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Global traders halt new Iran food deals as U.S. sanctions bite

LONDON/DUBAI (Reuters) - Cargill, Bunge and other global traders have halted food supply deals with Iran because new U.S. sanctions have paralyzed banking systems required to secure payments, industry and Iranian government sources say. Food, medicine and other humanitarian supplies are exempt from sanctions Washington reimposed this year after U.S. President Donald Trump said in May he was walking away from a 2015 international deal over Iran's nuclear program. But the U.S. measures targeting everything from oil sales to shipping and financial activities have deterred many foreign banks from all Iranian business, including humanitarian deals. Many smaller banks that had dealt with Iran under a previous round of sanctions have also stopped dealings this time. "There is no real chance of being paid using the existing mechanisms and many international traders are unable to do new business for the moment," said one European source with knowledge of the situation, who declined to be identified. Western and Iranian trade sources said U.S. groups Cargill [CARG.UL] and Bunge (BG.N), as well as Singapore's Olam (OLAM.SI), were among those which could not conclude new export deals for wheat, corn, raw sugar or other commodities because Western banks would not process payments with Iran. Cargill, Bunge and Olam all declined to comment when contacted by Reuters. U.S. sanctions took full effect on Nov. 5 after a winding-down period, although Washington has issued temporary waivers for some of its allies which depend on imported Iranian oil. Iran, which relies heavily on imported food staples, has years of experience working around U.S. and other Western sanctions, which were progressively tightened between 2012 and 2015 until Iran reached a deal over its nuclear program. Many sanctions were lifted in 2016 after the pact. Under the earlier round of sanctions, Iran had turned to a dwindling



FILE PHOTO: A gas flare on an oil production platform in the Soroush oil fields is seen alongside an Iranian flag in the Persian Gulf, Iran, July 25, 2005. REUTERS/Raheb Homavandi/File Photo

number of foreign banks that continued to act as a conduit for payments to keep food and other trade flowing. But this time round, many of those foreign banking channels are closing down. Three Iranian officials told Reuters that banking issues were to blame for halting

food and other trade. An official with Iranian Industry, Mines and Trade Industry said only a "handful of small European banks" with no or little interaction with the United States were still doing business with Iran, and they were only involved in small-scale purchases.

Mexico says it won't deport refugees as it seeks details on U.S. plan

MEXICO CITY (Reuters) - Mexico's government said on Friday it wanted more details from the United States on its plan to send migrants to Mexico while their asylum claims are processed, and vowed not to deport people seeking refuge. On Thursday, Mexico said it had agreed on humanitarian grounds to accept some non-Mexican migrants sent by the United States to wait in Mexico while their U.S. asylum requests were processed. However, many questions remain about how the country would house what could be thousands of people from Central America. The accord was widely viewed as a concession by Mexico's new president Andres Manuel Lopez Obrador to his U.S. counterpart Donald Trump, who has threatened to shut down the Mexico-U.S. border if the flow of migrants is not contained.

Questioned at a regular news conference about why Mexico appeared to be giving Trump what he wanted, foreign minister Marcelo Ebrard said Mexico would set out its position more clearly on Monday once it had more information. "Today, I'm going to ask the U.S. authorities to give us many details," Ebrard said, noting that the fate of migrants already inside the United States would depend on U.S. law. To send people to Mexico, the Trump administration is invoking a section of the Immigration and Nationality Act that allows the government to return migrants to a foreign country bordering the United States pending their immigration process. But some legal experts argue that rule also exempts anyone found inadmissible at the border due to a lack of documents. That could apply to many asylum-seekers.



FILE PHOTO: Immigrants from Central America and Mexican citizens queue to cross into the U.S. to apply for asylum at the new border crossing of El Chaparral in Tijuana

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Texas unemployment rate remains at historic low

The Texas unemployment rate in November held at its historic low of 3.7 percent as employers added to their payrolls for a 29th consecutive month, according to government data.

