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China warns U.S. it will defend own trade interests

BEIJING (Reuters) - The United States has flouted trade rules with an inquiry into intellectual property and China will defend its interests, Vice Premier Liu He told U.S. Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin in a telephone call on Saturday, Chinese state media reported. The call between Mnuchin and Liu, a confidante of President Xi Jinping, was the highest-level contact between the two governments since U.S. President Donald Trump announced plans for tariffs on up to \$60 billion of Chinese goods on Thursday.

The deepening rift has sent a chill through financial markets and the corporate world as investors predicted dire consequences for the global economy should trade barriers start going up. Several U.S. chief executives attending a high-profile forum in Beijing on Saturday, including BlackRock Inc's Larry Fink and Apple Inc's Tim Cook, urged restraint.

In his call with Mnuchin, Liu, a Harvard-trained economist, said China still hoped both sides would remain "rational" and work together to keep trade relations stable, the official Xinhua news agency reported.

U.S. officials say an eight-month probe under the 1974 U.S. Trade Act has found that China engages in unfair trade practices by forcing American investors to turn over key technologies to Chinese firms. However, Liu said the investigation report "violates international trade rules and is beneficial to neither Chinese interests, U.S. interests nor global interests", Xinhua cited him as saying.

In a statement on its website, the office of the U.S. Trade Representative Robert Lighthizer said it had filed a request - at the direction of Trump - for consultations with China at the World Trade Organization to address "discriminatory technology licensing agreements". China's commerce ministry expressed regret at the filing on Saturday, and said China had taken strong measures to protect the legal rights and interests of both domestic and foreign owners of intellectual property.

During a visit to Washington in early March, Liu had requested Washington

set up a new economic dialogue mechanism, identify a point person on China issues, and deliver a list of demands.

The Trump administration responded by telling China to immediately shave \$100 billion off its record \$375 billion trade surplus with the United States. Beijing told Washington that U.S. export restrictions on some high-tech products are to blame.

"China has already prepared, and has the strength, to defend its national interests," Liu said on Saturday.

According to an editorial by China's state-run Global Times, it was Mnuchin who called Liu.

Firing off a warning shot, China on Friday declared plans to levy additional duties on up to \$3 billion of U.S. imports in response to U.S. tariffs on steel and aluminum, imposed after a separate U.S. probe.

Zhang Zhaoxiang, senior vice president of China Minmetals Corp [CHMIN.UL], said that while the state-owned mining group's steel exports to the U.S. are tiny, the impact could come indirectly.



Steel pipes waiting to be loaded and transferred to the port are seen at a steel mill in Cangzhou

products will be targeted," the widely-read tabloid said in a Saturday editorial.

Wei Jianguo, vice chairman of Beijing-based think tank China Centre for International Economic Exchanges, told China Daily that Beijing could impose tariffs on more U.S. products, and is considering a second and even third list of targets. Possible items include aircraft and chips, Wei, a former vice commerce minister, told the newspaper, adding that tourism could be a possible target. The commerce ministry's response had so far been "relatively weak", respected former Chinese finance minister Lou Jiwei said at the forum.

"If I were in the government, I would probably hit soybeans first, then hit autos and airplanes," said Lou, currently chairman of the National Council for Social Security Fund.

U.S. farm groups have long feared that China, which imports more than third of all U.S. soybeans, could slow purchases of agricultural products, heaping more pain on the struggling U.S. farm sector.

U.S. agricultural exports to China stood at \$19.6 billion last year, with soybean shipments accounting for \$12.4 billion. Chinese penalties on U.S. soybeans will especially hurt Iowa, a state that backed Trump in the 2016 presidential elections. Boeing jets have also been often cited as a potential target by China.

China and the U.S. had benefited by globalization, Blackrock's Larry Fink said at the forum. "I believe that a dialogue - and maybe some

adjustments in trade and trade policy - can be in order. It does not need to be done publicly; it can be done privately," he said.

Apple's Tim Cook called for "calm heads" amid the dispute.

The sparring has cast a spotlight on hardware makers such as Apple, which assemble the majority of their products in China for export to other countries. Electrical goods and tech are the largest U.S. import item from China.

Some economists say higher U.S. tariffs will lead to higher costs and ultimately hurt U.S. consumers, while restrictions on Chinese investments could take away jobs in America.

"I don't think local governments in the United States and President Trump hope to see U.S. workers losing their jobs," Sun Yongcai, general manager at Chinese railway firm CRRS Corp, which has two U.S. production plants, said at the forum.



