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China's outrage over Hong Kong violence may prompt tighter embrace

BEIJING (Reuters) - China on Tuesday deplored violence in Hong Kong that saw protesters ransack the city's legislature, fuelling expectations it will take a tougher line on the territory, even as details of the scenes of vandalism went largely unreported on the mainland.

Massive protests in the former British colony that began early last month came to a head overnight on Monday, prompting predictions that the police would take a harder stance, the city would be forced into a tighter embrace with the mainland and Hong Kong leader Carrie Lam would be forced out. Beijing called the violence an "undisguised challenge" to the "one country. two systems" model under which Hong Kong was granted a high degree of autonomy when it was returned to China in 1997.

"We express outrage about this and strongly condemn it," China's foreign ministry office in Hong Kong said in a statement.

Millions of people have taken to Hong Kong's streets in recent weeks to protest against a now-suspended extradition bill that would allow people to be sent to mainland China to face trial in courts controlled by the Commu-

The backlash comes amid growing resentment over what many in Hong Kong see as declining freedoms as China tightens its grip over the territory under the leadership of President Xi Jinping, who warned two years ago that Beijing would not tolerate any challenge to its authority in Hong Kong. The official China Daily newspaper, published in English and often used by Beijing to get its message out to the rest of the world, said that the best way to deal with Hong Kong was yet further economic integration with the mainland.

"The only way for (Hong Kong) to sustain economic growth and maintain stability is for it to further integrate its own development into the nation's overall development, especially by playing its part in advancing the Belt and Road Initiative and Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macau Greater Bay Area," it said in a Tuesday editorial. Belt and Road is a string of ports, railways, roads and bridges and other investments connecting China to Europe via central and southern Asia.

"Both development programs serve as practical platforms for Hong Kong to generate more growth momentum that can be translated into practical benefits for local residents."

**TOUGHER LINE** 

Kenneth Ka-Lok Chan, an associate professor at Hong Kong Baptist University and a former Hong Kong lawmaker for the pro-democracy Civic Party, expects Beijing to back Hong Kong to crack down even further. "They will rely heavily on the police force to restore so-called law and order, so the police will be further reinforced in terms of aggressiveness against protesters," he said.

Mathew Wong, an assistant professor of social sciences at the Education University of Hong Kong, said Beijing was likely to let the protests peter

"Like the Umbrella Movement, the protest cannot keep up the intensity forever, especially when the option of letting the police put them down is readily available," he said, referring to the pro-democracy "Occupy Central" movement that lasted 79 days in 2014 before police cleared protesters. He also said Lam was unable to retain her job, even if Beijing keeps her in place for the time being to save face. The central government has repeatedly expressed its support for Lam and for her decision last month to suspend the extradition legislation.

"Regardless of whether the initiative was her idea or Beijing's, the fact that it turned out to be a mess is fatal."

One Beijing-based Western diplomat, speaking on condition of anonymity, said it was significant that Xi himself had not come out and offered public support for Hong Kong's embattled leader yet, keeping a low profile while the territory convulses.

FOREIGN 'BLACK HAND'

China has blamed the "black hand" influence of foreign governments, especially the United States and Britain, for the unrest in Hong Kong, a view that one Chinese official told Reuters was reinforced by the destruction in the legislature.



Protesters break into the Legislative Council building during the anniversary of Hong Kong's handover to China in Hong Kong, China July 1, 2019. REUTERS/Thomas Peter



Protesters carry traffic cones as they block one of the main streets in Hong Kong

"It's the Western countries who are encouraging them. It's very obvious," the official said, declining to be identified given the sensitivity of the matter.

On Chinese social media, users flooded the comments sections of state media posts condemning the violence, calling for Beijing to respond harshly, although the unrest was not fully covered in state media and footage was blocked on the mainland's heavily censored internet.

"Declare martial law or Hong Kong has had it," wrote one on the Twitter-like Weibo site, though there has been no sign People's Liberation Army forces based in Hong Kong have been put on standby should

things get totally out of control. "Send in the tanks to wipe them out," wrote another.

On the streets of Beijing, some people said they had not seen news of what had happened in Hong Kong.

Nursing graduate Zoey, 26, said she hadn't paid much attention to Hong Kong's "problems".



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## **WORLD NEWS**

## Tesla delivers record number of electric cars in quarter, shares up 8%

(Reuters) - Tesla Inc (TSLA.O) handily beat Wall Street expectations on Tuesday for vehicle deliveries in the second quarter, sending shares up 8% as the performance tempered concerns about demand for the electric car maker's vehicles. Tesla delivered 77,550 Model 3s in the quarter, compared with analysts' average estimate of 73,144, according to IBES data from Refinitiv.

