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# Disputes in East China Sea renew ill feelings

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By Isabel Reynolds  
Bloomberg News

A string of incidents in and over the East China Sea points to renewed tensions between Japan and China over territory, just as a new survey underlines the animosity between Asia's two largest economies.

Japan's vice foreign minister, Akitaka Saiki, summoned Chinese ambassador Cheng Yonghua early today after a Chinese frigate entered the "contiguous zone" just outside Japan-administered waters surrounding contested islands. No Chinese naval vessel has previously been observed there, NHK reported.

"This is a one-sided act that increases tensions," Japanese Defense Minister Gen Nakatani told reporters. "I am seriously concerned," he said, according to Kyodo News.

Japanese and Diaoyu in Chinese, with the Japanese government buying three of them in 2012 from a private landowner, leading to a rise in tensions.

### Court ruling

Tensions over territory are rising in Asia before an international court ruling on a case brought by the Philippines over a separate territorial dispute between China and other nations in the South China Sea, which could affect China's behavior in waters through which more than \$5 trillion of trade passes each year.

Japan has used its platform as host of the Group of Seven meetings this year to criticize China, its biggest trading partner.

The developments come as a survey of five Asian nations shows continuing ill feeling between China and Japan, despite growing opportunities to interact through business and

The previous day, three Chinese coast guard vessels entered what Japan regards as its territorial waters around the islands. Meanwhile, the U.S. said Chinese fighter planes unsafely intercepted a reconnaissance flight in international airspace over the East China Sea, CNN reported. China's foreign ministry said the U.S. was deliberately hyping the jet encounter.

A contiguous zone is an area of water that extends up to 24 nautical miles further than territorial seas. While considered international waters, countries claiming such a zone exercise control over the area for various purposes including customs and sanitation.

Japan and China are embroiled in a dispute over uninhabited islets near Taiwan, known as Senkaku in

tourism.

A majority of Chinese see Japan as the most likely nation to start a conflict in Asia, according to a survey conducted by the United States Studies Center at the University of Sydney published this month. Fifty-six percent of Chinese respondents picked Japan as the most likely to initiate hostilities, compared with only 9 percent who picked North Korea.

Thirty-seven percent of Japanese respondents picked China as the most likely instigator, compared with 50 percent who chose North Korea. The survey, which also covered South Korea, Australia, Indonesia and the U.S., found that the Japanese were by far the most likely to characterize China as "doing much more harm than good" in the region.

# China builds isles in disputed waters

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*The U.S. is worried as Beijing brazenly expands its claim on the Spratly archipelago*

By David S. Cloud  
Tribune News Service

WASHINGTON >> China is rapidly building five man-made islands from tiny reefs and shoals in the South China Sea, U.S. officials say, sparking concern that Beijing is growing more as-

sertive in the disputed waters even as the United States boosts its own forces in the western Pacific.

Dredging around Fieri Cross Reef, a former outcropping in the Spratly Islands, during the past year has created a new island nearly 2 miles long and sev-



eral hundred yards wide.

U.S. officials say it is large enough for China to build its first airstrip in the remote archipelago, one long enough for most of its combat and support aircraft. Satellite photos also reveal a small port under construction.

U.S. officials worry that

the buildup indicates a Chinese push to establish de facto control over the resource-rich waters and islets also claimed by the Philippines, Malaysia, Taiwan, Brunei and Vietnam.

Except for Brunei, those nations all maintain small airstrips or symbolic military outposts in the Spratlys, but the Chinese

military dwarfs others in the region and could undermine the tense status quo. Confrontations have broken out over fishing, oil and gas drilling, and military maneuvers in recent years.

India is the latest country to express alarm about Beijing's growing military clout, partly because the Chinese navy has sent nuclear submarines into the Indian Ocean, rattling New Delhi's defense community.

During a three-day visit to New Delhi that ended Tuesday, President Barack Obama signed a joint statement with Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi calling for "safeguarding maritime security and ensuring freedom of navigation and overflight throughout the region, especially in the South China Sea." They urged all parties "to avoid the threat or use of force."

WHITE HOUSE aides portrayed Obama's trip as a way to emphasize his attempt to focus more military and other resources on Asia and the western Pacific, a pivot intended in part to offset China's influence. The Pentagon has sent more warships and troops to the region and has forged closer military ties with several of China's neighbors.

A military-grade airstrip and dredged harbor on Fiery Cross Reef, which lies on the western edge of the Spratly archipelago, clearly would expand China's ability to operate in an area considered a potential tinderbox. Land reclamation is also underway at several reefs.

"China appears to be expanding and upgrading military and civilian infrastructure — including radars, satellite communication equipment, anti-aircraft and naval guns, helipads and docks — on some of the man-made islands," according to a report last month by the U.S.-China Economic and Security Review Commission, which was set up by Congress.

BEIJING INSISTS the reclamation projects are an internal matter taking place on Chinese territory, and recently said it needs a base in the South China Sea to support radar and intelligence gathering. It has rebuffed regional demands to submit to international arbitration to resolve the maritime and territorial disputes.

The White House has refused to take sides in the territorial disputes, calling for a halt in all provocative activities. But the Obama administration faces growing pressure from allies to push back any Chinese effort to establish a permanent offshore military presence in the contested area.

Pentagon officials and the State Department repeated those demands in the past week, urging China to halt the island-building projects.

"We call on China to clarify their reclamation intentions" and "to cease these large-scale reclamation activities, recognize how they are increasing regional tensions, and pursue diplomatic alternatives," said Lt. Col. Jeffrey Pool, a Pentagon spokesman.

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"They're reclaiming land in shoals and rocks in sensitive areas whose sovereignty is contested," Assistant Secretary of State Daniel R. Russel said at a Jan. 21 news conference in Manila. "We think there is a powerful case to be made for the maximum exercise of restraint."

Evan P. Garcia, a senior Philippine diplomat, told reporters the island-building "is not helpful in terms of finding a way forward. ... It's so frustrating."

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# Hong Kong's leader warns of 'anarchy'

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AFP, HONG KONG

Hong Kong Chief Executive Leung Chun-ying (梁振英) yesterday said that demands for fully free elections risked "anarchy" as he pledged allegiance to Beijing and pro-democracy lawmakers staged a dramatic walkout.

Leung resisted political reform in his annual address, saying there would be no deviation from Beijing's framework for the territory's leadership elections in 2017.

"The rule of law is the foundation of Hong Kong. The democratic development of Hong Kong must therefore be underpinned by the same. As we pursue democracy,

we should act in accordance with the law, or Hong Kong will degenerate into anarchy," he said.

In his first speech to Hong Kong's legislature since huge street rallies calling for free leadership elections, Leung made no concessions to protesters and questioned their understanding of the intricacies of politics in the semi-autonomous Chinese territory.

Authorities in Hong Kong and Beijing have consistently branded the mass protests illegal.

"Hong Kong's power originates from the central authorities [in Beijing]," Leung said. "Hong

Kong's autonomy ... is a high degree of autonomy, not an absolute autonomy."

Beijing has ruled that candidates for the territory's first-ever public vote for its chief executive in 2017 must be vetted by a loyalist committee, which campaigners denounce as "fake democracy."

They say they would rather have no vote than one in which the candidates are restricted, and have consistently called for Leung — who was himself appointed by a pro-Beijing committee — to resign.

However, Leung reiterated that any vote for the top post must adhere to Beijing's rules.

# HK government



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Last Thursday, student leader Joshua Wong was at Hong Kong Commercial Radio to record a program when he ran into Chief Secretary Carrie Lam. The 18-year-old immediately reached into his schoolbag and pulled out a criticism of the government's public sentiment report released two days earlier.

"Why did you conclude in the report that it is a common aspiration among Hongkongers to implement a system of universal suffrage based on the National People's Congress' Aug. 31 framework?" he asked. "Don't you think this is distorting facts?"

Instead of answering his question, the chief secretary — second-in-command in the Hong Kong government — talked about how and why the report was compiled, causing the student leader to repeat his question.

At that point, the station's of-

ficials broke up the unscheduled interview, saying it was time to start the program.

It is easy to understand Joshua Wong's frustration. After all, he and thousands of other students had spent the last several months protesting against the Aug. 31 decision, and they clearly had the support of a considerable segment of the public. To be told now that the Hong Kong government believes that there is a "common aspiration" to support the decision did not go down well.

To quote the report's conclusion: "It is the common aspiration of the Central Authorities, the HKSAR Government, and the people of Hong Kong, to implement universal suffrage for the CE (chief executive) elections in 2017 in Hong Kong as scheduled and strictly in accordance with the Basic Law and the relevant Interpretation and Decisions of the NPCSC."

Joshua Wong wasn't the only one surprised by the report's conclusion. After all, the report was meant to tell the central government about

## Hong Kong judge rules 'chalk girl' can return home

AFP, HONG KONG

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A 14-year-old girl who was arrested for chalking flowers on the wall of a Hong Kong democracy protest site and faced being taken into government care will be allowed to stay with her family, a court ruled yesterday.

Authorities had been seeking a "care and protection" order for the teenager, who was sent to a children's home after being caught scribbling on the "Lennon Wall" at the territory's main protest site last month.

Although she was later allowed to return to her father on bail and under curfew, the case sparks fears authorities are carrying out a clampdown on protesters after the end of two months of rallies for free leadership elections.

"After considering the facts and based on suggestions made by social workers, there is a need to make such an order now," Hong Kong Magistrate Winnie Lau said yesterday.

Prominent pro-democracy veteran Martin Lee (李柱銘) who represented the girl, said the teenager "should be happy today." The girl herself was not available for comment.

The arrest of the teen — dubbed "Chalk Girl" in local media — comes as authorities face accusations of mounting a campaign of harassment against prominent pro-democracy figures after protest camps were cleared last month.

"I can't think of any other reason [for the arrests] other than creating white terror or a politically motivated one," said leader Alex Chow (周永康) on Sunday after becoming the latest figure to be detained and released by police.



# blunders once again

The China Post 1/14/2015

public sentiment in Hong Kong in the wake of the Aug. 31 decision.

The "common aspiration" assertion implied that there exists wide support in Hong Kong for the decision, which denies Hong Kong people the right to vote for the candidate of their choice by screening out those not acceptable to Beijing, when in fact the whole 79-day occupation saga was an attempt, albeit unsuccessful, to have the decision reversed.

As it is, the Hong Kong authorities know full well that the community is not solidly behind them. In fact, the day after the release of the public sentiment report, the Hong Kong authorities released a second document directly contradicting the earlier one — this time on the second round of public consultation on universal suffrage elections in 2017.

That report avoids extravagant claims of support from the community. Instead, it candidly acknowledges, "Whether or not universal suffrage for the CE election could be implemented as intended in

2017 would depend on whether the community agrees to complete the "Five-Step Progress" within the framework of the Basic Law and the Decision of the NPCSC.

Under the Aug. 31 decision, the chief executive has to be a person who "loves the country and loves Hong Kong" and, to ensure this, there had to be "institutional safeguards."

Thus, a nominating committee, similar to the current Election Committee, will nominate two to three candidates, each of whom must receive the support of more than half of the members of the nominating committee. The composition of that committee, as is true of the Election Committee, ensures that only the names of Beijing-approved candidates will appear on the ballot.

It was hard to imagine more hard-line terms. Opposition from pan-democrats to the new NPCSC decision was immediate, with the Democratic Party publicly vowing to veto the bill the Hong Kong government will draft to turn the NPCSC decision into local law.