The Texas economy added 14,000 jobs in November, according to the Texas Workforce Commission. Annual employment growth for Texas was 3.0 percent in November. Related: Energy recovery would stall if oil prices stay below \$50

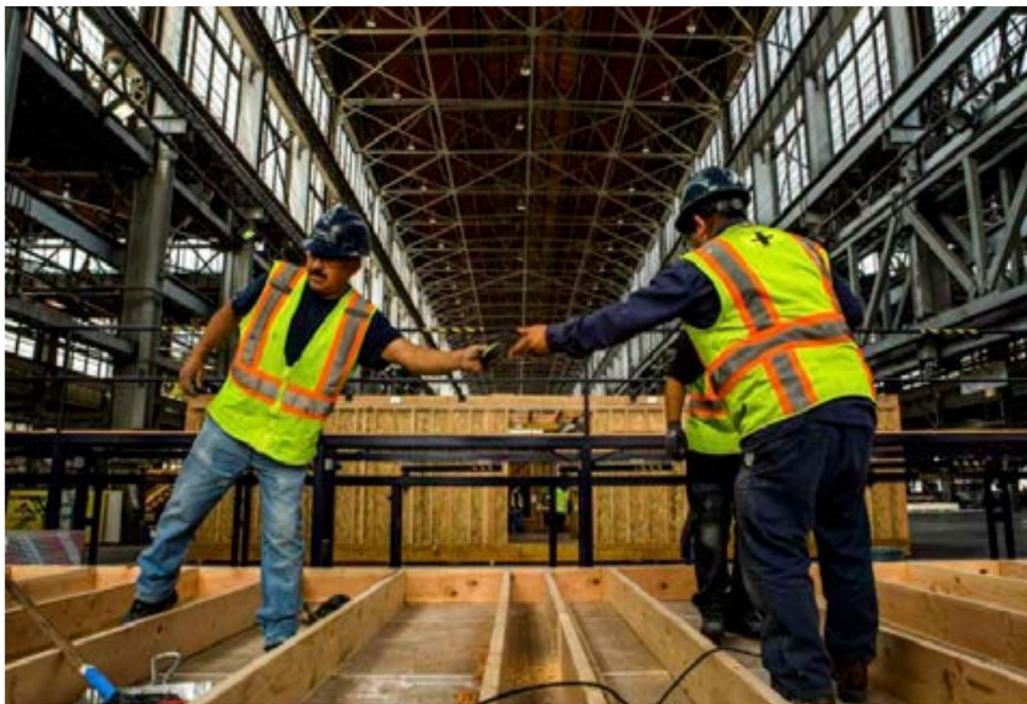
“The addition of 365,400 jobs over the year and 14,000 jobs in November demonstrates the consistency with which employers in our state create job opportunities for the highly skilled Texas workforce,” said Ruth Hughs, chair of the Texas Workforce Commission.

Manufacturing led all industries in growth and recorded the largest employment gain over the month adding 9,100 jobs. Trade, Transportation, and Utilities added 8,900 positions to the state in November while professional and business services added 1,800 followed by Information, which added 1,000 positions.

Doing well by doing good is more important than ever, a Chris Tomlinson column.

The low unemployment rate has economists watching whether the tightening labor market increases workers' earnings as employers boost salaries to attract potential employees. Workers' earnings have stagnated in recent years, here and across the country.

The just-released data do not reflect recent drops in the price of oil, which remains below \$50 per barrel. If prices stay below that point for an extended period, job growth in the state could stall or even start to decline, according to economists.



