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China says North Korea's Kim pledged commitment to denuclearization

BEIJING/SEOUL (Reuters) - North Korea's leader Kim Jong Un pledged his commitment to denuclearization and to meet U.S. officials, China said on Wednesday after his meeting with President Xi Jinping, who promised China would uphold friendship with its isolated neighbor.

After two days of speculation, China and North Korea both confirmed that Kim had traveled to Beijing and met Xi during what China called an unofficial visit from Sunday to Wednesday.

The visit was Kim's first known trip outside North Korea since he assumed power in 2011 and is believed by analysts to serve as preparation for upcoming summits with South Korea and the United States.

U.S. President Donald Trump wrote on Twitter he had received a message from Xi on Tuesday night that his meeting with Kim "went very well" and that Kim looked forward to meeting the U.S. president.

"Look forward to our meeting!" Trump wrote, while adding: "In the meantime, and unfortunately, maximum sanctions and pressure must be maintained at all cost!"

The White House said on Tuesday that North Korea's denuclearization pledge was evidence that the U.S.-led pressure campaign to force North Korea to abandon its nuclear weapons was working.

"For years and through many administrations, everyone said that peace and the denuclearization of the Korean Peninsula was not even a small possibility," Trump tweeted on Wednesday. "Now there is a good chance that Kim Jong Un will do what is right for his people and for humanity."

Earlier this month, Trump, who has exchanged bellicose threats with Kim in the past year, surprised the world by agreeing to meet the North Korean leader to discuss the crisis over Pyongyang's development of nuclear weapons capable of hitting the United States.

North Korea's official media has made no mention of Kim's pledge to denuclearize or the anticipated meeting with Trump, which is planned for some time in May.

China has traditionally been secretive North Korea's closest ally but ties have been frayed by Kim's nuclear weapons program and Beijing's backing of tough U.N. sanctions in response.

China's Foreign Ministry cited Kim in a lengthy statement as telling Xi the situation on the Korean peninsula was starting to improve because North Korea had taken the initiative to ease tensions and put forward proposals for talks.

"It is our consistent stand to be committed to denuclearization on the peninsula, in accordance with the will of late President Kim Il Sung and late General Secretary Kim Jong Il," Kim Jong Un said, according to the ministry. North Korea was willing to talk with the

United States and hold a summit between the countries, it quoted him as saying.

"The issue of denuclearization of the Korean peninsula can be resolved, if South Korea and the United States respond to our efforts with goodwill, create an atmosphere of peace and stability while taking progressive and synchronous measures for the realization of peace," Kim said.

'NUCLEAR UMBRELLA' Kim Jong Un's predecessors, grandfather Kim Il Sung and father Kim Jong Il, both promised not to pursue nuclear weapons but secretly maintained programs to develop them, culminating in the North's first nuclear test in 2006 under Kim Jong Il.

North Korea has said in previous, failed talks aimed at dismantling its nuclear program it could consider giving up its arsenal if the United States removed its troops from South Korea and withdrew its so-called nuclear umbrella of deterrence from South Korea and Japan.

Many analysts and former negotiators believe this still constitutes North Korea's stance and remain deeply skeptical Kim is willing to give up the weapons his family has been developing for decades.

"Kim Jong Un has finally echoed the unconvincing line of his father that denuclearization is the 'will' of Kim Il Sung," said Daniel Russel, who served as the top U.S. diplomat for Asia until last April.

"While that's better than his outright rejection of denuclearization to date, it's not very persuasive in light of his actions and his caveats about the need for the U.S. to first create the right 'atmosphere,'" Russel said in an email.

Widely read Chinese state-run newspaper the Global Times said the Kim-Xi meeting proved naysayers wrong about Beijing-Pyongyang relations.

"China and North Korea maintaining their friendly relations provides a positive force for the whole region and promotes strategic stability in northeast Asia," it said in an editorial.

Kim's appearance in Beijing involved almost



Still image of North Korean leader Kim Jong Un and his wife Ri Sol Ju posing for a photo with Chinese President Xi and his wife

all the trappings of a state visit, complete with an honor guard and banquet at Beijing's Great Hall of the People. Kim and Xi also met at the Diaoyutai State Guest House, where Kim Il Sung planted a tree in 1959 that still stands.

State television showed pictures of the two men chatting and Kim's wife, Ri Sol Ju, getting a warm welcome from Xi's wife, Peng Liyuan.

Analysts said the meeting strengthened North Korea's position ahead of any meeting with Trump by aligning Beijing and

Pyongyang while reassuring China it was not being sidelined in any negotiations.

North Korean leader Kim Jong Un and Chinese President Xi Jinping shake hands at the Great Hall of the People in Beijing, China, in this picture released to Reuters on March 28, 2018. Ju Peng/Xinhua via REUTERS

"It seems that North Korea is not ready to deal with the United States without support and help from its longtime ally China," said

Han Suk-hee, professor of Chinese Studies at South Korea's Yonsei University. A top Chinese diplomat, Politburo member Yang Jiechi, will brief South Korean President Moon Jae-in about the about the Beijing talks in Seoul on Thursday, the South Korean presidency said.

North Korea's official news agency said Kim told a banquet hosted by Xi that his visit was intended to "maintain our great friendship and continue and develop our bilateral ties at a time of rapid developments on the Korean peninsula".

It said Xi had accepted an invitation "with pleasure" to visit North Korea. China made no mention of Xi accepting an invitation, but Foreign Ministry spokesman Lu Kang pointed to a line in his statement citing Xi as saying he is willing to maintain regular communications with North Korea via visits and exchanges of envoys and messages.

"I have to say that China and North Korea have a tradition of high-level mutual visits," Lu told a daily news briefing.

China had largely sat on the sidelines as North Korea improved relations with South Korea recently, raising worries in Beijing that it was no longer a central player in the North Korean issue, reinforced by Trump's announcement of his proposed meeting with Kim.

"China is North Korea's lifeline, so the notion, from a Chinese perspective, that Kim Jong Un could have had these other two meetings before meeting with Xi Jinping, I think the Chinese just thought that is not going to happen," said Paul Haenle, director of Beijing's Carnegie-Tsinghua Center and White House representative to North Korea denuclearization talks from 2007-2009.

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Lake Austin mansion breaks records with \$12.3 million sale

A mansion on Lake Austin is turning heads after it broke records with its \$12.3-million price tag when it sold last Wednesday.

The 7,663-square-foot mansion at 3901 Watersedge had been listed for \$12.95 million, but its final sell at \$12.3 million made the home the highest-ever price tag for an Austin area residential listing, according to the home's listing broker, DMTX Realty's Dave Murray.

The home was originally constructed in 1987 and features six-bedrooms and seven-bathrooms. The home was renovated top-to-bottom in 2011 by Austin architect Michal Hsu, who is most notable for his work on the recent South Congress Hotel project. Three other past sales in the top five were classified as ranch properties with acreage starting at 128 acres.

This home sits on an acre and a half of land, which is flanked by water and has its own gated peninsula.

Interior designer Jennifer Houghton

used thousands of rabbits, eggs, and chicks in her Dallas home to bring Easter to life.

