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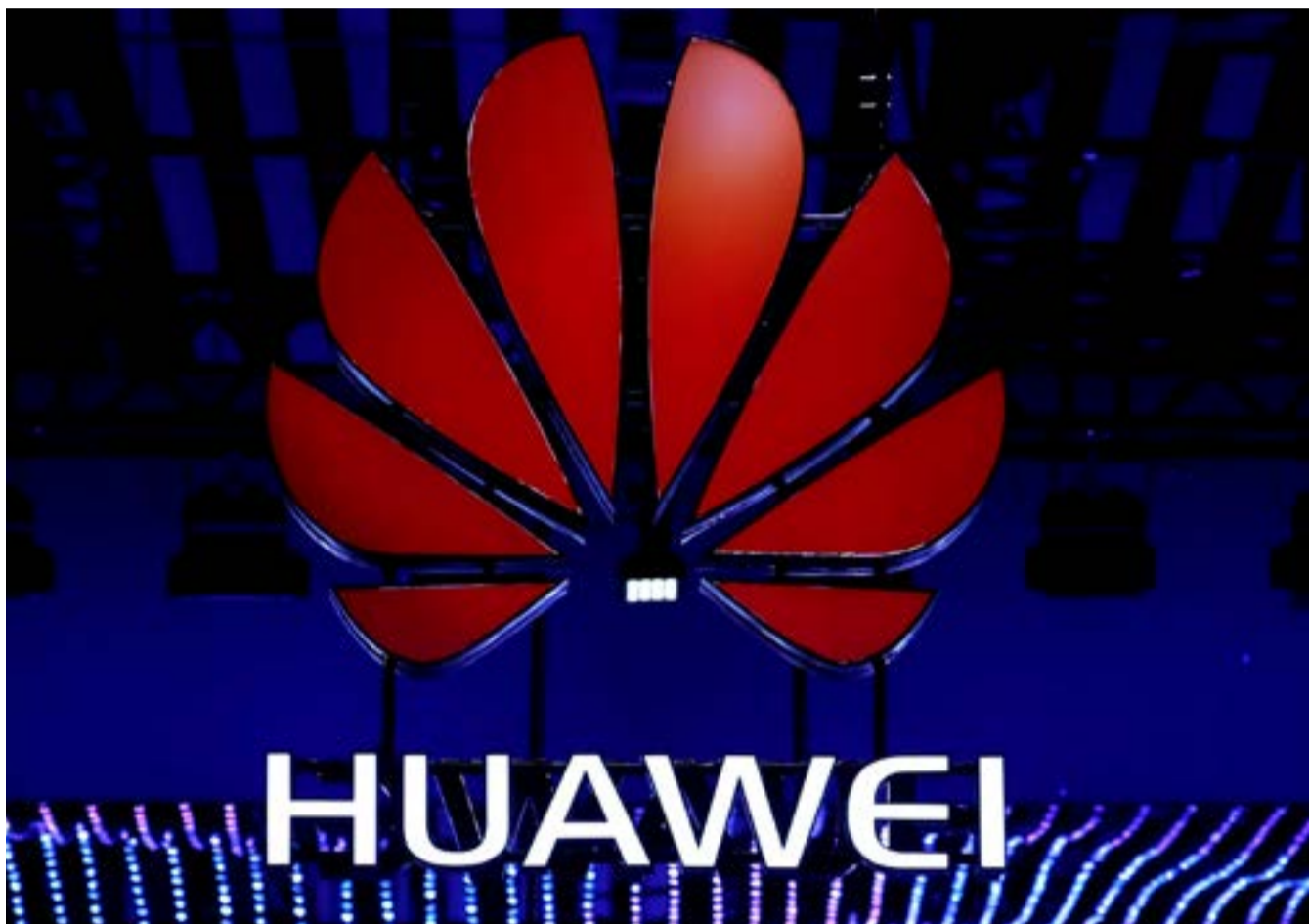
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## New documents link Huawei to suspected front companies in Iran, Syria

LONDON/HONG KONG (Reuters) - The U.S. case against the chief financial officer of China's Huawei Technologies, who was arrested in Canada last month, centers on the company's suspected ties to two obscure companies. One is a telecom equipment seller that operated in Tehran; the other is that firm's owner, a holding company registered in Mauritius. U.S. authorities allege CFO Meng Wanzhou deceived international banks into clearing transactions with Iran by claiming the two companies were independent of Huawei, when in fact Huawei controlled them. Huawei has maintained the two are independent: equipment seller Skycom Tech Co Ltd and shell company Canicula Holdings Ltd. But corporate filings and other documents found by Reuters in Iran and Syria show that Huawei, the world's largest supplier of telecommunications network equipment, is more closely linked to both firms than previously known. The documents reveal that a high-level Huawei executive appears to have been appointed Skycom's Iran manager. They also show that at least three Chinese-named individuals had signing rights for both Huawei and Skycom bank accounts in Iran. Reuters also discovered that a Middle Eastern lawyer said Huawei conducted operations in Syria through Canicula. The previously unreported ties between Huawei and the two companies could bear on the U.S. case against Meng, who is the daughter of Huawei founder Ren Zhengfei, by further undermining Huawei's claims that Skycom was merely an arms-length business partner

Huawei, U.S. authorities assert, retained control of Skycom, using it to sell telecom equipment to Iran and move money out via the international banking system. As a result of the deception, U.S. authorities say, banks unwittingly cleared hundreds of millions of dollars of transactions that potentially violated economic sanctions Washington had in place at the time against doing business with Iran. Meng did not respond to a request for comment by Reuters, and Huawei declined to answer questions for this story. Canicula's offices could not be reached. A Justice Department spokesman in Washington declined to comment. Meng was released on \$10 million (\$7.5 million) bail on Dec. 11 and remains in Vancouver while Washington tries to extradite her. In the United States, Meng would face charges in connection with an alleged conspiracy to defraud multiple financial institutions, with a maximum sentence of 30 years for each charge. The exact charges have not been made public. Huawei said last month it has been given little information about the U.S. allegations "and is not aware of any wrongdoing by Ms. Meng." The company has described its relationship with Skycom as "a normal business partnership." It has said it has fully complied with all laws and regulations and required Skycom to do the same. Meng's arrest on a U.S. warrant has caused an uproar in China. It comes at a time of growing trade and military tensions between Washington and Beijing, and amid worries by U.S. intelligence that Huawei's telecommunications equipment could contain "backdoors" for Chinese espionage. The firm has repeatedly denied such claims. Nevertheless, Australia and New Zealand recently banned Huawei from building their next generation of mobile phone networks, and British authorities have also expressed concerns.