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Editor's Choice



FILE PHOTO: U.S. President George H.W. Bush is surrounded by U.S. military personnel as he greets troops following an arrival ceremony in the eastern Saudi Arabian city of Dhahran



Vietnamese tycoon Phan Van Anh Vu, also known as "Aluminium Vu" is escorted by policemen during his trial in Ho Chi Minh city



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U.S. President Donald Trump observes a demonstration with U.S. Army 10th Mountain Division troops, an attack helicopter and artillery as he visits Fort Drum, New York, U.S., August 13, 2018. REUTERS/Carlos Barria SEARCH "POY GLOBAL" FOR FOR THIS STORY. SEARCH "REUTERS POY" FOR ALL BEST OF 2018 PACKAGES. TPX IMAGES OF THE DAY.



FILE PHOTO: Syrian Democratic Forces and U.S. troops are seen during a patrol near Turkish border in Hasakah, Syria November 4, 2018. REUTERS/Rodi Said/File Photo



U.S. Air Force Gen. Terrence O'Shaughnessy, the North American Aerospace Defense Command and U.S. Northern Command, Commanding General, and U.S. Marine Corps Command Sgt. Maj. Paul G. McKenna, join troops for a Thanksgiving feast at Davis-Monthan Air Force Base in Tucson, Arizona, U.S., November 22, 2018. Sgt. Kyle Larsen/U.S. Army/Handout



The Wider Image: Terror of gang violence drives migrant caravans northward



FILE PHOTO: U.S. President Trump and U.S. Defense Secretary Mattis attend the 119th U.S. Army-Navy football game in Philadelphia



A police arm band with a sticker reading "angry policeman" barred with a black ribbon is seen on a police officer as he attends a demonstration near the Champs-Elysee in Paris

Believe it or not, all the faces in the photo above are fakes. They have been synthesized by Nvidia's new AI algorithm...

The technology works so well that we can expect synthetic image search engines soon — just like Google's, but generating new fake images on the fly that look real.

Nvidia Generative Adversarial Networks According to Nvidia, its GAN is built around a concept called "style transfer."

Coarse styles include parameters such as pose, the face's shape, or the hair style. Middle styles include facial features, like the shape of the nose, cheeks, or mouth.

Finally, fine styles affect the color of the face's features like skin and hair. According to the scientists, the generator is "capable of separating inconsequential variation from high-level attributes" too...



All the images above were created by Nvidia's AI Algorithm.

Not only the generative adversarial network is capable of autonomously creating human faces, but it can do the same with animals like cats. It can even create new cars and even bedrooms.

Nvidia's AI Algorithm Generates 'Humans' That Look 100% Real

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Nvidia's system is not only capable of generating completely new synthetic faces, but it can also seamlessly modify specific features of real people, like age, the hair or skin colors of any person.

The applications for such a system are amazing. From paradigm-changing synthetic free-to-use image search pages that may be the end of stock photo services to people accurately previewing hair styling changes. And of course, porn.

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Best Skills to Make Amazon's Alexa Smarter



Enabling Skills for Amazon's Alexa is easier than ever. Now, all you have to do is say, "Alexa, enable Lyft," and poof — you've given your Echo speaker or other Alexa-enabled device the ability to order you a ride.

Alexa skills are third-party apps you can add to your Alexa account based on your needs and preferences. But there are now more than 50,000 skills, so how do you decide or know which Skills to enable?

Currently, Alexa is found primarily in the Echo, Echo Dot, Tap, Echo Show, Fire TV, Echo Spot, Echo Plus, Fire Tablets and the upcoming Echo Input. But you can also find the virtual assistant in a number of third-party devices, such as the Ecobee4 Thermostat as well as speakers like the Sonos One.

Get exclusive deals If you ask "Alexa, what are your deals?" you'll hear a series of Prime member-exclusive deals

that you need an Alexa-enabled device to order. You can also visit Amazon's Voice Shopping page to get the sentences you'll need to say to trigger them.



Scare Off Burglars

Instead of leaving your lights or TV on when you leave your house, you can now use Alexa to trick burglars into thinking people are home. Say "Alexa, run Away Mode," and Alexa will play a recorded, insufferable conversation.