"A sale of this magnitude is thrilling for Austin," Murray said. "It shows that ultra-luxury home buyers consider Central Texas to be an in-demand location to invest."

To see into the immaculate mansion, go through the photos in the gallery above.

The marketing director of DMTX Realty, Jonathan Berry, said of the home, "We have seen home values rise the last several years, and with the influx of tech people and the prominence of startups in the city, there is a growing market for high-value estates."

"On the luxury side of things, we are not quite to Malibu or San Francisco level prices, but this represents that the ceiling is still to come for upper echelon luxury. People want to be in Austin."



3901 Watersedge off of Lake Austin has broken records of being the highest-ever price tag for an Austin MLS residential listing after being sold for \$12.3 million. Past record-breakers were ranches with acreage starting at 128 acres.

Two ex-cops among 22 arrested in gambling investigation

By Samantha Ketterer

Harris County authorities have charged 22 people, including two former Houston police officers, with money laundering, capping a year-long investigation into illegal gambling operations in the Chinatown area.

More than \$2.3 million in illegal proceeds were seized, Harris County District Attorney Kim Ogg said in a Wednesday morning news conference.

"This is an ongoing issue for

people in Houston," Ogg said. "We know that Chinatown and that the Asian community in general have suffered a series of robberies and violent crimes in their area. And we hope by investing resources in investigations like this that we can make a measurable difference."

Former Houston Police Department Officers Larry Nguyen and Huy Ly were on the force when they were accused of buying cars, appliances and furniture on behalf of a game room owner, Ogg said. Among the purchases was a \$210,000 2016 Lamborgh-

ini Huracan that Ly is accused of financing through the Houston Police Federal Credit Union. Nguyen and Ly resigned in February and have been charged with money laundering, which carries a five-year to life sentence if they are found guilty.

In addition to Nguyen and Ly, those charged include owners and employees of game rooms, most of which are located in shopping centers along Bellaire boulevard in the Chinatown area, according to a news release from the district attorney's office.



Former Houston Police Officer H. Ly was one of 22 people charged, including two former Houston police officers, with money laundering, capping a year-long investigation into illegal gambling operations in the Chinatown area.



Former Houston Senior Police Officer L. Nguyen was one of 22 people charged, including two former Houston police officers, with money laundering, capping a year-long investigation into illegal gambling operations in the Chinatown area.

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An activist holds up a banner that reads "No more femicides" during a march to mark International Women's Day in Managua



North Korean leader Kim Jong Un and Chinese President Xi Jinping inspect honor guards as he paid an unofficial visit to China



Police officers keep watch next to a train at the Beijing Railway Station in Beijing



People watch a TV broadcasting a news report in Seoul on a meeting between North Korean leader Kim Jong Un and Chinese President Xi Jinping in Beijing



People visit a makeshift memorial on the day of national mourning for the victims of a Kemerovo shopping mall fire in Krasnoyarsk



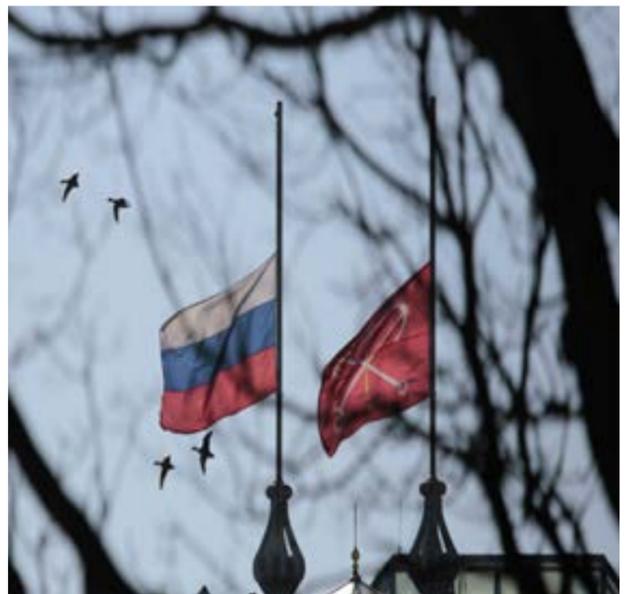
Local company head Nadezhda Suddenok attends a court hearing in the shopping mall fire case in Kemerovo



People mourn victims of the shopping mall fire in Kemerovo near a makeshift memorial in central Moscow



People hold placards during a rally demanding safety after the shopping mall fire in Kemerovo, in central Moscow



Flags are lowered at half-mast on the day of national mourning for the victims of a shopping mall fire in Kemerovo in St. Petersburg



In 2009, the FDA ordered Zicam to stop marketing three products that contained zinc gluconate after more than

100 users reported losing their sense of smell.

WASHINGTON — U.S. health officials plan to crack down on a growing number of unproven alternative remedies, focusing on products containing dangerous ingredients that have occasionally been linked to serious injury and death. The Food and Drug Administration on Monday issued a new proposal for regulating homeopathic medicines that have long been on the fringe of mainstream medicine. The agency plans to target products that pose the biggest safety risks, including those marketed for children or for serious diseases.

But under the government's framework, the vast majority of low-risk products would remain on the market.

Long regarded by scientists as a form of modern-day snake oil, homeopathic products are treated as drugs under law, but not supported by modern science. Most remedies contain heavily diluted drugs, vitamins, and minerals. Popular homeopathic brands include Zicam Allergy Relief and Cold-Eeze.

"We respect that some individuals want to use alternative treatments, but the FDA has a responsibility to protect the public from products that may not deliver any benefit and have the potential to cause harm," FDA Commissioner Dr. Scott Gottlieb said in a statement.

Homeopathic products are similar to dietary supplements, in that the FDA does not review their safety or effectiveness before they are sold. But unlike supplements, homeopathic medicines can state that they are intended for specific medical symptoms and conditions, similar to drugs.

A handful of products in recent years have been subject to major safety problems, usually involving potentially toxic ingredients.

Last year, the FDA warned consumers about the risks of teething tablets marketed by Hyland's Homeopathic after they were tied to seizures and deaths in infants and children. FDA testing later confirmed the products contained

high levels of belladonna, also called nightshade, a poisonous herb that has long been used at low dosages in homeopathic medicine. The products were recalled in April.

In 2009, the FDA ordered Zicam to stop marketing three products that contained zinc gluconate after more than 100 users reported losing their sense of smell.

The FDA said its proposal also targets products that claim to treat serious diseases like cancer, or are administered via unconventional routes such as ear drops. The agency will take comments on its proposal for 90 days before beginning to finalize the plan.

Consumer advocates said the FDA plan makes sense for products that are mostly harmless, but can be dangerous if manufacturers stray from traditional ingredients, dosing and manufacturing. "I think the rules do a good job of going after the things that are most problematic," said Dr. Adriane Fugh-Berman, an associate professor at George-

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FDA Officials To Target High-Risk Alternative Remedies

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town University Medical Center. The FDA hasn't updated its regulations for homeopathic medicine since 1988, when it essentially exempted the industry from basic production standards that are mandatory for traditional drugs, like listing ingredients on product labels.



