



A1: Beijing ready for talks to end trade war, XI aide says

China is ready to engage with the United States to resolve their trade war, Vice-President Wang Qishan told a forum in Singapore hosted by American billionaire Michael Bloomberg yesterday.

Wang, one of President Xii Jinping's most trusted allies, pushed back at Washington's "American first" trade policies in a nearly 20-minute keynote address at the Bloomberg New Economy Forum without referring to US President Donald Trump by name.

At the same time, he promoted a vision of globalisation that echoed comments by Ci on Monday at a government-sponsored import fair, in another effort by Beijing to quell global skepticism about its resolve to adopt economic reforms. "China and the US both wish to expand cooperation on the economy and trade," Wang said. "The Chinese side is ready to have discussions with the US on issues of mutual concern to push for a proposal acceptable to both sides to resolve their economic and trade issues."

A1: Young Hongkongers cool on integration efforts

Hong Kong youngsters are divided over the city's integration with the mainland, but many share a low sense of national identity and have concerns about the legal and political systems across the border, a study has found.

Academics who compiled Chu Hai College of Higher Education's first index on cross-border integration said the government should not encourage people to seek opportunities across the border by promoting the economic advantages alone.

A4: Speak up about your red lines, Kissinger says

Speak openly to each other about your red lines and the concessions you are willing to make to avoid conflict.

That was Henry Kissinger's advice to feuding world powers yesterday, as he warned Washington and Beijing an all-out conflict between them would destroy the current world order

Speaking at the Bloomberg new Economy Forum in Singapore, the American former secretary of state, 95, who is widely respected for his prescient views on geopolitics, said it was inevitable that the world's two biggest economies would "step on each others' toes" as the Asian power continued to grow rapidly.

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Page 1: Always striving to excel

For the second year in a row, Ken Yip Pak-ming, 17, is a Microsoft Office champion. After bringing home the gold from the Microsoft Office Specialist (MOS) World Champions competition for PowerPoint last summer, the Form Six Buddhist Sin Tak College student has done it again - this time in Excel.

And while sitting at a computer and putting numbers on a spreadsheet may sound like boring work - especially compared to an interactive presentation - Ken would disagree.

“Excel is actually more interesting than PowerPoint,’ he told Young Post when we sat down with him after his win.” There are more macros and functions. Ninety per cent of people only use 10 per cent of its functions”

Page 2: Life can be ruff page

Patrick is a British family comedy about a woman whose life changes for the better after she is given her grandmother’s spoiled pug.

Out of a job and just recently out of a relationship, Sarah Francis’ (Beattie Edmondson) life is in a bit of a mess. The last thing she needs is a dribbling, loud-snoring pup named Patrick to look after.

Still, could Patrick be what was missing from Sarah’s life after all?

Page 5: Should tourists pay more than locals? The pricing debate over the seven wonders of the world

No one likes to think they have paid more than someone else for the same thing. At many of the world’s iconic monuments however, you will find yourself handing over a hefty entrance fee while the locals pay next to nothing. Grumble about the unfairness of “them and us” pricing and somebody in the queue is sure to offer a saintly smile and inform you that two-tier payment systems are a wonderful way of redistributing wealth.

Advocates of a single admission price point out that foreigners have already been fleeced in souvenir markets, restaurants and hotels, and resent having to subsidise sightseeing attractions as well. “But you’re rich and we’re poor,” claim the host communities. On that basis, visitors from Singapore should be charged double to ride the Peak Tram. The windfall could be used to help the 1.4 million Hongkongers living below the poverty line.