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Democrats say briefings did not support Trump's claim of FBI 'spy'

WASHINGTON (Reuters) - Democratic lawmakers said on Thursday they heard nothing in classified briefings by the FBI and intelligence officials to support President Donald Trump's unsubstantiated allegation that the agency placed a "spy" into his 2016 presidential campaign to help his Democratic rival Hillary Clinton.

FBI Director Christopher Wray, Director of National Intelligence Dan Coats and Deputy Attorney General Rod Rosenstein, who oversees Special Counsel Robert Mueller's Russia probe, held two unusual classified briefings for senior lawmakers of both parties in the wake of the Republican president's claim.

Trump's "spy" comments marked his latest attack on the FBI at a time when he feels mounting pressure from the ongoing investigation by Mueller, appointed last year by the Justice Department, into potential collusion between his 2016 campaign and Russia and whether he has committed obstruction of justice.

"Nothing we heard today has changed our view that there is no evidence to support any allegation that the FBI or any intelligence agency placed a spy in the Trump campaign or otherwise failed to follow appropriate procedures and protocols," Adam Schiff, the House of Representatives Intelligence Committee's top Democrat, told reporters.

Schiff said he was speaking for all the Democrats who attended including top Senate Democrat Chuck Schumer, top House Democrat Nancy Pelosi, and top Senate Intelligence Committee Democrat Mark Warner.



U.S. congressional leaders enter the U.S. Justice Department for classified briefings on an FBI probe into Russian election meddling in Washington

The briefings were convened to allow the lawmakers to review classified information relating to Trump's unsubstantiated allegation that the FBI under Democratic former President Barack Obama's administration "implanted" a spy for "political purposes" into

his 2016 presidential campaign to help Clinton. Republicans had little to say immediately after the meetings. House of Representatives Speaker Paul Ryan said in a statement that "I cannot and will not comment on a classified session" and that "I look forward to the prompt completion of the intelligence committee's oversight work in this area."

Foreign banks flex muscles in Australia as locals reel from scandals

HONG KONG/SYDNEY (Reuters) - Foreign banks are circling Australia once more as they bet on resources and infrastructure investment gathering pace at a time when local banks are distracted by a government inquiry following a string of scandals.

Some, like Barclays, are plotting a return to the market, which holds some \$3.5 trillion in banking assets and whose banks are among the most profitable in the world, just two years after an abrupt exit.

Besides Barclays, Dutch lender ABN AMRO expects to launch onshore banking operations in Australia in the second half, an executive said, while Italy's Intesa Sanpaolo plans to open a branch, a person familiar with the move said.

Paris-based Societe Generale is also planning to re-open a branch in Australia, several years after winding down its local operations.

Bankers and analysts expect more to follow suit.

Attractions include stronger economic growth, an expected pickup in investment in Australia's vast resources

sector as commodity prices recover, as well as ongoing infrastructure investment and a strong deals market.

"We are seeing a lot of European banks who have expertise in new areas such as renewable energy join the market here, whereas initially some of the Australian banks were slow or the return expectations were not to their liking," said Peter Davis, executive director for Asia Pacific corporate and institutional banking at ABN AMRO.

A high level government inquiry into lenders' misconduct also offers an opportunity as it is likely to distract Australia's biggest banks, who as a result of the hearings, have already imposed stricter conditions on retail borrowers, bankers said.

"I suspect the primary issue will be potential distraction of senior management towards the inquiry and that may mean that they are not as focused on the business as they might have been," Davis said, referring to the inquiry known as a Royal Commission.

Several senior executives have already resigned at firms including Commonwealth Bank of Australia (CBA) and

wealth manager AMP. Banks face the prospect of further regulation and more revelations as the inquiry continues.

The four largest banks - Australia and New Zealand Banking, CBA, National Australia Bank and Westpac - dominate the local market, accounting for 79 percent of gross loans, according to data from the banking regulator.

Australia's syndicated loan market data shows the share going to foreign banks has been rising, a trend that many now expect to gather pace.

While European lenders' took 17 percent of the market last year, up from 15 percent in 2015, Chinese banks including Bank of China and Industrial and Commercial Bank of China, saw their share jump to 11 percent from 4 percent.

So far this year, Australian banks had a 40 percent share of the domestic syndicated loan deals compared to 53 percent in 2015, Thomson Reuters LPC data shows.