FILE PHOTO: The Huawei logo is seen during the Mobile World Congress in Barcelona, Spain, February 26, 2018. REUTERS/Yves Herman/File Photo

## Prospect of U.S. profit drop rises for investors

NEW YORK (Reuters) - Investors are growing more fearful that U.S. companies' profits could shrink this year following Apple's warning of soft demand in China, coupled with mounting evidence of a drag from tariffs, a global slowdown and fading tailwinds from tax cuts. Profit-growth estimates for 2019 had already been eroding for months before widely held Apple Inc (AAPL.O) darkened the outlook further last week with the first cut to its sales forecast in more than 15 years. Earnings this year were never going to rise as quickly as in 2018, when federal tax cuts fueled growth rates above 20 percent for S&P 500 .SPX companies for much of the year, according to Refinitiv's IBES. For 2019, analysts now see profits growing by 6.8 percent, down sharply from an Oct. 1 estimate of 10.2 percent earnings growth. Moreover, in the first half of 2019, profits are seen rising substantially more slowly than that pace, thanks largely to the rapid decline in forecasts for technology sector earnings, which should account for roughly a fifth of the index's profits. That has some investors watching for signs that U.S. stocks could slip into a profits recession, defined as at least two straight quarters of year-over-year earn-

ings declines. The last of those occurred from July 2015 through June of 2016, which dovetailed with a broad run of stock market underperformance "You bet it's on the radar," said Hugh Johnson, chief investment officer of Hugh Johnson Advisors LLC in Albany, New York. "The Apple comments and where they're headed - that's going to cause estimates to come down even further." APPLE WARNING 'GOES TO THE HEART' Increased concern over the potential for an earnings recession comes at a turbulent time for stocks, with the S&P 500 registering its worst December performance since the Great Depression, only to rally more than 9 percent since hitting a 20-month low on Christmas Eve. With the S&P 500 recently trading at 14 times expected earnings, down from a multiple of 18 a year ago, a key argument for market bulls is that stocks have become undervalued after the recent sell-off. Apple's news also highlights the potential impact of trade tensions between the two largest economies, the United States and China. The warning from Apple "started to provide kind of a confirmation for the earnings recession folks out there," said Chuck Carlson, chief executive officer at Horizon Investment Services in Hammond, Indiana. "Its impact goes beyond just its suppliers; it goes to the heart of investment psyche for a lot of folks," he said.



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# Memorial Hermann to partner with new, non-profit generic drug company to lower costs

Memorial Hermann Health System has partnered with a new generic drug company formed to combat “artificially high” pharmaceutical prices and ease chronic drug shortages, the drug company announced Monday.

Utah-based Civica Rx launched its generic drug initiative a year ago with strong Houston roots. The idea behind the venture is to allow hospital systems to “create their own priorities” in needed medications.

Such generic versions of the medications remain difficult to obtain because of price or availability or both, Heather Wall, chief commercial officer for Civica Rx, said in an interview on Monday.

“We’re tackling the drugs that we’ve seen significant price increases over the past few years,” she said.

Price hikes, often dramatic, can come from a lack of competition, especially among drugs that have fallen out of mass production. But Wall said that just because a drug is elusive does not mean it is not needed.

Typically there are about 200 drugs on shortage lists any given year.

When there is not enough of a certain drug in the supply chain, it can drive up the price to “artificially high” levels, which in turn forces providers and, ultimately, patients to pay more, Wall said

Memorial Hermann is one of 12 health systems across the country to enter partnerships with Civica Rx. The Houston-based system will be considered a founding member of what is predicted to be a growing network of hospitals nationwide, Wall said.

There are 750 U.S. hospitals now participating, the company said.

“Creating a consistent and stable supply of generic drugs not only ensures that we can continue delivering on our promise to always provide safe, high-quality care tailored to our patients’ needs, but it also allows us to tackle the dramatic increases in U.S. health care costs that affect everyone. Our industry is consistently experiencing pharmaceutical shortages for commonly used drugs. These shortages result in health care organizations having to pay inflated pricing to secure appropriate supplies to adequately care for patients — pricing that ultimately gets passed along to the consumer,” Chuck Stokes, CEO of Memorial

Hermann Health System, said Monday in a statement.

Civica Rx will make generic versions of targeted drugs directly or subcontract the process, the company said. Currently it is scheduled to make 14 hospital-administered drugs by midyear, Wall said. The names of those drugs were not disclosed.

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The company was formed last January under the guidance of seven major hospital systems and three philanthropies to establish a framework and business model.

Among the philanthropies are the Houston-based Laura and John Arnold Foundation, which gave \$1 million in seed money as well as access to \$9 million more in loans, Wall said.

“The early success of Civica Rx gives you a sense of how much frustration there was within hospital systems in regards to accessing a steady and affordable supply of generic medications,” said Dr. Mark Miller, vice president of health care for the Laura and John Arnold Foundation, in an email sent Monday. He called the burgeoning venture a “step in the right direction.”

Also part of the original governing body are HCA Healthcare, which operates 15 hospitals in the Houston area, and Catholic Health Initiatives, which includes the St. Luke’s health network in the region.

Memorial Hermann will now join them.



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In October, Memorial Hermann unveiled plans to merge with the Baylor Scott & White health network to form the largest nonprofit health care system in Texas and one of the largest in the nation. Wall said Monday it was not clear if the Baylor Scott & White system would also join with Civica Rx.

The collaboration between hospital and drug maker is part of a larger trend of unusual health care couplings to create access outside the usual boundaries. Take for instance,

the plan announced last year that three business giants, Amazon, Berkshire Hathaway and JPMorgan Chase, would form an independent health care company for their U.S. employees.