Since then the one-niche market has grown into a \$3 billion industry, according to FDA figures. Hundreds of homeopathic remedies today are sold alongside over-the-counter drugs like Tylenol and aspirin at pharmacies across the U.S.

The National Institutes of Health has said there's little evidence that homeopathic medicine is effective for treating any specific condition. (Courtesy <https://www.statnews.com>)

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Homeopathic Remedies Harmed Hundreds Of Babies, Families Say, As FDA Investigated For Years



Blaine Talbott, now 3, began twitching in his limbs after taking homeopathic teething products. A neurologist later suggested he may have responded poorly to the tablets.

WASHINGTON — Case 7682299: Aug. 1, 2010. A mother gives her toddler three homeopathic pills to relieve her teething pain. Within minutes, the baby stops breathing.

"My daughter had a seizure, lost consciousness, and stopped breathing about 30 minutes after I gave her three Hyland's Teething Tablets," the mother later told the Food and Drug Administration. "She had to receive mouth-to-mouth CPR to resume breathing and was brought to the hospital." The company, Hyland's, promotes "safe, effective, and natural health solutions" that appeal to parents seeking alternative treatments. But the agency would soon hear much more about Hyland's teething products. Staff at the FDA would come to consider Case 7682299 one of the luckier outcomes.

A review of FDA records obtained by STAT under the Freedom of Information Act paint a far grimmer picture: Babies who were given Hyland's teething products turned blue and died. Babies had repeated seizures. Babies became delirious. Babies were airlifted to the hospital, where emergency room staff tried to figure out what had caused their legs and arms to start twitching.

Over a 10-year period, from 2006 and 2016, the FDA collected reports of "adverse events" in more than 370 children who had used Hyland's homeopathic teething tablets or gel, a similar product that is applied directly to a baby's gums. Agency records show eight cases in which babies were reported to have died after taking Hyland's products, though the FDA says the question of whether those products caused the deaths is still under review.

(The agency is also investigating two other deaths tied to teething remedies but declined to confirm the manufacturer of the products or provide the case reports.)

Following an FDA warning in September, Hyland's said that it would no longer manufacture the teething products. But they remained on some store shelves for months, and are still available on the Internet. They likely continue to be used in homes nationwide.

Hyland's, a 114-year-old private company based in Los Angeles, is the nation's largest homeopathic business. It insists its products are safe and says the FDA has failed to show there is a scientific link between them and infant seizures or other complications.

"That doesn't mean that children don't have a sensitivity to a product. There is a lot of sensitivity on kids' parts and we have to watch carefully," said a spokeswoman, Mary Borneman. "It's not something that condemns the entire product line."



Behind each of the FDA case numbers are angry and, in some cases, heartbroken parents. But a STAT examination — and the first detailed look at the case reports — also raises questions over the response of regulators.

It took four years until the FDA pushed Hyland's to reformulate its remedies, in 2010. In the seven years since then, there has been a steady stream of reports of adverse events tied to Hyland's homeopathic teething products.

"The FDA could bring the hammer down on them," said Sarah Sorscher, an attorney for the nonprofit Public Citizen Health Research Group.

"But it doesn't. At the point where you have infants being hospitalized and deaths reported, it's simply not acceptable for the agency to delay in taking action."

An FDA spokeswoman defended the agency's handling of the matter.

"It is important to note that while adverse event reports give us some information about a product and serious injuries or deaths related to use of a particular product, they often indicate situations that require additional analysis and do not constitute conclusive evidence of a problem with the product," the spokeswoman, Lyndsay Meyer, said in a statement.

Despite the FDA's difficulty in proving Hyland's products harmed children, some doctors had no doubt.

In case 462749, dated Sept. 15, 2011, a physician sent Hyland's a handwritten note, stating his patient, a 5-month-old girl, was unresponsive for 45 minutes after taking its teething tablets.

"I am sure this was not an allergic reaction," he wrote. "I would like you to report it, find a contact at the FDA, so we can start an investigation and pull this dangerous, unregulated product form the shelves."

One mother wrote the company to say her son's pupils dilated "like marbles with big black eyes." Another described seizures her daughter continued to have after taking the tablets and told the company, "I hate hate hate u for this."

An industry giant in a giant industry Hyland's and its parent company, Standard Homeopathy Co., are considered major players in the homeopathic market. CEO John P. Borneman comes from a family that has been in the business for gen-

erations, and is president of the industry group that publishes the Homeopathic Pharmacopeia, a compendium that serves as the bible of the industry.

Homeopathy has become a multibillion-dollar industry. Its products are big sellers around the world, and popular with adherents from Cher to Prince Charles. The industry also has political clout: It has been able to exempt itself from many rules proposed by Congress and the FDA over the years.

Unlike pharmaceutical company-produced drugs, homeopathic products don't have to prove that they are effective at treating anything in particular before going on the market. It is left to the FDA's drug division to determine whether they are unsafe after they are on the market — a difficult task since the adverse event reports are generally considered to represent only a fraction of the actual incidents and may lack sufficient information to allow for thorough investigations.

"If I'm working in the emergency room and I have a family that comes in with a seizing infant, I may not have the wherewithal to get the history of homeopathic use," said Dr. Edward W. Boyer, a toxicologist in Harvard Medical School's emergency medicine department.

In some cases, parents assume that products described as natural remedies, as is the case with Hyland's tablets and gels, could not possibly result in complications, and never mention their use to a doctor. Without sufficient evidence of a problem, the FDA lacks what it needs to use the enforcement tools it does have.

"Deadly nightshade" In investigating Hyland's teething products, the FDA focused on an ingredient known as atropa belladonna, an herb known colloquially as "deadly nightshade."

In diluted form, the substance is not expected to pose any health risk. In 2010, however, FDA inspectors who examined Hyland's facilities criticized the company for substandard manufacturing practices and found inconsistent levels of atropa belladonna in its products.

The agency issued a public warning, noting "reports of serious adverse events in children taking this product that are consistent with belladonna toxicity."

It also noted that "infants are very susceptible to the neurotoxicity of drugs" because of how the body distributes and responds to drugs, and noted that "absorption of belladonna from the skin and mouth was fairly rapid."

The company voluntarily took the products off shelves and agreed to reformulate them, although it insisted they were safe.

"We felt it was the right thing to do so that parents didn't have to be concerned about the product," said Borneman, the spokeswoman.

But the number of serious adverse events tied by the FDA to the products kept climbing. Some pediatricians and neurologists concluded the tablets and gels were the cause. Many parents wrote to the FDA, accusingly, asking why the pills were still on the market.

In September 2016, the FDA announced that it was investigating more adverse events reports and recommended that consumers stop using Hyland's

and other homeopathic teething products and dispose of any in their possession. Some stores, including Target and CVS, which sold Hyland's and other homeopathic teething products, pulled them in response.

"Homeopathic medicine has a very large margin of safety," she said. "Our testing ensures there's not too much belladonna in any bottle" of tablets.

Several weeks ago, on Jan. 27, the FDA issued another warning, saying that laboratory analysis of Hyland's teething tablets found levels of belladonna "sometimes far exceeding the amount claimed on the label." The agency warned consumers not to use the products and to seek medical care immediately if their child has seizures, difficulty breathing, lethargy, muscle weakness, or other problems after using homeopathic teething products.