Two bankers, who declined to be named due to sensitivity of the matter, said Australian regulators were also encouraging the entry of foreign financial firms to dilute the dominance of the country's large institutions.

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Shell makes deepwater Gulf discovery near new Appomattox platform

Royal Dutch Shell said Thursday it made another discovery in the Gulf of Mexico as it hopes to bring new life to the United States' languishing deep-water oil sector.

The Anglo-Dutch Big Oil major said the new Dover well discovery is positioned near its brand-new, multi-billion-dollar Appomattox platform that was completed and launched into the Gulf this month. The well is about 13 miles from the Appomattox.

That means the new discovery can be further drilled and developed through connections, called tiebacks, to the Appomattox to save costs, rather than build a new platform. The Appomattox is expected to start producing oil by the end of 2019 once it's fully set up. The Dover discovery is Shell's sixth in the Norphlet region of the Gulf where the Appomattox is centered. The Dover well is about 170 miles offshore and is located southeast of New Orleans.



A Kiewit employee checks out the corner of the helipad on Shell's new Gulf deepwater platform, Appomattox, before it's set out to sea on Monday, April 23, 2018, in Ingleside, Texas. The helicopter is the most common way to switch crews once the platform is in place in the Gulf of Mexico. (Elizabeth Conley / Houston Chronicle)



Netflix tops Disney's market value, becoming No. 1 media stock

Netflix Inc. soared past Walt Disney Co. in market value, taking the title of most valuable media company from the film, TV and theme-park giant.

Shares of the video streaming service rose as much as 1.5 percent to \$349.93 Thursday in New York, and the company's market cap neared \$152 billion, exceeding the value of Disney, which was down 1.6 percent, according to data compiled by Bloomberg. Netflix's advance underscores the high value investors place on the fast-growing stream-

ing company, which went public in 2002 and leads the S&P 500 Index this year with a gain of more than 81 percent. Disney is down 5.5 percent this year. Netflix increased sales by 40 percent last quarter.

Disney is responding to the threat posed by streaming services by moving more of its programming online. The company introduced a web-based ESPN subscription service and has plans for an additional offering. Little has 79 offices worldwide and 1,500 lawyers, including 32 in Houston.



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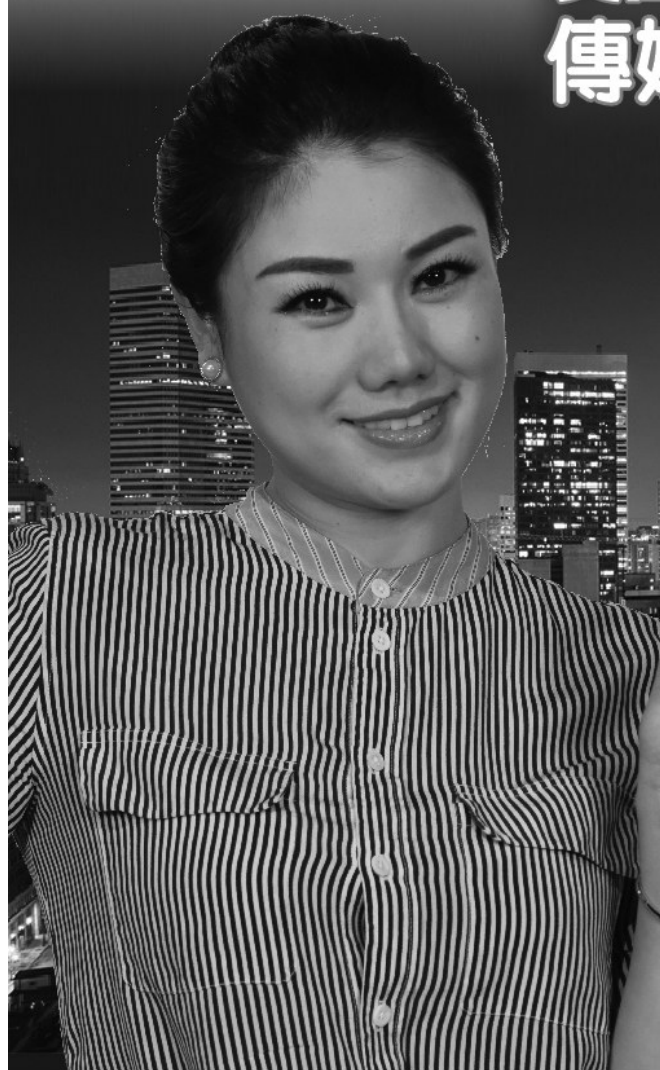