Imported sulphur is seen at a port in Nantong, Jiangsu

"China's direct exports to the U.S. are not big. But there will be some impact due to our exports via the United States or indirect exports," Zhang told reporters on the sidelines of the China Development Forum in Beijing on Saturday.

Global Times said Beijing was only just beginning to look at means to retaliate.

"We believe it is only part of China's counter-measures, and soybeans and other U.S. farm



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Zillow: Dallas tops Houston for home price gains

By Katherine Feser

Homes in the Dallas-Fort Worth region gained most among Texas cities over the last year, outpacing both the nation and Houston in February, a new report shows.

The median home in the north Texas metros gained 8.8 percent to \$221,800 last month, Zillow's February Real Estate Market Report shows. The report tracks trends of all properties in a market and not just those that sold.

The nation's homes gained 7.6 percent year-over-year to a median of \$210,200 in February.

Houston-area homes appreciated by 7.4 percent to \$188,000, while Austin homes gained 6.1 percent to \$281,600. San Antonio homes added 7.8 percent to \$170,500.

Values shot up most in San Jose, Calif., rising 26.4 percent to more than \$1.25 million, Zillow said. Las Vegas and Seattle also registered big gains.

Rents rose at their fastest pace in nearly two years nationally, up 2.8 percent to \$1,445, Zillow said. The median Houston rent rose 0.7 percent to \$1,554. Dallas rents went up 2.6 percent to \$1,606, San Antonio gained 1.7 percent to \$1,345, and

Austin dipped to \$1,686.

Inventories continued to tighten, with 2.2 percent fewer homes on the market in the Houston region than a year ago, Zillow said. Nationally, inventory dropped 10.3 percent.

"For-sale inventory is tight, and with home prices continuing their rapid climb, it's becoming more and more difficult for renters to become owners, forcing them to rent longer than they otherwise would have," Zillow senior economist Aaron Terrazas said in the report.

"Searching for the 'right' home has become a drawn out affair and rising prices require more savings for a down payment. Were it not for strong new apartment construction over the past half-decade, rental appreciation would be even stronger than it is now."

In a separate report Thursday, Dallas showed stronger price gains than Houston based on sales of new houses.

New home prices in Dallas rose to \$354,117 for March, up from \$351,539 in February, according to the HomesUSA.com New Home Sales index, which tracks 12-month rolling averages.

Prices in Houston were flat, with the average new home price up slightly to \$357,321 in March.



KLM to stop flying 747 aircraft to Houston

KLM Royal Dutch Airlines is swapping the iconic Boeing 747 for the newer, more efficient Boeing 787 Dreamliner on its Houston-Amsterdam route.

With the departure of that final 747 Combi, which carries people and cargo, Houston will no longer have a passenger airline regularly flying the 747.

KLM is just one of many airlines phasing out the double-decker plane. The 747 introduced travelers to wide-body airplanes and helped make flying affordable, but it has lost ground to more fuel-efficient aircraft that can travel farther distances.

Australia resident Brenden Schonfelder captured video of a Boeing 747 Passenger plane swaying due to heavy winds as it landed at Melbourne Airport on February 10. Flight number 747-438 ER VH-OEG was operated by Qantas Airways.

Schonfelder frequently captures aviation videos and shares them on his YouTube page for fellow aircraft lovers. Credit: Schony747 via Storyful

In a statement, the Dutch airline said it has 12 passenger and Combi 747s in its fleet. These will be phased out in the coming years, and most will be replaced with Dreamliners.

"The Boeing 787 creates less ambient

noise, consumes less fuel, and gives off fewer carbon dioxide emissions," the company said in a statement. "It brings us ever closer to our aim to reduce CO2 emissions by 20% in 2020 compared to 2011. It also offers numerous advantages in terms of passenger comfort."

The final 747 flight from Bush Intercontinental Airport is scheduled to depart Friday at 4:35 p.m., according to FlightAware. KLM will fly a Boeing 777 for one day before switching to the Dreamliner.

