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As Trump amps up trade war, China plays nice with foreign investors

BEIJING (Reuters) - Long accused of protectionist tactics that make it a difficult place for foreign firms to operate, China is trying to reverse that narrative amid an escalating trade war with the United States, green-lighting huge investments and portraying itself as a champion of openness.

This week, China agreed to a \$10 billion petrochemicals project by Germany's BASF (BASFn.DE) that will be the first such plant in China that is wholly foreign-owned, not a joint venture.

It also approved a huge new wholly-owned Shanghai factory for U.S. electric car maker Tesla Inc (TSLA.O), and a \$2.3 billion joint venture organic light-emitting diode (OLED) plant to be built by South Korea's LG Display Co Ltd (034220.KS).

Responding to the Trump administration's latest plan to slap 10 percent tariffs on an extra \$200 billion worth of Chinese imports, Assistant Commerce Minister Li Chenggang said on Wednesday that China would not close itself to U.S. business.

"I want to stress that the Chinese government's attitude to support business cooperation between the two countries will not change, its determination to push forward reforms and improve the business environment will not change, and its stance of opposing unilateralism and supporting multilateralism will not change," Li said at a business forum in Beijing on Wednesday.

"They go low, we go high," he said, in an apparent jab at Trump as he borrowed a phrase used by former U.S. First Lady Michelle Obama in the 2016 U.S. election campaign.

The recent investment announcements came as Premier Li Keqiang this week visited Germany. The two countries signed commercial accords worth 20 billion euros (\$23.5 billion), including the BASF agreement.

Chinese state media framed such cooperation in the context of the increasingly bitter trade dispute with Washington.

"The trade war should push China and the EU to cherish mutual cooperation, because this increasingly scarce cooperation is becoming more valuable," China's nationalist tabloid, the Global Times, said in an editorial on Wednesday.

PROMISE FATIGUE'

As the threats in the trade dispute have increased, so too have signals from Beijing that it means to follow through on reforms. Chinese officials insist there is no link, and that it will open up at its own pace. Rising costs are also frustrating to foreign manufacturers

In recent weeks, China has issued a shorter list of areas closed to foreign investment, and committed to easing or eliminating foreign equity caps in sectors that include banking, insurance, securities, the auto industry, as well as in shipbuilding and aerospace.

But the string of announcements come at a time when there has been slowing foreign investment into China and more vociferous complaints about Beijing's market barriers and the difficulty of doing business in the world's second-largest economy.

And Beijing is still holding up at least one major takeover involving foreign companies - U.S. chipmaker Qualcomm Inc's (QCOM.O) deal to buy Netherlands-based NXP Semiconductors NV NXPL.O. That has been waiting approval from China's antitrust regulator for months, leading to speculation among investors that the deal is being held hostage to the trade dispute with Washington. Years of lackluster follow-through by China on its reform pledges has left what many in the foreign business community call "promise fatigue". Business leaders have been warning that if China didn't take real measures to address a lack of reciprocal market openness, it would sow retaliatory sentiment among its largest trading partners. And trade hardliners, particularly in the United States,



FILE PHOTO: A Tesla car charges at a charging station in Beijing, China, April 18, 2017. REUTERS/Thomas Peter/File Photo

had argued that Beijing would not make good on its pledges until other countries began imposing costs upon Beijing.

European Union Chamber of Commerce in China President Mats Harborn on Tuesday called Trump's tariffs the "sledgehammer approach", but said the root cause of what China has termed the "largest-scale trade war" in economic history began in China.

"The reason we are where we are is because the Chinese leadership did not proceed as quickly as we wanted as a trade community," Harborn told a news

Some in the U.S. business community, while rueing the damage caused by Trump's tariffs, privately say Beijing's recent emphasis on accelerating reforms may not be a coincidence.

"Tariffs are biting. The Chinese are less confident internally than externally. They have never been tested this way," a U.S. industry source told Reuters, asking to not be named given the sensitivity of the matter. Beijing has begun downplaying Made in China 2025, the state-backed industrial policy that has provoked alarm in the West and is core to Washington's complaints about the country's unfair trade practices. Propaganda authorities have also issued unusually strict rules limiting local media coverage of the trade war because of worries that unrestrained reporting could set off panic and roil its already jittery financial markets, sources within Chinese state media have said. And European officials have said Beijing is trying to woo the EU with market access in return for standing



A man finishes to charge his Tesla car at a charging point in Beijing

with China against Trump's trade measures, though the Europeans, who share U.S. criticism of China but disapprove of Trump's tariffs, have largely refrained from taking sides.

"By committing themselves to further openness. I think China hopes it can minimize the departure out of China of multinational firms," said Louis Kuijs, Hong Kong-based head of Asia Economics at Oxford Economics.

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Beijing urges U.S. firms in China to lobby Washington over trade war

BEIJING/SEOUL (Reuters) - China on Thursday said foreign firms operating in China would suffer in a trade war, urging U.S. companies to lobby their government to protect their interests, and said no talks to end the impasse were currently under way. Shipping containers and cargo vessels are seen at the Dachan Bay Terminals in Shenzhen, Guangdong province, China July 12, 2018. REUTERS/Stringer

Earlier on Thursday, South Korea warned that its exports of high-tech components could be hurt as the U.S.-China trade dispute escalates, Beijing cut its forecast for soybean imports and the Chinese currency fell as worries about fallout from the simmering conflict grew.

