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Alarmed as COVID patients’ blood thickened, New York doctors try new treatments



J Mocco, MD, Director of Mount Sinai’s Cerebrovascular Center, David Reich, MD and President and COO of The Mount Sinai Hospital, and Hooman Poor, MD, an ICU doctor pose together outside the hospital in Manhattan, during the outbreak of the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) in New York City, New York, U.S., April 17, 2020. REUTERS/Jeena Moon

NEW YORK (Reuters) - As the novel coronavirus spread through New York City in late March, doctors at Mount Sinai Hospital noticed something strange happening to patients’ blood.

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Signs of blood thickening and clotting were being detected in different organs by doctors from different specialties. This would turn out to be one of the alarming ways the virus ravages the body, as doctors there and elsewhere were starting to realize.

At Mount Sinai, nephrologists noticed kidney dialysis catheters getting plugged with clots. Pulmonologists monitoring COVID-19 patients on mechanical ventilators could see portions of lungs were oddly bloodless. Neurosurgeons confronted a surge in their usual caseload of strokes due to blood clots, the age of victims skewing younger, with at least half testing positive for the virus.

“It’s very striking how much this disease causes clots to form,” Dr. J Mocco, a Mount Sinai neurosurgeon, said in

an interview, describing how some doctors think COVID-19, the illness caused by the coronavirus, is more than a lung disease. In some cases, Mocco said, a stroke was a young patient’s first symptom of COVID-19.

As colleagues from various specialties pooled their observations, they developed a new treatment protocol. Patients now receive high doses of a blood-thinning drug even before any evidence of clotting appears.

“Maybe, just maybe, if you prevent the clotting, you can make the disease less severe,” said Dr. David Reich, the hospital president. The new protocol will not be used on certain high-risk patients because blood thinners can lead to bleeding in the brain and other organs.

“FUNNY YOU MENTIONED THAT”

In the three weeks beginning mid-March, Mocco saw 32 stroke patients with large blood blockages in the brain, double the usual number for that period.

Five were unusually young, under age 49, with no obvious risk factors for strokes, “which is crazy,” he said. “Very, very atypical.” The youngest was only 31.

At least half of the 32 patients would test positive for COVID-19, Mocco said. Meanwhile, Dr. Hooman Poor, a Mount Sinai lung specialist, found himself working a late shift with 14 patients on ventilators. The ventilator readings were not what he expected.

The lungs did not seem stiff, as is common in pneumonia. Instead, it seemed blood was not circulating freely through the lungs to be aerated with each breath.

Poor ran into a kidney doctor that night, who remarked that dialysis catheters were often getting blocked with clots.

“And I said, ‘It’s funny that you mentioned that because I feel like all these patients have blood clots in their lungs,’” Poor recalled.

Reich, the hospital president, told Poor about the surge in strokes seen by Mocco and said the two doctors should team up, setting off days of discussions and meetings with the hospital’s department heads.

At 2:46 a.m. on Easter Sunday, Poor sent Mocco his first draft of what would become the new treatment protocol.

DOCTORS SHARE FINDINGS

As their wards began to overflow with COVID-19 patients, the Mount Sinai doctors read papers describing similar findings from doctors in China’s Hubei province and other hard-hit areas, and discussed them with their peers in phone calls and webinars.

Mocco called neurosurgeons he knows elsewhere in the country. At Philadelphia’s Thomas Jefferson University Hospital, Dr. Pascal Jabbour had begun to see a similar surge in strokes among people with COVID-19. The way his patients’ blood congealed reminded him of congenital conditions such as lupus, or certain cancers.



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U.S. House expects to pass \$500 billion coronavirus bill, avoids fight over remote voting

WASHINGTON (Reuters) - The U.S. House of Representatives expects to pass a nearly \$500 billion coronavirus relief bill on Thursday but will put off any decision on changing its voting rules during the pandemic, avoiding a potential partisan fight.

FILE PHOTO: U.S. House Speaker Nancy Pelosi (D-CA) walks inside the U.S. Capitol after it was announced U.S. congressional leaders and the White House agreed on nearly \$500 billion more in coronavirus relief for the U.S. economy, bringing to nearly \$3 trillion the amount allocated to deal with the crisis, in Washington, U.S., April 21, 2020. REUTERS/Tom Brenner

The bill, which will provide funds to small businesses and hospitals struggling with the economic toll of a pandemic that has killed more than 45,000 Americans, is expected to be the fourth coronavirus measure passed by Congress, boosting the overall federal financial response to almost \$3 trillion.

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Democratic Speaker Nancy Pelosi backed away from calling for a vote on a measure that would allow members to cast proxy votes on colleagues' behalf during the crisis to promote social distancing and limit the risk of members being exposed to the virus, a Democratic leadership aide said Wednesday.

The response to the pandemic has become a political flashpoint with some Republican governors and President Donald Trump saying the widespread closures of businesses, schools and social institutions are causing economic dislocation that outweighs the damage caused by the virus.

Instead, Pelosi told other leading Democrats on a call that she and House Republican Leader Kevin McCarthy would have a bipartisan group of House lawmakers review remote voting by proxy and reopening the House, the aide



FILE PHOTO: New York governor Andrew Cuomo speaks in the Manhattan borough of New York City, New York, U.S., March 30, 2020. REUTERS/Carlo Allegri/File Photo

said.

Congress has not met in regular session since last month, and is in recess until at least May 4 because of the pandemic. But House leaders have called members back to Washington for a Thursday vote on the coronavirus aid. The Republican-controlled Senate approved it on a voice vote Tuesday, but with some opposition expected in the House, leaders decided to bring members back for a roll call vote.

The proposal Democrats scrapped would have allowed proxy voting for the first time, so that in the future House members who cannot attend because of the pandemic can ask other members to vote for them. House Republicans were opposed, saying there are already measures in place to ensure Congress can act in an emergency. Representative Rodney Davis, the top Republican on the House Rules Committee, said an existing rule allows the House to reduce the number of members

required to do business. That rule was set up after the attacks of Sept. 11, 2001, Davis said.

