

## Chinese tycoon hands out cash in Taiwan

HSINCHU, Taiwan (AFP) — China's most famous philanthropist began distributing cash in Taiwan on Thursday, the first day of a controversial trip that has sparked criticism and protests from anti-China groups.

Chen Guangbiao, who made his fortune recycling construction materials, handed T\$7 million (\$241,000) to charity groups in Hsinchu county in the island's north, amid accusations he was promoting reunification with China.

"I don't know anything about propaganda for Chinese reunification. I only know about charity and environmental work. I just want to do good," 42-year-old Chen told AFP.

China and Taiwan have been separated for more than 60 years, but Beijing considers the island part of its territory and has vowed to get it back, increasingly by trying to win the hearts and minds of the Taiwanese population.

Chen's trip has stirred excitement, with one tearful woman saying she had traveled from Taipei to Hsinchu to ask for money to pay for her husband's funeral. She was stopped by police before getting near the mainland visitor.

Earlier in Taipei Chen, who is well-known in China for his flamboyant style of charity, held up a wad of T\$2,000 notes spread out in a fan shape, surrounded by a crowd of photog-



Chen Guangbiao speaks as his charity trip starts in Hsinchu, Taiwan, Jan. 27.

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raphers and cameramen.

However, his visit has also triggered considerable anger among some Taiwanese, with one commentator launching a diatribe during a talk show which Chen took part in via a telephone link.

A county government volunteer helping keep order in Hsinchu, where the funds are being distributed, described Chen's visit as "a propaganda play for reunification and a waste of time."

According to William Niu, a political scientist at the Chinese Culture University in Taipei, the mixed reactions to Chen's visit reveal deep-rooted cultural differences between the two sides.

## Australian quintet dream of K-pop fame

### A cappella group Suade perform Korean pop songs with an Aussie twist

By Hamish Boland-Rudder  
Intern reporter

When a group of five burly Australian males take the stage at a music show, the last thing you anticipate is a classic Korean pop song performed in perfect harmony.

But that is exactly the type of unexpected performance Australian a cappella group Suade hope will get them noticed on the Korean music scene.

Suade completed their third trip to Korea last week with performances on KBS television and at the Grand Hyatt Hotel for a large Australia Day function, and already have plans to return for a longer tour in October.

Suade formed 10 years ago in Melbourne. The current lineup features brothers Chris and Laurence Blain singing tenor and baritone, respectively, Rory Osman singing bass, Ian Nisbet as tenor and countertenor, and Rob Latham covering all vocal ranges.

Their first tour to Korea in 2009 happened by mistake, after a festival they were supposed to attend was cancelled. Having already booked tickets, the group decided to come anyway and explore the local Korean music scene.

"We got here and we were just absolutely blown away," said Laurence (Loz) Blain. "It's absolutely amazing. I don't think there's anything like it anywhere else in the world ... You can see music constantly, the arts are just flourishing here."

With their eyes opened to the thriving world of K-pop, Suade quickly discovered that although they struggled to com-



A cappella group Suade — (from left) Ian Nisbet, Rob Latham, Chris Blain, Laurence Blain and Rory Osman — sing a medley at an Australia Day function at the Grand Hyatt Seoul on Wednesday.

pete vocally with the superior Korean a cappella groups, their advantage was their uniqueness.

"The difference that we bring is that we're just all about going crazy and having fun and tripping each other up on stage. It's a kind of loose, and slightly manic and crazy vibe that I think is really uncommon over here," said Loz. "We tend to act a bit more like we're at the pub than we're on a big stage."

Trading off their cheeky Australian character, Suade mix strong vocals with a theatrical, comedic performance that includes slapstick humor, musical parodies and melodies of popular songs in both English and Korean, including the classic Korean pop hit "Magic Castle."

"The music's just gorgeous and we really like the song," said Loz. "But then somehow we had the idea that it might be really fun to mix that up with the Wonder Girls tune 'Nobody' and bust out all the K-pop dance moves and stuff like that. And that's a riot."

"The nice thing about Suade is that it's really varied," said Chris Blain, who also serves as the group's musical director. "Even within one show we can have 10 different genres of music and be really comfortable stepping into the different shoes."

The five men have toured together through Australia and many parts of Asia, but are enamored with the amount of support for pop music in Korea

and recognize the unique opportunities that exist here.

"Korea is sort of becoming our home abroad. We're touring lots of places but we always seem to come back to Korea in a middle," said Loz, adding that Suade have considered making a more permanent base for themselves in Seoul. "It's definitely something that we've talked about."

"There's just so much happening, you know. There's so much going on in so many different areas.