"We hope U.S. firms can do more to lobby the U.S. government, and work hard to defend their own interests," Chinese commerce ministry spokesman Gao Feng told a media briefing.

China does not need U.S. soybeans for state reserves: Sinograin official

Gao said no negotiations between the two sides were going on currently, adding "The precondition for negotiations is trust. From what I've learnt, both sides have not been in touch about restarting talks."

On Wednesday, Beijing said it would hit back after the Trump administration raised the stakes in their trade dispute, threatening 10 percent tariffs on \$200 billion of Chinese goods, a swift escalation after an earlier round of tariffs took effect only on Friday. While Chinese shares regained Wednesday's heavy losses, with the Shanghai Composite index rising 2.2 percent, the yuan fell against

the dollar following the central bank's weakest daily fixing in nearly a year and Washington's fresh tariff threats.

China has yet to say how it will respond after the fresh round of U.S. tariffs would bring to \$250 billion the total of Chinese goods impacted, once the latest list of duties take effect after a two-month comment period.

Last year, China only imported about \$130 billion of U.S. goods, so to retaliate it might increase the size of the tariffs it imposes or resort to what it calls "qualitative" measures, which U.S. businesses fear could mean reprisals against their China operations.

A survey by the American Chamber of Commerce in Shanghai found that most U.S. businesses operating in China oppose the use of tariffs in retaliation for the challenges they face, from an uneven playing field to poor protection of intellectual property rights.

The tariffs initiated by U.S. President Donald Trump have also drawn criticism from lawmakers in his own Republican Party, as well as from U.S. trade groups worried about higher costs for businesses and consumers.

On Thursday, Beijing cut its forecast for imports of soybeans - the most-valuable crop it buys from the United States - after it imposed a 25 percent retaliatory tariff on an array of agricultural goods, which could inflict pain in Trump-supporting states such as Iowa, Kansas and Towas

Shipping containers are seen on a cargo vessel at the Dachan Bay Terminals in Shenzhen, Guangdong province, China July 12, 2018. REUTERS/Stringer

China warned that higher prices due to trade conflicts with the United States would curb demand as farmers switch to alternatives for



A parking lot of predominantly new Tesla Model 3 electric vehicles is seen in Richmond, California

animal feed.

SOUTH KOREA, JAPAN VULNERABLE Concerns about the knock-on effect of the trade war spread on Thursday, with South Korea, Asia's fourth-largest economy, warning that components and materials - "intermediate goods" - used in home appliances, computers and communications devices could be caught in the crossfire.

South Korea's trade ministry said the trade war could be "prolonged and spread," adding that it would prepare responses and scenarios to cope with the economic impact of the trade row. Its finance minister also warned that the dispute would present "serious downward risks" to South Korea's export-reliant economy if the impact spread globally.

"While the trade conflict between the U.S. and China has had a limited impact so far, we can't rule out the possibility of a slowdown in the Chinese economy and a contraction in world trade should conflict grow and spread into the global market," Finance Minister Kim Dong-yeon said at a government meeting.

OCBC Bank in Singapore estimated that in a scenario where U.S. tariffs apply to \$250 billion of Chinese goods, South Korea's GDP growth could be reduced by 0.3 percentage point while Japan's growth could be cut by 0.2 percentage point.

"China's closest neighbors, namely Japan, Korea and Hong Kong, are most vulnerable to a U.S.-Sino trade war because they export mostly intermediate goods to China," OCBC said in a note.

South Korea's central bank on Thursday down-





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A parking lot of predominantly new Tesla Model 3 electric vehicles is seen in Richmond, California



Belgium July 12, 2018. REUTERS/Yves Herman TPX IMAGES OF THE DAY



France's first lady Brigitte Macron smiles as she speaks to the media during a visit at the Royal Museum for Central Africa, during the NATO leaders summit, in Brussels, Belgium July 12, 2018. REUTERS/Vincent Kessler TPX IMAGES OF THE DAY



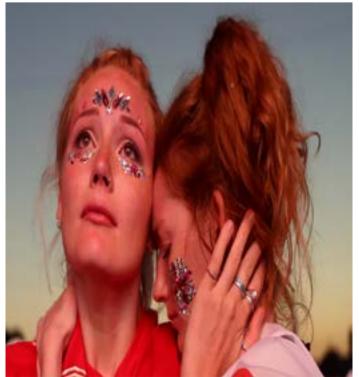
Revellers sprint in front of bulls during the sixth running of the bulls of the San Fermin festival in Pamplona



Internally displaced girls from Deraa province look out from a hole near the Israeli-occupied Golan Heights in Quneitra



Soccer Football - World Cup - England fans watch Croatia v England - Trafalgar Square, London, Britain - July 11, 2018 England fans react as they watch the match REUTERS/Henry



Soccer Football - World Cup - England fans watch Croatia v England - Hyde Park, London, Britain - July 11, 2018 England fans look dejected after the match REUTERS/Simon Dawson



World Cup - Semi Final - Croatia v England





COMMUNITY

International Trade Center, Burmese American Association of Texas & Myanmar Chamber of Commerce rolled out Texas-size welcome to Myanmar Ambassador to the United States H.E. U Aung Lynn. ITC Chairman Mr. Wea H. Lee gave an informative tour of the Southern News' printing & media facility tour and the meeting and news department venues. An MOU was signed with ITC and the Ambassador.