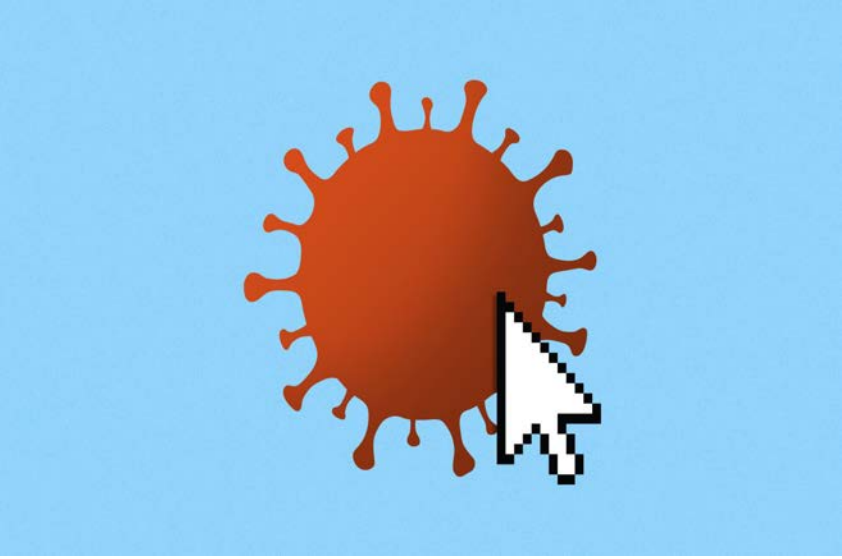
Pelosi told several news outlets she expects passage of the \$484 billion aid package, which includes funds for small businesses, hospitals and coronavirus testing. She said lawmakers would immediately move onto the next plan for tackling issues emerging from the outbreak that has crushed the nation's economy and battered its healthcare system.

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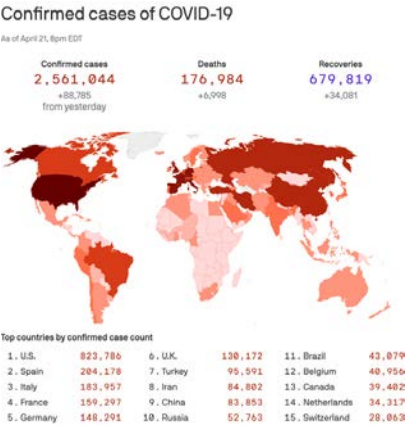
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World Coronavirus Updates



Data: The Center for Systems Science and Engineering at Johns Hopkins; Map:

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Oil prices continued to slide in Asian trading Wednesday, as the novel coronavirus causes an unprecedented demand crash. The Brent crude futures fell 13% to \$16.82 a barrel and the June contract for West Texas Intermediate dropped 3% to \$11.20 a barrel, per CNBC.

The big picture: Several countries and regions in Europe, Asia and the U.S. are beginning to ease lockdown restrictions. But the World Health Organization has cautioned that moving too fast will undermine progress.

By the numbers: COVID-19 has infected more than 2.5 million people and killed over 177,400 worldwide as of Wednesday morning, per Johns Hopkins.

- More than 686,600 people have recovered from the virus. The U.S. has reported the most cases (more than 825,100 from 4.1 million tests), followed by Spain (more than 204,100).

What's happening: The world is “on the brink of a hunger pandemic” as it grapples with the coronavirus outbreak, David Beasley, chief of the UN’s World Food Program told the UN Security Council on Tuesday, AP reports.

- **Italian** Prime Minister Giuseppe Conte said Tuesday that guidelines to cautiously reopen parts of the country will likely be applied beginning May 4. Italy reported Monday the fewest number of new cases since March 10 (2,256).

- **President Trump** announced on Tuesday he will sign an executive order to temporarily suspend issuing green cards to those seeking permanent residency.



- **Virgin Australia**, the country's second-largest carrier, has entered into voluntary administration because of COVID-19, the firm said in a statement Tuesday.
- **WHO's chief Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus** said at a Monday briefing “the worst is yet ahead of us” in the pandemic. Takeshi Kasai, the WHO regional director for the Western Pacific, added, “This is not the time to be lax.”
- **Iran** allowed shopping malls to reopen on Monday, per the New York Times.
- **Iraq** lifted a curfew, enabling some private sector workers to return to work, the Times notes.
- **Germany** reopened some stores, Poland is permitting visits to parks and forests and in Norway students have returned to pre-school, the BBC reported Monday.

- **In Denmark**, where preschool and elementary school students went back last Wednesday, dental surgeries, hair salons and tattoo parlors reopened Monday, per the BBC.



- **New Zealand's** level 4 lockdown measures requiring non-essential workers to stay home has been extended to 11:59 p.m. next Monday, when the country moves into a still-strict level 3. NZ has reported 14 COVID-19 deaths.
- **Pakistan** has decided to keep mosques open during the fasting month of Ramadan, which begins Thursday, as coronavirus cases continue to climb, AP reports.
- **The U.S. and Canada** have agreed to maintain border restrictions until May 21, Prime Minister Justin Trudeau said.
- **Japan and Singapore** are struggling to control new waves of infections.

Between the lines: Policy responses to the crisis have been every-country-for-itself and — in the case of the U.S. and China — tinged with geopolitical rivalry.