Wake up to your favorite jams

Rather than waking up to a simple beep-beep-beep, you can tell Alexa to play a specific song, radio station, music genre, or more at a specific time. This works with Amazon's music services as well as Spotify, Pandora, Pandora Premium, TuneIn, iHeartRadio and Vevo.

Here are some examples of things you can say: "Alexa, wake me up at 6 am every day

- to music" "Alexa, set an alarm for 7 am using BBC news on TuneIn" "Alexa, wake me up at 7 am to KISS FM on TuneIn" "Alexa, wake me up to Adele at 8 am" "Alexa, wake me up to 80s music at 8 am" "Alexa, wake me up to Beyoncé radio on Pandora at 7 am" "Alexa, wake me up to jazz music at 6 am" "Alexa, wake me up to Christmas music at 7 am" "Alexa, wake me up to pop music for running at 5 am" [Amazon Music Only]



Plan a vacation

If you have a Kayak account, you can enable Alexa to help you plan a trip. This skill can track flights and check prices. You can even tell it your budget, and Kayak Explore will tell you where in the world you can go.



Dictate hands-free text messages

Android smartphone users can send SMS messages hands-free through the Alexa app; here's how to set it up. iPhone owners, however, will need to use a third-party skill such as the Mastermind skill, which not only lets you send and receive SMS messages, but will help you find your phone, gets its battery life, turn on Wi-Fi, Bluetooth, start Google Maps, send articles from your phone to Alexa, and much more.

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The Amador peninsula separates the concrete and glass skyline of Panama City from the soaring iron arch of the Bridge of the Americas – under which 40 cargo ships pass each day en route to or from the Panama Canal.

This strategic outpost is home to a handful of derelict buildings once used to house US military personnel. But it has become a new flashpoint in the global rivalry between Beijing and Washington, as the US struggles to develop a coherent strategy to deal with China's rising influence in Latin America.



US-China tensions soar as 'new cold war' heats up.

China's plans to build a new embassy on the islands were derailed after US officials pressured the government of Panama's president, Juan Carlos Varela, to withdraw its offer of a four-hectare plot, according to senior Panamanian and diplomatic sources.

"Of course there was pushback from the US: they weren't going to allow a huge Chinese flag next to the entrance to the canal," a diplomatic source told the Guardian. "But local pressure was also important. Handing over that land to the Chinese would have been a hugely unpopular move by the Varela government."

Panama's government has insisted that the decision was based on security and environmental concerns.

But a previous plan to build a new Chinese embassy in the traditional diplomatic district of Panama City was also blocked by objections from Washington, and Beijing has now established a temporary mission in an office block.



The Panama Canal

A Disagreement over the site of China's embassy has underlined the strategic value of the canal – through which two-thirds of ships to or from the US pass

Panama: The New Flashpoint In China's Growing Presence In Latin America

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Jutting four kilometres into the Pacific, the Amador causeway islands separate the concrete and glass skyline of Panama City from the entrance to the Panama Canal. (Photo/Getty Images)

The incident may prove to be a pyrrhic victory for Washington, however. This weekend, the Chinese premier, Xi Jinping, arrives in Panama for a visit aimed at cementing ties with the Central American nation.

It will be the first such visit by a senior Chinese figure since Panama cut diplomatic ties with Taiwan to open formal relations with Beijing in June 2017.

Since then, the two countries have signed 28 diplomatic and investment agreements, a \$500m renminbi-denominated "Panda" bond is expected before the end of the year and Chinese contractors have won major contracts for a port, convention centre and a new bridge over the canal.

The growth of Chinese investment and influence in the country has been the source of growing unease in Washington.



