



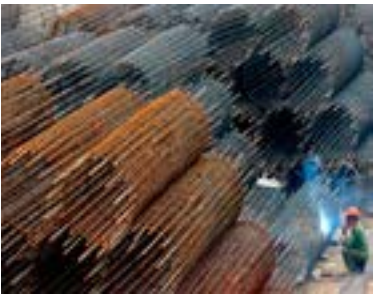
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Northeast still facing flooding, outages after killer storm

PRINCETON, N.J. (Reuters) - Some 1.8 million customers remained without power throughout the eastern United States on Saturday, and communities on the New England coast faced more flooding a day after a powerful storm snapped trees, downed wires and killed at least seven people.

The remnants of the storm, known as a nor'easter, continued to buffet the northeastern United States with wind gusts of up to 50 miles per hour (80 kph) even as it moved hundreds of miles out to sea, hampering efforts to restore power.

The governor of Massachusetts, Charlie Baker, declared a state of emergency on Saturday afternoon, following similar announcements by the governors of Virginia and Maryland on Friday.

The moves give those states access to federal resources. Baker said the National Guard was deployed to numerous municipalities throughout eastern Massachusetts to help with rescue and evacuation efforts. Trains were running with delays between Washington and New York along Amtrak's Northeast Corridor, the passenger railroad said, after

service was suspended for several hours earlier on Saturday due to power outages. The storm carried hurricane-force winds in excess of 90 miles per hour (145 kph), sending seawater churning into streets in Boston and nearby shore towns - the second time the area has been flooded this year. A flight monitor shows cancelled flights at LaGuardia Airport in Queens, New York, U.S., March 2, 2018. REUTERS/Amr Alfiky The National Weather Service (NWS) warned that coastal states from Massachusetts to Maine could experience another round of flooding late on Saturday when the high tide returns, though it is not expected to be as severe as earlier surges. Falling trees killed seven people, including two boys who died when trees struck their homes, in Connecticut, Maryland, New York, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island and Virginia, according to local media and police. Private forecasting service AccuWeather said the storm dumped as much as 18 inches (46 cm) of snow on parts of New York state and Pennsylvania. The Massachusetts town of East Bridgewater received nearly 6



inches of rain, the NWS said. The storm also snarled transportation from the Middle Atlantic into New England, with more than a quarter of flights into and out of New York's three major airports and Boston's airport canceled on Friday, tracking

service FlightAware.com reported. The problems carried over into Saturday, with hundreds of flights canceled into and out of New York and Boston, according to the website.

One flight landing at Washington's Dulles International Airport on Friday experienced turbulence so rough that most passengers became sick and the pilots were on the verge of becoming ill, the Federal Aviation Administration said.

'Don't react': trade officials look past Trump noise at NAFTA talks

MEXICO CITY (Reuters) - Donald Trump may be president of the United States but his words do not necessarily carry the weight of the U.S. government at the biggest trade shake-up he is pushing. Sometimes, it is better to block them out and carry on, officials say.

Negotiations between the United States, Canada and Mexico to redraw the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) were clouded this week by Trump's plan to slap 25 percent tariffs on steel imports and claims that "trade wars are good, and easy to win."

Participants at the talks have come to expect disruptions by Trump, ranging from his depictions of the United States as a victim of Canada and Mexico, to threats to dump the 24-year-old accord he has called a "disaster."

Several officials privately expressed frustration at his latest broadsides during the seventh round of NAFTA talks in Mexico, where Trump has regularly raised hackles by insisting on building a border wall he says Mexicans will pay for. But they also said that Canadian, Mexican and the technical staff of U.S. Trade Representative (USTR) Robert Lighthizer have remained focused

on the task of overhauling the accord.

"Our position on all this is: don't react. Stick with the facts," said an official close to the talks when asked how a man praising trade wars could be relied on to rework a trade deal.

"Stick with the official positions of the government, and above all with our direct counterparts, USTR, the Commerce Department, and take serious decisions on that basis," the official added, speaking on condition of anonymity.

Negotiators concluded a chapter on regulatory practices earlier this week, and officials say they may be able to finish a handful more before ministers from the United States, Mexico and Canada meet for talks in Mexico City on Monday.