On the afternoon of July 8, H.E.U Aung Lynn, the ambassador of Myanmar to the United States, led a delegation to visit the International Trade Center (ITC) in Houston and began a one-day visit. The ITC delegation warmly received and finally reached an agreement on trade cooperation between the United States and Myanmar.

Wea H. Lee, Chairman of ITC and Southern News Group led on a tour of newspaper offices of the Southern News Group, the STV television studio and the news processing office. The tour included Chairman Lee's discussion of the history of the development of the Southern News Group. He detailed the current status of the U.S. newspaper industry and the opinions of the US media work today. At the same time, he also showed the production line of the Southern Daily News to the Myanmar guests, and explained the daily activities to the ambassador.

Ambassador Lin Ang spoke highly of the influence of the Southern News Group in Texas and the United States, and expressed appreciation for the excellent work of the SouthernNews Group. He also expressed his willingness to work together with ITC to deepen cooperation and promote the trade exchanges between the United States and Myanmar, and strive for a higher level of interests for the two peoples.

H.F. U Aung Lynn, Ambassador of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar to the United States

U.Aung Lynn has served in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs since 1983. From 2004 to 2007, H.E. U.Aung Lynn was minister/counselor in Burma's permanent mission to the United

Subsequently, the ITC delegation and the Myanmar delegation held a short meeting in the conference hall of the Southern News corporate offices. At the meeting, Mr. James D. Noteware, Vice President of ITC, told the Myanmar delegation about the basic situa-







Town Hall Meeting Held At ITC With Myranmar Ambassador U Aung Lynn

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tion in Houston and Texas, emphasizing that Houston is an immigrant city with a large number of immigrants, and that there are a large number of Burmese immigrants living there. Under such an diverse environment, opening up bilateral trade channels, deepening trade cooperation, and achieving mutual benefit would be a win-win situation.

Stephen Yoe, chairman of the Myanmar Chamber of Commerce, also mentioned that the people of Houston are very friendly and hospitable. As the fastest growing regional center in Texas, ITC has far-reaching implications for reaching this agreement. Ambassador Lin Ang first thanked the ITC delegation for their warm reception. At the same time, this is the first time he has come to Houston and was happy to witness the enthusiasm and hospitality of the people of Houston. The ambassador pointed out that this visit and talks will be an important milestone in the relationship between the United States and Myanmar. The purpose of the visit is to express the ardent desire to cooperate with ITC and hope that the two sides will reach an agreement on a series of cooperation issues. The ambassador also mentioned that the cooperation between Myanmar and Texas ITC can start from two aspects of education and tourism. These are the areas that can be expected to have great cooperation opportunities at this stage. The hope is that ITC can make efforts to promote the development of mutual cooperation and build a mutually beneficial and win-win future.

Following the talks, the ITC delegation and the Myanmar delegation attended a reception, signed a trade cooperation agreement, answered questions from reporters, and met with representatives of the Burmese people in the Houston area. Chairman Wea H. Lee,



Myranmar Ambassador To The U.S. **U** Aung Lynn

Mr. James, Ambassador Lin Ang and Mr. Stephen all delivered important speeches, congratulated on the success of the talks, and expressed gratitude to each other for their sincere cooperation.

Chairman Lee said that he had spent a long time in Myanmar and had strong and hopeful feeling for the country of Myanmar. Lee said, "Promoting ITC's exchanges and cooperation with Myanmar is what I have always wanted to do. Today, I finally saw the agreement reached, and I could not help but feel happy for both the people on both sides."



Southern News Group Chairman (3rd from left) led the Myanmar delegation on a tour of the company's print facilities.

Ambassador Lin Ang responded in his speech that he was very moved by the enthusiasm of the ITC representatives. Texas is a big state in agriculture, medicine, education, etc., and Myanmar is a resource country. Cooperation with ITC is a good thing for the people of Myanmar. It is especially helpful to promote Myanmar's economic development, attract foreign investors to enter Myanmar, and cooperate in various fields. The Myanmar delegation will also spare no effort to promote cooperation between Myanmar and ITC.

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At the reception, the two sides signed a Letter of Intent to promote trade, investment and economic development, to establish a direct communication channel between ITC/ Myanmar Chamber of Commerce and the Myanmar Embassy to open more trade channels for the people and businesses of the United States and Myanmar. Mr. Wea H. Lee is the Chairman of both ITC

and the Myanmar Chamber of Commerce and Mr. Stephen Yoe is the president of the Myanmar Chamber of Commerce..