- **But the scientific work** under way to understand the virus and develop a vaccine has been globalized on an unprecedented scale.(Courtesy axios.com)

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A man wears a gas mask as demonstrators take part in Operation Grid-Lock to Re-Open New York to protest against lockdown measures in the wake, during the outbreak of the coronavirus disease (COVID-19), at the New York State Capitol in Albany, New York



Demonstrators take part in Operation Grid-Lock to Re-Open New York to protest against lockdown measures in the wake, during the outbreak of the coronavirus disease (COVID-19), at the New York State Capitol in Albany, New York



A man holds a sign as demonstrators take part in Operation Grid-Lock to Re-Open New York to protest against lockdown measures in the wake, during the outbreak of the coronavirus disease (COVID-19), at the New York State Capitol in Albany, New York



American flags wave from vehicles as demonstrators take part in Operation Grid-Lock to Re-Open New York to protest against lockdown measures in the wake, during the outbreak of the coronavirus disease (COVID-19), at the New York State Capitol in Albany



The showcase of a souvenir-shop displays a protective gear at the famous red-light district "Reeperbahn" during the outbreak of coronavirus disease (COVID-19) in Hamburg



A cashier wearing a protective face mask looks at French President Emmanuel Macron (not seen) as he visits a Super U supermarket about the partnership with local producers in Saint-Pol-de-Leon during a day trip centered on agriculture amid the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) outbreak



Medical staff assess for COVID-19 at public Victoria Health Unit, BC



Cars are stuck in a traffic jam before curfew to contain the spread of the coronavirus disease (COVID-19), in Shubra El Kheima, Al Qalyubia Governorate, north of Cairo

Farmers Battered By Food Glut As COVID-19 Shifts How America Eats

U.S. Facing Food Shortages



Fresh Milk Being Dumped By A Dairy In Florida.

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

Protectionist measures by national governments during the coronavirus crisis could provoke food shortages around the world, the UN's food body has warned. Harvests have been good and the outlook for staple crops is promising, but a shortage of field workers brought on by the virus crisis and a move towards protectionism – tariffs and export bans – mean problems could quickly appear in the coming weeks, Maximo Torero, chief economist of the UN Food and Agriculture Organisation, told the Guardian. As the coronavirus continues to infect more and more people, food supply chains have started to become more strained in recent days. In normal times, 35 per cent of the food we eat – around 70 million meals every day – is prepared outside our homes, by restaurants and caterers, in cafes and school canteens. Because restaurants'

needs are very different to those of people cooking at home, billions of pounds of produce was suddenly left without a buyer. British farmers are warning they have been forced to throw millions of gallons of milk down the drain because it no longer has a buyer

Dumped Milk, Smashed Eggs, Plowed Vegetables: Food Waste of the Pandemic

China has claimed victory over the coronavirus outbreak inside its borders, but now the country faces another crisis: food shortages. Rumors of a food shortage have swirled on social media for weeks, in the wake of the coronavirus lockdown that stopped tens of millions of people from going to work, and a leaked government document made public last Thursday shows that government officials have also been planning for a shortfall in food supplies. Beef farmers bracing for 'desperate

crisis' if more plants close. Smithfield Foods, the world's largest pork processor, is shuttering two U.S. plants that process bacon and ham, after closing a separate hog slaughterhouse because of a coronavirus outbreak among employees. "The closures are part of the domino effect underway in our industry," said CEO Ken Sullivan. "Meat plants, honed over decades for maximum efficiency and profit, have become major "hot spots" for the coronavirus pandemic, with some reporting widespread illnesses among their workers. The health crisis has revealed how these plants are becoming the weakest link in the nation's food supply chain, posing a serious challenge to meat production," writes the New York Times.



'Our supply line is brittle': Thomas Massie warns

US could be weeks away from food shortages. Kentucky Rep. Thomas Massie warned that the United States could face food shortages due to the "brittle" supply chain, bankrupting farmers and forcing them to euthanize livestock. "We are weeks, not months, away from farmers euthanizing animals that would have been sold for meat/food. Also, fruits and vegetables are going to rot in the fields." "After weeks of concern about shortages in grocery stores and mad scrambles to find the last box of pasta or toilet paper roll, many of the nation's largest farms are struggling with another ghastly effect of the pandemic. They are being forced to destroy tens of millions of pounds of fresh food that they can no longer sell," writes the New York Times. "We Can't Give Our Product Away" – Farmers Toss Thousands Of Acres

Of Fruits, Veggies As Sales Plummet because of the shut down of businesses. Restaurants, bars and hotels are not buying anything so many small farmers not able to market their products.

Conclusion

Coronavirus has highlighted the vulnerability of our current food system. Reports points to delays planting crops in Southern Europe that could lead to problems in a few months. The UN's Food and Agriculture Organization forecasts that the Covid-19 pandemic will cause shortages of some crops this year. In that scenario, producer countries are likely to prioritize their home markets over exports, increasing the onus on British producers to supply this country's needs. And then we have a grand solar minimum to deal with, which will take the agricultural sector to task with shorter growing seasons and a too wet climate. (Courtesy drsircus.com)

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國際貨幣基金組織（IMF）發布報告，預計新冠肺炎疫情衝擊將導致今年全球經濟萎縮3%，全球金融體系也面臨前所未有的嚴峻挑戰。IMF認為，如果疫情在下半年消退，各國採取的政策措施有效防止企業大量破產、長期失業和系統性金融壓力等問題出現，全球經濟增長有望在明年反彈至5.8%。

全球金融體系面臨挑戰

國際貨幣基金組織（IMF）14日發布《全球金融穩定報告》（簡稱《報告》）說，控制新冠肺炎疫情的必要措施已經引發經濟衰退，全球金融體系也受到巨大衝擊，加強國際協調對應對疫情和穩定金融市場至關重要。

《報告》認為，自新冠肺炎疫情爆發以來，全球金融環境急劇收緊，經濟前景急劇惡化，未來壹年全球經濟增長和金融穩定下行風險顯著增加。疫情對經濟的影響存在不確定性，造成金融市場波動性大幅上升。

為維護全球金融體系穩定、支持全球經濟增長，各國央行降低利率保持貨幣政策寬松。目前，發達國家已將利率減至歷史低位，近半數新興市場經濟體的央行也已經降息；央行同時購買資產列資產，為金融體系提供流動性，以抵消金融條件收緊的影響並保持信貸向實體經濟的流通，並增加美元互換額度等舉措進壹步增加流動性。IMF指出，各央行公布的擴張資產負債表計劃，包括發放貸款及購買資產至今已累計超過6萬億美元。

