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## Trump upbeat ahead of North Korean summit; Kim visits Singapore sites

SINGAPORE (Reuters) - U.S. President Donald Trump said on Monday his historic summit with North Korean leader Kim Jong Un in Singapore could "work out very nicely" as officials from both countries sought to narrow differences on how to end a nuclear stand-off on the Korean peninsula.

Kim, one of the world's most reclusive leaders, made an evening tour of sites on Singapore's waterfront, on the eve of the summit that is due to get underway on Tuesday morning at a nearby resort island.

While Trump was optimistic about prospects for the summit between the old foes, U.S. Secretary of State Mike Pompeo injected a note of caution ahead of the first-ever meeting of sitting U.S. and North Korean leaders, saying it remained to be seen whether Kim was sincere about his willingness to denuclearize.

Officials from the two sides held last-minute talks aimed at laying the groundwork for a meeting that was almost unthinkable just months ago when the two leaders were exchanging insults and threats that raised fears of war.

But after a flurry of diplomatic overtures eased tension in recent months, the two leaders are now headed for a history-making handshake that U.S. officials hope could eventually lead to the dismantling of a North Korean nuclear program that threatens the United States.

Offering a preview to reporters, Pompeo said it could provide "an unprecedented opportunity to change the trajectory of our relationship and bring peace and prosperity" to North Korea.

However, he played down the possibility of a quick breakthrough and said the summit should set the framework for "the hard work that will follow", insisting that North Korea had to move toward complete, verifiable and irreversible denuclearisation.

North Korea, though, has shown little appetite for surrendering nuclear weapons it considers vital to the survival of Kim's dynastic rule.

Sanctions on North Korea would remain in place until that had happened, Pompeo said. "If diplomacy does not move in the right direction ... those measures will increase."

"North Korea has previously confirmed to us its willingness to denuclearize and we are eager to see if those words prove sincere," he said.

The White House later said discussions with North Korea had moved "more quickly than expected" and Trump would leave Singapore on Tuesday night, after the summit. He had earlier been scheduled to leave on Wednesday.

Kim is due to leave on Tuesday afternoon, a source involved in the planning of his visit said on Sunday.

Kim was not believed to have left his hotel since a meeting with Singapore Prime Minister Lee Hsien Loong soon after his arrival in the city on Sunday, but he ventured out on Monday evening.

The Swiss-educated leader, who is believed to be 34, has not left his isolated country since taking office in 2011 other than to visit China and the South Korean side of the border Demilitarized Zone, which separates the two Koreas.

His first stop was a waterfront park with futuristic installations, Gardens by the Bay, which boasts the largest glass greenhouse and tallest indoor waterfall in the world.

He joined Singapore's foreign minister, Vivian Balakrishnan, who took a selfie, before stopping at the Marina Bay Sands hotel, which resembles a giant surfboard perched on three tall columns, for a look out over the bright lights of the city from its rooftop garden and swimming pool.

On the way back to his hotel, Kim walked along a promenade near the Merlion, a giant statue, and fountain, of a mythical creature, half lion, half fish - Singapore's unofficial mascot.

The rare public appearance of Kim, waving and smiling to onlook-



North Korea's leader Kim Jong Un visits Merlion Park in Singapore

ers, adds to the more affable image of the young leader that has emerged since his summit in April with South Korean leader Moon Jae-in.

Just a few months ago, Kim was an international pariah accused of ordering the killing of his uncle, a half-brother and scores of officials suspected of disloyalty.

Former U.S. National Basketball Association star Dennis Rodman arrived in Singapore late on Monday for the summit, saying he was "excited to be part of it", although there has been no indication he would be involved in any official talks.

"It should go fairly well, but people should not expect so much for the first time," Rodman told reporters at the airport.

"The doors are opening."

### 'INTERESTING MEETING'

Trump arrived in Singapore on Sunday after a blow-up over trade with other members of the Group of Seven major industrialized nations that cast a cloud over his efforts to score a major foreign policy win in the nuclear talks.

Although gaps remain over what denuclearisation would entail, Trump sounded a positive note in a lunch meeting with Singapore's Prime Minister Lee.

"We've got a very interesting meeting ... tomorrow, and I just think it's going to work out very nicely," Trump said.

It was a far cry from last year when Trump threatened North Korea with "fire and fury" and mocked Kim as "little rocket man," and Kim denounced the U.S. president as the "mentally deranged U.S. dotard."

Trump and Kim are staying in separate hotels less than a kilometer apart in the famous Orchard Road area of Singapore, dotted with high-rise luxury apartment blocks, offices and glittering shopping malls.

Commenting for the first time on the summit, North

Korea's state-run KCNA news agency said the two sides would exchange "wide-ranging and profound views" to re-set relations. It heralded the summit as part of a "changed era". Discussions would focus on "the issue of building a permanent and durable peace-keeping mechanism on the Korean peninsula, the issue of realizing the denuclearisation of the Korean peninsula and other issues of mutual concern", KCNA said.

In the lead up to the summit, North Korea rejected any unilateral nuclear disarmament, and KCNA's reference to denuclearisation of the peninsula has historically meant it wants the United States to remove its "nuclear umbrella" protecting South Korea and Japan.

### RISK

The White House said Trump would hold a one-on-one meeting with Kim on Tuesday on the small island of Sentosa. The two will later be joined by officials and have lunch together.

Many experts on North Korea, one of the most insular and unpredictable countries in the world, remain skeptical Kim will ever completely abandon nuclear weapons. They believe Kim's engagement is aimed at getting the United States to ease the crippling sanctions that have squeezed the impoverished country.

Kelsey Davenport, director for Nonproliferation Policy at the Arms Control Association, said there were signs that the gaps between the two sides were narrowing but there was also risk.

"Trump is likely to declare the summit a victory irrespective of the outcome, but if the two sides fail to reach a common understanding of denuclearisation it will put at risk any process that the summit kicks off," he said.

"The process could be doomed before it begins."

Trump initially touted the potential for a grand bargain with North Korea to rid itself of a nuclear missile program that has advanced rapidly to threaten the United States.

But he has since lowered expectations, backing away from an original demand for North Korea's swift denuclearisation.

He has said the talks would be more about starting a relationship with Kim for a negotiating process that would take more than one summit.

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**Spotlight: China inspires SCO's growth as it enters new era**

QINGDAO, China, June 8 (Xinhua) -- Leaders of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) are traveling to this scenic Chinese coastal city for a summit over the weekend set to open a new chapter in the bloc's history.