Deliveries of all models rose 51% from the first quarter to 95,200 vehicles, including 17,650 Model S and X. Analysts on average were expecting total deliveries of 89,084

Chief Executive Officer Elon Musk has repeatedly said Tesla could deliver a record number of cars in the second quarter, beating the 90,700 it sent to customers in the final quarter of last year.

Musk has been struggling to convince investors that demand remains high for Tesla cars and that vehicles can be delivered efficiently and swiftly to customers around the world. Tesla has been trying to make up for a difficult first quarter, in which deliveries plunged and the company lost \$702

million. The company said earlier this year it would turn a profit in the second half of 2019, a delay from earlier projections. The company has said it will deliver 360,000 to 400,000 vehicles

in 2019, a goal many analysts predict will be difficult to meet.



Newly built Tesla electric vehicles are transported for delivery along a highway in Los Angeles, California, U.S., June 27, 2019. REUTERS/Mike Blake

## Tesla blames misprinted label for China customs hiccup

BENGALURU/SHANGHAI (Reuters) - Tesla Inc said on Tuesday that China's customs authorities have accepted the electric carmaker's plan to resolve problems with the clearance of its Model 3 sedans that centered around misprinting of labels.

Shares in Silicon Valley billionaire Elon Musk's company fell more than 5 percent in early trading after Chinese media reported Shanghai customs had suspended clearance for a batch of Tesla's cars. They were last down 1.3 percent at

"We have already reached a resolution with Chinese customs, and we are working closely with them to resume clearance procedures on these vehicles," a Tesla spokesperson said in a

statement.

"Sales of Model 3 in the country are not impacted, and we continue to deliver Model 3 vehicles that have already been processed." Making inroads into China, the world's largest electric vehicle market, is crucial for the Tesla as it seeks to offset softening demand in the United States and convince investors of its ability to become consistently profitable.

"Selling into China has clear hurdles and this is a reminder of the pitfalls when betting on growth in the region," Wedbush Securities analyst Daniel Ives said. Musk has played up the support Tesla is getting from Chinese authorities as the

company invests in the country's first wholly foreign-owned car plant in Shanghai, due to come online later this year.

Until then, Tesla has to import U.S.-made cars with substantial customs duties, putting it at a disadvantage against locally-made, government-subsidized electric vehicles from rivals such as Nio Inc, Byton and XPeng Motors.

Financial publication Caixin had first reported about China's customs authorities blocking the cars.

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## **Editor's Choice**



REFILE - CORRECTING TYPO A plain clothes finance police officer rings the intercom of the building where Sea-Watch 3 captain Carola Rackete is staying, in Agrigento, Sicily, Italy, July 2, 2019. REUTERS/Guglielmo Mangiapane TPX IMAGES OF THE DAY



A child runs along a sand bar amidst the waters of Lake Moynaki during sunset in Yevpatoriya, Crimea July 2, 2019. REUTERS/Alexey Pavlishak TPX IMAGES OF THE DAY



Soccer Football - Women's World Cup - Semi Final - England v United States - Groupama Stadium, Lyon, France - July 2, 2019 United States fans before the match REUTERS/Denis Balibouse TPX IMAGES OF THE DAY



French designer Julien Fournie appears at the end of his Haute Couture Fall/Winter 2019/20 collection show in Paris, France, July 2, 2019. REUTERS/Charles Platiau TPX IMAGES OF THE DAY



Demonstrators hold flags and banners during peaceful anti-government protests in Algiers



72nd Cannes Film Festival - Photocall for Short Films in competition - Cannes, France, 2019. Chloe Sevigny poses. REUTERS/Regis Duvignau TPX IMAGES OF THE DAY



Vietnamese national Doan Thi Huong is seen upon her arrival at Noi Bai airport, in Hanoi



Sudanese fishermen check their boats and nets before they row through the waters of Nile River near Jebel Aulia



## COMMUNITY

History of the Fourth of July



Indepen- dence Day, commonly known as the Fourth of July, is a federal holiday in the United States commemorat- ing the adoption of the Declaration of The Spirit of '76 Painting Independence on July 4, 1776, declaring independence from the Kingdom of Great Britain. Independence Day is commonly associated with fireworks, parades, barbecues, carnivals, fairs, picnics, concerts, baseball games, family reunions, political speeches and ceremonies, and various other public and private events celebrating the history, government, and traditions of the United States. Independence Day is the national day of the

#### Background

United States.