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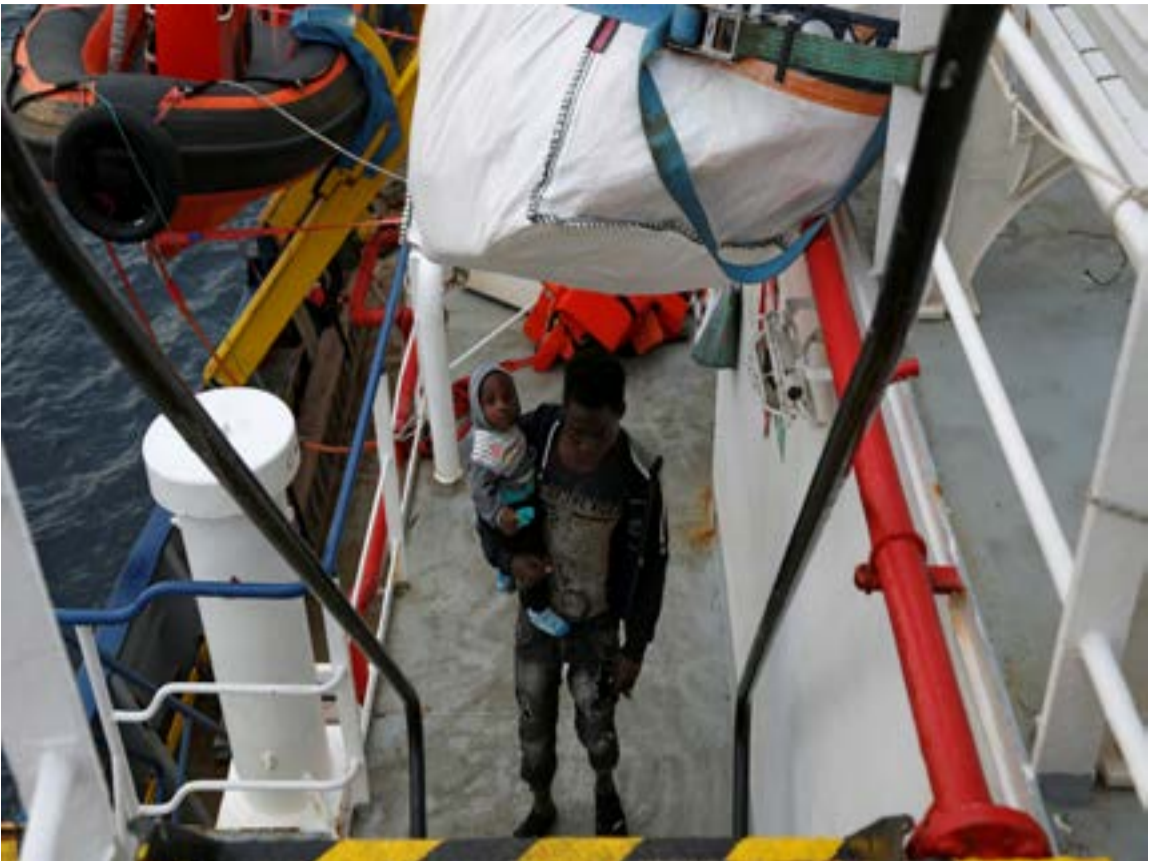
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People walk past temporary fences placed outside the public entrance to 26 Federal Plaza, a U.S. government office building, during the partial U.S. government shutdown in New York



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Gary Shapiro, president and CEO of the Consumer Technology Association, speaks on artificial intelligence during a keynote address at the 2019 CES in Las Vegas



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A person holds a placard reading “Chavarry out!”, referring to Peru Attorney General Pedro Chavarry, during a protest outside the Attorney General’s Office in Lima

Legendary Guitarist Joe Carmouche  
To Headline HCC Black History  
Scholarship Fundraiser Feb. 23

Compiled And Edited By John T. Robbins, Southern Daily Editor



HOUSTON (Jan. 7, 2019) - World-renowned jazz guitarist and Houston music legend Joe Carmouche is the featured performer at the 2019 Houston Community College Black History Scholarship Fundraiser, 6 p.m., Saturday, February 23, 2019 at the Czech Center Museum Houston, 4920 San Jacinto St., Houston, TX 77004. Now in its 13th year, the HCC Black History Scholarship Fundraiser is one of the premier annual Black History Month events in Houston. The event

has raised thousands of dollars to support deserving students at HCC. Several of this year's scholarship recipients will be on hand to describe how the scholarship program has made tremendous differences in their lives. **WHAT: 2019 HCC Black History Scholarship Fundraiser**  
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**Guitarist Joe Carmouche**  
As one of the best jazz guitarists in the world, Carmouche has played with such musical greats as Kenny Burrell, Joe Sample, Ronnie Laws, Kirk Whalum and Arnett Cobb. He has recorded five jazz guitar CDs and is a regular performer at Houston-area nightclubs, including his own venue, Legends Jazz Café. Carmouche has long been one of Houston's most popular and in-demand performers.

In addition to enjoying the music of Carmouche, guests of the scholarship fundraiser will feast on gourmet delights and participate in a live and silent auction.

Seating at the 2019 HCC Black History Scholarship Fundraiser is limited to 250. Purchase tickets at [hccs.edu/blackhistory](http://hccs.edu/blackhistory) and then follow us on Facebook at [BHScholarships2019](https://www.facebook.com/BHScholarships2019). More information is available at 713-718-5000.

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A Trump administration official said on Monday that federal income tax refunds would indeed go out despite a large part of the government being shut down.

Russell T. Vought, acting director of the White House Office of Management and Budget, told reporters about the development in a briefing.

“Tax refunds will go out,” Vought said.

There have been growing concerns that tax refunds might be delayed as 800,000 federal workers are either furloughed or working without pay as President Donald Trump and Congress are mired in a stand-off over funding for a southern border wall.

Only about 12 percent of IRS staff is expected to continue working through a shutdown, according to the agency’s plan, which means certain functions such as answering taxpayer questions would be curtailed. The IRS is still working on contingencies if the shutdown continues.



“The processing of returns and customer service — most of those employees have been furloughed,” said Nicole Kaeding, director of federal projects at the Tax Foundation.

“How will they bring those employees back, and will they be compensated while they’re working?” she asked. “Those are some large questions that haven’t been answered, even though they said refunds would be processed.”