Photo Essay Of Ambassador Lynn's Visit To ITC















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A daring rescue mission in the treacherous confines of a flooded Thai cave saved all 12 boys and their soccer coach who were trapped deen within the labyrinth -- ending a grueling, 18-day ordeal that claimed the life of an experienced volunteer diver and riveted people around the world. Thailand's Navy SEALs, who were central to the rescue effort, said on their Facebook page that the remaining four boys and their 25-year-old coach were all brought out safely Tuesday. Eight of the boys were rescued by a team of Thai and international divers on Sunday and Monday. "We are not sure if this is a miracle, a science, or what. All the thirteen Wild Boars are now out of the cave," the SEALs said, referring to the name of the boys' soccer team. "Everyone is safe."

SEALs emerge from cave The leader of the Thailand cave rescue says a medic and three SEALs who stayed with the boys in their dark refuge are now out of the cave. Earlier, cheers erupted at a local government office where dozens of volunteers and journalists were awaiting news of whether the intricate and high-risk rescue mission had succeeded. People on the street cheered and clapped when ambulances ferrying the boys ar-

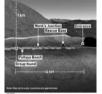


Members of the rescue team march to the cave's entrance.

Payap Maiming, 40, who helped provide food and necessities to rescue workers and journalists, said a "miracle" had happened.

"I'm happy for Thais all over the country, for the people of Mae Sai, and actually just everyone in the world because every news channel has presented this story and this is what we have been waiting for," she said.

Thai Prime Minister Gen Prayut Chan-o-cha said Tuesday that the members of the soccer team rescued from a cave in Thailand had been given anti-anxiety medication before they were brought out. There had been speculation that the boys could be tranquilized during their treacherous journeys out of the cave. As none one of them had any diving experience and most couldn't swim, officials feared they could panic. Speaking after a weekly Cabinet meeting



minister denied that the young soccer players were tranquilized before being rescued, but he did say that they were given an anxiolytic to relieve anxiety. "Who would chloro-

in Bangkok, the prime

form them? If they're chloroformed, how could they come out? It's called anxiolytic something to make them not excited, not stressed," the prime minister said

All 12 Boys And Their Coach Freed From Cave

Rescued Thai Soccer Team Grabs "World Cup" Victory With Rescue

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Thai rescue teams arrange a water pumping system at the entrance to a flooded cave complex.

Trump congratulates Thailand cave rescuers U.S. President Donald Trump on Tuesday congratulated rescuers who saved a Thai soccer team that had been trapped in a cave amid rising floodwaters."On behalf of the United States, congratulations to the Thai Navy SEALs and all on the successful rescue of the 12 boys and their coach from the treacherous cave in Thailand." Mr. Trump tweeted. "Such a beautiful moment - all freed, great job!"



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The last remaining member of the Wild Boars soccer team and their coach were pulled out of a flooded cave in Thailand on Tuesday, bringing an end to a near three-week ordeal that prompted a huge international rescue effort. The twelfth boy and his coach were the last of the team to be rescued after a complicated three-day operation to extricate the team, who became trapped on June 23 when rising flood water cut off the exit, deep inside the cave. In the last 18 days, what began as a local search for the missing 13 turned into a complex rescue operation, involving hundreds of experts who flew in from around the world to help. The parents of the boys have maintained a constant vigil outside the cave since they went



missing, praying for their safe return.

The entire Thai soccer team and their coach have been rescued.

The drama has captivated people worldwide as cave experts grappled with the problem of how to free the young, malnourished boys, some of whom couldn't swim, from a flooded cavern as monsoon rains threatened to raise water levels even further. The final boy and his coach rescued Tuesday are still being treated at an onsite medical center, while three other boys have been transported to a nearby hospital where eight of their teammates are recuperating after being rescued Sunday and Monday. The ninth boy has now arrived at the hospital in Chiang Rai. The 10th and 11th boys are not far behind. Conditions unknown. A small number of Navy SEALs, including a doctor who stayed with the team for a week after their discovery, remain in the cave system and are expected to emerge



The Thai soccer team shown trapped in cave. This image, taken from video on Monday, July 2, shows the team trapped inside the cave. That was the day divers found them alive.

"Waiting for four more Thai Navy SEALs (to come out of the cave) who have been accompanying the kids. Please send your support to them," says a post on their official Facebook site. Another post, confirming the rescue of all 13 stranded members of the team, said: "We are not sure if this is a miracle, a science or what. All the thirteen Wild Boars are now out of the cave." Nineteen divers entered the cave at 10 a.m. local time Tuesday (11 p.m. Monday ET), many on their third mission in three days, with the aim of bringing everyone inside the cave out. Tuesday's rescue took nine hours in total, from the time the divers entered the cave to bringing out the boys and their coach.

Rescued boys recovering in hospital

Earlier Tuesday, more details emerged about the ages and condition of the children already freed from the cave. All eight boys rescued on Sunday and Monday are being treated in an isolation ward in a Chiang Rai hospital. Medical officials told reporters Tuesday that they're healthy, fever-free, mentally fit and "seem to be in high spirits.



