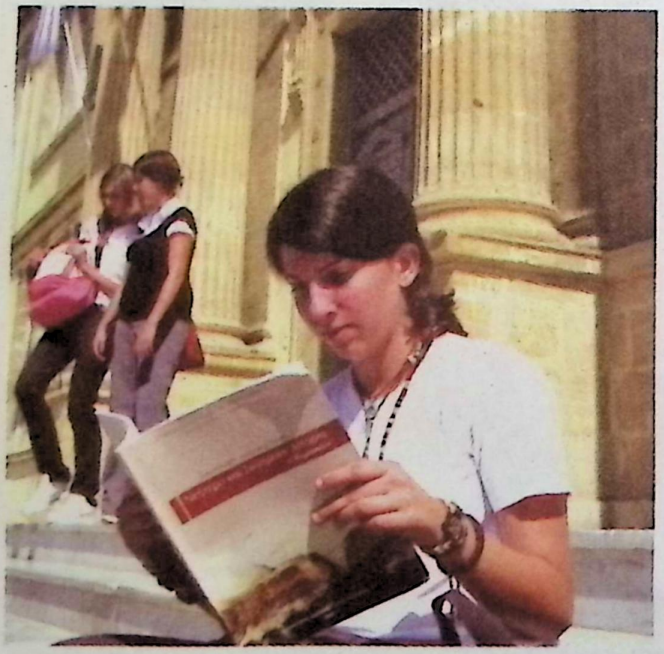


Various works of young Chinese contemporary artists go on display at an exhibition in Xian, in northern China's Shaanxi province. The market for contemporary Chinese art was nearly non-existent back in the 1990s, but nowadays the Chinese market is rapidly growing with a lot of money changing hands, as while most buyers are interested in building collections, others were speculators attracted by some rapidly rising prices.

A scene titled "Chicken Nuggets" from artist Banksy's new installation "The Village Pet Store and Charcoal Grill" is seen in New York City. The "pet store" features an animatronic leopard, monkey, chicken nuggets and hot dogs along with other creations. The store opened discretely to the public October 5 and will remain open through October 31.





A Cypriot student reads her secondary school history text book on the steps of Phaniromeni School in the heart of the old town of Nicosia, as students leave the building. A decision by the Cypriot government to re-examine the curricula of the history books to emphasise messages of coexistence between the Greek and Turkish communities of the divided island, is raising alarms between teachers and politicians who fear for the Greek heritage of the divided island. The title of the book reads in Greek: "Modern and Contemporary History."



A Sri Lankan *tuk tuk* driver pastes a sticker on his windscreen to indicate that he is a 'first-aid' trained driver after following a programme on how to apply basic life saving skills by St John's Ambulance in Colombo. Usually blamed for causing road accidents, UN aid agencies are training more than 100,000 three-wheeler drivers in the city pre-hospital care, as *tuk tuks* are the first on the scene to ferry patients whenever disasters like bomb blasts hit Colombo.

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