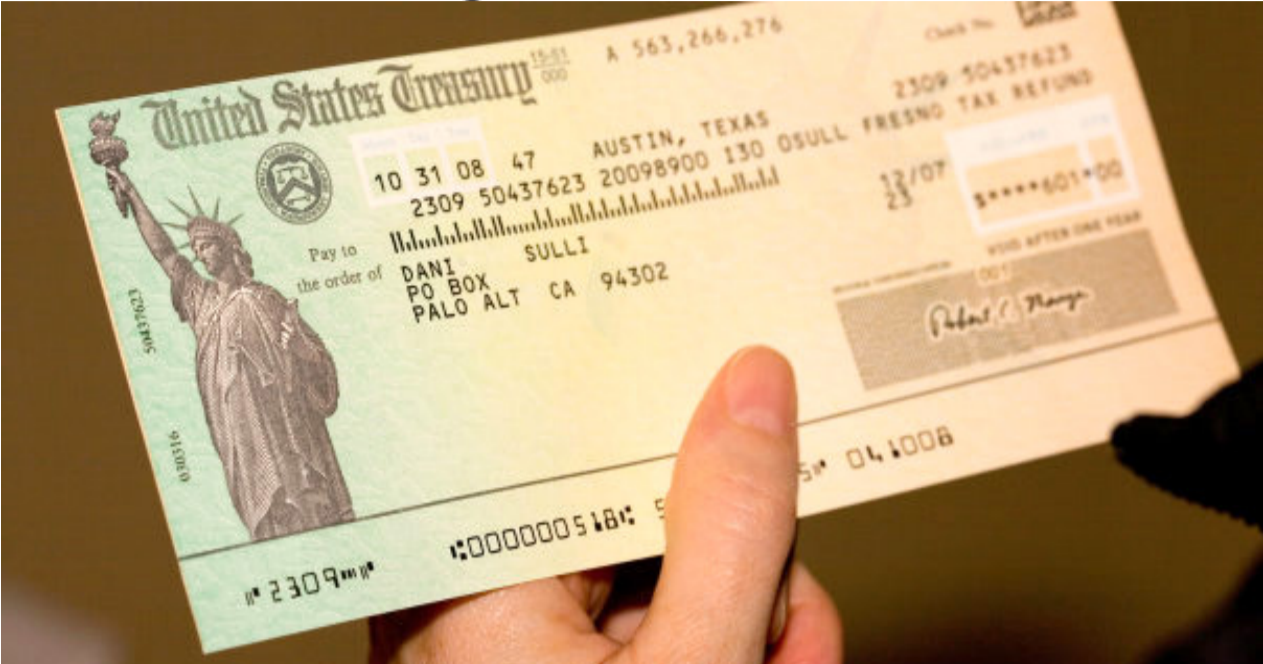
That makes this a stressful time for accountants — and their clients. “The October 2013 shutdown caused a lot of angst for practitioners,” said Edward Karl, vice president of taxation at the American Institute of CPAs.

“If there were some issue and you needed to contact the IRS, you couldn’t get them,” Karl said. “There were many folks concerned about that.”

Meanwhile, House Ways and Means Committee staff told The New York Times on Monday that they were struggling to get

## ***But Few Are Left At The IRS To Do The Work***

# **White House Says IRS Will Pay Tax Refunds During Government Shutdown**



**OVERVIEW**

***About 12 percent of IRS staff is expected to continue working through a shutdown. Last year, the agency started the tax filing season on Jan. 29. No date has been announced for this season yet.***

***In all, the IRS received 154.4 million returns by Nov. 23 of last year and issued an average refund of \$2,899.***

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clarity from administration officials, many of whom are out on furlough.

“We keep trying to call people at IRS and Treasury,” said Daniel Rubin, a spokesman for the Ways and Means Committee, “and there’s no one there.”

submit their returns as soon as possible. These households may need the tax refunds to either eliminate their remaining holiday debt or to boost their savings.

In 2018, the IRS started the filing season on Jan. 29.

By Feb. 2 — the end of that week — the agency received 18.3 million returns and processed 6.1 million refunds, with an average refund check of \$2,035.

In all, the IRS received 154.4 million returns by Nov. 23 of last year, the most recent date available, and issued an average refund of \$2,899.

“People shouldn’t have to wait to get money back that’s theirs,” said Jeffrey Levine, CPA and director of financial planning at Blueprint Wealth Alliance in Garden City, New York.

“It’s not their fault that the government is dysfunctional and shut down,” he said.

**A busy time**

The shutdown is taking place at a busy time for the IRS, accountants and filers. This filing season marks the first under the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act — an overhaul of the tax code that went into effect at the beginning of 2018.

Last year, the new tax code roughly doubled the standard deduction to \$12,000 for singles and \$24,000 for married couples filing jointly. The law also limited a number of itemized deductions, including placing a \$10,000 limit on the amount of state and local taxes filers can deduct.

You will also be dealing with new tax forms, as the Form 1040 has been shrunk to the size of a postcard. You will still need to work through pages of schedules to calculate other tax breaks.

Traditionally, the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) does not issue refunds to taxpayers while the government is shut down. That appeared to be the case this time when the Department of Treasury posted its Lapsed Appropriations Contingency Plan for the IRS last month. That plan, which noted that tax refunds would not be issued, described the actions and activities following a lapse in appropriations through December 31.

However, today acting director of the White House Office of Management and Budget, Russell Vought, declared, “Tax refunds will go out.”

It is unclear how that might happen and how that might impact other IRS operations. Despite signals that the IRS might issue an updated contingency plan last week, no update has appeared on the site.



When the announcement was made, the IRS had not yet announced a start date to the filing season. The IRS announced later in the day that the start date for the new season would be January 28, 2019. Last year, the IRS opened the filing season on January 29, 2018.