Thai hospital staff and a police officer at Chiangrai Prachanukroh Hospital in Chiang Rai province, Thailand, 10 July 2018.

Jedsada Chokedamrongsook, the permanent secretary of the Thai Health Ministry, said the first group of boys taken out on Sunday were aged 14 to 16. Their body temperatures were very low when they emerged, and two are suspected of having lung inflammation.

Families of the first four have been able to see their children through a glass window, Chokedamrongsook said. They were also able to talk on the phone. They'll be allowed to enter the room if tests show the boys are free of

The second group freed on Monday were aged 12 to 14. One had a very slow heartbeat but had responded well to treatment, Chokedamrongsook said. The hospital has sent test samples from the boys to a lab in Bangkok.

Authorities will likely look for signs of Histoplasmosis, also known as "cave disease," an infection caused by breathing in spores of a fungus often found in bird and bat droppings, according to the Mayo Clinic.

They are all likely to stay in hospital for seven days due to their weakened immune systems.

Thai Prime Minister Gen. Prayut Chan-ocha visited the hospital Monday, and spoke to rel-



Prime minister Prayut Chan-ocha gives support to the families of the rescued boys and thanks hospital staff for taking care of the Wild Boar soccer team members being treated at the Chiang Rai Prachanookroh hospital.

Treacherous conditions Divers involved in the rescue described

treacherous conditions, with fast-moving shallow water passing through very narrow passages.

"This is the hardest mission we've ever done. The lower the water is getting, the stronger the current. It's stronger now. Every step of the extraction is risky," said Narongsuk Keasub, a diver for the Electricity Generating Authority of Thailand. He's one of a group of divers whose job is to transport air tanks into the tunnels for the SEAL teams. Before the final rescue, he told CNN that divers inside the cave faced a number of challenges.



Onlookers watch and cheer as ambulances deliver boys rescued from a cave in northern Thailand to hospital in Chiang Rai after they were transported by helicopters.

(Lauren DeCicca/Getty Images) We can only see our hands (at a) short distance. Secondly, the stones are razor sharp which is dangerous for our diving, (and) thirdly the passage is very narrow, he said.

During the hours-long trip out of the cave, each boy was accompanied underwater by two divers helping them navigate the dark, murky water. The most dangerous part is the first kilometer, during which the divers and boys are required to squeeze through a narrow, flooded channel.Rescuers need to hold the boys' oxygen tanks in front of them and swim pencil-like through submerged holes. Having completed this section, the boys are then handed over to separate, specialist rescue teams, who help assist them through the remainder of the cave, much of which they can wade through. (Courtesy https://www.cnn.com)





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「《搭錯車》是我出道以來最大 考驗!」在排練前期過程,丁噹 壓力大到不斷排練,連晚上睡覺 作夢時也反覆練著台詞、不停走 位,笑說:「連夢裡都好忙,一 直反覆演過好幾遍,醒來後感覺 自己像沒睡,腦壓超大!」

演出長達150分鐘,加上斥資 台幣千萬製作旗艦版虛實舞台, 澎湃感動精彩絕倫的《搭錯車》 ,6日在媒體見證下,呈現最具張 力的精彩片段。丁噹飾演一直想 當歌手的阿美,如願簽入經紀公 司,成爲經紀公司老闆力捧的新 星,卻讓同公司的過氣藝人沈妮 心裡很不是滋味, 在阿美全球個 唱巡迴發表會的記者會上,揭發 她不是「人生勝利組」的假身份 , 阿美卻宛如傀儡般只能任由老 闆擺佈,讓才剛要展翅高飛的 《我是一隻小小鳥》面臨了擁抱 親情、追求理想的雙重考驗,這 段如電影般盛大而華麗的排舞, 舞蹈編排最後一幕全體演員呈現 「耶穌與十二門徒」最後的晚餐 著名舞畫面,詮釋著阿美被出賣 的心境,感動催淚,可說驚豔全 場。而其中丁噹宛如傀儡被不斷 地被搬運、擺弄,在排練過程全 身瘀青,但她說:「身體有受傷 ,但心是富足的。」

《搭錯車》演歌舞三技能進 擊,丁噹稱是出道以來最大考驗



面對歌、舞、劇150分鐘渾身 解數三拼登場,於演唱會的表海 型式大大不同,即使丁噹身經百 戰,但還是讓她戰戰兢兢,她謙 虚地表示:「雖說唱歌是我的本 業,但這次又演又唱又舞,如 全心投入阿美角色,難度加不 看到每一個演員的都卯足了都 行魔鬼訓練,而且演唱功力都不 是蓋的啦!怎麼每個都那麼會唱 ! 又那麼會演,跟他們一起排練 學習到很多!