During the American Revolution, the legal separa- tion of the Thirteen Colonies from Great Britain occurred on July 2, 1776, when the Second Conti- nental Congress voted to approve a resolution of independence that had been proposed in June by Richard Henry Lee of Virginia. After voting for independence, Congress turned its attention to the Declaration of Independence, a statement explaining this decision, which had been prepared by a Committee of Five, with Thomas Jefferson as its principal author. Congress debated and re-vised the Declaration, finally approving it on July 4. A day earlier, John Adams had written to his wife Abigail:

"The second day of July, 1776, will be the most memorable epoch in the history of America. I am apt to believe that it will be celebrated by succeed- ing generations as the great anniversary festi-

# Happy Fourth of July!!! Independence Day 2019



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val. It ought to be commemorated as the day of deliver- ance, by solemn acts of devotion to God Almighty. It ought to be solemnized with pomp and parade, with shows, games, sports, guns, bells, bonfires, and illuminations, from one end of this continent

to the other, from this time forward forever more. "

Adams's prediction was off by two days. From the outset, Americans celebrated independence on July 4, the date shown on the much-publicized Declaration of Independence, rather

than on July 2, the date the resolution of independence was approved ina closed session of Congress.

Historians have long disputed whether Congress actually signed the Declaration of Independence on July 4, even though Thomas Jefferson, John Adams, and Benjamin Franklin all later wrote that they had signed it on that day. Most historians have concluded that the Declaration was signed nearly a month after its adoption, on August 2, 1776, and not on

July 4 as is commonly believed. In a remarkable coincidence, both John Adams and Thomas Jefferson, the only signers of the Declaration of Independence later to serve as Presidents of the United States, died on the same day: July 4, 1826, which was the 50th anni- versary of the Declaration. Although not a signer of the Declaration of Independence, James Mon- roe, the Fifth President of the United States, died on July 4, 1831. Calvin Coolidge, the Thirtieth President, was born on July 4, 1872, and thus, was the only President to be born on Independence Day



Fourth of July Observance Historical High-lights

•In 1777, thirteen gunshots were fired, once at morning and again as evening fell, on July 4 in Bristol, Rhode Island. Philadelphia celebrated the first anniversary in a manner a modern American would find quite familiar: an official dinner for the Continental Congress, toasts, 13-gun salutes, speeches, prayers, music, parades, troop re- views, and fireworks. Ships were decked with red, white, and blue bunting.

•In 1778, General George Washington marked

July 4 with a double ration of rum for his soldiers and an artillery salute. Across the Atlantic Ocean, ambassadors John Adams and Benjamin Frank- lin held a dinner for their fellow Americans in Paris, France.

•In 1779, July 4 fell on a Sunday. The holiday

was celebrated on Monday, July 5.

•In 1781, the Massachusetts General Court be- came the first state legislature

to recognize July 4 as state celebration.
•In 1783, Moravians in Salem, North Carolina,

held a celebration of July 4 with a challenging mu- sic program assembled by Johann Friedrich Pe- ter. This work was

titled "The Psalm of Joy".

•In 1791 the first recorded use of the name "In-dependence Day" occurred.
•In 1820 the first Fourth of July celebration was held in Eastport, Maine which remains the largest in the state.

•In 1870, the U.S. Congress made Independence Day an unpaid holiday for federal employ- ees.

•In 1938, Congress changed Independence Day to a paid federal holiday.

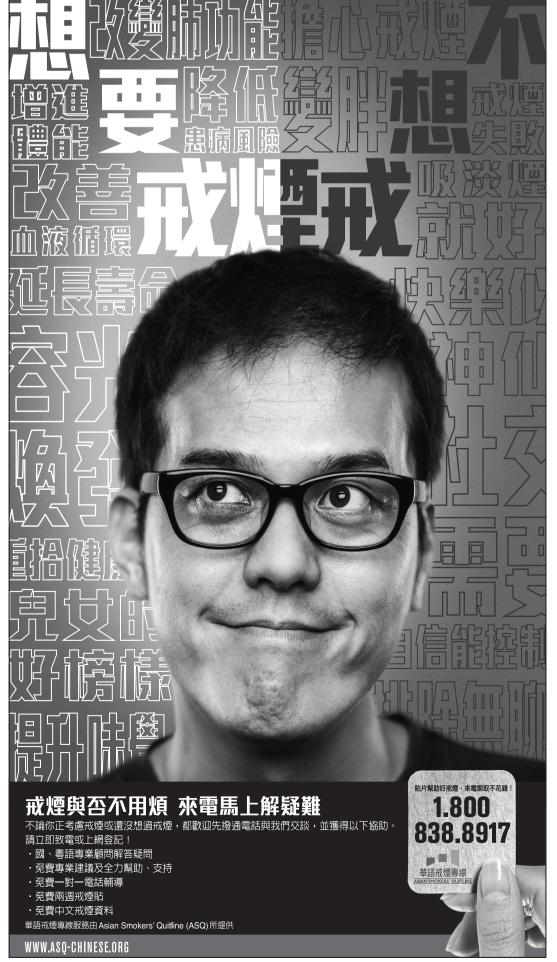


While the official observance always falls on July 4th, participation levels may vary according to which day of the week the 4th falls on. If the holi- day falls in the middle of the week, some fire- works displays and celebrations may take place during the weekend for convenience, again, vary- ing by region.