As a founding member and the cradle of the SCO, China has played an important role in developing the 17-year-old organization into the world's largest regional institution.

Particularly, under the leadership of Chinese President Xi Jinping, Beijing has been offering more and more wisdom for the SCO to advance into a new era with more possibilities and a brighter future.

**VISIONARY GUIDANCE**

The bedrock of the SCO's remarkable development is the Shanghai Spirit, which features mutual trust, mutual benefit, equality, consultation, respect for cultural diversity and pursuit of common development.

Over the past five years, Xi has further enriched the Shanghai Spirit with such philosophical concepts as cultivating a new type of international relations and building a community with a shared future for mankind.

Meanwhile, China has also been boosting SCO cooperation with new practical proposals promising benefits to all involved, with the flagship being the Belt and Road Initiative, which was put forward by Xi in 2013.

China-proposed initiatives "bear profound strategic character," SCO Secretary-General Rashid Alimov told Xinhua in an interview, stressing the importance of

aligning the Belt and Road Initiative with the development strategies of all SCO members.

"Xi Jinping is providing a visionary and inspiring leadership not just to China but also to Asia and the whole world," said Sudheendra Kulkarni, a former chairman of Observer Research Foundation, an Indian think tank.

**FRUITFUL COOPERATION**

Over the past five years, a series of major joint projects have been rolled out within the SCO's framework, steadily improving cross-border logistics and promoting its members' development.

In 2017, China's trade with other SCO members totaled 217.6 billion U.S. dollars, and the trade structure continued to improve, with mechanical equipment and mechanical and electrical products taking up a larger share, according to the Chinese Ministry of Commerce.

The ministry said that in the first quarter of 2018, trade between China and other SCO members increased 20.7 percent year on year, higher than the 19-percent annual growth last year.

During the same period, it added, Chinese investment in other SCO countries reached 84 billion dollars, with several large energy, mining, and industrial projects progressing smoothly.

In a recent interview with Xinhua, Kazakh President Nursultan Nazarbayev referred to the SCO's efforts to enhance development synergy with the Eurasian Economic Union and the Belt and Road Initiative, and expressed optimism about regional trade and economic cooperation.

Such alignments, said the Kazakh president,

would create conditions conducive to a future free trade zone within the SCO.

**INTO NEW ERA**

Seventeen years after its establishment, the SCO has evolved from a security cooperation platform into an organization for comprehensive cooperation, including economic cooperation and people-to-people exchanges.

As China hosts the first SCO summit after India and Pakistan became full members in 2017, the organization is widely believed to be marching into a new era.

The SCO has emerged as an excellent multilateral mechanism for regional security, economic cooperation and transnational connectivity, said B.R. Deepak, a sinologist and professor of Chinese studies at the New Delhi-based Jawaharlal Nehru University.

As the bloc grows on, Xi, in a meeting with SCO foreign ministers in April, called on all members to remain true to their original aspirations, advocate the Shanghai Spirit, and fully unleash the SCO's potential after its expansion.

The Qingdao summit will be a historic meeting as it serves as a link between the past and the future, said Sun Zhuangzhi, head of the Institute of East European, Russian and Central Asian Studies at the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences.

As the birthplace of the SCO, China will contribute more Chinese wisdom to its future development, he added. Enditem

(Xinhua reporters Hao Weiwei, Deng Xianlai and Ma Qian in Beijing, Zhou Liang in Astana, Hu Xiaoming in New Delhi, and Zhang Xingjun in Mumbai contributed to this article.)

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North Korea's leader Kim Jong Un leaves after a visit to The Marina Bay Sands hotel in Singapore



Singapore's Foreign Minister Vivian Balakrishnan, North Korean leader Kim Jong Un, and Singapore's Education Minister Ong Ye Kung pose for a photo in Singapore



North Korea's leader Kim Jong Un visits The Marina Bay Sands hotel in Singapore



U.S. President Donald Trump blows out the candle on his birthday cake as he attends a lunch with Singapore's Prime Minister Lee Hsien Loong at the Istana in Singapore



FILE PHOTO: Members of the North Korean delegation arrive at St Regis hotel, in Singapore



The motorcade transporting U.S. President Donald Trump arrives at the Istana in Singapore



A member of the North Korean security detail speaks with a member of the U.S. delegation at the entrance of the Capella Hotel on Singapore's resort island of Sentosa



Police officers are seen at the Capella Hotel, the venue for the June 12 summit between U.S. President Donald Trump and North Korean leader Kim Jong Un, on Singapore's resort island of Sentosa



New studies have confirmed, once again, the rapid melting of the polar ice in both hemispheres.

A British team has used satellite data to reveal that the retreat of the all-important grounding line of many Antarctic glaciers has accelerated to five times the historic level. And US scientists have confirmed that in Arctic waters the West Greenland ice sheet is now melting faster than at any time in the last 450 years.

Both studies deliver ominous evidence of the long-term consequences of climate change due to profligate human use of fossil fuels. The Greenland icecap holds enough water to raise global sea levels by seven metres. The West Antarctic ice sheet - where the latest study has identified most of the change - holds enough water to raise sea levels by up to five metres.

The UK measure of Antarctic ice retreat is important because it confirms on a wider scale what individual measurements of glacier retreat have already shown: that increasingly warm southern ocean waters are melting the ice at depth.

Depth in this study is critical: glaciers move slowly because the frozen rivers are "anchored" or grounded in bedrock as they flow off the continent, and then grounded again up to a kilometre deep off the continental shelf.



This applies a brake to the flow towards the open sea. The further from the coast the grounding line, the slower the glacier's flow, the more stable the ice shelf, and the slower the consequent sea level rise.

Hannes Konrad of the University of Leeds in the UK and colleagues report in the journal Nature Geoscience that they used the European Space Agency's satellite Cryosat-2 data to track the changes in the grounding line along 16,000 kilometres of southern polar coastline.

Around West Antarctica, more than a fifth of the ice sheet has retreated faster than the 25 metres or so a year that has been normal since the end of the last ice age. In some cases the retreat of the grounding line has been five times that rate. The retreat has been extreme in eight of the ice sheet's 65 biggest glaciers.

## "Long-Term Consequences Of Climate Change Due To Extreme Human Use Of Fossil Fuels"

# Polar Ice Is Melting Fast In Both Hemispheres

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### Clear evidence

"Our study provides clear evidence that retreat is happening across the ice sheet due to ocean melting at its base, and not just at the few spots that have been mapped before now," Dr Konrad said.

