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State Administration Council Chairman Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Min Aung Hlaing meets senior officer instructors, senior officer lecturers, faculty members, officers and cadets at the Defence Services Technological Academy in PyinOoLwin yesterday.

## Tatmadaw: An institution serving under orders and discipline

Cadets have to nurture themselves since training periods to become qualified and successful officers with self-confidence and self-reliance.

convocation hall of Defence Services Technological Academy in PyinOoLwin.

Speaking on the occasion, the Senior General highlighted that as Tatmadaw's training schools and academies are giving training to trainees in a proper ratio to instructors, all trainees have to try their best to become outstanding and qualified officers.

He stressed that all trainees need to stand on their own as they have joined Tatmadaw of their own accord.

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Chairman of the State Administration Council Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Min Aung Hlaing yesterday afternoon met senior officer instructors, senior officer lecturers, faculty members, officers and cadets at the

### Salient points from the speech delivered by the Senior General at the meeting with faculty members and trainees at DSTA

- 1.Engineer officers have to consider how to carry out their work from the engineering point of view and with engineering philosophy.
- 2.Trainees have to follow the advice of seniors and instructors to help improve their life and be able to apply their knowledge in practical fields.
- 3.Only when individuals become good followers under discipline will they become good leaders.
- 4.There remain many tasks for Tatmadaw to carry out, such as military-building and nation-building tasks.

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## Application for political party establishment rights ongoing

ACCORDING to Section 3 of the Political Parties Registration Law, the Unity and Development Party, which wants to establish a political party in order to compete in the multiparty democratic general election, applied yesterday to the Union Election

Commission for the right to establish a political party under the law and regulations.

To date, 16 parties have applied in accordance with Section 3 of the Political Parties Registration Law, and 50 parties have applied for the right to continue as politi-

cal parties and registration under Section 25 of the Political Parties Registration Law, bringing the total to 66 parties.

Union Election Commission continues to verify the right to establish and register these parties. — MNA/KZL

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## Duty Assignment of Head of Service Organization

THE State Administration Council has appointed and assigned U Win Kyaw Aung, Director-General of the Union Minister's Office of the Ministry of Information, to the duties of Permanent Secretary/ Director-General at the same ministry concurrently.

## Theravada countries' embassies in Brussels hold Buddha Day ceremony



The photo depicts guests attending the "Buddhist Wisdom for Inner Peace" Dhamma Puja ceremony in Brussels on 26 May.

MYANMAR Embassy to Belgium and the European Union, and the Thai Embassy and the Sri Lankan Embassy in Brussels came together to hold the Dhamma Puja ceremony with the title 'Buddhist Wisdom for Inner Peace' in commemoration of the Buddha Day on 26 May, according to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

The ceremony was held at the residence of the Thailand ambassador in Brussels, with the attendance of ambassadors from various embassies and their family members, along with guests from Belgium and the EU.

During the Dhamma Puja

ceremony, the monk Ajaan Chandako of the International Forest Monastery of Thailand (Wat Pah Nanachat), who is visiting Belgium for a short stay, preached Buddhist teachings on how to live a life in the complex modern era and demonstrated meditation techniques to the guests. The event successfully concluded after the monk answered the guests' questions about the teachings of the Buddha.

The Dhamma Puja ceremony is an initiative by the embassies of Theravada Buddhist countries based in Brussels to promote Theravada Buddhism in Belgium. — ASH/TH

## Announcement

1. It has been discovered that individuals using fake accounts and false IDs on Facebook, Viber, and Telegram are manipulating the foreign exchange rate in an attempt to destabilize the monetary system.
2. Necessary measures are now taken against websites. The authorized dealer banks post foreign exchange rates on the exchange counters of their respective banks' official websites. These rates can be accessed on the following websites.

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b	AYA	<a href="https://ayabank.com/personal-banking/other-services/foreign-currency-exchange-service#foreign_currency_exchange_rate">https://ayabank.com/personal-banking/other-services/foreign-currency-exchange-service#foreign_currency_exchange_rate</a>
c	MAB	<a href="https://www.mabbank.com/gtb">https://www.mabbank.com/gtb</a>
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g	Yoma	<a href="https://www.yomabank.com/">https://www.yomabank.com/</a>
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i	MOB	<a href="https://www.mobmyanmar.com/">https://www.mobmyanmar.com/</a>

3. In light of this, we advise the public not to trust fake websites and instead consult the foreign exchange rates on the official websites of the relevant banks.

Central Bank of Myanmar  
29 May 2024

## U Wunna Han appointed as Ambassador of Myanmar to Islamic Republic of Pakistan

CHAIRMAN of the State Administration Council, Prime Minister of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar has appointed U Wunna Han, Director-General of the Protocol Department, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar to the Islamic Republic of Pakistan. — MNA

The people are urged to receive vaccination of Covid-19 without fail as full-time vaccination of Covid-19 and receiving booster shots can effectively mitigate infection of the virus, severe suffering from the disease and increase of death rate due to the disease.



# NATIONAL

**P**residing Patron of Maha Wizitayon Monastery of Mandalay State Ovadacariya Abhigraha Maha Rattha Guru Abhidhaja Agga Maha Saddhamma Jotika Agga Maha Pandita Bhaddanta Vicarinda Bhivamsa, aged 96 and Vasa 76, is receiving medical treatment at the military hospital in PyinOoLwin.

Chairman of the State Administration Council Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Min Aung Hlaing, his wife Daw Kyu Kyu Hla and officials looked into healthcare services being provided to the Sayadaw yesterday morning.

Officials reported to the Senior General, his wife, and his entourage about medical checkups, healthcare services, and the health conditions of the Sayadaw.

In his response to the re-



Senior General Min Aung Hlaing and wife Daw Kyu Kyu Hla offer donations to the Presiding Patron of Maha Wizitayon Monastery Sayadaw yesterday.

## Senior General Min Aung Hlaing, his wife Daw Kyu Kyu Hla view health conditions of Presiding Patron of Maha Wizitayon Monastery of Mandalay, injured Tatmadaw members at military hospital

ports, the Senior General gave guidance on continuously checking the health conditions of the Sayadaw for providing necessary assistance, arrangements for the Sayadaw to improve immune system, personal hygiene, and physical exercises, and provisions for health aid equipment for the Sayadaw to

reside at the monastery with improved health conditions.

The Senior General and wife donated offerings, medicines, nutritious meals and alms to the Sayadaw.

The Senior General and his wife comforted Tatmadaw members, Myanmar Police Force members, and local peo-

ple's militia receiving medical treatments for their injuries they sustained while serving State defence and security duties.

The Senior General asked about injuries and treatments of Tatmadaw members, MPF members and people's militia individually and fulfilled their

needs.

The Senior General, his wife and his entourage presented cash awards and gifts to the patients.

Daw Kyu Kyu Hla, wife of the Senior General, also cordially comforted families of Tatmadaw members receiving treatment at the maternity and

child wards of the hospital and presented gifts.

The Senior General viewed the use of medical and hospital equipment and medical wards.

