United in adversity

Margaret Chan says the mode and speed of the deadly spread of Sars 30 years ago did catch us out, but she should remember it today for how the world rose to the challenge to contain it.

It is wrong to use property as a reward of honest effort, as an attack on the poor, or as a blessing for those who are at the mercy of gouging landlords. The admission that real estate is a form of wealth is an admission that we are helping to build an unfair society. We must look into the future and challenge the expectations of the current generation.

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G. Jin Zhao says decisions must further the oil giant's globalisation

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