There are still 747 cargo flights calling on Bush Intercontinental, and Lufthansa will sometimes fly a 747



when it doesn't have an Airbus A380 available. But for the most part, this is the final passenger flight

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Mirand and Platt performs during the “March for Our Lives” rally demand- ing gun control in Washington



Singer Cyrus performs during the “March for Our Lives” rally demanding gun control in Washington



Police walk outside former President Kuczynski’s home, during a raid by the prosecution investigat- ing money laundering, linked to the Odebrecht company in Lima



A protester holds a gun control sign during a “March For Our Lives” demonstration de- manding gun control in New York City



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Students and young people participate in the “March for Our Lives” rally demanding gun control in Washington



Students hold signs during the “March for Our Lives”, an or- ganized demonstration to end gun violence, in downtown Los Angeles, California



Attendees are seen before students and gun control advocates hold the “March for Our Lives” event demanding gun control after recent school shootings at a rally in Washington



Singer Lovato performs during the “March for Our Lives” rally demanding gun control in Washington



International Leadership of Texas, the nation's first trilingual teaching school, with graduation requirements of language proficiency in English, Chinese and Spanish, has held two more groundbreaking ceremonies in November. The school now will have four campuses in the Houston area. These openings represent the school's 16th campus in Texas.

Groundbreaking ceremonies were held in early November at the campus in College Station. The groundbreaking ceremony was led by IL founder Eddie Conger. The campus is expected to open in August 2018, becoming another addition to the existing campuses in the Houston area outside the Dallas metropolitan area International Leadership campuses. Invited guests include Karl Mooney, Mayor of College Station, Zhou Hong, Chinese Dean of Confucius Institute at Texas A & M University, Mr. Eddie Conger, Founding President of Texas International Leadership School, Tony Palagonia, Brian Huffaker, CEO, Texas A & M University, and Director of Student Athlete Development Berry Davis, Former Texas SBOE Chairman and Member Dr. Don McLeRoy, District Director from Congressman Bill Flores' Office James Edge, Texas State Leadership Schools Dr. Gigi Do, Many Leach, Jesse Shetlar, and many other educators in Houston.



Dr. Gigi Do (left), head of Houston International Leadership School, Texas, and Eddie Conger (right), founder of International Leadership of Texas, with Houston campus educators.

Starting in 2012, ILTexas has been recognized for its innovative educational philosophy, growing from 2,500 students in 2013 to 16,000 in 2017. The growth rate of the school has been phenomenal. Founder Eddie Conger went to Houston last week to celebrate the 5th anniversary with teachers and students and to preside over the groundbreaking ceremony. The International Leadership of Texas philosophy is to educate students from a global perspective. The prevailing focus of the school is to make

Groundbreaking Ceremony Reflects School's Rapid Growth Texas International Leadership School Breaks Ground For Two More Campuses In November

By Winnie Yu, Southern Daily Reporter

the IL schools different from other schools. The effort is to focus is to cultivate the abilities of the students, whether from the perspective of language, communication and all other conditions necessary for success. The overriding goal is to educate students to become future leaders.

2. Message from the founder Mr. Conger Welcome to all honored guests, from left to right: College Station Mayor Karl Mooney, District Director from Congressman Bill Flores' Office James Edge, ILTexas Chief Academic Officer Laura Carrasco, Chinese Visiting Director from the Texas A & M Confucius Institute Zhou Hong, Dr. Gigi Do, Senior Associate Director of the Texas A & M Band Lt. Col Jay Brewer, Director of Texas A & M Student Athlete Development Berry Davis.



3. College Station Mayor Karl Mooney delivered a speech, welcomes Texas International Leadership School to this school 4. Officially broke the ceremony to create a larger pattern.



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Texas Charter Schools See Infusion Of Both Capital And Kids



The exterior of International Leadership of Texas Keller-Saginaw High School, a free Dallas-based public charter school that opened on Aug. 17, in Fort Worth, Texas. (Photo/Dallas Morning News via AP)

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AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Millions in new federal funding is adding major firepower to the charter school invasion sweeping

through Texas, and now some traditional public school districts are looking to partner with the independent educators they once saw as their sworn enemy.

Charter growth has been booming across Texas since the Legislature first authorized the use of state funds for them two decades ago. Enrollment is skyrocketing. In 2010, there were 119,600 students in charter schools. Last year, there were 272,700.

Just this week, International Leadership of Texas, one of the state's largest operators, held a ribbon-cutting for its eighth campus in Tarrant County. And it plans to open 10 more campuses across the state next year.

Last week, IDEA Public Schools won \$67 million in federal grant money for charter expansion that will help it build numerous campuses across Tarrant County over the next five years.

The state also was awarded about \$60 million in federal grants for charter school expansion — including for those run out of traditional districts.