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North Korea's nuclear test center was completely dismantled in accordance with the decision of the 3rd Plenary Meeting of the 7th General Conference of the Workers' Party of Korea in this undated photo released by North Korea's Korean Central News Agency



Palestinian musicians perform in Jerusalem's Old City during celebrations to mark the breaking of fast during the holy month of Ramadan



FILE PHOTO: A Canadian Pacific Railway crew works on their train at the CP Rail yards in Calgary



A makeshift memorial left in memory of the victims killed in a shooting at Santa Fe High School, is pictured in Santa Fe



Maeve McGee aged 11 sits on a mattress outside her house in hot weather off the coast of Donegal on the island of Inishbofin



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A sign at a local restaurant pays tribute to the victims killed in a shooting at Santa Fe High School in Santa Fe



FILE PHOTO: Cast member Freeman poses at the premiere for "Just Getting Started" in Los Angeles

Texas Table Tennis Training Center (“TTT”), previously Edgeball Table Tennis Club, is celebrating its 10th anniversary and has received Congressional recognition. Recently TTT’s establishment in Houston, Texas, was recognized by the Honorable Congressman Al Green’s office through his representative Dawn Lin who presented the “Certificate of Special Congressional Recognition” to TTT Chairman and Founder, James Shu, for its long time service and contribution to the promotion and development of table tennis in the greater Houston area.

The Texas Table Tennis Training Center (“TTT”) has become one of the largest and finest table tennis clubs in the State of Texas.

Since its establishment and especially since moving to its present location over four years ago at 5902 Sovereign Drive, Houston, this center has become an instant hit and favorite playing location for many of the table tennis players in the area and from across the United States.

Most of the top players in U.S. have come and competed at TTT, including the following: Jimmy Butler, Timothy Wang, Kewei Li, Lily Yip, Mark Hazinski, Yijun Feng, Kanak Jha, Fei-ming Tong, Yue Wu, Jiaqi Zheng, Jack Wang, Ruichao Alex Chen, Cory Eider, Allen Wang, Sara Fu Hazinski, Angela Guan, Sharon Alguetti, Gal, Alguetti, Adar Alguetti, Zhirui Zhao, Gaoxiang Zhao, Kaden Xu, Junhan Wu, Sara Fu, Cheng Li, Yichi Zhang, Tong Zhang, Diwei Shi, Michael Tran, Yue Li, Victor Subonj, and other top players in this country.



Receives U.S. Congressional Recognition

Texas Table Tennis Training Center (“TTT”) Celebrates 10th Anniversary

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Dawn Lin (left) presents the “Certificate of Special Congressional Recognition” to TTT Chairman and Founder, James Shu (2nd from left), for the organization’s long time service and contribution to the promotion and development of table tennis in the greater Houston area.



The Center has a total of 12 Butterfly Centerfold Tables and has quickly become the “Top Five Butterfly Clubs” in North America. It has successfully hosted many tournaments, including the 2015 CAP Chinese New Year 2 Star Tournament, 2015 CAP All-Star Table Tennis Team Tournament-Houston, and Huaxia Singles & Team Championships in 2014, 2015, 2016, and 2017.

USATT CEO, Gordon Kaye, and USATT Woman Team Coach Lily Yip came to the Center for the presentation of prizes to winners for the All-Star Competition. (Courtesy TTT)

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Chinese officials around the globe are reacting positively to what many are calling a “trade truce” between the U.S. and Beijing.

“This outcome is conducive to global economic and trade stability and prosperity,” said Chinese Ambassador to the U.K. Liu Xiaoming. “Trade consensus between China and the U.S., the two major economies in the world, is welcome news to all.”

While in London on Monday, China’s ambassador to the U.K. praised the latest round of discussions, saying the agreement will promote healthier trade internationally. “In this latest consultation, both China and the U.S. demonstrated the responsibility of major stakeholders,” Xiaoming stated. “This outcome is certainly in the interest of safeguarding international trade order and promoting a healthy world economy.”

