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China rebuffs Philippines president's South China Sea rebuke

BEIJING (Reuters) - China rebuffed Philippine President Rodrigo Duterte's call for Beijing to rethink its conduct in the South China Sea on Thursday, saying China had the right to react to foreign ships or aircraft that get close to its islands. Duterte said China has no right to repel foreign aircraft and boats passing by its artificial islands in the disputed waterway, and that he hoped China would "temper" its behavior and stop restricting movements.

In a statement sent to Reuters, China's Foreign Ministry said the Spratly Islands are China's inherent territory and that China respects the right to freedom of navigation and overflight that all countries enjoy in the South China Sea under international law.

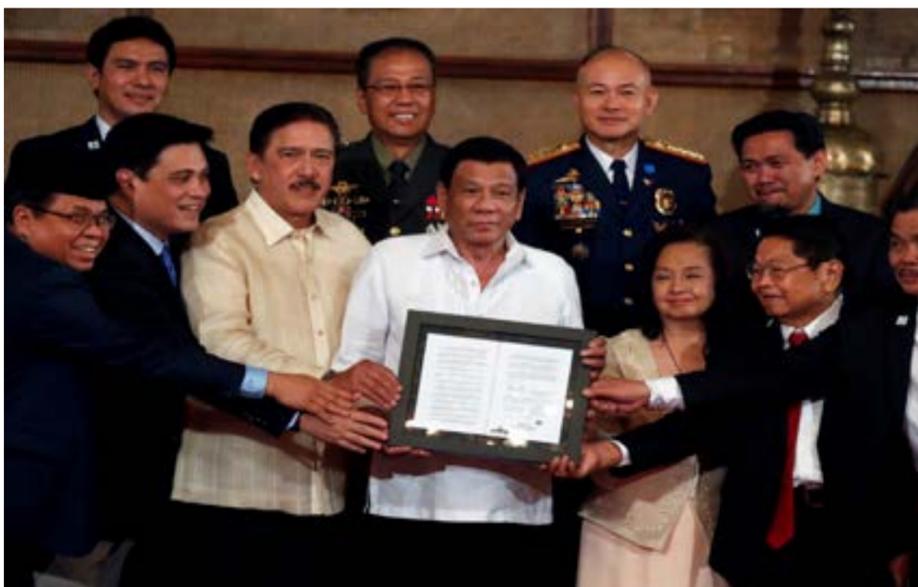
"But China has a right to take necessary steps to respond to foreign aircraft and ships that deliberately get close to or make incursions into the air and waters near China's relevant islands, and provocative actions that threaten the security of Chinese personnel stationed there," it said.

"China urges the relevant party to meet China halfway, and jointly protect the present good situation that has not come easily in the South China Sea," the ministry added, without elaborating.

China, Taiwan, the Philippines, Malaysia, Vietnam and Brunei have competing claims to the Spratly archipelago, where China has rapidly turned reefs into artificial islands that appear to be military installations, from which its personnel routinely instruct foreign vessels to leave.

Duterte has a policy of engagement with Beijing, in the hope of securing billions of dollars in grants, loans and investments, and has rejected criticism that he is acquiescing to Chinese pressure or surrendering Philippines sovereignty.

Trump calls off Pompeo's planned trip to North Korea However, instead of blaming China for building and militarizing islands in disputed waters, he has said the United States was at fault for not blocking the construction when it started. China has been angered by the United States in particular sending military ships and aircraft close to Chinese-occupied islands in the South China Sea in the name of freedom of navigation, saying the operations are highly provocative and potentially dangerous.



President Rodrigo Duterte and other officials show a document containing a signed autonomy law during a ceremony at the presidential palace in Manila



FILE PHOTO: Chinese structures are pictured at the disputed Spratlys in South China Sea

'Amazon effect' could have impact on inflation dynamics: paper

(Reuters) - More frequent price changes for goods and a rise in the consistency of pricing due to the growth of online retailers may be affecting inflation, according to an academic paper presented on Saturday to some of the world's top central bankers.

"In the past 10 years online competition has raised both the frequency of price changes and the degree of uniform pricing across locations," said Alberto Cavallo, an associate professor at Harvard Business School, who analyzed how so-called multi-channel retailers - those with brick-and-mortar and online outlets - such as Walmart Inc (WMT.N) have reacted to the rise of Amazon.com Inc (AMZN.O). Algorithmic pricing technologies are widespread among both types of retailers and the transparency of the internet has also reduced pricing disparities, he said in the paper delivered to the annual conference of central bankers in Jackson Hole, Wyoming. Federal Reserve Chairman Je-

rome Powell is among those attending.

A number of Fed policymakers have raised the prospect that relatively low levels of U.S. inflation in recent years in the face of a strong economy may be due to the ability of companies like Amazon to keep a lid on overall prices.