While in PyinOoLwin station, the Senior General and party inspected regiments and units, training schools and medical academies. — MNA/TTA

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He added that as cadets have to pursue engineering subjects and military training within a six-year period of training, they have to nurture themselves to live under discipline on a self-reliant basis and good practices of teamwork.

In giving guidance to instructors, the Senior General urged the instructors to share their experiences as well as literary knowledge with the trainees to be able to turn out outstanding trainees.

He noted that trainees have to follow the advice of seniors and instructors

to help improve their life and be able to apply their knowledge in practical fields.

The Senior General highlighted that leadership is of great importance in Tatmadaw, and only when individuals become good followers under discipline will they become good leaders. He continued that trainees have to systematically study relevant subjects during the training period to become good engineering professionals.

The Senior General revealed that as there remain many tasks for the Tatmadaw to carry out military building and nation-building tasks, it is necessary to strive to achieve development

in conformity with the advancement of all arenas at present.

Also present at the meeting were Commander-in-Chief (Navy) Vice-Admiral Zwe Win Myint and officials.

The Senior General and party paid homage to Maha Shwemyintin Pagoda in PyinOoLwin and made cash donations. The Senior General gave instructions on necessary maintenance to ensure the sustainability of the pagoda and fulfilled the need to offer gold foils to the pagoda.

They also paid homage to the image of the Lord Buddha at the Pada Footprint Hall. — MNA/TTA

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State Administration Council Vice-Chair Deputy Premier Vice-Senior General Soe Win addresses the meeting 1/2024 of the Industry and Industrial Zone Development Central Committee yesterday.

to seek solution to this problem under the industrial zone law and rules. The small-scale industrial zone submitted by Magway Region is primarily allocated to groups of less than 500 acres of land to manufacture value-added products made of oil crops, beans, and cotton.

The Magway Region government needs to submit a new proposal for an industrial zone to use cotton and thread industries and oil crops.

Authorities of regions and states have to implement their industrial zones in accordance with industrial law and rules to have success, similar to the Thilawa Special Economic Zone.

Only when all need to have skills in legal affairs and follow

**I**ndustrial zone establishment and supervisory committees have to supervise the measures to determine whether industrial zones actually operate and allow the work process of the same businesses, said Vice-Senior General Soe Win.

The Industry and Industrial Zone Development Central Committee held the meeting 1/2024 at the hall of the Ministry of Industry in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday afternoon, with an address by Chairman of the Central Committee Vice-Chairman of the State Administration Council Deputy Prime Minister Vice-Senior General Soe Win.

In his speech, the Vice-Senior General underlined that Myanmar has to develop 28 main industrial zones, 53 branches, and five industrial wards, with two more industrial zones under establishment to amend the points that are not in compliance with the law and rules.

He noted that upon completion of the formation of the local industrial zones and the formation of supervisory committees, industrial management committees will be set up.

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## Industrial zones and extended zones have great chance to boost export products

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framework of the State with investment of local and foreign businesspersons, he added.

He underscored that only when the funds can be set up in accord with the industrial zone law and rules will all the tasks be successful.

He explained that the central committee needs to adopt policies and solve difficulties, whereas the local industrial zone

establishment and supervisory committee, and regional governments have to supervise the successful implementation of the already set up industrial zones and those to be established, and the industrial zone management committees play a vital role in these measures.

As such, the Vice-Senior General continued that deserving persons must be formed in the

supervisory committee and management committees to achieve success in the work process.

He stressed that region and state chief ministers need to choose the proper persons to be assigned. He also pointed out that some residential wards are located near industrial zones, while similarly, there are industrial wards situated near residential areas. The chief ministers have

them will they have achievements in the work process.

Secretary of the Central Committee Deputy Minister for Industry U Yin Maung Nyunt and Magway Region Chief Minister U Tint Lwin read the letters to the central committee.

The Vice-Chairman of the Central Committee Union Minister for Industry reported on the history of industrial zones, drafting industrial zone law and rules, and formation of committees and tactics for the development of industrial zones.

Committee members, Union ministers, and deputy ministers discussed the successful implementation of the industrial zone under the law and rules.

The Vice-Senior General fulfilled the needs of the discussions. — MNA/TTA

#### Salient points from the speech made by the Vice-Senior General at the Industry and Industrial Zone Development Central Committee meeting

1. Industrial zone establishment and supervisory committees have to supervise the measures of whether industrial zones actually operate and allow the work process of the same businesses.
2. Myanmar has to develop 28 main industrial zones, 53 branches, and five industrial wards, with two more industrial zones underway to amend the points that are not in compliance with the law and rules.
3. Magway Region has submitted a proposal for a 500-acre small-scale industrial zone to manufacture value-added products made of oil crops, beans and cotton.
4. It is necessary to systematically establish industrial zones under the economic development framework of the State with local and foreign investments.

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## MoBA Union Minister pays inspection tours in Mandalay, Sagaing regions

UNION Minister for Border Affairs Lt-Gen Tun Tun Naung, along with officials, inspected development and human resource activities in Sagaing and Mandalay regions.

During his visit to the University of the Development of the National Races in Sagaing, the Union minister discussed university operations, agriculture issues, and preparations for the Myanmar Education Conference 2024.

He emphasized the importance of fostering patriotism, good citizenship, and educational excellence among students. The Union minister also



Union Minister Lt-Gen Tun Tun Naung observes an innovation work of students from the Nationalities Youth Resource Development Degree College (Sagaing) in Sagaing Region on 28 May 2024.

reviewed dormitories, dining rooms, and sports facilities, providing necessary support for upcoming projects.

In Kyaukse District, the Union minister inspected construction of the road to Tooth Relic Pagoda and ongoing maintenance work, making donations to members of the Sangha. He also visited Kyaungywa village to observe the drilling of underground fresh water and met with local people.

The ministry is actively working to provide clean drinking water in water-scarce areas using advanced technology and expertise. — MNA/TS



Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs U Lwin Oo and Sri Lanka's parliament members pose for documentary group photo in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

## MoFA Deputy Minister receives Sri Lankan MPs

U Lwin Oo, Deputy Minister of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, received a delegation of members of the parliament of Sri Lanka, comprised of Mr Sujith Sanjaya Perera, Mr J C Alawathuwala and Mr Wasantha Yapa Bandara, yesterday in Nay Pyi Taw.

They cordially ex-

changed views on matters pertaining to the further enhancement of the existing friendship between the two countries, expansion of bilateral cooperation and collaboration in the areas that could serve the mutual interest and continued cooperation in rendering consular assistance for Sri Lankan nationals in Myanmar. — MNA

## Thanlyin Bridge 3 construction on Bago River 97% complete

ACCORDING to the Department of Bridges of the Ministry of Construction, construction of the No 3 Thanlyin Bridge, linking Thakayta Township and Thanlyin Township in Yangon Region, has reached 97 per cent completion.

The bridge, described as a cable-stayed type with steel and PC boxes, is designed to accommodate vehicles weigh-

ing up to 75 tonnes, the report confirms.