《報告》指出，在此次危機中，新興市場和發展中經濟體面臨的風險最大，這些國家經歷了有記錄以來最為劇烈的投資流動逆轉，外部債務融資的減少可能使杠桿較高和可信度較差的借款者承壓。這可能導致債務重組規模增加，對現有的債務處置框架構成考驗。

《報告》建議，政策制定者需要在維護金融穩定和支持經濟活動之間取得平衡。貨幣、財政和金融政策的共同目

IMF 預測全球經濟萎縮 3% 呼籲加強多邊合作

標應該是緩沖疫情造成的影響，並確保當疫情得到控制時，幫助經濟實現穩定和可持續復蘇。

此外，多邊合作對全球健康復蘇至關重要。為了支持發展中國家的必要支出，雙邊債權人和國際金融機構應提供優惠融資、贈款和債務減免。同時需要開展協作，防止全球化趨勢出現倒退，使經濟復蘇不會受到生產率進壹步下降的損害。

或遇大蕭條以來最糟經濟衰退

IMF14日發布新壹期《世界經濟展望報告》，預計今年全球經濟將萎縮3%，衰退程度遠超2008年國際金融危機引發的經濟下滑，為20世紀30年代大蕭條以來最糟糕的全球經濟衰退。

IMF首席經濟學家吉塔·戈皮納特稱，經濟增長依賴旅遊、酒店和娛樂等行業的國家，其經濟正受到尤其嚴重的幹擾。吉塔·戈皮納特說，疫情造成的2020年和2021年全球GDP的累計損失可能達到9萬億美元左右，大於日本和德國經濟之和。IMF總裁格奧爾基耶娃上周指出，目前IMF預計今年將有超過170個國家出現人均收入負增長。

《世界經濟展望報告》預計今年發達經濟體經濟將萎縮6.1%，新興市場和發展中經濟體經濟將萎縮5.9%。報告預計今年美國經濟將萎縮5.9%，歐元區經濟將萎縮7.5%，日本經濟將萎縮5.2%，韓國經濟將萎縮1.2%。報告稱，疫情將使英國陷入壹個世紀以來最嚴重的經濟衰

退，2020年英國經濟將萎縮6.5%，2021年英國經濟增速有望回調至4%。

IMF預計今年澳大利亞經濟將萎縮6.7%。IMF壹位專家表示，澳大利亞“正在進入近30年來的首次衰退”。不過報告預計，澳大利亞2021年預計將增長6.1%，增速高於美國、英國等發達經濟體。

《世界經濟展望報告》預測2020年中東及中亞地區經濟將萎縮2.8%，較1月份2.8%的增速預測大幅下調5.6個百分點。其中，2020年沙特阿拉伯經濟將萎縮2.3%。IMF預計印度2020年經濟增速1.9%，將是印度自1991年以來經濟增速最低的壹年。IMF預測2020年撒哈拉以南非洲地區經濟將萎縮1.6%，其中尼日利亞和南非經濟將分別萎縮3.4%和5.8%。

多國經濟持續受到衝擊

據外媒報道，美國聖路易聯邦儲備銀行行長布拉德14日表示，隔離措施每天導致美國家庭收入損失250億美元。與此同時，美國白宮經濟顧問拉裏·庫德洛14日在接受福克斯商業新聞網採訪時表示，“按照現在的速度，政府3490億美元中小企業援助貸款計劃最早周四就將耗盡資金。”對中小企業的援助貸款是美國總統特朗普簽署的2萬億美元疫情救助計劃的壹部分，美國中小企業管理局在4月3日啟動了這壹計劃。

據 Main Street America14日發布的壹項調查顯示，約三分之二的美國小企

業表示，如果業務中斷以目前的速度持續長達五個月，他們可能不得不永久關閉。如果封鎖現狀持續兩個月，將有350萬家小型企業存在倒閉風險；如果持續五個月，將有750萬家小型企業永久關閉。

為緩解新冠肺炎疫情對經濟的衝擊，英國政府推出了史無前例的財政支持政策，這也導致政府負債大幅上升。英國預算責任辦公室14日發布報告稱，基於英國當前封鎖措施將持續三個月的假設，英國本財年預算赤字規模將增加2180億英鎊，達到約2730億英鎊，相當於國內生產總值（GDP）的14%，該預算赤字率將為二戰以來最高。報告預計，在該情境下，2020年英國經濟將萎縮12.8%，英國失業率將從疫情前3.8%攀升至6月底的10%。

14日，法國政府將今年經濟預期進壹步下調為萎縮8%。法國經濟與財政部長布魯諾·勒梅爾當天告訴商業調頻電視臺，由於限制措施延長至5月，預計今年經濟萎縮8%，比9日公布的6%跌幅更深。法國總統馬克龍13日晚發表電視講話說，為防控疫情而實施的“居家令”將延長至5月11日。法國政府上周宣布將緊急經濟救助措施從450億歐元追加至1000億歐元，超過國內生產總值的4%。

南非央行行長萊塞蒂亞·卡尼亞戈14日表示，疫情爆發將會影響人們的健康和社會活動，因此，央行預計2020年南非GDP將會收縮6.1%。

穩逐步向上。

市場觀點大多認為，二季度A股會企穩反彈，但市場情緒波動和影響尚需時間消除。

目前來看，市場仍存在較大波動的可能性，但並不缺乏投資機會。閔成表示，年初渣打中國就提出三個投資趨勢，分別是可持續發展（ESG）、女性消費和養老。“這些投資趨勢未來還是存在的，當投資者希望尋找返場機會的時候，這些都是可以考慮的選擇。”