President Juan Carlos Varela, left, and the US secretary of state, Mike Pompeo, talk at the presidential palace in Panama City. Photograph: Brendan Smialowski/AFP/Getty Images

In July, the US secretary of state, Mike Pompeo, ended a visit to Panama with the warning that "when China comes calling, it's not always to the good of your citizens". He added that state-run Chinese firms often operated with political, rather than market-driven, motives.

has highlighted Panama's strategic importance as a pinch-point of world commerce. Two-thirds of ships to or from the US pass through the Panama Canal – which was an unincorporated territory of the US between 1903 and 1979 and was home to dozens of American military installations. "Recent rhetoric from Washington suggests the US has not accepted that the canal has shifted from being a military asset to a commercial one," said Eddie Tapiero, a competitive intelligence specialist for the Panama Canal Authority and author of a new book on China-Panama relations. "The US has a decision to make: does it accept free trade in the Americas or does it revert to a cold war approach? The latter would be disastrous."

Negotiations for a free trade agreement between China and Panama are at an ad-

vanced stage; Panamanian officials say the country can benefit from its growing role as a regional logistics hub, build its exports to China and protect local farmers.



A cruise ship moves through the Panama Canal.

"We will become the gateway for Chinese goods into Latin America," the trade minister, Augusto Arosemena, told the Guardian. "I think Panama will be an example of how smaller countries can negotiate with China."

Meanwhile, the US has been caught flat-footed: diplomats were unaware of Varela's decision to establish ties with Beijing until hours before its announcement and the state department has yet to name a replacement for John Feeley, who stood down as ambassador in March saying he was "honor bound" to resign rather than serve under Donald Trump.

Wei Qiang, the Chinese ambassador to Panama, has dismissed the "apprehensive, fearful and jealous speculations" over his country's intentions. "China's world vision is one of dialogue and accommodation rather than confrontation, we have no option but to let the facts speak for themselves," he said at a recent book launch.

But in recent years, Beijing has shown growing interest in strategic infrastructure projects in the region: Chinese companies are involved in a project to build a rival interoceanic canal through Nicaragua and investigated the option of a "dry canal" railroad linking Colombia's Atlantic and Pacific coasts.

Some Panamanians are also wary of Beijing's intentions, said Euclides Tapia, a professor of international relations at the University of Panama. "The Chinese are here for the long term – and they've come for the canal," he said. (Courtesy <https://www.theguardian.com>)

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《大三元》推出主題MV 《麻麻雀雀》邊唱邊跳超逗趣

農曆賀歲最澎湃喜氣的電影《大三元》，今日（18日）舉辦盛大記者會，現場眾星雲集：包含導演陳怡好，監製彭恰恰，女主角Ella陳嘉樺和男主角張軒睿，還有黃仲崑、王彩樺、羅時豐、陶傳正、李沛旭、曾莞婷、許富凱、海裕芬、巴鈺、嚴正嵐、吳承洋、言野、顏毓麟、阿翰、那那大師、皮皮...等演員一同現身。眾主演在記者會上，代表電影中的兩大陣營：「盛家」和「無連莊」展開三局趣味對戰。更一同發布首支電影MV《麻麻雀雀》！

在《大三元》中，除了精彩刺激的麻將大戰外，還帶入了歌舞元素，《麻麻雀雀》就是《大三元》首打的電影主題曲。MV內容來自電影中的精彩歌舞片段，是無連莊的演員們透過歌舞，來教張軒睿飾演的曉白如何打麻將。這場戲劇本只有短短三句話，但眾人卻花了超過一

個月的時間練習，尤其要湊齊無連莊成員全體一起練舞的時間只有兩、三次，所以不管是走位或是舞步都必須在很短的時間內培養默契。這場戲更是拖到殺青日才拍攝，雖然排練過程順利，但是實際拍攝過程卻相當辛苦，從走位到對嘴唱歌，大家一路從晚上六點多一路跳

到凌晨四點，讓大家差點體力透支，但由於拍攝時已經快要殺青，大家還是打起精神繼續拍攝，終於順利完成了最後一天的拍攝。而其實沒有唱《麻麻雀雀》的Ella，之前連走位和學舞也從來都沒有參與，但Ella還是跟著大家一起複習，甚至在現場攝影機沒拍到的地方跟著一起跳，工作人