The first week of July is typically one of the busi- est American travel periods of the year, as many people utilize the holiday for extended vacation trips.

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## BUSINESS

### **The Fourth Industrial Revolution**

Robots, Drones And Sensors Are Changing The Way We Farm

The Future Of Farming Is Here -**High-Tech Brings Agriculture Into The 21st Century** 



Compiled And Edited By John T. Robbins, Southern Daily Editor

Last spring, farmer Brian Tischler was sitting in his tractor when he had an idea. What if his tractor was fully autonomous? Thanks to AgOpenGPS - a software he developed that tracks where crops are seeded - he's had more time to think of new ideas to improve his workflow.

Tischler began creating on the spot, envisioning features for the autonomous tractor like remote control via smartphone, the ability to sense obstacles, and geolocation to ensure the tractor stays within a field. Across the farming industry, tech innovations like Tischler's are revolutionizing the way agriculture is done. These applications come at a critical time. The world population is expected to swell to 9.8 billion by 2050. Climate change and infectious disease are looming threats to livestock production and crop yield.

Tischler made the tractor program open source, sharing it online so farmers from across the globe can download and develop additions. Tischler, who recently won the 2018 ASTech Award for Outstanding Achievement in Agricultural Innovation, views the software as a way of giving back to the farming community. A lot of

leading-edge technology is not affordable for smaller operations



"What inspires me is connecting with other people who share how they're using [the software]," says Tischler.

Such innovations have made the \$3 trillion industry more efficient, resourceful, and productive. In recent years, there have been varied applications of agriculture technology: crop-watering drones, software that uses satellites to manage nut and citrus orchards, virtual trials of new farming techniques, genomics testing that can ward off food contamination, and more. Recent innovations have made the \$3 trillion farming industry more efficient,

resourceful and productive. The DJI "Agricultural Wonder Drone" makes it possible for a single farmer to feed or spray pesticide on as much as 80 acres of crops a day. By comparison, a worker on foot may cover less than one acre in the same amount of time. Using the DJI drone, the farmer maps out the field by walking through it and the unit's controller creates a flight path, almost like a flying Roomba.

In Canada, the R2B2 team of scientists are researching rural connectivity and precision agriculture. Their studies utilize digital devices, applications, and databases of geospatial techniques to analyze and respond to variability in the field.

R2B2 looks at how wireless optimization and tools like sensors and drones support sustainable farming practices. For example, by using sensors to measure moisture and nutrients in the soil, farmers avoid loading up fields with excess irrigation and pesticides, saving money and protecting the environment.



Using linked technologies, a connected farm can also employ solar wireless devices like Ecorobotix, a solar-powered weeding robot. Dr. Helen Hambly, R2B2's lead scientist explains, "In the next generation of farming, there is a lot of monitoring done through connected and wireless devices. Wireless has changed things substantially."

These innovations come at a critical time, as the world population is expected to swell and climate change and infectious disease are looming threats to livestock production and crop yield.

Many farmers have adopted precision agriculture practices. Christian Gastón Palmaz, CEO of Napa's Palmaz Vineyards, created VIGOMany farmers have adopted precision agriculture practices. Christian Gastón Palmaz, CEO of Napa's Palmaz Vineyards, created VIGOR (Vineyard Infrared Growth Optical Recognition), smart software that marries infrared imagery with soil moisture measurements. The algorithmic approach ensures that the vines grow at the same rate and that the exact amount of water needed is used-reducing water use by an estimated 20 per-

Palmaz says, "Big data analytics has had a profound impact on understanding and addressing slight amounts of difference, which would otherwise propagate over



Technology can also help manage livestock wellness and reproduction. Remote Insights developed ear tags that monitor sows' behavior, movements, eating and drinking. The data is collected and analyzed to check that the animal has a healthy appetite and normal mobility. Moocall created monitors to check when a female cow is in heat and a pregnant one is ready to give birth. Such forward-thinking equipment can save a farmer numerous trips to the field or barn to review the herd. There's palpable excitement within the field about the myriad of technological possibilities, strengthening old farming traditions, by using technology to answer existing needs. As Hambly says, "This is the farming of the future." (Courtesy https://www.verizon.com)



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## 积案多 中国人申请 美国投资移民热度减

数据显示,通过美国EB-5投资移民 项目申请绿卡的中国投资者数量近两年 项目申请总人数的25%,而有20%大约 来显著下降,而且新的投资移民申请者 以印度人和越南人为主,这些新投资者 对EB-5项目的要求回报率显著提高,让 南人来填补中国人留下的EB-5项目申请 EB-5项目的融资成本增加。