The due date for the 2019 filing season remains April 15, 2019, for most taxpayers. However, taxpayers who live in Maine or Massachusetts will have until April 17, 2019 to file their federal income tax returns. (Courtesy cnbc.com and forbes.com)

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# 《四個春天》溫暖公映 專業影人齊助力

由“北漂大叔”陸慶屹導演的電影《四個春天》正式全國公映。陸慶屹導演以父母為主角，進行了長達四年的拍攝，深情刻畫了家庭本真生活的樸素與美好，引無數觀者與之共情，在被感動的同時，也開始回望自己的家庭與生活，並有所感悟。作為2018年FIRST青年電影展的最佳紀錄片，影片先後得到鞏俐、陳國富、周浩、王傳君等多位影人的喜愛與聲援，又獲趙薇、黃渤、周冬雨、章宇助力獻聲預告片，更獲得周迅、陳坤、姚晨、朱壹龍、江壹燕、歐豪、章若楠、王源、王寶強的誠摯推薦（排名不分先後），並呼籲萬千遊子跨越山海，勿忘回家。公映之際，也正值年關，《四個春天》亦期許成為眾多家庭闔家團圓、幸福美滿的見證。電影《四個春天》已於1月4日全國公映。

“北漂大叔”創電影奇跡 專業影人齊助力  
電影《四個春天》由素人導演陸慶屹執導，真摯呈現了父母樸素如詩的生活點滴。作為壹部獻給父母的禮物，它傾注了“北漂大叔”陸慶屹對父母對家鄉的無限熱愛，使得無數遊子與之共情。歷時四年，從豆瓣爆款文章到豆瓣8.8分爆款電影，而早在《四個春天》之前，導演陸慶屹早有為獨山人和家人拍照的習慣，他的兩篇文章——《我爸》、《我媽》在網絡引起諸多熱議共鳴，之後他決定拍壹部影片獻給父母，記錄他們生活的美好本真。影片成片後在各類展映上大放華彩，從“爆款文章”進階成為“爆款電影”。《四個春天》結構樸素，以四個春天為故事發生順序，敘述了自己家庭的故事，其中的細節直接反映出生活的樣貌。

而壹些“幕後英雄”的齊齊助力，讓《四個春天》變成了壹群人記錄人間的溫暖意願。回顧影片從“家庭影像”到登陸大銀幕的幕後過程，導演陸慶屹首先面對的問題是：如何在250個小時的平實素材裏，找到合適的影像邏輯，並在電影規格的時間內講述四年的故事。壹年零八天的專註剪輯初見眉目，《四個春天》的質樸與可貴也感動了眾多專業影人，並前來幫助。北京電影學院導演系副教授



王紅衛，真誠擔任影片藝術顧問；趙珣身兼監制、總制片人；著名剪輯師周尚林，也攜邵子瑜、江亦雋加入到了《四個春天》的剪輯工作中，他們是影片最早的壹批“粉絲”；聲音指導孫艾琳的加入，則幫助影片克服了原有錄音制式的極大難題。

群星團薦真摯影像詩 《四個春天》喚遊子歸家之情

作為2018年FIRST青年電影展最佳紀錄片，《四個春天》收獲趙薇、黃渤、周冬雨、章宇等眾多影人接力支持，而影片在各類展映後，先後獲得鞏俐、陳國富、周浩、王傳君等多位影人的喜愛與聲援。他們身體力行，紛紛為影片推薦助力。而如今影片又先後感動周迅、陳坤、姚晨、朱壹龍、江

壹燕、歐豪、章若楠、王源、王寶強（排名不分先後），呼喚各地遊子，早日歸鄉團圓，跨越山海，勿忘回家。陳坤表示：“《四個春天》是壹部溫暖、柔軟的影片。”周迅亦借影片呼籲多陪伴家人。

在《四個春天》的影像中，父親、母親過著自給自足的農耕生活，並樂在其中，生活本身成為目的和自由、幸福的顯現。生命回歸到了久違的自然中。“堅韌而溫柔的人，會對生活懷有感恩之心。”導演陸慶屹曾說：“每個家庭都有自己的詩意。”影片中的“詩意”既體現在導演父母對生活、子女、藝術和自然的熱愛上，更存在於生活無常的變化面前，家人們互相扶持，繼續樂觀堅強地積極面對生活的態度中。影迷感慨評論：“南方的春天，壹眼流連，轉身就已謝幕。多遠都別忘了回家，不要因

為所謂的繁忙，逃避親情間的歸屬。希望家人們都健康喜樂，過著舒適的生活。”

“溫暖佳片”傳遞幸福感 闔家觀賞生活堅韌美好

不同於眾多紀錄片對苦難的尖銳記錄，《四個春天》豁然描繪了生活的美好本真，記錄浸潤在愛中的春光與家，幫眾多觀眾找回了久違的純粹與感動。壹家歡聚時其樂融融；當子女相繼離家時，老兩口也有自己的消遣。在牽掛遠方兒女的同時，也不忘將自己的生活經營妥帖，去追尋生活中屬於他們自己的快樂。縱觀近些年網絡的語境所積累的情緒，大多被“喪”、“累”、“煩”占據：“催婚”“催育”“催買房”的社會議題；應酬，比富，比權，比人脈的紛擾。好在，還能有這麼壹部紀錄片，讓我們看到了許久不曾想起的美好，如清水浸潤的溫情。正如網友所言：“《四個春天》對父母生活和故鄉風物的本真呈現讓觀眾暫時忘卻了現代都市裏的喧囂生活，獲得了壹種人與世界和諧統壹的難得生命體驗，緩解了現代性語境下人類的心靈危機。”

《四個春天》達成了壹種普世價值觀的家庭認同。如導演陸慶屹說：“我拍攝的是家人，很多事情我不能旁觀，我必須去參與，這樣我就沒辦法分身去拍攝了，為此很多很好的片段無法記錄。但我也並不覺得遺憾，相比拍攝，壹家人完整的生活更重要得多。”觀看《四個春天》會讓每個觀眾陷入強烈的共情，在生動的細節中，睜開發現生活之美的眼睛：父母、生活、春天，紛至踏來溫暖每壹處記憶。網友評價：“這是近幾年極佳的獨立紀錄片，拍出了全中國父母的樣子，讓我們感受到父母與彼此、與家人、與社會之間相處的詩意和哲學。在生活無常的本質之外，那些看似表象的、脆弱的美好，往往具有超乎人想象的堅韌與頑強。在這四個春天裏，這壹家人擁裹在壹起用始終洋溢著的希望給出了我們壹種作答。”

## 《大偵探霍桑》韓庚尹正魅力爆表 角色海報眾主創展現“顏值殺”



探案喜劇《大偵探霍桑》今日曝光“黃金城之眼”角色海報以及多張劇照。該片由有“黃金搭檔”之稱的導演及監制周顯揚與著名監制及編劇杜致朗攜手拍攝，韓庚、尹正、女壹號張慧雯、郭曉東領銜主演，劉嘉玲特別出演，馮嘉怡、羅家英、於洋、王梓軒、蔡文靜等明星聯袂主演。海報中韓庚領銜六大主演華麗亮相，造型時尚個性張揚魅力值爆表。在東西方美學的完美融合下，黃金城眾生相彰顯電影奢華本色，圍繞他們的離奇探案也將全面展開。電影將於2019年1月18日公映。