員讚嘆Ella不愧是台灣女子天團團員，可以迅速地就把舞給學起來，陪著大家一起跳舞的舉動也讓大家看了直呼「揪甘心」！有了跳舞，歌唱對於部分演員來說，又是另一份難題，無連莊裡雖然有演唱經驗豐富的Ella和「保底天后」彩樺姐，加上多次入圍金曲獎的羅時豐和許富凱，但是也有難得獻唱的李沛旭、

曾莞婷和阿翰等人，《大三元》的音樂製作特別邀請到曾替徐佳瑩製作《身騎白馬》入圍多項金曲獎的蘇通達老師擔當，他表示大家的表現都超乎想像的好，讓原定四天的錄音時間硬是縮短到只有三天都完成所有配唱，成效也非常的好！《大三元》將在2019年農曆春節檔2月1日全台灣派映。

未婚生女害王淨 背小三罪名 林柏叡自埋分手炸彈



今年1月《鬥魚》電影版開拍，林柏叡、王淨這2位年輕的男、女主角傳出愛火正炙，林柏叡是凱渥鮮肉男模，在選秀節目《中國好男兒》拿到了第10名、在BL劇《深藍與月光》受到矚目，而王淨今年才20歲，就因外型亮麗被封「清純校園女神」，還會以筆名菌菌出書，是個才女；2人顏值極高頗有人氣，在演藝圈是相當值得期待的明日之星。

不過兩人在一起也影響到演藝事業，因為戀愛初期，林柏叡跟另一名女演員雷婕熙感情看似還未斷乾淨，而且已經未婚生女，整件事搞得相當複雜，也大大

毀壞林柏叡的形象，還讓王淨背負小三罪名。雖然後來林柏叡總算與雷婕熙分得乾乾淨淨，他與王淨終於能正大光明談戀愛，兩人還一起跑了不少電影宣傳，也低調承認情侶關係持續中，但之後王淨的演藝事業大好，在《你的孩子不是你的孩子：茉莉的最後一天》電視劇中表現亮眼受到矚目，還有2部電影《恐懼罐頭》《返校》，以及電視劇《愛情白皮書》等著要上檔。反觀林柏叡在《鬥魚》之後只拍了一部網劇《N世代》，事業運明顯差王淨一大截，2人分手也在預料之中。

想當演員被譏不可能 AKB48 馬嘉伶「不甘心」

日本女團AKB48台籍成員馬嘉伶赴日發展滿3週年，昨在推特上公布一封用日文寫成的親筆信，感謝一路走來支持到現在的粉絲們，也談到一開始她去日本發展時只有會50音的日文程度，現在已經能用日文流利溝通、表演。並透露她的夢想是在日本成為演員，卻沒想到被外界嘲笑「不可能」，這讓她感到不甘心，儘管如此，她也會盡全力朝著夢想前進。

台灣女孩馬嘉伶在日本做為AKB48成員滿3週年，她在推特貼出一封用日文寫成的親筆信，信中寫道，一開始到日本發展，不太敢開口說話，如今過了三年，她已經能用日文完整地寫完一封信，也能流利地用日文上節目、表演和溝通。但讓她不甘心的，是有時候會被問什麼時候會回去台灣的團體，她坦言這問題對她來說很過分，因為如果她回台灣，就等於她在日本失敗了一樣。

她也分享另一件感到不甘心的回憶，過去她曾被問到從



AKB48畢業後的規劃，她回答想在日本當演員，卻被笑說「不可能」。幾個月後她接到了戲劇邀約但角色是外國人，還得刻意把台詞說得結巴，讓她相當難過。之後她得到台灣留學生的角色，卻被沒有那麼了解台灣的人指手畫腳，讓她心中相當困惑，甚至有幾次做夢夢見自己在日本已經不被需要了，醒來時發現臉上滿是