EB-5 申请者需要在美国进行某项投 资或高失业率的区域中心投入至少50万 美元,才能获得绿卡;根据《华尔街日 报》报道,中国投资者往往不惜投资给 回报率接近于零的项目,来通过EB-5项 目获得一张绿卡;但随着中国投资移民 近两年来的减少,更多印度人和越南人 中国投资者申请数量的限制,让中国 成为EB-5项目的新申请人,他们对投资 移民项目的回报率远高于中国人。

EB-5项目中,申请者对该项目的平均要 求回报率可低至0.25%;然而,以印度 人和越南人为主体的投资项目中,投资 者的要求回报率通常高达20%。

目前,印度投资者大约占投资移民 为越南投资者,他们在四年前的人数占 比仅为1%;不过,即使有印度人和越 者空缺,投资移民项目申请总人数去年 仍然显著下降;过去两年间,EB-5项目 新增申请人数大降50%至6424人,远不 及2015年14373人的峰值。

中国投资者仍然占投资移民项目 总申请人数的30%,但随着大量EB-5 移民申请案件的积压,以及移民局对 人对投资移民的热情大大减弱;目前 看来,中国申请者从开始申请到最终 数据显示,以中国申请者为主体的 拿到永久绿卡,需要等待超过16年; 而且,最近几年出现了很对针对区域 中心EB-5项目的诉讼,指控这些项目 的开发商欺骗外国投资者,并要求扩 大项目规模。

## 加拿大新移民 就业率创新高 第二代尤其强劲

根据呈交加拿大财长莫奈(Bill Morneau)的一份内部财务分析,尽管加拿大。多,而且政府计划仍不止于此。今年新 近年来新移民数量不断增加,位于黄金 移民目标为近331,000人,2020年为341, 工作年龄的新移民去年就业率仍然创下 新高。

分因为加拿大经济创造了大量工作,导 选的一个议题 致各公司雇佣了更多过去很难找到工作 的人们,该分析讨论的新移民指落地五 年以内的移民。

去年冬天加拿大经济放缓以后,加 拿大失业率达到四十年新低,许多老板 很难招聘到人。

加通社根据信息可得法获得了这份 一月份的备忘录。该份文件里说,新移 民近年来在劳动力市场上的表现有大幅 改善

文件说,落地五年以内,年龄在25岁 到54岁之间的移民,去年的就业率为71% ,该指数为2006年指数启用以来最高。

"对落地五年到十年的移民,也可 观察到类似的趋势。"新移民的就业预 期和失业率比十年前上次经济衰退之前 情况要好。分析说,移民选择标准使移 民们有更好的收入预期,新移民们的文 化程度也更高。

黄金工作年龄段里,拥有高等教育 学历的新移民数量从2006年的75%上升 到了2018年的80%。这个比例比总人口 中,同个年龄段的同样人群要高9个百 分点。

加拿大近年接纳的新移民比往年更 000人,2021年为350,000人。

移民数量上升的同时,对移民的争 该份分析文件说,这一增加可能部 议也在上升,移民问题可能成为十月大

> 商界领袖们赞成接纳移民,特别因 为婴儿潮一代在老去,国家需要就业税 收来支持社会项目。

> 该份财务部文件说,总体来说,加 拿大移民表现很好,因为加拿大对移民 态度正面积极。"有些国家对移民问题 态度更加两级分化,可能反映了移民们 经济和社会面貌糟糕的状况,同时,中 级阶级面对经济停滞,也把移民当成了 替罪羊。

该文件说, "移民的经济福利很大 程度上取决于移民能否融入劳动力市场 。移民的增加,或说总人口的增加,将 驱动对商品和服务的需求,对经济增长 做出贡献。'

文件中还指出,和父母都在加拿大 出生的加人相比,父母为移民的第二代 加人呈现出强劲的经济和教育成果。

在25到44岁之间的加拿大人中, 95%的移民二代完成了中学教育,而父 母都在加拿大出生者完成中学教育的比 例为89%。41%的移民二代拥有本科学 位,而父母都在加拿大出生者,拥有本 科学位的比例是24%。

## 税费高、黄牛党搅局 外国人在法国申请居留不容易



法国国会6月19日发布报告指出, 法国的"高额"居留课税,会对一些 外国人的社会融入产生负面影响,从 而形成"恶性循环"。

国会报告:法国对居留征税过高

法国《世界报》报道,对于合法 居住在法国的外国人来说,每次发放

执政党议员 Stella Dupont 详细解读 了这项报告: "(申请的居留)税款的金 额并不相同,通常来说是269欧元,但 也有一些情况需要609欧元。"甚至是 在欧盟范围内,法国的居留课税也属 于"高水平"。