The Fed's preferred measure of inflation - the personal consumption expenditures (PCE) price index excluding food and energy components - hit the central bank's 2 percent target in March for the first time in six years.

But there are no signs it will accelerate sharply, as many economists have come to expect in periods of low unemployment.

The U.S. unemployment rate currently stands at 3.9 percent while the economy is experiencing robust growth in what is the second-longest expansion on record.

This environment has meant retailers have had to become more nimble, leading to lower margins. For example, Cavallo found that Walmart more frequently changed the prices on its website between 2016 and 2018 for products also easily found on Amazon.

Last week, Walmart reported second-quarter sales that topped estimates as more shoppers visited its stores and a revamped website drove online purchases. Walmart's e-commerce sales grew 40 percent, up from 33 percent growth in the previous quarter, but gross margins fell for the fifth consecutive quarter. Cavallo also found retailers more responsive to changes in other factors as well.

"Fuel prices, exchange-rate fluctuations, or any other force affecting costs that may enter the pricing algorithms used by these firms are more likely to have a faster and larger impact on retail prices than in the past," he concluded.

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Fire kills 19 people at spa hotel in north-eastern China

BEIJING (Reuters) - Fire tore through a hot springs hotel in the northeastern Chinese city of Harbin before dawn on Saturday, killing 19 people and causing 23 others to be taken to hospital, city officials said.

Authorities are investigating the cause of the blaze at the four-storey Bailong Hot Springs Leisure Hotel, an inexpensive spa resort visited mainly by domestic tourists, which broke out just after 4:30 a.m. (4.30 p.m ET Friday).

The People's Daily newspaper cited fire officials as saying the blaze had started in a kitchen on the second floor.

Flames swept through an area of about 400 square metres (4,300 square feet) before being extinguished after three hours as more than 30 fire engines and 100 firefighters rushed to the scene, Chinese state media reported.

Firemen rescued 20 people who were trapped in the hotel and another 80 were evacuated from the building, the official Xinhua news agency reported.

Television footage showed rescue workers picking through the charred building.

Casualties treated in hospital were in the 40s to 70s age range,

the newspaper said, citing the Harbin First Hospital. Further details about those who were killed were not immediately available.

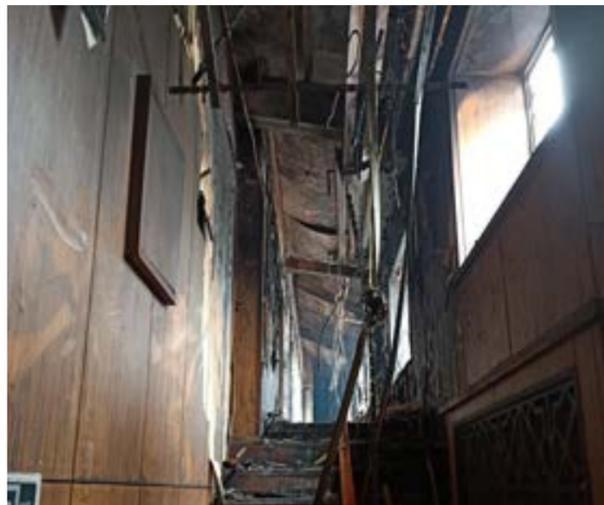
An earlier death toll of 18 rose by one after a victim died in hospital, officials said.

Local authorities said a legal representative of the hotel was in criminal custody for suspected fire safety negligence.

China has a patchy record for building safety regulations, and the country's Ministry of Emergency Management said it would launch nationwide fire safety inspections in buildings such as hotels, sauna, hospitals, schools and shopping malls, CCTV reported on Saturday.

Beijing's municipal government launched a 40-day "special operation" targeting fire code and building safety violations after an apartment fire in the Chinese capital in November killed 19 people.

Harbin, in the far northeast of China and home to a large Russian population during the early 20th century, is famous for buildings dating from that era as well as a popular winter snow and ice festival.



Interior of a hot springs hotel which caught fire early in the morning is pictured in Harbin

Didi woman passenger killed amid China ride-hailing safety concerns

BEIJING (Reuters) - A ride-sharing passenger in the eastern Chinese city of Wenzhou was raped and killed by a driver for China's largest ride-hailing firm, local police said on Saturday, the latest violent crime to fuel safety concerns about the service.

Didi Chuxing, the biggest ride-sharing firm globally by number of trips, was "immensely saddened by the tragedy," it said in a statement.

"We are deeply sorry. We fell short of your expectations. We can't and we won't shirk from our responsibilities," it said.

Following the incident, Zhejiang province, where Wenzhou is located, ordered Didi to suspend its carpooling service there while the company addressed safety issues, the official Xinhua news agency reported.

Didi has been stepping up safety measures including for its carpooling service, Didi Hitch, after the murder of a flight attendant in May sparked wider community outrage.

The steps include limiting Didi Hitch drivers to picking up passengers of the same sex during early morning and late evening hours.