"This retreat has had a huge impact on inland glaciers, because releasing them from the sea bed removes friction, causing them to speed up and contribute to global sea level rise."

Far to the north, ice is also melting. Erich Osterberg of Dartmouth College in the US and colleagues report in the journal Geophysical Research Letters that they collected seven ice cores from a remote zone in the West Greenland ice sheet where meltwater trickles down into the deeper snow and then freezes again: this "new" ice in the compacted snow provides scientists with a record of melting over time.



### Longer Record

Researchers have been watching the apparent acceleration of the summer melting of Greenland's ice for decades: they have monitored ever faster rates of glacier flow and tried to identify direct influences on the surface of the ice sheet that might accelerate overall melting.

But direct observation of the northern hemisphere's largest concentration of ice began only about five decades ago. The Dartmouth cores provide a total of almost five centuries of summer melt patterns.

"The ice core record ends about 450 years ago, so the modern melt rates in these cores are the highest of the whole record that we can see. The advantage of the ice cores is that they show us just how unusual it is for Greenland to be melting this fast," Dr Osterberg said.

"We see that West Greenland melt really started accelerating about 20 years ago. Our study shows that the rapid rise in the West Greenland melt is a combination of specific weather patterns and an additional long-term warming trend over the last century." (Courtesy <https://www.truthdig.com/articles>)

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#### West Greenland Ice Sheet Melting At The Fastest Rate In Centuries

**Weather patterns and summer warming trend combine to drive dramatic ice loss**  
HANOVER, N.H. - March 2018 - The West Greenland Ice Sheet melted at a dramatically higher rate over the last twenty years than at any other time in the modern record, according to a study led by Dartmouth College. The research, appearing in the journal Geophysical Research Letters, shows that melting in west Greenland since the early 1990s is at the highest levels in at least 450 years.

While natural patterns of certain atmospheric and ocean conditions are already known to influence Greenland melt, the study highlights the importance of a long-term warming trend to account for the unprecedented west Greenland melt rates in recent years. The researchers suggest that climate change most likely associated with human greenhouse gas emissions is the probable cause of the additional warming.

**Ice cores from the West Greenland Ice Sheet 'percolation zone' were studied under a light table at Dartmouth's Ice**

**Core Laboratory to reveal ice layers that tell the history of how much melt has occurred through time.**

"We see that west Greenland melt really started accelerating about twenty years ago," said Erich Osterberg, assistant professor of earth sciences at Dartmouth and the lead scientist on the project. "Our study shows that the rapid rise in west Greenland melt is a combination of specific weather patterns and an additional long-term warming trend over the last century."

According to research cited in the study, loss of ice from Greenland is one of the largest contributors to global sea level rise. Although glaciers calving into the ocean cause much of the ice loss in Greenland, other research cited in the study shows that the majority of ice loss in recent years is

from increased surface melt and runoff.

While satellite measurements and climate models have detailed this recent ice loss, there are far fewer direct measurements of melt collected from the ice sheet itself. For this study, researchers from Dartmouth and Boise State University spent two months on snowmobiles to collect seven ice cores from the remote "percolation zone" of the West Greenland Ice Sheet.

When warm temperatures melt snow on the surface of the percolation zone, the meltwater trickles down into the deeper snow and refreezes into ice layers. Researchers were easily able to distinguish these ice layers from the surrounding compacted snow in the cores, preserving a history of how much melt occurred back through time. The more melt, the thicker the ice layers.



"Most ice cores are collected from the middle of the ice sheet where it rarely ever melts, or on the ice sheet edge where the meltwater flows into the ocean. We focused on the percolation zone because that's where we find the best record of Greenland melt going back through time in the form of the refrozen ice layers," said Karina Graeter, the lead author of the study as a graduate student in Dartmouth's Department of Earth Sciences.

The cores, some as long as 100-feet, were transported to Dartmouth where the research team used a light table to measure the thickness and frequency of the ice layers. The cores were also sampled for chemical measurements in Dartmouth's Ice Core Laboratory to determine the age of each ice layer.

The cores reveal that the ice layers became thicker and more frequent beginning in the 1990s, with recent melt levels that are unmatched since at least the year 1550 CE.



"The ice core record ends about 450 years ago, so the modern melt rates in these cores are the highest of the whole record that we can see," said Osterberg. "The advantage of the ice cores is that they show us just how unusual it is for Greenland to be melting this fast".

Year-to-year changes in Greenland melt since 1979 were already known to be closely tied to North Atlantic ocean temperatures and high-pressure systems that sit above Greenland during the summer - known as summer blocking highs. The new study extends the record back in time to show that these were important controls on west Greenland melt going back to at least 1870.

The study also shows that an additional summertime warming factor of 2.2 degrees Fahrenheit is needed to explain the unusually strong melting observed since the 1990s. The additional warming caused a near-doubling of melt rates in the twenty-year period from 1995 to 2015 compared to previous times when the same blocking and ocean conditions were present.

"It is striking to see how a seemingly small warming of only 2.2 degrees Fahrenheit can have such a large impact on melt rates in west Greenland," said Graeter.



The study concludes that North Atlantic ocean temperatures and summer blocking activity will continue to control year-to-year changes in Greenland melt into the future. Some climate models suggest that summer blocking activity and ocean temperatures around Greenland might decline in the next several decades, but it remains uncertain. However, the study points out that continued warming from human activities would overwhelm those weather patterns over time to further increase melting.

"Cooler North Atlantic ocean temperatures and less summer blocking activity might slow down Greenland melt for a few years or even a couple decades, but it would not help us in the long run," said Osterberg.

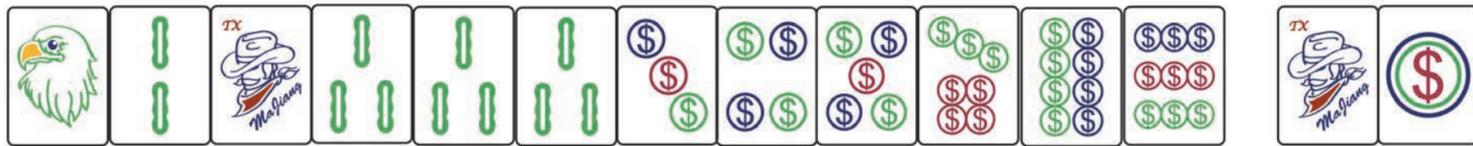
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I'll know whether Kim summit will be successful 'in first minute'. Just my touch, my feel, that's what I do. —President Donald Trump

Donald Trump on Saturday said his summit with Kim Jong-un in Singapore would be a "one-time shot". Speaking to reporters at the G7 summit in La Malbaie, Canada, the US president projected confidence over the prospects for a deal on denuclearization, stating: "I think within the first minute, I'll know."

