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China blames U.S for trade frictions, says negotiations currently impossible

BOAO/BEIJING, China (Reuters) - China stepped up its attacks on the Trump administration on Monday over billions of dollars worth of threatened tariffs, saying Washington is to blame for trade frictions and repeating it was impossible to negotiate under "current circumstances". The comments come after U.S. President Donald Trump on Sunday predicted China would take down its trade barriers, and expressed optimism that both sides could resolve the issue through talks.

Chinese state researchers and media talked down the likely impact of U.S. trade measures on the world's second largest economy and described the Trump administration's posturing on trade as the product of an "anxiety disorder".

"Under the current circumstances, both sides even more cannot have talks on these issues," Foreign Ministry spokesman Geng Shuang told reporters at a regular news briefing.

"The United States with one hand wields the threat of sanctions, and at the same time says they are willing to talk. I'm not sure who the United States is putting on this act for," Geng said. The trade frictions were "entirely at the provocation of the United States", he added.

Beijing did not want to fight a trade war, but was not afraid of one, Vice Commerce Minister Qian Keming said at the Boao Forum for Asia in the southern province of Hainan.

The focus this week will be on the forum, with President Xi Jinping and International Monetary Fund Managing Director Christine Lagarde delivering speeches on Tuesday. "GREAT WALL OF DENIAL"

The U.S. move last week to threaten China with tariffs on \$50 billion in Chinese goods was aimed at forcing Beijing to address what Washington says is deeply entrenched theft of U.S. intellectual property and forced technology transfers from U.S. companies.

Beijing claims that Washington is the aggressor and is spurring global protectionism, though China's trading partners have complained for years that it abuses World Trade Organization rules and practices unfair industrial policies that lock foreign companies out of crucial sectors with the intent of creating domestic champions.

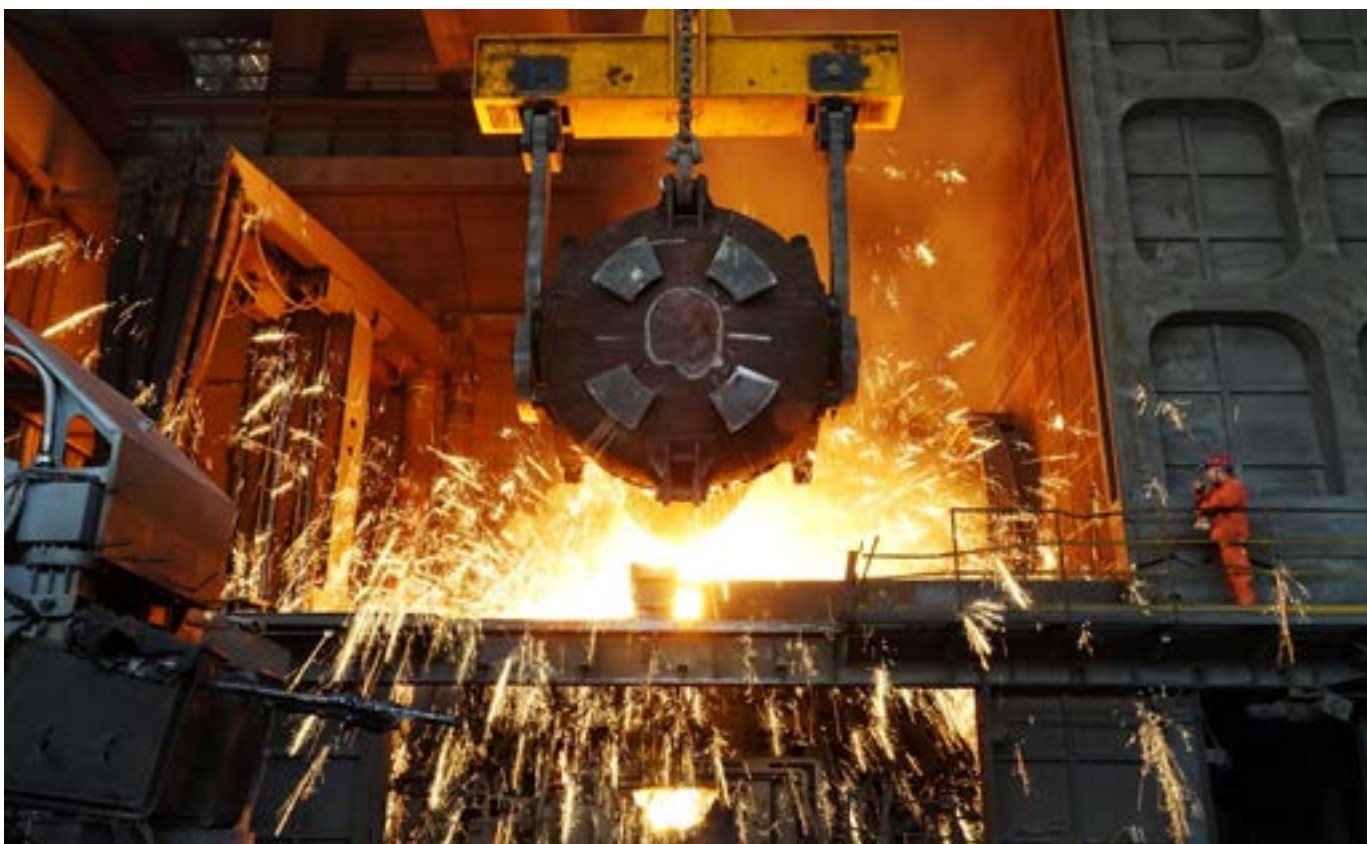
After repeated pledges by Beijing to open up sectors such as financial services have yielded little substantial progress, Trump has said that the United States will no longer let China take advantage of it on trade.

On Monday morning in Washington Trump tweeted that China puts 25 percent tariffs on cars imported from the United States, while cars it imports from China face 2.5 percent duties.

A worker checks aluminium rolls at a warehouse inside an industrial park in Binzhou, Shandong province, China April 7, 2018. China Daily via REUTERS

"Does that sound like free or fair trade. No, it sounds like STUPID TRADE," Trump said in his post.

"China's reaction to Mr. Trump's legitimate



A worker works at a furnace at a steel plant of Dalian Special Steel Co Ltd in Dalian, Liaoning province, China April 8, 2018. Picture taken April 8, 2018. REUTERS/Stringer

defense of the American homeland has been a Great Wall of denial — despite incontrovertible evidence of Beijing's illicit and protectionist behaviors,"

White House trade advisor Peter Navarro said in a commentary in the Financial Times on Monday.

"Nothing less than the U.S.'s economic future is at risk from China's assault on American technology and IP, and its mercantilist bid to capture emerging high-tech industries," he said.

Chinese officials deny such charges, and responded within hours of Trump's announcement of tariffs with their own proposed commensurate duties. The move prompted Trump to threaten tariffs on an additional \$100 billion in Chinese goods.

None of the latest measures have yet gone into effect, offering some hope for compromise and a watering down of the proposals even as both sides' rhetoric grows more strident.

China's ambassador to the United States Cui Tiankai said in an interview in China's Securities Daily newspaper that the United States should "adopt a more responsible attitude" on trade or it would harm itself with its own policies.

"Some people in the United States are still accustomed to being the world leader, and haven't adapted to the change in the global situation," Cui said.