This comes after President Trump announced trade barriers and tariffs with China will come down for the first time as the administration promises to hold off on new import taxes for the time being.

The U.S. and China recently held high-level talks in Washington D.C. in which Beijing agreed to help reduce the trade gap. The proposal includes the East Asian country purchasing large quantities of U.S. farm and agricultural products. This includes as much as \$90 billion worth, according to the predictions of some economists.

While President Trump remains hopeful the tentative deal will be one of the best things to happen to our nations farmers, China also has something to smile about. Experts say the proposed tariff’s would’ve dealt a blow to the Chinese economy, which relies heavily on its exports — especially to the U.S.

The tariffs were expected to hit about 1,300 Chinese goods, including products used in fields where the Communist Party is trying to leave its mark such as in space tech and engineering. (Courtesy oann.com)

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Chinese Officials Across The Globe Praise U.S.-China Trade Truce

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Flags are placed for a meeting of US and Chinese industry representatives, in Beijing, on July 20, 2017. (Photo/Reuters)

China-US trade war truce?
Some of China’s major suppliers could lose out if Beijing diverts purchases to the US to placate Washington, analysts say



Exporters in Brazil, Australia and Russia could feel the pinch if China switches suppliers of some of its big-ticket imports to head off a trade war with the United States, according to analysts.

That was the assessment after two days of “constructive” high-level talks in Washington last week yielded a commitment from China to “substantially” reduce the trade imbalance between the two countries.

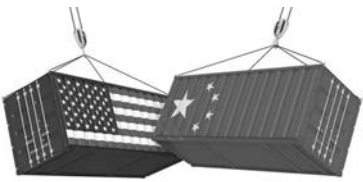
As a result, US Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin said the US expected American agricultural exports to China to rise by between 35 and 40 per cent this year and energy purchases to double over the next three to five years.

That could leave some of China’s trading partners, including its biggest soybean supplier Brazil, beef producer Australia, and even regional semiconductor makers,

out in the cold if China shifts orders to the US.

“The state-led efforts to increase China’s imports from the US will lead to trade diversion – other economies will see their exports to China fall as a result,” Louis Kuijs, chief Asia economist of Oxford Economics, wrote in a note.

Washington wants Beijing to cut the bilateral trade gap by US\$200 billion by the end of 2020, or more than half of last year’s US\$375 billion difference, based on US figures.



Kuijs said that target would be “practically impossible” to meet.

One area where Washington is hoping to boost sales is in agriculture.

US farm products accounted for about 20 per cent, or US\$21 billion, of China’s agricultural imports last year. About two-thirds of this was in soybeans.

China buys about 60 per cent of globally traded soybeans and last year about half of its imports came from Brazil, while the

Investment Corp.



Wang said Beijing’s fresh promises to buy more energy from the US

were largely political and would inevitably affect other trading partners.

Larry Hu and Irene Wu, from Macquarie Capital, said China’s promise of a “meaningful” increase in energy and agricultural purchases could come with a condition that the US loosen its restrictions on hi-tech exports.

China has been lobbying Washington to ease restrictions on hi-tech exports to China for years, and a relaxation would divert trade flows of certain products from Asia to the other side of the Pacific, they said.

But the statement released at the end of the two days of talks skirted the issue, suggesting tensions linger.

“[The joint statement] touched only lightly on China’s technology policy and did not refer to its industrial policy, which is highly controversial in the US ... underscoring that the broader tension is not resolved,” Kuijs wrote.

Also untouched were the thorny issues of China’s “Made in China 2025” initiative to support domestic technology and the US chip ban on ZTE, leaving the danger of a trade war lurking, Hu and Wu said.

“Trade imbalances could be a strategic weapon used by the US towards China, just like the vote on most favoured nation [status was] in the 1990s,” they wrote, referring to an annual review Washington used to pressure Beijing over other issues such as human rights.

At the same time, the truce – or delay – in a trade war between the world’s two biggest economies was in general good for the two countries, and in turn the whole global economy, said Wang Huiyao, director of Centre for China and Globalisation, a think tank based in Beijing.

