinping' aired on TV in Cambodia

PHNOM PENH – On the occasion of Chinese President Xi Jinping's state visit to Cambodia, a TV program – the Cambodian version of "Classics Quoted by Xi Jinping" was launched on TV here yesterday.

Cambodian People's Party President and Senate President Hun Sen sent a congratulatory letter expressing warm congratulations on the broadcast of the program.

The program, produced by the China Media Group, carefully selected Chinese classics quoted in Xi's important speeches, articles, and talks, focusing on themes such as ecological protection, cultural

inheritance, exchanges and mutual learning of civilizations, and modernization construction, said a press release on the launching event.

"With an international perspective and vivid and real pictures, it shows the essence of China's excellent traditional culture to Cambodian audiences and explains the profound historical and cultural foundation of President Xi Jinping's thoughts on governing the country," said the press release.

The program is being broadcast by National Television of Cambodia and other Cambodian media.

– Xinhua