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A1: Trump ready for deal 'right now' on trade with China

US President Donald Trump said a “great deal” with China was around the corner, offering fresh hope there could be a way out soon for Beijing and Washington from their stalemate.

In an interview with Fox News, Trump said the US was going to “win” the trade battle with China.

“I can make a deal right now, I just say they’re not ready,” Trump said. “I think we’ll make a great deal with China, and it has to be great.”

The comments immediately soothed market fears that the trade confrontation between the world’s two biggest economies would become more acute, with Asian markets mostly gaining yesterday.

A3: Sanctions threat as checks ordered on Boeing jets

Indonesia ordered all Boeing 737 Max 8 jets in service in the country to be inspected, as its transport minister warned of sanctions for Lion Air over the crash of a nearly new plane carrying 189 people.

“Sanctions can be applied to the airline management, company’s board or cabin crew, and even to the [manufacturer] but we can’t apply the sanctions this early in the investigation,” Budi Jarya Sumadi said yesterday.

As night fell on the second day of the search, the Disaster Victim Identification Unit said it had received 24 body bags with 87 body parts, while two other bags had yet to be examined. Relatives of passengers provided medical records and DNA samples.

A7: Alarm as teachers revealed to work over 11 hours a day

Teachers and officials at schools across Japan are working more than 11 hours a day on average raising concern about serious health repercussions or even deaths, a government survey showed yesterday.

Senior staff such as vice-principals were found to have worked particularly long hours, with their daily average standing at about 12,5 hours.

This meant they worked 4.5 extra hours a day, or 90 hours a month, well over the 80-hour monthly overtime threshold, beyond which the risk of karoshi- or death from overwork – could increase.

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P1: Chilling Halloween Classics

when we think of Halloween, we probably think of vampires and monsters - but not the tales that inspired them. Here's why you need to give these spooky classics a read, writes Cox

P4: Apple comes under fire

Students forced to work 'like robots' at the tech giants plant in Chongqing to get their vocational degrees, rights group says

P5: Meet the Chinese woman who went from farmer to accidental online star

a woman in a remoted village in southern China is breaking the mould not only in the farming world but in the world of online fame. her videos about life in the countryside have made her the most famous person in Lingshan county.