"Just my touch, my feel, that's what I do," he said. "How long will it take to figure out if they're serious? You know, the way they say you know if you're going to like somebody in the first five seconds, you ever hear that one? I think very quickly I'll know whether or not something good is going to happen."

Trump spoke as he prepared to depart for Singapore and the first meeting between a North Korean leader and a sitting US president. The two leaders' relationship began with a long period of mutual threats and abuse but a surprise and rapid diplomatic thaw has endured despite Trump's abrupt cancellation of the summit last month.

"You don't know, it's not been done before at this level," Trump said of attempts to establish peace with a reclusive, authoritarian and nuclear-armed regime. He added: "This is a leader that's really an unknown personality, people don't know much about him. I think that he's going to surprise on the upside, very much on the upside, we'll see."

The Trump administration has said it wants a "permanent, verifiable, irreversible" dismantling of North Korea's nuclear weapons program and a peace treaty to formally end the Korean war, which ceased only with an armistice in 1953.



U.S. Secretary of State Mike Pompeo Speaks at Press Briefing From Singapore Summit Monday.

"It's a one-time shot and I think it's going to work out very well," Trump said, though he also indicated that the summit may only be a starting point, saying it "may not work out. There's a good chance it won't work out. There's probably an even better chance that it will take a period of time, it'll be a process."

The president also downplayed suggestions he was not well prepared, a notion he appeared to reinforce earlier this week when he said his approach to the meeting was not about prepara-

Denuclearization Of Korean Peninsula Holds Key To Successful Singapore Summit

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tion but "about attitude". Those comments sparked concerns among national security experts that the North Korean leader could outfox his opposite number.

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Donald Trump on Saturday said his summit with Kim Jong-un in Singapore would be a "one-time shot". Speaking to reporters at the G7 summit in La Malbaie, Canada, the US president projected confidence over the prospects for a deal on denuclearization, stating: "I think within the first minute, I'll know."

"Just my touch, my feel, that's what I do," he said. "How long will it take to figure out if they're serious? You know, the way they say you know if you're going to like somebody in the first five seconds, you ever hear that one? I think very quickly I'll know whether or not something good is going to happen."



Journalists outside the Ritz-Carlton hotel in Singapore on Monday. About 2,500 journalists from around the world have registered to cover the event. (Courtesy Reuters)

Trump spoke as he prepared to depart for Singapore and the first meeting between a North Korean leader and a sitting US president. The two leaders' relationship began with a long period of mutual threats and abuse but a surprise and rapid diplomatic thaw has endured despite Trump's abrupt cancellation of the summit last month.

"You don't know, it's not been done before at this level," Trump said of attempts to establish peace with a reclusive, authoritarian and nuclear-armed regime. He added: "This is a leader that's really an unknown personality, people don't know much about him. I think that he's going to surprise on the upside, very much on the upside, we'll see."

The Trump administration has said it wants a "permanent, verifiable, irreversible" dismantling of North Korea's nuclear weapons program and a peace treaty to formally end the Korean war, which ceased only with an armistice in 1953.

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"It's a one-time shot and I think it's going to work out very well," Trump said, though he also indicated that the summit may only be a starting point, saying it "may not work out. There's a good chance it won't work out. There's probably an even better chance that it will take a period of time, it'll be a process."

The president also downplayed suggestions he was not well prepared, a notion he appeared to reinforce earlier this week when he said his approach to the meeting was not about preparation but "about attitude". Those comments sparked concerns among national security experts that the North Korean leader could outfox his opposite number.

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Asked about suggestions that even granting a meeting to Kim meant conceding valuable ground, he said: "Only the fake news says that. We just got three hostages back, we paid nothing... we have gotten... we haven't done anything. The haters, they say, 'Oh, you're giving him a meeting' - gimme a break, OK?"

Trump also made lengthy complaints about other countries' trade policies and doubled down on his claim that Russia should be reinstated to the G7, having been suspended in 2014 after its annexation of Crimea. Trump's statement on Friday that the Putin regime should be readmitted sparked bipartisan scorn and rebuke from key US allies.

"I think it would be an asset to have Russia back in," Trump told reporters on Saturday. "I think it would be good for the world, I think it would be good for Russia, I think it would be good for the United States, I think it would be good for all of the countries in the G7."

Trump blamed Barack Obama for not doing enough to counter Russian aggression in Ukraine, stating: "Obama can say all he wants but he allowed Russia to take Crimea. I may have had a much different attitude."



President Trump, flanked by aides, had

lunch on Monday with officials in Singapore as the flurry of preparations continued for his meeting on Tuesday with Kim Jong-un of North Korea. (Photo/The New York Times)

Obama condemned Russia's actions and pursued sanctions against Moscow.

Trump also pushed back at suggestions that under his leadership, amid disputes regarding relations with Russia and international trade, the US was becoming isolated from its traditional allies.

"I would say the level of relationship is a 10," he said, claiming "we have a great relationship" with the leaders of countries including Germany, France and Canada.

After a prompt from his economic adviser Larry Kudlow, the US president then left the summit. (Courtesy the guardian.com)

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President Trump to Meet Kim Jong-un of North Korea

President Trump and Kim Jong-un of North Korea will hold the first-ever meeting between leaders of their two countries on Tuesday morning in Singapore, carrying with them hopes to end seven decades of hostility and the threat of a nuclear confrontation.

At stake is the American goal of ridding North Korea of its nuclear arsenal, Mr. Kim's desire to remove American weapons from the Korean Peninsula and to be recognized as a player on the world stage, and international hopes to ease the North's poverty, provocations and extreme isolation.

The talks begin at 9 a.m. on Tuesday — 9 p.m. Eastern on Monday — and could even open the way to an official end to the Korean War, which concluded in 1953 with a truce but never a peace treaty. South Korea will not be at the table, nor will China, the North's most crucial backer.

The summit meeting is the most prominent moment yet in international affairs for both Mr. Trump and Mr. Kim. Not long ago, they were better known for threatening each other's countries with destruction than for peace overtures.

Here's what has happened so far:

• Both leaders arrived in Singapore on Sunday, Mr. Trump fresh from a clash with American allies at the Group of 7 meeting in Canada, and Mr. Kim with a little travel help from his Chinese allies.