Reaction from the general public, too, was negative. A poll commissioned by the South China Morning Post newspaper found that those who supported a veto outnumbered those opposed to it by 48 percent to 39 percent. If the bill is vetoed, it would mean that the chief executive will continue to be chosen by an Election Committee, with members of the public not having a vote.

If there was a "common aspiration" to implement universal suffrage in accordance with NPCSC decisions before Aug. 31, this new decision strained it to the breaking point.

The Hong Kong government's credibility is at perhaps its lowest point, with the administration seen as telling another untruth while ostensibly trying to set things straight. But as Beijing is talking about the need to "re-enlighten" the people of Hong Kong (read: "re-educate") to achieve a better understanding of the "one country, two systems" policy, it is difficult to see how the Leung administration's problem can be repaired in the short term.

Other leading figures have been asked to report to police stations this week, including outspoken media tycoon Jimmy Lai (黎智英) and the three founders of the Occupy Central campaign.

Police had also sought a care and protection order for another teenager, a 14-year-old boy who was arrested during the clearance of one of the protest camps in November last year.

The teen, who asked not to be named, said his treatment was "extremely unethical" and "politically motivated."

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# Fellini screen siren Anita Ekberg passes away at 83

NY TIMES NEWS SERVICE

Anita Ekberg, who became an international symbol of lush beauty and unbridled sensuality in the 1960 Federico Fellini film *La Dolce Vita*, died on Sunday in Rocca di Papa, southeast of Rome. She was 83.

The cause was complications of a long illness, said her lawyer, Patrizia Ubaldi.

Ekberg had kept a low public profile in recent years. In December 2011, it was reported that she was almost penniless, had no family to help her and was seeking financial assistance from the Fellini Foundation while living at a nursing home in Italy, her adopted country.

Fellini cast Ekberg in *La Dolce Vita* as a hedonistic US actress visiting Rome. A single moonlit scene in which she wades into the Trevi Fountain in a strapless evening gown, turns her face ecstatically to the fountain's waterfall and seductively calls Marcello Mastroianni's character to join her, established her place in cinema history.

Ekberg won a Golden Globe, sharing the 1956 award for most promising newcomer with Dana Wynter and Victoria Shaw, but most of her roles focused on her face and figure.

When she traveled overseas to entertain US troops in the 1950s, Bob Hope introduced her as "the greatest thing to come from Sweden since smorgasbord" and joked that her parents had won the Nobel

Prize for architecture.

Decades later, she told *Entertainment Weekly*: "When you're born beautiful, it helps you start in the business, but then it becomes a handicap."

Kerstin Anita Marianne Ekberg was born Sept. 29, 1931, in Malmö, Sweden, one of eight children of a harbor master.

She did some modeling as a teenager and was later named Miss Sweden, traveling to the US as a special guest at the Miss America pageant. She did not take home the Miss Universe title, but did win a US modeling contract and was soon acting as well.

Over a five-decade acting career, she made more than 50 feature films. Her last screen appearance was on a 2002 episode of the Italian TV series *Il Bello Delle Donne*.

Ekberg married and divorced twice. Her husbands were British matinee idol Anthony Steel (1956 to 1959) and Rik Van Nutter, a US actor who also appeared in films under the name Clyde Rogers (1963 to 1975). Steel died in 2001, Van Nutter in 2005. She had no children.

In an interview for her 80th birthday with Italian newspaper *Corriere Delle Sera*, she was asked if she was lonely.

She replied: yes, a bit, "but I have no regrets. I have loved, cried, been mad with happiness. I have won and I have lost."



Swedish actress Anita Ekberg poses after arriving in London on Nov. 15, 1955, to film the movie *Zarak Khan*. The former sex symbol died on Sunday aged 83. PHOTO AP

# Suspected Chinese link delays Taiping project

By JOSEPH YEH  
The China Post

Taiwan's military yesterday confirmed that the ongoing wharf expansion project at a Taiwan-controlled island in the South China Sea has been suspended due to the alleged involvement of Chinese capital.

Fielding questions during a Legislature interpellation session, Deputy Defense Minister Kao Tien-chung (高天忠) yesterday confirmed that the project at Taiping Island has been suspended.

The suspension is due to several opposition lawmakers' questions over the government's decision to hire a vessel linked to China to be responsible for transporting structures to Taiping for the project, Kao said.

Kao made the remarks when asked by a ruling lawmaker to

comment on the latest progress of the expansion project.

Several Democratic Progressive Party (DPP) lawmakers have voiced concerns over the project because they considered using a ship linked to China for the wharf expansion to be a potential breach of national security.

During yesterday's session, ruling Kuomintang (KMT) lawmaker Lin Yu-fang (林郁方), however, said that a suspension due to the allegations is illogical because the ship, though built using Chinese capital, is registered in Libya, not China.

Taiwan should continue with the project as soon as possible for the sake of its national interests as China has been speeding up its expansion in the South China Sea at a China-controlled island in the disputed sea, Lin said.

The lawmaker said China's continued expansion of Fiereny Cross Reef, which it calls Yongshu Reef, has turned the strategically important reef into reportedly the biggest island in the Spratlys, and the expansion is expected to continue, according to Lin.

## Chinese Expansion of Yongshu Reef

Citing the latest information and photos, Lin said that the Chinese expansion of Yongshu Reef has made it three times the size of Taiping Island.

Previously, the Taiwan-controlled 0.5 square kilometer Taiping Island was the largest island in the South China Sea's Spratlys.

Lin added that the size of the Yongshu expansion makes it possible for Beijing to build an

airstrip as long as 2,000 meters in the future that will be able to accommodate the taking off and landing of its advanced fighter jets, including Su-27 J-7 and J-8 fighter jets, posing serious threats to Taiwan in the disputed seas.

Located about 1,600 km from the southern port city of Kaohsiung on Taiwan's main island, Taiping Island is the southernmost territory under the control of the Taiwanese government.

It is currently manned by Taiwanese Coast Guard personnel.

The Coast Guard Administration (CGA) previously said the NT\$3.3 billion expansion project is expected to be completed before the end of this year.

When completed, the wharf will be able to accommodate 3,000-ton naval frigates and Coast Guard cutters.

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# HK legislator to resign to inspire 'referendum'

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AFP, HONG KONG

A veteran pro-democracy legislator pledged on Friday last week to resign from Hong Kong's Legislative Council, triggering a by-election to allow residents to "vent their anger" at Beijing authorities over proposals on how the territory chooses its next leader.

The issue was at the heart of months of mass protests in Hong Kong, where pro-democracy demonstrators blocked off stretches of main roads to call for what they termed "true" universal suffrage.

Legislative Council member Albert Ho's (何俊仁) announcement that he would resign his seat is the latest show of defiance by Hong Kong's pro-democracy lawmakers, who have vowed to veto any government proposal over how to choose a new leader in 2017.

It came as authorities continued to clamp down on activists involved in the mass pro-democracy rallies that began at the end of September last year.

Though Hong Kong is to choose its chief executive through a "one-person, one-vote system," Chinese authorities have said that candidates must be vetted by a nominating committee, which democracy activists and pro-Beijing figures alike say would screen out anyone seen as unacceptable by China.

Ho's resignation from his "super seat" — one of five in the legislature — would trigger a by-election in



Pro-Beijing protesters mock former pro-democracy Hong Kong legislator Audrey Eu outside the Legislative Council in Hong Kong on Wednesday last week. PHOTO: REUTERS

which 5 million people may vote.

"I think I should take every possible opportunity to enable Hong Kong people to vent their anger, their frustrations — and protest against the central government," Ho told reporters.

"I am in a position to do so by resigning from my seat so as to trigger off a territory-wide *de facto* referendum," he said, adding that he was sure "Hong Kong people would seize this opportunity to fully express their views."

Ho said he would resign after pro-democracy legislators — who hold a critical legislative veto on constitutional amendments — vote down the proposed political reform package. Legislators are expected to vote on the package in the early months of the summer, but experts have questioned the

usefulness of Ho's move.

"It [the resignation] would be meaningless, because the bill would have been voted down already," Hong Kong Institute of Education political analyst Sonny Lo (盧兆興) told reporters.

Meanwhile, the founders of the Occupy Central movement on Friday announced that they were summoned by police officers to accept arrest.

"Charges include taking part in, instigating and organizing and facilitating unauthorized assembly," founder and academic Chan Kin-man (陳健民) said on Facebook.

Also on Friday, Hong Kong billionaire Li Ka-shing (李嘉誠) told reporters: "If Hong Kong's political reform does not take a further step, the harm to the territory is impossible to estimate."

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## China's buildup of modern warships a 'threat' to Taiwan

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'CLEAR' DANGER: A US

defense analyst said that the new, larger, deadlier vessels justify Taipei's bid to develop its own fleet of missile-armed submarines

BY WILLIAM LOWTHER  
STAFF REPORTER IN WASHINGTON

Beijing's ongoing buildup of modern, radar-equipped warships represents a "clear threat" to Taiwan, an expert on China's military has warned.

"The eventual number of such ships is unknown, but could exceed 20 by the early to mid-2020s," International Assessment and Strategy Center senior fellow Rick Fisher said.

He issued the warning after a report in *Defense News* said that by 2018, China's People's Liberation Army Navy (PLAN) will have more phased-array radar-equipped destroyers than any regional competitor — including Japan and South Korea.

The US-based magazine said that Beijing had commissioned its fifth Type 052C destroyer, the *Jinan*, on Dec. 22 last year, "leaving one last ship of that type to be finished."

The magazine said that the Chinese navy's procurement of Luyang-class Type 052C/Ds and Type 055 guided-missile cruisers with phased-array radars would provide long-range anti-aircraft warfare support to China's planned carrier strike groups.

Fisher told the *Taipei Times* that the ships would be incorporated into anti-surface warfare groups that can use their long-range radar to help target long-range anti-ship ballistic missile strikes or cruise missile strikes from strike-fighters and bombers.

"Their larger size and larger weapons compliment means they can conduct anti-aircraft and anti-submarine missions in support of aircraft carrier and amphibious assault groups," Fisher said.

He added that the next class of destroyer China will build is the Type 055, which is expected to be an 11,800-tonne destroyer capable of carrying more than 100 missiles and which could also be the first Chinese warship to use energy weapons like lasers or railguns.

"China's rapid buildup of these large powerful warships helps to justify Taiwan's requirement for submarines large enough to carry an adequate weapons payload of long-range anti-ship missiles and long-range torpedoes a significant distance from Taiwan," Fisher added.

Echoing other defense experts, he said that a fleet of mini-submarines may not survive an offensive once they are at the distance from Taiwan proper they would have to be to engage the large Chinese warships.

"China's large radar and missile ships also pose a grave threat to Taiwan's fleet of 12 P-3C Orion anti-submarine aircraft, again emphasizing Taiwan's requirement for larger submarines capable of anti-submarine missions," Fisher said.

*Defense News* said that the new destroyers would serve as the PLAN's "workhorses," giving the navy more flexibility.

In a Taiwan contingency, the vessels could provide area-wide defensive air coverage, "complicating Taipei's ability to defend its airspace," the magazine added.



The opening of the exhibition is slated for Jan. 13 at Nanmen Park of the National Taiwan Museum. (Central News Agency)

An exhibition in Taipei focusing on the development of the ties between Taiwan and the United States over the past 35 years will open next week, according to the American Institute in Taiwan (AIT), one of the organizers.

