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The local airport has released its first half year result, which saw a rise in revenue, cargo traffic, aircraft movements and passenger numbers

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WORLD BRIEFS

CHINA A man with a kitchen knife killed a 1-year-old boy and injured two other children in the southern Chinese city of Zhongshan near Hong Kong [More on p10](#)

CHINA McDonald's and KFC in China face a new food safety scare after a Shanghai television station reports a supplier sold the companies expired beef and chicken. The companies say they immediately stopped using meat from the supplier. [More on p10](#)

US Barack Obama said Russian president Vladimir Putin has "direct responsibility" to compel separatists in Ukraine to let investigators recover remains and collect evidence from the Malaysian airliner crash site. "The burden is now on Russia," Obama said at the White House. "Russia will only further isolate itself from the international community, and the costs for Russia's behavior will only continue to increase."



VIETNAM A typhoon that barreled into northern Vietnam killed at least 11 people and left several missing, state media said yesterday, while in China the death toll from the strongest storm to strike the country's south in four decades rose to 26. [More on p11](#)

PHILIPPINES Twenty-eight people, including prominent activists and a retired Catholic bishop, file an impeachment complaint against Philippine President Benigno Aquino III for his implementation of a major economic stimulus program that the Supreme Court has declared partly unconstitutional. [More on p12](#)

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A lottery in China that incorporated World Cup betting lured swagers away from Macau casinos, underscoring increasing threats to the only Chinese territory where gambling is legal.

The 'Chart of the Day' tracks monthly sales of lottery tickets in mainland China, gaming revenue at Macau casinos and the Bloomberg Industry Macau (China) Gaming Market Index. The equities gauge comprising six companies has dropped since the end of February, when takings at resorts including Wynn Macau Ltd. and Sands China climbed to an all-time high. By contrast, lotto sales reached a record 36.1 billion yuan (USD5.8 billion) in June, or 1.7 times more than the ca-

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sinos' revenue, the widest ratio since 2009, data compiled by Bloomberg and China's finance ministry show.

Restrictions on transit visas for Chinese tourists, the biggest drivers of revenue at Macau's

casinos, and a crackdown on the use of China UnionPay Co.'s debit cards this year have dragged down the growth of VIP gaming segment. The World Cup in June and July in Brazil further drew gamblers away from tables as people turned to bet on the global soccer tournament.

"There were enough incidents in the past months that could create that one-off discrepancy," said Louise Cheung, an analyst at Nomura Holdings Inc. "Keeping an eye on lottery sales is important because it is a convenient gaming option with more platforms. The constraint is it depends on the events that people can bet on."

The Chinese government started selling lottery tickets in the 1980s through authorized dis-



tributors as a way to finance social welfare projects, according to the Ministry of Civil Affairs. The sports lottery, which accounted for 43 percent of total ticket sales of 309 billion yuan in 2013, allows ticket buyers to bet on events including the World Cup, one of the few exceptions to prohibitions on gambling in the mainland.

Changes in Chinese visitors' travel habits and a slowdown in the country's economy are

threatening the growth of Macau, Pansy Ho, co-chairman of MGM China said earlier this month. Competition is also intensifying overseas as South Korea in March approved construction of its first foreign-owned casino resort and Japan considers opening up its gaming market. Macau leapfrogged the Las Vegas Strip to become the world's largest gambling hub in 2006. Bloomberg

Photo exhibition shows Macau football past glories

João Pedro Lau

THE Football Veterans Association (AVFM) opened a photo exhibition to celebrate its 15th anniversary yesterday. AVFM president Francisco Manhão has called on the government to provide more support to local football players.

The inauguration ceremony for the exhibition took place yesterday at the Rui Cunha Foundation. Senior officials from the government and the Legislative Assembly (AL), including Macau Sport Development Board acting president Pun Weng Kun and AL vice president Lam Heong Sang, also took part in the event.

Mr Manhão said that the major objective of the exhibition is to provide a chance for the younger generation of football players in Macau to commemorate the local football stars of the past.

"In the past, Macau did have some very outstanding players that are worth being remembered. However, it is regrettable that the younger players in Macau do not [know of them]. So I want to provide this opportunity for them," the president said.

He added that AVFM wants to motivate the you-



nger players to put more effort into playing football in Macau as well.

Moreover, Francisco Manhão commented that Macau football needs good coaches and better support from the government.

"Within a team a coach is very important. You also know that Macau [football players] are amateurs. They usually will receive training until they are 18 years old and then they have to find a job.

"I think the government should be more considerate and give more protection to those outstanding players. This will provide a better future for sport in Macau", the president said.

Francisco Manhão has advised the government to provide assistance to younger players in job hunting.

Meanwhile, Sam Kei, a senior member of AVFM and local football coach,

said that there has been a drastic change in Macau football. However, the problem of football field shortages still persists, which he claimed has slowed down the progress of training younger generation football players.

"There are not many venues for training. This

means that young people do not have a place to practice."

Mr Sam also reckoned that the younger players nowadays do not have the sense of pride that they should have even though they are representing Macau. He hopes that they will be more hardworking

and better utilize the abundant resources in Macau.

AL vice president Lam Heong Sang, on the other hand, remarked that the photo exhibition is a very meaningful event.

Though he also pointed out that it is difficult for the older generation

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players to gather and play football, mainly due to the lack of venues and the players' physical condition.

New teams joining Sovereignty Tournament

FRANCISCO Manhão told the Times that there will be a new team from Australia joining this year's Sovereignty Tournament organized by AVFM.

The 15th year of the Tournament, which will take place from December 11 to 14, will see, for the first time, an Australian soccer veteran team playing on the field.

The AVFM president also revealed that they are in the process of confirming that the veteran team of the famous Portuguese football club Benfica will also join the event.

"We are still yet to confirm but there is a team, Benfica, I am trying to invite the team through a friend... I hope that it can eventually into something. It is the 15th anniversary [of the sovereignty handover] after all."

Mr Manhão also said that a team from Thailand will again set foot in Macau after it joined the tournament three years ago.

Other teams will be the same as last year, which included veteran teams from Hong Kong, Taiwan, the mainland, South Korea, Malaysia and Singapore.

In last year's tournament, the South Korean team was able to win the MSAR 14th Anniversary Cup and the Galaxy Invitation Cup.

Meanwhile, a championship match was held over the previous two days as part of the celebration of AVFM's 15th anniversary.

Four teams from Macau, Hong Kong and Fujian have participated in the event.

In the final match yesterday, the Macau veteran football team was able to beat the Fujian veteran football team 3-1, winning the championship.