

## Man nabbed for indecent behaviour with schoolgirls: police

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The Public Security Police (PSP) have caught a man who was reportedly seen trying to make indecent contact with schoolgirls in the city centre last week, according to a PSP statement on Friday.

On Thursday, the Judiciary Police (PJ) said in a statement they were informed through the School Safety Network that a parent had seen a man trying to make indecent contact with several schoolgirls. He was frequently spotted wandering around Rua do Campo trying to touch schoolgirls' bodies or engaging in obscene acts.

According to Friday's statement, at 8 a.m. on that day a local female told a police officer on patrol outside a kindergarten in Rua Nova

Guia that she had been harassed by a man there. She said that the man had approached her and tried to touch her body at the same spot on the two previous days.

The statement noted that the suspect is a local man in his thirties, whose surname was not revealed. Under questioning, the man told officers that he had undergone psychiatric treatment before.

Friday's statement confirmed that the suspect caught on Friday is the same person who allegedly sexually harassed a number of schoolgirls in the Rua do Campo area earlier last week, and urged victims to contact the police.

The case has been transferred to the Public Prosecution Office (MP) for further investigation. ■

## Morpheus opening 'new chapter' in Macau



Gaming operator Melco Resorts & Entertainment Chairman and CEO Lawrence Ho Yau Lung speaks during Friday's press conference prior to the opening of his company's Morpheus resort hotel, at City of Dreams in Cotai. Photo: Joel Chu

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Gaming operator Melco Resorts & Entertainment Chairman and CEO Lawrence Ho Yau Lung said on Friday that the opening of his company's Morpheus resort hotel, Phase 3 of the City of Dreams, was the opening of a "new chapter" in Macau, adding that it would be "an icon for Asia".

Ho made the remarks during a press conference at City of Dreams prior to the opening ceremony of the US\$1.1 billion hotel on Friday.

According to Melco, the hotel has a total of 772 guestrooms, suites and so-called villas.

"Since we first opened [City of Dreams]...we are constantly...looking at the future, pushing ourselves, our partners, and our guests. Today is a magnificent example of what Melco stands for, it never rests, it never follows conventions, never take the easy path. We don't simply want to serve people what they like right now. We want to amaze them with a new experience they won't get anywhere else in the world. We are not just opening a new hotel today. We are opening a whole new chapter. For Macau, we have built a landmark, for the city, we have built an icon for Asia," Ho said.

He said as the new resort hotel was set to cater to the needs of the Chinese customers in the non-gam-

ing area, Morpheus was designed to be something extraordinary and unique in the world. He described the hotel as a "thank you to China" and a "love letter to Macau".

During the press conference, project partner Peter Remedios, principal and managing director of Remedios Studio from Long Beach in California said, "When we look around Macau, I see a lot of sense of another place, and that's exactly what we did not want to do. We didn't want to create any fake experience. We want to create something...very real," adding that Morpheus was "one of a kind".

Frederic Jean-Marie Winckler, the gaming operator's executive vice president and chief marketing and brand officer, pointed out that City of Dreams has been working on creating "thrill and style", adding that their guests "come here to win", "come here to play", and "come here for victory".

Morpheus is the Hellenic deity of dreams.

According to Ho, between 200 and 300 guestrooms of the hotel are available at the moment while the remainder would be available next month. He also said that as the hotel was set to cater to premium customers, the rate per night would be among the highest in Macau. ■

## Canidrome holds greyhound adoption day



A girl pets a retired greyhound during an adoption day at the Macau (Yat Yuen) Canidrome in Fai Chi Kei yesterday.

Photo: Maria Cheang Ut Meng

Staff Reporter

About a dozen greyhounds with their handlers had a meet-and-greet with local people yesterday during an adoption day held at Macau (Yat Yuen) Canidrome.

The dog racetrack at Fai Chi Kei will shut down as its land lease with the government expires on July 21, and there have been concerns about the fate of the roughly 650 greyhounds when it closes.

About 15 greyhounds that have passed a training programme approved by the Civic and Municipal Affairs Bureau (IACM) and are supposed to be ready to be rehomed were out to greet people interested in adopting them.

An IACM booth was also set up at the racetrack

yesterday to help process adoption procedures.

According to a Yat Yuen staff member, about 100 greyhounds are ready for adoption. The staff member, who asked not to be named, says "several" greyhounds had been adopted yesterday.

About two dozen families went to the adoption day yesterday, saying that they mostly wanted to let their children learn about the breed, and not really to adopt as they don't have space at home for a greyhound.

The next adoption day will be held at the racetrack next Sunday from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.

According to Wikipedia, greyhounds are sighthounds that primarily hunt by sight and speed, rather than by scent and endurance as scent hounds such as beagles do. ■

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