The Chinese Communist Party's official newspaper, the People's Daily, described U.S. trade policies as a populist tilt by Trump ahead of the U.S. mid-term elections, but that the steps would ultimately end up hurting U.S. consumers through higher prices.

"In the world's perception, the U.S. is overshadowed by an anxiety disorder and is very keen to show its anxiety," the paper said.

A researcher with China's state planning agency said China's economy will see little impact from the dispute, as its vast domestic market can compensate



Police officers are seen in front of a cargo ship with containers at a port in Qingdao

for any external impact. Even with the U.S. tariffs, China can still reach its 2018 GDP growth target of around 6.5 percent and the impact on employment will be limited, Wang Changlin, a researcher at the National Development and Reform Commission (NDRC), wrote in a post on the commission's official microblog account. Fan Gang, an influential economist and adviser to China's central bank, on Sunday flagged the possibility of a U.S. trade war as the U.S. economy faces pressure from China's rapid development. Discussion of the trade dispute also touched on the possibility of China leveraging its massive holdings of U.S. government debt, which has been dubbed the "nuclear option". Zhang Yuyan, a researcher at the Chinese

Academy of Social Sciences, a government think-tank, said China was unlikely to sell off its holdings of U.S. Treasuries as a tactic in the trade dispute.

On whether China will reduce its foreign exchange reserves, how policymakers think, I don't know. I personally believe this possibility is very small," Zhang said on Sunday in Boao.

China is evaluating the potential impact of a gradual yuan depreciation as a tool in the trade dispute, Bloomberg News reported on Monday, citing people familiar with the matter, though it said the analysis doesn't mean officials will carry out the move. The yuan has been nearly unchanged against the dollar over the last month as the trade dispute heated up and has appreciated about 3 percent so far this year.

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From Davos to Boao, globalization needs boost at defining moment

by Xinhua writers Liu Chang, Shang Jun

BOAO, China, April 8 (Xinhua) -- Over a year ago, Chinese President Xi Jinping vigorously defended free trade at the World Economic Forum annual meeting in Davos, impressing the world with China's staunch support for globalization. That defense has become more relevant today. Globalization, the historic process which has brought different countries and peoples closer over the past two centuries, is now under attack and regarded with growing doubts. Isolationism is rising, along with trade protectionism and economic chauvinism. In particular, Washington's protectionist pivot is not only worrying, but damaging as well. Over the past year or so, it has tried to bully its trading partners into making concessions by wielding the big stick of punitive tariffs. What's more, the so-called "America First" doctrine touted by U.S. President Donald Trump in Davos in January poses a serious challenge to the rules-based multilateral trading system once established by Washington itself. At this defining moment when globalization desperately needs support, the annual Boao Forum for Asia conference is setting the stage for President Xi to further define China's stance. There can't be any better venue. Boao, once a barely known fishing hamlet in China's southernmost Hainan Province, has today become one of the Asian country's gateways to the wider world with its annual global gathering that is gaining clout. The emergence of this beach resort is but one example of China's rise from an isolated and underdeveloped country to the world's second-largest economy. The magic formula for this is China's opening-up to the outside world and becoming actively involved in the globalization of the world economy.

Ironically, the Western world where globalization originated has now become hostile to globalization in one way or another. Skeptics argue that globalization, which means free and open trade, is costing them their jobs at home and their way of life. What's more, it seems that the policymakers in these countries are pandering to these sentiments, either because they too believe in the arguments or because they want to court votes. But those who rant against globalization tend to forget that the West remains the biggest beneficiary of economic globalization. The rich countries boast the largest number of the biggest multinational corporations (MNCs), like Apple, McDonald's and IKEA. These MNCs have operations overseas, where operation costs are lower, to jack up their profits and then remit back the lion's share of that, leaving the assembly line workers in developing countries with only crumbs. When Boao participants bring their iPhones to the forum, some calculations might be helpful before they head into brainstorming on globalization. John Bellamy Foster, a professor of sociology at the University of Oregon, quotes the Asian Development Bank in his book "The Endless Crisis: How Monopoly-Finance Capital Produces Stagnation and Upheaval from the USA to China." He wrote, "Chinese workers that assemble iPhones for Foxconn, which subcontracts for Apple (in China), are paid wages that only represent 3.6 percent of the final total manufacturing cost (shipping price), contributing to Apple's huge 64 percent gross profit margin over manufacturing cost on iPhones." But that's just money matters. Western powers' dominance of global institutions has brought them even greater payoffs. Following the end of World War II, the United States, along with its allies, has been leading the World Bank and the

International Monetary Fund, the pillars of the global financial system. Indeed, the post-war world order is seen by many as an age of "Pax Americana." So what has led to the rise of anti-globalization sentiments in the West? The key reason is the increasingly unequal distribution of the economic pie despite the fact that it is growing larger. According to last year's World Inequality Report by the World Inequality Lab at the Paris School of Economics, the top 1 percent captured 28 percent of the aggregate increase in real incomes in North America and Western Europe between 1980 and 2016, while the bottom 50 percent received just 9 percent of it. In the face of this widening wealth gap, politicians in some Western countries have failed so far to look inward in search of solutions. Instead, they look outside for scapegoats, blaming foreign countries for job losses and cashing in on domestic populism. Though the path to globalization has not been a smooth one, yet the reality is that the world has become increasingly more prosperous thanks to it. So the right way to approach globalization is not to abandon or even try to reverse it, but to embrace and improve it. China supports globalization because it has contributed to the well-being of its people. More importantly, improved globalization will benefit people around the globe. To make globalization more inclusive so that its benefits can be shared more extensively, Beijing has proposed the Belt and Road Initiative, and is asking others to join it in building a community with a shared future for mankind. In sum, policymakers in some Western countries should pull their heads out of the sand to find better answers to their long-standing socio-economic problems and stay open-minded. This may not be easy, but it is necessary. This year marks the 40th anniversary of China's reform and

opening-up policy. On the occasion of the Boao forum, President Xi is expected to unveil a set of major new measures on reform and opening-up, according to Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi. It demonstrates that, despite rising anti-globalization sentiment around the world, China remains a staunch supporter and champion of globalization and a fairer world order. The success story of the Chinese economy is a perfect reminder that the courage to push forward domestic reforms and embrace the outside world can lead to greater and more sustainable development. After all, globalization begins at home. blue-eyed soul and late-period Police — gets some extra crunch from the rhythm section and lead guitarist James Valentine, though Levine — who has a long-running comedy routine with Blake Shelton on "The Voice" — mostly sticks to singing. "We just get up and play our songs. There's no ... stuff," he said at one point and then executed a sort of high kick to show what that stuff might look like if the band indulged in it. OneRepublic and Panic! at the Disco, who played earlier in the day, also had some sing-along moments. OneRepublic is known for rousing pop songs such as "Good Life" and "If I Lose Myself," which they played Sunday, but front man Ryan Tedder also devoted a short segment of the show to songs he's helped write for other artists. It's something he said he wasn't comfortable doing onstage until about a year ago, when he noticed other people were covering the songs, too. But really, if you wrote "Halo" for Beyoncé, why would you ever stop letting people know about it? Young fans shouted out in recognition when Panic! at the Disco — they're often labeled pop-punk but are more like a brazen Vegas lounge act, especially when the horn section joins in — launched into songs such as "Don't Threaten Me