The exhibition, titled "Tradition and Transformation: U.S.-Taiwan Relations, 1979-2014," will display photos, texts and artifacts chronicling the development of the unofficial

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relationship between Taiwan and the United States since Washington switched diplomatic recognition from Taipei to Beijing in 1979, the AIT said in a statement.

The exhibit "demonstrates the close ties forged between the people of the United States and the people of Taiwan since the signing of the Taiwan Relations Act (TRA) in 1979," said the AIT, which is co-organizing the event with the National Taiwan

Museum. The opening of the exhibition is slated for Jan. 13 at Nanmen Park of the National Taiwan Museum, said the AIT, which represents U.S. interests in Taiwan in the absence of diplomatic ties.

Christopher Marut, director of the AIT's Taipei Office, and Chen Chi-ming, director of the National Taiwan Museum, are scheduled to deliver opening remarks before the ribbon cutting

ceremony, the AIT said.

The TRA was enacted to maintain commercial, cultural and other relations between the people of the U.S. and the people of Taiwan after Washington and Taipei broke off formal ties.

The law pledges to help ensure peace, security and stability in the Western Pacific and to promote the foreign policy of the U.S. It also requires the U.S. government "to provide Taiwan with arms of a defensive character."





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# Wynn bets Macau will be a winner for years

Casino mogul sees no threat from mainland crackdown on graft and extravagance

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Casino billionaire Steve Wynn has dismissed fears that Macau's gaming industry is threatened by the mainland's crackdown on corruption and extravagance, saying he's bullish about the city's long-term prospects.

"I don't give a damn," Wynn said of revenue projections for next month's National Day "golden week" holiday after a speech in Macau yesterday in which he outlined his vision for the world's largest gambling hub.

"The answer is no, I'm not concerned ... I think the future of Macau is terrific. We have invested more in Macau than we've made. That shows as a capitalist I am completely confident that I am reinvesting in this country."

Macau's gross gaming revenue has fallen for three consecutive months, the first such prolonged decline in five years, and full-year growth forecasts have dropped from heady double digits to as low as 3 per cent.

"We're ahead of where we were last year in our company," Wynn said of Wynn Macau's third-quarter performance. "We've been beating the market generally in the mass tables and the slots.

"I can't answer the question [whether gross gaming revenue will decline this year]. I don't have enough information yet, but colour me bullish and happy to have this investment and looking to making more."

Wynn said Macau and neighbouring Hengqin (橫琴) would together provide a world-class hub for meetings, incentives, conferences and exhibitions.

"What you're going to see between now and 2017 as these 13,000 [new hotel] rooms open up is more imagination, creativity in non-gaming areas than anybody is going to witness before," he said. "[Sands Macao casino owner] Sheldon Adelson is having prize fights and concerts. Anything being offered in the world is being offered here.

"Then throw in Hengqin Island, which will have several parks. I expect that Hengqin Island and Macau are probably going to be the most dynamic tourist and meeting convention areas not only in the Asia-Pacific but in the world - one of the two best in the world."

The Macau government has been vocal about wanting to encourage the development of non-gaming activities. In July, MGM China chairwoman Pansy Ho Chiu-king said that developing attractions besides gaming should be one of Macau's key priorities if it did not want to risk losing tourists to other destinations.

Wynn operates two casinos in Macau - Wynn Macau and Encore. A third - the US\$4 billion Wynn Palace - was on track to open "in 15 to 16 months". That property will double the number of gaming tables operated by the company and increase hotel room capacity by 170 per cent.

Luis Pereira, managing director of gaming industry website Asia Gambling Brief, said it was difficult to expand in Macau because it was "a very small place". "I'm sure every casino operator there would like to use more land but it's just not there," he said.

# End of the road

**Frank Ching** says a careful reading of the Basic Law shows that the NPC decision in fact signals the end of our democratic process



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For well over a decade, Hong Kong society has been torn by the lure of democracy or, as the Basic Law puts it, universal suffrage. The August 31 decision by the National People's Congress Standing Committee is likely to indefinitely prolong dissension within the community.

Many people are saying that we should "pocket" the decision first so that at least everyone will have the right to vote. After that, Hong Kong can always ask for more.

But there is a flaw in that argument. Article 45 of the Basic Law says: "The ultimate aim is the selection of the Chief Executive by universal suffrage upon nomination by a broadly representative nominating committee in accordance with democratic procedures."

That aim, we are told, is to be achieved gradually. Thus, the first chief executive was chosen by a selection committee of 400 members and the second by an Election Committee of 800 members. This later grew to 1,200 members.

When democrats in Hong Kong started to clamour for universal suffrage in 2007, Beijing put its foot down. It was far too early.

The NPC Standing Committee then laid down a five-step process under which Hong Kong had to ask for permission before taking any action to implement universal suffrage.

Donald Tsang Yam-kuen, the then chief executive, asked the Standing Committee whether the 2012 election could be held by universal suffrage. Beijing said no to 2012 but then added that the election of the chief executive in 2017 "may be implemented by the method of universal suffrage". That is to say, the "ultimate aim" could be achieved then.

The Basic Law spells out that there shall be a "broadly representative nominating committee" which will act "in accordance with democratic procedures". How this would happen was left vague - until August 31. On that day, the Standing Committee's decision was issued.

The decision was not one just on the 2017 election; rather, it is a decision on election of the chief executive by universal suffrage, whatever the year.

While the Basic Law describes the nominating committee in general terms, the Standing Committee directed that it should be formed in the same way as the Election Committee in 2012. The 1,200-member body will be the "broadly representative nominating committee" mentioned in the Basic Law.

It is notable that the decision leaves no room for further reform, not even allowing for the possibility of changes in the "actual situation" in Hong Kong.

By assuming no change, it reverses the stance of the Basic Law, which anticipates change during the 50-year life of the special administrative region.

Once the Legislative Council accepts the political reform package based on the Standing Committee decision, there will be no legal argument left for further improvement. If Hong Kong agrees with Beijing that the ultimate aim has been achieved, the whole idea of "gradual and orderly progress" falls away, since these are steps towards the ultimate aim.

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A security officer puts out a protective arm as about a dozen of the students who moved their class boycott to Tamar yesterday rush towards Leung Chun-ying. Photos: Sam

# Distrust of Beijing hits post-handover high

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## Students charge chief executive after boycott moves to Tamar complex



Students in Tamar Park, by the government offices.

Shirley Zhao, Jeffie Lam, Samuel Chan and Peter So

Leung Chun-ying's security staff and police held a dozen "striking" students at bay yesterday after they rushed towards the chief executive as he left his office yesterday morning. Leung then beat a hasty retreat into the building. The latest display of anger coincided with the release of an

opinion poll showing that Hongkongers' distrust of the central government had reached its highest level since June 1995. The survey by the University of Hong Kong's public opinion programme also found the proportion of respondents who lack confidence in the "one country, two systems" formula is at its highest since the poll began in 1993.

"The latest changes in the sur-

vey figures are no doubt related to political reform, for reasons there's no need to mention," said Robert Chung Ting-yiu, director of the programme.

Some 52 per cent of the 1,000 people interviewed by telephone between September 4 and 11 said they did not trust the central government, while only 30 per cent expressed trust.

Some 53 per cent said they had no confidence in the "one country, two systems" formula, compared with 37 per

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# Beijing distrust rises as students step up action

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cent who held the opposite opinion.

Beijing's restrictive framework for electoral reform issued last month was the reason for the Hong Kong Federation of Students' call to strike this week.

A strike by secondary school pupils on Friday will add to tensions as the Occupy Central sit-in draws near, with October 1 looking the likely date for it to begin.

On day two of the federation's action, students moved their class boycott to government headquarters in Admiralty for a series of lectures by academics. Organisers said 4,000 students and members of the public took part.

They are calling on Leung and other senior officials to resign unless Beijing allows an open nomination process for candidates in 2017, when Hongkongers can choose their leader by universal suffrage for the first time.

Alex Chow Yong-kang, the federation's secretary general, said students might escalate their actions as early as tonight if Leung failed to address the public. Chow said one plan being considered was for students to

take action before the Occupy Central sit-in by blocking areas around the Tamar complex.

After his encounter yesterday, Leung said: "I fully identify with the demands of the students and I hope we can all elect the chief executive using 'one person, one vote' soon." He did not say if he would meet the students.

Kelvin Leung, a Form Four pupil from St Joseph's Anglo-Chinese School in Choi Hung, said he had skipped a whole day of school to attend the lectures. He expected to be punished by his school, but believed that joining the strike would help put pressure Beijing into reversing its decision.

At least 16 pupils at Hoi Ping Chamber of Commerce Secondary School in Ho Man Tin held their one-day strike early yesterday because the school will be on holiday on Friday.

Leaders of the Civil Human Rights Front, whose application for a march on National Day - October 1 - from Victoria Park was rejected by the government, said they would rally in Chater Road, Central, instead. They said Occupy organisers would have to decide if the rally would be the prelude to a mass sit-in.

# OCCUPY CENTRAL LEADER DROPS 'OCTOBER 1' HINT

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**Benny Tai** says the civil disobedience movement plans to celebrate country's big day with a 'grand banquet' in Central to fight for democracy

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**Jeffie Lam and Clifford Lo**

The likelihood that Occupy Central will be launched on National Day, October 1, grew firmer yesterday when a co-founder of the movement spoke of "a grand banquet" in Central while others were marking "the big day".

Another Occupy Central founder has applied to police for a public meeting at Chater Road pedestrian precinct on the public holidays of October 1 and 2.

"While others are celebrating the big day of the country, we will set up a grand banquet in Central to fight for Hong Kong's democracy," Benny Tai Yiu-ting wrote in *Apple Daily* yesterday.

"Banquet" is the code name for the mass sit-in with which the movement hopes to press Beijing to offer full democracy to Hong Kong, amid dismay over a restrictive framework for the city's first "universal suffrage" election for chief executive in 2017.

Occupy later posted a checklist on its Facebook page urging supporters to bring protective gear such as goggles, as well as provisions for two or three days.



Police remove a protester at Chater Road in July. Photo: David Wong

"We welcome all pro-democracy supporters who are willing to devote themselves to this cause to join," Tai wrote, adding that people who wanted only to observe were also welcome.

Co-founder Reverend Chu Yiu-ming's application to police supported rumours the sit-in would take place in a section of Chater Road closed to traffic on Sundays and public holidays. Chu filed the application in the

name of his Hong Kong Democratic Development Network.

It seeks to hold a rally on Chater Road between 3pm and midnight on October 1 and 7am and midnight on October 2. It also asks to use Chater Garden from 3pm on October 1 to midnight on October 3. A source close to Occupy said organisers would withdraw the October 2 application if the National Day one succeeded.

Separately, the Civil Human Rights Front scrapped a march from Victoria Park to Chater Road on October 1 after it was denied permission to use the park.

Meanwhile three more protesters were yesterday charged over an unruly protest outside the Legislative Council building on June 13. They will appear at Eastern Court tomorrow. At least 20 people have been charged since Saturday over the rally and one a week earlier, against two new towns in the New Territories.



**We welcome all ... who are willing to devote themselves to this cause to join**

BENNY TAI YIU-TING

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also suggested using crowd funding through existing websites as an alternative approach to funding activities.