Police in Yueqing city, which is part of Wenzhou, said in their official microblog that the 20-year-old woman, surnamed Zhao, got into a Didi carpool vehicle at 1 p.m. on Friday, and sent a message to a friend at around 2 p.m. seeking help before losing contact.

Police said they found the suspect, a 27-year-old driver called Zhong, at about 4 a.m. on Saturday. They said Zhong confessed to raping and killing the

passenger, and that the victim's body had been recovered and an investigation was continuing.

Didi said the driver had passed background checks and had logged in with his authentic ID and had been confirmed by facial recognition on the day. However, the driver had altered the car's licence plate before the trip, the company said.

A day earlier, a passenger had complained to Didi that the same driver had repeatedly requested that she sit in the front seat, drove to a remote area, and followed her "for a distance" after she got out of the car, Didi said. It said the customer service representative who took the complaint had not followed up with

an investigation within two hours, as the firm promises.

Didi Chuxing - which has been valued at \$50 billion and counts SoftBank Group Corp as a major investor - is aggressively expanding overseas, targeting new markets in Mexico, Brazil and Australia, going head-to-head with Uber. In 2016, Didi acquired Uber's China business.

"The fact that Didi has a driver safety and security issue is a real problem for Didi ... and an opportunity for new service providers who can better serve the mobility demand," said Bill Russo, CEO of Automobility Limited, a Shanghai-based consultancy.

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Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu speaks during the commemoration of victims and award ceremony of the Righteous Among the Nations at the Paneriai Memorial in Vilnius



A Maasai boy wears a traditional costume during an initiation into an age group ceremony near the town of Bisil, Kajiado county



Sailing - 2018 Asian Games - Race 1 470 Women - GBK Aquatics Center - Jakarta, Indonesia - August 24, 2018 - Kit Fong Tong and Anna Lee Fisher of Hong Kong, Narisara Satta and Sutida Poonpat of Thailand, Yoshida Ai and Yoshioka Miho of Japan, Nuraisyah Jamil and Norashikin Mohamad Sayed of Malaysia compete. REUTERS/Darren Whiteside TPX IMAGES OF THE DAY



Former Australian PM Malcolm Turnbull kisses his wife Lucy, while standing with daughter Daisy, and grandchildren Alice and Jack after a news conference in Canberra



Policemen walk towards the home of former Argentine President and senator Cristina Fernandez de Kirchner for a raid ordered by a judge in Buenos Aires



Swimming - 2018 Asian Games - Women's 4 x 100m Medley Relay - GBK Aquatic Center, Jakarta, Indonesia - August 23, 2018. Silver medalists Stephanie Au, Jamie Zhen Mei Yeung, Kin Lok Chan and Camille Lily Mei Cheng of Hong Kong.



A priest carries incense during mass at the Pastoral Congress at the World Meeting of Families in Dublin

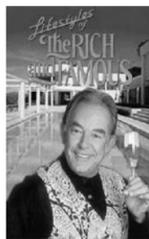


Migrants wait to disembark from the Italian coast guard vessel "Diciotti" at the port of Catania



Robin Leach in Las Vegas in 2014. With his distinctive, British-accented voice and exuberant, exclamation-point delivery, he was widely recognized and just as widely parodied. Alex Federowicz for The New York Times

Robin Leach, who became a symbol of unapologetic opulence as host of the popular syndicated television show "Lifestyles of the Rich and Famous" in the 1980s and '90s, died on Friday in Las Vegas. He was 76. John Katsilometes, a columnist at The Las Vegas Review-Journal, where Mr. Leach was also a columnist, announced the death on Twitter. He said Mr. Leach had had a stroke in November and another on Monday. With his distinctive, British-accented voice and exuberant, exclamation-point delivery, Mr. Leach was widely recognized and just as widely parodied during the initial run of the show, from 1984 to 1995, and long after. But he rebelled at the perception that he himself was as rich as the people whose lavish homes and lives he was bringing to his audiences. "Everyone thinks I make what Oprah does, or Cosby," he told The New York Times in 1990, "but I don't, because we're in syndication."



"Lifestyles" seemed omnipresent on television for years, on at all hours of the day or night on one station or another. The show featured celebrities, business moguls and others with extreme wealth, and its success resulted in spinoff shows like "Runaway With the Rich and Famous."

Mr. Leach was often criticized, especially during economic downturns, for glorifying extravagance and serving up softball questions to his interview subjects. But he was unapologetic.

"Everybody makes a mistake thinking America resents wealth and resents what I'm doing," he told The Boston Globe in 1987.