With a Good Time" and "I Write Sins Not Tragedies." Some parents, though, may have regretted their Easter entertainment choice when singer Brendon Urie introduced the band's new single, "(Expletive) a Silver Lining." Panic! brought the generations together, though, with a spot-on cover of Queen's "Bohemian Rhapsody." But until new pipelines enter service, the risk of Permian production cuts looms. Conduits in the basin are "full to bursting," pushing oil prices in the region to a discount versus the national benchmark at Cushing, Oklahoma, according to the consultancy Facts Global Energy. "The ultimate downside scenario is you have to effectively slow down on your oil production because you can't evacuate gas from the basin," said Colton Bean, director of midstream research at the Houston investment bank Tudor Pickering Holt & Co. We must move quickly to make changes in "the post-Harvey era." So I plan to ask the Council to vote on the changes on March 21. I sought input about the changes before I announced my proposal. The changes are based on feedback from a Redevelopment and Drainage Task Force made up of engineers, developers, architects, environmental groups, government officials, neighborhood leaders and others. Now I urge you to share your thoughts with us about the subject. You can send an e-mail to me at Sylvester.turner@houstontx.gov You can contact your district council members by starting at <http://www.houstontx.gov/council/whoismymc.html> You can write to Public Works Director Carol Haddock at pwe.director@houstontx.gov You can take an online survey at www.surveymonkey.com/r/houston19 This information and more is available online at www.houstonrecovers.org/houston19

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Cows graze on a farm near Sunchales, Argentina, April 6, 2018. Picture taken April 6, 2018. REUTERS/Marcos Brindicci



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Trump holds a cabinet meeting at the White House in Washington



Bolton listens as Trump holds a cabinet meeting at the White House in Washington

Infant mortality rates in Houston and Texas, thought to be greatly improved in the last 25 years, are still dramatically high in some communities, according to a new study.

The University of Texas System study shows that the state rate, actually lower than the national figure, obscures pockets where alarming numbers of babies are still dying before their first birthday. In some areas, the rates are nearly five times the national average.

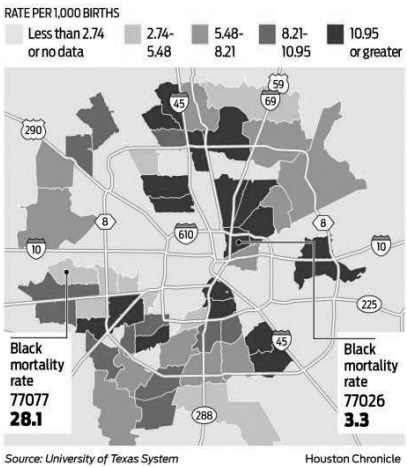
“We’ve made progress in Texas as a whole, but the overall rate gives a false sense of security,” said Dr. David Lakey, former Texas health commissioner and current vice chancellor for health affairs at the UT System. “Broken down by ZIP code, it’s clear many communities are still doing very poorly.”

ZIP codes in Channelview to the east, Kashmere Gardens and Acres Homes to the north and north Fort Bend County to the southwest had some of the highest rates.

Lakey said the study shows “one’s ZIP code is as important to their health as their genetic code.”

Houston’s infant mortality rate

Houston has made significant progress improving its infant mortality rate, but a new study breaking down the numbers by zip code shows they’re still terribly high in some communities. In some areas, the rates are double the national average.



Infant mortality, a measure of the deaths of infants less than a year of age, is considered a leading health indicator. It provides insight into the health of infants, mothers and the larger community.

Nationally, slightly more than six babies die annually for every 1,000 live births. In Texas, 5.8 of every 1,000 do.

Lakey said he expected there’d be differences in some areas, but nothing like the study found. In some Texas ZIP codes, the study found, more than 10 of every 1,000

UT Study Shows ‘False Sense Of Security’ In Stat
Infant Mortality Still Hits Hard In Certain Houston Areas

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Infant mortality rates may obscure more relevant facts.
By Todd Ackerman, Medical Reporter, Houston Chronicle

babies died before their first birthday. In others, there was not a single infant death in the four-year period studied.

He said poverty and education are part of the problem, but don’t fully explain it.

The study did not look at why such variation exists. Lakey said his team is currently trying to answer that question, but emphasized it was important to make the information available immediately so local health departments and medical institutions can focus their interventions.

“I’m glad someone is doing this sort of uncommon research, diving down to the neighborhood level,” said Dr. Sean Blackwell, chairman of obstetrics, gynecology and reproductive sciences at McGovern Medical School at the University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston. “You can’t improve outcomes unless you know where the infants are dying.”

‘Geographic Disparities’

Blackwell said infant mortality remains a big problem in Houston and Texas, overlooked with all the attention given recently to maternal mortality, the death of mothers between childbirth and the first four months after. Houston’s maternal mortality rate is higher than the state rate, which is higher than the national rate, which is higher than the rate in the rest of the developed world. Lakey said the new study, which collected data from 2011 to 2014, shows infant mortality is much more complex than health

officials previously thought.

Dr. David Lakey, former Texas state health commissioner

Texas has met national targets for infant mortality since 2012, for instance. Houston has lagged a little behind, but its 6.8 rate for every 1,000 live births represents



significant improvement from the 11.5 rate it averaged in the 1980s. Elected city officials at the time called the rate “a moral outrage.”

Despite the overall improvement, the new study shows numerous areas where the rates are well above average. Large swaths of ZIP codes show rates of both 8.2 to 10.95 deaths per 1,000 births and 11 and above. In one ZIP code in Kashmere Gardens, 77026, the rate averaged 28.1.

Infant mortality disproportionately affects blacks - Kashmere Gardens and Acres Homes are both historically black communities - but Lakey noted that race or ethnicity is not the sole explanation for a ZIP code’s high rate. The black infant mortality rate in the more affluent 77077 area in west Houston is 3.3, about eight times lower.

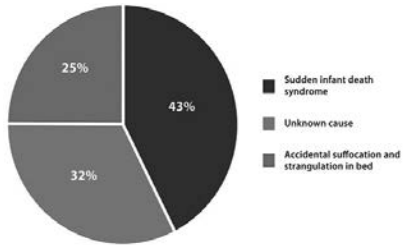
“We tend to think one number represents

all for each ethnic group,” said Lakey. “But a clear look at the data shows that geographic disparities are as great as ethnic-based disparities.”

Of the three major racial or ethnic groups, Hispanic women have the lowest rate of infant mortality.

Most Common Causes Of Infant Deaths

But their infant mortality rates also varied depending on where they lived when they were pregnant, the study found. In some areas of San Antonio, for instance, the Hispanic rate was more than double the



national average.

Community Factor

White women in Texas have a relatively low risk of their baby dying within the first year after birth, but they too fare worse in certain communities, with the highest numbers occurring outside the major metro areas. Longview and Wichita Falls, for instance, both had more than one ZIP code with a white infant mortality more than double the state’s overall rate.

Researchers calculated the rates of ZIP codes with 400 or more births between 2011 and 2014 depending on the mother’s residence at the time of delivery. The data were obtained from the Texas Department of State Health Services.