**b. I-Jiunn Cheng, *An Amazing Ambassador: What Sea Turtles Can Do for Us***

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Turtle researchers usually think about sea turtles as endangered species that need active protection plans. However, sea turtles can also act as an effective medium to promote coalescence of conservation with industry, religion, possible international cooperation and public awareness campaign. In January 2014, a stranded female green turtle with a Japanese tag was rescued from the inlet channel of a Taipower thermal power plant in Taoyuan County, northern Taiwan. According to the pathological examines and weather conditions, she was diagnosed as cold-stunned after intestinal obstruction by anthropogenic materials and undigested encrusting sponges. This is the first female adult green turtle ever rescued since 2009, and the first cold-stunned case in Taiwan. Communications with Dr. Yoshimasa Matsuzawa of the Sea Turtle Association of Japan regarding the tag resulted in a referral to the Everlasting Nature of Asia (ELNA)'s Ogasawara Office, who confirmed that the turtle was tagged and released by the research team of ELNA on June 18, 1994 on the uninhabited island of Hirashima in Ogasawara.

According to Taiwan's wildlife conservation law, all rehabilitated sea turtles should be released back to the wild in the same county as it was rescued. Taipower Company decided to hold the release ceremony. By working in partnership with them, Taipower Company became actively involved in sea turtle conservation campaigning by learning about sea turtle biology, conducting beach cleaning and inviting six local school children to join the ceremony. The turtle was released in the morning of April 2, 2014 at Guanyin Beach. Guanyin is one of the three Buddha in Buddhism. This inspires Buddhists a lot, and 280 at-home Buddhists joined the ceremony. Several groups including Taipei Office, Interchange Association, Japan and Ministry of Foreign Affairs ROC, also attend the ceremony. A satellite tag was deployed to determine where she goes after the release. Under the witness of Buddha, a total of more than 600 people celebrated the rebirth of a green turtle that nested in Japan. Little do we understand how sea turtle can acts as an ambassador to bridge the conservation with industry, religion and possible international cooperation.

Meeting participants commented that this provides an example that sea turtles can be a catalyst for international cooperation. Matsuzawa reported that he recently received a card from the students who attended the release ceremony. Meeting participants also asked whether the recaptured turtle had been seen in Ogasawara since 1994, and whether the turtle had grown since its first capture record. Hiroyuki Suganuma and Satomi Kondo of ELNA responded that the turtle was tagged at an uninhabited island and had not been resighted since, but they were unable to confirm during the meeting whether the turtle had grown.

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green turtles in 2012. Monitoring activities were conducted at 57 nesting sites in three island groups; Chichijima group, Hahajima group and Mukojima group. Landing tracks and nests were counted and recorded throughout the nesting season. All the shells were subsequently dug out after the predicted hatching date and shells were categorized and counted. The eggs were categorized into 'successfully hatched', 'preyed', 'washed out', 'inundated' and 'damaged by other reasons'. Preyed eggs were further categorized into different predators. Nests counts provide an understanding of present status of nesting females, whereas egg categorizations help predict future trend.

Eggs preyed by crabs and termites occupied over 70% of the nests in 2012. Although hatching success varies from site to site, the average hatching success rate was 29.3% in Chichijima Island. A total of 65,943 hatchlings emerged were supposed to enter the sea. The full-scale monitoring on nests started in 1976 and the number of nests increased dramatically in the past few years, although around 4 years of remigration frequency showed the fluctuation of abundance of the nests. The total number of nests in Chichijima reached 1,919 in 2012, which was the highest since the research had begun. Long-term monitoring is necessary to understand present population status and predict future trend. Moreover, nest counts as well as survey of predation and other damages are essential to understand environmental and anthropogenic influences, which is a significant importance to implement adequate management and apply effective protection.

Meeting participants asked how many of the islands in Ogasawara are uninhabited and what percent of the nests are studied for hatching success. Kondo responded that only two islands are inhabited and there are about 30 additional islands that are uninhabited. Day surveys are conducted for most beaches, although some surveys are conducted through extended camps. She also noted that they attempt to conduct hatch success surveys on all nests, with about 95% of the nests actually surveyed.

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# FEPZs invite is

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**NOT YEA OR NAY:** Five DPP mayors, in turning down a KMT invitation to help review a bill on proposed free economic pilot zones, said the issue needs proper deliberation

BY ALISON HSIAO  
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The Chinese Nationalist Party (KMT) said on Monday and reiterated yesterday that it would invite city and county mayors to the Legislative Yuan to make public their stands on the controversial issue of establishing free economic pilot zones (FEPZs). Democratic Progressive Party (DPP) local government leaders panned the motion as tantamount to "blackmail."

The KMT party caucus yesterday called on the local governors to "reveal their stance on the nation's major economic policy," after DPP city and county mayors issued a joint statement late on Monday and turned down the KMT's invitation to attend a joint committee session for reviewing a bill on the development of the pilot zones.

KMT Legislator Huang Chao-shun (黃昭順), convener of the legislature's joint committee, said last week she would invite the mayors of the cities and counties that would be home to the planned FEPZs to the committee session today to announce their endorsement or rejection of the policy concerning the pilot zones.

"If you don't need [the pilot zones], they could be taken away. There's no pressure," Huang said.

KMT Deputy Chairman Tseng Yung-chuan (曾永權) praised Huang's "decisive" action on Monday and said if DPP mayors do not want the pilot zones, the plans for their cities and counties could be "scrapped" and given to other places whose mayors "assertively asked for the [projects]."

→ The DPP mayors — Yilan County

Commissioner Lin Tsung-hsien (林聰賢), Chiayi County Commissioner Helen Chang (張花冠), Greater Kaohsiung Mayor Chen Chu (陳菊), Greater Tainan Mayor William Lai (賴清德) and Pingtung County Commissioner Tsao Chi-hung (曹啟鴻) — released a joint statement later on Monday, denouncing the KMT's proposal as oversimplifying a complex policy project that requires thorough deliberation.

"Policies such as FEPZs deserve better deliberation than a simple question of 'yes' or 'no.' That the local governments welcome the setting up of the FEPZs does not mean that they endorse the bill package, which contains inappropriate designs," they said in the statement.

The statement added that rigorous review of a policy is the legislature's duty and that the Executive

## blackmail: DPP

Yuan's proposal must be able to "stand [up to] the legislature and civil society's close examination, rather than force local governments into submission with intimidation measures."

"The KMT's tactic of 'endorse it or be excluded from it' is tantamount to blackmail. It arises from an authoritarian mentality which is extremely anti-democratic," the five mayors said.

"We agree that as an economy that strongly depends on economic commerce, Taiwan cannot be insulated from the international trade network. However, the plan of FEPZs is no small business and must undergo comprehensive review to avoid another 'black-box' controversy sparked by the cross-strait service trade agreement," they said.

Responding to the statement, Huang said yesterday that the KMT did not insist on passing the Executive Yuan's version of the bill, but the bill has been blocked by the

DPP since early March.

"Different opinions, if explicitly voiced, would be considered in the review process," she said.

Greater Kaohsiung Mayor Chen Chu said separately yesterday that the KMT's strong-arm tactics to win endorsement of the policy is no different from threatening Kaohsiung's 2.27 million citizens and questioned in what capacity Tseng could have a say in the matter.

She said that she supported the clauses in the bill that would bring benefits to Greater Kaohsiung and Taiwan, but room for rational discussion must be allowed for the clauses that the local governments are having doubts about.

Chen said she would not be able to attend the session, but would ask DPP legislators to voice her concerns.

The KMT caucus announced later yesterday that six KMT and non-partisan local government heads agreed to attend today's session.



# HK journalist calls

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**PRESS FREEDOM:** Beijing's influence on media outlets in Hong Kong has given rise to a culture of self-censorship that is stifling the media industry, Mak Yin-ting said

BY **SHIH HSIU-CHUAN**  
STAFF REPORTER

A veteran Hong Kong journalist yesterday called for stronger support from Taiwan and the international community over the "ever-worsening" repression of media in the Chinese territory by Beijing and local authorities.

Mak Yin-ting (麥燕庭), correspondent for Radio France Internationale, voiced grave concern over the continual erosion of press freedom in Hong Kong at a Taipei forum, which drew reporters from China, Macau and Malaysia, as well as local activists and academics, to discuss Chinese-language media in Asia.

Although China has guaranteed

Hong Kong press freedom as stipulated in Article 27 of the Hong Kong Basic Law, Mak said she expected the territory's handover in 1997 to result in a raft of restrictive measures.

## MEDIA CONTROL

"What I didn't expect was that press freedom would have deteriorated at a much faster pace than I thought," said Mak, former chairperson of the Hong Kong Journalist Association.

Mak said China's attempts to exert control over the media in Hong Kong since 1997 came in three waves, with Beijing using a variety of measures to tighten the noose on press and media freedom

in the wake of the three events.

They were the pro-democracy movement in Tiananmen Square in 1989, the 2003 march against Article 23 of the Basic Law that drew 500,000 people in Hong Kong and the demonstration against the introduction of a mandatory Moral and National Education Curriculum in Hong Kong's primary and secondary schools in 2012, Mak said.

Beijing's influence on media outlets in Hong Kong, which has encouraged a culture of self-censorship, is "close to" stifling the media, which has come under increasing political and commercial sway from the local government, Mak said.

## for support

Even multinational financial giants like Standard Charter and HSBC, and international airlines have bowed to pressure from the government not to place ads in certain newspapers, she said.

Mak said she believed that if reporters could stand up against all these moves to suppress media freedom, it would help resist the oppression.

The Hong Kong Journalist Association seldom took part in protests before 2003, but after the July 1 march in 2003, the situation has changed, Mak said.

## DEFENDING FREEDOM

"We are [now] often involved in the protests," Mak said.

"People might say that reporters are supposed to be observers, not participants, but we have to stand up and defend press freedom. Once

press freedom is restricted, so is the freedom people are entitled to enjoy in society," she said.

The protests launched by reporters and citizens in opposition to the government-proposed amendment to the Corporation Act last year designed to deny public access to information of executives in a company has successfully stopped the plan, Mak said.

Various proposals to restrict media freedom are still being deliberated in the Legislative Council and the number of harassments and violent attacks on journalists in the territory is on the rise, Mak said, urging Taiwan and the international community to pay close heed to the situation in Hong Kong and support press freedom.

The forum was hosted by the Excellent Journalism Award.

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# Furnace slag is dumped in farmland at Cishan

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## MUDDYING THE WATERS:

The 300,000 tonnes of slag have turned water in a tap water source cobalt blue, but bureaus say it is not a problem and that the slag is not 'waste'

BY LEE I-CHIA  
STAFF REPORTER

Residents from Greater Kaohsiung's Cishan District (旗山), accompanied by Citizens of the Earth, Taiwan (地球公民基金會, CET), and a legislator, yesterday accused the government of passing the buck on dealing with the illegal dumping of furnace slag within a protected area.

At the Legislative Yuan yesterday morning, they said Dalin Borough (大林) of Cishan is designated as a protected source of tap water, yet they had discovered that furnace slag from China Steel Corp (CSC, 中鋼) had been dumped across four to five hectares of farmland in the area since May last year.

Cishan Respect and Caring Education Foundation chairperson Wang Chung-yi (王中義) said that ever since the farmland was dumped with furnace slag, water in the nearby pond had turned a royal blue color, the fish had died and the pH level was tested at 12, leaving many residents afraid to plant crops near the site.

Local self-help association chairperson Cheng Miao-jen (鄭妙珍) said petitions filed with the Water Resources Agency, Environmental Protection Administration, Council of Agriculture and other agencies were met with claims that there were no problems with water quality.

However, no one dares to drink water or eat crops grown from the



Environmental campaigners and residents of Greater Kaohsiung's Cishan District show reporters at the Legislative Yuan in Taipei yesterday photographs and samples of furnace slag that has been dumped on local farmland.