《搭錯車》音樂劇籌備快兩 年,經過四個月的密訓,所有演 員全神貫注排練,爲音樂劇推掉 不少商演及邀約,但卻覺得收獲 滿滿,陳乃榮爲戲健身,同時也 練出完美線條,他說:「爲了 《搭錯車》音樂劇,積極運動, 體脂肪兩個月減少6%,但最大的 挑戰在於改變自己習慣表演方式 ,紮實地養成音樂劇的表演能量 與節奏,融合歌手與演員的角色 。」同樣也爲戲健身的演員蕭景 鴻,排練至今己瘦了6公斤,他說 :「非常期待,充滿挑戰性的旋 轉移動舞台背景,在華麗的燈光 下更顯得栩栩如生設計感十足, 能夠站上這舞台真的很感動!」 更透露在下台中前興奮到失眠。 飾演亞叔的王柏森,更被爆料其 實是三位男主角中身材最好,他 自信地說:「我每天可以一千下 伏地挺身!」同時也表示這是自己第21部音樂劇,一切有如美夢成真的感覺,這部戲他也爬到三層樓高的鴿舍舞台演唱,也是一大挑戰,所有辛苦與努力將在北中南六場完整呈現。

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在音樂劇中有兩位反派角色 ,絲絲入扣的精湛演技,令所有 人眼睛爲之一亮,一位是飾演經 紀人的江翊睿,現爲神秘失控人 聲樂團主唱/藝術總監,也曾演出 多部音樂劇,包括代表作《四月 望雨》,這次爲了《搭錯車》演 出獻出許多「第一次」,他說: 「第一次擔任戲中的大反派,第 一次唱Rap跳熱舞,還有第一次跳 探戈!之前曾經沉寂了兩年沒在 大劇場演出,專注於音樂劇教學 跟推廣,沒想到一回歸舞台就是 參加這樣超經典,超規模,由能 演更超能唱的丁噹領軍的夢幻卡 司,以及台前幕後得獎無數的團 隊,都一心一意只想讓這部從經

另一位飾演過氣天后的沈妮 則由知名女演員張詩盈飾演,她 曾以電影《父後七日》入圍第47 屆金馬獎「最佳女配角」及「最 佳新演員」獎、榮獲第12屆台北 電影節「最佳女配角獎」等多項 獎殊榮,出色演技相當搶眼,能 夠參與《搭錯車》演出感到萬分 感謝,不改幽默本色,開玩笑說 :「好了,客氣話說完要來爆點 料了。畢竟這次我飾演天后,而 丁噹氣場即使戴了面具還是籠罩 全場。於是,在排練場我們一直 默默的在過一些招。好比噹姐與 乃榮在某次排練時『不小心』被 撩起裙子露出安全褲,於是我便 跟乃榮發展了些巴黎鐵塔倒過來 翻過去的招。」但其實所有演員 感情都很好,在排練場互相打鬧 一片和樂。

《搭錯車》集結劇場界頂尖 設計、技術群全力創造千萬製作 虚實舞台,將廢墟、陽台、城市 、頂樓加蓋、酒吧、排練場、君 邁家與辦公室等各種不同空間, 利用舞台旋轉、開合、移動「轉 眼,之間呈現,隨著劇本的時間 流動和空間變化迅速流暢切換不 同的場景,《搭錯車》也是首部 在臺中國家歌劇院使用旋轉舞台 的音樂劇,同時也另有舞台設計 本身採用開合移動結構,都會帶 給觀眾耳目一新的感受。影像視 訊則採用逐格手繪製作的方式, 以手繪的方式一張一張畫出,展 現《搭錯車》特有的溫度與質感 ,隨著阿美感受哀傷又溫暖的深 刻故事。

《搭錯車》音樂劇即將「到站」,邀請北中南歌迷「上車」,收錄《搭錯車》音樂劇28首歌的原聲帶將在7月7日首場演出正式發行!《搭錯車》在7月7日、8日於臺中國家歌劇院大劇院開演起跑,7月14日、15日臺北國家戲劇院、7月20日、21日高雄市立文化中心至德堂演出,憑現場購買原聲帶還可參加:王柏森、丁噹、陳乃榮、蕭景鴻(阿弟)四位主要演員會後簽名會。

我食故我在 系列影片 破除飲食迷思

食安事件頻傳,許多網路傳言,讓民眾更添困擾。爲了釐清關於飲食的各種迷思,在科技部補助下,台大教授與傳播公司合作,拍攝一系列影片,希望幫消費者建立正確觀念,減少恐慌,也恢復對吃的

食物除了追求美味,要怎麼吃才能健康、長壽!在科技部補助下,台大與傳播公司合作拍影片,透過科學研究結果的呈現,要破除流傳有關飲食的各種迷思。

製作人袁瑗說:「影片其實要強調的,就是其實什麼都可以吃,不要因爲你今天聽到了塑化劑,然後吃了就會得癌症,這些都是以訛傳訛,其實所謂的中毒應該是你的量過多,你在你的身體裡頭,它其實會有一個可以去把它排泄的一個

機制。

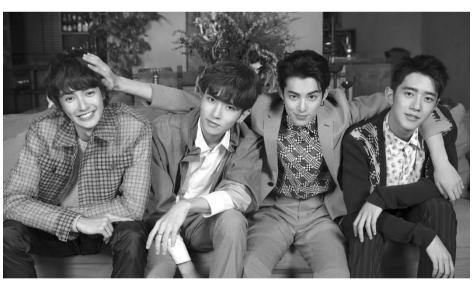
系列影片歷時3年完成,總共 8集,影片裡回答國人常有的問題 ,比如年長者該怎樣透過飲食來保 健,不同體形的人該怎麼吃以及上 班族如何控制飲食。