近期，渣打中國已與內地基金公司合作，推出配置A股資產的女性消費主題基金，涉及行業包括服飾、子女教育、醫療健康等。

外資行用倉位配置力挺中國資產

綜合報導 受全球疫情影響，財富管理市場可能重構，投資者眼下最關心的是，到底配什麼資產？

記者在近期採訪中獲悉，不少投資機構表示看好中國市場，主動調整倉位。從壹些數據來看，部分外資機構近期持續加倉中國公司股票。

渣打銀行（中國）有限公司（下稱渣打中國）策略部認為，未來有兩個領域值得關注：壹是消費

行業相關的白馬龍頭，需求在復工復產後有機會逐步反彈；二是新基建、5G帶動的科技產業鏈。

由於疫情防控形勢持續向好、復工復產順利推進，不少外資機構將目光轉移至中國等新興市場。

“A股已納入MSCI，未來和國際資本市場會越來越接軌，中國境內資本市場肯定是我們重點布局的部分。我們從去年就已經開始有所布局。”渣打中國投資產品及投資顧問總監閔成向記者表示。

從資產管理規模來看，在渣打財富管理的投資產品配置中，目前中國境內資產占全部資產的比例，已經從原來的不到10%增至目前的25%。

渣打中國投資策略部認為，在全球疫情還沒出現拐點之前，中國境內市場雖然短線缺乏明確的方向，但基本會優於海外市場表現。中國境內資產成為全球範圍內波動較小的選擇之壹，未來其在制度建設和產業升級上的紅利將帶動價格中

港澳辦：涉“一國兩制”基本法實施 中央專責機構過問理所當然 兩辦有權監督港政制運作憲制秩序

國務院港澳辦新聞發言人21日應詢表示，中央必要的監督是確保授予特區的高度自治權得到正確行使，從而確保“一國兩制”方針和基本法在特區得到全面準確實施的重要保障。對香港特區自治範圍內的事務，中央一般不會過問，但倘出現嚴重影響“一國兩制”方針和基本法全面準確實施的情況，出現損害國家和香港根本利益的情況，中央就必須過問，包括適時表明立場和態度，並依法加以糾正。郭榮鏗等人所作所為已直接妨礙香港特區政治體制的有效運作，衝擊憲法和基本法確立的香港特別行政區的憲制秩序。中央專責處理香港事務的機構，對此發出嚴正警告，正是中央政府行使全面管治權的具體體現，是撥亂反正，理所當然。

■香港文匯報記者



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■國務院港澳辦表示，中聯辦是中央政府的派出機構，負責代表中央處理香港有關事務。圖為香港中聯辦。資料圖片

國務院港澳辦官方網頁21日發出國務院港澳辦新聞發言人就“兩辦”發言人所謂“干預香港事務”、公民黨立法會議員郭榮鏗蓄意違背誓言，及香港警方依法拘捕黎智英等犯罪嫌疑人回應記者提問。針對所謂“干預”之說，有記者問，國務院港澳辦和香港中聯辦發言人對香港立法會內委會惡意停擺的亂象予以譴責之後，4月17日香港中聯辦發言人再次回答了記者提問。現在香港社會圍繞“兩辦”發言人談話是否干預香港內部事務存在不同看法。您對此有何回應？

監督授權得到正確行使

國務院港澳辦發言人指出，香港特別行政區是直轄於中央人民政府的地方行政區域，中央人民政府依照憲法和基本法對香港特別行政區行使全面管治權，既包括中央直接行使的權力，也包括授予香港特別行政區依法行使的高度自治權。有授權，就有監督。中央授予特別行政區高度自治權，並不意味着中央沒有或放棄監督權。相反，中央必要的監督是確保有關授權得到正確行使，從而確保“一國兩制”方針和基本法在特別行政區得到全面準確實施的重要保障。對於香港特別行政區自治範圍內的事務，中央一般不會過問。但是，如果出現嚴重影響“一國兩制”方針和基本法全面準確實施的情況，出現損害國家和香港根本利益的情況，中央就必須過問，包括適時表明立場和態度，並依法加以糾正。

郭榮鏗等衝擊憲制秩序

發言人表示，立法會是香港特別行政區重要的政權機構。郭榮鏗等人惡意造成內委會停擺，企圖癱瘓立法會，這已直接妨礙香港特別行政區政治體制的有效運作，衝擊憲法和基本法確立的香港特別行政區的憲制秩序。對這一嚴重事件，中央政府怎麼可能坐視不理？中央專責處理香港事務的機構對此發出嚴正警告，正是中央政府行使全面管治權的具體體現，是撥亂反正，理所當然。

各界：兩辦應多發聲駁謬論

香港文匯報訊（記者 雨航）國務院港澳辦再次重申中央有權力有責任維護香港特別行政區憲制秩序，多名香港法律界人士21日表示，兩辦在維護香港特區憲制地位上均有權有責，反對派不應再曲解基本法，誤導市民。兩辦應多發聲批駁反對派的謬論，向港人發放正確的訊息。

全國港澳研究會理事、深圳大學港澳基本法研究中心教授宋小莊：香港特區直轄於中央政府，而中央就授予港澳辦及中聯辦處理港澳事務的權力，反對派利用市民對國家憲法及基本法認知的不足，故意將法律“片面簡單化”，藉此誤導公眾，其行為極不負責任。希望兩辦日後多發表相關資訊，包括

發言人說，近日香港一些人對中聯辦在基本法之下的角色和權力提出質疑，認為香港中聯辦與中央其他部門一樣，受基本法第二十二條規限，不能“干預”香港特別行政區自行管理的事務。這種看法沒有充分考慮到香港中聯辦的特殊性，是不準確的。儘管香港基本法沒有對香港中聯辦的設置和法律地位予以明文規定，但無論是之前的新華通訊社香港分社，還是更名後的中央人民政府駐香港特別行政區聯絡辦公室，都是中華人民共和國中央政府的派出機構，負責代表中央處理香港有關事務，完全有權力、有責任對涉及中央與特區關係事務、“一國兩制”方針和基本法正確實施、政治體制正常運作和社會整體利益等重大問題行使監督權。