“Having a lower than average rate, nationally, is not enough when we know that there are communities where rates are tragically high,” said Lakey. “The sooner we can understand why babies are dying, the better off we’ll be.” (Courtesy <http://www.houstonchronicle.com/news>)

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Heat map created by researchers at UT Health shows Houston’s infant mortality rate by zip-code.

Using infant mortality rates, researchers created a heat map that shows Texas zip-codes with the most and least deaths per 1,000 births.

In Houston, the data reveals that neighborhoods just a few miles apart can have wildly different infant mortality rates.

For example, zip-code 77026, which includes the Kashmere Gardens neighborhood northeast of Houston, has an infant mortality rate of 13.69 per 1,000 births—one of the highest rates in Bayou City.

Right below is zip-code 77020, which includes the Greater Fifth Ward area, with an infant mortality rate of 2.51 per 1,000 births.



“There is substantial evidence that social, environmental, and economic factors at the community level partially explain this variation,” wrote researchers at UT Health. “Socio-economic status of the community, income inequality, and air pollution are three community-level factors that have been found to be related to infant mortality.”

In addition, researchers also broke down the infant mortality figures by race, showing that babies born to Hispanic women have the lowest rate of deaths in Texas.

Tragically, only 15 zip codes throughout Texas did not experience a single infant death in the four-year period in which the data was collected, 2011-2014. (Courtesy <http://www.chron.com/news/education/article>)

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WASHINGTON (AP)— Amid global fears of an escalating trade dispute between the U.S. and China, President Donald Trump suggested that Beijing will ease trade barriers “because it is the right thing to do” and that the economic superpowers can settle the conflict that has rattled financial markets, consumers and businesses.

But fostering more uncertainty, the president’s top economic advisers offered mixed messages Sunday as to the best approach with China, which has threatened to retaliate if Washington follows through with its proposed tariffs, even as Trump emphasized his bond with Chinese President Xi Jinping.

“President Xi and I will always be friends, no matter what happens with our dispute on trade,” Trump wrote. “China will take down its Trade Barriers because it is the right thing to do. Taxes will become Reciprocal & a deal will be made on Intellectual Property. Great future for both countries!”

But Trump did not explain why, amid a week of economic saber-rattling between the two countries that shook global markets, he felt confident a deal could be made.



U.S. President Donald Trump and China's President Xi Jinping arrive at a state dinner at the Great Hall of the People in Beijing on Nov. 9, 2017. (Courtesy/REUTERS)

The president made fixing the trade imbalance with China a centerpiece of his presidential campaign, where he frequently used incendiary language to describe how Beijing would “rape” the U.S. economically. But even as Trump coozied up to Xi and pressed China for help with derailing North Korea’s nuclear ambitions, he has ratcheted up the economic pressure and threatened tariffs, a move opposed by many fellow Republicans.

The Trump administration has said it is taking action as a crackdown on China’s theft of U.S. intellectual property. The U.S. bought more than \$500 billion in goods from China last year and now is planning or considering penalties on some \$150 billion of those imports. The U.S. sold about \$130 billion in goods to China in 2017 and faces a potentially devastating hit to its market there if China responds in kind. China has pledged to “counterattack with

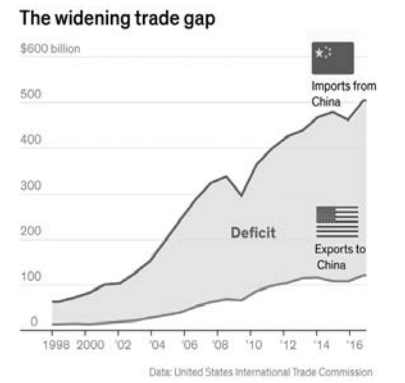
As Trade War Looms, Trump Says China Will Do The ‘Right Thing’

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great strength” if Trump decides to follow through on his latest threat to impose tariffs on an additional \$100 billion in Chinese goods — after an earlier announcement that targeted \$50 billion. Beijing also declared that the current rhetoric made negotiations impossible, even as the White House suggested that the tariff talk was a way to spur China to the bargaining table.

The new White House economic adviser, Larry Kudlow, said Sunday that a “coalition of the willing” — including Canada, much of Europe and Australia — was being formed to pressure China and that the U.S. would demand that the World Trade Organization, an arbiter of trade disputes, be stricter on Beijing. And he said that although the U.S. hoped to avoid taking action, Trump “was not bluffing.”



“This is a problem caused by China, not a problem caused by President Trump,” Kudlow said on “Fox News Sunday.” But he also downplayed the tariff threat as “part of the process,” suggested on CNN that the impact would be “benign” and said he was hopeful that China would enter negotiations. Kudlow, who started his job a week ago after his predecessor, Gary Cohn, quit over the tariff plan, brushed aside the possibility of economic repercussions.

“I don’t think there’s any trade war in sight,” Kudlow told Fox.

Treasury Secretary Steve Mnuchin said on CBS’ “Face the Nation” that he didn’t expect the tariffs to have a “meaningful impact on the economy” even as he left the door open for disruption. He allowed that there “could be” a trade war but said he didn’t anticipate one.

Another top White House economic adviser, Peter Navarro, took a tougher tack, declaring that China’s behavior was “a wake-up call to Americans.”

“They are in competition with us over economic prosperity and national defense,” Navarro said on NBC’s “Meet the Press.” “Every day of the week China comes into our homes, our business and our government agencies. ... This country is losing its strength even as China has grown its economy.”

Trump’s latest proposal intensified what

was already shaping up to be the biggest trade battle in more than a half century.



Trump told advisers last week that he was unhappy with China’s decision to tax \$50 billion in American products, including soybeans and small aircraft, in response to a U.S. move to impose tariffs on \$50 billion in Chinese goods. Rather than waiting weeks for the U.S. tariffs to be implemented, Trump backed a plan by Robert Lighthizer, his trade representative, to seek the enhanced tariffs.

The rising economic tensions pose a test to what has become Trump’s frequent dual-track foreign policy strategy: to establish close personal ties with another head of state even as his administration takes a harder line. The president has long talked up his friendship with Xi, whom he has praised for consolidating power in China despite its limits on democratic reforms.

Further escalation could be in the offing. The U.S. Treasury Department is working on plans to restrict Chinese technology investments in the U.S. And there is talk that the U.S. could also put limits on visas for Chinese who want to visit or study in this country.

For Trump, the dispute runs the risk of blunting the economic benefits of his tax overhaul, which is at the center of congressional Republicans’ case for voters to keep them in power in the 2018 elections. China’s retaliation so far has targeted Midwest farmers, many of whom were bedrock Trump supporters. (Courtesy apnews.com)

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Trump and Xi -- “Always Friends”

A new Trump tweet doesn’t explain why he’s optimistic about resolving an escalating trade clash between the world’s two biggest economies.

Trump says he and Chinese President Xi Jinping “will always be friends, no matter what happens with our dispute on trade.” Trump insists “China will take down its Trade Barriers because it is the right thing to do. Taxes will become Reciprocal & a deal will be made on Intellectual Property. Great future for both countries!”



The U.S. bought more than \$500-billion in goods from China last year and now is planning or considering penalties on some \$150-billion of those imports. The U.S. sold about \$130-billion in goods to China in 2017 and faces a potentially devastating hit to its market there if China responds in kind.

China has pledged to “counterattack with great strength” if Trump decides to follow through on his latest threat to impose tariffs on an additional \$100-billion in Chinese goods — after an earlier announcement that targeted \$50-billion.