Eddie Conger, founder of the International Leadership of Texas schools, poses for a portrait at the Keller-Saginaw High School in Saginaw, Texas. (David Woo/The Dallas Morning News via AP)

The Texas Charter Schools Association estimates about 130,000 students are on waiting lists for such campuses. IDEA founder Tom Torkelson said at his schools, there were 50,000 applications this year for 10,000 open seats.

"We're not able to build schools fast enough," Torkelson told The Dallas Morning News.

The political environment to boost charters is ripe.

The Trump administration made school choice options a top education priority. And this year, Texas lawmakers gave charters extra help to expand by passing legislation providing incentives to traditional districts that collaborate with charters. And, for the first time, they gave charters access to state funds for operating school facilities. This

means millions more in taxpayer dollars will be funneled into charter schools.

Urban districts long battled against charter expansion, saying they're bleeding students. They tend to have more campuses with poor academic ratings and more competition with charter schools than other areas. District leaders often complain that charters steal the most involved families from neighborhood campuses, leaving behind struggling students.



Qiongyu Hu, right, teaches Chinese to her students at International Leadership of Texas Keller-Saginaw High School in Saginaw, Texas. (Photo/The Dallas Morning News via AP)

In the area covered by Fort Worth ISD there are about 6,800 students living in the district but attending charters. The public school district may lose thousands more students amid the charter boom. But FWISD Superintendent Kent Scribner not only welcomes high-quality charters into the area, he wants to partner with them, too.

"I don't think the charter expansion is something we should fear, but learn more about," Scribner said. "I view this as an opportunity to change, build a handful of district-charter hybrids to grow our own portfolio of offerings."

Charter schools are public schools that operate free from the bureaucracy of traditional districts. They don't have to adhere to as many state regulations, which advocates say frees them up to do things differently. Many brag about stellar academic performance compared to neighborhood schools.



In this Monday, Oct. 2, 2017 photo, students exercise during gym class at the International Leadership of Texas Keller-Saginaw High School, in Fort Worth, Texas. (Photo/The Dallas Morning News via AP)

For example, International Leadership of Texas' big draw for many parents is its focus on getting students to speak both Spanish and Chinese.

That's what enticed high school junior

Devonte Jones to leave Keller this year to attend IL Texas' new Fort Worth campus.

"If you put on your resume that you speak Chinese, that just opens doors for you," Devonte said. "And it's a small school, so you really get more of a connection with your teachers."

IL Texas, founded by former Dallas principal Eddie Conger, is quickly making its mark with 15 campuses across the state. Next year, it will open another 10 schools and add about 34,000 more students to its rolls.



Confucius Institute has announced three new Confucius Classrooms at International Leadership of Texas.

Conger said he's been "naive" and surprised by the aggressive push-back charters have gotten from many traditional school districts which have fought their expansion.

He isn't concerned as other charters move into the area and traditional districts amp up their choice programs to attract families back to their schools. IL Texas looks for ways to partner with others, he said. For example, Conger uses half the money donated for his students' annual trip to China to take along students from Dallas' Thomas Jefferson High School, where he was once principal.

"I'm not worried about the competition," Conger said. "Any time it becomes about adults and adult issues, the kids lose."

About International Leadership of Texas

At International Leadership of Texas (IL-Texas) our mission is to prepare students for exceptional leadership roles in the international community by emphasizing servant leadership, mastering the English, Spanish and Chinese languages, and strengthening the body, mind and character. ILTexas teaches students from a global perspective with the opportunity to become trilingual, graduate with an associate's degree and study abroad. Founded in 2012 by retired Marine Corps Infantry Officer and former Dallas Independent School District high school principal Eddie Conger, ILTexas opened its first school in 2013 with over 2,500 students, making it the largest first-year charter in the history of Texas. ILTexas now serves more than 17,000 students with 15 locations spanning across the Dallas-Fort Worth Metropolitan and Houston. For more information, visit iltexas.org. (Courtesy Jim Crosswell, Communications Coordinator ILTexas District Office)

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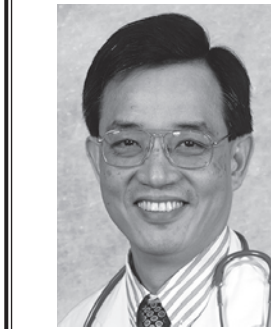
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Sept. 18 (UPI) -- More than half of the world's population still does not have access to internet, with Asia and Africa having the lowest rates of access, according to a United Nation report.