The official also expressed the view that the fact that the United States remained at the negotiating table was "a win."

"We have to be honest and say that irrespective of the political noise, we're in a better place than we were six or three months ago," the official told reporters. "In other words, I think the likelihood of the United States pulling out abruptly is lower today than it was six months ago."

That said, chief Canadian negotiator Steve Verheul said talk of trade wars continued to be a distraction.

"It's a lot of extra work," he told Reuters on Saturday. Trump has talked frequently of the need to be unpredictable and Carlos Pascual, a former U.S. ambassador to Mexico, said the president's use of Twitter aimed to fuel uncertainty. "Because (the tweets) are from him, they are not shaped by trade-offs in a government interagency process," he told Reuters. "So the world is always left to wonder - is this the conclusion of the policy process, or just the first salvo based on emotion, instinct and political calculus?"

The mood in Mexico for the latest round was dampened before the start when it surfaced that tentative plans for a meeting between Trump and President Enrique Pena Nieto had been shelved due to a joint phone call that soured over the planned wall.

A former high-level Mexican diplomat said that the latest row fitted perfectly into the pattern of Trump disruptions ahead of NAFTA talks, and that the government needed to deny him the space to create them.

"It's wrong to think you can have a normal, calm relationship with Trump, he's not like that," the former official said, speaking on condition of anonymity.

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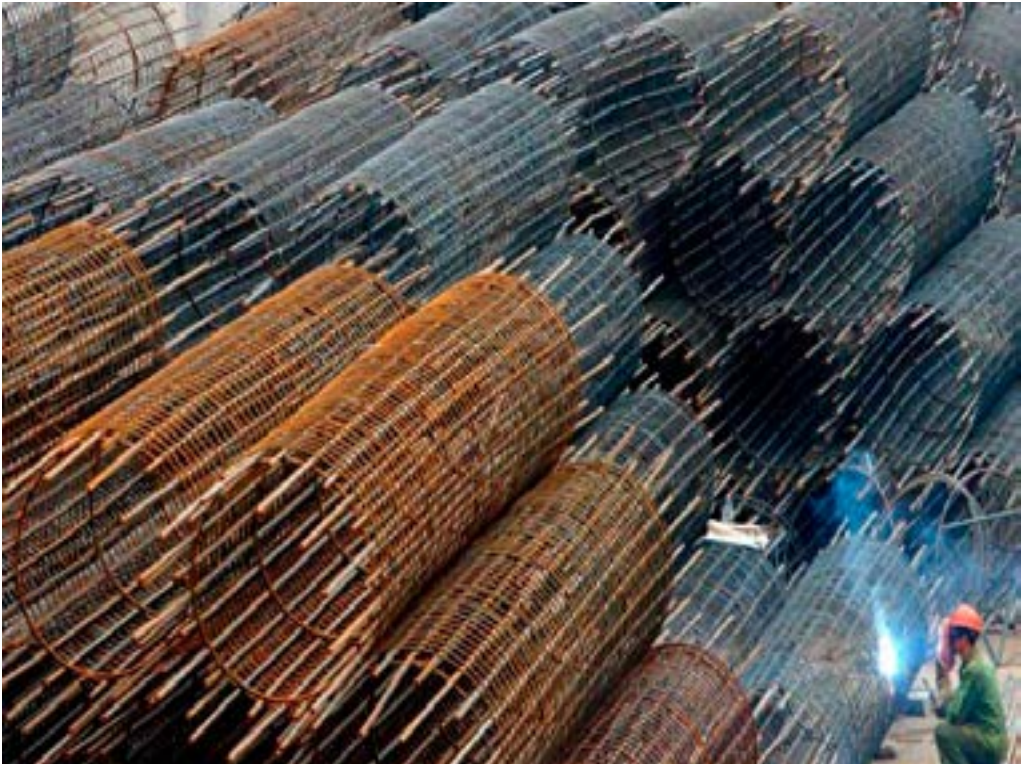
China has less at stake in U.S. steel trade war than Canada, Mexico

By Collin Eaton

China doesn't have much as to lose in the Trump Administration's looming trade war as the United States' traditional trading partners. The Trump Administration on Thursday said it would impose a 25 percent tariff on steel that the nation imports, a bid to protect the U.S. steel industry from overseas competition. But the United States accounts for only 1.4 percent of China's steel exports of almost 83 million tons. And the United States only buys 2.9 percent of its \$33.6 billion imported steel from China. But the United States imports about half of its steel from Canada, Mexico

and Brazil. "We think the steel tariffs will not solve the underlying problem of high cost of steel-making in the U.S., which has forced steel end-users to search for cheaper imports," said He Ming, senior manager at Wood Mackenzie. "Its intention to protect employees in the steel and aluminum sectors," Ming said, "will be offset by more job losses in the metal-intensive industries such as car manufacturers."