Construction of the bridge began in May 2019 with assistance from Japan. It consists of four lanes and includes a 602-metre-long approach bridge on the Thakayta side and an 807-metre-long approach bridge on the Thanlyin side. The main bridge spans 1,224 metres, resulting in a total

length of 2,633 metres (8,638 feet). The bridge provides a water clearance of 13.25 metres (43 feet).

Once completed, the new bridge will facilitate smoother transport of goods between Yangon, Thanlyin, and the Thilawa Special Economic Zone, alleviating traffic congestion on the existing bridge. — ASH/TMT



Thanlyin Bridge 3 is seen alongside the old Thanlyin Bridge 1 in Yangon.

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# NATIONAL

## Mountain ecosystem, forest conservation guarantee watershed area of Ayeyawady

THE world countries, including Myanmar, face natural disasters caused by climate change year by year. Meanwhile, Myanmar conserves the ice-capped mountain ecosystem and forest, aiming to preserve the watershed area of the Ayeyawady River, according to Khakaborazi Wildlife Sanctuary.

“The Khakaborazi Wildlife Sanctuary boasts icy mountains, 43 types of rare wild animals and mammals, and about 470 bird species. There are also 297 species of plants and 24 rare herbal plants. It is also home to Takin, Red panda, Moschus moschiferous and Bharal (blue sheep). It is because of the existence of icy mountains and forests. In summer, these mountains melt as a sign of climate change. The global warming causes climate change, and the people should notice that they are facing more natural disasters,” said Daw L Kay Si Yoon, Warden of Khakaborazi National Park.

Conservation of land ecosystems, forests and coastal ecosystems can guarantee fine weather. The Phonkanrazi Mountain shares a border with India, whereas the Khakaborazi Na-

tional Park is with China. Therefore, Myanmar’s icy mountain areas are located between two large countries, and they grab the opportunities to cooperate to develop the tourism industry, offer ice climbing trips, and promote environmental conservation.

“Myanmar has icy mountains, forests, and coastal regions, so if we conserve the icy mountain ecosystem and forest, we can preserve the whole watershed area of the Ayeyawady River and ensure its sustainability. If there are no ice mountains and forests, the water resources will dry up gradually. The govern-



Ice flows fill the creek as it heads towards the Ayeyawady River in the Khakaborazi National Park, Ayeyawady River’s main watershed area.



Beautiful scene of the Khakaborazi National Park covered with ice in Kachin State. **PHOTOS: KHIN MAUNG LATT**

ment alone cannot make efforts to promote the sustainability of conservation areas. All should work together. New generations will get the benefits of conservation. Therefore, if the mountain ecosystem and forest are sustainable and the coastal regions are green, in the northernmost part of Myanmar, the natural beauty of Myanmar can be seen obviously

and regain the fine weather,” she added.

The Khakaborazi National Park in the northernmost part of Myanmar boasts biodiversity and is a central watershed area of the Ayeyawady River. The Khakaborazi mountain is over 19,296 feet in height, and the park occupies an area of 942,080 acres. — Nyein Thu (MNA)/KTZH

## Fisheries information released to reduce farmers’ losses



A fish farming pond is seen in Letpadan Township, Bago Region.

FISHERIES notices have been issued to prevent flooding of fish farming ponds and reduce losses as fish are raised in fish farms in various parts of the country for domestic consumption and export.

In order to prevent fish farming ponds from flooding due to excessive rain and river flooding and to reduce losses, it is advised to follow the following steps in aquaculture ponds.

In order to strengthen the pond frames of the fish farming ponds, it is necessary to make sandbags in the low places where the pond frame is thin. If there is a flood, fence it with blue lace pipes to prevent the fish from escaping. In order to prevent water erosion in the fishponds close to the stream, it is advised to fence with sticks and bamboo walls and place sandbags.

Also, fishing nets, boats, and equipment should be prepared in advance to relocate the fish if necessary. It is also essential to keep the fish from escaping when feeding regularly and to carefully check the water outlets of the breeding tank and the places where the water will be crossed.

In order to be aware of special situations in real-time, farmers need to investigate ways to report and prepare in advance. It is recommended that people always listen carefully to news related to emergency weather warnings broadcast by national radio and broadcasting stations. It is also necessary for fish farmers to constantly read news and articles about the weather in local daily newspapers and exchange information with each other.

The Department of Fisheries has informed people to contact the nearest fisheries department and ask for help in case of emergencies due to flooding. — TWA/KZL

## NCDC to grant permits for veterinary, slaughterhouse construction

THE Nay Pyi Taw City Development Committee will reportedly grant permits for construction work for the Department of Veterinary Medicine and Slaughterhouses to private entrepreneurs.

The construction work includes a steel structure for a holding pen in the meat production area, a tube well, a 5,000-gallon water collection pond, a pump house, and a 1,600-gallon water tower at the cattle markets in Tatkon township.

Interested businesspeople can obtain the tender forms from 27 May to 7 June and must submit them by 14 June at the latest. — TWA/TKO



## Seintalone mango from southern Shan State bound for China market

A plan is underway to export Seintalone mango from Shan State (South) to China's market, according to Khwarnyo Fruit depot.

At present, Seintalone mango exports from Mandalay and Sagaing regions to China have almost ended. Therefore, Seintalone mango produced in Shan State is heading for China's market. They have market advantages over those from the Mandalay and Sagaing regions. A reasonable price is expected based on freight management and mango quality.

"Seintalone mango from southern Shan State is preparing for China's market at present. As they can be exported shortly, the

traders can ensure fresh fruit quality control. Freight management and packaging play a key role in placing the quality fruit on the market," a person in charge of the Khwarnyo Fruit Depot said.

Nonetheless, China's abundant mango season will arrive on 20 June. Subsequently, the depot suggests traders observe market conditions first.

Fruit traders faced a series of challenges while exporting mangoes to China, such as watermelon export this year.

At present, exporters are facing trade hurdles such as physical damage to the fruits caused by transportation on rough roads, freight cost and market price.

The growers are battered by the high cost of cultivation input and export market risks every year. Low use of cultivation input brought down quality, causing postharvest diseases such as stem end rot and black spots in fruit in 2022.

As a result of this, some traders did not even cover the cultivation cost due to the inferior quality of Seintalone mango.

Of about 200 mango varieties that originated in Myanmar, Seintalone, Shwehintha, Padamyar Ngamauk, Yinkwe, and Machitsu varieties are primarily grown. The foreign market prefers Seintalone varieties.

Ayeyawady Region possesses the most extensive mango



Seintalone mango seen before distribution to the market.

plantation acres, having about 46,000 acres. Bago Region is the second largest producer, with 43,000 acres, and Mandalay has 29,000 acres of mango. There are

over 24,000 acres in Kayin State, over 20,400 acres in Shan State and over 20,000 acres in Sagaing Region, according to the association. — NN/EM

## Forest Product Joint Venture to distribute dividends from 3 June

FOREST Product Joint Venture Corporation Public Company Limited will pay dividends starting from 3 June 2024. The company is to channel 30 per cent of earnings from the 2022-2023 financial year.