PHOTO: LIU HSIN-DE, THAIPEI TIMES

site, Cheng said.

Wang said that the local environmental protection bureau claims that furnace slag is classed as a "product," rather than "industrial waste" that is monitored by the bureau.

He said other government agencies have kept passing the buck, unwilling to deal with the pollution problem.

Tainan Community University Research and Development Association director Huang Huan-chang (黃煥彰) said furnace slag is not a product and when it is dumped at inappropriate sites, it should be considered waste.

The 300,000 tonnes of furnace

slag dumped at the site contains about 66,000 tonnes of iron and 125,000 tonnes of calcium oxide that can contaminate the nearby water, he said, adding that if the sources of tap water cannot be protected, then the future of Taiwan's water will be in doubt.

They urged the government to remove the furnace slag and return clean farmland to the local residents.

A section chief of the council said its on-site inspection had confirmed the pH level to be above 12, and because furnace slag should not be dumped on farmland, it also asked the local agency to fine the company.



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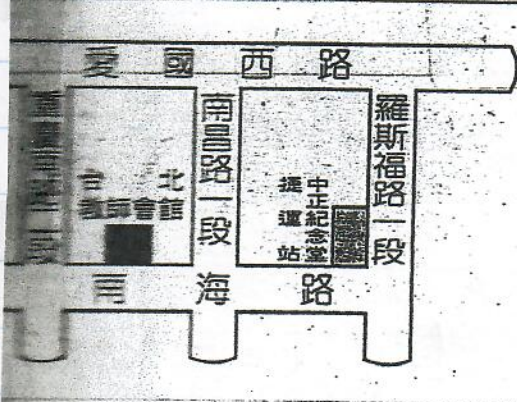
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# China markets disputed

By Jane Perlez  
and Yufan Huang  
New York Times

**BEIJING**>> Tropical islands in the South China Sea have become a major strategic headache between China and the United States. As tensions escalate over China's construction of military installations on disputed islands, the U.S. Navy has sent extra warships to the waterway. A Chinese fighter jet recently flew so close to a U.S. surveillance plane that there was nearly a collision.

Now, China appears to be taking a softer approach to its claims.

Want a wedding on a remote island? Come to the Paracels, says Xiao Jie, who administers that group of islands. If you crave diving and windsurfing, he adds, we have just the spot for you.

The Paracels, a cluster of islands on the western edge of the South China Sea where Vietnam and Taiwan also have claims, are perfect for tourism, water sports and romantic weddings, Xiao told China Daily, a state-run English-language newspaper, in an article published Friday.

"We will develop some islands and reefs to accommodate a select number of

tourists," Xiao said.

As mayor of Sansha City on Woody Island, the biggest of the Paracels, Xiao oversees a community of 1,500 residents complete with a school, a police station and a court. But the mayor also has jurisdiction over other islands in the Paracel chain, as well as the Spratly Islands.

Some tourism has already started on three tiny islands in the Paracels, Xiao said.

A five-day cruise aboard a 10,000-ton boat that stops at those tiny flecks in the sea — Yinyu Island, Quanfu Island and Yagong Island — is now popular with couples who want tropical-themed wedding photographs but cannot afford pricey locations, said Liu Shibiao, an agent at Hainan Tourism International Travel Agency in Haikou, the capital of Hainan province.

The three islands' beaches are more pristine than the litter-strewn, overbuilt coastline of southern China, Liu said. "On the beaches, the seawater is much cleaner than in any other places in China, and they are very romantic," he said. "It is cheaper than Hawaii and Bali.

"It also bears a special meaning to get married here in Xisha," he continued, us-

ing the Chinese name for the Paracels. "These are our lands."

Under President Xi Jinping, China has been challenging America's post-World War II dominance in the Western Pacific by fortifying islands it claims in the South China Sea with weaponry, runways and deep-water berths. Artificial islands in the Spratly chain, created by dredging massive amounts of sand onto tiny rocks, now have Chinese soldiers and construction workers bustling about.

Surface-to-air missile batteries and powerful radar facilities have been installed on Woody Island, and tourism there is more limited. Tourists must fly in and fly out on the same day.

The cruises to the Paracels serve islands that do not have military installations, Xiao said. But there is a patriotic element to the tours, which are open only to Chinese passport holders.

An online advertisement by Liu's agency for travel to the three islands says tourists will enjoy "patriotic events," including a "national flag raising ceremony." Tourists are required to take an oath before the

## isles as tropical getaway

Chinese flag, the advertisement says.

The cruise ship, the Star of the Gulf of Tonkin, sails from Sanya, a port in Hainan, and then stops at Yinyu Island, Quanfu Island and Yagong Island over five days. Time spent on the islands is brief because there are no hotels or restaurants,

but tourists are encouraged to socialize with local fishermen. The islands do not have the capacity to handle wedding ceremonies for now, Liu said.

Passengers sleep on the ship and spend much of their time drinking and watching movies, he said.

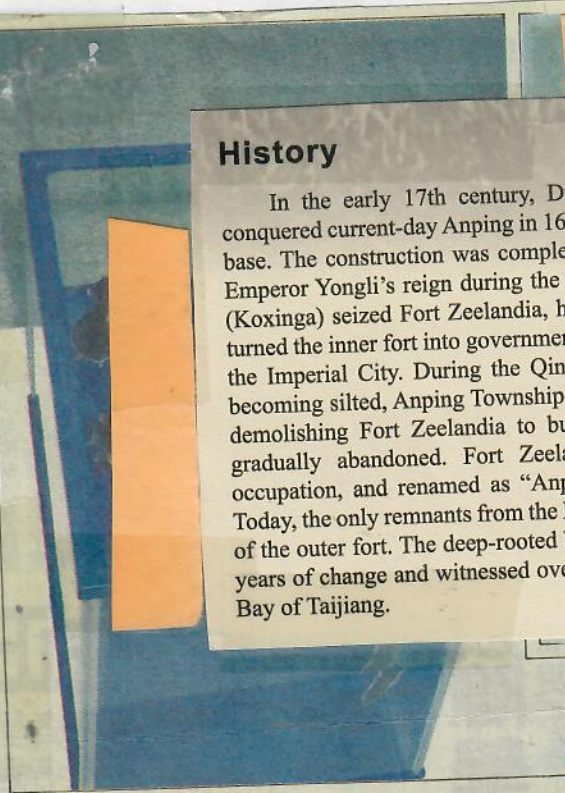
Are there plans for cruises

to the new artificial islands in the Spratlys, near the Philippines, which now have military runways and deep ports?

"Sure, we want to organize trips there. Who doesn't?" Liu said. "But it is not our call. We need approval from the government and, more so, the military."

### History

In the early 17th century, Dutch military-business alliance troops conquered current-day Anping in 1624 and built Fort Zeelandia as a defense base. The construction was completed in 1634. In 1662, the 16th year of Emperor Yongli's reign during the Ming dynasty, after Zheng Chenggong (Koxinga) seized Fort Zeelandia, he renamed it as Anping Township, and turned the inner fort into government offices. The Taiwanese hence called it the Imperial City. During the Qing dynasty, as the Bay of Taijiang was becoming silted, Anping Township lost its importance; with the Qing army demolishing Fort Zeelandia to build the Eternal Golden Castle, it was gradually abandoned. Fort Zeelandia was rebuilt after the Japanese occupation, and renamed as "Anping Fort" after Taiwan's Retrocession. Today, the only remnants from the Dutch period are the southern brick walls of the outer fort. The deep-rooted banyan trees have experienced countless years of change and witnessed over 300 years of the ups and downs of the Bay of Taijiang.



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當寵物飼養  
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(簡麗春攝)

## 生放龜蠵綠小將議建者學

### 源來查調正方警 養飼物寵當館族水被隻五獲查隆基

【記者簡麗春基隆報導】市府農林課查獲的五隻小綠蠵龜稀有動物，目前由海大負責保管，海大副教授程一駿說，小綠蠵龜的存活率很低，拿牠當寵物來養，不如好好把牠放回大海，回歸自然，將來做為國家可貴的觀光資源。

市府農林課日前在中船路一家水族館查獲五隻小綠蠵龜，目前，警方正在調查其來源，而五隻小綠蠵龜則暫時放在海洋大學海洋生物研究所副教授程一駿的研究室裡。

小綠蠵龜列為世界稀有動物，也是華盛頓公約第一級保護的動物，台灣的澎湖望安是牠產卵的地方，東部也有牠的足跡。

程一駿判斷五隻小綠蠵龜的來源，認為牠由國外進口的可能性不大，因為，綠蠵龜的死亡率很高，存活率不到百分之五，要一次進口數千隻才划得來，但是，數量一多，很容易被查獲。

程一駿認為，這五隻長約十公分大的小綠蠵龜，是稚龜，大概才出生兩週而已，看牠們的腹部有凹陷現象，顯然有營養不良的跡象。

至於綠蠵龜吃什麼？程一駿說，大家都不很清楚，一般水族館照養魚方式餵養到兩三個月之後，到了牠的蛻變期，就不知道牠要吃什麼了。

程一駿目前為檢察官保管「證物」，他希望早日為牠們野放，讓牠們回歸大海的家。

# 海大歸小五 龜螞綠育保

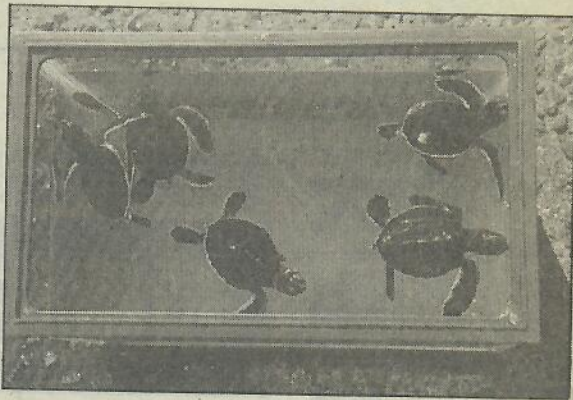
## 生放湖澎至携館族水隆基自授教駿一程

【記者張致和、林南嶽澎湖報導】在基隆市某水族館發現的五隻小綠蠵龜，十七日由海洋大學教授程一駿帶回澎湖，並且在民進黨籍澎湖縣長高植澎及國民黨澎湖縣黨部主委儲鈞的陪同下，將小綠蠵龜放生於澎南地區的山水沙灘，讓此一國寶級的生物，重回大自然的懷抱。

目前在台灣僅有澎湖地區有綠蠵龜出現，其中又以望安島出現得最多，今年有十四隻母龜在該地產卵。而山水沙灘僅有零星的母龜，據報曾出現過。

程一駿教授表示，選擇山水沙灘放生有其積極的意義，一方面希望增加澎湖綠蠵龜出現的地點，另一方面也希望透過教育當地民衆，讓民衆有保育的觀念，未來若是觀光客想看綠蠵龜不必再辛辛苦苦的到望安島，山水也有綠蠵龜可以看。

至於綠蠵龜在重回山水時，是否會受到驚擾，澎湖縣長高植澎表示，未來將在山水設立告示牌，敬告遊客在旅遊時不要影響到母龜，以免母龜不再



### 走出水族箱 悠然回故鄉

放生前的五隻小龜在水箱內划動(上)。程一駿教授(中)、澎湖縣長高植澎(右)及國民黨澎湖縣黨部主委儲鈞(左)協助小綠蠵龜重回大海。(林南嶽攝)