“Avoiding a trade war fits into everybody’s interests,” Wang said. “I don’t think there would be ‘a loser’ [from the China-US agreement].” (Courtesy <http://www.scmp.com/news/china/economy>)

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「如果透過一部作品，能永遠跟20歲以下的年輕人連結，我就願意再來一次。」柴智屏笑說，她想像祖孫三代齊聚一堂，共同的聊天話題竟是《流星花園》，「想到這我就豁然開朗，決定全力以赴。」



手足相殘！大牙、韓瑜姊妹情將曝光？



三立台灣台八點台劇《金家好媳婦》精彩連連，繼高宇蓁上演「正宮大反擊」，狠撕老公江宏恩、小三張靜之的假面具後，沒想到韓瑜、周宜霈（大牙）的姊妹情也即將公諸於世。昨（22）日最新預告曝光，大牙為救出正在逃亡的媽媽鄭仲茵，不惜竊取犯案證據想助媽媽東山再起，卻被爸爸楊懷民逮個正著，無奈血緣至親，最終楊懷民仍是放走女兒，劇情恐怕又將陷入膠著。

最新預告中，楊懷民放走女兒大牙，任由對方將犯罪證據帶走並交給鄭仲茵，究竟鄭仲茵是否有望重新站起呢？另一邊，大牙對於黃少祺的

愛只增無減，拚命想將對方從韓瑜身邊搶回來，甚至找來警察、徵信社要告2人通姦，再次鬧上警局，同時，楊懷民也極力勸阻女兒「放下」，卻遭大牙狠噓：「我才是你的親生女兒，陳芷琳（韓瑜飾）和你根本沒關係！」

孰料，黃少祺的律師弟弟游詩璟卻稱「誰說芷琳姊（韓瑜飾）和民哥（楊懷民飾）沒關係」？險些將韓瑜、大牙為同父異母的秘密曝光，且韓瑜也發現媽媽劉美玲有張和楊懷民的合照，心中滿是疑惑，到底韓瑜和大牙的姊妹情會就此曝光嗎？精彩內容請鎖定三立八點台劇《金家好媳婦》！

堅持用新人 因為新F4 願意做這些事



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「跟湖南芒果娛樂合作，最大的關鍵在於平台願意選用新演員。」一般平台多參考網路大數據，愛用具高知名度的藝人帶動點擊率，但柴智屏不認同：「現在的觀眾看了許多韓、日、美劇，所以新版

《流星花園》一定要夠真實、夠美好，才能打動人心。新的F4必須給觀眾有默契的感覺，然而也只有新演員才會願意給劇組時間，與同劇演員培養感情及讀本。」

柴智屏指出，新版《流星花園》是為2000年後（出生）的觀眾打造，情節和台詞得符合現代年輕人的胃口，「為了讓觀眾聽起來舒服順暢，劇組有8位編劇隨時待命，除了讓劇情貼近現代，每場戲的對話，用語都經過不斷整理，拍攝前還得再跟演員一一對詞調整。」這也是整齣戲最耗工與費神的細節。

新版長達50集，拍攝期卻僅有145天，場景遍及上海、蘇州、深圳、無錫、長白山、惠州、倫敦7個城市，除了時間壓力，還得面臨氣候考驗。例如在冬天拍夏天的戲，演員講話都冒著白煙，後製亦無法消除；在倫敦拍戲突然下雪，嚴重不連戲，卻又無法重拍。柴智屏苦笑說：「拍連續劇就是一項不停克服困難的工作，而這齣戲是我有生以來費時最長、離家最久、也最辛苦的一次。」

女神張鈞甯美白妙招 維持飲食三角形準則，吃出勻稱體態

女神張鈞甯近期與大陸演員張翰演出電視劇「溫暖的弦」，點閱率竊破10億，因工作往返兩地，必須將自己狀態維持的最好，原來除了外在保養，原來鈞甯更可以說是身體調理的專家！

張鈞甯說要吃的健康千萬不要這個不吃，那個不吃，而是要盡可能的維持均衡，不過可以用分配的概念去調整，比方說早上要吃的非！常！好！好的澱粉（糙米飯），魚肉、秋葵、燕麥、水果、優格，蛋豆魚肉類都攝取到。到了中午，就稍微清淡一些，但還是要注意均衡，晚上則是將澱粉的攝取量降低。兒最關鍵的就是，吃食物的原形，拒絕味精和化學添加物。

