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The Delta Bridge should in principle be open on a 24-hour basis, Hong Kong officials said



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WORLD BRIEFS



ITALY Law enforcement has broken up a Chinese organized crime ring that used money from criminal activities to force its way into European trucking companies and control the movement of Chinesemade goods in much of Europe.

PHILIPPINES President
Rodrigo Duterte threatened
yesterday to impose a total
ban on sending workers to
Kuwait because of sexual
abuses that have forced
some Filipino women to kill
themselves.



KOREA Public surveys show most South Koreans support the North's participation in the Olympics, a chance to create a tentative thaw in the Koreas' long-strained relations. But a poll released yesterday suggests that half of South Koreans oppose a joint flag. More on p12

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CRIME

PJ denies weapon used in casino heist

THE Macau Ju- diciary Police (PJ) has denied media reports claiming that there was any weapon or violence involved during the heist early Tuesday morning in a casino VIP room located in the NAPE area. rying out the theft. The PJ has reaffirmed that the information provided in the press conference on Wednesday is accurate, denying the stories reported by several media outlets that the croupier, a male (49) identified by the last name Lei, had used a knife and had threated one of his female colleagues in the process of stealing the casino gaming chips, worth approximately HKD48 million.

Media from yesterday, claimed that the man had a knife in his possession, which he managed to pass through security, and used it to avoid being stopped by coworkers while car-

The reports also claim that the man had a bag, which he used to keep the chips hidden under his uniform, and that after the theft he changed his uniform and exited from the room using a guest entrance.

Some of these reports suggest that Lei had specific knowledge of how to evade security since he had worked in that field for years before becoming a croupier. RM

Anima victim to third cyber attack in two months

OCAL animals rights group Anima (Macau) said it was this week victim to the third cyber attack in two months, suspecting that the Macau (Yat Yuen) Canidrome or its affiliated parties were behind the foul play.

An adoption application form on the group's website is believed to have been targeted by internet robots with the aim of cluttering the inbox of the rights group or overloading the server.

According to Anima (Macau) president Albano Martins, the non-profit organization had its inbox flooded with about 850 emails between midday on January 17 to midnight January 18, all containing incoherent, auto-generated answers to the adoption form.

"We were spammed with 850 emails using an [email form] on our website. The attacker proba-



bly wanted to bring down our servers and prevent us from receiving [genuinel adoption forms, but fortunately they were not able to. Now, we just have to go through each email to check if there are any real forms [hidden among the fake ones]," he told the Times yesterday.

Martins suspects that Canidrome behind the attack.

"I cannot tell who the at-

tack came from... but I can tell that this always happen whenever our fight [against the Canidrome] intensifies or whenever we release new information about the [greyhound] racing track," he said.

"It is just another way that they [the Canidrome] are trying to stop us."

Wednesday's cyber attack was the third such incident in the past two months, though it did

not compare in seriousness to a targeted Trojan virus that unexpectedly infected the animal rights group's back-office website in December.

"We are making a report to the Judiciary Police and they will investigate [the matter]," Martins said, adding that a security field will now be added to the form to prevent similar robot attacks in the future.

Martins has been instrumental for several years in leading the international campaign to cut the Canidrome's links with the outside world, and lobbying the Macau SAR government to force its closure.

The Canidrome's concession is now widely expected to terminate in 2018, however the terms of its exit and the fate of the hundreds of greyhounds currently housed at the facility are yet to be finalized. DB