A Chinese worker welds steel rebar at a construction site in Nanjing, capital of east China's Jiangsu province, April 21, 2006 (Sean Yong / Reuters)



Oil and gas rig counts inch up

The number of rigs drilling for oil and gas in the U.S. is continuing to tick up, albeit at a slow pace. The amount of oil-seeking rigs grew by one from last week, while the natural gas-drilling rigs increased by two, according to weekly data from Baker Hughes, a GE company. The two gas rigs were added in Pennsylvania, while Oklahoma tacked on three rigs, Alaska grew by two and Texas added one. Those gains were partially offset by declines in Colorado and North Dakota. There are now an even 800 rigs drilling for oil with more than half of them - 434 - situated in West Texas' and New Mexico's booming Permian Basin. There are 181 gas-seeking rigs, creating a total rig count of 981. The next most active area after the

Permian is South Texas' Eagle Ford shale with 70 rigs and then Oklahoma's Cana-Woodford shale with 68 rigs. Texas is home to 483 rigs overall, while Oklahoma is second with 124 rigs. New Mexico is next with 88 rigs. Despite this week's jump, the oil rig count is down 50 percent from its peak of 1,609 in October 2014, before oil prices began plummeting.



Mugshots released: 5 charged in raid on alleged Aryan Brotherhood chop shop

Mugshots have been released for five suspects arrested Friday when authorities raided an alleged chop shop with ties to the Aryan Brotherhood in San Jacinto County. Matthew Follis, 38, Alexandria Holloway, 26, Shain Whitmire, 38, Everitt McAdams, 34, and Shasta Cole, 33, were all arrested Feb. 2 in an area northeast of Cleveland off of U.S. 59/I-69. All five are allegedly linked to the Texas prison gang, said Bryan Carlisle of the Montgomery County Auto Theft Task Force, which participated in the raid along with the San Jacinto County Sheriff's Office and Liberty County Pct. 6 Constable's Office. Officers, dressed in tactical gear and carrying high-powered rifles, breached the camping trailers, house and outbuildings on property in the 400 block of Our Road, while helicopter air support flew overhead and an ambulance stood by in the event of an injury. Stolen vehicles, firearms, marijuana, meth-