• Just hours before the meeting was to begin, American and North Korean officials continued to scramble behind the scenes, searching for areas of agreement on issues that have eluded consensus for decades.



The North Korean leader, Kim Jong-un, arrived in Singapore on Sunday aboard a Chinese jet. (Photo/AP)

• With thousands of journalists from around the world congregating in Singapore, Mr. Kim and his entourage left his hotel on Monday night, and the media scrambled before catching up with him at the Marina Bay Sands hotel.

As the meeting approached, American and North Korean officials worked to hammer out a joint statement the two leaders might make at the close of their talks. But it was unclear that they could do more than reach a broad, general agreement on tough questions like nuclear disarmament.

Mr. Trump told other Asian leaders he was confident about the prospects for the meeting, but the two sides may have fundamentally different understandings of some crucial issues, like "denuclearization" of the peninsula.

To American officials, that has meant Pyongyang giving up its atomic weapons program, but North Korea has suggested that it would also mean a reduction or even elimination of American arms in the region. The vast scope of North Korea's atomic program means ending it would be the most challenging case of nuclear disarmament in history.

It is also unclear whether the Trump administration would go further than its predecessors in assuring North Korea that, in exchange for concessions, it would be secure from attack by the United States.

The meeting holds the risk of exposing unbridgeable gaps, leaving both sides fuming, with little to show for all the fanfare.



Residents of Pyongyang, the North Korean capital, watched footage of Mr. Kim in Singapore on Monday. (Photo/AP)

Mr. Kim arrived for the meeting on Sunday not on one of his country's aircraft, but aboard an Air China jumbo jet — an American-made Boeing 747.

The choice of a plane supplied by China, North Korea's closest ally, highlighted the paucity of resources in Mr. Kim's country. The Air China jet is newer, bigger, more comfortable — and, aviation experts say, more reliable — than Mr. Kim's Soviet-made jets.

Other members of the North Korean team arrived, along with Mr. Kim's limousine, on North Korean-owned aircraft.

But Mr. Kim rode in a specially outfitted 747 that has been used to carry top Chinese officials. His usual plane, an Ilyushin-62, was built around 1980, and the type has been out of production since the mid-1990s. (Courtesy https://www.nytimes.com)

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香港文匯報訊（記者 梁靜儀、李思穎）薛家燕榮升婆婆，其二子石耀庭（Jackson）與女友陳素怡（Zoe）11日舉行婚禮，並筵開53席大宴親朋，家燕姐喜見兒子娶得好媳婦，全程笑口滿面，更兩度感觸得淚汪汪，新任婆婆的家燕姐和新娘子一樣搶鏡，身上所戴首飾行頭十足，婚宴上更與新娘一樣，換上五套衣服，她開心高呼：“我終於喝媳婦茶”，興奮心情媲美一對新人！

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家燕姐開心高呼 終於喝媳婦茶

11日 一對新人依足傳統習俗穿上中式褂褂禮服，有接新娘過門儀式，更出動大紅花轎迎親，新郎Jackson 依照傳統踢過花轎門，其後一對新人給家燕姐及長輩敬茶。但見家燕姐身上戴上翡翠鑽石首飾和金器，派頭十足，而送給媳婦的首飾都甚有看頭，包括超級巨型龍鳳鈿、六隻連環金豬牌，未知是否想媳婦生六個小朋友。據知，之前過大禮時，家燕姐已把婆婆傳下來的翡翠吊嘴耳環首飾，傳了給媳婦。

婚宴現場以粉紅色鮮花佈置為主，散發着清幽花香，又擺滿新人婚照和蠟燭，營造出浪漫氣氛。到來採訪傳媒近半百人。黃昏時，家燕姐和一對新人先接受傳媒訪問，家燕姐穿上金紅色四片晚裝，笑得合不攏嘴，問到做婆婆心情，她笑說：“真的好興奮，前一晚凌晨四、五點才睡，翌早七點便自然醒，平日鬧鐘響起都會賴床，今日（11日）馬上彈起身，因為兒子結婚大喜日子，我都期待已久。”家燕姐自爆哭了兩次，先是兒子和媳婦敬茶時，她想到終於等到這一天，忍不住喜極而泣，之後受訪時提到見證着一對新人簽字讀誓詞，又忍不住淚汪汪，她說：“見到他們讀誓詞好感動，已提醒自己要控制情緒不能哭，可是轉過頭見到親家都一樣淚汪汪，自己便忍不住，可能每個父母見到自己子女結婚都有同樣感覺。”

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家燕姐對媳婦非常滿意，她多番讚Zoe：“他們好搭配，兒子挑得好，娶到一個又美，賢淑、知書識禮的老婆，媳婦是個可人兒，既細心又得體，這是兒子的福氣，他送個媳婦給我已足夠，（有何訓示給一對新人？）同兒子講要愛錫老婆，兒子一直好乖，要繼續保存，兩夫妻要互相體諒容忍，我同媳婦相處一年多，發覺她對兒子好細心和愛錫。（會否催他們早日開枝散葉？）周圍的人都會講，（送六連金豬給媳婦有否寓意？）媳婦應該不明箇中意思，我聽老人家講送一排金豬才生得多，又不是要他們生很多，一、二個就夠，最重要他們開心。（送給媳婦的行頭值多少錢？）沒有算過，難得做婆婆，漂亮就好，不過要特別多謝金店贊助金茶壺和金茶杯，就連大妯娌都話第一次見。”家燕姐也沒計過自己身上行頭價值，最重要是美，身旁的媳婦即賣口乖讚婆婆：“你好美呀！”

16日再搞西式派對

家燕姐在圈中人緣甚佳，當晚廣邀親朋好友，她笑說要同兒子講不好意思，因兒子只佔一圍，其他52圍全是自己的親友。家燕姐謂：“很多賓客百忙中趕來，所以下午仍忙着搞坐席表，而七公主中，因馮寶寶身在馬來西亞未及返港，其他幾公主蕭芳芳、王愛明、陳寶珠、馮素波和從美國專程趕回來的沈芝華均會到場，外遊中的陳百祥、王祖藍、吳君麗、羅艷卿等都來。”問到家燕姐的前夫會現身嗎？家燕姐表示：“今晚（11日晚）不會來，新人會選另一日跟他食飯，而一對新人會於本月16日再搞西式派對，屆時主要請他們的朋友，約有數百人。”