The stockholders need to present a shareholder certificate and citizenship scrutiny card to receive dividends. When individuals cannot receive dividends in person, they need to make an authorization letter to

collect the dividends on their behalf, along with a company letterhead, company registration copy, and company extract copy.

The dividend payment for a company or an institution will be made by cheque. Shareholders can receive the dividend in cash. Those who have not claimed their dividends from the previous years need to contact headquarters to take them out. — TWA/EM

## Frog farming resumption could boost market

THE number of frog farms has declined, though its market is likely to be thriving again if frog farms expand again.

In 2023, many frog farms were operated competitively, and the market was good, but the number of frog farms declined this year.

"The frog breeding market has declined a little. The business was pretty good in the same period last year. This market also depends on transportation routes. Frogs are mainly consumed in Lashio, Laukkai and Muse. We export to Mandalay this year. Domestic frog consumption is large. The majority of frog farms are located in Kayan Township as well as in Thanlyin Township. I don't want the number of breeders to decrease. If frog breeding expands this year, the market will be fine next year. The business was pretty good in last year," said a frog breeder in Kayan Township.

Including Kayan and Thongwa townships, frog breeding was operated commercially across Southern District of Yangon in order to provide frogs throughout the year. — Thit Taw/ZS

## Foreign trade targeted to achieve US\$33B in FY2024-2025



Loading and unloading containers are seen at Yangon Port along the Yangon River.

THE Ministry of Commerce aims to achieve a foreign trade target of US\$33 billion for the current financial year 2024-2025, comprising exports worth \$16.7 billion and imports valued at \$16.3 billion.

The departments and institutions concerned will exert concerted efforts to meet the trade target.

The value of Myanmar's foreign trade has reached over US\$3.5 billion as of 17 May in the current financial year 2024-2025, beginning 1 April, comprising

exports worth \$1.76 billion and imports valued at \$1.77 billion, the Ministry of Commerce's data showed.

The seaborne trade totalled \$2.85 billion, whereas the border trade value hit \$684.56 million. The total trade balance was \$3.116 billion in the year-ago period.

Myanmar exports agricultural products, animal products, minerals, forest products, and finished industrial goods, while it imports capital goods, intermediate goods, raw materials

imported by the CMP enterprises and consumer goods.

Myanmar has been implementing the National Export Strategy (NES) 2020-2025 in order to bolster exports. The priority sectors of the NES comprise agricultural production, garment and apparel, industrial and electronic device, fishery business, forest product, digital manufacturing and service, logistic service, quality management, trade information service, innovation and entrepreneurship sectors. — NN/EM



# OPINION

## Embrace diverse cultures and societies with optimism

**C**ULTURE encompasses the beliefs, customs, and practices of people within a society. It includes creations born from their environment and lifestyle. In any given society, multiple groups residing in a society together may coexist, each with its unique cultural identity.

Studies show that about 89 per cent of global conflicts arise in regions where cultural dialogue is lacking. Political scientists estimate that cultural disputes trigger a quarter of these conflicts. Therefore, fostering peace, stability, and development through cultural understanding is crucial throughout the world. By valuing and enhancing diverse cultures, individuals can contribute to a peaceful and prosperous society.

Around the world, societies are characterized by their unique cultural properties. For instance, more than 1,000-year-old religious edifices in the Bagan era of Myanmar, the Angkor Wat Temple built in the 12th century in Cambodia, some 6,000-kilometre-long great walls constructed in the 7th Century BC in China, and more than 2,700-year-old pyramids in Egypt are symbols of relevant societies in these countries.

In Myanmar alone, more than 130 national races are preserving their traditions and customs as their cultural heritages in successive eras. All of the cultures and cultural properties are lovely and adorable for all. These national race groups forge mutual respect and protect each other's tangible and intangible cultural assets, reflecting national

unity and solidarity and never disturbing and destroying tangible and intangible cultures and cultural heritage of one another.

While cultural differences can be a root cause of conflicts and extremism, this is not a sufficient reason for discord. Thoroughly analyzing and recognizing diverse cultures can help mitigate these conflicts. Despite the diversity in cultures and traditions, mutual trust and respect are essential for fostering better relationships within society.

If somebody does not appreciate and recognize different cultures and cultural properties of other societies, they will face problems such as conflicts based on distrust, hate, and grievance. Consequently, this will have negative impacts and disadvantages on society, harming all individuals.

As education and technology advance globally, mutual respect and understanding of diverse cultures are increasing. However, some extremists, driven by emotion rather than critical thinking, reject cultural diversity. Their actions often deviate from the common sense of valuing diverse cultural heritage. Ultimately, recognizing and accepting cultural diversity is crucial. By doing so, people can forge stronger interrelations and unity within their varied societies.

**H**EALTHCARE infrastructure encompasses various elements that contribute to a population's health. It includes both physical and human resources such as physical facilities, personnel, support facilities, supplies and materials, data and information systems, and distribution mechanisms. Expanding hospital buildings is a strategic investment in healthcare infrastructure as it increases capacity, advanced technology, improved access to specialized services, job creation, and community confidence.

In Myanmar, the investment in new hospital buildings represents a significant step forward in the country's healthcare infrastructure. The new hospital buildings are equipped with modern medical technology and facilities to provide better care to patients. These facilities aim to address the healthcare needs of a growing population and to enhance the quality of medical services available in the country.

The new hospital buildings are a significant event that marks the culmination of extensive planning, construction, and investment in healthcare infrastructure. It symbolizes a commitment to improving healthcare services and facilities within a community. These new hospital buildings typically fea-

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ture modern amenities, advanced medical equipment, and innovative design elements aimed at enhancing patient care, comfort, and efficiency. Overall, the new hospital buildings represent a milestone in healthcare delivery, signalling progress and advancement in meeting the evolving needs of patients and communities.

The new hospital buildings in Myanmar serve as symbols of progress and development in the healthcare sector. Generally, the investment in the new hospital buildings represents a positive step towards achieving better healthcare outcomes and improving the overall quality of life for its people.

Ministry of Health celebrates the inau-

guration of new hospital buildings across its countryside. These milestones signify a pivotal moment in the nation's healthcare evolution, promising improved medical services and infrastructure to supply the diverse needs of its population.