乞美國制裁同黨噤聲

發言人強調，在香港，每當中央依法行使權力時，總有一些人鼓噪“中央干預香港自治事務”。我們倒要問問這些人：當黎智英公然叫囂“為美國而戰”的時候，你們怎麼不出來表示一下反對？當黃之鋒一夥把香港特區政府民政事務專員的名單交給美國人，乞求他們給予所謂制裁的時候，你們怎麼不出來表示一下反對？就是這位郭議員本人，還跟隨李柱銘等跑到美國去乞求通過“香港人權與民主法”以干預香港事務，並對美國政客的干預行徑感激涕零，聲稱“如果要外國人一方面在香港投資，另一方面對香港事務噤聲，是不可能的”。

發言人指出，由此可見郭榮鏗以及郭榮鏗之流的政治本性，他們反對的是中央依法行使對香港的管治權，歡迎的是外部勢力的非法干預！他們企圖用香港的高度自治權來排斥中央的全面管治權，進而把高度自治變質成為完全自治，把香港變成獨立或者半獨立的政治實體。這純屬癡心妄想！中央有足夠的誠意和信心確保“一國兩制”方針不會變、不動搖，同時也有足夠的決心和力量確保“一國兩制”實踐不變形、不走樣。郭榮鏗等人該醒醒了。

逐一駁斥反對派的謬論，讓市民更了解香港特區的憲制秩序。

港區全國人大代表、香港法律專業人員協會會長陳曉峰：“攪炒派”不顧市民福祉無了期攪權拉布，將香港市民置於水深火熱之中。兩辦急市民所急，依法履職代表中央發聲是理所當然，有助撥亂反正。

中華出入口商會：香港特區直轄於中央政府，所有的權力來自於中央的授權，這是不容置疑的常識。面對嚴峻現況，期望兩辦能再進一步行使中央賦予的權力，加強對香港的關注和監督力，讓香港從疫情的困境中恢復，令社會環境能夠長治久安，市民安居樂業。

郭榮鏗蓄意違誓嚴重濫權 重申基本法一百零四條釋法

香港文匯報訊 國務院港澳辦及香港中聯辦發言人於本月13日點名譴責郭榮鏗等反對派議員濫用權力，其行為已偏離誓言，涉嫌公職人員行為失當。國務院港澳辦新聞發言人21日應詢表示，郭榮鏗議員種種行為蓄意違背誓言、涉嫌公職人員行為失當，可謂事實清楚，鐵證如山。根據全國人大常委會對基本法第一百零四條所作的解釋第三條規定，已明白無誤地表明，立法會議員如果違反誓言，就必須承擔相應的法律責任。

有記者問，4月13日國務院港澳辦和香港中聯辦發言人譴責郭榮鏗等反對派議員濫用權力，其行為偏離誓言，涉嫌公職人員行為失當，但郭本人辯稱他是按照立法會議事規則主持會議。您對此有何看法？

半年未選到主席是笑話

國務院港澳辦發言人指出，香港特別行政區立法會議員就任時，須宣誓定當擁護中華人民共和國香港特別行政區基本法，效忠中華人民共和國香港特別行政區，盡忠職守，遵守法律，廉潔奉公，為香港特別行政區服務。郭榮鏗等議員就任時也作過這樣的宣誓。但在他以及其他反對派議員的故意拖延下，原本十幾分鐘就可以完成的立法會內務委員會主席選舉，延誤了6個月、15次會議仍未完成，這放在世界任何一個地方都是一個天大的笑話！其結果是，內委會長期停

擺，多達14條法案不能及時審議，超過80條附屬法例在限期屆滿前得不到處理，一些本可惠及納稅人、殘障人士以及與房屋供應、公眾健康保障等民生息息相關的法案未能得到及時通過。

敵視國歌法 鐵證如山

發言人表示，郭議員公然宣稱這麼做就是為了阻止國歌法等法案的通過。眾所周知，國歌是國家的象徵，《中華人民共和國國歌法》已於2017年11月4日列入基本法附件三，盡快完成該法的本地立法工作是香港特別行政區立法機關應盡的憲制責任。我們不禁要問：郭議員為何如此敵視國歌法，反對在香港特別行政區使用國家象徵？他是真認同“一國”原則嗎？是真擁護香港特別行政區基本法、效忠中華人民共和國香港特別行政區嗎？郭議員夥同反對派議員對立法會保安安排胡攪蠻纏、擅自安排會前默哀儀式，等等，不是惡意“拉布”、濫用權力是什麼？一而再、再而三地糾纏於與選舉內委會主席無關的無聊瑣事，反而將事關香港每一位市民切身利益的大量法案議案統統擱置，這是盡忠職守、為香港特別行政區服務的應有表現嗎？上述種種行為為蓄意違背誓言、涉嫌公職人員行為失當，可謂事實清楚，鐵證如山。郭榮鏗議員等人必須如實回應這些問題，而不要急於借製造其他議題轉移公眾視線。

發言人指出，2016年全國人大常委會對基本法第一百零四條所作的解釋第三條規定，“中華人民共和國香港特別行政區基本法第一百零四條所規定的宣誓，是該條所列公職人員對中華人民共和國及其香港特別行政區作出的法律承諾，具有法律約束力。宣誓人必須真誠信奉並嚴格遵守法定誓言。宣誓人作虛假宣誓或者在宣誓之後從事違背誓言行為的，依法承擔法律責任。”香港特別行政區《宣誓及聲明條例》也規定，任何人作出誓言後拒絕或忽略作出的誓言，已在任的人士必須離任。這些規定明白無誤地表明，立法會議員如果違反誓言，就必須承擔相應的法律責任。



■郭榮鏗（前排中）等反對派議員21日就港澳辦點名指控作出回應。

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新西兰福清商会秘书长黄珍 与人为善 于己为善

18年前，因为孩子的一句话，一位母亲毅然放弃国内舒适生活远渡重洋，却意外在异国他乡新西兰闯出一片新的天地。这是新西兰福清同乡会、福清商会秘书长黄珍的成长之路，也是新时代女性的成长之路。