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Zoe接過奶奶具有相當分量的金器，她笑說：“有點重，我在外國長大，沒有見過金豬，覺得好可愛。”Jackson透露當晚婚宴總值，是一個很靚的數字，問到是否由媽咪“全包起”，Jackson有點不味兒說：“我都有付出，不要講到我沒用。”Jackson向太太講“愛的宣言”，他承諾會好好照顧老婆，一起努力組織一個美好家庭。說到家燕姐想抱一、二個孫，Zoe甜笑着老公說：“你要努力一些。”Jackson和應謂：“我會努力先生一個，現時亦要專注事業。”



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五公主蕭芳芳、王愛明、陳寶珠、馮素波、沈芝華一齊到場，她們很替家燕姐開心，亦如同自己娶媳婦，芳芳姐笑說：“今晚（11日晚）喝媳婦茶。”寶珠就說做媳婦好開心。馮素波說：“我們做婆婆，升了級。”她們像家燕姐般，興奮得徹夜難眠，很期待首次與新娘子見面。說到升級做人夫的石耀庭有何轉變，馮素波搞笑說：“看着他出世到長大，最大分別便是身形，以前是胖子一名。”她們更向新人送上祝福語，芳芳姐祝新人永結同心，寶珠姐祝他們白頭到老、連生貴子，至於家燕姐也想抱一、二個孫，寶珠姐叫大家問家燕姐，她們帶來什麼賀禮便沒有透露，之後一對新人給五公主敬茶。

當晚，汪明荃獨自現身，她透露老公羅家英到拉薩登台，晚上才回港。被問到不怕他有高山症嗎？阿姐表示不知道，因仍未見到

家英哥，而她帶來禮金送給新人，又很替家燕姐高興：“大家都知家燕姐的經歷不簡單，又是單親媽咪，今次首次辦喜事，三個子女都好乖，（有何夫妻相處之道給新人？）要互相尊重，愛錫大家。”

余詩曼很替家燕姐娶媳婦開心，她表示：“半個月前在白雲仙壽宴上，已經見到家燕姐笑到見牙不見眼，我說下個月到你，一日沒問題嗎，家燕姐說一日是自己朋友，殼王陳國強、歐陽震華夫婦，許冠文夫婦、吳若希。



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## 金蟬脫殼2

好萊塢動作片《金蟬脫殼2》今日發布黃曉明特輯，同時曝光的還有壹組人物海報。特輯中，黃曉明自曝首次參演純粹的好萊塢大片，並且搭檔兒時的偶像史泰龍並肩作戰，身為前作粉絲的他格外珍惜此次機會。他不但提前數月背英文臺詞，更是堅持健身並訓練武打。人物海報則生動勾勒出越獄天團主力軍史泰龍、黃曉明和

戴夫群像形象，與富有科技感元素的背景相結合，酷炫十足。

在特輯伊始，黃曉明全神貫注訓練打鬥動作的畫面就頗為吸睛，壹招壹式力度十足，持匕首近身肉搏的片段激燃刺激。導演不吝贊賞之詞誇道：“曉明很優秀，鏡頭感很強，他的臉非常上鏡，他的加入為影片帶來不少樂趣。”演員傑西·麥卡爾菲也贊

道：“曉明很酷，我覺得他很適合這個角色。”身處好萊塢劇組意味著全英文臺詞對白和日常交流，黃曉明稱：“我提前很久就已經找英文老師背臺詞了。”

飾演黃曉明師父的史泰龍也表示他的參演使“這壹切都充滿希望，很高興能跟壹些新的團隊合作”。黃曉明在片中打詠春的畫面更讓人眼前壹

亮，他在採訪中說：“我希望在這個電影裏面把中國的武術好好的打，我覺得真的非常興奮。”導演也不禁點贊：“他的動作戲很漂亮，很棒，他做得很好！”

同時發布的全新人物海報壹組共四張，由史泰龍、黃曉明和戴夫組成的越獄天團主力軍到齊。海報中，黃曉明身穿囚服，健壯的手臂肌肉緊繃

，疑似剛剛結束壹場硬戰。三人各司其職，越獄專家史泰龍運籌帷幄總攬全局，義氣猛將戴夫作為後盾配合行動。密不透風的高科技監獄，在機器人的管理下似乎沒有壹絲破綻，然而壹場越獄行動正有條不紊地進行著，終極交鋒即將拉開帷幕。好萊塢越獄動作巨制《金蟬脫殼2》將於2018年6月29日在全國正式上映。

# 《自殺小隊2》再添兩名新編劇 欲在喜劇性上多加打磨 開機時間仍未確定



DC《自殺小隊》雖然沒有拿到什麼好口碑，但是全球7.45億美元的票房還是讓出品方華納感到滿意，所以《自殺小隊2》的制作也早早就被提上日程。

第壹部的導演/編劇大衛·阿耶確定不會回歸（他去導演了另壹部口碑奇爛但依舊賺錢的電影《光靈》），並還將擔任《光靈2》的編劇，《勇士》、《會計刺客》的導演加文·歐康諾確認接棒。

《自殺小隊2》目前正仔細打磨劇本。據外媒消息，又有兩名新編劇David Bar Katz和托德·斯塔什維克加盟

，與加文·歐康諾壹起加工劇本。Katz是1997年喜劇片《超級破壞王》的編劇之壹，目前手上也正在執筆多部劇本，包括小說改編的《洛克菲勒西裝的男人》，有望由“卷福”本尼迪克特·康伯巴奇主演。

另壹邊，托德·斯塔什維克是壹名銀幕演員和即興喜劇演員，曾參演2015年美劇《12猴子》、2014年美劇《哥譚》《初代吸血鬼》、2012年《滅世》、2011年《少狼》等等。《自殺小隊2》劇本初稿由《泰山歸來：險戰叢林》《壹觸即發》編劇亞當·科萊德完成，找來這兩位編劇加盟，

應該是在喜劇性上再加打磨。

目前《自殺小隊2》的開機時間仍未確定，由於瑪歌特·羅比、傑瑞德·萊托、威爾·史密斯、道恩·強森等人都非常忙，時間應該是早不了。不過前幾天我們得知了壹個好消息——華納確認在開發由萊托主演的“小醜”電影了，萊托也將是這部未定名獨立影片的執行制片人。

