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Adoptions of greyhounds from the former Macau Canidrome will likely conclude by the end of March, Albano Martins said

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WORLD BRIEFS

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KOREA-JAPAN The speaker of South Korea's parliament said he had no intention to apologize for his comments about Japan's emperor, suggesting the issue could continue to stoke tensions between the neighbors. More on p12

AUSTRALIA The government said it would reopen a mothballed island detention camp in anticipation of a new wave of asylum seekers arriving by boat after Parliament passed legislation that would give sick asylum seekers easier access to mainland hospitals.

INDIA Two managers of a New Delhi budget hotel where a fire killed 17 people have been arrested on suspicion of culpable homicide, police said yesterday. More on p13



ISRAEL The Mideast conference in Poland offers Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu an opportunity to flaunt in public what he has long boasted about happening behind the scenes — his country's improved relations with some Gulf Arab nations.

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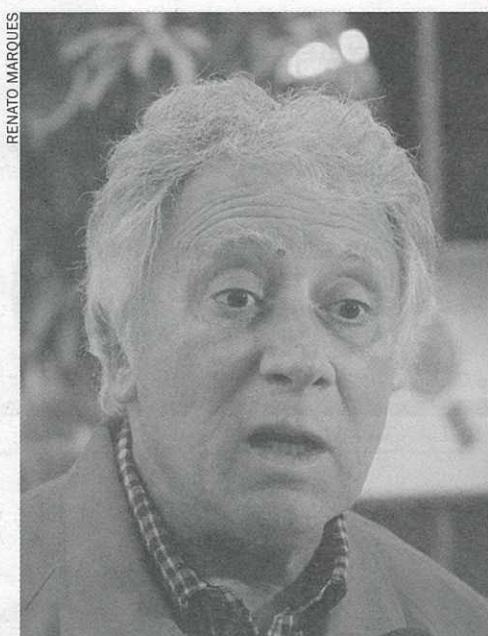
Lawmaker Wong Kit Cheng has asked the government to disclose the progress of transportation arrangements at the 'Pearl of the Orient' area. Wong remarked that the Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macau Bridge Macau port and the Border Gate are both located in the northern district of Macau, where transportation is poor. Wong wanted to know whether the government had other transportation arrangements for the area, and expressed hopes that the tourism authority and Alibaba could build a tourism database to better manage the flow of tourists.

New book receives academic awards

A book written by Professor Wang Di, a scholar at the University of Macau's Department of History, recently received the Academic Excellence Award from the Chinese Historians in the United States and the Best Book Award from the Association for the Studies of Chinese Secret Societies. The book also entered various best book rankings in 2018. In "Violence and Order on the Chengdu Plain: The Story of a Secret Brotherhood in Rural China, 1939-1949," Professor Wang uses a murder case that took place in 1939 in rural Chengdu to examine the history, culture, and organization of the Gowned Brothers, and reveal the structure of local power during that time. By studying the complex relationship between the Gowned Brothers and the Chinese Communist Party, Wang offers a unique perspective on China's transition to socialism and how new movements and ideologies helped shape contemporary China.

GBA plan will not include substantial measures

The governments of Hong Kong, Macau, and Guangdong will hold a public meeting in Hong Kong this week regarding the framework of the Greater Bay Area (GBA) development plan, the Chief Executive of Hong Kong, Carrie Lam, revealed. The Central Government will announce the plan soon. Senior officials of the National Development and Reform Commission of China will announce the details of the plan. According to Lam, while the plan will not include substantial measures that can be implemented immediately, it will outline general policies and the collaboration between the three places.



Albano Martins



A cat at the association's facilities

Greyhound adoptions set to complete by end-March

Renato Marques

THE process that aims to provide a solution for all the greyhounds from the former Macau Canidrome, will likely conclude by the end of next month, the president of Anima - Society for the Protection of Animals in Macau said this week during an event promoted by the association.

According to Martins, there are only 190 remaining dogs from the 532 that were in need of adopters, in Macau or abroad, after the Canidrome closed.

Martins said that there are already very concrete plans for such greyhounds and it is just a matter fulfilling of the bureaucratic procedures be-

fore the animals can fly to the final destination.

At the end of 2018, Anima facilities hosted around 400 dogs and 300 cats

Questioned by the Times, Martins acknowledged that the process was in fact much faster than initially planned due to the "good will" of the Yat Yuen Company that provided the financial resources for the process to run

smoothly.

"Our original plan would take about three years to complete as we would need to find financial support to move the plan forward and just that part would take us over one year," Martins said. "With the agreement achieved with Yat Yuen, in which they pay for all the expenses, the process will be able to be completed in only seven months, which is a great relief for all of us and for the Macau government."

At the same occasion, Anima presented the results from the year of 2018 in which the association gathered more support but also had to cope with an increase in the number of abandoned animals and several misfortunes and

damages caused by natural catastrophes.

At the end of 2018, the total number of animals in Anima facilities was 692, from which over 400 were dogs and almost 300 cats.

Presented at the event, which was held at the association's cats fostering facilities in Coloane, "Cats Paradise", was also the budget for the year of 2019, amounting to MOP11.6 million.

The president of the association also took the opportunity to thank the private companies, namely the Venetian Macau and Galaxy Entertainment Group, for the help and sponsorship in fixing the facilities damaged by last year's major typhoon.

EDUCATION

UM appoints two new vice rectors

THE University of Macau (UM) has appointed Ge Wei, an expert in reproductive biology, as its vice rector for Research, and the historian Billy So as its vice rector for Student Affairs, for a five-year term and a three-year term, respectively.

They will both assume office on February 18, the university announced in a statement yesterday.

Ge has over 20 years of experience in research, teaching, and university administration and management, as well as achievements in reproductive endocrinology, particularly comparative endocrinology.

He joined UM in 2013 as a chair professor and interim dean of the Faculty of Health Sciences, and was later promoted to associate dean of the

same faculty. Currently, he is the head of the Centre of Reproduction, Development and Aging, and interim dean of the Graduate School at UM.

Prior to joining UM, Ge was a professor in the School of Life Sciences at the Chinese University of Hong Kong, where he founded the Cell and Molecular Biology Program.

So specialises in Chinese legal and business history in global perspective, with experience in university administration and student affairs. Prior to joining UM, So held various senior positions at several universities in Hong Kong, including chair professor of humanities and head of the Division of Humanities at the Hong Kong University

of Science and Technology.

He was a visiting scholar at Toyo Bunko, Fudan University, the University of Oxford, the University of Cambridge, and Harvard University.

According to UM, it is confident that So will assist the university in the implementation of the '4-in-1' model of education.

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