The FDA also said there was no evidence that they actually worked.

Critics say the fact that homeopathic products are generally highly diluted has kept them on the FDA's back burner.

"It's low on their priority list," said Dr. Aaron S. Kesselheim, who co-authored a paper in the New England Journal of Medicine last year on the subject. "FDA for a long time just kind of deferred on homeopathic products because they are mostly inert and so diluted. The harm comes from people wasting their money, or diverting them from things that do work."

One problem the FDA has in doing so is a matter of staffing: The agency has a medical officer review each report from manufacturers, but it doesn't have someone who can routinely follow up with the patient, the patient's family, or physician for missing records necessary to take a serious enforcement action.

Outraged by the standoff between FDA and Hyland's, Connecticut Democratic Rep. Rosa DeLauro introduced a bill last week called the Recall Unsafe Drugs Act. The proposal would give the FDA mandatory recall authority over homeopathic products and drugs.

"Hyland's refusal to recall its teething tablets, despite numerous health and safety warnings from the FDA, is downright shameful," DeLauro said, adding that the company "is choosing instead to prioritize the company's profits and reputation before the safety of our children."

"As it stands the FDA would have to go through an arduous legal process to take action against manufacturers such as Hyland's. "This is unacceptable and threatens the health and safety of American families."



For the parents of Case 10723317, any action would come too late. A mother reported that on July 9, 2014, her 9-month-old daughter died after being given two teething tablets, crushed, for the first time. She gave her infant the tablets, then a bottle, and then left her to sleep. When she checked on her 45 minutes later, she was dead in her crib, beside a puddle of vomit.

Five months later, after reading online reports suggesting babies may experience seizures after taking belladonna, she contacted Hyland's.

"Customer did not request a refund or replacement," noted the Hyland's staffer who filed the report with the FDA. Hyland's also noted that it was not able to test the bottle, because the customer threw it away.

"Due to the limited information provided by the reporter no further investigation is possible at this time of this incident," the company concluded. (Courtesy <http://www.foxnews.com/health>)

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At the invitation of Xi Jinping, general secretary of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of China (CPC) and Chinese president, Kim Jong Un, chairman of the Workers' Party of Korea (WPK) and chairman of the State Affairs Commission of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK), paid an unofficial visit to China from March 25 to 28. During the visit, Xi held talks with Kim at the Great Hall of the People in Beijing. Xi held a welcoming ceremony for Kim before their talks. (Xinhua/Ju Peng)

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During the visit, Xi held talks with Kim at the Great Hall of the People in Beijing. Xi and his wife Peng Liyuan held a welcoming banquet for Kim and his wife Ri Sol Ju and watched an art performance together.

Li Keqiang, Chinese premier and member of the Standing Committee of the Political Bureau of the CPC Central Committee, Wang Huning, member of the Standing Committee of the Political Bureau of the CPC Central Committee and member of the Secretariat of the CPC Central Committee, and Chinese Vice President Wang Qishan attended related activities, respectively. During the talks, Xi expressed warm welcome on behalf of the CPC Central Committee to Kim for his first visit to China.



Xi Jinping (2nd R), general secretary of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of China (CPC) and Chinese president, and his wife Peng Liyuan (1st R) meet with Kim Jong Un (2nd L), chairman of the Workers' Party of Korea (WPK) and chairman of the State Affairs Commission of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK), and his wife Ri Sol Ju at the Great Hall of the People in Beijing, capital of China. At the invitation of Xi, Kim paid an unofficial visit to China from March 25 to 28. During the visit, Xi held talks with Kim. (Xinhua/Ju Peng)

Xi said he appreciated that Kim sent him a congratulatory message after the 19th CPC National Congress on his re-election as general secretary of the CPC Central Committee and the assumption of office of chairman of the CPC Central Military Commission (CMC).

Xi was also grateful to Kim for congratulating him again several days ago immediately after he was re-elected China's president and chair-

North Korean Leader Kim Jong-un Has Pledged To China's President Xi Jinping That He Is 'Committed To Denuclearisation' Of The Korean Peninsula
China's Xi Jinping And North Korea's Kim Jong Un Hold Talks In Beijing

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man of the CMC of the country.

Xi said Kim's current visit to China, which came at a special time and was of great significance, fully embodied the great importance that Comrade Chairman and the WPK Central Committee have attached to the relations between the two countries and the two parties.

"We speak highly of this visit," Xi told Kim. Kim said Comrade Xi Jinping enjoyed the support of the CPC and the people of the whole country, became the core of the leadership and was re-elected Chinese president and CMC chairman. He said it is his obligation to come to congratulate Xi in person, in line with the DPRK-China friendly tradition.

At present, the Korean Peninsula situation is developing rapidly and many important changes have taken place, Kim said, adding that he felt he should come in time to inform Comrade General Secretary Xi Jinping in person the situation out of comradeship and moral responsibility.

Xi said the China-DPRK traditional friendship, established and cultivated meticulously by the elder generations of leaders of both parties and both countries, was the precious wealth of both sides.

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Sharing common ideals and beliefs as well as profound revolutionary friendship, the elder generations of leaders of the two countries trusted and supported each other, and wrote a fine story in the history of international relations, said Xi.

He said several generations of the leaders of China and the DPRK have maintained close exchanges and paid frequent calls on each other like relatives.

The two parties and countries have supported each other and coordinated with each other during long-term practices, making great contributions to the development of the socialist cause.

"Both Comrade Chairman and I have personally experienced and witnessed the development of China-DPRK relationship," said Xi, adding that both sides have stated repeatedly that traditional China-DPRK friendship should be passed on continuously and developed better.

"This is a strategic choice and the only right choice both sides have made based on history and reality, the international and regional struc-

ture and the general situation of China-DPRK ties. This should not and will not change because of any single event at a particular time," Xi said.

The CPC and the Chinese government highly value China-DPRK friendly cooperative ties, Xi stressed. It is an unwavering principle of the CPC and the Chinese government to maintain, consolidate and develop good relations with the DPRK, he said.

"We are willing to work together with DPRK comrades, remain true to our original aspiration and jointly move forward, to promote long-term healthy and stable development of China-DPRK relations, benefit the two countries and two peoples, and make new contribution to regional peace, stability and development," Xi said.

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Four Proposals

Xi made four proposals concerning the development of China-DPRK relations.

Firstly, continue giving play to the guiding role of high-level exchanges. High-level exchanges have always played the most important guiding and promoting role in the history of China-DPRK relations. Under the new circumstances, I am willing to keep frequent contacts with Comrade Chairman through various forms such as exchange of visits, and sending special envoys and letters to each other.

Secondly, make full play of the time-tested valuable practices of strategic communication. It is the splendid tradition of the two parties to have frequent in-depth exchange of views on major issues. Both sides should maximize the important role of party-to-party exchanges, promote exchanges and cooperation between the two countries in various areas, and strengthen communication and mutual trust.