計劃主持人黃青真說:「我們看到的傳播或者是網路的新聞消息,都只告訴你你該怎麼吃吃什什麼就對了,吃這個不要吃,那個不要吃,什麼多吃一點,這就是我們拍攝這一系列影片的主要目的,讓大家能夠了解它背後的科學原由。」

影片挑戰與民眾息息相關的生 活議題,以類戲劇、情境劇手法、 動畫加上深度訪談,藉此解答民眾 疑惑,宣導正確資訊,來重建民眾 對吃的信心。

新版《流星花園》道明寺變學霸

典電影改編的音樂劇,再創經典



台灣偶像劇教母柴智屏重新 打造新版《流星花園》受矚目, 但《流星花園》故事結構已被觀 眾熟悉,新版各種設定都會被拿 來與舊版比較、受到討論,大陸 網友就在微博上討論起「道明寺 (王鶴棣飾)變學霸」的設定, 因過去舊版中,男主角「道明動 」連成語都會說錯的「單細胞動 物」傻樣,是觀眾喜愛、認爲他 可愛之處。

新版《流星花園》找來郭采潔客串演出新聞系的學姊,劇中不但用本名「郭采潔」自我介紹,還爲沈月飾演的女主角杉菜「簡介」F4,其中提到:「不但能申請到優等的獎學金,而且至少都會三國語言,他們不只會讀

書,還很有生活品味…

網友虧笑稱,「道明寺」就該好好打架、開跑車,根本不用讀書,「學霸」的設定,劇中卻仍有許多低智商的行為,讓網友直呼看了好尷尬。

另外,官鴻飾演的 花澤類教衫菜倒立就不 會流淚的經典橋段,在 新版中仍出現,但網友 卻發現,「花澤類」倒 立竟然劉海依然「屹立 不搖」,因此猜測,官 鴻在詮釋這個橋段時, 應該是站著拍的。

另外,在此前曝光的片花中,杉菜的扮演者沈月和 F4之間的「身高差」引起大家的 關注。

面對這個問題,沈月笑言: 「其實也還好,我們的困難基本 上都可以靠一個蘋果箱來解決, F4也會天天『嫌棄』我矮,還給 我取外號叫『小矮子』。」

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志偉11日晚參與《Good

與林曉峰等人



志偉踩入ViuTV的直播室。

三 《Good Night Show 全民睇波派 對》,觀眾見志偉現身同感意外並尖叫。 其後,志偉更直踩入ViuTV直播室,而且活 動上一直談笑風生。

志偉是合作多年的好拍檔,但他也是節目開始 前才知道志偉會出現,阿Lo説: "我諗鏡頭前 都會見到我塊臉'立立令',我緊張到滲汗。見 到阿爸(志偉)竟然成part稿都唔記得咗,所以不 時要搵位坐低背稿!"志偉見到阿Lo同樣興奮 説: "最想唔到會喺呢度見面,仲一齊做世界 盃,好OK呀!"

12日志偉以明星足球隊名義拉大隊前往俄羅 斯欣賞世界盃本周日的終極大戰,其他成員尚有 羅家英、汪明荃、許志安、梁漢文、泰迪羅賓、 吳國敬、劉浩龍、李子雄、張兆輝 、馬海倫、羅

請明星足球隊一眾前往俄羅斯。

黃翠如唔會避忌講足球

而無綫藝人黃翠如與余德丞12日出席足球宣 為 ViuTV 主持節目的林曉峰(阿 Lo)與 傳活動,二人獲世界花式足球冠軍傳授足球技 巧,有姿勢有實際。

> 四年一度的世界盃正打得火熱,不過有傳沒 有轉播權的無綫禁止旗下藝人提及世界盃,剛 巧翠如、余德丞和司儀麥美恩也是無綫人,難 免要講及世盃話題,翠如表明自己是德國門將 紐亞和英格蘭前鋒簡尼的粉絲。

> 事後問到二人要講足球話題會否尷尬,翠如 説: "我覺得做呢行,就什麼都要睇,無特別

本身也是足球評述員的余德丞,11日晚有收 看四強大戰克羅地亞對英格蘭,表示對"獎門

旁述為主,沒留意到志偉的招牌式"打和"評

翠如就稱剛坐飛機回港,無緣欣賞四強大 戰, 並抱歉未能參與陳榮峻和吳香倫的婚禮, 她 説: "因為我去了馬來西亞和新加坡工作,不過 我們一直有聯絡,他有傳結婚相給我,等他們去 完郵輪度蜜月,會再約吃飯慶祝和補送禮物。