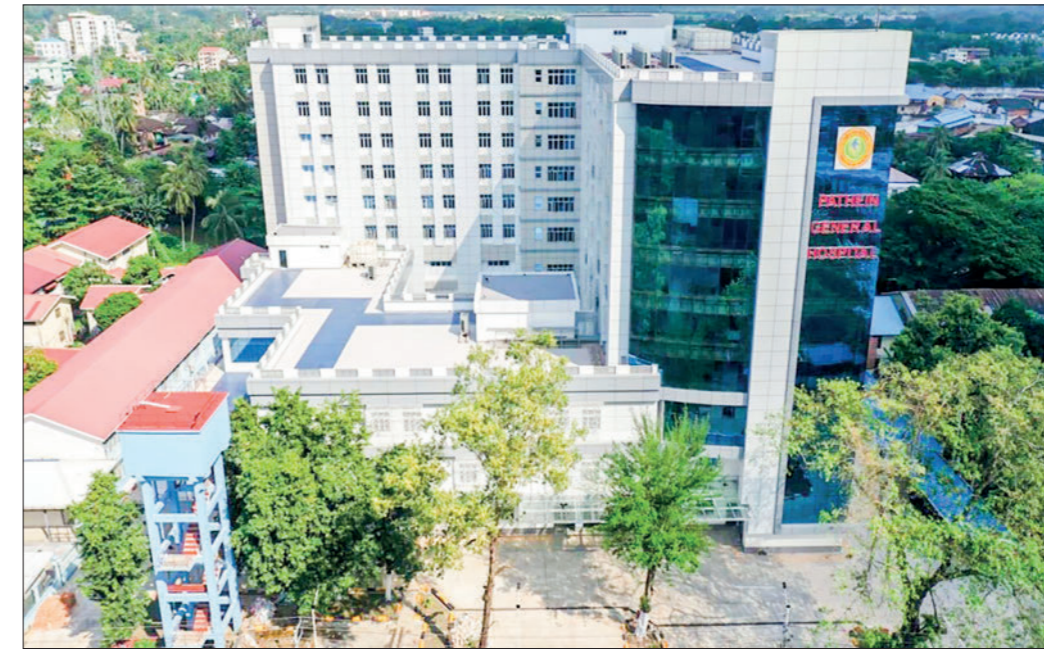
New hospital buildings play a crucial role in strengthening healthcare infrastructure. The following are some critical contributions to investment in new hospital buildings for healthcare infrastructure development;

- ❖ **Capacity Expansion:** provide additional space for patient care, allowing hospitals to accommodate more patients. As populations grow and medical needs increase, having adequate capacity is essential.

- ❖ **Advanced Facilities and Technology:** Modern hospital buildings are designed with state-of-the-art facilities and equipment. They house advanced diagnostic tools, surgical suites, intensive care units, and specialized treatment areas. Up-to-date technology improves patient outcomes, enhances diagnostics, and supports medical research.

- ❖ **Efficient Workflow and Staff Productivity:** Well-designed hospital buildings optimize workflow for healthcare professionals. Efficient layouts reduce travel time between departments, enabling faster response to emergencies. Adequate space for staff, administrative areas, and support services ensures smooth operations.

- ❖ **Infection Control, Safety and Security:** New buildings incorporate infection control measures, including isolation rooms, ventilation systems, and sanitation protocols. Safety features such as fire-resistant materials, emergency exits, and disaster preparedness enhance patient and staff safety. Hospital infrastructure must prioritize safety and security. This includes physical safety (e.g., fire safety, structural integrity) and cybersecurity. Organizational strategies for infection control



9-Storey Building of Pathein General Hospital.

capability and indoor air quality are critical.

- ❖ **Community Impact:** Hospitals are community assets. New facilities contribute to local economies by creating jobs during construction and operation. Accessible healthcare services improve overall community health and well-being.

- ❖ **Emergency Preparedness and Response:** Hospitals play a critical role during emergencies, disasters, and pandemics. The COVID-19 pandemic highlighted the importance of national preparedness for such events. New hospital buildings need to be designed to manage healthcare settings effectively, address environmental contamination risks, and enhance infection prevention and control (IPC). Ensuring that hospitals have the physical capacity, skilled workforce, and digital connectivity to handle emergencies is essential.

- ❖ **Community Integration and Contextual Relationship:** Hospitals are not isolated entities; they are part of the community. Integrating new hospital buildings with the local environment is crucial. Considerations include hospital localization, urban regeneration, and the relationship between hospitals and urban functions, services, and amenities. Synergies between hospitals within a healthcare network also contribute to better community health.

- ❖ **Functional Design and Innovation:** New hospitals should have innovative layouts that optimize patient flow, staff efficiency, and resource utilization. Flexibility and future-proofing are essential to adapt to changing healthcare needs and technological advancements. Designing healthy working areas for staff contributes to better patient outcomes.

- ❖ **Monitoring and Measuring Effectiveness:** Regular monitoring and evaluation of hospital infrastructure interventions are

necessary. This ensures that the design and functionality align with healthcare goals and community needs.

In addition, the Ministry of Health celebrates the inauguration of new hospital buildings. It shows a new era of healthcare advancement and progress. With a firm commitment to improving medical services, these facilities stand as encourages of anticipation and curative, promising brighter and healthier futures for communities across the nation. Ministry of Health will continue to serve as a pillar of healthcare excellence, and these buildings symbolize Myanmar's enthusiasm for ensuring the well-being of its people. Together, let us embrace the possibilities, celebrate the milestones, and chart a course towards a healthier, happier future.

In summary, new hospital buildings are not just physical structures; they are integral to the overall health and security of a country. Investing in hospital infrastructure contributes significantly to a vital healthcare infrastructure and directly impacts patient well-being, economic health, community resilience, and the healthcare system. New hospital buildings are essential for expanding capacity, improving patient care, enhancing safety, and fostering medical advancements. Investing in new hospital buildings enhances patient care, supports healthcare professionals, and ensures better health outcomes for communities.

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**Table. New Hospital Buildings under the Ministry of Health, Myanmar, during 2022-2024**

No	Opening Date	Name of Hospital	Type of New Building
1	4-2-2022	Hinthada General Hospital	3-Storey Building
2	12-3-2022	Magway General Hospital	New Obstetrics and Gynaecology, Neonatal Care Building
3	28-9-2022	Monywa General Hospital	5-Storey Building
4	25-10-2022	Pha-An General Hospital	3-Storey Building
5	3-11-2022	Waibargi Speciality Hospital	Infectious Diseases Unit Building (Infectious Diseases) (110 bed)
6	16-12-2022	Kyaiklat Township Hospital	2-Storey Building
7	17-12-2022	Pathein General Hospital	9-Storey Building
8	28-12-2022	Yangon Orthopaedic Hospital	5-Storey Building
9	1-1-2024	Sao San Tun General Hospital	5-Storey Building
10	5-1-2024	Pyay General Hospital	5-Storey Building
11	5-1-2024	Pandaung Township Hospital	2-Storey Building
12	6-1-2024	Gyopingauk Township Hospital	2-Storey Building
13	6-1-2024	Lepadan Township Hospital	2-Storey Building
14	21-1-2024	Yangon General Hospital	7-Storey Building
15	1-3-2024	Mandalay Orthopaedic Hospital	4-Storey Building
16	26-3-2024	Netain Township Hospital	2-Storey Building

## WHO chief addresses World Health Assembly, mentions Global Traditional Medicine Centre established in India

**W**ORLD Health Organization (WHO) Director-General Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus on Monday mentioned the Global Traditional Medicine Centre established in India, and the first global summit on traditional medicine, organized by the WHO and co-hosted by the Ministry of Ayush, in his address at the 77<sup>th</sup> World Health Assembly in Geneva.

While presenting his report to the 77<sup>th</sup> World Health Assembly in Geneva, Ghebreyesus said, "With WHO leadership, opportunities for technology transfer and geographically diversified manufacturing continue to expand. 15 partners joined the mRNA Technology Transfer Programme, and with WHO support, have started expanding the technology pipeline to include

new vaccines of regional and global interest."