Thirdly, actively advance peaceful development. Socialism with Chinese characteristics has entered a new era, and the DPRK's socialist construction has also ushered in a new historical period. We are ready to make joint efforts with the DPRK side, conform to the trend of the times, hold high the banner of peace, development, cooperation and mutual benefit, continuously improve the wellbeing of the two peoples, and make positive contribution to regional peace, stability and development.

Fourthly, cement the popular will foundation for China-DPRK friendship. The two sides should, through various forms, enhance people-to-people exchanges, consolidate the foundation of popular will for bilateral friendly relations, especially enhance youth exchanges, inherit and carry forward the fine tradition of China-DPRK friendship.

Kim said he was greatly encouraged and inspired by General Secretary Xi's important views on DPRK-China friendship and the development of relations between the two parties and countries.

The DPRK-China friendship, which was founded and nurtured by the elder generations of leaders of both countries, is unshakable, he said. It is a strategic choice of the DPRK to pass on and develop friendship with China under the new situation, and it will remain unchanged under any circumstances.

Kim said his current visit aims to meet Chinese comrades, enhance strategic communication, and deepen traditional friendship, hoping to have opportunities to meet with Comrade General Secretary Xi Jinping often, and keep close contacts through such forms as sending special envoys and personal letters to each other, so as to promote to a new level the guidance of high-level meetings to the relations between the two parties and countries.

"It is our consistent stand to be committed to denuclearization on the peninsula, in accordance with the will of late President Kim Il Sung and late General Secretary Kim Jong Il," he said.

Kim said that the DPRK is determined to transform the inter-Korean ties into a relationship of reconciliation and cooperation and hold summit between the heads of the two sides.

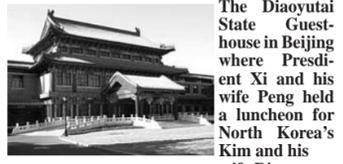
The DPRK is willing to have dialogue with the United States and hold a summit of the two countries, he said.

"The issue of denuclearization of the Korean Peninsula can be resolved, if south Korea and the United States respond to our efforts with goodwill, create an atmosphere of peace and stability while taking progressive and synchronous measures for the realization of peace," said Kim.

The DPRK hopes to enhance strategic communication with China during the process, jointly safeguard the trend of consultation and dialogue as well as peace and stability on the peninsula, said Kim.

Before the talks, Xi held a welcoming ceremony for Kim at the North Hall of the Great Hall

of the People.



The Diaoyutai State Guesthouse in Beijing where President Xi and his wife Peng held a luncheon for North Korea's Kim and his wife Ri.

Xi said he had candid and friendly talks with Chairman Kim Jong Un. "We agreed that carrying forward the traditional friendship between China and the DPRK accords with the common interests of both sides, and is the common strategic choice of both sides."

"No matter how the international and regional situation changes, we will both firmly grasp the global development trend and the overall situation of the China-DPRK relationship, strengthen our high-level exchanges, deepen our strategic communication, expand our exchanges and cooperation, and benefit the people of both countries and the people of all countries," he said.

He said the fact that he chose China as the destination of his first overseas visit showed his will to carry forward the tradition of DPRK-China friendship, and how he valued the friendship between the two countries.

"I have had successful talks with General Secretary Xi Jinping on developing relations between the two parties and the two countries, our respective domestic situation, maintaining peace and stability on the Korean Peninsula, and other issues," he said.



A train believed to be carrying a senior North Korean delegation left the Chinese capital on Tuesday following a dramatic whirlwind visit that some reports said included the country's leader, Kim Jong Un. The conservative South Korea Chosun Ilbo newspaper, citing an unnamed senior intelligence official, said the delegation had included Kim and that he had since left to return to North Korea.

"In this spring full of happiness and hopes, I believe my first meeting with General Secretary Xi Jinping will yield abundant fruits of DPRK-China friendship, and facilitate peace and stability on the Korean Peninsula," he said. During the visit, Xi and Peng held a luncheon for Kim and Ri in the Yangyuanzhai Room of the Diaoyutai State Guesthouse. Xi said that the Diaoyutai State Guesthouse has witnessed the development of the traditional friendship between the two countries, and the close relations between leaders of the elder generations of the two parties and two countries "have set an example for us."

We welcome Chairman Kim Jong Un and Lady Ri Sol Ju to visit China now and again," Xi said. Kim said that the DPRK-China friendship is especially precious, adding he would like to join hands with Xi to follow the noble will of leaders of the elder generations, carry on and develop the DPRK-China friendship that remains unchanged despite winds and rains, and elevate it to a new high under new circumstances. (Courtesy ww.xinhuanet.com/english)

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美移民政策收紧 华盛顿州外籍科技员工数量或将下降

据美国《侨报》援引MyNorthwest新闻编译报道，由于美国总统特朗普秉持的保护主义政策在移民问题上的不确定性，加上联邦审查程序越来越困难，导致华盛顿州技术工种签证申请数量出现大幅下降。

根据对雇主和撰写H-1B签证申请的移民律师的采访，一些当地雇主已经开始对雇用合法外籍技术员工的长期前景失去信心。

在全国范围内，华盛顿州是签发H-1B签证申请最多的州之一，约有25,000名雇员持有合法的H-1B签证在这里工作。

一名移民律师梅根·沃格尔(Megan Vogel)说，随着4月2日开放申请日的临近，她发现与前几年相比，今年人们申请外籍工作签证

的兴趣出现了惊人的下降。“今年以来，申请程序变得愈加复杂和严格，还有不少申请者被要求提供辅助证据。这让许多雇主对外籍技术员工望而却步，甚至不愿意尝试提交H-1B申请。”沃格尔分析说。

从某种程度上来说，这属于特朗普总统“雇佣美国人，购买美国货”议程的预期效果之一。

据报道，这种H-1B签证在科技公司中颇受欢迎，它历来被雇主用来寻找那些具备某种技能、且在美国国内稀缺的员工。华盛顿州的25,000万名H-1B员工，大部分都受雇于科技公司。而在这些科技公司中，微软和亚马逊贡献了H-1B签证申请的绝大部分。

批评人士称，科技公司利用外籍员工签证扩大了劳动力市场，压低了工资水平——这是科技公司极力否认的。在所有H-1B员工数量超过1000名的州中，华盛顿州的H-1B员工平均工资最高，为10.7万美元。

雇主们表示，虽然联邦政府没有明文规定要降低H-1B签发的数量，但美国公民和移民服务部门(US Citizen and Immigration Services department)已经通过严格的“证据要求”，达到了减缓、甚至停止这一进程的目的。

“我们还会看到更多的、诸如此类的要求。”沃格尔说。

“捷径美国梦” 赴美生子后的 18年你熬得起吗？



近日，随着美国联邦政府针对“亲属移民”政策的几个动作，以及针对未来趋势的表态和承诺，让不少曾经计划赴美生子的民众不由得望而生畏；另一方面，看着身边那些曾经在美国出生的“美宝”在中国的成长路径，令不少曾经渴望赴美生子的准妈妈们放弃了这个想法。

两年前在南加州芳泉谷(Fountain Valley)顺利生下宝宝而回到北京生活的祁女士表示：“如果希望在中国能够和普通的孩子一样就医、入学等，就必须在国内上户口，并进行户籍相关方面的登记。”