大家應該都知道薏仁是美白聖品，不過卻很少人知道，雖然對皮膚好卻帶寒性，攝取過多可能讓女孩子身體太冷，不見得每個體質都適合吃。這個時候就可以「茯苓」取代，和紅豆、蓮子、紅棗一起煮，就是一樣很適合夏天，消水腫又美白的點心。

近距離看，張鈞甯的肌膚狀況根本無懈可擊，平時都使用成分單純的保養品，特別注意有沒有太多不必要的添加物。肌膚特別敏感的她真的不敢隨便使用保養品，即使很貴很頂級，張鈞甯建議每個人還是要先了解自己的肌膚狀況和需求，再來挑選哩！

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■早前於PMQ舉辦的首屆The Coffee Agenda咖啡生活市集，吸引了大批咖啡迷來交流。



讓都市人放慢步伐的咖啡文化

近年，世界各地流行咖啡文化，每個城市都有特色咖啡館，成為了都市品味的象徵。近年香港更有不少人加入咖啡師行列，連藝人陳豪、袁偉豪、馬浚偉也紛紛考牌，成為咖啡師。咖啡變化萬千，微小的製作步驟及細節都足以影響精品咖啡的口味及口感，亦反映出咖啡師的個人態度及風格，而咖啡館更是傳統的社交場所，同時也是藝術與知性的集散地，甚至咖啡種植場、烘焙工場等都成為熱門的旅遊景點。

港澳台都有不同的咖啡文化，記者走訪其中，發現了香港融入世界各地的咖啡文化與沖調的方法，同時亦體驗到澳門地道的瓦煲咖啡。台灣推崇烘焙咖啡，從沖調、環境及途徑等，細味一杯精品咖啡的時光，反映各地的咖啡文化。

採、攝：香港文匯報記者 吳綺雯、焯鈴

■馬浚偉

■琥珀社咖啡莊園裡，負責人在曬咖啡豆。



港：共融社會下百花齊放

早前，PMQ元創方特地舉行了首屆“The Coffee Agenda咖啡生活市集”，成為咖啡迷的聚腳點，促進咖啡文化交流。在國際化共融的香港環境下，香港的咖啡文化可謂集各家大成而大放異彩，無論酒店或咖啡館，都融入世界各地的咖啡製作，如手沖咖啡、冰滴咖啡、機沖咖啡等，身在咖啡店中，相信你都看到不少咖啡師使用。其製作方法及故事卻不盡相同，咖啡文化也反映當地文化及民族性，如早前的市集特別匯聚了以售賣世界各地特色咖啡的品牌，與你細訴一杯咖啡背後的故事。

Eumifairy店主Eummie於日本留學期間對咖啡萌生興趣，由於Usagi松屋式沖法細微至濾紙及金屬架都是特別研發，體現



■現時Nespresso已推出多款咖啡機，以供家居或辦公室使用，非常方便。

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出日本人對細節及精準度的追求，讓Eummie對Usagi松屋式獨有的沖法着迷，於是將此引入香港。

市集亦引入了韓國時尚精品咖啡品牌Bean Brothers，他們深明精品咖啡對咖啡迷的意義，不會沉醉於孤芳自賞，因此他們以為客人尋找其專屬的精品咖啡為品牌理念，首次以pop-up形式登陸香港。還有，源自印尼峇里的極尚精品咖啡Mr. Putu，其負責人張錦芝介紹其世界首創的冰滴古樹豆咖啡品酒師系列，這是與國際著名品酒師鄭英志Peter Kwong合作，特地在香港以展銷及網店形式供咖啡迷選購。

由於港人生活繁忙，近年還多了可在家中及辦公室使用的咖啡機出現，如單是Nespresso品牌，種類已多不勝數，最近還新推出Lattissima One咖啡機，用家只需按相關咖啡食譜要求於奶壺注入正確分量的鮮奶，然後放入咖啡粉囊，咖啡機即會接手餘下步驟，製作出幼滑的鮮奶咖啡，非常方便。

加上，大家不難發現精品咖啡店及連鎖咖啡店愈來愈多，有時甚至在商場的自動電梯底都有開設，港人除了早上上班時總會買杯咖啡提神，就算生活如節奏急速，有時在休閒時都想為品嚐一杯精品咖啡而放慢步伐，坐在咖啡店內慢慢地嘆杯咖啡，享受一刻的舒適寧靜。