Robin Leach, 76, 'Lifestyles Of The Rich And Famous' Host, Dies

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He viewed the show as embodying the values of a capitalist society. "No one would watch 'Lifestyles of the Poor and Unknown,'" he said. (Courtesy <https://www.nytimes.com>)

Related

Robin Leach, Engaging Host Of TV's 'Lifestyles Of The Rich and Famous,' Lived The High Life



Robin Leach, a British-born TV personality and unapologetic practitioner of "Jacuzzi journalism" whose long-running show "Lifestyles of the Rich and Famous" ogled the world's most conspicuous consumers consuming conspicuously, died Aug. 23 in Las Vegas. He was 76.

His family announced the death in a statement. He had two strokes in the past year. With his thinning hair, paunch, elfin grin and tendency to speak in a quasi-Cockney tongue at carnival-barker volume, Leach was few people's idea of an urbane sophisticate or a blow-dried television host. He called himself "the most unlikely star in the world." Yet as a veteran gossip writer and son of a London vacuum company manager, he understood better than most the success-obsessed middle class and, in his exclamatory catchphrase, their "champagne wishes and caviar dreams!" He offered voyeuristic access to the decadent playgrounds of the 1 percent, from Hollywood to the Riviera, and he packaged it as a veneration of free-market, up-by-your-bootstraps capitalism.



"What Robin Leach presented is an incredibly seductive batch of cultural catnip," said television

and pop-culture scholar Robert Thompson. "However much you may think it's terrible to feature people with way more than their share of the resources of the Earth, it is really fun to watch how incredibly luxuriously it is possible to live as a human being."

"Lifestyles of the Rich and Famous" began its 11-year run in syndication in 1984. It was picked up by more than 200 stations, and such was its penetration that, in some markets, it was broadcast seven days a week, often multiple times a day, beaming garish displays of Croesus-like wealth into millions of living rooms. Leach spent his early career as a tabloid scoop artist and flourished as a cheeky guest on TV entertainment programs. He joined the nascent celebrity-interview show "Entertainment Tonight" in 1981 but, after a few years, complained to producer Al Masini that the focus was too much on actors bloviating about their latest work and not enough on beautiful people enjoying their trappings.

"I became frustrated," Leach told the Chicago Tribune. "We'd go into these houses and we'd talk to these blond-headed bimbos who'd talk about how they wanted to stretch by doing Shakespeare-in-the-park. They were nothing more than jiggle queens and I'd say to myself, 'I don't want to see anything more than you taking your clothes off and stepping into the bubble bath.' From that gem of facetiousness came a TV show."



Over 60 minutes - later reduced to 30 - Leach interviewed actors, models, industrialists and anyone else with a net worth above \$50 million (the minimum cutoff).

He delivered bromides in breathless tones, promising "Lifestyles" viewers "another journey with the most envied people in the world" and admission to "the homes of the world's elite . . . where winning at the top is the ultimate victory." He repeated "glamorous," "exclusive" and "success" loudly and ad nauseam.

"I believe in talking in 96-point," he told the New York Times, referring to the font size

of banner tabloid headlines. ". . . I love cliches. I love alliteration. On television, you can wrap your tongue around cliches and aggressive verbs."

Cameras lingered worshipfully over the rococo and the vulgar. In the \$10 million home of the Vegas animal-act duo Siegfried and Roy, Leach marveled at their replica of a section of the Sistine Chapel over the bar. One Australian business magnate had a dining room with a wall that opened to reveal a private bullring. Another episode featured a 120-foot-long limousine modified to fit a hot tub and a helicopter landing pad.

The show traded skin-deep access for celebrity brand-building, letting supermodels present themselves as relatable homebodies and showcasing the profanely rich as humble. A segment on Adnan Khashoggi, the checkered Saudi arms merchant and notorious playboy, described him as "a pure monetary force, the golden artery feeding the world's biggest deals" and "a surprisingly private family man."



In addition to the flagship program, Leach served as commentator on spinoffs including "Runaway With the Rich and Famous" and "Fame, Fortune and Romance." His distinctive voice was used to move merchandise: He did voice-over narration for TV ads featuring Bud Light pitch dog Spuds MacKenzie, as well as commercials for Honda, the California Lottery and Meineke discount muffler shops.



Robin Douglas Leach was born in London on Aug. 29, 1941. In his teens, he wrote feature stories for the Harrow Observer in his northwest London neighborhood and discovered that readers responded to hyperbole. Covering a garden show, he told the Tribune, "I'd go to find the largest cabbage or the biggest squash or the yellowest yellow corn. I knew everybody loved to read about the largest, the biggest, the best, no matter what it was."

He became one of the youngest reporters on Fleet Street, then moved to New York in 1963 and sold shoes at Lord & Taylor while trying to break into American journalism. He started a short-lived rock-and-roll magazine called Go, spent years as show-business editor at Rupert Murdoch's tabloid Star, and did freelance gossip and entertainment writing. Survivors include three sons from a marriage that ended in divorce. A complete list of survivors could not immediately be confirmed. After "Lifestyles" went off the air, Leach parlayed his association with the luxe life into work promoting a Florida-based travel service offering "dream vacations": "Bahamas cruises" that in reality were a day-long ferry ride with "Las Vegas-style" bingo. In 2000 Leach settled a lawsuit brought by attorneys general in a dozen states who accused him of participating in deceptive advertising practices.



