

Current News

Challenge
★★★★★

New born cubs in China

China

A SIBERIAN tiger in a Harbin (哈爾濱) park is nursing one of her **cubs**. More than 100 cubs are expected to be born in this park this year. (Reuters)



SIBERIAN tigers are endangered animals. A park in China has been successful in breeding them. Let our reporter, Mike, bring you more current news.



Hong Kong

XU Beihung (徐悲鴻) was a famous Chinese painter in the early 20th Century. His painting, *Portrait of a Lady* (珍妮小姐), will be auctioned on 27 May. It is **estimated** to fetch HK\$25 million. (Xinhua)

Which is the most common surname in your class?



Taiwan

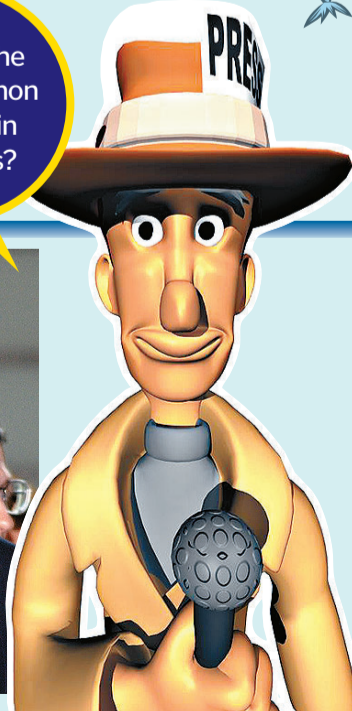
A TAIWANESE is cycling from Beijing (北京) to Paris (巴黎) to arouse public **awareness** of environmental protection. He hopes the public will take action to slow down global warming. He started his journey in mid-April, intending to complete the trip in 180 days. (CNA)

Russia

FORMER Russian (俄羅斯) **president** Boris Yeltsin (葉利欽) died in Moscow from heart attack at the age of 76. He transformed Russia's **economy** after the **dissolution** of the Soviet Union (蘇聯).



(AFP)



China

WHICH is the most common **surname** in China? It is Wang (王). Li (李) and Zhang (張) are two other common surnames. The findings was based on a survey conducted by the Chinese Academy of Sciences (中國科學院).

Vocabulary

Siberian tigers 西伯利亞虎
cubs 初生虎

estimated 估計
awareness 關注

president 總統
economy 經濟

dissolution 解體
surname 姓氏