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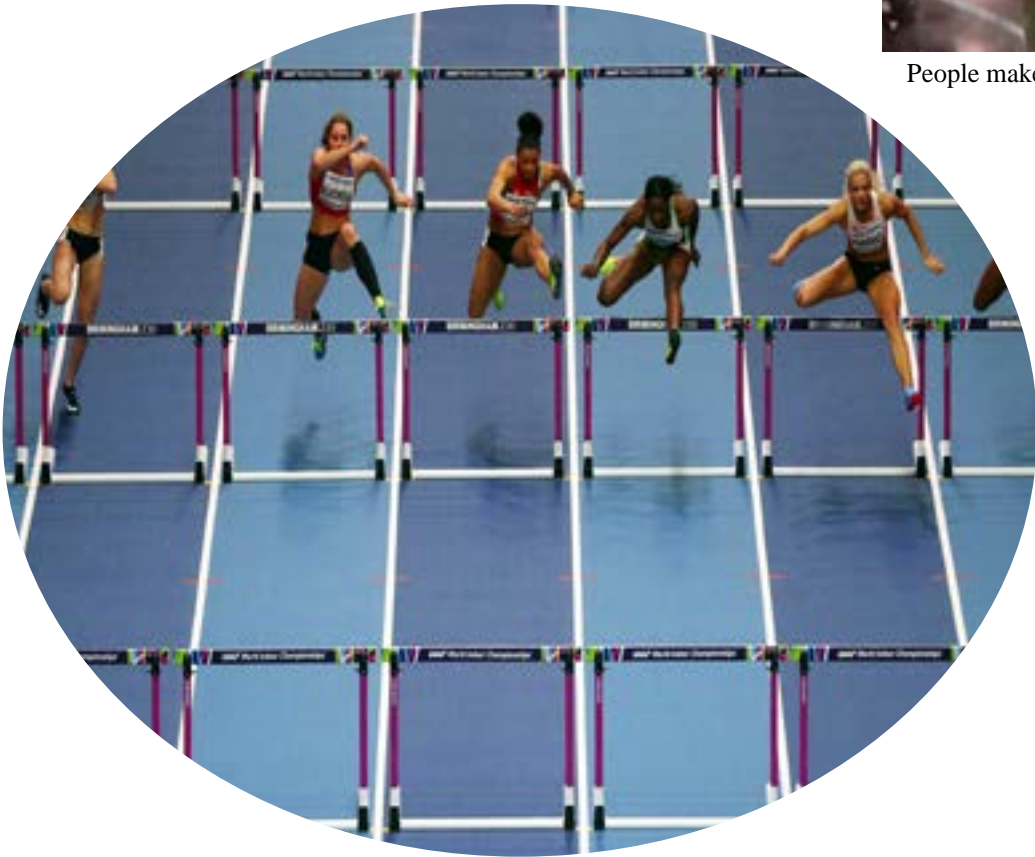
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Dr. Carolyn Evans-Shabazz, new chair of the Houston Community College Board of Trustees.

HOUSTON [Jan.19, 2018] – Dr. Carolyn Evans-Shabazz is the new chair of the Houston Community College Board of Trustees. The trustees elected Dr. Evans-Shabazz, who represents District IV, at the January 18 board meeting.

“I fully support Chancellor Cesar Maldonado and the HCC administration as they continue to transform the college into a model institution,” Evans-Shabazz said.

Dr. Evans-Shabazz, a board member since 2015, is a former teacher and currently a real estate professional.

The board also named Pretta VanDible Stallworth as vice-chair. Elected to the board to represent District IX in December 2017, VanDible Stallworth was named to the post by fellow trustees on the same day of her ceremonial swearing-in. She previously served on the board from 1989 to 1993 and is an educator and business consultant.

Trustee Zeph Capo was elected board secretary. Capo has represented District I on the board since his election in 2013 and is the vice president and legislative director for the Houston Federation of Teachers.



Also at the January -18 board meeting, the board passed a “Resolution of Unity and Support” by a vote of 8-0, resolving to work together in a professional and collegial manner and disavowing trustee actions that circumvent the college’s policies and procedures, cause unnecessary distraction, or do not support the college’s mission. The resolution also recognized achievements under Dr. Maldonado’s leadership, including the following:

- Increasing the annual awards of certificates and degrees by 22%
- Increasing dual-credit student enroll-

Evans-Shabazz Named Chair Of HCC Board Of Trustees

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ment by 35%

- establishing 14 Workforce Centers of Excellence
- Establishing the historic partnership with Apple and the launching of the iCDS (Coding and Design School)
- Retiring more than \$19 million in bonded indebtedness and removing the negative watch by rating agencies

Finally, the board approved a proposal to hire a consultant to work with the college to develop a long-term strategic plan.

“I am grateful for the support of my colleagues and pleased that they joined me in voting for the resolution of unity and support,” said Evans-Shabazz. “The college has made tremendous strides under Chancellor Maldonado’s leadership and I am excited to begin long-term strategic planning as we chart a course for the college’s future.”

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Invention, Creation And Innovation: HCC Thrives At Houston Maker Faire



HOUSTON [November 2017] – Curiosity, imagination and a desire to make the world a better place through innovation were three of the common denominators shared by thousands of high school and college students who attended the Houston Maker Faire. The event took place Oct. 21 – 22 at the George R. Brown Convention Center. It brought together what many consider, the next generation of en-



trepreneurs.

The Houston Maker Faire is a massive gathering of students and educators, who show, share and compete with projects designed to solve problems. Houston Community College had its own Innovation Pavilion at the event. More than 100 HCC faculty and staff checked in as exhibitors. Students focused their efforts on topics that ranged from environmental issues to consumer needs.