2017年,这些税收和相关印花税 的收益为1.93亿欧元。而这一年,法国 共发放了986191份不同的居留许可。

报告直指这些税费的"高水平" ,并认为这将对外国人融入产生不利 影响。共和党议员 Jean-François Parigi 认为,"这将形成'恶性循环'"。

上述议员表示,事实上,高额的 居留征税导致一些人去寻求协会或社 会行动社区中心的帮助,给这些组织 造成了"不应有的经济负担"。

更加反常的是,一些组织通过国 家补贴的方式来偿付这些居留税费。 报告解释道,用公共资金来支付国家 课税,"这是一种奇怪的情况"

另外,为了减少排队时间,一些 行政手续正被逐步取消,报告对此提 出警告。报告称,这种新的做法可能 会引发"新形式的犯罪"一 -就警局 接待外国人申请人的预约进行欺诈性

在法国,为方便外国人办居留, 半数警察局已经开启网上预约程序。 这可避免警局门口出现连夜排队的糟 糕状况,但警方并未增加人手和预约 名额,这一新政似乎治标不治本,反 而导致网上"黄牛"出现。

报告指出,"预约机会被中间人 或是更新居留时,都需要交纳一笔税 以50、100或是200欧元的价格转卖" ,还曾发生以1200欧元高价卖出预约 认当前处理流程出现饱和,但不清楚 的事件。

倒卖预约名额,黄牛党发财

卖名额的现象进行报道,指他们采取 专业软件获取预约名额,转手卖给预 约心情急切的外国人。

报道称,很多人对自己的营销目 的丝毫不加掩饰,直言不讳提到: "如果介绍其他6个客户,你预约可免 费",或"我们不会忘记提供帮助的 人,他会获得一笔优厚的中介费" 其中一名中介账户解释说,警察局每 周都会放出新的预约时间,但因申请 人数众多,5分钟后,很快就被申请完 。这也给网上"黄牛"提供商机,另 一名中介账户解释自己的工作方法称 ,他们会采取特殊软件自动审看新的 预约时间,并以最快速度申请,随后 转手卖给有需要的"客户"。

行政机构缺人手,处理流程饱和,外 国人被迫忍受

法国内政部对这一非法倒卖行为 早已知晓,表示已经通报给司法部门 。2019年初,法国巴黎大区北部博比 尼和南泰尔检察院已经立案,并对此 展开调查。帮助失散者联合会普世互

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助组织居留问题负责人克劳塞尔分析 称,现在的问题在于,预约时间点太 少,行政机构缺乏足够人手解决这一 问题,外国人只能被迫忍受。

目前法国共计300万人持有居留签 证,他们可申请更新居留、申请加入 法籍、办理旅游文件、更换驾照等。 除此之外,法国警局需要处理申请居 , 在93省(Seine-Saint-Denis)的Raincy市 留合法化的相关申请。法国内政部承 到底有多少人无法获得警察预约。

据帮助失散者联合会普世互助组 《世界报》不久前对网上排队倒 织调查显示,2018年底至今,塞尔吉 警察局没有任何居留更新预约时间点 ,南特尔警局整个四月份,没有任何 申请加入法国国籍的预约时间点。法 国其它城市比如梅斯、斯特拉斯堡和 图卢兹等地警察局都面临同样情况。

> 2015年法国一份报告已经提到应 该简化外国人接待行政手续,从短期 来看,政府可以增加工作人员数量, 解决这一问题。法国警局工作任务不 断增加,2018年难民申请人数增加20% ,强制驱逐任务数量则增加30%。

> 在脸书一个名为"列勒贝勒市镇 公开小组中,一名脸书成员描述 了这样一段经历: "我陪同一家人 到萨塞勒(Sarcelles)警局预约。如今一 切都是网上作业,已经没有实体接 待了。这家人几个月来希望预约, 将身份合法化,但内政部信息系统 有问题,根本无法预约。我亲自到 警局,并解释了情况,但收到的唯 -解释便是:一切都在网上办理 他提高嗓音,像口号一般,不断重 复这句话。