The Trump administration also is pushing for a crackdown on what it says is China’s theft of U.S. intellectual property. Conflicting messages about the trade fight have come out in recent days from some top members of Trump’s team.



Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin has said he was “cautiously optimistic” that the U.S. and China could reach an agreement before any tariffs went into place. But he also said “there is the potential of a trade war.”

The new White House economic adviser, Larry Kudlow, has said the U.S. is “not in a trade war” and that “China is the problem. Blame China, not Trump.” (Courtesy https://www.theglobeandmail.com)



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最後古太 Lorraine 出嚟擋，俾 Mani 隊吃三杯。

香港文匯報訊 闊別紅館七年，古巨基今年五月再踏紅館舉行《WE 我們古巨基世界巡迴演唱會香港站特別版》反應非常熱烈，早前網上預售全部爆滿，公開發售加至四場，半日內又再次爆滿，英皇娛樂馬上為基仔再度追加5月10日一場，本月16日公開發售。基仔8日晚宴請同事，同事特製了加長兼夾極都唔斷的《加場麵》，令基仔也覺得好搞笑。而席間霍汶希叫基仔乾杯，古太 Lorraine 英勇地站起來，為老公頂酒，認真 Sweet！



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食特製長麵慶祝二度加場 基仔有老婆豪氣頂酒

古巨基日前宴請一班 TVB 幕後人員，答謝他們為音樂特輯《古巨基初心再體驗》和《流行經典50年》的辛勞付出。英皇一班同事為慶祝基仔演唱會反應熱烈二度加場，就特製了《大紅大紫火辣水煮魚麵》整蠱基仔，加長兼夾極都唔斷的《加場麵》令基仔也覺得好搞笑。

當晚英皇高層許佩斯、經理人霍汶希 (Mani)、演唱會部總監馮貽柏，及一眾英皇同事

均有出席基仔的《初心再體驗》慰勞宴，席間基仔最喜愛的“水煮魚”、“炸大腸”等菜上桌時，霍汶希就說：“呢三味特登點畀你食！炸大腸！祝你演唱會炸爆每一場！”而行政總裁許佩斯就話：“呢個熱辣辣長壽麵，慶祝你場場售罄！”然後當大家叫基仔夾最喜愛的水煮魚時，就發現裡面的麵條愈夾愈長，基仔邊夾邊笑手腳忙亂說：“喂，點解咁長？”坐在基仔旁邊的 Alex (馮貽柏) 這時就突然拿出一個加場牌子插進水煮

魚中說：“咁咁咁火辣就一定係加(長)場啦。”然後一眾同事齊齊與他飲杯，慶祝他演唱會大成功一加再加，令基仔既意外又開心。

其間經理人霍汶希叫基仔乾杯，但基仔就望住坐了去另一圍的古太，不停話“以茶代酒啦”，“問過老婆先，應該唔畀飲……”十分搞笑。古太聞言就話：“真係唔好飲呀！明日又要拍嘢會水腫！”然後古太突然很英勇地站起來說：“我幫佢頂啦！我飲！”Mani 見古太咁勇，馬上上前叫她一乾再乾，三杯啤酒急急下肚，古太不勝酒力明顯開始醉，基仔愛妻心切即臉色大變，叫 Mani 不要再灌他老婆。

問到基仔二度加場感受，他就謂意想不到同事這樣有心思為他慶祝十分開心，基仔說：“二度加場當然開心啦，好多謝歌迷支持，買唔到飛的歌迷，十六號要盡快撲飛，為咗答謝大家我會盡力做好個驢。”



一班同事向基仔祝酒，不過古太話唔飲得。

古太 Lorraine (紅圈者) 飲到面紅紅，愛妻心切的基仔影大合照時在旁傍實。



吳京享受電影成終身事業



吳京同關海龍、張苗及吳剛多謝所有支持者。

香港文匯報訊 華鼎獎8日晚在澳門舉行，吳京執導並主演的電影《戰狼2》得5個獎，包括中國最佳男主角及“最佳導演”、中國最佳製片人等，成為大贏家。

林心如則憑電影《嫌疑人X的獻身》成為出爐華鼎影后，中國最佳影片是文晏執導的《嘉年华》，中國電影終身成就獎則由秦沛獲得。吳京在台上說：“我離成功太遠，但很喜歡這個獎，我是一個動作演員，今天可能斷腿，那天可能沒了，慶幸自己就算將來打不動，也會很享受電影這個終身事業。”事後，吳京於微博聯同獲中國最佳製片人的關海龍、張苗及中國最佳男配角吳剛多謝所有支持者。

林心如感謝導演“虐待”

出爐華鼎影后林心如踏上頒獎台時直呼緊張，她謂：“與其說緊張，倒不如就是忐忑，其實提名時已經很忐忑，因為入圍的演員全都是有力量的，我要感謝導演，因為不是當初被他‘虐待’，就不會有今天的我，回想拍攝時候知道有小生命要來，我要多謝她，令我知道成為母親的力量。”

事後接受訪問時，林心如直言獲獎一刻有點感觸，表示這部戲差不多在一年多前拍的，當時結完婚，心情很幸福，但突然要投入悲情角色，衝擊好大，還懷孕。記得有一場戲要跪低，當時大家也嚇一跳，還有個墊在，但劇組也覺得對不起小孩。今次得獎，要多謝 BB。問到老公霍建華當時有沒有擔心？林心如謂：“他一開始有擔心，但各方面都安全就 OK，其實他還不知道我有獎，出發前也沒有跟我說鼓勵。”



出爐華鼎影后林心如多謝 BB。



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高海寧推廣江蘇文化



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香港文匯報訊 (記者 植毅儀) 藝人高海寧9日聯同香港江蘇社團總會會長唐英年出席“水韻江蘇相約香港”江蘇文化嘉年華記者會。本次江蘇文化嘉年華將在本月20日晚至22日在維園舉辦。

高海寧表示好榮幸今次出席活動，第一次同唐英年一齊工作，大讚唐生好 Nice、好好人。高海寧說：“我自己媽咪嚟邊是南寧人也是屬於江蘇的，自己也在江蘇省生活過13年的人，現宣傳當地文化，到時大家不用飛去江蘇也可品嚐當地的食物。”

鄭欣宜開騷不行性感

香港文匯報訊 (記者 梁靜儀) 鄭欣宜 (Joyce) 9日到香港九龍灣為本月假紅館舉行的演唱會進行綵排，綵排一段勁舞，之前傷腳的欣宜跳得十分起勁。欣宜透露個唱上會有一段跳舞環節，要跳近十八分鐘舞蹈，她謂因想開派對，所以揀了大家熟悉的快歌。

至於歌衫方面，欣宜表示服裝不會特別性感，會有短裙但內裡是有打底的，問到可會穿 bra top 開演唱；她笑說：“雖然瘦咗，但有可能拎個肚臍出來。”她透露腳傷後她就開始睇營養師，食營養餐加上