淚水。後來她將一個小時半的舞台劇所有演員的台詞都背起來，不僅加強日文和演技，也鼓勵自己，這麼長的台詞都背起來了，那麼再困難的一定也能克服，她表示，就算全世界的人都否定她的夢想，自己絕對不能否定自己的夢想。並喊話，未來會繼續朝夢想前進，出道第四年也請多指教。

台生赴陸校藝考 多留意日常生活

近年來台灣學生報考大陸藝術類大學人數增加，報考者除上繳學科考試成績，還要親赴陸校跟大陸本地生一起參加藝考（即術科考試）；一位錄取今年北京電影學院廣播電視編導的台生表示，大陸藝考筆試範圍很廣，從知識面到技術層面都考，今年還考了抖音和「吃雞」（一款《絕地求生》槍戰射擊網路遊戲），面試則是天馬行空隨意聊，最好的準備辦法就是不平常多注意生活。

每年進入12月天寒地凍之時，就是大陸藝術類大學術科考試報名高峰。其中大陸幾所知名的戲劇類大學如北京電影學院、中央戲劇學院、上海戲劇學院以及「八大美院」中央美術學院、中國美術學院、西安美術學院、四川美術學院、魯迅美術學院、廣州美

術學院、湖北美術學院、天津美術學院，以及北京清華大學美術學院等，近年很受台生青睞。不像其他陸校有保留港澳台名額，知名的藝術類陸校不會特別為港澳台生舉辦術科考試，台生要親赴陸校，跟大陸本地生一起參加參加藝考，完全是硬碰硬、看實力。事實上由於藝術類陸校會多粥少，也不會訂定各省招生名額，換句話說就算是該省陸生也占不到便宜。這幾年藝術類陸校考試時程提早，要密切關注學校官網，美術類或音樂類陸校考實作，戲劇類陸校通常藝考會有三場，不少表演系還有四試。一位2018年考上北京電影學院廣播電視編導系的台生表示，他考的初試、複試都是筆試，

範圍很廣，包括資訊、生物、時事、英文、文藝常識等都有，今年還考了抖音跟「吃雞」，平時多留意生活是最好的準備方法。複試比較偏向攝影技巧軟體應用、數學邏輯題以及英文閱讀測驗。三試是面試，有抽題現場編故事、朗誦英文小短文並概括大意，以及考官提問或是專業題等。各系系藝考內容不同，例如中央戲劇學院戲劇影視導演系（影視編導）初試是面試，複試是命題編寫故事；三試是命題集體小品、視聽段落讀解等。大陸部分藝術類大學是可以利用台灣學測成績免試申請的，像2018年北京電影學院對台招生門檻就是學測均標，中央戲劇學院和上海戲劇學院則是前標；只看總級分，不會特別要求某一科成績。

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■香港文匯報記者 黃實儀 廣東報道



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從化天堂頂

當蘆花綻放的時節，在廣州，從化天堂頂和南沙濕地公園就是兩處賞蘆葦的絕佳地點。從化天堂頂是南昆山主峰，位於廣州從化石門國家森林公園內，海拔1,210米高，

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剛剛完成了一次登頂之旅的陳小姐說，站在山間，抬頭是朗朗晴天，天高雲闊的景象；低頭則是連綿一片的蘆葦濕地，清風徐來，蘆花搖曳生姿，猶如一幅濃墨重彩的水彩畫。

登上天堂頂，其實有多條路線選擇，從南昆山景區出發，途經觀音潭，最後直達的天堂頂，從幽靜清雅的竹林、枝繁葉茂的喬木林到最後的滿山芒草叢，一路登頂，卻讓人有種短時間裡到了三個地方的錯覺，也是一種絕妙的體驗。