此前，瑪歌特·羅比版“小醜女”哈莉·奎恩的獨立片也被提上了日程——這部R級少女幫派電影，將由華裔女導演關羽茜執導，基於DC漫畫《猛禽小隊》改編。

# 註意心臟！新"月光光心慌慌"曝中文預告

40年後的萬聖節之夜，戴面具的殺人狂魔邁克爾·麥爾斯又回來了。《月光光心慌慌》系列最新作《萬聖節》首曝預告。

盡管《萬聖節》是《月光光心慌慌》系列的第11部作品，但它忽略了中間所有的續集，故事直接承接1978年的初版——那壹晚他殺死了三個無辜的青年，當晚被逮捕，囚禁了40年。

初版中傑米·李·柯蒂斯飾演的受害者Laurie也回歸，但與當初那個驚慌失措的她不同，這壹次她早有準備。Laurie每晚都在祈禱邁克爾·麥爾斯能從監獄中“逃脫”，因為“這樣我就能親手殺死她”。

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《萬聖節》由大衛·戈登·格林執導，《月光光心慌慌》導演約翰·卡朋特擔任制片人，定檔今年10月19日在北美上映。

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# 休士頓僑社 亞裔傳統月藝術節 讓世界看見臺灣客家文化之美

駐休士頓辦事處處長陳家彥(右6)、休士頓僑教中心主任莊雅淑(左5)、副主任李美姿(左4)、僑務諮詢委員劉秀美(右5)以及前往現場加油的客家會前會長賴江椿夫婦(右1.2)、會長范泌文(右3)與我客家文化表演團合影。



駐休士頓辦事處處長陳家彥(坐左2)、休士頓僑教中心主任莊雅淑(坐右2)、僑務諮詢委員劉秀美(立右1)、亞太裔傳統協會前會長Seba Kurian(坐左1)、活動主持 Munir Ibrahim(坐右1)合影



僑委會休士頓文化種子老師賴貝瑜(右2)、休士頓海外青年文化志工大使團(FASCA)、臺灣客家鄉親中華公所主席馮啓豐(右1)、客家會前會長邱添昌(左1)表演呈現臺灣客家文化



僑委會休士頓文化種子老師賴貝瑜(右)帶領休士頓海外青年文化志工大使團(FASCA)表演臺灣客家採茶舞



臺灣客家鄉親中華公所主席馮啓豐(右)、客家會前會長邱添昌(左)帶來臺灣客家扁擔舞。



臺灣僑社參與休士頓亞太裔傳統協會(APAHA)亞裔傳統藝術節開幕式客家舞表演吸引許多主流民眾觀賞

由休士頓亞太裔傳統協會(APAHA)主辦的一年一度亞裔傳統藝術節開幕式於4月28日中午在休士頓市中心River Oaks District舉行，會中有各亞裔民族的表演節目，包括台灣、菲律賓、韓國、巴基斯坦等，透過武術和音樂以及藝術分享亞裔文化給休士頓民眾，駐休士頓辦事處處長陳家彥、休士頓僑教中心主任莊雅淑、副主任李美姿、僑務諮詢委員劉秀美、亞太裔傳統協會會長 Stephen Le、前會長 Seba Kurian、執行長 Barbara Gallo 等理事成員參與該活動。

為推展臺灣文化，在駐休士頓辦事處以及僑教中心協調下，由僑委會休士頓文化種子老師賴貝瑜帶領休士頓海外青年文化志工大使團(FASCA)以及客家鄉親中華公所主席馮啓豐、客家會前會長邱添昌，帶來臺灣客家採茶舞以客家扁擔舞表演，讓主流社區認識臺灣客家文化，贏得現

場民眾熱烈掌聲。陳家彥表示，臺灣移民對整個美國社會有巨大貢獻，更是亞太裔傳統協會(APAHA)重要成員，透過此活動參與有效提升台灣能見度。

莊雅淑則感謝僑務委員劉秀美居中協調，文化種子老師賴貝瑜、休士頓海外青年文化志工大使團(FASCA)以及中華公所主席馮啓豐、客家會前會長邱添昌代表台灣呈現精采的客家文化，讓世界看見臺灣客家文化之美。

亞太裔傳統周是1977年6月國會立法，在1990年當時的布希總統指定5月為亞太裔傳統月，1992年休士頓亞太裔傳統協會(APAHA)成立，致力於推動各種促進發展活動和建設。此次活動亦有休士頓主流媒體亦前來採訪，吸引許多民眾駐足觀賞。



## HCC 舉辦資金研討會與小型商展 如何獲得資金 協助業主創業與發展

(記者韋冕休斯敦報導)為協助創業與企業成長，HCC與SBA將於六月15日中午舉辦資金研討會與小型商展，邀請小型企業主、創業者與SBA、Amegy Bank、Wallis State Bank、LiftFund、SCORE、The Cannon等代表面對面交流，探討資金的取得與準備，都是非常實用的內容。此次會議的主要議題如下：  
群眾募資/網路籌款(Crowdfunding)：它是如何起作用的？有哪些優缺點？自己應如何運用？

小額貸款(Micro-Loans)：若尚未準備好與傳統的貸款機構合作，不妨考慮由小額貸款開始，並為稍後獲得更大的貸款做準備。  
SBA貸款：此類貸款會涉及什麼？自己如何才符合資格？該如何準備？在準備的過程中，該如何建立關係？  
傳統貸款和保理(Factoring)：自己是否具備資格？保理是否適合自己？  
天使投資人(Angel Investor) - 為什麼有些公司

尋求天使投資人？自己是否應該走這條路線？此外，還有小組討論、問答、和小型商展，與會者經由傾聽與學習、提問，同時建立寶貴的人脈關係，以增長企業的實力。  
主要講者包括：Matthew Fitzgerald(連續創業者、CPA、SCORE顧問)、Bianca Truitt(LiftFund休斯敦業務發展主管)、Aziz Rahim(Wallis State Bank商業貸款主管、高級副總裁)、Peter Ellen(Amegy Bank of Texas 高級副總裁)、Lawson Gow(The Cannon 創始人兼首席執行長、天使投資人)。

地點：HCC Spring Branch, Eagle Room (115), 1010 W. Sam Houston Parkway N. Houston, TX 77043。時間：6月15日 12:30 pm - 3:30 pm。意者請上網註冊 <http://www.hccbizconnect.org/event/funding-opportunities-to-start-and-grow-your-business-workshop-and-mini-trade-fair-2/>。