其實，咖啡與工藝很相似，咖啡師與職人們同樣全憑一份自身的热情與堅持，不斷地鑽研與嘗

■不少咖啡師愛用手沖咖啡方式，即將熱水注入經烘焙以及研磨的咖啡豆中的沖泡咖啡的方式。



■來自韓國的時尚精品咖啡品牌Bean Brothers 赴港交流

試，結合傳統手藝與創意才能製作出完美又獨特的精品咖啡，與PMQ元創方一直支持的理念不謀而合。因此，日後香港每年都會舉辦這項活動，鼓勵創意推動香港的咖啡文化，為咖啡業界注入新能量。所以，現在有不少人學沖咖啡，考取烘焙師資格，相信是人們覺得在品嚐精品咖啡之餘，亦要懂得沖咖啡，讓人分外有格調。演藝事業已經十分忙碌的藝人馬浚偉，仍抽空學沖咖啡，他是非常認真去跟老師上課，練習用不同方式沖調，咖啡課上足全日，考試考足全日，在City & Guilds的International Award in Barista Skills拿到Distinction。他說：“同樣咖啡豆，同樣數據，成功取得不同香氣和味道……是因為沖泡咖啡過程不同，沖咖啡是高深學問！看着證書，很開心！是我可以憑自己的努力付出，得到一個認同！學海無涯，學而後知不足，我要努力溫習和練習。”他表示有牌後不一定自己開咖啡館，但若將來心意到來，不排除這可能。



■張錦芝介紹冰滴咖啡品酒師系列



■香港咖啡連鎖店如同便利店般，總有一間在左近。

澳：歷史悠久的瓦煲咖啡

在澳門，原來亦有其獨特咖啡文化，這與香港極為不同，其瓦煲咖啡是其地道澳門美食的象徵。來自澳門的澳門世紀咖啡，50多年來仍堅守傳統，沿用古法瓦煲燒泡，加上家傳秘方，炮製出保留上世紀60年代的咖啡風味。

瓦煲咖啡，顧名思義，就是用瓦煲煮出來的咖啡。你一定會奇怪，瓦

煲不是用來煲中藥的嗎，最多也就是煲湯，怎麼連咖啡都可以用瓦煲來煮呢？而澳門人就告訴你，瓦煲咖啡別有一番風味，那是用時間和心意煮成的咖啡。

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■瓦煲咖啡，需要兩次沖泡才成。

台：大熱手工烘焙咖啡

由於台灣亞熱帶氣候及高山地勢適合咖啡生長，故出產咖啡及手工烘焙咖啡成為台灣人一種有格調的享受，所以台灣的“小資”階層喜歡玩手工烘焙咖啡；不少咖啡莊園自行種植咖啡樹、加設DIY咖啡烘焙、泡出一杯新鮮香濃的咖啡，都就在一個莊園的咖啡廳。

有百年咖啡歷史的古坑荷苞山腳下，亦有着一個無毒種植超過三千棵阿拉比卡咖啡樹、十棵賴比瑞亞品種咖啡樹以及三棵羅巴斯塔品種咖啡樹的谷泉咖啡莊園。

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現手工炮製的原味，及一杯安心的台灣精品咖啡。莊園園主的劉易騰是專業咖啡師，高雄餐廳、酒店、星巴克地區總經理等人更到其莊園學習咖啡的歷史及實習製作過程，也有旅行團體來參觀及玩DIY咖啡烘焙，讓消費者了解咖啡的歷史及製作過程，並理解一杯莊園咖啡的價值。

另外，嘉義縣梅山鄉的琥珀社咖啡莊園，園主陳合德夫妻檔經營，從園區栽培管理到採收，到後製到日曬以及烘焙、包裝都一手包辦，製造出品質及安全兼顧的梅山二尖山咖啡，更與旅遊結合，遊客參與DIY咖啡烘焙、沖泡咖啡、烘培咖啡豆過程殊不簡單：首先要把咖啡豆去殼去皮，然後才放入特製金屬筒內用直火烘培，還得要邊烤邊搖動令咖啡豆烤得均勻和避免燒焦……當咖啡豆發出“啪啪”爆聲，代表已達淺度烘培，再到第二度爆響時就到達中度烘培，咖啡豆離火再攤平冷卻再研磨，然後就入袋封，沖泡，可即席嘆自己炮製的咖啡，或將之帶回家好好品嚐。

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