鄭欣宜為本月假紅館舉行的演唱會進行綵排。

運動，幾個月下來瘦了十幾磅，因為她也想減輕少少重量，令隻腳負荷減少，且不想剛去跳舞這環節，怕影響氣氛。問到她可滿意現時的身形？她笑說：“我不知幾驚瘦過頭，大家認唔到我。”欣宜又透露現時做跳高及轉身動作時腳患處仍會痛，物理治療師就指可能是傷口未癒合，所以排舞老師特別將《你瘦夠了嗎？》這首歌舉起隻腳的招牌動作，重點放在另一隻腳上，要重新拉腳。雖然辛苦，但她認為整傷腳都是好事，否則她會挑戰自己做更高難度的動作。問到可有安排舞蹈員抬起她的舞蹈？欣宜搞笑說：“你唔俾我畏高咩？其實我對 dancer 很好，有親手整嘢畀他們食，表演中大家有好多健康的身體接觸。(你抬起 dancer?) 到時你們入場睇咪知，一個抬八個，但輪流抬。”

袁偉豪尼泊爾做紙廠工人

香港文匯報訊 袁偉豪 (Benjamin) (圖右) 日前應護膚品牌邀請，一同參與尼泊爾之旅，二人透過親身體驗社群貿易夥伴 Get Paper Industry 的禮盒及紙張製作工序、參觀當地學校 Anita Milan Academy、進行大自然寫生及冥想活動，了解品牌對社會的回饋及喚醒對保護瀕臨絕種動物的關注。為了解當地人

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浙商百年沈浮史《平湖往事》今日開機 任達華、湯鎮業等齊聚平湖

由領跑影業集團、浙江平湖領跑影視傳媒有限公司、平湖翼軫文化產業股權投資基金合夥企業（有限合夥）、揚州瘦西湖影視傳媒有限公司聯合出品，省心影視文化傳媒（北京）有限公司營銷支持的平湖百年沈浮大劇《平湖往事》於4月8日在平湖舉辦盛大開機儀式。在平湖市委市政府、市委宣傳部的領導和支持下，用最快的籌備時間，投資拍攝啟動《平湖往事》這部反映平湖百年沈浮歷史、歌頌平湖市改革開放40周年優秀成果的影視劇目。此次，除了總出品人高橋，青年導演張華，制片人諸佳倩等主創人員悉數亮相，作為這部劇的出品公司，領跑影業非常看好平湖市的文創環境、政策，所以依然堅決的在2018年初，註冊成立浙江平湖領跑影視傳媒有限公司。借助《平湖往事》開機儀式正式宣布浙江平湖領跑影視傳媒有限公司正式落戶平湖。該劇歷經艱辛創作潛心磨礪，在黃金主創團隊的重磅加持下，“舍得”、“和氣”、“共贏”、“低調”、“敢闖”的平湖商人精神將在劇中完美呈現。

為了完美呈現平湖商人沈浮史，該劇力邀“老戲骨”重磅加盟，該劇不僅力邀香港電影金像獎最佳男配角，臺灣電影金馬獎最佳男配角提名的湯鎮業實力出演。還聚集眾多香港老戲骨重出江湖，讓這部有著濃厚年代感的電視劇盡顯風範。

對於該劇主演的期待值和熱議

度始終居高不下，在今次開機儀式上，該劇陣容終於正式曝光。曾主演電影《匆匆那年》，熱血青春偶像劇《偏偏喜歡妳》，抗日劇《亂世麗人行》、軍旅大戲《熱血尖兵》等眾多優秀劇目的平湖小生張寧江擔任《平湖往事》男主角。張寧江剛出道時壹直以健康、陽光的形象出現在觀眾面前，後期則被冠以“硬萌小生”的頭銜，這不僅緣於外型上的轉變，演技上也有成功突破。從《番號》裏的性格剛毅的刀疤政委，在《假如沒有妳》裏的身殘誌堅的運動員，再到《九河入海》飾演的底層小人物，張寧江也在壹步步實現自己的演技上的蛻變，在不斷的嘗試各種角色中，張寧江也磨練了自己的演技，展現了自己的多面演技。

憑借《夢想中國》和《加油東方天使》節目而被觀眾熟知的劉娜萍。在《隋唐英雄傳3》中，即使諸多老戲骨競相觀戲，其中卻總有壹些新面孔帶給人驚喜。劉娜萍飾演的“公孫玉瑤”則是新面孔中的不俗代表，在跟劉曉慶飾演的歐陽飛燕的搭戲中可謂風生水起，不落下風。正是這樣出色的演技，讓導演欽點為《平湖往事》女主角。

真實史詩原創打造，完美呈現“浙商”靈魂

清末民初，浙江平湖人民在時代的沖擊下走上經商之路。在歷史的沈積下走出影響時代的世家大族，這代人物經歷時代的變遷，繁榮似

錦的盛世面貌。但在洪流中他們也幾經風雨，歷經滄桑。都說時代造就“大”家，“大”家體現時代風貌。隨著時代的推移，他們經歷了抗戰，經歷了解放，經歷了改革，擁抱了新世紀，延綿多年的恩怨糾葛在時代變遷中迎來意想不到的結局。劇中也將展現清末平湖商人的經典故事，還原當地貿易經商實踐，平湖商人以“舍得”、“和氣”、“共贏”、“低調”、“敢闖”的特色精神構築生動展現。該劇總出品人高橋表示：“大時代背景下的大家族變革的故事，傳遞平湖商人歷來崇文厚德的精神，勵誌讓觀眾看到正能量的質感佳作”。

主創團隊經歷數年準備，只為“精神命脈”的傳承

為了還原真實的平湖商人風貌，對劇本的每壹句的臺詞，每壹個場景刻畫，演員造型，演員表演等每個細節都嚴格把關。為了真實還原大時代的環境，多次與當地文化民俗專家討論，盡最大力還原真實平湖面貌。再開機的數月前，演員們已經開始集體圍讀劇本，並以角色姓名相稱。

數年壹劍韜光養晦，傾力奉獻質感佳作。由領跑影業集團、浙江平湖領跑影視傳媒有限公司、平湖翼軫文化產業股權投資基金合夥企業（有限合夥）、揚州瘦西湖影視傳媒有限公司聯合出品的平湖百年沈浮大劇《平湖往事》暖春正式開機，據悉該劇將在2018年底播出，敬請期待。

張家輝與徐靜蕾《低壓槽：欲望之城》 “相愛相殺” 壹次虐個夠

在4月28日即將上映的電影《低壓槽：欲望之城》中，張家輝和徐靜蕾首次合作就演了壹對“相愛相殺”的“虐戀CP”，兩人既是惺惺相惜的對手，又是不共戴天的仇敵，兩人撲朔迷離的關係為電影的基調增添不少緊張懸疑色彩。

雙重身份行走於世惺惺相惜互為同類

在這座罪惡之城裏，張家輝飾演的於秋和徐靜蕾飾演的老板既代表了正義，又代表了邪惡；既想守護這座城，又想摧毀這座城；他們心中壹半住著天使，壹半住著魔鬼；當他們凝望著深淵，深淵也在凝望著他們，張家輝也曾表示：“我的故事裏沒有絕對的好人和壞人”。獨特的兩人因為有了共鳴，