韓庚“歪頭殺”六主創魅力爆棚 “黃金城之眼”預示離奇案件

電影《大偵探霍桑》改編自有著“中國現代偵探文學第壹IP”之稱的小說《霍桑探案集》，為了拉近這個經典的IP與新時代觀眾的距離，導演周顯揚不但架空了時代背景，還為電影量身打造出了壹套別致的美學風格。在先前曝光的特輯中，虛構城市黃金城華麗大氣場景和復古時尚的風格，給觀眾留下極為深刻的印象。

在“黃金城之眼”角色海報中，六大主演閃耀登場，大膽潮範兒的造型與電影摩登時尚的風格相得益彰，角色別致的形

象也突出了他們與眾不同的個性。“霍桑”韓庚帥氣有型，展現歪頭殺雅痞範十足；“包朗”尹正手扶鏡框文質彬彬，體現的則是滿滿自信；“白牡丹”張慧雯蕙質蘭心，身形美麗大方；“賈夫人”劉嘉玲雍容華貴，盡顯“女王”氣質；“沈長安”郭曉東表情嚴肅深藏不露，“黑幫老大馬壹刀”馮嘉怡手持雙槍面龐兇狂。

每位角色獨特華麗的裝束，配合海報中鮮亮的色彩，碰撞出奇妙的視覺效應，不但突出了每位角色鮮明的個性，也讓六大主演的魅力值爆棚。在幾位角色身後，隱約可見的“黃金城之眼”，預示著他們身處於神秘案件之中，眼睛的造型也象征著“發現真相”的過程。圍繞他們究竟會展開怎樣的離奇故事，案件真相能否大白於天下，不由得令人產生濃重的好奇。

幻妙世界盛大而華麗 東西方美學在這裏完美融合

電影《大偵探霍桑》以壹起離奇的謀殺案為切入點，展現了大名鼎鼎的大偵探霍桑傳奇的破案經歷。電影中黃金城的外景地選擇在了布拉格，在這個典雅美麗歐洲名城的映襯之下，時尚與復古，端莊與張揚，西方美學與東方文化等元素於此交匯，完成了壹

次完美的碰撞。

夜色霓虹映映襯下的三教九流彰顯市井百態，沙必銀行裏美女職員壹字排開上演制服誘惑，蒸汽火車車廂內時尚名媛形態各異喜感十足。劇照中象征黃金城眾生相的角色們，手持名著《霍桑探案集》，更營造出時空交錯的虛幻感。在這個架空了時代與地域的黃金城內，東西方美學融合與時尚元素妙用帶來別具匠心的設計，盛大而華麗，使得整個世界充滿著魔幻主義的靈動，彰顯該片精益求精的制作水準，大片氣質呼之欲出。

電影《大偵探霍桑》的精良水準和氣質，得益於該片金牌制作班底的保駕護航。導演周顯揚曾獲2013年香港金像獎“最佳新晉導演”；編劇杜致朗獨特的敘事手法深受業內肯定，電影屢獲票房佳績。同時電影還匯聚了來自《葉問》系列的剪輯張嘉輝、來自《十二生肖》的攝影師伍啟銘、《七月與安生》的配樂師波多野裕介等金像獎豪華陣容，在美國御門影業傾情加盟下，也得到了好萊塢特效團隊鼎力協助的支持。如此星光熠熠的臺前幕後，將如何呈現這個神秘質感與浪漫氣息雙全的探案故事，則更加令人期待。

電影《大偵探霍桑》將於2019年1月18日全國公映。

電影《新喜劇之王》的官方微博發布了壹張特別的新年賀圖：壹個熟悉的背影拎著“兵器譜排名第壹”的折凳站在《新喜劇之王》的海報前，跟海報上的“卡通公主”擺出同樣的姿勢，下面是壹句手寫的賀詞：“2019，努力，奮鬥！”落款不是別人，正是周星馳！

正當粉絲們為了周星馳在2019年率先亮相而欣喜不已之時，影片又發布了全新海報和首款預告！海報上，壹個個卡通角色憨態可掬；預告中，壹個個小人物輪番登場，每個人都在努力展現著“壹個演員的自我修養”。

對於熟悉周星馳的人來說，“努力！奮鬥”這句話可以說是再熟悉不過了，因為這正是20年前那部《喜劇之王》開場時星爺飾演的尹天仇面對大海喊出的第壹句臺詞，接下來，尹天仇做的每壹件事都是以這四個字為支撐，他也因此獲得了事業上的肯定和真誠的愛情。所以，這看似簡單的四個字，在之後的很多年裏對很多人都有著強大的鼓勵效應。

1月2日當天上午，官方微博又發布了壹張喜感十足的手繪卡通九宮格海報，海報上壹個個造型各異的角色瞪大眼睛張大嘴巴，似乎都在和官微提出同壹個問題：“妳猜，誰將成為新喜劇之王？”

當天晚些時候，《新喜劇之王》的首款預告終於曝光：預告開篇也提出了同樣的問題：誰會成為下壹個喜劇之王？接下來，眾多小人物輪番登場，通過各種誇張搞笑的尬演來“競聘”這個“有前途的職業”，壹句句勵誌臺詞讓人在哈哈大笑的同時也被點燃心中的壹腔熱血：“跑龍套也可以自食其力。”“妳要相信妳是最好的，不是第二第三，妳就是第壹！”而王寶強飾演的龍套“臨死”前還在研究自己的“死法”對不對，充分表現出了壹個演員的自我修養。

“預告都是小人物，這很周星馳！”這是網友們看過預告後眾口壹詞的反應。的確，預告中的每壹位小人物都像20年前周星馳飾演的尹天仇壹樣，被漠視，被看扁，被打壓，但依然堅持不懈地在追夢的道路上奔跑著，即使灰頭土臉衣不蔽體，也依然堅持著自己的夢想，相信自己是最好的。這就是2019年所有人都需要的精神，也正是“努力奮鬥”四個字最好的體現。