返回山水。而山水村的村理事長也表示，在十月七日的村民大會中，將會宣揚保護綠蠵龜的理念，並籲請當地民衆防止遊客捕捉成龜或幼龜。

此次放生的小綠蠵龜是在基隆一家水族館中發現。該店的老闆說是在東北角捉到，不過被程一駿教授斥為無稽，因為東北角不可能有綠蠵龜出現。這五隻小龜於是被帶回基隆地檢署偵辦。經多次溝通後，程一駿教授在昨日攜龜搭機抵澎，並將五隻小龜放生。

這五隻小龜一路均搖頭擺尾，極有生命力，到了沙灘上放生前，更一致往海濤聲響的方向游動，彷彿迫不及待地重回海洋。十時五十分，在程一駿教授、縣長高植澎及國民黨澎湖縣黨部主委儲鈞的協助下，這五隻小龜回到睽違已久的沙灘，奮力游向大海。沙灘上衆人的目光也急切地看著小龜，直到載沈載浮的小龜消失在海中，才鬆了一口氣。

# 回家 了

## 航向大海

### 五隻綠蠵龜

海大洋教學專程護送澎湖

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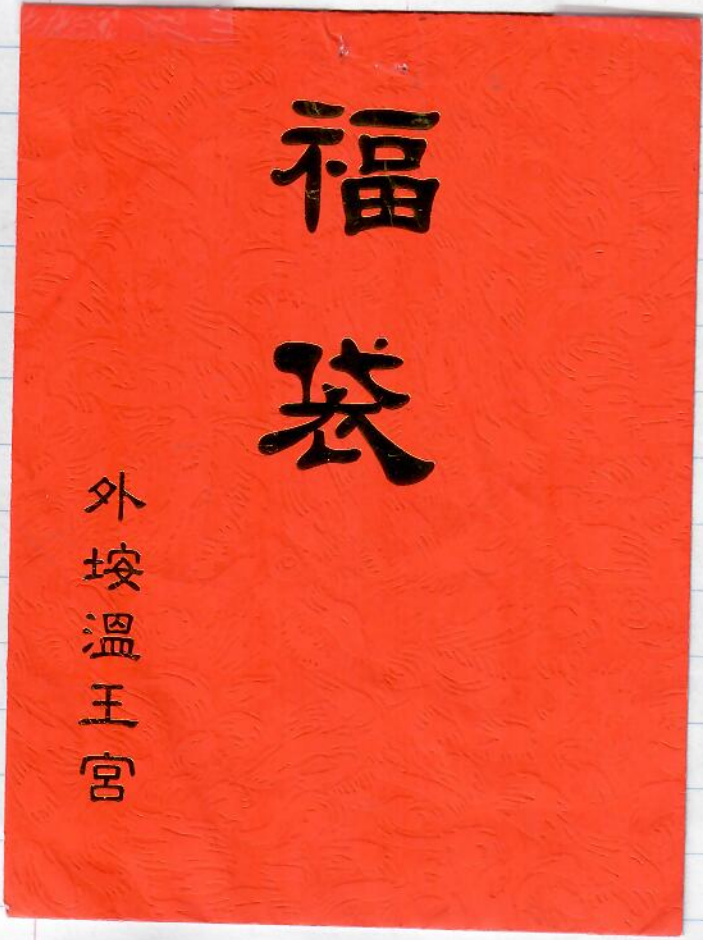
五隻珍貴的世界保育動物綠蠵龜終於可以回家了，昨天下午在檢警單位緊急完成行政程序後，今天上午七時三十分由海大教授程一駿專程護送到澎湖海域放生。

程教授對五隻和他一起生活了數天的綠蠵龜充滿了感情，今天要送牠們回去大海覺得很依依不捨，但畢竟海洋才是適合牠們生存的地方，儘管心中有幾分思念，程教授還是祝福牠們此去平安順利、福壽綿延。

程教授帶著五隻小烏龜是今天上午在松山機場搭乘飛機往澎湖，七時三十分起飛，預計八時二十分抵澎湖海域的沙灘放生。

綠蠵龜事件在今天放生後，只能算是告一段落，其中有很多問題值得深思，程教授認為最重要的是早日建立保育動物的活體拍照攝影存證制度，如此活體才能早日放生，避免人為處理的延宕，致使保育動物遭受不必要的外界侵擾，否則人類的愛之，適足以害之。

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Penghu

# Beijing's campaign against dissidents ramps

By BILL SMITH

BEIJING, dpa

Qi Zhiyong says his missing lower left leg, amputated after a serious bullet wound, is a daily reminder of the Chinese Communist Party's military crackdown on democracy protests on June 3-4, 1989.

His sternest annual reminder of the 1989 crackdown, which dissidents call the Tiananmen Massacre, arrives in the form of visits from National Security police.

"I have been held under house arrest at home since May 10. A police car and National Security police guard my door 24 hours a day," Qi told dpa before his dis-

appearance on May 16.

Qi, 58, was shot near Beijing's Tiananmen Square as troops dispersed protesters in the early hours of June 4, 1989.

He suffers from diabetes, kidney failure, high blood pressure and heart problems, conditions that he believes are at partly caused by the amputation of his leg and the authorities' controls on him over the past 25 years.

"I have lost my freedom of movement (again)," Qi said. "This is the 25th anniversary, so they prepared early."

Police have mounted a major security campaign against dissidents

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ahead of the anniversary, detaining several dozen activists and holding scores of others under various forms of house arrest.

Hu Jia, a well-known dissident and friend of Qi, said he was kept under house arrest from February. Hu has called for activists to travel to Tiananmen Square on Wednesday and take photographs of themselves wearing black shirts to mark the anniversary.

Qin Yongmin, a founder of the banned China Democracy Party in the central city of Wuhan, is among several other activists who have disappeared.

Police took retired official Bao

## up in time for 1989 anniversary

The CHINA POST

Tong, now a prominent dissident, for an enforced "vacation" outside Beijing on Friday, his Hong Kong-based son told dpa.

Bao, 81, spent seven years in prison from 1989. He is a former aide to Zhao Ziyang, a Communist Party leader who was purged for sympathizing with the democracy protesters.

Beijing police also detained about a dozen rights activists after they held a small seminar last month to mark the anniversary. At least five activists who attended the seminar were charged with "picking quarrels and causing trouble."

On Tuesday, the China Hu-

man Rights Defenders said it had recorded more than 80 people affected by the recent crackdown, including 38 activists held under criminal detention.

Similar detentions, harassment and house arrests happen before each June 4 anniversary, but the current one is "harsher than in recent years," said William Nee, China researcher at Amnesty International.

The European Union said it was "deeply concerned by the recent arrests and detentions of a large number of peaceful human rights defenders, lawyers and intellectuals."



「舊香居」

專營古舊書、文獻資料、名人信札書書類書籍的舊香居成立30餘年，是台北的歷史文化象徵，也是重要的觀光資產，許多中國大陸、香港及日本的旅客都專程來朝聖。

六年前一位香港老先生來到舊香居，問有沒有收舊書？書店主人吳雅慧與創辦書店的父親親自赴港一看，發現老先生一整屋都是民國20、30年代的書，花了四、五十趟運費。老先生將書賣給舊香居後便辭世，而那些珍貴古書到現在還沒有整理完畢。

吳雅慧於10年前接棒打理舊香居，上一代把舊書從「秤斤論兩」變成「論本計價」，提升價值，吳雅慧則把舊書店進化為「文化沙龍」，定期辦展覽、講座，讓舊書發揮影響力。

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Jiuxiangju Books

Jiuxiangju specializes in antique books and paintings, as well as old personal correspondence. For over 30 years it's been one of Taipei's key cultural landmarks, drawing visitors from all around Asia.

Six years ago owner Wu Ya-hui and her father, the store's founder, received a visitor from Hong Kong, an old man looking to deposit his used-book collection. On visiting his home, they found it filled with books from the 1930s and 1940s, and ended up paying for some 50 shipments to Taipei. The man died soon afterwards, but Ya-hui and her father are still sorting through the collection.

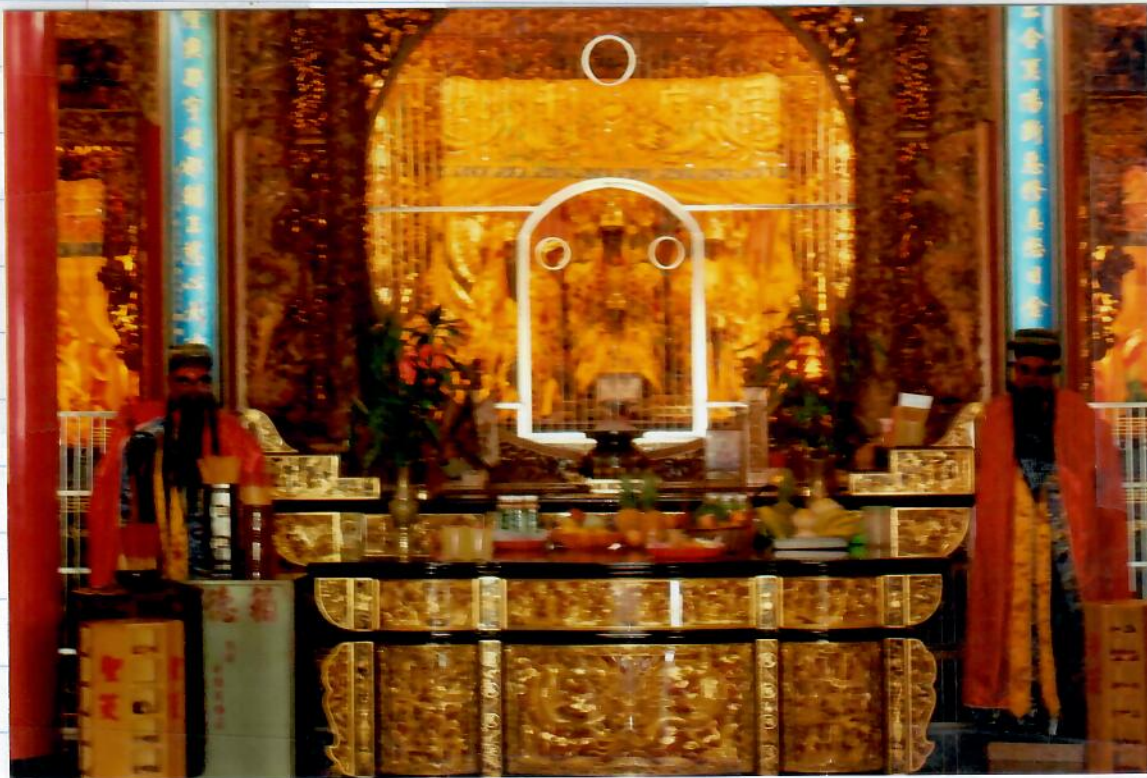
Ya-hui took over Jiuxiangju 10 years ago and now seeks to boost the store's profile by organizing regular exhibitions and talks.

吳雅慧

珍藏古書有價，  
歷久彌新

Wu Ya-hui

Collector of antiquities



WANG YEH SANLONG TEMPLE  
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Dear George:

Mr. Lan's name is 藍志嵐。 In Chinese word "藍" is the same "Blue" of color.

So I called him "Mr. Blue". It is a joke, please don't tell him.

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Best regard

Yaru

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# NEW Taiwan cross-strait ferry launched

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The China Post

Taiwanese cross-strait ferry the Natchan RERA (麗娜輪), sailed from the Port of Taipei in Bali District to Pingtan in Fujian, mainland China, seeking to improve express logistics as well as tourism between Taiwan and China.