命運開始深深地交織在壹起。徐靜蕾曾遺憾地透露：“如果於秋和老板不是對立關係的話，他們很有可能成為壹對”，但也就是命運的不可預知性使這對“虐戀CP”更受觀眾期待。

戲裏雙面戲外雙拼同為導演心有靈犀

張家輝在電影中蓄起長發演臥底，觀眾習慣了他短發精瘦的樣子，長發獨行俠般的他又怎能給觀眾帶來什麼驚喜呢？徐靜蕾在電影中亮出了光頭造型，壹改平日裏溫柔知性的形象，壞得瘋狂的她能給觀眾帶來哪些突破呢？而同為導演的兩人，不僅戲裏惺惺相惜，戲外更是心有靈犀。徐靜蕾很認同作為導演的張家輝：“我作為做過導演的

演員，比較理解導演的表達，當導演挺不容易的，他腦子非常清楚，非常自信，知道自己要什麼”。對此張家輝也回應道：“她在表演中提供了好多不同的感覺給我去挑選，我們是在非常順利的合作狀況下拍的”。

《低壓槽：欲望之城》由張家輝導演，張家輝、徐靜蕾、何炅、余男主演。由上海博納文化傳媒有限公司、天下壹電影制作有限公司、耳東影業（北京）有限公司、北京壹尺文化傳媒有限公司、喀什嘉映文化傳媒有限公司、燃燒映畫出品，由廣州誠澤投資管理有限公司、聯聯看娛樂文化有限公司、品今天下影視有限公司、星火制作有限公司聯合出品。影片將於4月28日公映，年度動作巨制，邪不壓正！

《全職高手》首批陣容亮相： 楊洋、江疏影踏上榮耀征程

由企鵝影視、檸萌影業、檸萌悅心、鳳儀傳媒聯合出品，方芳、楊曉培擔任總制片人，滕華濤任總監制、十壹月執導的熱血勵志青春劇《全職高手》，今日首度公布了部分陣容，並曝光壹組定妝照。由楊洋、江疏影、李玉潔、賴藝、楊廷東等組成的興欣戰隊正式集結亮相，踏上榮耀征程。

楊洋、江疏影領銜 興欣戰隊熱血亮相

電視劇《全職高手》改編自蝴蝶藍同名小說，講述了職業電競選手、被無數人追捧的大神葉修（楊洋飾），在人生遭遇被迫清零之後，韜光養晦重新掘起的故事。

在定妝照的發布中，最引人註目的是楊洋首次以“葉修”的身份對外公開亮相。透過對角色的精準理解，楊洋將葉修看似松散的，但實則堅毅、執著、身處逆境卻對未來之路堅定、篤定的人物狀態，詮釋得淋漓盡致。據悉，楊洋為了飾演好葉修這個角色，做了大量充分的準備。除了對原著進行深入的了解，在拍攝期間，楊洋每天都會將自己的表演狀態、對人物、劇本的理解進行梳理，並與監制和導演進行深度交流，其職業態度也獲得了劇組的高度認可和稱贊。

而在劇中，壹路見證和幫助葉修重新掘起的網吧老板陳果，則宣布由江疏影出演。在發布的定妝照中，江疏影展現出了幹練颯爽的壹面。在實際拍攝中，江疏影動靜相宜、充滿活力的表現，非常具有層次感，也體現了對人物的充分駕馭能力，將陳果的外在性格和內心深處的信仰和執念都進行了很好地詮釋。

同時曝光定妝照的還有手速奇快身份神秘的唐柔（李玉潔飾）、長相帥氣卻意外是個星座控的包榮興（賴藝飾）、有很強大局觀卻對自己缺乏自信的“飲水機男孩”喬壹帆（範津瑋飾）、熱衷於通過理論研究打比賽的數學天才羅輯（孫寧飾）、沈默寡言卻能洞察察言的莫凡（楊廷東飾）、老驥伏櫪希望再創榮耀的老將魏琛（白翔飾）、退役後繼續發光

發熱的伍晨（宋涵宇飾）以及看似個人主義卻在關鍵時刻挺身而出的安文逸（李俊辰飾）。

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為保障作品的品質，該劇也啟用了經驗豐富兼具創新性的創作團隊進行護航——由擁有多次大劇制作經驗的方芳、楊曉培聯合出任該劇總制片人，曾經執導過《失戀33天》、《蝸居》等作品的著名導演滕華濤擔任總監制，對《全職高手》小說有著多年深入了解和研究的新銳導演十壹月則出任導演。同時，劇組還邀請到了2012年DNF黃金賽冠軍、前DNF職業選手魏巍對演員進行專業的電競指導。

吸引到眾多大咖加盟，除了該劇題材的開創性、創新性之外，更重要的壹點在於，《全職高手》並不簡單地浮於對電競比賽本身的描述，而是透過這樣壹個年輕化、流行化的載體去映射現實，將“如果妳的人生遭遇壹次清零？”的有趣問題擺在了大眾面前。而葉修給出的回答是：拒絕喋喋不休的抱怨，也不選擇沈溺於對過往輝煌的追憶和貪戀，帶著信仰重新出發，堅毅執著地去找回屬於自己的“榮耀”。在葉修的影響之下，憑借團隊的信任和協作以及閃光的友誼，懷才不遇的喬壹帆，身處逆境的唐柔、叛逆少女唐柔……大家都最終找回了那個最了不起的自己。這些人物的境遇和他們的成長蛻變，都能與當下的年輕人產生強烈的共鳴。所有主創都希望通過對《全職高手》的創作，把作品中豐富的精神內核和熱血、向上的價值觀進行更好地挖掘和提煉，讓興欣之火，燎原於現實。

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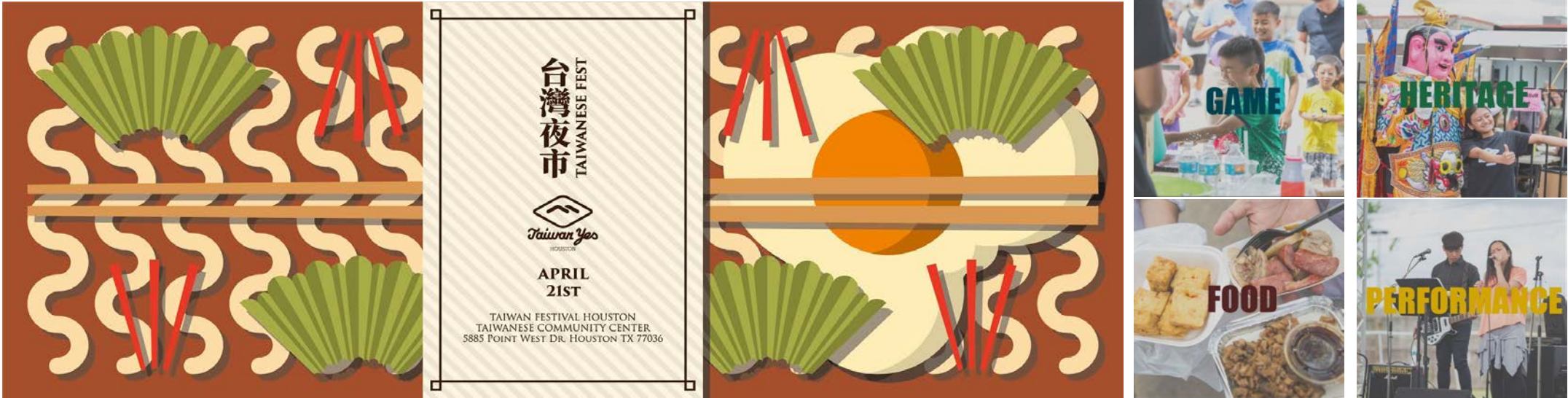
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美南僑界連署致函美國衛福部部長Alex Azar
強力支持台灣參與世界衛生大會