時隔20年重回小人物喜劇，由周星馳執導的《新喜劇之王》，將會延續《喜劇之王》喜感勵誌的精髓，全面展示小人物努力追夢的勵誌故事，而周星馳似乎也有意彌補當年留下的壹些遺憾，所以，他帶領制作團隊秘密籌備3年，並於2018年夏秋精心打磨制作完成，只為了將這部作品打造得更深入人心。2019大年初壹，敬請期待《新喜劇之王》！

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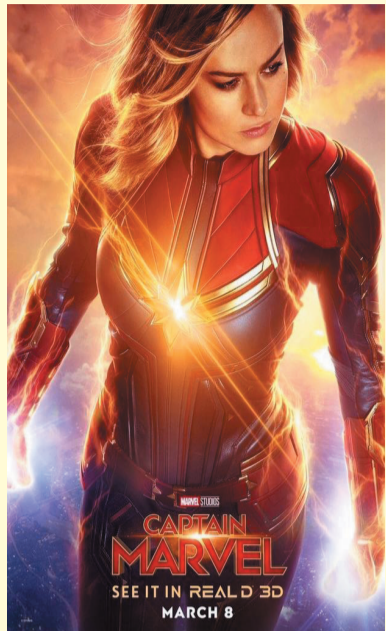
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# 漫威未來領袖！ 《驚奇隊長》海報連發



隊長的能力終於露出冰山一角，在與斯科魯人的大戰中，來了壹波超級酷炫的操作，看得人熱血沸騰。不過在這支預告中，隊長的能力展示也只是點到為止，看來要等到下壹支預告，我們才能看到這個漫威最強英雄到底有多強。

預告的彩蛋出現壹只超萌的小喵咪，這只貓咪應該就是隊長的寵物丘兒（Chewie），不過這時候她的貓牌上寫的還是別的名字。

值得註意的是，隊長說：“我不是來打仗的，我是來結束這場戰爭的！”聯系她有穿越時空的超能力，《復仇者聯盟3》中那場“無限戰爭”看來真的要靠她來終結了。

布麗·拉爾森飾演《驚奇隊長》是漫威電影宇宙第壹部女性為主角的超級英雄電影，驚奇隊長在《復仇者聯盟3》的彩蛋中露出過，就是神盾局長消失前發送信息的那個人（看她胸口的標誌），只是她沒有亮相。按照漫畫中的設定，驚奇隊長的力量超級強大，可以正面對抗滅霸，以後還是復仇者聯盟的領導核心。

將於3月8日北美公映的《驚奇隊長》發布IMAX、RealD 3D、杜比等多款海報，布麗·拉爾森扮演的卡邁爾相當帥氣。

近日慘加金球獎典禮的漫威CEO凱文·費奇表示，目前影片還在緊張後制中，他也是從剪輯室抽空才來金球獎的。早前，費奇已確認驚奇隊長將會是漫威電影宇宙未來的領袖人物，“現在是時候讓驚奇隊長來領導了，她將奮戰在漫威電影宇宙的第壹線。”

驚奇隊長卡邁爾·丹弗斯18歲就加入美國空軍，之後從飛行員轉型成為空軍情報局人員，後來還加入美國國家航空航天局，成為了安全負責人。機緣巧合之下，卡邁爾認識了第壹代驚奇隊長威爾，這位驚奇隊長的故鄉是外星球克裏帝國

，卡邁爾在克裏帝國被宇宙能量束擊中，從而獲得了光速飛行、能量爆炸、超人類強健等超能力。

在第壹支預告中，隊長在巴士中打碎了壹名老奶奶的假牙。這支預告的開頭展示了這個場面的進壹步發展——被踢的白發老奶奶起身壹個後空翻，身手驚人。答案很明顯，這位老奶奶就是反派斯科魯人變的。斯科魯人具有變形的超能力。

預告揭示的另壹個重要信息是卡邁爾·丹弗斯掉落到外星球、喪失地球的記憶，並獲得超能力的過程。

然而她過去的記憶並沒有完全消失，畫面劇情回到上支預告，她掉落地球、與尼克·弗瑞相遇、探尋自己身份。



# 《掠食城市》另類末日逃亡！ 彼得傑克遜監制科幻片角色特輯



《指環王》系列導演彼得·傑克遜監制的最新科幻電影《掠食城市》今日發布全新“流浪學霸”版人物特輯，揭秘羅伯特·席安飾演的男主角湯姆·納茨沃西，壹個在牽引城市倫敦城中成長起來的底層年輕才俊，意外被迫流浪荒原，踏上險象環生的生死冒險之旅的故事。

影片創造了壹個不同以往的未來世界，現代文明慘遭毀滅，為了爭奪有限的資源，數百年後幸存的人類生活方式發生了翻天覆地的變化，整座城市被裝上機械巨輪，開啟“城市流浪”模式，大城市吞噬小城市，城市之間掀起殘酷的掠食大戰，生死時速觸目驚心。

此次發布的人物特輯揭開男主角湯姆·納茨沃西逃亡荒原的驚險人生。由愛爾蘭演員羅伯特·席安飾演的湯姆，是壹個生活在牽



引城市倫敦城的底層居民，意外卷入壹場殺戮事件，被迫與神秘女子海特·肖壹起逃亡。

彼得·傑克遜形容湯姆這壹角色是“溫室的花朵”，伴隨著倫敦城引擎轟鳴聲長大的湯姆，落得在城市堡壘之外逃亡時，整個世界觀全面瓦解，直面極致生存考驗，也帶觀眾走進電影打造的殘酷末日未來。

“湯姆是蒼生眾生之壹，而我們通過湯姆的眼睛看這個世界。”傑克遜說。同時湯姆角色身上自帶明亮與幽默，他與海特·肖在巨大磨難前羈絆不斷、漸生的愛情萌芽，都成為電影的迷人看點，相殺相愛既虐且甜，引爆無限期待。

《掠食城市》根據英國著名作家菲利普·雷夫的後末日題材小

說“掠食城市”系列的第壹部，由曾共同創作《指環王》與《霍比特人》系列電影的彼得·傑克遜、弗蘭·威爾士以及菲利普·鮑恩斯聯手打造劇本，導演則由“彼得大帝”禦用視效師、奧斯卡得主克裏斯蒂安·瑞沃斯擔任。