The Wagon Group officially launched the ferry route from Taipei yesterday, which has a set schedule between Taipei and Pingtan. The ferry is the first cross-strait ferry transport registered under the Republic of China, as before the launch of the RERA, cross-strait ferries that commute between the countries are registered and operated by the People's Republic of China.

Wagon President Hung Ching-tan (洪清潭) stated during the launch event that the closest port from Taiwan is located in Pingtan. The launch of the route will seek to attract a larger population of tourists, as well as make up for air traffic logistics deficiencies. The addition will also potentially enable Taiwan to receive a chance to become an international transit hub.

The travel time on the high-speed ferry is three hours between Taipei and Pingtan. With a round trip estimated to take 6 hours, the Wagon company stated that a one-day holiday for tourists from either country is no longer a dream.

Along with the publicized speed, the ferry boasts a passenger capacity of 800, including a vehicle loading limit up to 24 tourist buses and 300 sedans. Passengers are given seats divided into First Class, Business Class and Econ-



CNA  
The Natchan RERA, the first cross-strait ferry registered under the flag of the Republic of China, is anchored at the Port of Taipei during its Taipei-Pingtan route launch event. The ferry boasts a passenger capacity of 800, including a vehicle loading limit of up to 24 tourist buses and 300 sedans.

omy Class. The fixed schedule of on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. The RERA has been released to be. The Ministry of Transportation one round-trip journey between and Communications has also endorsed the new line, hoping that Taiwan and China twice a week, of Taiwan.

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ABSTRACT: Seven species of ocean turtles exist globally as the descendants of ancient and resilient reptilian lineages that have adapted and survived for millions of years. Over the course of human history, an array of relationships has developed with turtles, and especially marine turtles amongst coastal and island peoples. Turtles are woven deeply into the cultural and traditional fabric of humanity, with uses ranging from food for families; sacrifices to the Gods; pets; utilitarian implements; ornamentation; medicine; funerary; foretelling the future; and spiritual strength and protection. Today all seven species of marine turtles are considered endangered by the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN), with the exception of the population of green sea turtles (*Chelonia mydas*) in the Hawaiian Islands. Several other sea turtle populations besides Hawaii are also showing remarkable restoration from over-exploitation due to efficient fishing technologies and human encroachment into previously pristine turtle habitats. At the same time there are many sea turtle stocks at seriously low levels that continue to decline. This dichotomy in sea turtle conservation status is one of the great challenges of our time in balancing appropriate protective measures along with limited sustainable use, where such harvest and other forms of human utilization might be advantageous to both turtles and people. Conservation strengths and weaknesses of the life history of all sea turtles include: migrations over great distances to breed; keen navigational abilities; coming ashore to lay eggs in the sand; newly hatched young that travel far from shore to live on the high seas; and relatively slow rates of growth causing delayed adult sexual maturity. Successful conservation programs that endure are best built with local communities as their foundation. National legislation and international conventions, based on sound ecological principles, clearly also have importance. However, strategies for conservation are made robust and equitable when they integrate cultural and traditional components forged at the local level by the very people closest to the turtles and their environment. China and all of East Asia have vigorous and growing sea turtle conservation programs that deserve praise, support, and partnership to improve the status of regional stocks.

This presentation will rely heavily on photography and other imagery to illustrate the above biological facets of sea turtles, of human and turtle cultural links, and the speaker's life experiences and conservation viewpoints.

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**Brief Biography- George H. Balazs**

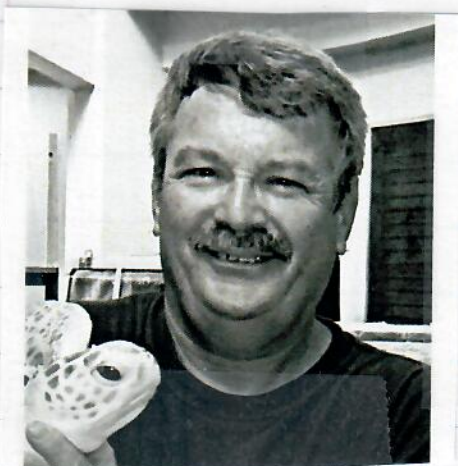
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George Balazs saw his first sea turtle in 1964 while exploring the lagoon at Bora Bora, French Polynesia with his wife Linda. A few months later he tried to spear a small turtle for dinner while snorkeling near their home in the Paea district of Tahiti. He missed by only a few inches and the turtle swam away safely. In 1969 he watched commercial turtle hunters on Maui land their catch for nearby restaurants catering to Hawaii's tourists. He wondered if there really were enough turtles to sustain the growing trade in turtle steak. After finishing graduate school he went to work in 1971 for the University of Hawaii as a junior researcher in an aquaculture program that included rearing sea turtles. In 1973, his research interests turned to the conservation biology of wild sea turtles in Hawaii and throughout the Pacific region. For the past 40 years he has pursued an array of studies to aid in understanding and restoring depleted stocks of sea turtles. He is grateful to NOAA Fisheries for supporting and encouraging his efforts for the past 30 years, including current collaborative research with scientists and local communities in Japan, Singapore, China, Hong Kong, and Taiwan. "Successful sea turtle conservation programs that endure are best built with local communities as their foundation" is a guiding principle in George Balazs' professional and personal life.



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Professor CHANG Ching-fong  
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Dear President CHANG: We have never met in person, but I take this opportunity to introduce myself and send you my best regards from Hawaii. I have visited Taiwan 21 times over the past 25 years and have a great fondness and respect for the people of Taiwan, as well as Chinese culture overall. As a research professional, I also have the greatest respect and admiration for the National Taiwan Ocean University.

Having said the above, I deeply regret and apologize that this letter is being written under such unpleasant circumstances. The purpose of my letter is to make you aware of a dishonest, slanderous, vicious message written about me by one of your faculty members. Three months ago, - on June 23, 2014, - the enclosed message from Dr. I-Jiunn CHENG was transmitted by email in a mass-mailing to 15 my science colleagues at my place of employment- the NOAA Pacific Islands Fisheries Science Center- where I have worked for 32 years. As you will read, the message was sent by Dr. I-Jiunn CHENG using his personal email. In the message Dr. CHENG identifies himself as a Professor at your internationally-respected National Taiwan Ocean University. Twelve of the 15 NOAA scientists receiving this message, including my Division Chief, do not know nor have ever met Dr. CHENG. In addition, this same message was sent by Dr. CHENG to 16 of my colleagues of the Board of Directors of the International Sea Turtle Society. I am one of the elected Directors of that Board.

The distorted and untruthful accusations throughout Dr. CHENG's message represent an attempt of the most profound nature to damage my reputation, both professionally and personally, as a scientist and decent person of integrity. However, by writing and mass-mailing such a hateful false message, Dr. CHENG has inflicted embarrassment upon himself and, by identifying himself as an NTOU Professor, your fine university.

Thank you for taking the time to read my letter to you, and the attached message sent by Dr. CHENG June 23, 2014. I have waited three months to send this message to you with the hope that an apology of some sort might be forthcoming from Dr. CHENG, upon his realization of the extreme depth of his misbehavior. I regret that no such apology has been issued.

Sincerely,

George H. Balazs  
NOAA Pacific Islands Fisheries Science Center  
and  
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# President urged to

**PRECEDENT?** Missing rights advocate Lee Ming-che's case is a landmark, as it is the first time China has charged a Taiwanese with subverting state power, an academic said

BY **ABRAHAM GERBER**  
STAFF REPORTER

President Tsai Ing-wen's (蔡英文) administration should publicly declare sovereignty in response to Chinese pressure and the detention of Taiwanese human rights advocate Lee Ming-che (李明哲), members of the pan-green camp and academics affiliated with the Taiwan Association of University Professors said yesterday.

"If the Democratic Progressive Party [DPP] maintains its stance on cross-strait relations in the vain hope of getting a positive response from China, we would just end up in a passive game of dodgeball, being continually pummeled by whatever China decides to send our way," association president Lin Hsiu-hsin (林秀幸) said, adding that

China's arrest of Lee was a "test" that could pave the way for further aggression.

Lee, an instructor at Taipei's Wenshan Community College who formerly worked as a DPP aide, has been held incommunicado by China since March on charges of "subverting state power."

His wife, Lee Ching-yu (李淨瑜), says he went to China to share Taiwan's democratization experience.

Lee Ming-che's case is a landmark, as it is the first time Chinese officials have charged a Taiwanese with subverting state power, Economic Democracy Union convener Lai Chung-chiang (賴中強) said, adding that the precedent could easily be extended to charging Taiwanese with engaging in

"secessionist activities."

Bans on subverting state power, armed rebellion and secessionist activities are all included in China's criminal code and have maximum sentences of life in prison, he said.

"When Chinese authorities announced that they were going to charge Lee with subverting state power, they also effectively announced to all Taiwanese that they can now lay their hands on us directly using their criminal code, rather than using indirect economic pressure and sanctions," he said, adding that the vague legal wording could allow Chinese authorities to arbitrarily imprison the majority of Taiwanese.

"Almost all of Taiwan's older generation were in the China Youth

# declare sovereignty

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Corps [known as the China Youth Anti-Communist National Salvation Corps until 2000], whose mission was to overturn the Chinese Communist Party (CCP) regime. Many younger people — including virtually every member of the DPP — could also be imprisoned on charges of engaging in 'secessionist activities,'" he said.

He urged Taiwanese to boycott the upcoming cross-strait forum to protest Chinese efforts to drive Tsai's administration to the bargaining table and create an impression among the global community that Taiwanese are subject to Chinese jurisdiction.

National Chengchi University's Research Center for International Legal Studies researcher Raymond Sung (宋承恩) asked if the government's stance of upholding the sovereignty of Taiwan as the "Republic of China" was wise in the face of Chinese moves to restrict

the nation's international space, including preventing the nation's delegation from attending a meeting of the World Health Assembly last month.

"Their position is very clear — the only formula for us to participate is be considered a Chinese province and even then we still have to get an explicit Chinese nod — which is an even lower status than Hong Kong's, which has formal written rights to participate in certain arenas," he said. "The key question is whether or not Taiwan has the resolve to face China using the identity of a sovereign state — if not, what other options do we have?"

"Sovereignty is not static, it is the result of dynamic interaction and conflict between domestic and international forces and actors," Academia Sinica's Institute of Taiwan History associate research fellow Wu Rwei-ren (吳毅人) said,

calling for Tsai's administration to take action to actively build up national sovereignty, rather than focus on preserving a cross-strait "status quo."

"Because we lack the protection of international law, failing to actively take steps to build up our sovereignty and preserve our sovereign status will inevitably lead to regression — there really is no way to strictly maintain the 'status quo,'" Wu said.

New Power Party Secretary-General Chen Hui-min (陳惠敏) called for Tsai's administration to take steps to actively promote national sovereignty before the CCP's 19th National Congress later this year.

The Tsai administration's freedom to act would only be further restricted when Chinese leaders' hands are freed from internal political distractions following the congress' conclusion, she said.

# Torrential rain flood

**TRANSPORT INTERRUPTIONS:** Operations were suspended at Songshan airport for more than two hours, while mudslides caused closures on Provincial Highway No. 2

BY **JAKE CHUNG**  
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A hovering front and southwesterly airstream yesterday dropped more than 600mm of rain over a few hours in the nation's northern coastal regions, killing one person and injuring five as of 8pm, authorities said.