起美南僑界連署致函美國衛福部部長 Alex Azar 支持臺灣參與世界衛生大會（WHA）活動，支持台灣加入聯合國世界衛生組織（WHO）及會議（WHA），獲得休士頓僑界極大迴響。FAPA南德州分會會長鄭金蘭表示，台灣在國際社會中，對防止流行疾病和提供重要人道援助上有重大貢獻，美國聯邦眾議院今年初已經通過支持協助台灣取得世界衛生大會觀察員資格，該案並將送交參議院討論，僑務委員甘幼蘋及張世勳則表示，病毒傳

染不分國界，只有國際成員共同攜手合作，全球防疫才能零缺口，籲請共同支持台灣參與世界衛生大會，楊明耕、施惠德及黃以法也對臺灣2300萬人民權益應受重視作出呼籲，希望所有台灣僑民或支持台灣友好國家都來響應，支持落實WHA憲章「健康是基本人權，是普世價值，不因種族、宗教、政治信仰、經濟或社會情境而有所分別。」及聯合國大會第A/RES/70/1號決議「在踏上這一同道路（達成2030永續發展議程）時，我們保證，絕不會遺漏任何一個人」。

2017年臺灣雖未能受邀以觀察員身分出席第70屆WHA，但多年來臺灣積極參與WHA和WHO相關技術性會議、機制及活動，持續對強化區域乃至全球的防疫網絡作出貢獻，並致力於協助其他國家面對衛生挑戰，以共同實現WHO的健康是基本人權之願景，因此各方普遍支持臺灣應獲邀出席WHA。臺灣位於東亞樞紐，與鄰近國家傳染病發生態樣相似，且人員往來頻繁，因此容易發生傳染病原跨國傳播、交互感染，進而導致基因重組或變異而衍生新興傳染病原。然而，臺灣無法出席WHA及全面參與WHO相關技術性會議、機制及活動，因此相較於WHO會員國，臺灣取得疫病及醫衛資訊之時效多有延宕，資訊內容亦不完整

，形成全球衛生安全體系及健康人權的嚴重缺口。當天與會團體代表熱烈回應並積極展開聯署致函美國衛生部（HHS）部長 Alex Azar，強調任何將台灣排斥在外，甚至打壓的做法，不僅違背了WHO的成立宗旨，對台灣人民也不公平，更對國際的衛生防疫造成難以預期的負面影響，台灣2300萬人不應因為任何原因成為世界防疫體系缺口，籲請WHO實踐其宗旨與職責邀請台灣出席WHA，聯署活動將在休士頓僑教中心持續進行至四月十五日止，表達台灣作為世界公民成員，願意且有能力的為全人類健康、疾病預防貢獻心力。



在陽光下奔跑 傳遞健康與快樂
Katy 青少年体育学校推动锻炼幼苗



【記者韋寬休斯頓報導】父母能給孩子最好的禮物之一，是在他們小時候，培養好習慣，他們會一生受用不盡，而養成鍛鍊運動的習慣是其中最要之一。在Katy，由一群家長主動發起，帶孩子們走出戶外，迎向陽光，鍛鍊身心，逐漸發展成爲一個非營利組織，這就是Katy青少年體育學校（Youth Sports Academy）。春風正吹，在Katy的Seven Lakes Junior High School綠色運動場上，看到許多孩子們穿著不同顏色的球衣，由教練帶領著練習足球，無論是跑位、傳球、或是運球過人，小小球員們卯足了勁，在陽光下快樂的奔跑著，不時傳來笑聲。一旁的家長們坐在椅子上，有的爲寶貝們加油，看著孩子們在綠色草地上穿梭。有的互相聊天交流，輕鬆地閒話家常。這是Katy青少年體育學校的足球小聯盟活動，在春季、秋季各舉辦十週左右，聚集超過一百五十個家庭，帶孩子出來鍛鍊，也給家長們提供了彼此聯誼互動的機會。Katy青少年體育學校的發起人是劉建磊，最早是在2013年8、9月份，他帶孩子參加朋友在糖城的華裔青少年足球訓練，因爲下雨，當天的足球訓練提前取消，他到球場後與其他兩位朋友一起帶孩

子在球場踢著玩，這次經驗觸發他帶孩子踢球的想法。於是他與鄰居一起帶領了共8個孩子在Katy自己組隊，讓周圍的孩子在週末一起踢足球。沒想到，這樣的想法得到許多家長的共鳴，紛紛加入，一路的發展壯大，甚至成立了非營利組織。在摸索成立非營利組織的過程中，劉建磊累積許多寶貴的經驗與資料，而更難得的是，他把這些經驗與資料毫無保留的分享出來，後來糖城和梨城的組織者也各自成立了足球小聯盟，讓大休斯頓地區華裔民衆的足球風氣有了長足的發展。劉建磊表示：“辦足球組織需要有群眾基礎，在Katy地區約有兩千戶以上的華裔家庭，大部分是新移民。很多家長喜歡踢足球，在共同的愛好下，就把大家凝聚起來了。組隊的時候，按照年齡來分配，孩子們多和自己常玩的朋友一隊。”核心成員Jiayun Lu表示，Katy青少年體育學校是大休斯頓地區成立的第一個足球小聯盟，我們知道孩子的需要，能提供孩子更多鍛鍊的機會。學校的教練都是義工家長，他們教自己的孩子踢球，也幼吾幼以及人之幼。在場上，可以看到許多教練耐心的鼓勵孩子、引導孩子，教他們如何正確踢球、傳球，如何與其他隊員合作。球隊的發展一路受到家長們的大力支持。家長們義務擔任教練和球隊經理，很多家長做義工幫助球隊的發展。球場負責人楊誌勇更是每次比賽之前提前到場地，同時也負責分發球隊器材和其他場地事宜。劉建磊說道，Katy青少年體育學校是非營利機構，只收取少量的費用，而且取之於民、用之於民，都花在球門、隊服、保險、買球和其他訓練器材上，教練和義工們都不支費。學校非常重視踢球的安全問題，每個孩子必須穿著護小腿板（Shin Guards）才能踢球，並且在給教練和家長的信息中，不斷強調安全的重要性。每年的秋季足球賽季，青少年體育學校都有設立「陳世華足球獎學金」以紀念給球隊做過巨大貢獻的第一任主教練陳世華先生。目前已有數人獲得這個足球獎學金。參加活動的家長反映，孩子們踢完球後飯量增加不少，晚上睡覺也睡的很香。孩子們對踢足球的興趣很高，他們能和自己的朋友一起踢、一起玩，還能認識一些新朋友。誠然，足球有豐富的內涵和感染力，古代中國玩的蹴鞠是足球最早的雛形。在踢足球時，必須前後左右的移動，有助提升身體的協調性，並且全身各部位均能充分運用到，孩子們的反應也會更加靈活，還能訓練他們的獨立性與判斷力，知道如何面對各種狀況，學習進攻與防守之道。而練習時，需要他們集中注意力，也是培養專注力很好的機會。在足球比賽時，對訓練小朋友的團隊合作精神很有幫助，讓他們