■莊端兒直言曾萌輕生

過來人分享情緒病經歷

寇鴻萍欲聯絡錢慧儀予關心

穎)羅蘭、寇鴻萍、莊端兒、黃允 材12日出席《開心法術》慈善發佈 會,現場有癌症病人分享與病魔戰 鬥經歷,並透過香薰治療帶出正能

寇鴻萍和莊端兒都曾經患過情 緒病,前者因1997年與前夫離婚所 影響,寇表示:"由細到大有媽咪 和老公承擔生活細節問題,但離婚 後帶着兩個女兒,很多事要獨力承 擔,一下子有如被巨石壓住心口, 壓力指數爆燈,所以離婚頭半年很 不開心,不想見朋友,整日足不出 戶,經常以淚洗臉,仿似面對茫茫 份穩定工作,只是不慣一個人處理

此一役,覺得凡事都要行出去,收 埋自己只會令病情加深屈到病。"

莊端兒一度瘦到皮包骨

早前馬清揚透露太太錢慧儀鬧 情緒,有傳兩人婚姻現危機,寇鴻萍 表示跟錢慧儀很相熟: "當年自己參 選港姐也是受錢慧儀影響,當年我們 都是模特兒,她比我早一屆參加,之 後我問她選美有否黑幕,對方表示沒 有,還鼓勵我參選, (她鬧情緒?) 真的嗎?人生經歷的事很多,如果有 需要應尋求醫生處理, (會否聯絡 她?)會試下,以前我們經常約出 將來。其實當時財政沒問題,亦有 來,近年較少見面, (有傳她婚姻現 危機?) 我完全不知道,希望沒事,

業和愛情都失意,那段時間走進人 生低谷,瘦到皮包骨不足100磅, 當時畏疾忌醫,經常覺得胃痛,最 初以為壓力引致,直至有次吃下很 油膩食物後,嘔到虛脱,辛苦到要 由廁所爬出來,求醫後先知有三粒 膽石。那時情緒出現問題,任何人 的説話都聽不入耳,終日收埋自 己,起床後只會發'吽豆',不洗 臉不刷牙,媽咪擔心得從澳洲飛返 來照顧我,擔心我會做傻事,自己 的確曾有一刹那自殺念頭,經過媽 咪每日開解傾偈,病情得到好轉, 這段時間亦是跟媽咪關係最好,我 好多謝有過這段經歷,令人加速成 長,再遇到問題時都視作小事看



■寇鴻萍幸有女兒在身

劉佩玥投資6位數出書圓夢

香港文匯報訊(記者鍾楚 貽)劉佩玥 (Moon) 將於今年 推出首本文字相集《我的微笑之 道》,剖白她28年來的心路歷 程。由構思到製作全程親力親 為,並投資6位數港元完成她夢 想。Moon 自言, 這次全程只由 包括她的3人團隊完成。從洛杉 磯到拉斯維加斯到紐約,亦由她 一人擔任司機。旅途中容易遇到 變數,例如拍攝地點出現阻滯, 但卻讓他們遇上了Magic Hour。Moon表示當時的景象讓 她流露出閃着淚光的微笑,剛好 被攝影師捕捉到: "那是一張我 最滿意的照片,所以我偏心地將

它印成其中一款海報。'



陳家樂壓力大失眠

香港文匯報訊(記者李慶全)陳家 樂12日為一牛奶期間限定店擔任一日店 長,活動上他親餵粉絲食雪米糍,兼到 街頭向市民派雪糕。家樂笑言從小是飲 該品牌的奶水長大,因他小時候很百厭 又不願上學,要祖母揹着他到學校門口 才迫於無奈返學,祖母亦經常以雪糕或 牛奶利誘他返學,他試過為爭吃雪米糍 跟妹妹大打出手,今次算是滿載了他的 童年同憶。

近期不停接工作,看來已豬籠入 水?家樂笑謂近來工作量有增長,然而 惱,畢竟已成過去,現純粹是工作上的 壓力,他坦言暫時未準備再迎接新戀



情,也覺得生命中不一定要愛情,現會 想多陪家人。父母有否催促再拍拖?家 樂説: "沒有呀,家人知我在事業上經 歷了10年低潮,有叮囑我有機會要好好 把握,專心一意去工作。"

儀、實習記者 于靜媛) 盧靖姍 (Celina Jade) 12日出席活動,

支持乳癌基金會義賣籌款。今次 Celina是義務出席活動不收分 文,Celina表示是因為媽媽得胰 腺癌,自己好關注癌症。問到 Celina可擔心遺傳媽媽的癌症, 她説:"擔心,好擔心。只好勤 驗身,早些發現,勇敢面對,同 埋吃得健康些,多做帶氧運動。 媽媽患病,令我們明白,只要珍 惜每一天,活得開心就行。"説 到做藝人不時面對壓力, Celina 怎去面對?她表示對於一些不開 心的事,轉個角度去睇,會看到 不同的事。問到可有叫男朋友韓 庚一起勤驗身? Celina 笑言身邊 人個個都有叫。問到可有計劃結 婚? Celina 説: "結婚順其自 然。(會閃婚嗎?) 閃婚要到時 先知,自己是一個沒有計劃的 人,唔好plan太多事。'



壓力也相應增加,以致生理時鐘失衡, 更因為煩惱新片《兄弟班》的宣傳徹夜 難眠。家樂強調自己失眠非為感情煩

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