Of the 7.6 billion people in the world, 3.58 billion, or 48 percent, are using the internet. But that's a significant jump from 2016, when 3.4 billion people or 45.9 percent of the world's population were estimated to be online, the U.N. report stated.

Europe has the world's highest rate of connectivity, with nearly 80 percent of people online, while Africa had the lowest percentage of internet user penetration, with only 21.8 percent of the population having internet access. But Asia had the highest percentage of people without access, making up 62 percent of all people in the world not online.

"Large gaps in connectivity persist, mainly due to the lack of infrastructure, affordability, lack of skills or lack of relevant content" are some of the reasons for low connectivity rates, the report said.

However, although Asia has most of the world's offline population, China is the world's largest internet market with more than 700 million people. And India is second, with more than 355 million internet users.

United Nations: Majority Of World's Population Lacks Internet Access



Information, or data, is the new “gold” in the world.



A Chinese man talks on his phone outside an internet cafe in Beijing on January 20, 2016. China has the world's largest internet market with more than 700 million people online, but Asia accounts for more than 60 percent of the world's population without internet access, according to a U.N. report. (File Photo)

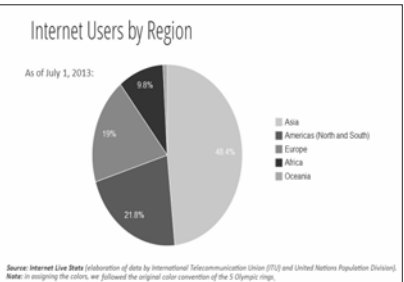
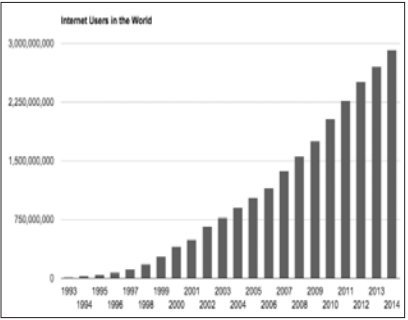
With developing countries are far behind developed nations in internet access, there is additional gender gap that demonstrates inequality when it comes to the internet.

"Disparities in gender access are largest in developing countries, especially in Africa," the report states. "The Economist Intelligence Unit Index reveals that only 11.6 percent of women access the Internet in Africa, while 88 percent of them access the internet in Europe." (Courtesy <https://www.upi.com/>)

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Internet Users Worldwide Today

Around 40% of the world population has an internet connection today. In 1995, it was less than 1%. The number of internet users has increased tenfold from 1999 to 2013.



The first billion was reached in 2005. The second billion in 2010. The third billion in 2014.

The chart and table below show the number of global internet users per year since 1993:

Definitions

User

An individual who has access to the Internet at home. This indicator does not record use, or frequency of use, but only access. In order to have access, the hardware equipment must be in working conditions, the Internet subscription service must be active, and the individual household member must have access to it at any time

(there must be no barriers preventing the individual from using the Internet). The hardware equipment may or may not be owned by the household. There are no age limits (minimum or maximum), so an Internet user can be of any age. There can be multiple devices and services within the household. The data is collected through annual household surveys administered by individual countries based on ITU guidelines.[1] The United Nations Statistics Division has recommended collection of data on households accessing the Internet also outside of home [2], but this is not a Core ICT Indicator. [3] An "Internet User" is therefore defined as an individual who can access the Internet, via computer or mobile device, within the home where the individual lives.

Internet

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The Incredible Growth Of The Internet Over The Past Five Years



Internet users have grown by 82%, or almost 1.7 billion people, since January 2012. That translates to almost 1 million new users each day, or more than 10 new users every second;

More than 1.3 billion people started using social media – that's a rise of 88% in just five years, and equates to more than 8 new users every second;

The number of mobile connections in use grew by a whopping 2.2 billion, meaning that operators activated a net average of almost 14 new subscriptions every second to deliver growth of 37%;



We've only been publishing mobile social media user numbers since January 2015, but users have grown by more than 50% in those two years alone. More than 864 million people have started using social platforms via a mobile device in the past 24 months, at a rate of almost 14 new users every second. (Courtesy <https://thenextweb.com/>)

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吳磊主演《阿修羅》 首發先導預告 劉嘉玲驚爆拍戲沒戲服 身體被梁家輝"控制"