Leach subsequently became a Vegas Strip habitué. With his ever-present cigar and goblet of white wine, he haunted casino nightclubs, hosted charity auctions, and promoted hotels and restaurants. He appeared on local entertainment TV shows, wrote columns for Vegas papers and became a blogger.

Leach said that his defining legacy - "Lifestyles" - was meant as a paean to the rewards of hard work, although it opened the door to even gaudier displays of opulence, including on MTV's mansion-touring show "Cribs" and anything starring the Kardashians. On reflection, he told the Times in 2014, his show seemed almost quaint and restrained. "Now you have Kim Kardashian having her private area waxed on camera," he said. (Courtesy seattlepi.com)

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Counties across the U.S. are seeing boosted jobs numbers and higher wages due in large part to policies put into effect under the Trump administration. Americans are finding work and getting paid more across the country.

The Bureau of Labor Statistics released a new report on Wednesday for March 2017 — just two months after President Trump's inauguration — to March 2018. It shows 314 counties out of 349 of the largest counties had a boost in job growth.

While the national average was 1.6-percent, Midland County in western Texas had the biggest boost at more than 12-percent. Many of those jobs were in natural resources and mining.

Midland County, plus the other seven top counties, all chose President Trump in 2016.

On the other side — Charleston, West Virginia's county had the biggest drop at nearly 1.5-percent, with most of the jobs lost at the state level in government.

As far as income, workers across the nation saw a nearly four-percent increase on average.

The biggest wage jump was in Illinois, with a more than 23-percent increase in pay.

Other top counties supporting President Trump are in Utah, where the home of Brigham Young University is located, and in the southern part of New Hampshire.

Summary



Bureau Of Labor Statistics: Largest Counties See Boost In Job Growth Under Trump Administration

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In the time Donald Trump has been in the White House:

The economy added 3.2 million jobs, unemployment fell to the lowest level in 18 years, and the number of job openings grew larger than the number of job-seekers for the first time on record.

- Economic growth picked up, but remains below what Trump promised, and

even below the best years under Barack Obama.

- The murder rate declined — at least in the 30 largest cities.
- The decade-long downward trend in carbon dioxide emissions from energy slowed — and has most recently turned upward.
- Illegal border crossings from Mexico slowed, but Trump's promised border wall is still not funded.
- Inflation-adjusted weekly wages rose 1.2 percent.
- Home prices rose 17 percent, to a record level.
- The U.S. trade deficit continued rising — up 13.6 percent.
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But the most recent 2.0 percent rate is lower than the four best years under Obama: 2.9 percent real growth in 2015, 2.6 percent in 2014, 2.2 percent in 2012 and 2.5 percent in 2010.

And it's far below the annual growth of 4 percent to 6 percent that Trump promised repeatedly, both when he was a candidate and as president.

The first official estimate for the second quarter of 2018 won't be released until July 27. However, the "GDP Now" forecast produced by the Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta projected on July 6 that the second-quarter growth rate will come in at 3.8 percent — almost within the range that Trump promised.



But few if any economists expect sustained growth at anywhere close to what Trump has pledged.

The nonpartisan Congressional Budget Office projects real GDP to grow 3.3 percent this year, and 2.4 percent in 2019, then settle to an average of 1.9 percent for decades to come.

The National Association for Business Economists June survey produced a median forecast of 2.8 percent growth this year and 2.5 percent next year.

The most recent median forecast of the Federal Reserve Board members and Federal Reserve Bank presidents, released June 13, is for 2.8 percent in 2018, 2.4 percent in 2019 and 2.0 percent in 2020.

And of the business and university economists who offered an annual GDP forecast to the Wall Street Journal's monthly economic survey in June, the average prediction was for 2.9 percent growth this year, 2.4 percent next year and 1.9 percent in 2020. (Courtesy <https://www.factcheck.org>)



The economy grew at an annual rate of 2.0 percent during the first three months of this year, according to the most recent official estimate by the Bureau of Economic Analysis. That's the "real" rate of growth in gross domestic product after accounting for price inflation. The most recent quarter's growth is down from the 2.3 percent increase during Trump's first full year, but still better than the 1.5 percent real GDP growth posted in 2016.