祁女士称，若要保住孩子的美国国籍，最稳妥的方式便是不在中国进行户口登记等程序。但这样做，一方面增加了太多抚养孩子以及教育经费方面的支出，如果孩子以外籍人士的身份在中国生活，很多公立学校则要求家长要花费高额的赞助费。另一些学校干脆将外籍人士拒之门外。这对孩子今后的择校造成了巨大的障碍。此外，还必须定期带着宝宝在美国境内生活一段时间。

因此，“我已经决定放弃‘美宝’美国国籍的考虑。曾经只是以为这样可能会为孩子的未来提供更多选择的机会，但是付出的时间代价、金钱代价以及孩子在接下来几年不得不放弃国内的教育资源，这些成本都太高了。”

原本计划赴洛杉矶生子的祁女士最近也打消了这个念头，她表示：“曾经希望能让宝宝拥有美国国籍，是因为我们希望他能在读大学的时候享受美国的高等教育资源，但我们在多番咨询、打听之后发现，首先如果我们夫妇两人在此10多年一直在中国继续工作，尽管我们费尽一切努力让孩子在18岁时成为有自主权的美国公民，但是他在选择大学的时候依然无法享受和加州人一样可以进入公立学校就读的待遇，因为我们的家庭此前没有在美国工作，更没有纳税记录，尽管孩子顺利升入公立大学，也必须缴纳同国际学生一样的州外费。”

对此，洛杉矶华人律师王婧则表示：“不少人认为，只要把孩子生在美国，等到18岁之后，孩子的父母便可以通过孩子关系，顺利移民美国，享受美国社会的福利了。首先在目前来看，这样的观点是错误的，因为美国政府规定父母此前在美国报税额度需要达到一定的金额才可以顺利转换身份。”

另外，王婧指出，目前特朗普政府针对亲属移民的打击力度可见一斑，今后的程度也只会愈发强烈，十多年后的政策变化更没有入能够说得清楚，所以还是劝这些打算赴美生子的民众慎重考虑。

加拿大父祖辈移民完成抽签 中签者60天内须交材料

加拿大联邦移民部2018年父母祖父母移民项目(PGP)日前完成“随机抽签”，19日(文中均为当地时间)起被抽中申请人会陆续接到移民部通知。移民部提醒，今年的移民申请材料准备期从去年的90天缩减为60天，所有被抽中申请人务必在5月25日前递交完整的移民申请材料。

联邦移民部公布，由19日开始，移民部陆续给被抽中的申请人发出通知，申请人应上网通过你的“确认号”(confirmation number)检查是否被抽中。

被抽中的申请人，从接到邮件之日计算，有60天的移民申请材料准备时期，所有被抽中申请人要求在5月25日前递交完整的移民申请材料。

移民部特别提醒中签者必须在2018年5月25日前递交完毕，迟交或者递交不完整的申请材料都不被接受，只退回申请人的申请费用。

华裔移民顾问吴冰指出：“今年的PGP项目，除了申请人准备移民申请材料的时间从去年的90天缩减为现在的60天外，其他程序步骤基本没有变化。”

他称，但有一个小改变，就是去年“随机抽签”后，不管是被抽中申请人还是没被抽中申请人收到移民部通知，但今年从目前看到的情况看，移民部只发电邮通知那些被抽中的申请人，所以为保险起见，建议所有申请人都应该上移民申请网站查询你是否被抽中。

吴冰还提醒申请人：“递交的申请材料包括担保人最近三年的家庭收入证明。可以递交2014年、2015年和2016年三年的收入证明。但如果你2014年的收入达不到最低要求，那么必须递交2017年的收入，现在离2017年报税截止日(4月30日)还有一个多月时间，准备递交2017年报税评估表的申请人务必抓紧时间报税，不要错过递交移民申请材料的截止时间。”

吴冰最后表示，根据去年经验，本轮被抽中的申请人如果错过了移民申请机会，今年1万个名额没有被用完，移民部还会进行第二轮抽签，所以那些本轮抽签没有中签的申请人还会有机会。

澳推新签证吸引高技能移民 无职业清单 要求有经验

澳大利亚联邦政府将推出一款新的签证，使高技能移民更容易来到澳大利亚。

全球人才计划(Global Talent Scheme)旨在吸引全球的“高科技技能和人才”，并将允许公司担保海外人才赴澳从事年薪超过18万元的职位。

政府声明中写道：“政府意识到全球高科技技能和人才竞争激烈，吸引这些人有助于技能向澳大利亚工作者转移，以及澳大利亚企业的发展。”

“年营业额超过400万元的企业将可以担保具备高技能并且经验丰富的个人来澳从事年收入超过18万元的职位。”

这项新的签证将首先进行为期12个月的试行，并且将取代457临时技能短缺签证。

与457签证不同的是，这项新签证没有任何职业清单，这是为了方便企业引进政府不知道他们缺乏的人才。但是，移民将需要至少三年的相关工作经验。而且，每一份签证申请都将被单独审查，以防止欺诈。

而担保签证申请人的公司也需要证明他们已经尝试过优先雇佣澳大利亚人。

联邦公民和多元文化事务部长杜吉(Alan Tudge)告诉《澳大利亚金融评论报》，澳大利亚政府依然拥有控制权，因为每一名引进人才的签证程序依然需要经过政府批准。

“这是一个试行计划，因为我们希望确保企业在申请签证方面享有公平。”

“澳大利亚人优先就业，但对于这里



没有的技能和经验，我们希望能够吸引海外人才。”杜吉说。

“这是正在对技术签证项目进行进行的改革之一，是为了确保澳大利亚人能够优先获得澳大利亚的工作，但我们也承认，有些时候，国内没有适合的人才。”

政府将在未来几个月进一步详细讨论该计划的细节，然后从7月开始试行一年。澳大利亚居留权

如果该计划成为永久性的移民项目，那么这些外国移民将被允许在三年之后申请澳大利亚永久居民的身份，而这是一个可能引发海外人才兴趣的关键吸引力。

著名的悉尼风险投资者马克·卡内基(Mark Carnegie)说：“该计划是一个很棒的开始，并

将为澳大利亚的创新做出非常棒的事情。”

初级技术人员

这个全球人才计划将成为临时技能短缺签证的一部分，并有两种“流”或方式来获得签证：现有企业和初创企业。

签发的签证数量将取决于需求以及对符合条件的雇主和工人类型的限制，例如，公司董事和股东不得利用这种签证把亲属带到澳大利亚。

现有企业项目(仅面向20%的公司)只能担保经验丰富的人员。而初创企业部分则向青年开放，但是每一家公司最多只能担保5个签证。而且初创企业的移民工作者必须至少获得53,900元的年薪，并且拥有至少三年与该职位直接相关的经验。

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慢游西递古村 探寻花山迷窟

西递坐落于黄山南麓，因水西流，又因古代递送邮件的驿站而得名，是黄山市最具代表性的古民居旅游景点。传说，始祖为唐昭宗李晔之子，因遭变乱，逃匿民间，被胡姓善人收养，在此繁衍生息，形成了聚居村落。故西递有“真李假胡”、“胡李一家亲，胡李不通婚”一说。也许，因为是皇家之后，西递才文风昌盛、底蕴深厚吧。