3月20日，電影《阿修羅》監制、制片人楊真鑒導演張鵬，邀請吳磊、梁家輝、劉嘉玲、明道、圖卡五位主演，在香港舉行了電影《阿修羅》預告片發布會。現場梁家輝與劉嘉玲調侃不斷，二人更與吳磊“合體”重現“三頭阿修羅王”，電影《阿修羅》的第二款預告片——“救世重生”版預告也在現場發布。經過首款預告“欲海尋人”之後，救世之人吳磊橫空出世，此前引發熱議的“三頭阿修羅王”也在預告片中初現端倪。

在發布會現場，梁家輝大開劉嘉玲玩笑。劉嘉玲在介紹自己所扮演的阿修羅王謀略之頭時笑著說：“我從影以來沒這樣拍過電影，甚至沒有戲服，因為預算都給家輝哥、吳磊還有圖卡了。”梁家輝立刻補刀：“嘉玲是全程不穿衣服拍的。”此言惹出現場哄堂大笑，劉嘉玲也大笑解釋：

“我的衣服都是高科技，上面有很多點（追蹤點）。”梁家輝再次補刀：“全身都是點。”在介紹三頭表演的難度時，劉嘉玲也透露：“我只有臉在演戲，身體是家輝哥在下面控制著，幫我去演。”梁家輝聞言連忙解釋：“‘控制’和‘摸’是兩回事，大家不要想太多。”

吳磊、梁家輝、劉嘉玲還在現場為大家呈現了獨創“三頭舞”。梁家輝霸氣表示：“我們在電影中是阿修羅界的王，我想要通過‘打天’破壞天界的自然法則，成為天王。但是香港已經有四大天王，所以我決定‘打天’之後，我要做‘天王之王’。”醫生的扮演者明道在現場“劇透”身份：“我不僅是醫生，還是博士，還餵養了壹種特別的生物‘沒著沒落’。”南瓜人圖卡也表達了自己對未到場的戀人琪雅思念。

《阿修羅》第二款預告片揭曉了救世之人的身份——阿修羅王遺失在人界的洞察之頭，便是吳磊飾演的牧羊少年如意。信奉“欲望法則”的阿修羅王將如意帶回阿修羅界，牧羊少年搖身變成了阿修羅王，當他享受著身份轉變帶來的利好之時，南瓜人圖卡卻發出疾呼：“這個世界就要毀滅啦，都是因為妳！”

既能滅世又能救世的天選之人陷入終極選擇——是與欲望之頭、謀略之頭合體打天，將欲望法則推及六界；還是堅持善愛，拼死守護自然法則？如意最終的抉擇撲朔迷離。《阿修羅》首次曝光了由吳磊、梁家輝、劉嘉玲聯手演繹的“三頭阿修羅王”的全貌，展現了壹個身體上三頭並存的影史奇觀。

奇幻電影《阿修羅》將於2018年暑期上映。



吳鎮宇古天樂費曼獻聲《脫皮爸爸》 父子首度銀幕同框 海報"時光穿梭"回到老香港



由香港導演司徒慧焯執導的奇幻溫情電影《脫皮爸爸》23日在內地全面公映。在此之際，片方發布了吳鎮宇、古天樂、費曼演唱的片尾主題曲《Somewhere Over the Rainbow》MV，以及壹款“時光穿梭”版海報。據了解，這是吳鎮宇及費曼首次在大銀幕合體。

影片以啼笑皆非的奇幻故事為看點，其中感人淚下的父子親情，吳鎮宇、古天樂、費曼三大影帝影后同臺飆戲亦成為影片亮點。《脫皮爸爸》此前曾入圍東京國際電影節和意大利

烏甸尼遠東電影節主競賽單元，吳鎮宇憑本片提名第36屆香港電影金像獎最佳男主角。

《脫皮爸爸》的片尾主題曲，改編自《綠野仙蹤》的原版主題曲《Somewhere Over the Rainbow》，由吳鎮宇、古天樂及費曼三人合力演唱完成。這首經典歌曲的粵語版此番集結了在影片中首次組成父子檔的吳鎮宇和古天樂，在片中出演古天樂童年的費曼也獻出了稚嫩清脆的童聲，戲裏戲外兩對父子的共同演繹，傳遞出孩子般的純真和童趣。

