

Handshake challenge: He grimaces, grins, grips



Ultimately Trump figured out that he had to cross his arms and connect with the group

Manila
He grimaced. He grinned. He gripped.
 President Donald Trump is known for his long, at times aggressive, handshakes with world leaders. But at an international summit in the Philippines on Monday, he struggled briefly with a different kind of handshake.
 The Association of Southeast Asian Nations conference in Manila kicked off with a group photo of world leaders. And then the announcer intoned that it

was time for the leaders to take part in a "traditional" ASEAN handshake. It's a cross-body exercise in which leaders extend their right arms over their left and shake the opposite hands of those on either side.
 The announcer's instructions appeared for a moment to baffle Trump, who at first simply crossed his hands in front of him.
 Then, looking around, Trump turned to the leaders who flanked him — Vietnamese Prime Minister

Nguyen Xuan Phuc to his right, Philippine President Rodrigo Duterte to his left — and simply extended his arms outward.
 That wasn't quite right, either.
 Trump laughed, crossed his arms and reached to the correct sides. He grimaced at first, particularly when bending down to reach the hands of the shorter leaders on either side.
 And then, with an exaggerated smile, he vigorously gripped their hands. (AP)

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Rescuers are still searching for those trapped under rubble following a quake that killed more than 400 people. Tremors were felt in Bahrain too. Are you aware of the precautions to be taken during a natural disaster?
 Yes No Cant Say



I have resigned. I am going to Lebanon very soon and I will resign in the constitutional manner. If we want to go back on the resignation, we have to return to the policy of distancing ourselves from regional conflicts. I am not against Hezbollah as a party, I have a problem with Hezbollah destroying the country. The main problem for the region was Iran interfering in Arab states,"

-Saad Hariri
 Lebanon's Prime Minister

Rest in sight

Erdogan says he will discuss Gulf crisis



Turkey's President Tayyip Erdogan said he will discuss a solution to the five-month dispute between Qatar and its Gulf Arab neighbors during a visit to Kuwait.

About 30 killed when train derailed in Congo

About 30 people were killed and more than two dozen injured when a train derailed then caught fire in Democratic Republic of Congo.

Trial begins over IS airport attack

The trial against dozens of suspects accused of involvement in last year's deadly attack on Istanbul's airport has begun.

Saudi-led coalition wants weapons checks

The Saudi-led coalition fighting in Yemen said it will continue to block the aid route until its opponents cannot use it to bring in weapons.

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Rescuers try to save whales beached off Indonesia's Aceh



Banda Aceh

Rescuers are trying to save a small pod of whales that beached Monday off Indonesia's Aceh province.

The head of Aceh's marine and fisheries office, Nur Mahdi, said 10 whales were stranded at Ujong Kareng beach and attracted hundreds of onlookers who posed for

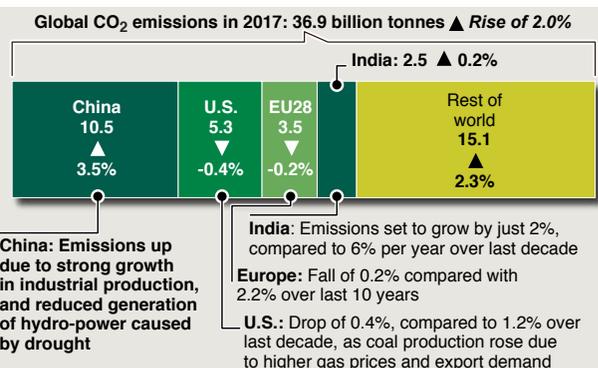
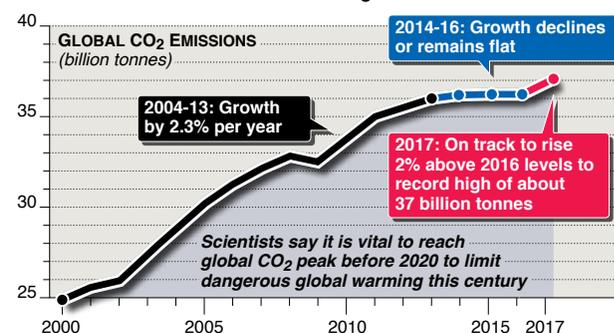
pictures with them.

He said five were refloated hours later and led out to sea with boats. Rescuers are trying to treat two injured whales and refloat the others, he said.

Mahdi said whale pods follow a group leader and beach if the leader swims too close to shore due to sickness or other reasons. (AP)

Concern at first CO2 rise in four years

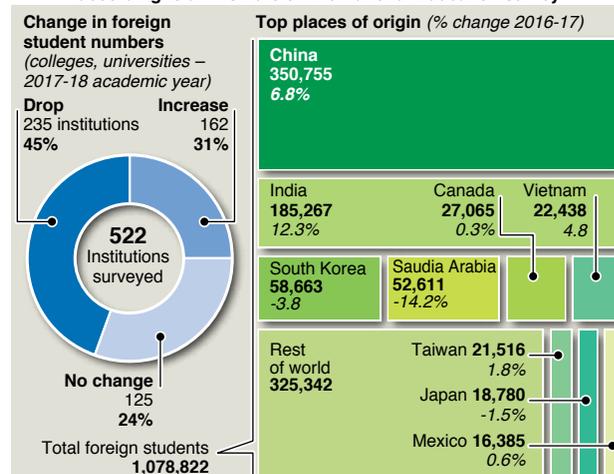
World carbon emissions in 2017 are projected to rise for the first time in four years, dashing hopes that a peak might soon be reached. The main cause for the rise has been greater use of coal in China



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Fewer foreign students enrol in U.S.

The number of international students enrolling in U.S. universities has fallen by seven percent since Donald Trump was elected president, according to an Institute of International Education survey



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