



A1: Signs of hope as key negotiator set for U.S. Talks

China's top economic negotiator is expected to visit the United States soon for talks with his American counterparts aimed at calming trade tensions between the two sides and paving the way for a meeting between the two countries' presidents.

three sources, from both sides, confirmed the development to the South China Morning Post, but said the schedule for Vice-Premier Liu He's trip had still not been decided

Liu had cancelled a trip to the United States in September amid rising tensions between the two nations.

But a phone conversation between Chinese President Xi Jinping and his US counterpart Donald Trump at the start of the month - during which they agreed to meet on the sidelines of the G20 summit in Argentina at the end of the month, has injected positive momentum for Liu's visit to Washington.

A6: Lottery Scandal a Numbers Game

"Ever wonder how come you have never won the lottery? Because the prize money has all been pocketed by corrupt officials!"

This was the latest meme making the rounds on China's social media, as members of the public demanded that the government disclose how much money had been taken in one of the biggest scandals to hit the country's fast-growing lottery industry.

Authorities yesterday scrambled to deny widespread rumours that as much as 136 billion yuan (HK\$153 billion) had been embezzled but said it would be "inconvenient" to reveal the true sum-drawing the ire and mockery of internet users.

A1: Why Lam Kept her silence on security

Hong Kong's leader took pains yesterday to explain why she had earlier omitted to mention that President Xi Jinping had raised national security issues during a closed-door meeting with a delegation from the city.

On Monday, Chief Executive Carrie Lam Cheng Yuet-ngor said the issue of national security legislation had not come up at the meeting. A transcript published hours later by state media showed, however, that Xi said in his 4,600-word speech that Hong Kong and Macau should have "self-awareness" in protecting national security.

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Page 1: Good examples to follow

Whether they inspire you to be a better person, try new things, or work harder, it's always good to have someone you can look up to. Here are the male celebrities that have influenced our cadets in positive ways.

An inspiration: My all-time role model would probably be the musician Tyler, The Creator. His songs are what started for my love of hip hop and its culture, and I also find his fashion sense and zany personality inspiring as well. I'm very much indebted to Tyler for being such a great influence on a large part of my identity.

Page 3: Waste it on me

DJ Steve Aoki and K-pop boy band BTS are providing to be a winning combination once again with their new song Waste It On Me. Aoki previously released a remix of BTS's song MIC Drop, and the DJ also appeared on one of the band's albums. Now, Waste It On Me will be the supergroup's first all-English record, which is sure to excite their international fans.

Page 4: No anti-bullying laws

Despite Hong Kong registering the highest number of bullied students in an international study, there's little support for a law.

In a story published in SCMP yesterday, it was reported that the Education Bureau has said it did not consider it necessary to introduce anti-bullying laws or a compulsory reporting process. This is despite Hong Kong ranking first in a study of 53 countries in terms of children being bullied.

The result of the 2015 Programme for International Student Assessment (PISA), which were released last year, showed 32.3 percent of 15-year-olds in Hong Kong said they were bullied at least a few times a month.

An Education Bureau spokeswoman told SCMP in August that the Bureau required schools to show zero tolerance towards bullying and to implement proper reporting mechanism and handling procedures. She said its yearly survey showed the number of students involved in school bullying cases had dropped from about 260 in the 2012-13 school year to 120 in 2016-17.