這支粵語版主題曲MV與影片的主題也十分契合，在壹個歡快愉悅的氛圍中，展示了影片裏吳鎮宇和兒子的歡樂成長時光。MV中有不少全新的劇情和場景曝光，比如壹家三口嬉戲打鬧以及開飛機的片段。據了解，古天樂專心演藝事業之後，就鮮少再出過任何單曲唱片，這次獻唱《脫皮爸爸》的主題曲，也是表現了他對影片格外看重。同時，這也是吳鎮宇和費曼父子繼《爸爸去哪兒》之後，再度亮相在觀眾面前，也是他們在大銀幕上的首次合體。

各種打！

張晉《九龍不敗》曝預告
深陷女警連環兇殺案 壹言不合就開打



由陳果執導，張晉、Anderson Silva、鄭嘉穎、劉心悠、鄧麗欣主演的犯罪動作電影《九龍不敗》發布國際版預告。

電影《九龍不敗》講述了張晉飾演的香港幹探九龍率隊調查壹起離奇的女警連環兇殺案的過程中發生的壹系列故事。

作為叱咤香港警界的精英幹探，九龍查案方式奇異狠辣卻屢建奇功，被視作“警界狂人”，唯獨面對這樁妙齡女警

連環兇殺案，他用盡手段仍毫無線索。更令他抓狂的是，他的警花未婚妻（鄧麗欣飾）竟然也在抓捕行動中意外失蹤。在愛與痛的邊緣掙紮的九龍，突然發現女警連環遇害只是第壹步，兇手其實還有著更加血腥的陰謀！在好友王醫師（劉心悠飾）及拳王洗力山（安德森·席爾瓦飾）的協助下，九龍與澳門警司（鄭嘉穎飾）聯手向罪犯出擊……

據悉，電影《九龍不敗》將於2018年上映。

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《暴裂無聲》曝特輯 忻钰坤與環境較勁 區別於《心迷宮》的燒腦 肅殺氛圍撲面而來

由忻钰坤导演，宋洋、姜武、袁文康、谭卓等人领衔主演的犯罪剧情片《暴裂无声》将于4月4日清明档全国上映。影片日前发布了场景特辑，为观众展现片中各种场景选择与搭建中的幕后故事。

特辑中，导演忻钰坤携手美术指导兰志强共同为观众讲述了电影中城镇、昌万年（姜武饰）的办公室和密室等关键性场景的选择和搭建，以及团队在拍摄中所面临的恶劣自然环境。

《暴裂无声》讲述了2004年北方凛冽的冬天，失语矿工张保民（宋洋饰）在寻找儿子张磊的过程中，意外帮助律师徐文杰（袁文康饰）救活了女儿，但在面对警察的审讯时，知晓“张磊失踪案”的徐文杰却选择性失语。而两个孩子的失踪案与黑心煤老板昌万年有着千丝万缕的关系。

导演忻钰坤的首部作品《心迷宫》取得了让人称奇的好成绩，被称为“新锐”导演。特辑中忻钰坤对“新锐”这个词有自己的理解：“这个锐就像一把手术刀一样，你要很准的切到每一个要害上，让观众觉得耳目一新。”

《暴裂无声》的拍摄周期一共是66天，与自然环境的斗争是制作团队在整个拍摄过程中遇到的最困难的事情之一。虽然故事发生在凛冽的寒冬，但对《暴裂无声》来说，并不需要雪景，忻钰坤曾在采访中表示，对他来说，故事放在冬天的意义就是通过草木凋零的肃杀，衬托人物的心境，但真正拍起来却发现要经常和天气抢时间，特辑中，忻钰坤透露道：“每天要跟几十号甚至上百号人在荒山野岭里面去扫雪。”

《暴裂无声》的创作灵感来

源于导演的经历，将人文、社会融入其中。在特辑中，我们看到了昌万年密室的冰山一角——琳琅满目的野生动物标本，这个设定就来源于忻钰坤看到的一篇人物采访。这个场景让人毛骨悚然，同时更加外化昌万年这个角色的病态、腹黑，用杀戮带来一种极致的压迫感，这也是导演想给观众看到的“新锐”东西，锐利的划开人性中各色的“狠”，区别于《心迷宫》的烧脑观感，在《暴裂无声》中体验到“不烧脑更烧心”。

据悉，电影的全国路演即将开启，3月24日起，导演忻钰坤、主演宋洋将携电影先后前往杭州、苏州、南京、上海、深圳、广州、济南、天津、北京、重庆、成都、长沙、南昌、武汉、西安等15座城市接受检验。