Every venue that you go to has equipment beyond our wildest dreams. As a musician or an artist, the set-up here is phenomenal."

The group is learning more Korean with each trip, and hope

to expand their repertoire of K-pop songs for their next visit. They believe it is important to know the meaning of any Korean song that they sing.

"To us, singing is really about communication," said Loz. "So if we're going to be singing in another language we really feel like we do need to understand what we're singing all of the time so that we can communicate."

And while Suade plan to continue entertaining audiences across Korea with an Aussie-inspired, boisterous show when they return in October, they are also hoping to use some of the lessons they have learned from Korean groups and possibly introduce some K-pop music to audiences back home.

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#### BRIEFLY

### Carney next White House spokesman

WASHINGTON (Reuters) — Former Time Magazine reporter Jay Carney will become President Barack Obama's new top spokesman, White House officials said, rounding out a staff shake-up spurred by Democratic losses in last year's election.

Bill Daley, Obama's new business-friendly chief of staff, announced Carney's appointment along with a slew of other changes in an e-mail to White House staff Thursday.

Carney, who is currently communications director for Vice President Joe Biden, will replace Robert Gibbs, an Obama confidant, who said previously he would be leaving the White House to give speeches and become an outside adviser for Obama's 2012 re-election campaign. Gibbs said in an e-mail that a handover would take place in the next few weeks.



Vice President Joe Biden (right) works with Communications Director Jay Carney on July 8.

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### Ryu Si-won now father of baby girl

Hallyu star Ryu Si-won, 39, is now the father of a baby girl.

The birth comes three months after his marriage to Jo Soo-in, 33, on Oct. 26.

Jo gave birth to a healthy baby girl around 5:40 p.m. on Jan. 27, his management agency said.

Weeks before their wedding, he surprised his fans by saying that he would be a father next year.

Ryu debuted in 1994 as a KBS actor and has gained popularity for acting in a variety of dramas. In 2004, he went to Japan and earned the status of hallyu star along with Bae Yong-joon.

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Ryu Si-won

## Professor brews beer with 45-million-year-old yeast

By Nick Wilson  
McClatchy Newspapers

SAN LUIS OBISPO, California — A U.S. processor's mission to turn a 45-million-year-old yeast into an ingredient for beer has proven successful — and now he hopes to grow his operation locally.

Raul Cano, a California Polytechnic University professor, discovered the yeast in amber that came from Myanmar, which was previously known as Burma, while conducting research in the 1990s.

Cano gained international recognition at the time for his discovery that microorganisms could be brought back to life by extracting them from amber found in Myanmar, North America and Central America.

The microorganisms are able to lay dormant for long periods of time without air or food.

Through brewing experiments with collaborators, Cano has been able to take strains of yeast from the ancient amber and grow them. And he was interested in finding out how it could be used in food or drinks.

"Beer was the obvious product from an organism such as yeast," Cano said. "It was either that or bread. But beer seemed more adventurous."

Fossil Fuels Brewing Co., the beer company that he's formed with partners Chip Lambert, Joe Kelley and Scott Bonzell, now produces beer for sale primarily in Northern California bars and pubs.

Cano also has made the beer available for sale at Gennaro's Grill and Garden in San Luis Obispo, California — where he's a partner.

Fossil Fuels Brewing Co. has

used Cano's initial extraction of yeast to grow a much larger batch that fills a warehouse in Northern California used in the beer-making process.

"Our main beer is a wheat beer, and we also have a pale ale, but we're really working on others, including an amber ale and an Oktoberfest," Cano said.

Of those beers popular in the mainstream market, Cano compares the taste most closely to that of Blue Moon.

Despite initial skepticism from some about the taste the beer would produce, Cano says the flavor turned out surprisingly good and unique.

Critics have described the taste as one with lots of spice, resembling cloves, along with tinges of ginger and pineapple.

One thing that makes the yeast different is its genetic makeup — which allows the



Raul Cano, a California Polytechnic State University biology professor, turned a 45-million-year-old yeast into an ingredient for beer in San Luis Obispo, California.

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beer to finish with a desirable clear color instead of a cloudy resolution because of how the prehistoric yeast strain ferments sugars, Cano said.

Cano wouldn't reveal information about annual sales, but he said the 2-year-old company currently produces about 20 barrels a month — a very small amount, but he has high hopes.

He says the biggest challenges to growing the company include continued development

of quality styles of beers, forming a skilled management team and, most importantly, financing — including proper marketing and promotion.

The brewing is done at Kelley Brothers Brewing Co. in the town of Manteca, Calif.

"I'd love to get some investors interested in expanding the company," Cano said.

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