

Chinese press summary

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Hi folks,

Unlike the mainstream, the Chinese outlets did not take the due to announce electricity rate cut with much enthusiasm. Ming Pao was the only daily print that gave the news a moderate coverage with files from CP. It was highlighted in the heading government is expected to announce another 17% cut to hydro bills. In the subheading, it was noted the saving is made possible by extending the period of paying the costs involved in power generation. The smoothing out methodology was criticised as a ploy to cheat Ontarians.

Is it real or too good to be true? The Ontario government's plan to lower electricity fees by 25% was criticised as another political shell game. That's Fairchild TV reporting last evening. Shouting from the Opposition's big mouth, the Chinese chapter headquarters of the PC slammed the mitigation plan a trick to confuse Ontarians who will not benefit at all as they have to pay up by the end of the day. The Liberal government would not divulge details as to how it will go about the plan. The story was run as the top news during the second half of its hourly evening broadcast.

There were two hate crime stories – a Ryerson teaching assistant fired following his rant against Jews during a prayer session, and swastikas found in a York university classroom. They were moderately covered.

As its Canadian lead, Ming Pao had 4,000 Concordia University students evacuated following a bomb threat. Police search found nothing though.

With files from Hong Kong, Ming Pao had as its A1 top story gossip news that a play boy property tycoon transferred 75% of his assets valued at close to \$12 billion to his newly wed wife as his health deteriorates.

Sing Tao focussed on an immigration appeal case in which a Vietnamese male was found inadmissible and deported following the revelation he had been illegally staying in Canada for 12 years, found only after he was charged in a domestic violence incident.

The Small Business Innovation Challenge, a PO news release was well covered by all the dailies and onlines.

That's it for this morning. Thanks.

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