顧長衛客串 《遇見妳真好》變"大兒童" 新特輯中導演調侃： 我上鏡好像越來越帥了



今日，由顧長衛執導的青春懷舊喜劇電影《遇見妳真好》曝光“導演大兒童”特輯以及壹組劇照，揭秘該片導演顧長衛的拍攝日常。蔣易爆料：“導演選擇了壹個角色來客串，這是很驚喜的壹個點。”顧長衛也打趣說好像自己上鏡越來越帥了，那麼，導演這個穿著警服戴著墨鏡的角色，在電影中究竟會產生什麼樣的化學反應呢？

據悉，《遇見妳真好》改編自孔龍的原創小說《飛火流星》，電影講述了“高四”紫荊復讀學校中的三重愛情趣事，校園中壹個又壹個神秘搞笑的愛情故事環環相扣，

互為因果、爭相演繹另類的青春愛情。

在今日曝光的“導演大兒童”特輯中，顧長衛賣萌、踢球樣樣行，親身示範壹個童心未泯的大男孩形象——上壹秒在拍攝間隙玩起顛球三連擊，下壹秒就連鞋帶球踢起踢飛；毫無大導演架子的他和眾主創聊戲時，會像朋友間壹樣交流，然而壹旦進入拍攝期間，壹個鏡頭，壹塊映在臉上的顏色都會“斤斤計較”，需要連拍很多條直到滿意。

顧長衛在片場不僅會對著鏡頭擠眼賣萌，玩起玩具還會開心地笑，看到周楚濂手裏拿著薯片眼睛

都在發光，說著：“這是小孩兒愛吃的”，轉頭就吃起來。白客、藍盈瑩、張海宇表示特別喜歡和導演聊戲，相處很融洽。周楚濂、王玉雯談及導演說：“特別調皮、可愛，像個大孩子。”

電影《遇見妳真好》由白客、藍盈瑩、張海宇、周楚濂、曹駿、王玉雯、蔣易、李晨暉主演，範明、蔣雯麗特別出演，將於3月29日與觀眾見面。同時，路演仍在繼續，今日該片主創兵分兩路，導演顧長衛攜主演張海宇、周楚濂、蔣易和李晨暉奔赴寧波；而範明與主演王玉雯則來到廈門，為影片造勢。

烏爾善《封神三部曲》 舉行奠基儀式



由烏爾善執導的東方奇幻電影《封神三部曲》日前在青島舉行了片中主場景“朝歌城”的開工奠基儀式，現場烏爾善稱“在做壹件別人沒有做過的事情”，鼓勵劇組工作人員克服前所未有的困難。

據悉，《封神三部曲》從2014年開始啟動劇本創作，劇本籌備已經進入第四年，拍攝籌備也已經兩年時間，在青島開始占地800畝的主場景建設，也意味著《封神三部曲》的開機即將提上議程。

電影由曾與烏爾善合作《畫皮II》的編劇冉平、冉甲男執筆，由著名劇作家蘆葦和李安的老搭檔詹姆士·沙姆斯出任劇本顧問，從國內外兩種角度對劇本的創作提出修改建議。

烏爾善說：“希望大家保持現在的鬥誌，克服所有的困難，因為我們在做壹件別人沒

有做過的事情，要迎接別人從來沒有經歷過的挑戰，要有別人從來沒有過的付出才能真正的成功。”

對於演員的選擇，此前劇組宣布海選。烏爾善表示不會采用流量明星，因為觀眾還是在看電影，而不是在看明星。

在男主演方面，他曾直言：“目前中國很多流行的男性形象都太偏女性化，過於陰柔和乖巧，不是我想象中《封神三部曲》的樣子，我覺得中國電影裏，缺少男性的英雄形象，缺少男性美的健康的展現。”因此，烏爾善導演希望能尋找到充滿“原始男性魅力”的年輕人來擔綱《封神三部曲》的男主演。

據悉，《封神三部曲》總投資30億，採取三部連拍模式，加上籌備階段制作周期為八到十年，三部影片預計分別於2020年、2021年、2022年上映。

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眾人向房組長（中）敬酒，祝他鵬程萬里。（右起）新任「僑務組」組長葛明東，老會長豐建偉、李守棟等人。



老會長豐建偉醫師（左）與房振群組長（右）合影。



房振群組長（右）與本報記者秦鴻鈞（左）合影。

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