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A rainbow, which appeared after afternoon thundershowers cooled down Shanghai on Tuesday, symbolically signalled the End of the Heat, or *chushu*, the 14th solar term in the Chinese lunar calendar. — Dong Jun

China announces new visa policies for foreigners

Chen Xiaoli

CHINESE embassies in several foreign countries, including Japan, Australia, Singapore, Nepal and Pakistan, have announced new changes in visa rules over the past few days.

According to the notices, beginning from August 24 (Beijing time), foreigners holding valid APEC business travel cards to engage in

business activities in China and foreign students holding valid residence permits do not need to apply for new visas and can enter China with the above documents.

China tightened its visa rules for foreigners following the outbreak of COVID-19 at the beginning of 2020 and has accelerated its pace to relax the rules since June.

Time-honored cinema closes for renovations

Xu Wei

A STAR-RATED cinema in Shanghai's Huangpu District suspended operations for renovations this week.

Built in 1930, the Cathay Theatre announced its facilities and services will be upgraded to offer movie buffs a better cinematic experience. Its reopening schedule was not revealed.

Underwritten by Cantonese cinema tycoon Lu Gen and designed by renowned architect Charles Henry Gonda, the Art Deco-style theater opened on January 1, 1932, with more than 1,000 seats. Its opening film was the American drama, "A Free Soul," starring Norma Shearer and Leslie Howard.



The Cathay Theater, a time-honored cinema on Huaihai Road, suspended operations for renovations this week. — Dong Jun

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