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苏州市的园林景观在任何一个地方 都堪称的上是教科书级别的经典和传奇 ,在中国古典园林建筑发展的上彪炳千 秋的经典和传奇。小时候语文课本上经 常会有苏州园林的课文出现,老师还会 让我们有感情地朗读课文然后背诵下来 ,似乎小时候不太懂这些珍贵的、富有 艺术气息的园林艺术有什么吸引人的地 方,只是隐隐的感觉到江南的风景是非 常独特而又美好的,对于生活在北方的 我便在心中埋下的深深的情愫,想要长 大以后去遥远的南方看一看,走一走, 体会一下江南风情的独特和曼丽。如今 便利的交通设施和便捷的旅游服务让我 们的脚步可以走得很远很远,去苏州园 林的梦想也不再是一个想象。我便挑选 好了一个节假日,踏上了去往苏州的航 班。这是一次平淡无奇的说走就走的旅 行,但也是一次小时候的圆梦之旅。这 个维摩山庄究竟能不能带给我一种久别 重逢的感受,能不能唤起我小时候对于 苏州园林的记忆呢?今天就让我们带上 发现美丽的眼睛,一同踏上这次的维摩 山庄的园林旅程。

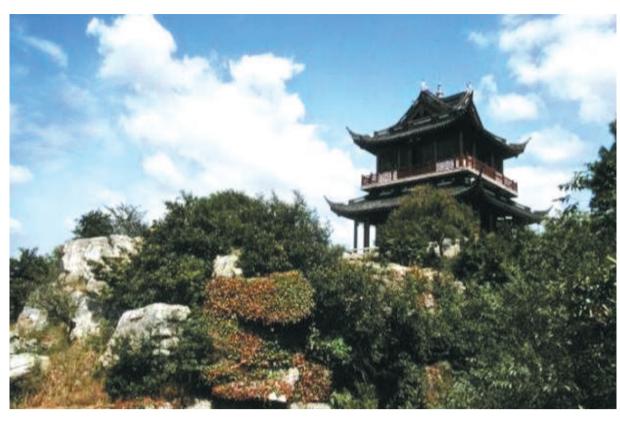
维摩山庄位于苏州市下辖的县级市 常熟市的虞山中部山巅之上,可以 说是一个清净远人的隐居之地。想来当 时会把这座园林建造在山巅之上,也是 为了寻得一种超凡脱俗、清丽优雅的生 活环境,避免客人来往的喧闹和世俗, 感受在山野中隐居的快乐和惬意。既然 是寻访小时候记忆中的苏州园林,很多 人都会选择苏州最著名的园林景观,比 如网师园、拙政园或者留园等等,但是 这些有名的苏州园林景观自然是游人如 织,人声鼎沸,全然不能与我心中想象 的那种安静恬适的苏州园林相符。于是 维摩山庄便成为我最好的选择,这里远 离闹市,虽然知名度较小,但是苏式园 林的布局和构造全都是数一数二的,全 不逊于一些著名的园林景观。这便时我 心中对于苏式园林的全部的期望,也希 望维摩山庄能够给我一次难忘的旅程。

要想到维摩山庄必须向前往常熟市 -个苏州市下辖的县级市,距离

苏州市竟有十几公里的距离, 开车前往 也只需要一个多小时的时间。而维摩山 庄所在的虞山位于常熟市市区的西北部 ,好在离市区不远,大概也就是半个小 时的时间就能到达。但是要把握好旅程 的时间,避免天黑走高速公路增加驾驶 风险。我一大早就从苏州市的市区出发 了,大概也就是上午的十点左右,来到 了虞山的脚下。这还是一个非常具有原 始风貌的山脉,在苏州这样的平原南地 区也算得上是比较巍峨的山脉了。维摩 山庄位于虞山的中部山腰处,虽有前往 的盘山公路,但是我的驾龄比较短,不 敢贸然开车前往,于是便开始的近一个 小时的爬山。其实虞山自古就有"十里 青山入半城"的说法,意思就是常熟市 就是依傍着虞山建造的,而且这座山的 森林覆盖率达到了百分之九十六以上, 生态环境良好,我在攀爬的时候便能很 深刻地感受到。虽然此刻是一天当中气 温比较高的时候,但是虞山上茂盛的树 林和树荫将整个山路都遮挡起来,游客 一边可以看到斑驳的光影,一边还能感 受到林子里清冽的凉风夹杂着草木和泥 土的清香。好在虞山的山路建设比较完 善,并没有想象中的陡峭难行。经过五 十分钟的时间, 我终于来到了维摩山庄 的门前。

"维摩山庄"

此刻我就像一个跋山涉水、前去一 个世外高人的道观里拜师求艺之人,站 在山门前感叹不已。我能够有这样的想 法也是非常贴合维摩山庄的历史的,原 来这里是始建于南宋隆兴元年维摩庙所 在的地方,后来由于太平天国运动中太 平军与清军在维摩庙交火激战, 维摩庙 毁于战火之中。如今的维摩山庄是在维 摩庙的遗址上建造起来的,所以我才站 在门前才会有这样的感受。维摩山庄的 山门就是非常常见的一种木质大门,用 青黑色的木漆仔细地覆盖起来,还微微 透出一种光滑油亮的光泽。山门的门楣 上有书法大家题写的匾额,上面写着的 "维摩山庄"四字笔力苍劲,气势磅礴 。从山门中望去,是有一种幽邃清幽之感