"We also established the Global Traditional Medicine Centre in India, and hosted the first global summit on traditional medicine," he added.

### Global Centre

In 2022, the WHO and the Government of India signed an agreement to establish the WHO Global Centre

for Traditional Medicine. Supported by an investment of US\$250 million from the Indian government, this global knowledge centre for traditional medicine aims to harness the potential of traditional medicine from across the world through modern science and technology to improve the health of people and the planet, according to a WHO press release. In his address to the World Health Assembly, he noted that 2023 was a year of many challenges, but also of many achievements. He called 2023 a productive year in WHO's work supporting access to medicines and other health products.

SOURCE: ANI



The WHO and the Government of India signed an agreement in 2022 to establish the WHO Global Centre for Traditional Medicine, backed by a significant investment from the Indian government. **ILLUSTRATION: IMAGE USED FOR ILLUSTRATIVE PURPOSE/PIXABAY**



# NATIONAL



Greenwood-fired gasifier, another invention of U Ko Oo.

## New gasifier invented for drying traditional medicines

AFTER the rice husk-fired gasifier was created, a local industrial man, U Ko Oo, who is well-known for the invention of local-made gasifier, has created different kind of gasifier which can be used for drying traditional medicines.

It is different from his previous creation and can be fired with pieces of firewood, pieces of wood, and rice husk. As distinct from the previous one, it can be fired by a flammable substance yet to reach the stage of charcoal.

“Rice husk-fired gasifier invention has been widespread. But this kind of small-scale gasifier, which can be fired by greenwood, was invented for the first time. As distinct from previously invented gasifiers, it can be used by flammable substances such as pieces of firewood and rice husk that have yet to reach the charcoal stage. It can be fired by small pieces of firewood. Despite green wood, wet substances can't be used and must be dried firewood or small pieces of wood,” said U Ko Oo.

It needs to use at least a viss of fuel to generate 10 kilowatts of electricity, and it will cost depending on engine capacity. He said he made it with a negotiable price based on the consumer's customized order. — MT/ZS

## First artefact custody certificate issued for mammal, sal tree fossils display

IN a first of its kind, an artefact custody certificate has been issued to keep and display mammal and sal tree fossils in Popa's National Geopark, according to U Kyaw Myo Win, director of the Department of Archaeology and National Museum (Bagan Branch).

Dr Tun Hla Aung, owner of Linn Hotel in Byatta Street, Popa, Kyaukpadaung township, and his wife Daw Tin Tin Mar have established a museum to display 140 mammal and sal tree fossils found in the Ayeyawady rock strata for public study and to support the Mount Popa

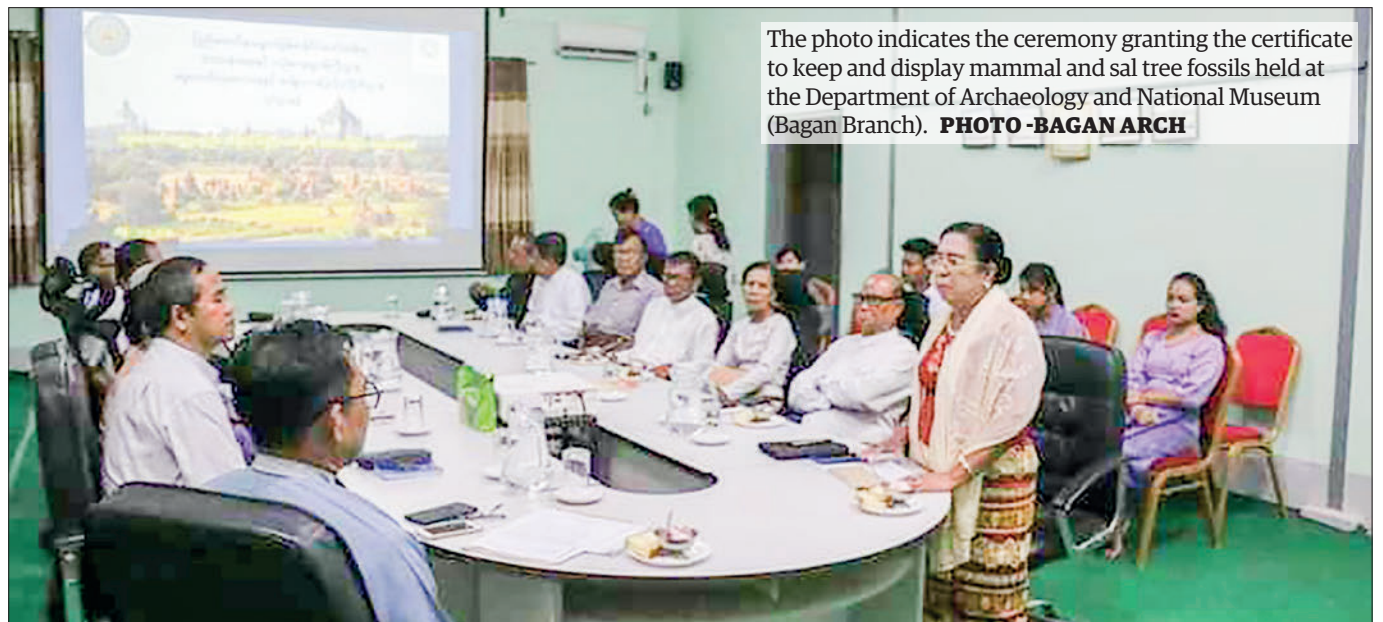
Geopark, following an awareness campaign by the departments concerned. The hotel submitted an application to designate its museum as a geosite and to obtain the artefact custody certificate according to Form No 3 of the Rule of Ancient Artifacts Protection and Conservation”.

The Ministry of Religious Affairs and Culture issued the certificate in Form 4 after the necessary site inspection.

The ceremony to hand over the certificate to the owner of Linn Hotel was held at the Department of Archaeology

and National Museum (Bagan Branch).

“This is the first time that the artefact custody certificate has been issued in the Geopark. For example, if you have more than 100 or 150 ancient artefacts, you have to apply for custody of them. When you have this certificate, it is legal to keep them. If you do not have the certificate, it is not legal. To keep any artefact that is 100 years old, you can apply to our Department of Archaeology and National Museum,” U Kyaw Myo Win told the Global New Light of Myanmar. — MT/ZN



The photo indicates the ceremony granting the certificate to keep and display mammal and sal tree fossils held at the Department of Archaeology and National Museum (Bagan Branch). **PHOTO-BAGAN ARCH**

## JLPT exam online applicants can access test vouchers from 1 June

FOR the Japanese Language Proficiency Test to be held in July 2024, test vouchers will be available as of 1 June for online applicants, the JLPT organizing committee, Myanmar Association of Japan Alumni said on 29 May.

Candidates must print test vouchers in colour and bring them with them on exam day. Showing by phone is not

allowed, it said.

Test vouchers can be available at <https://jlpt-maja.org.mm/>. First of all, copy the link and open the browser, log in and fill in the login ID and password, press form information and download the PDF file.