黄珍出生于福清市渔溪镇。家中虽不富裕，但母亲重视教育，即使是女孩，黄珍依然得到了良好的教育。

1986年，黄珍参加工作，并凭借出色的工作能力，成为福建省轻工业厅下属单位——福建省轻工业研究所财务科科长。2002年，黄珍带着孩子前往新西兰探亲，原本只是想欣赏新西兰美丽风景的她，却因为孩子一句“妈妈，我喜欢这里”，就决定离开自己在国内舒适的生活环境，跟随先生王骋定居新西兰。

重新开始一番新事业并不容易，因为语言不通，在人地生疏的新西兰，黄珍四处碰壁。又因为她是女性，她常被用人单位质疑不能吃苦。刚到新西兰的3个月，她什么工作也没有找到。此外，她还要学英语、考驾照，操心孩子上学。

好在天无绝人之路。有一天，在带孩子出门散心的路上，黄珍听到了熟悉的家乡话。她循声找到自己在新西兰的“贵人”——福清老乡王大哥。王大哥不仅热情邀请黄珍到自己家做客，还给她介绍了一份工作——帮一家创办一年的华人报社《新华商报》做广告销售。“他甚至给我介绍了第一单生意，让我得到公司老板的肯定。”黄珍说，王大哥的帮忙让她深切体会到困境中被拉一把的暖意，受此影响，在之后的工作生活中，她一直秉持着“能帮则帮”原则，对需要帮忙的老乡伸出援助之手。

为了多争取客户，黄珍跑遍了奥克兰的每个角落。靠着一身的拼劲，黄珍一人完成了报社80%的广告额，同事们称她为“TOP SALE”。回忆起往事，黄珍谦虚地说：“我觉得我很幸运，没

有什么波折就随着报纸的发展成就了自己的事业。”没过多久，她拥有了独立的办公室，不需要再像从前那般奔波，业务也会自己找上门，并在报社担任了管理职务。2006年，受朋友邀请，黄珍跳槽到《新西兰镜报》继续负责广告销售工作，也是在那里，她遇到了开辟自己新事业的契机。

2008年，一位老乡想要登报出售自家肉铺，王骋听说后强烈建议黄珍买下来。由此，黄珍开启了自己的新事业。

为了全心投入了肉铺经营，黄珍怀着歉意辞去了报社工作。开店初期，卖肉铺给她的老乡将他们多年经营肉铺的经验倾囊相授。但是，肉铺生意的客户大部分是外国人，黄珍的英语并不好，她就带着孩子当翻译，上门一起拜访客户。

进入全新的领域，意味着黄珍又回到初入新西兰时终日奔忙的日子。每周7天班，每天工作12个小时，先生负责店内的大小事务，黄珍则负责进货、销售、会计。“刚开始的前几年真的很辛苦，但是咬牙坚持下来也就过去了。”黄珍身上带着福清人勤劳的特质，奉行“要做就一定要做到最好”的原则，很快，业务量大幅增长。

2012年，在奥克兰当地最大的华人超市，黄珍的第一家分店开张了，她聘请了两位福清老乡帮忙经营分店，勤劳肯干的老乡不仅将店铺运营得十分红火，还为黄珍寻找到开第三家分店的契机。第三家分店的合作伙伴找上门时，黄珍认为自己当时已无暇照看第三家门店，婉拒了。但她却热情地为并不相熟的合作伙传授生意经，如当年那位教自己做生意的老乡一般倾囊相授。恰恰是这番不经意间的善举，使得合作伙伴更加信赖黄珍，再三请求与她合作。直至先生也加入了劝说行列，黄珍才最终决定开第三家分店。

在发展个人事业的同时，黄珍深感



与她一样的异乡人在新西兰打拼的不易，不仅语言不通、找工作困难，还可能面临着护照、签证等各种问题。为了更好地团结和服务乡亲，帮助大家办实事，有了一定经济实力的黄珍与几位福清老乡共同筹划，于2005年创立了新西兰福清同乡会。2006年4月30日，新西兰福清同乡会举办了成立大会暨理事会领导就职典礼，黄珍就任副秘书长一职。

黄珍感慨道：“成立同乡会后，福清人感觉有了家，乡亲有什么困难都能找人帮忙。”新西兰福清同乡会的成立为当地福清乡亲们搭建起一个相互交流的平台，提供了一个与祖国沟通的渠道。

黄珍在社团工作上投入了许多精力，她曾组织乡亲们回乡考察、参加第十三届中国·海峡项目成果交易会(“6·18”)等。2006年11月，新西兰华人首次举办“中华情·欢歌奥克兰”大型文艺晚会。黄珍得知消息后，一边为晚会拉赞助，一边带领福清同乡会成员们参与晚会筹备。由于租用的场地使用时间很短，他们只能连夜将舞台搭建起来，待

晚会结束后，又一夜之间将舞台拆除，可谁也没有喊一句“辛苦”，大家只觉得晚会的举办让他们感受到来自祖(籍)国的温暖。2008年四川发生地震，同乡会会员们心系灾区同胞，自发为灾区捐款、捐物。黄珍说：“只要祖国有需要，我们福清同乡会一定会贡献一份力。”

除了福清同乡会，黄珍还是新西兰华人妇女联合会秘书长，协助妇女联合会举办三八妇女节活动、庆祝母亲节晚会等活动。

“新西兰大部分当地人对华人的态度非常友善，作为华侨华人来说，我们面临的问题是如何更好地融入当地，造福新西兰。参与当地慈善活动、积极参与议政都是很好的途径。”黄珍强调，“华人要使用手中的选票为自己发声，维护自己的权益，让新西兰看到我们，看到我们对新西兰社会事务的参与和贡献。”

四 拓展事业、帮扶乡亲、建设国家……黄珍一直秉持初心，努力做事，作

为一名新时代的女性，她有着不输男子的气度。“只能说我一直很努力，靠着努力一步一步走到现在。福建人在国外真的是很能干，我们福清人更肯干，只要给福清人一份工作，我们就会很努力，干得很好。”