天堂頂林木蔥鬱，峻嶺錯疊，具有秀、幽、奧等自然特色，與附近的天堂二峰、猴子嶺、橫坑頂等構成四大雄峰，在陽光照耀下愈顯峻峭，使人有著山不老之感。這裡的山坡較陡且窄，濕度較大，所以遊客要備好登山的輔助設備，防止摔倒。

“廣州之腎”濕地 千畝蘆花綻放

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乘一小艇穿梭於蘆葦濕地中更是愜意。蕩漾在波光粼粼的濕地水面上，小舟駛過荷花灘，穿過蘆葦濕地，別有一番風味；河道兩旁全是延綿不絕的蘆葦，隨風起舞，透過蘆花的間隙向遠處望去，可以瞥見開闊水域和那些棲息在水面上的鳥兒。

穿過蘆葦濕地，就會進入一片紅樹林中。盤根交錯的紅樹林是這片濕地生態保護成果的最佳見證，這裡的紅樹林品種也是相當豐富的，桐花、秋茄、無瓣海桑、木欖……這些不同的品種又很容易辨認，因為早有細心的工作人員將標識牌放在每一群樹種的顯眼位置，若想帶着孩子來辨識大自然物種，這裡的確是一個生動的課堂。而需要注意的是，該公園裡的池塘多為沼澤，因此遊玩時需要注意安全。

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白雲嶂

白雲嶂位於東莞清溪鎮、惠陽新圩鎮、深圳坪地鎮接壤地帶；附近有清溪、爐山壩、白雲嶂三大林場。白雲嶂是惠陽“第一峰”；因時有白雲繚繞，雲霧鎖山頭的聖潔美景，由此得名白雲嶂。

白雲嶂東西嶺長25公里，南北寬13.5公里，植被茂盛。歲末是白雲嶂最美的時候，漫山金黃的蘆葦在山間起伏，吸引了不少遊客“打卡”。登千米高山，看漫山蘆葦濕地，穿梭在草叢中，彷彿置身於一片金色的海洋。想要邂逅這片金黃色的蘆葦濕地，從惠陽第一峰白雲嶂，穿越來到東莞“第一峰”銀瓶嘴，再回到山腳下的盤古宮，是一條很受歡迎的線路。想觀賞蘆葦的遊客可以從南峰的蘆葦坡下山。

在登山徒步的過程中，草坡上一片一望無際的蘆葦濕地猶如一張金黃色的“地毯”鋪滿山坡，美輪美奐。一望無際的高山大草



白雲嶂盤古宮

坡，彷彿直通雲霄之外的天庭。置身蘆葦濕地中，視野卻十分開闊，可以眺望到遠處起伏的山巒，山勢魁梧卻又青翠欲滴。

一邊登高徒步，一邊欣賞無限風光，感受秋風拂面。登上山頂遠眺，便是重重山景，時而清晰可見，時而雲霧繚繞，絕對是攝影愛好者“施展身手”的好地方。置身其中，隨手都能拍出讓人驚艷的“大片”。

盤古宮香火興旺

在白雲嶂與銀瓶嘴之間的山坳腳下，有一座盤古宮，據史料記載，盤古宮建於清代光緒十四年（1888年），每年都會舉行盛大的廟會。盤古宮在“文革”時被破壞，1980年由群眾自發捐資重修並新塑神像。脫胎換骨後的盤古宮年年香火旺盛，也成了熱門“打卡”地。

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“小鳥天堂”景獨特

秋冬時節，銀湖灣濕地公園不僅是令人神往的觀鳥勝地；每年的9月至來年3月，“湖岸葦影迎風舞，水灘鷗鷺戲水歡”也是銀湖灣得天獨厚的圖畫。每年有4萬多隻候鳥在這裡越冬，加上長期在此安營紮寨生活的鳥類，共10多萬隻鳥在這裡生活，因此又被稱為新會第二個“小鳥天堂”。



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