The test voucher features three pages- registration number, exam date,

time and place on page 1, exam rules on page 2 and exam station map on page 3. Candidates must bring all these three pages in colour print on exam day, MAJA reminded. Application form (Form C) is required to keep an eight-digit passcode filled in necessary to see online results, it said. If a candidate doesn't remember the login ID and password, they can enter or forget the password and login ID at the online application website so that a new login ID will be sent to the candidate's email. If any original identification cards shown below, along with a colour-print test voucher, are not present, permission to sit the exam won't be granted, it said.

Types of eligible identification cards are ID cards (either 10-year-old ID or 18-year-old ID), passports whose validity is not expired, unexpired driving licences, birth certificates, and religious member ID cards (for novices, monks and nuns).

— MT/ZS



Candidates who are sitting the JLPT exam held in 2023.



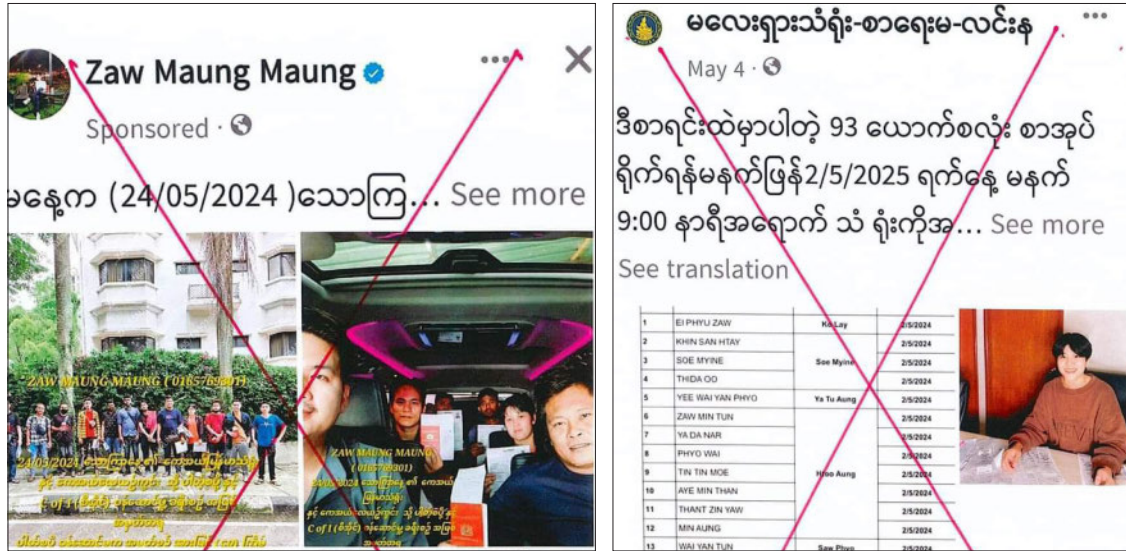
# NATIONAL

## ME in Malaysia warns of passport renewal and application scams

THE Myanmar Embassy in Malaysia stated that there have been scammers on Facebook and TikTok for passport renewals, new applications, and Certificate of Identity (C of I) applications. It warned them that they would be punished.

In line with the instructions, the embassy provides complete service in one day to the people who have made appointments for passports and C of I at [www.mekl.org](http://www.mekl.org).

Taking advantage of the ignorance of some Myanmar nationals, fraudsters on Facebook and TikTok have been spreading false news and disinformation texts/speeches, the embassy announced with the description



Misinformation about passports found on social media.

of some photos. The Myanmar Embassy has no relations with these scammers, and action will

be taken against them in accordance with the laws, it stated. The notifications for Myanmar

nationals on consular services, the list of approved new passport applicants and C of I

matters are posted on the Facebook page "Myanmar Embassy in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia" and the website at <https://myanmarembassykl.org>.

As the Malaysian Government has intensified the Operasi to arrest undocumented migrants across Malaysia, Myanmar nationals are advised to be cautious when travelling these days and to carry their passports and necessary documents with them wherever they go to show them in case they encounter the operation, the embassy said.

Myanmar nationals in Malaysia can text the embassy's WhatsApp number +60 1125105774 for consular service matters, it informed. — MT/ZN

## Illegal goods seized in various states/regions nationwide

UNDER the supervision of the Illegal Trade Eradication Steering Committee, legal action is being pursued against illicit trading nationwide.

During inspections on 28 May, the Yangon Region Illegal Trade Eradication Special Task Force confiscated an unregistered Daihatsu Mira truck (valued at approximately K3 million) in North Okkalapa township. This enforcement was conducted under the Export and Import Law.

On the same day, enforcement teams intercepted illegal

timber weighing 16.645 tonnes (valued at K2.496 million) in Gwa township, Thandwe district. Additionally, four vehicles (worth approximately K130 million) were seized carrying 41 types of goods valued at K121.277 million, including 5,500 LED panel light bulbs without official documents, between Sinywagyi village and Kywalyegon village. Furthermore, a Nidi truck (estimated value of K25 million) transporting 1,232 gallons of illegal fuel oil valued at K15.116 million was apprehended at the Yadanabon Bridge (Mandalay)

checkpoint. The action was carried out in accordance with Customs procedures and the Petroleum and Petroleum Products Law.

On 29 May, combined teams intercepted an unregistered Honda Insight (valued at approximately K8 million) at the Kantalu combined checkpoint in Sagaing township. This action was taken under the Export and Import Law.

The Illegal Trade Eradication Steering Committee reported that 14 arrests were made on 28 and 29 May, with an estimated total value of K304 million. — MNA/MKKS



Confiscated illegal LED panel light bulbs in Mandalay Region on 28 May 2024.



## Counter-argument to false information

### False information circulated regarding alleged youth arrests after traffic operation

CERTAIN media outlets are circulating false information alleging that on May 28, security forces conducted vehicle checks at the entrance and exit points and along the roads in Oakshikpin, Padaung Township, Bago Region. They claimed that individuals without citizenship scrutiny cards and motorcyclists without motorcycle licences or helmets were detained for military service and that over a hundred youths were arrested.

However, an official from the township management administration stated that on May 28, systematic education and enforcement of traffic regulations were carried out in conjunction with relevant authorities in Padaung Township to prevent traffic accidents. There were no youth arrests during this operation.

Since the implementation of the People's Military Service Law, unlawful media outlets have been spreading various fabricated news stories to intimidate the public, levelling baseless accusations and engaging in malicious propaganda. — MNA/TKO



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# ECONOMY WORLD

## Growing gamut of India-Singapore relations, enduring bilateral ties to newer heights

Prime Minister Narendra Modi congratulated Lawrence Wong on becoming the new Prime Minister of Singapore and expressed eagerness to work closely with him to further the Strategic Partnership.