清树木的后面是什么样子,而是直接通往 远处的望海楼,不得不让人生出一种想要 进去一探究竟的想法。沿着这一条宽阔的 林荫路往前走,不仅能感受到这里的翠林 鸟鸣,花木深秀,还有一种非常惬意和舒 适的感受。大抵苏州园林给人的感受就是 一种非常清丽优雅的吧。

在宽阔的林荫大道上走几分钟,便 来到了望海楼,这是一座非常具有苏州 园林韵味的传统亭台建筑,青黑色的亭 台顶部四角飞檐,亭身曼丽清秀,都被 涂饰成为了朱红色,搭配着青黛色的屋 檐显得非常典雅曼丽。据说昔日的文人 雅士皆结伴夜宿于此,为了能够在翌日 登楼欣赏旭日东升,好不雅致的趣味 而且望海楼还有一段非常幽邃的长廊 在夏日里非常清凉舒适,文人雅士们也 常坐于此,畅抒胸臆,感今伤古。景区 新增的景观还有百桂园,这是一个非常



寻幽探胜虞山园

,每到春日里桂花盛开的时节,满园飘 着沁人心脾的芳香,朵朵白桂花飘落下 来,真是一幅美丽的春日图景。百桂园 也有根据苏式园林风格建造的假山,假 山下水池中的太湖石属于绝品,是当时 宋徽宗下令在苏州建立苏杭奉应局时候 搜刮奇花异草留存下来的珍品,集齐了 太湖石的瘦、皱、透,漏,四种品相

在维摩山庄的旅程带给我的不仅仅是 次惬意舒适的山庄旅程,还是一次对于 小时候想象中的苏州园林的现实化和实物 化,这对于我人生的态度和对于世界的热 爱都有非常良好的作用和深远的影响。旅 行不仅仅是一次放松的过程,还是一次治



在世界三大园林体系中,中国的 园林艺术可以说是独树一帜,因此我 国的园林建筑也是星罗棋布、遍地开 花,它们风格迥异、大小不同,成为 一座小城里最清新雅致的存在。

在江西婺源,有一座园林很特别 ,那就是朱熹故里熹园。说它特别是 因为想要进到这个园区的人必须要着 汉服,否则就会被拒之门外。汉服可 以在售票处找到,买票之后挑一件自 己中意的就可以了。

汤村街边,这里古树掩映、面水依山 ,此地原名"朱家庄",是朱熹二世 祖、三世祖居住的地方。熹园虽说是 在原址上复建的,但也高度还原了古 代园林的意蕴,可列入园林造山的佳

著名的古建筑园林艺术学家陈从 周曾经说过:中国园林是文人园,实

基于"文"。祖籍婺源的朱熹是南宋 熹园坐落于江西省婺源县紫阳镇 著名的理学家、思想家、教育家,因 此熹园也是一座"文"园。

> 都说美丽婺源,熹园有着不可或 缺的一笔。确实,熹园景区以其得天 独厚的自然风光,辅以源远流长的徽 州文化和朱子文化,为人们展现了一 处不一样的文化园林。

很多人可能不理解,为什么想进 **熹园园区必须要着汉服?而当你走进** 



熹园才知道 ,你在这里将穿越 时空,回到繁华的南宋,来一场 神奇的古今对话。

在熹园,汉服是进入景区的 通行证,而身着汉服的人们也在 这里穿越了时空。这里将古典情 结照进现实,目之所及小桥流水、雕

梁画栋、情景交融。着汉服进来的人 会情不自禁的融入到这一场神奇的古 今对话之中。在这里你不必觉得不好 意思,完全可以入戏。

不论你是风度翩翩的公子还是俊 俏的姑娘,都可以用古时的语言来打 招呼,没人觉得怪异。

两个撑着油纸伞的姑娘,在望着 池中的锦鲤发呆,想起朱熹的佳作

"问渠哪得清如许,为有源头活水来 。"入耳处书声琅琅,琴声悠悠,恍 然如梦。

人们行走期间,谈笑风生,时不

时见古装打扮的商贩,还有那知名的 狗皮膏药,一定要来上一贴,那可是 专治跌打损伤的祖传秘方。 园内一步一景,穿桥过巷,古色古

韵触手可及,尽显传统文化之美。不在 江南,胜似江南,撑一支长篙的情景, 让我仿佛置身那江南的烟雨之中。

"衣冠上国,礼仪之邦",换上 汉服,在熹园里漫步,听古树下的蝉 鸣,看碧波荡漾一段古时的光阴。图 文原创, 欢迎关注: 路灯摄影, 每天 为您分享旅途好风景

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