而今的西递，当真是皖南第一座保存完好、古朴典雅的古民居村落。一几一椅觚角间，启承转合见鬼斧之巧凿；廊窗立柱扶顺处，圆润温和不失大家风范。随心所欲的漫步在青山板铺就的小路上，远处的蓝天白云，水波画舫，和远处的青山绿树完美的融合成一幅皖南山水画卷。

西递村建房多用黑色大理石，两条清泉穿村而过，99条高墙深巷，各具特色的古民居，让人如置身迷宫。村头有座明万历六年，即公元1578建的三间四柱五楼的青石牌坊，峥嵘巍峨，结构精巧，是胡氏家族地位显赫的象征。村中有座康熙年间建造的“履福堂”，陈设典雅，充满书香气息。

在西递，几乎每家每户都有形意兼备的楹联。这是一种深入浅出的文

化传播方式。文化在长辈们的教导下，在孩子们的日日吟诵中，代代相传。

春雨蒙蒙，漫游在西递古镇中，时光仿佛都慢了下来……

从西递古镇出来，来到花山石窟，感受瞬间截然不同。花山石窟所带来的神秘感，让人兴奋不已。

花山迷窟不同于国内外其他著名石窟，它不是天然溶洞，而是古代人工开凿的规模宏大的地下宫殿群。它至今仍是一个扑朔迷离的不解之谜，这个由古代人开凿的地下宫殿群存在太多困惑和疑问，而石窟的魅力正是在于了一连串的“谜”上。

花山迷窟正坐落在宁静的新安江之畔，左边青山，右边田园，中间绿水。跨过吊索桥进到山里，才是石窟的所在。

从外面看这座山体，与别山没有什么不同，可是你很难想象它已经是被完全掏空的了。现已探明的石窟有36处，其宏大壮阔、玄妙奇巧的石窟景象在全国实为罕见，其规模之恢弘，气势之壮观，独具特色，令人叹为观止，堪称中华一绝。被誉为“北纬30度神秘线上的第九大奇观”。

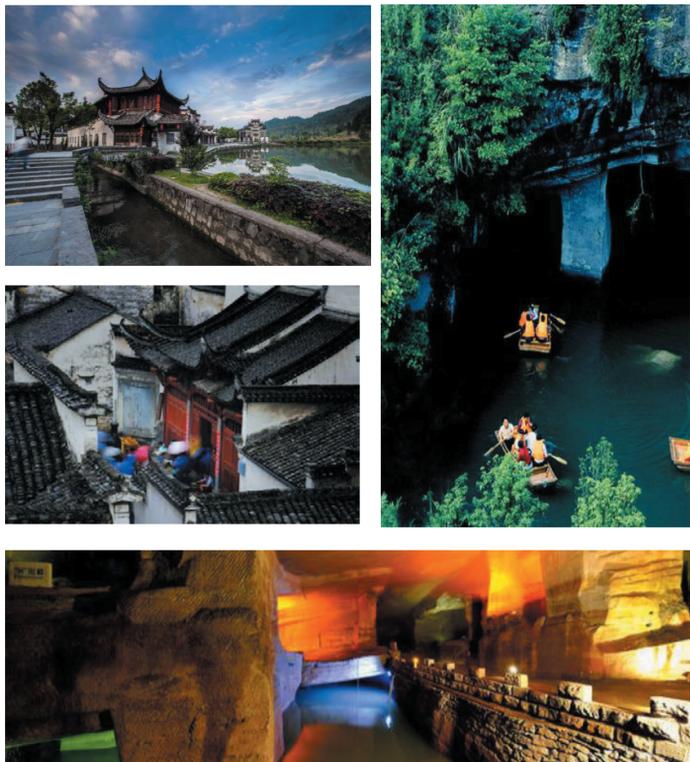
目前开放就只有2、35、24号洞窟，其他的都没有开放。2号石窟建

在半山腰里，如同地下长廊一般，洞口呈虎口张开之势，因此又称“环溪石窟”。石窟面积约4800平方米，洞深146米，分有上下两层，一层大厅气势壮观，独有“擎天柱”支撑，二层大厅则有几十根石柱昂然挺立，组成一个宽大的地下长廊。

24号石窟又称“二十四柱”。其为水上石窟，石窟面积约1500平方米，洞门面山路而开，呈扁长方形，宽约50米，高约30米，洞内水深不见底，进深莫测，气势恢宏。洞内有6根巨大的方形石柱成两排阵势支撑窟顶。如此四层，衍入地下，故有“二十四柱”之名。

35号石窟又称“地下宫殿”、“清凉宫”。石窟面积约12600平方米，洞深170米，空间落差25米，为目前全国范围内面积最大的人工石窟。洞窟中有26根石柱支撑，有帝王之相。环绕大殿有36间石房，最小者其面积仅2平方米；石房墙壁厚薄不一，最薄处仅10厘米厚。殿堂边有深潭数口，水呈绿色，清澈见底，经年不涸。

花山迷窟一行，依旧留给了我们众多谜团，也带来了各种猜想，也为花山迷窟增添了更多神奇。期待有一天，有人能解开这些谜团吧！



在香港西营盘散步 感受老街的缓慢复苏

西营盘是香港最古老的街区，香港开埠之时，英军就在这一带筑起军营，因此有西营盘之名。这里是香港最早发展起来的教育和住宅区域，所以也是多所香港名校的发源地。般咸道官立小学的前身就是孙中山曾经念过书的拔萃男书室，而历史悠久的港大其实就在附近，张爱玲肯定也曾经在此流连。近来因为地铁的开通，位于港岛西边的西营盘老区，突然涌现了不少时髦店，昏沉中的老区被注入了源源活水。

由政府来主导的老区活化，往往策划痕迹太深，补太多的妆，只会沦为庸脂俗粉。但西营盘的复苏完全由民间的商家主导，因此在精致中，往往带有一些原始的野性，这种新旧混搭风格才是西营盘吸引人的原因。

一般的老区活化过程都有迹可循，它们往往是地处城市中心的边陲，有一定的历史厚度，有某某看上了这里较为低廉的租金及朴质的氛围，开了一家优质的咖啡馆或餐厅或精品酒店，口碑好了，人潮来了，更多人加入了战局，媒体开始热烈报道，西营盘就这样由回忆深处被打捞起来了。

高街一带极为惬意，有个建造于1892年的国家医院外籍护士宿舍的原址，并同时兼任香港人口中著名的鬼屋。这栋扎实的老楼带有浓厚的英式殖民地风格，由于曾经被改造成精神病院，后来遭到闲置，从此闹鬼的传说就在这栋雄伟的建筑上萦绕不散，现在它已经改造成西营盘社区综合大楼，大楼对面则是佐治五世纪念公园，公园内设有运动设施和足球场，外墙则全以有了一定年月的岩石，陡峭的东边街上，一排细叶老榕树破格而出，紧



抓住石壁不放的老根和垂直而下的须根，生命力顽强。阳光透过密密麻麻的叶片，给东边街上撒下斑驳的碎影，这绝对是香港最漂亮的小街道之一。在附近街市买好茶的老人，和戴着耳机跑步的老外，在我身边擦肩而过，一快一慢的步履，都是生活。