The New Taipei City Fire Department said the torrential downpour caused 12 roads in the city to be closed, as well as schools and businesses in Bali (八里), Jinshan (金山), Sanjhih (三芝), Shihmen (石門), Tamsui (淡水) and Wanli (萬里) districts, adding that 256 people were evacuated and 156 were displaced.

New Taipei City Mayor Eric Chu (朱立倫) and New Taipei City Department of Social Affairs Director Chang Chin-li (張錦麗) visited Mackay Memorial Hospital in Tamsui to offer their condolences to the family of the deceased.

Chu said he would authorize district and school administrators to decide when to reopen after assessing the situation.

The delay in closures triggered criticism from the public after the rain worsened, stranding many people.

Rainfall in Shihmen District measured 114mm per hour, nearly the national record of 128mm per hour in Alishan (阿里山), the city government said.



The Huangxi Bridge, which connected New Taipei City's San Jie Tan area with Jinshan Old Street, is pictured after being broken in half by flooding yesterday. PHOTO: COURTESY OF A READER



An industrial road connecting Keelung's Zhongshan and Anle districts is pictured after it collapsed due to torrential rainfall. PHOTO COURTESY OF KEELUNG'S ZHONGSHAN DISTRICT OFFICE

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More than 185 areas nationwide reported flooding, while more than 10,000 households were left without electricity, officials said.

The Central Weather Bureau warned that the weather system would bring downpours nationwide, with torrential rain — accumulated rainfall of 350mm or more within 24 hours — or extremely torrential rain — 500mm or more over a 24-hour period — likely on the northern coast.

As of 4pm, accumulated rainfall in several districts of New Taipei City was classified as extremely torrential, reaching 643mm in Sanzhi, 630mm in Shihmen's Fuguijiao (富貴角), 572.5mm in Jinshan's Sanhe (三和) and 534mm in Jinshan, bureau data showed.

Elsewhere, accumulated rainfall totaled 428mm in Kaohsiung's Taoyuan District (桃源) and 356mm in Taipei's Beitou District (北投), it showed.

President Tsai Ing-wen (蔡英文) and Premier Lin Chuan (林全) said that people in mountainous areas should be evacuated as a precaution to prevent them from being trapped when the weather system passes over southern Taiwan.

The Water Resources Agency said that, in addition to flooded areas in New Taipei City, Keelung's Zhongshan (中山), Renai (仁愛) and Xinyi (信義) districts were on

a level 1 flood alert — imminent flooding if rain continues — and the Zhongheng (中正), Anle (安樂) and Nuannuan (暖暖) districts were on a level 2 flood alert — possible flooding within three hours if rain continues.

The Directorate-General of Highways (DGH) said that several sections of Provincial Highway No. 2, a major coastal roadway in northern Taiwan, have been closed indefinitely due to flooding and mudslides caused by the rain.

The affected areas are sections 15K-52K between New Taipei City's Sanjhih and Wanli; 67K-71K along Bisha Port (碧砂港) in Keelung; and 75K-84K between the coastal scenic areas of Ruibin (瑞濱) and Bitou (鼻頭) in New Taipei City, the DGH said.

The DGH urged motorists to avoid using those sections of the coastal highway over the next few days as workers clear debris and perform repairs.

Flights to and from Taipei International Airport (Songshan airport) resumed at 12:43pm after a two-and-a-half hour suspension due to heavy rainfall in Taipei, the Civil Aeronautics Administration (CAA) said.

A total of 137 flights were canceled or delayed at Songshan airport, including three flights that were unable to land and were redi-

rected to airports in Taichung and Kaohsiung, the CAA said.

Taiwan Taoyuan International Airport suspended ground operations at 10:45am, when it issued a thunderstorm warning, the CAA said, adding that the alert was not lifted until 12:40pm.

As of 1pm, 20 commercial passenger flights and one cargo flight had been canceled, while another 17 commercial flights and one cargo flight were delayed, airport data showed.

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# 蘇花坍方 海路疏運上千人車

楊漢聲、胡健森／綜合報導

端午連假期間，蘇花公路坍方、交通阻斷，不少北返工作的花東民眾與遊客受困，公路總局雖全力搶修，並公布三條替代路線，但民眾仍是抱怨連連。交通部為此首度啟動本島「藍色公路」海運疏運機制，加派郵輪運送人車，疏運超過千名旅客與300多輛大小車至蘇澳和基隆，今天將加開航班疏運。

台鐵昨日也加開花蓮往返宜蘭間區間快車4列次，以及花蓮往返樹林的普悠瑪號2列次，碰到蘇花公路中斷與端午連

假疏運尖峰，車票迅速售完。

交通部昨共安排花蓮港合富輪及麗娜輪進行接駁，其中，麗娜輪開出兩個航班至蘇澳港，共載運985名旅客、288輛車；合富輪則航行至基隆，載運114名旅客和33輛車。由於花蓮港人車爆量，船公司人員說，第一次遇過這麼多人車，雖緊急召回所有人力協助處理，但排隊次序仍混亂。

蘇花公路不通，讓受困在南北兩端的民眾都無奈，大批民眾及車輛搭船北返（花蓮到蘇澳）或南下（蘇澳到花蓮），場景類似電影逃離戰亂的難民潮，順利上了船的人，傷了荷包，但心情顯

得輕鬆多了，畢竟可以順利返家了；但無法在第一時間上船的人，難免有些焦躁不安。

家住桃園的李姓男子說，一家人趁著4天連假從桃園到花蓮探親，結果卻回不了桃園，眼見假期即將結束，迫不得已只能一早趕到花蓮港排隊，還好順利上船。但陳姓旅客抱怨，全家四人加上小客車，光接駁船隻費加起來就需4千多元，多一筆開銷。

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麗娜輪回到花蓮，他們真的想知道，給花蓮人「一條平安回家的路」有這麼難嗎？

趁著連假來花蓮訪友的立委許毓仁也成受害人，他說，假期遇到許多民眾不停陳情，感同身受有家歸不得的苦，疾呼中央正視花蓮人的痛，徹底解決蘇花公路問題。

他說，這條路明明對花東民眾相當重要，但卻十分脆弱，只要一下雨或颱風就坍塌封閉，花東居民都十分迫切期盼這條回家的路能更安全。新政府因該正視問題，一勞永逸的將蘇花公路問題解決。

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# Church draws visitors

**CLOSURE:** Evangelical Society chairman Kuo Ming-che said the church has other areas open to visitors, but a spring had to be closed after problems with littering

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A Catholic church in Chiayi County that traces its roots to the Qing Dynasty has been attracting visitors with its statue of the Virgin Mary adorned in clothing reminiscent of the Qing empress dowager Cixi (慈禧太后).

Meishan Township (梅山) Evangelical Society chairman Kuo Ming-che (郭明哲) said the statue of Mary holding a young Jesus is modeled on an apparition said to have been witnessed in Qingyuan County in China's Hebei Province in 1900.

There is rumored to be a similar statue at the Basilica di Santa Maria Maggiore in Rome, Kuo said, adding that this shows the spirit of Catholic followers, who adopt local customs wherever they go.

Church documents record that the statue in China was commissioned by Catholics in Qingyuan who, after witnessing an apparition,

wanted to thank Mary for giving them spiritual strength during the Boxer Rebellion.

The documents say the Cixi-style clothing was used to give the statue Chinese characteristics.

A French artist was commissioned to paint its clothing, the documents say, adding that a fan held in the statue's right hand was replaced with a staff.

The statue's face was painted white, like in traditional images of Mary. In the styling of the Chinese palace of the time, Mary and Jesus were given jeweled crowns. The Jesus figure was adorned with a belt and Chinese-style slippers.

Chao Shih-i (趙士儀), head priest of the local diocese, said that after establishing communications with a parish in China's Shandong Province in the 1980s, members of the Sisters of Our Lady of China arranged to create a replica of the Qingyuan statue.

The Meishan statue was placed within the National Shrine of Our Lady of China beside the Meishan

church when the shrine was rebuilt in 1989.

Kuo said the church has become a pilgrimage destination for worshipers to pay respects to Our Lady of China.

The shrine and statue are open to the public all day, Kuo said.

Kuo said he hopes visitors will remain quiet while visiting to maintain the sanctity of the shrine.

A path behind the church leads to an image of Christ on the cross, which is also open to visitors, he said.

A mountain-water spring was also previously accessible, but was closed last year after litter problems arose.

Lee Hsu-yan (李旭彥), chief executive of the Meishan Culture and Education Foundation, said the church is one of four main places of worship in the township along with the Yu Hsu-kung Temple (玉虛宮), the Chan Lin-ssu Temple (禪林寺) and the Chang Lao Presbyterian Church.

# with Mary statue



The historic Catholic church in Chiayi County's Meishan Township is pictured on Friday last week.

PHOTO: TSENG NAI-CHIANG, TAIPEI TIMES





# China condemns Mattis' remarks on S China Sea

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**'CONTEMPT'**: Beijing supports all countries' freedom of navigation and overflight, but opposes 'certain' countries employing these to threaten China, a spokeswoman said

AFP, BEIJING

China has expressed "firm opposition" to remarks made by US Secretary of Defense James Mattis during a regional defense summit over the weekend, after he criticized Beijing's "militarization" of the South China Sea.

Washington has repeatedly expressed concerns that China's development of artificial islands in the region poses a threat to freedom of navigation through its waters, a major artery for international trade.

Competing claims to the waters, which are believed to sit atop vast oil and gas deposits, have for decades made it one of Asia's potential military flashpoints.

"The scope and effect of China's construction activities in the South China Sea differ from other countries in several key ways," Mattis said, adding that Beijing's "militarization" and "disregard for interna-

tional law" showed its "contempt" for other nations' interests.

In a statement late on Sunday, Chinese Ministry of Foreign Affairs spokeswoman Hua Chunying (華春瑩) called Mattis' comments "irresponsible" and accused "certain countries outside the region" of making "erroneous remarks driven by ulterior motives."

"China has indisputable sovereignty over the [Spratly] Islands [Nansha Islands, (南沙群島)] and their adjacent waters," Hua said, referring to reefs and islets in the South China Sea where Beijing has built installations that could be used by its military.

Taiwan also claims the islands.

China's behavior in the South China Sea has sparked broad concern in the region.

However, last month Beijing and ASEAN took a step toward easing friction over the sea, agreeing to a framework for a "code of

**"Remarks made by the Japanese side, which confuse right and wrong, are not worth refuting."**

— Hua Chunying,

Chinese ministry of foreign affairs spokeswoman

conduct" to prevent incidents in the disputed waters.

Tensions over the Spratlys have also quieted down in recent months as Philippines President Rodrigo Duterte has pursued friendlier relations with Beijing.

China has balked at US involvement in the dispute and last month accused a US warship of trespassing after it sailed near a reef claimed by Beijing.

China "respects and safeguards all countries' freedom of navigation and overflight" in the area "but definitely opposes certain country's show of force in the South China Sea under the pretext of navigation and over-

flight freedom, challenging and threatening China's sovereignty and security," Hua said.

In addition to Mattis, Japanese Minister of Defense Tomomi Inada also took the opportunity at the summit to scold China for its "unprovoked, unilateral attempts to alter the 'status quo'" in the East and South China Seas.

Beijing is involved in a simmering territorial row with Tokyo over the disputed Diaoyutai Islands (釣魚台), known as the Senkakus in Japan. Taiwan also claims the islands.

"Remarks made by the Japanese side, which confuse right and wrong, are not worth refuting," Hua said in her statement.

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