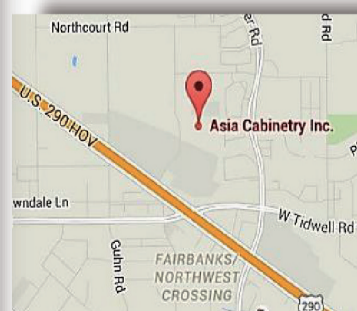
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【外電綜合消息】12月26日，國台辦舉行例行新聞發布會。有記者提問，習近平總書記12月18日在慶祝改革開放40週年大會的講話中三提台灣，而且關於台灣問題的表述也引起熱議，請問發言人對此有何評論。

發言人表示，習近平總書記的重要講話，在改革開放40年的歷史大背景下，回顧總結了對台工作取得的成果，高度評價了兩岸關係發生的歷史性變化、實現的歷史性跨越。深刻闡述了中央對台方針政策及在兩岸關係重大問題上的態度立場，指出實現祖國完全統一是全體中華兒女的共同心願，是中華民族的根本利益所在。表明我們堅持一個中國原則和“九二共識”，鞏固和發展兩岸關係和平發展基礎的鮮明態度。宣示反對和遏制“台獨”、維護國家主權和領土完整的政治決心和強大能力。強調深化兩岸經濟文化交流合作、造福兩岸同胞的真誠善意，體現了“以人民為中心”的對台政策理念。

發言人提到，習總書記的重要講話，為新時代對台工作和兩岸關係發展指明了方向，順民心、得民意，將鼓舞兩岸同胞攜手同心，推動兩岸關係和平發展，推進祖國和平統一進程。

針對“惠台31條措施”發布實施近一年所取得的成效，發言人提到，迄今為止，大陸已經有22個省區市60個地方分別制定了落實“31條措施”的具體辦法。

近一年來，據不完全統計，已經有1000多家台企享受高新技術企業等各類稅收優惠，100多家台企獲得工業轉型升級、綠色製造、智能製造等專項資金的支持，一些優秀台企成功中標了北京新機場、港珠澳大橋、杭州“印象西湖”大型燈光秀等政府採購項目，800多名台胞考取了多個熱門行業的職業資格，100多名台胞獲得各地“五一勞動獎章”“勞動模範”等各類榮譽。今年台生報考大陸高校的人數、台青來大陸就業實習的人數，以及由大陸就業創業機構提供服務的新增台企數量，均保持兩位數增長。

台灣“外交部”於2015年11月推出「觀宏項目」團體便簽，讓東南亞六個國家的旅行團，可以簡化簽證程序，利用電子簽證來台觀光，試辦四年。但連日來有四個來自越南的旅行團共153名觀光客，在入境台灣後竟逃走152人，成為台灣有史以來最大規模的旅行團逃脫案。

這四個旅行團陸續抵台後，一出機場就被其他人接走，台灣的導遊無法阻擋，事前也不知道竟會發生這種狀況。移民署外勤人員指出，152人來台跳機，應是有預謀的行動。根據以往經驗，男觀光客可能是為來台打工，女觀光客則多從事賣淫。

台灣觀光局表示，過去都是零星跑掉兩三人，三年以來總共約150人脫團，這次是「觀宏項目」實施三年以來最大宗的集體脫逃事件。

12月26日，由全國台灣研究會主辦的2018年台灣政局暨兩岸關係回顧與展望研討會在北京召開。本次研討會由全國台灣研究會副會長孫亞夫主持，全國台灣研究會副會長李亞飛、汪毅夫，全國台灣研究會常務副秘書長楊幽燕，國台辦研究局副局長徐沁等出席，來自兩岸的近50位重量級專家學者參加。

據台灣《旺報》報導，台灣嘉義大學應用歷史系教授吳昆財發起“恢復中國史課綱公投”，希望能和2020年的台灣地區領導人選舉捆綁投票。（來源：環球網）

據台灣“中央社”報導，台北地方法院26日開庭審理台北

市議員侯漢廷、新黨青年軍林明正等人涉違所謂“國安法”案。侯漢廷、林明正二人均否認犯罪，林明正正在庭上表示，台灣人就是中國人，希望為和平統一盡一份心力。（來源：環球網）

據台灣中時電子報報導，台當局領導人蔡英文已徵得民進黨前主席、台當局前行政部門負責人蘇貞昌同意接盤行政部門負責人職務。預計1月14日，賴清德將完成總辭程序。（來源：中國台灣網）

據台灣中時電子報報導，26日，高雄市長韓國瑜宣布邀請楊秋興擔任兩岸小組副召集人，召集人則由他兼任，楊秋興確定加入。（來源：中國台灣網）

台灣當局教育主管部門負責人葉俊榮25日請辭獲准，這是台灣大學校長遴選爭議發生以來離任的第三位台當局教育主管部門負責人。（來源：中新社）

據台灣《聯合報》報導，台當局“福建省政府”28日表示，因應“去任務化”及明年起不再編列預算，“省府”將於今年12月31日結束辦理業務，所有人員移撥至其他機關，“省府”正式宣告劃下句號。有分析認為，“福建省政府”雖然有名無實，但卻是“兩岸同屬一個中國”的象徵。（來源：環球網）

據中國民用航空局網站消息，兩岸民航主管部門聯繫人於近日就2019年春節加班事宜和具體安排進行了確認。雙方同意，兩岸航空公司可在2019年1月22日-2月19日期間安排春節加班。考慮到兩岸航空運輸實際情況，大陸個別繁忙機場設有上限，即各方北京10班、浦東168班、廣州12班、深圳23班、杭州43班；上海虹橋機場及台北松山機場春節期間不安排兩岸加班，運營上海虹橋機場或台北松山機場兩岸航線的航空公司可分別將春節加班包機安排至上海浦東機場和桃園機場。

雙方同意，將全力保障兩岸所有航空公司所提600多班兩岸春節加班安排，最遲於2019年1月10日前按溝通方案完成批复。

據台灣《聯合報》報導，12月27日，由台灣“張榮發基金會”與《聯合報》共同舉辦的《票選年度大新聞》揭曉，2018年



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台灣最熱新聞由“韓流翻轉全台，民進黨大潰敗”奪得；“台鐵普悠瑪翻覆，死傷上百人”；朝韓破冰，重啟會談；蔡英文出訪歸台次日，薩爾瓦多與台“斷交”；台“教育部”確定“拔管”，台大未來一年半沒校長等新聞分別位列第2到第5名。（來源：環球網）

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