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Privacy watching luxury funds

Privacy Commissioner Edmund Leung Vai-lun said fund managers must be transparent in releasing personal data because a lack of accuracy. The commissioner is empowered to launch investigations, and he said no fund manager had ever been prosecuted for being unable to deal with requests.

Quake shakes Shanghai

Mandarin took to the streets to protest in front of the building where the earthquake in the southern country rocked buildings in Shanghai. About 40 to 50 minutes before the market closed. The 7.8 magnitude earthquake led to the evacuation of several buildings in the city’s financial district.

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Under pressure

Mainland inflation and consumer prices surge ahead

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Crushing blow

7.8 magnitude earthquake, ripped in China for 32 years

10 km

depth at which quake struck

5,000

people and homes were told to evacuate

313

aftershocks measuring up to 5.0 in Sichuan

5:30 am

time of quake

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