Ravi Brahmabhatt, Director of Student Innovation and Entrepreneurship at HCC, took several students to showcase their work. He was inspired to see the growing enthusiasm of young problem-solvers.

“We had one of the largest turnouts this year,” Brahmabhatt said. “I am so proud of our HCC students for sharing their cool projects and classroom technology. We are also very thankful to our deans and chairs for coming and networking with the community.”

One of the participants was Ursela Knox, an HCC Business Management student. Her invention was a transportation system that moves people from rural areas to sectors with better employment and educational opportunities.

“I am pleased at the public’s approval,” Knox said. “I am glad they thought my project was something needed. I got all thumbs up.”

Bhaskar Sarkar, an international student who recently arrived at HCC from Ban-

gladesh, was impressed by his peers’ vision of the future. “The Houston Maker Faire and the IDEAS pitch competition have been incredible platforms for talented young minds,” Sarkar explained. “I am in awe at how passionate my classmates are about changing the world for the better.”

Some of the winning projects presented by students included a system that uses drones and GPS tracking to identify swarms of mosquitoes to reduce diseases. Another winning invention was a fiber-glass pipe for the oil and gas industry designed to reduce the possibility of spills.



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SEOUL—South Korean President Moon Jae-in has told President Donald Trump that he will send a special envoy to North Korea to follow up on a visit by the sister of leader Kim Jong Un to Seoul, the South Korean presidential office reports.

The South Korean presidential office suggested that the decision was part of an effort to continue diplomatic efforts after a series of exchanges between the two Koreas around the Winter Olympics in Pyeongchang, South Korea, which wrapped up last Sunday.

The announcement came after a 30-minute phone call on Thursday between presidents Trump and Moon in which the two allies agreed to “maintain and push forward” the momentum of inter-Korean talks, a spokesman for the South Korean presidential office said.



North Korean official Kim Yong Chol heads back to North Korea in late February after a diplomatic outreach to the South during the Pyeongchang Games. PHOTO: RYU SEUNG-IL, PRESS POOL

“Both leaders agreed to continue close coordination during the coming inter-Korean talks,” said Yoon Young-chan, the presidential spokesman. He didn’t identify the special envoy or say when the trip would take place.

The recent inter-Korean rapprochement comes after a year of tension in which North Korea demonstrated gains in its development of nuclear-tipped long-range missiles. The Trump administration has sought to maintain pressure on North Korea, and on Feb. 23, amid the Olympics diplomacy, levied what it called its largest ever North Korea sanctions package.

The move reflected tensions between Seoul and Washington over some aspects of North Korea policy, with Mr. Moon pursuing engagement alongside sanctions, while the Trump administration has stressed sanctions with minimal engagement—and threatened military action.



Seoul Moves To Maintain Diplomatic Momentum After Olympics

South Korea Tells U.S. It Will Send Special Envoy to North

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South Korea is moving to maintain momentum from North Korean visits during the Olympics, including this meeting between President Moon Jae-in, right, and North Korea’s Kim Yong Nam in Seoul in February. Kim Yo Jong, the sister of North Korean leader Kim Jong Un, is at center. (PHOTO: SO KOREA PRESIDENTIAL BLUE HOUSE/ASSOCIATED PRESS)



With the two Koreas marching under the same flag, and top North Koreans officials in attendance, the hope is that diplomatic progress will follow the success of the Olympic games.

Some senior U.S. officials described North Korea’s diplomatic efforts around the Olympics as a propaganda ploy to weaken U.S. sanctions efforts and drive a wedge between Seoul and Washington.

The recent departure of the top U.S. diplomat on North Korea, Joseph Yun, added to the uncertainty about the Trump administration’s interest in talks with Pyongyang. Mr. Yun’s departure highlighted another gap as the prospect for talks grows: The post of U.S. ambassador to South Korea has been left vacant for 13 months.

South Korea’s diplomatic efforts advanced

quickly in February with two visits by senior-level North Korean delegations, the first led by Kim Yo Jong, the sister of North Korea’s leader, and the second by Kim Yong Chol, a senior North Korean military official who isn’t related to Kim Jong Un.