离此不远有个西营盘街市，生龙活虎的叫卖声夹杂着鱼腥味，一地的湿漉漉和脏兮兮，摊子上摆满了色彩缤纷的海鲜，在黄色灯光的照耀下，静悄悄的透着生气。我很喜欢逛香港的街市，乱七八糟的，却也有一种毫不矫情的生活气息。街市旁边则有一家据说开业于1928年的关兴记，专卖豆腐、豆花、豆浆和杂货，毫不起眼的站稳了超过90年，味

道肯定不错。

老区的街头巷尾近年来也混入了不少漂亮的小店，在最老的土地上恣意绽放，最古老和最时兴，格格不入的并列，才显得有趣。已经在亚洲打响知名度的巴厘岛名店Potato Head也在西营盘开设了新店，我一踏进去，就想要喝杯咖啡再离开。周末早上已经在播放妖娆的舞曲音乐，咖啡因和跳跃的音符能轻易地把人唤醒，由著名日本建筑师藤本壮介所设计，延续了Potato Head一贯的热带怀旧风格。店内摆满了老家具，天花板则吊满了盆栽，由南洋移植来到历来就华洋杂处的西营盘，一点也没有水土不服的症状。不远处还有一个Speak easy酒吧Ping Pong 129，这种“挂羊头卖狗肉”的酒吧蛮好玩，门面是乒乓球室，拾级而上，推门而入，浓厚的后工业设计加上种类齐全的琴酒，让这家酒吧成了西营盘越夜越美丽的据点。

有学校的地方就能容纳书店，精神书店是街区里颇具盛名的二手书店。逼仄的空间里堆满了文史书籍，喜欢淘旧书的人，或许会在这里找到宝。书店创建于1958年，年轻老板宝龙继承了祖父的事业，为了鼓励阅读，甚至购买了多部脚踏车。让文青骑着车游览香港西部风光，让读万卷书和行万里路有了完美结合。这个帅气的老板，还是个童星呢，在经典港剧《大时代》里扮演过童年方展博。自行车租80港币，老板却回赠40元，让客人在店里购书。想想现在当书店老板真不容易，卖书之余，还得贩卖生活方式，所以我也就顺手挑了几本书，然后继续在西营盘里游荡。

风云牯牛降 美景写春秋



第一次听闻这个地名，不由的便好奇心大起，于是网络上一番搜索，原来关于牯牛降景区，有个故事：古代的牯牛降山中生活着一只名叫雀的怪鸟。《山海经》说这种鸟“状如鸡而白首，鼠足而虎爪”，以各种飞禽走兽为食，连人也敢吃。弄得方圆几百里的山中，鸟兽绝迹，不见人烟。话说春秋时期的老子为了传授教义，他辞官归隐，云游四方，到各地传经授道。一日，他骑着青牛，路过牯牛降山中。

行了半天，天上不见飞鸟，地上不见野兽，水中不见一活物，甚感奇怪。当他跨下坐骑，准备打尖休息时，忽然一声怪叫，狂风呼啸，一只巨大的怪鸟从天而降，直向他扑来。正在吃草的青牛，对天一声长吟，瞪圆双眼，张开四蹄，腾飞而起，用双角向怪鸟顶去。这雀平日见啥吃啥，骄横惯了，哪把这只牛放在眼里，不防这只青牛有此神力，一不小心，被牛角顶折了翅膀，怪鸟一声跌落在一道山梁上。青牛见状，纵身跃上山梁，将怪鸟紧紧压在身下，让他永生不得翻身。时间一长，青牛化作了巨石，怪鸟的尸骨烂成了泥土，羽毛变成了许多奇形怪状的松树。为了纪念这头大青牛，人们便把这座山起名叫做“牯牛降”。

牯牛降位于皖南石台、祁门两县交界处，是黄山山脉向西延伸的主体，古称“西黄山”。它雄伟绮丽的自然风光与黄山一脉

相承的近似之点；而她原始的自然生态当属有异于黄山的独特之处；这里有华东地区最后一片原始森林之称，也是天然阔叶林的最北限。生态学家称其为生物种群的“基因库”、“绿色的自然博物院”。

前一天池州中雨，于是第二天早上格外令人惊喜。穿过云层航拍，云雾覆盖整片景区，分外妖娆壮美。

经过龙门潭大坝，眼前的两岸危崖高耸，碧流深潭横亘，浑如两军对垒，一触即发。因其形势险要，所以人们很自然地把这道景观叫着龙门。龙门，既是龙门景区名称的由来；同时，相对于中华民族历史长河来说，又似乎具有某种特殊的象征意义。它是整个明朝历史的最后一道门：——龙门以内深藏着朱明王朝最后的悲壮；龙门以外则完全是清世祖爱新觉罗的天下。

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国会议员 Al Green 为 SOAR 成员们颁发贺状



SOAR 的发起人和晚会的组织者 Crystal Wang 与贵宾们合影。图左至图右：国会议员 Al Green 及他的亚裔代表谭秋晴女士，Crystal Wang 母亲，著名房地产经纪人卿梅和女儿 Crystal Wang，国会议员 Al Green，美南传媒集团董事长李蔚华先生及夫人朱勤勤女士

日前由休斯顿本地 Memorial High school 学生慈善爱心组织 SOAR (Students for Oncological Aid and Relief) 在学校大礼堂热烈举办大型慈善筹款表演晚会演出成功。本次活动得到了休斯顿各界人士的大力支持，国会议员 Al Green 及他的亚裔代表谭秋晴女士，国会议员 Pete Olson 亚裔代表张晶晶女士，美南传媒集团董事长李蔚华先生及夫人朱勤勤女士都亲临现场表示支持并致辞祝贺。国会议员 Al Green 和国会议员 Pete Olson 的亚裔代表张晶晶分别为 SOAR 颁发了贺状表扬了 SOAR 的发起人和晚会的组织者 Crystal Wang 卓越的领导和组织能力。高度赞扬和表彰 SOAR 这个组织为社区做出的贡献。晚会节目十分精彩，节目有合唱、流行、饶舌、魔术、舞蹈、歌剧、器乐演奏等。节目一开场，嘻哈舞蹈和独唱 Uptown Funk 把气氛带入高潮。表演者们融入新潮舞蹈及歌唱元素，并结合多样化的造型及歌唱曲风，使团体能保有传统精神、更创造出全新的感官飨宴。SOAR 是美国休斯顿在校高中生发起，为了帮助癌症病人的非营利组织。SOAR 宗旨和使命是为休斯顿地区癌症患者献上爱心和关怀。在不到一年的时间里，学生们通过各种形式已经筹集了超过 13,000 美元的现金和实物捐助。学生的目标是将护理包分发给大休斯顿地区的医院，如德州儿童医院和赫尔曼纪念医院。



结合艺术性音乐与舞蹈等呈现出现代精致的艺术



SOAR 的发起人和晚会的组织者 Crystal Wang 带来一系列青春洋溢的组曲及演唱了她为 SOAR 写的一首歌《Soar With Me》



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