“华侨华人能够在海外生活得越来越好，除了自身的努力，还离不开祖(籍)国的繁荣强大，让华侨华人在海外生活得更更有底气。”黄珍这一句深情的话，表达出千千万万海外侨胞心中的感慨。

每隔几年，黄珍都会回家乡福清看看。在她的影响下，她的孩子对家乡同样具有深厚的感情，不仅喜欢吃家乡的扁肉拌面，还会在新西兰主动地做一些推广中国文化的工作。不仅如此，黄珍还会带福清籍青少年回乡参加“寻根之旅”活动，“海外华裔青少年会说中国话、写中国字还远远不够，更重要的是让这些孩子回到家乡，真正去感受、认识祖(籍)国，传承优秀的中华文化，推动两国交流发展。”

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同體共生 休士頓佛光人支援抗疫前線

新冠疫情繼續攀升，位於美國中部的德州4月20日已有20,400人確診，546人往生。佛光人遵循佛光山開山星雲大師人間佛教的理念，國際佛光會休士頓協會在國際佛光會和「星雲文化教育公益基金會」的支援下，募得7,000個口罩。佛光山中美寺覺妙法師、如悟法師與協會理事蕭瑛禪，4月21日捐贈5,400個口罩予當地的消防局、警察局、兒童醫院、Houston Methodist Hospital。

Houston Methodist Hospital 旗下共有8個醫院，分佈在休士頓不同的地區，執行長Mindy La Russa 特別來函，感謝佛光山加入團隊，一起對抗疫情。

本報記者秦鴻鈞報導

，讓醫護人員在精神上得到鼓舞，得以保持在最佳狀態下照顧病人。Houston Police 與 Fort Bend county Sheriff Department 非常感謝中美寺，在疫情期間給予第一線工作人員打氣、安心，他們每天在外奔跑，危機重重，沒想到在關鍵時刻，佛教團體能伸出援手，佛光人把口罩親自送到他們的手上，讓他們很感動。

星雲大師常教導「給」的真義，佛光人真正感受到給的力量。疫情當前，佛光人發揮「同體共生」的精神，與第一線工作人員共同防疫，祈願疫情盡快解除，大家回復正常生活。



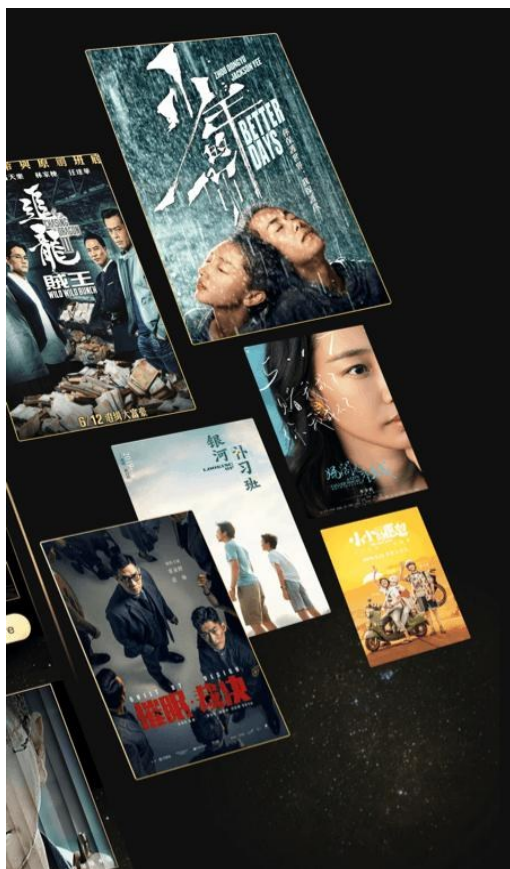
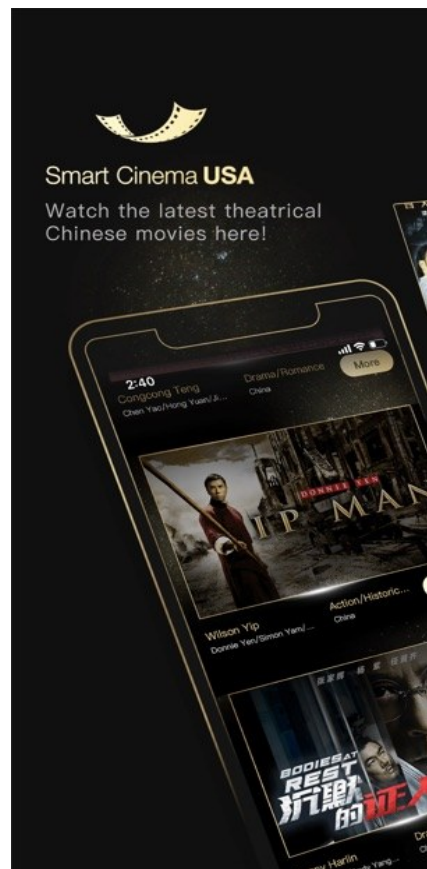
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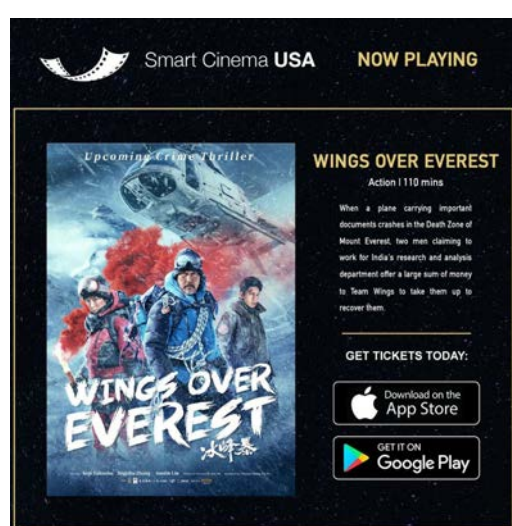
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