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賈樟柯談拍短片如同寫七言絕句 柯首映亮相第二屆86358電影短片交流周

8月18日晚，由賈樟柯藝術中心主辦，柯首映、青年電影手冊、NYLON中國、山河故人家廚共同協辦的第二屆86358電影短片交流周在山西汾陽賈家莊工業文化園正式開幕。中共汾陽市委書記武躍飛，汾陽市政府副市長冀小明，清華大學教授、平遙電影宮總設計師廉毅銳，全國人大代表邢利民，賈家莊村黨委書記、騰飛旅遊開發有限公司董事長邢萬裏，著名導演賈樟柯，賈樟柯藝術中心策展人徐誌鵬，柯首映COO辛奇等出席開幕式。

在村莊感知電影新力量 賈樟柯談拍短片如同寫七言絕句

賈樟柯在開幕式致辭中對各位電影人和青年導演的到來表示真摯地歡迎和感謝，他說，“只要我們信任年輕人，力量就能爆發出來，恭喜各位帶著自己的作品找到自己的朋友。短片是壹個非常獨立的表達方法，就跟我們讀七言絕句壹樣，雖然它短，但凝練了詩人全部的才華和能力，以及對人、社會和大自然的看法，短片壹直是我非常重要的抒情達意的重要手段。”

策展人徐誌鵬和聯合策展人辛奇在發言中表示，86358電影短片交流周“0358”是汾陽當地的電話區號，“86”則代表著中國，以生動的數字為名，希望電影文化交流能突破僵硬的地域限制，希望電影能夠進壹步賦予這方土地文化氛圍和新面貌。希望更多的本土觀眾尋找到更為新鮮的審美體驗。他們希望通過這樣的安排，為青年影人提供內容更加豐富的電影短片平臺，為觀眾帶來更加多元化的觀影體驗。

徐誌鵬：“在這裏特別感謝賈樟柯導演為大家創建搭建了這麼壹個純粹的電影短片展示交流平臺，感謝汾陽市賈家莊的各級領導，感謝各位創作者，各位導演為這個時代留下美好的影像。去年我們在賈家莊埋下壹顆電影的種子，今年便成長發芽了，接下來需要我們在場所有人的呵護和澆灌養育，十年內必定長成參天大樹！”



辛奇：“柯首映現在是第三個自然年頭，感謝賈樟柯導演給電影人、青年導演、青年創作者、評論家、影評人熱愛電影的人們提供了這樣的壹個平臺。自從2016年開始首部戛納金棕櫚短片《timecode》到現在的88部世界電影短片首映，感謝賈樟柯導演在幕後的默默付出，感謝世界200余個國家，300多位青年導演對柯首映的支持，希望在第二屆86358短片交流周當中，所有賈家莊熱愛電影的觀眾能夠喜歡柯首映這次線下展映，祝各位觀影愉快”

萬瑪才旦任評委會主席
賈樟柯張壹凡伊春德程青松阿美為青年電影人助力

86358電影短片交流周(86358SFF)，於8月18日—8月23日為期壹周，是壹場青年電影人的聚會，也是壹場藝術與靈感迸發的大趴。三大單元「華語短片競賽」「特別放映」「柯首映線下展映」；五位重量級評審萬瑪才旦、張壹凡、伊春德、程青松、阿美；五個榮譽獎項最佳影片、最佳導演、最佳原著劇本、評審團大獎、特別表揚。

“華語短片競賽”入圍作品由邀請到的5位在電影領域有輝煌履歷與資深經驗的重量級評委進行評審。他們是著名電影導演、編劇、雙語作家萬瑪才旦，著名電影剪輯師張壹凡，著名影視演員伊春德，《青年電影手冊》主編、導演、編劇、作家程青松，

著名電影編劇阿美。

第二屆“86358電影短片交流周”華語短片競賽單元，共收到報名作品513部，經過初評老師的辛苦工作，最終確定14部作品入選華語短片競賽單元。這些作品都是在堅持個人表達的同時，敘事手法創新，主題多樣有獨特見解，皆為具有創造力與潛力的青年電影人。

86358電影短片交流周以推廣華語電影短片藝術，並透過華影人影像提升文化交流為宗旨。發掘、發現更多有創造力與潛力的青年電影人與優質短片作品。攜手拓展國際視野，為電影產業助推具有成長空間新人才。

今年短片周不僅延續了去年的“華語短片競賽”單元，更加入了

“特別放映”環節。其中，“華語短片競賽”單元將設置5個榮譽獎項：最佳影片、最佳導演、最佳原著劇本、評委會大獎以及特別表揚榮譽。“特別放映”入選影片則不受評審，但作為官方入選片放映。

在鄉村，看世界 全球電影短片首映平臺柯首映，展映戛納數部短片為86358添磚增瓦

“柯首映線下展映”單元由《皇家狩獵區》《切克鬧》《此處禁止溺水》《吾土》《警笛》《愛國者》《看見》《新居》八部在國際各大電影節獲獎影片組成。八部電影短片均以短而精的形式和獨特的手法聚焦現代人的生存和生活方式，在短暫的喧鬧中尋找人的棲身之所，言有盡而意無窮，別致的表達方式之下是現代人對世界的深刻思考。

