



A3: Buyers grab hundreds of homes in holiday sales

Some 505 flats were bought during yesterday's holiday in the city's biggest home sale in five years, defying the latest read flags about a coming downturn in the property market.

Developers Nan Fung Development and Sun Hung Kai Properties put up a total of 857 flats for sales. At the larger sale, Nan Fung hand by 9.15pm sold 480, or about 70 per cent, of 707 flats available at its LP6 development in Tseung Kwan O, pulling in about HK\$4.62 billion

A7: Supersonic gliding bombs to secure outlying isles

Japan is to develop a new generation of supersonic gliding bombs designed to give its military the ability to deliver a warhead from a safe distance if outlying islands it controls come under attack or are occupied by an enemy force.

Officials of the Defence Ministry in Tokyo told Jiji Press news agency that it intends to develop an early prototype and then deploy a fully functional weapon by 2025.

Funding for the initial research has already been set aside under the ministry's budget for this year, while an additional 13.8 billion yen (US\$122 million) has been requested under next year's budget.

A6: Lucky escape for boy who climbed out of Ferris wheel

A five-year-old boy who climbed out of a Ferris wheel passenger car at a Zhejiang province amusement park was saved from plunging 40 meters to his death when his head became stuck between the safety bars across the cabin window, local media reports.

The child's mother had convinced staff to let the boy ride alone so she could avoid the 30 yuan (HK\$34) fare at the Taizhou Yuhuan Amusement Park in Zhejiang, according to reports

Once inside the car, the child began climbing around, eventually pushing his legs and torso through the bars. He was only saved from the fall when his head became lodged between the bars

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P1: Reaching the final straw

If we want to save the planet, swapping plastic straws for paper ones isn't enough, writes Joanne Ma

It's safe to say that the global campaign against the use of plastic straws reached fever pitch this year, with many companies and people choosing to ditch plastic straws in favour of paper ones.

But are paper straws really the eco-friendly alternative they claim to be? Chung Shan-shan, the director of science in environmental and public health management at Baptist University, doesn't think so.

P2: A young man's magical journey

A street-smart trickster from India faces some sticky situations as he goes to Paris in search of his long-lost father, writes, Nicola Chan.

The extraordinary Journey of the Fakir is a feel-good comedy about Aja (Bollywood star Dhanush), a young Mumbai street magician who goes to Paris to find his long-lost father.

Following his mother's death, Aja vows to travel to the French capital to reunite with his dad – a Frenchman who has disappeared after spending some time in India.

P7: Five myths about personality tests

Online tests claim to know all our true character traits, but are they reliable? Let's debunk the myths.

Many people believe that your personality is something you are born with. Tests like the well-known Myers-Brigg Type Indicator (MBTI) claim to allow their subjects to discover their true selves. And a major study found that genetic makeup can shape a child's personality more than their upbringing.

But even if our personalities are natural, the way we define them isn't. Different tests label and measure traits in different ways. Some might measure extroversion and introversion, while others look at logical versus emotional thinking. Some may use multiple-choice questions, while others will use a checklist of self-descriptive adjectives. In short, the way we discuss personality is totally made up.