Kim Yo Jong delivered a handwritten letter from Kim Jong Un to Mr. Moon and proposed a summit between the two Koreas in Pyongyang. Mr. Moon hasn’t committed to going, saying only that he hoped to create the right conditions for such a summit meeting.



U.S. diplomat on North Korea, Joseph Yun’s recent departure from his post has added to the uncertainty about the Trump administration’s interest in talks with North Korea.

During the second visit, Kim Yong Chol told Mr. Moon that Pyongyang would be “fully willing” to talk with Washington.

The Korea’s had received special approval from the International Olympic Committee

to allow North Korean athletes to compete in the Olympic Games. The two Koreas formed a joint women’s ice-hockey team.

North Korea refrained from conducting missile tests or nuclear weapons tests during the Winter Games. Meanwhile, Seoul and Washington agreed to postpone annual military exercises with the U.S. until after the Paralympics end on March 18.

Potential candidates for the official visit that could pave the way for a summit between Moon and reclusive leader Kim Jong Un include two administration officials, Suh Hoon and Chung Eui-yong, South Korean newspaper Hankyoreh reported Friday.

Suh is Seoul’s intelligence service chief and Chung is the director of the presidential Blue House’s National Security Office.

According to the Hankyoreh, Suh is the more plausible candidate, because he is well versed in inter-Korea relations, but Chung could play a key role as he has been a point of contact with the White House.

South Korea television network MBC reported Friday Suh was also involved in negotiating a meeting between U.S. Vice President Mike Pence and North Korean envoy Kim Yo Jong during the Olympics. The meeting never took place, maybe because North Korea turned down talks.



North Korean leader Kim Jong Un

A senior official at the Blue House told the newspaper the trip must be undertaken to return the favor of the North’s visit during the 2018 Pyeongchang Winter Olympics, when Pyongyang sent more than 700 delegates.

“The North was the first to send a delegation that was in size and level nothing like we have seen in the past,” the official said. “We will also send a high-ranking envoy.”

The report did not mention the North Korean Olympic visit was paid for by South Korean taxpayers, an amount that is estimated to be about \$2.7 million.

Moon continues to brief Trump on North Korea developments and the two leaders agreed late Friday that “any dialogue with

North Korea must be conducted with the explicit and unwavering goal of complete, verifiable, and irreversible denuclearization,” according to a statement from the White House.

On Friday, Seoul’s unification ministry confirmed the two leaders would “continue their efforts to maintain the momentum of inter-Korea dialogue in order to lead to the denuclearization of the Korean peninsula,” MBC reported. (Courtesy upi.com)

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South Korea Celebrates 99th Anniversary Of Independence Movement

March 1 (UPI) -- Thousands gathered near Seoul’s Gwanghwamun Square on Thursday for a rally marking the 99th anniversary of the Independence Movement of 1919.



People hold banners during a ceremony Thursday of the 99th anniversary of the March First Independence Movement against Japanese rule, at Seodaemun Prison History Hall in Seoul, South Korea. (Photo Keizo Mori/UPI)

Across the country, other ceremonies were held Thursday to reminisce, including a memorial in Gwanghwamun to remember forced labor victims.

On Friday, the remains of 33 Korean forced laborers will be buried at Seoul City Yongmi-ri Second Cemetery Park. Next year, 35 more victims’ remains will return for burial.

A speech by South Korean President Moon Jae-in called on Japan to revise its “erroneous view of history,” referring to the dispute over the Takeshima islets and “comfort women” who were forced to provide sex to wartime Japanese soldiers.



South Korean President Moon Jae-in

To honor the wartime sexual slavery victims, a protest was held in front of the “comfort women” memorial statue outside the Japanese Embassy in Seoul.

Independence Movement Day, also called Samiljeol in Korean, has been a national holiday since 1949. On March 1, 1919, during a peace protest in Seoul, 7,509 people were killed, 50,000 were arrested and 16,000 injured by the Japanese military. (Courtesy https://www.upi.com/)

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教學內容: Reading, Algebra, Geometry and Physics。

課輔時間: 周一至周五，下午3點至晚上8點。周六特別開設SAT班及一對一個人家教班
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