2016年賈樟柯導演進入新媒體領域，以投資人的身份入股以上網絡，並創建發起了首個新媒體影像項目——柯首映，柯首映是依托於微信公眾平臺運營，是壹個“全球電影短片中國首映平臺”。同年，賈樟柯導演提出了“讓藝術回流到鄉村”，在山西汾陽賈家莊開設電影主題餐廳“山河故人家廚”，建立“種子影院”，賈樟柯藝術中心等，2017年又創辦了86358電影短片交流周、平遙國際電影展。

計劃今年11月開業“種子影院”，2019年底賈樟柯藝術中心也會建設成型。2016年賈樟柯導演進入新媒體領域，以投資人的身份入股以上網絡，並創建發起了首個新媒體影像項目——柯首映，柯首映是依托於微信公眾平臺運營，是壹個“全球電影短片中國首映平臺”。同年，賈樟柯導演提出了“讓藝術回流到鄉村”，在山西汾陽賈家莊開設電影主題餐廳“山河故人家廚”，建立“種子影院”，賈樟柯藝術中心等，2017年又創辦了86358電影短片交流周、平遙國際電影展。計劃今年11月開業“種子影院”，2019年底賈樟柯藝術中心也會建設成型。

《藏北秘嶺-重返無人區》首映曝主題曲MV 電影首次展現羌塘無人區 9月登錄歐洲院線



8月20日，全球首部展現西藏無人區腹地，並環繞“世界第三極”普若崗日冰原拍攝的紀實探險電影《藏北秘嶺-重返無人區》在京首映，並

曝光由《中國好聲音》歌手陳冰獻唱的主題曲《母親已老》MV。

《藏北秘嶺-重返無人區》講述了壹群懷揣夢想的電影人，結伴探索

藏北無人區普若崗日冰原，並在生命禁區中完成自我找尋與和解的故事。

“《藏北秘嶺-重返無人區》是壹部制作和審批難度極高的紀實探險電影。全體劇組成員都冒著生命的危險並簽署了生死諒解書。影片雖有令人驚嘆的世界第三極地風光，卻不是壹部關於風景、動物或科考的紀錄電影。它把鏡頭反轉過來，聚焦普通的拍攝者。通過這群追夢者在無人區中克服風沙與極寒，達讓人們看到了這個時代缺乏的粗礪與雄渾。”電影出品方董事長秦紀明說。

首映式上放映了電影全片，荒涼寂寥的羌塘無人區中，連綿起伏的群山與星羅棋布的冰川將生命拒之門外，知難而上的攝制組則用熱情與生命去丈量自然極限，身臨秘境的同時更完成了自我內心的找尋與和解。

95後導演饒子君與制片人兼編劇蔡宇在首映對談中透露，《藏北秘嶺-重返無人區》的拍攝地主要集中在被譽為人類“生命禁區”的羌塘無人區，這是平均海拔達5000多米的高寒地區，攝制組攜帶大量設備極限挑戰了40天，總行程達3441.511公裏。

據蔡宇回憶：“進入無人區，我們主創團隊僅剩3人，油料和淡水頻頻告急，所有人都身心疲倦，全員都有凍傷，有人甚至因無人區零下40度的刺骨寒冷而哭泣，思想上也開始崩潰。按照慣例，攝制組減員損失超過70%就必須退出了，但我們就是不甘心，也不願輕易放棄這次機會，只能咬著牙繼續挺下去。”

導演饒子君也說：“羌塘無人區和普若崗日冰川，是最極限的深

度和高度，加上時間在這裏留下的海枯石爛的痕跡，電影拍攝的過程彷彿是置身在世間最大的迷宮中尋找出路。這樣的路，壹旦開始走，就沒有退路，但這也是最吸引我們的地方，整個拍攝過程如同壹場人生歷程，而不敢冒險，才是人生最大的風險。”

雖距離8月31日正式上映還有壹段時間，但憑借真實影像，《藏北秘嶺-重返無人區》已榮獲第六屆溫哥華國際華語電影節“紅楓葉獎”競賽單元紀錄片單元最佳剪輯獎，並入圍第42屆加拿大蒙特利爾國際電影節。