## 想學義大利料理嗎？ 加入義式廚房的對話



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(本報休斯敦報導)義式美食讓人食指大動，你想學義大利料理嗎？義大利文化中心將於今年夏天舉辦一系列的烹飪課程，名為「廚房的對話」(Cucina Conversations)，舉辦時間是6月28日、7月26日、和8月23日星期四晚間7:00至9:00。想要學道地意式料理的民眾可把握機會囉。  
今年的課程將由著名的休斯敦美食博客樓主 Flavia's Flavors 的 Flavia Scalzitti 帶領，每晚都有特別主題，第一場將以傳統義大利開胃酒、和精美小食開始。  
廚房的對話烹飪系列在去年夏天首次推出，三個課程很快就額滿了，非常受歡迎。參加者學習製作義大利料理的各種技巧，而今年的課程將著重於「義大利素食晚餐 (Italian Veggie Dinner)」，「義大利街頭小吃 (Italian Street Food)」

和「普利亞晚餐 (Dinner in Puglia)」，普利亞是義大利南方的大區，特色菜包括義大利麵食 focaccia pugliese 和各種各樣的油炸美食 fritti。想了解更多活動信息，請訪問 [www.iccchouston.com](http://www.iccchouston.com)。  
關於弗拉維亞 Flavia Scalzitti 弗拉維亞是美食博客 Flavia's Flavors 的作者，寫了許多關於義大利美食、文化和食物歷史的文章。她出生自一個義大利家庭，每天都看到家人用新鮮、高品質的食材來烹調。弗拉維亞從小就在義大利旅行，接觸義大利美食與文化。她在兩個祖父身邊長大，更幸運的是，他們都是優秀的家庭廚師，有著優秀的烹飪技巧。她的祖父 Luigi 曾在義大利、歐洲、英國、和美國擔任職業廚師。弗拉維亞小小年紀四歲起就在廚房幫忙了，從那之後，她的廚藝不斷增進，包括她在義大利的旅行、烹飪書籍、美食節目、以及她的義大利美食博客的朋友們，都不斷讓她學習與進步。弗拉維亞相信自己烹調、從頭開始是最健康、最美味的食譜，她喜歡與家人和朋友分享她所做的食物。  
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## 醫學新訊

# 癌症免疫治療的新技術

(本報訊)約翰·霍普金斯大學的研究人員發明了一種新的癌症免疫治療藥物，這種藥物在利用人體免疫系統對抗癌症方面更為有效。「自然通訊」雜誌中報導，這種新方法能顯著降低腫瘤生長，甚至會使免疫系統對抗現有免疫療法無響應的癌症。  
該文的資深作者，約翰·霍普金斯大學醫學院耳鼻喉科-頭頸部手術科副教授 Atul Bedi, MD, MBA 說：「免疫系統的天然功能就會檢測並消除腫瘤細胞。然而，幾乎所有的癌症(包括最常見的癌症，如肺癌、乳腺癌、和結腸癌，以及黑色素瘤和淋巴瘤等)都會通過利用並增強天然的免疫抑制機制來抵消和挫敗免疫監視。  
腫瘤逃避免疫系統監視的一個主要方式是通過調節性T細胞(調節性T細胞，一種免疫細胞，能夠關閉免疫系統攻擊腫瘤細胞的能力)來實現的。調節性T細胞頻繁浸潤腫瘤，而這與多種癌症的不良預後密切相關。許多腫瘤都會產生一種高水平的促進Treg發展的蛋白質。Bedi的研究小組認為，既然腫瘤中的Treg關閉了針對腫瘤細胞的免疫反應，那麼關閉Treg可能會有助於免疫治療更好地發揮作用。  
貝迪說：「這是特別具有挑戰性的，因為Treg細胞不僅僅由腫瘤細胞產生的TGFβ(轉化生長因子-β)蛋白誘導產生，而且還會產生自身的

TGFβ來維持其在腫瘤中的身份和功能。Treg也會產生細胞毒性T淋巴細胞相關蛋白4(CTLA-4)來防止抗腫瘤免疫細胞的作用。  
為了解決這個問題，研究人員發明了一類新的免疫療法藥物，他們稱其為Y-誘捕器。每個Y-誘捕器分子都是一個形狀像Y的抗體，該抗體與一個分子「誘捕器」融合，該分子「誘捕器」能捕獲其附近的其他分子，並使被捕獲的分子失效。  
研究人員首先設計了一種靶向CTLA-4並能捕獲TGFβ的Y-誘捕器。這種Y誘捕器能抑制CTLA-4和TGFβ，這使得抗腫瘤免疫細胞能夠對抗腫瘤並關閉Treg細胞。  
為了測試該Y-誘捕器的效果，研究小組將人類癌細胞移植到具有免疫細胞的小鼠中。研究人員發現，他們的Y-誘捕器能夠消除腫瘤中的Treg細胞，並且減緩了對ipilimumab(當前一種靶向CTLA-4蛋白的免疫療法藥物)無效的腫瘤的生長。  
Bedi說：「Treg長期以來一直是癌症免疫治療領域的一個難點。而我們現在終於找到了一種方法通過CTLA-4靶向Y-誘捕器來克服這個障礙。」  
針對另一種免疫檢查點蛋白PD-1或其配體PD-L1的抗體是當前癌症免疫療法中心熱點。但是，該療法雖然在一些患者中有效，但在絕大多數

患者中並沒有效果。  
該研究團隊還設計了一種靶向PD-L1並能捕獲TGFβ的Y-誘捕器。針對相似的工程化小鼠進行的測試顯示該Y-誘捕器比PD-L1靶向藥物atezolizumab和avelumab的效果更好。此研究再次證實Y-誘捕器能減緩以前對藥物沒有反應的腫瘤的生長。  
Bedi說：「這些新型的Y-誘捕器還僅僅是開始。我們已經發明了一系列的基於該Y-誘捕器技術的多功能分子。由於許多不同類型的癌症利用相同的免疫抑制機制，這種方法可能對改善癌症免疫治療產生非常廣泛的影響。Y-誘捕器還可以提供針對能抵抗當前免疫檢查點抑制劑的腫瘤的治療策略。  
腫瘤學教授兼匹茲堡大學希爾曼癌症中心主任 Robert Ferris, MD, Ph.D. (Ferris與這項研究無關)說：「這種方法是一種創新的戰略，也是一項旨在針對腫瘤微環境中的多種抑制機制的激動人心的技術成就。我希望能看到它被轉化為臨床應用。」  
Bedi設想Y-誘捕器不僅僅能用於晚期癌症和已轉移癌症的治療，還可以用於新的輔助療法來產生一種「疫苗」效應，也就是說，在手術前給患者施用該Y-誘捕器來防止疾病復發。  
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