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00:30-01:00	生活魔法師 (首播)					明星加油站 (重播)	
01:00-01:30	動物傳奇 (重播)	Story China (English)	防務新觀察 (重播)	中國大舞臺 (重播)	王者歸來 (重播)	味道 (重播)	
01:30-02:00	經典電影 (重播)	中國功夫 (首播)				經典電影 (重播)	
02:00-02:30	今日關注 (重播)						
02:30-03:00	地理·中國 (重播)	中國功夫 (重播)					
03:00-03:30	Fun Way to Learn Chinese (首播)					司馬白話 (首播)	
03:30-04:00	綜藝喜樂會 (重播)	電視劇《北京愛情故事》(重播) (English Subtitles)				武林風 (重播)	
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04:30-05:00	故事在中國 (首播)	門門大吉 (重播)				國際新聞 / 大陸新聞 / 台灣新聞	
05:00-05:30	門門大吉 (重播)	檔案 (重播)	司馬白話 (重播)	地理·中國 (重播)	易經 (重播)	國際新聞 / 大陸新聞 / 台灣新聞	
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06:00-06:30	防務新觀察 (重播)	海峽兩岸 (重播)					
06:30-07:00	中國輿論場 (重播)	今日關注 (首播)				電影藏密 (重播)	
07:00-07:30	中國輿論場 (重播)	美南電視自製訪談《美南風雲人物》				檔案 (首播)	
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09:00-09:30	國際新聞 / 大陸新聞 / 台灣新聞	美南新聞 / 台灣新聞 / 國際新聞 / 大陸新聞					
09:30-10:00	國際新聞 / 大陸新聞 / 台灣新聞	Howdy Philippines! (首播)				中國輿論場 (首播)	
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10:30-11:00	台灣心動線 (重播)	生活 (重播)	城市一對一 (重播)	爸媽回很大 (重播)	Howdy Philippines! (重播)	動物傳奇 (重播)	
11:00-11:30	電視劇《北京愛情故事》(首播) (English Subtitles)					綜藝喜樂會 (首播)	
11:30-12:00	卡通片《中華上下五千年》(首播)					游在美國 (首播)	
12:00-12:30	綜藝喜樂會 (重播)	易經 (重播)	武林風 (重播)	門門大吉 (重播)	武林風 (首播)	我的留學生活 (首播)	
12:30-13:00	中國文藝 (重播)	台北博物館 (重播)	地理·中國 (重播)	幸福來敲門 (首播1)	幸福來敲門 (首播2)	綜藝喜樂會 (重播)	
13:00-13:30	美南新聞 / 台灣新聞 / 國際新聞 / 大陸新聞					Howdy Philippines! (重播)	
13:30-14:00	美食風味 (重播)	爸媽回很大 (首播)	城市一對一 (重播)	爸媽回很大 (首播)	台灣心動線	生活 (首播)	
14:00-14:30	生活 (重播)	城市一對一 (重播)	爸媽回很大 (重播)	台灣心動線	快樂童年 (重播)	防務新觀察 (首播)	
14:30-15:00	電視劇《手機》(重播) (English Subtitles)					易經 (重播)	
15:00-15:30	海峽兩岸 (重播)					中國文藝 (重播)	
15:30-16:00	健康之路 (首播)	大魔術師 (重播)			司馬白話 (重播)	味道 (重播)	
16:00-16:30	健康之路 (重播)	大魔術師 (重播)			明星加油站 (重播)	中國輿論場 (重播)	
16:30-17:00	美南新聞 / 台灣新聞 / 國際新聞 / 大陸新聞					檔案 (重播)	
17:00-17:30	美食風味 (重播)	爸媽回很大 (重播)	城市一對一 (重播)	爸媽回很大 (重播)	台灣心動線	文明之旅 (首播)	
17:30-18:00	生活 (重播)	城市一對一 (重播)	爸媽回很大 (重播)	台灣心動線	快樂童年 (重播)	易經 (重播)	
18:00-18:30	美南新聞 / 台灣新聞 / 國際新聞 / 大陸新聞					幸福來敲門 (重播1)	
18:30-19:00	美食風味 (重播)	爸媽回很大 (重播)	城市一對一 (重播)	爸媽回很大 (重播)	台灣心動線	幸福來敲門 (重播2)	
19:00-19:30	生活 (重播)	城市一對一 (重播)	爸媽回很大 (重播)	台灣心動線	快樂童年 (重播)	易經 (重播)	
19:30-20:00	電視劇《手機》(重播) (English Subtitles)					中國文藝 (重播)	
20:00-20:30	海峽兩岸 (重播)					味道 (重播)	
20:30-21:00	健康之路 (重播)	大魔術師 (重播)			司馬白話 (重播)	中國輿論場 (重播)	
21:00-21:30	健康之路 (重播)	大魔術師 (重播)			明星加油站 (重播)	中國輿論場 (重播)	
21:30-22:00	美南新聞 / 台灣新聞 / 國際新聞 / 大陸新聞					檔案 (重播)	
22:00-22:30	美食風味 (重播)	爸媽回很大 (重播)	城市一對一 (重播)	爸媽回很大 (重播)	台灣心動線	文明之旅 (重播)	
22:30-23:00	生活 (重播)	城市一對一 (重播)	爸媽回很大 (重播)	台灣心動線	快樂童年 (重播)	易經 (重播)	
23:00-23:30	美南新聞 / 台灣新聞 / 國際新聞 / 大陸新聞					幸福來敲門 (重播1)	
23:30-00:00	美南新聞 / 台灣新聞 / 國際新聞 / 大陸新聞					幸福來敲門 (重播2)	