Indian tourists taking a photo against the Singapore skyline. PHOTO: PIX FOR VISUAL PURPOSE/TTG ASIA

INDIA and Singapore's efforts and strategic planning have brought the bilateral linkages between them to a new juncture, further opening up with upswing in the trade and investment ties between the resource-rich and resource-dependent countries respectively. Prime Minister Narendra

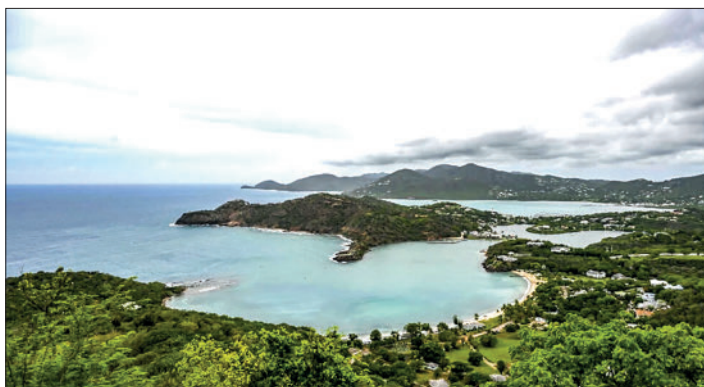
Modi extended warm congratulations to Lawrence Wong on assuming office as the Prime Minister of Singapore. In a post on social media platform X, PM Modi expressed his anticipation of working closely with Wong to further enhance the Strategic Partnership between India and Singapore.

With the recent change of guard in Singapore, the relationship between India and Singapore remains old and vibrant. It has a history of bilateral relationships rooted in shared values, economic opportunities and convergence of interests on key issues. — ANI

## World's island states meet to confront climate, fiscal challenges

SMALL Island Developing States (SIDS) are grappling with a confluence of crises they neither caused nor created, stated Gaston Browne, Prime Minister of Antigua and Barbuda, at the opening of a pivotal SIDS conference on 27 May.

Hosting the event, Browne highlighted the disproportionate challenges faced by these nations, emphasizing the urgent need for global support and intervention. The conference aims to address these critical issues and forge a path towards resilience and sustainable de-



Antigua and Barbuda is hosting this week's conference of the Small Island Developing States. PHOTO: CHANDAN KHANNA / AFP/FILE

velopment for SIDS. **'Blue economy'**

Beyond seeking outside

aid, however, many are also turning towards reforming their own economies. — AFP

### NEWS ROUNDUPS: ECON

#### Nepal's budget focuses on hydropower, electricity export to Bangladesh

NEPAL has laid its focus on production of electricity and export to Bangladesh from the next fiscal year 2024-25, said Finance Minister Barsha Man Pun while unveiling the budget on Tuesday.

Addressing a joint session of the Parliament on Tuesday, Minister Pun said that, "the budget of NRs 1.96 trillion for the upcoming fiscal year announced to prioritize hydropower, especially, the reservoir-based hydroelectric projects. To achieve the target, a budget amounting NRs 50.74 billion has been allocated for the development of the energy sector."

Nepal intends to increase its hydropower generation capacity, taking advantage of its expanding power market access in Bangladesh. — ANI

#### Volkswagen plans cheaper battery model 'from Europe for Europe'

GERMAN auto giant Volkswagen on Tuesday announced plans for a cheaper-than-ever electric model, as it faces increasingly strong competition from Asian rivals that have taken a lead in battery technology.

The new model, which would be priced at around 20,000 euros (\$21,800) and be presented in 2027, would offer "entry-level electric mobility from Europe for Europe", VW CEO Oliver Blume said in a statement.

Volkswagen also detailed plans for a range of new battery-powered cars for under 25,000 euros to be unveiled as soon as the end of 2025.

These included two compact cars from its VW and Cupra brands, as well as two small SUVs, one each from VW and Skoda. All four vehicles would be produced in Spain, Volkswagen said. — AFP

## US allows Cuban entrepreneurs conditional banking access

PRIVATE sector entrepreneurs in Cuba will be able to establish US bank accounts which they can remotely access, US officials said Tuesday, in announcing an update to the country's Cuba policy.

The new rules modify a longstanding embargo on Cuba, allowing conditional access to the US banking system among moves to support the private sector.

"These amendments will facilitate greater access to internet-based services for the Cuban people," a senior US official told reporters.

They will also "provide the independent Cuban private sector greater access to international transactions and US banking services, including through online payment platforms," the

official added on condition of anonymity.

Cuban Foreign Minister Bruno Rodriguez criticized the measures as "limited," saying "they do not reverse the cruel impact and economic suffocation" caused by the six-decade-old embargo imposed by Washington.

"These measures seek to create divisions within Cuban society," Rodriguez wrote on X.

Under the changes, independent private sector entrepreneurs will be able to set up remotely accessed US bank accounts for authorized transactions.

According to US officials, this should help to facilitate the import of food, equipment and other goods that support Cuban people. — AFP



# China's coal-rich province reports coalbed methane output growth

*Utilizing coalbed methane, a byproduct of coal, helps mitigate mining risks, reduce greenhouse gas emissions, and alleviate gas shortages.*

China's coal-rich province of Shanxi extracted 4.16 billion cubic metres of coalbed methane in the first four months of this year, a year-on-year increase of 13.7 per cent, according to the provincial energy administration.

The province's coalbed methane output hit a record high in that same period. The utilization of coalbed methane, a byproduct of coal, can help mitigate risks in mining, cut greenhouse gas emissions and ease gas shortages.

Shanxi has abundant coalbed methane resources. It has an estimated reserve of 8.31 trillion cubic metres of coalbed methane up to 2,000 metres below ground, accounting for nearly one-third of the country's total.— Xinhua



This photo taken on 25 June 2022 shows workers checking equipment at the workshop of a coalbed methane mining base in Qinshui County, north China's Shanxi Province. **PHOTO: WANG FEIHANG/XINHUA**

# Samsung Electronics workers' union announces first strike



Company Significance: Samsung Electronics is a leading global smartphone manufacturer and a key producer of high-end memory chips. **PHOTO: AFP/FILE**

A major union representing tens of thousands of people at South Korean tech giant Samsung Elec-

tronics said Wednesday that workers will go on strike for the first time, potentially threatening

key global semiconductor supply chains.

A spokesperson said union members, around 20 per cent of the company workforce, would use annual leave to strike for one day on 7 June, leaving the door open for a potential general strike down the road.

Samsung Electronics is one of the world's largest smartphone makers and also one of the only companies globally to produce high-end memory chips used for generative AI,

including top-of-the-line AI hardware from industry leaders such as Nvidia.

Management at the firm, the world's biggest producer of memory chips, has been locked in negotiations with the union over wages since January but the two sides have failed to narrow their differences.

"We are declaring a strike in the face of the company's neglect of labourers," the National Samsung Electronics Union said at a live-streamed news conference. — AFP

# Fendi unveils new CEO

ITALIAN luxury apparel brand Fendi, owned by the LVMH group, said on Monday that Pierre-Emmanuel Angeloglou has been appointed its new CEO as of 1 June.

The global leader in luxury wear said Angeloglou will succeed Serge Brunschwig who, after six years in post, "will assume new responsibilities within the LVMH group which will be announced shortly."

LVMH announced the news in a press release to confirm information from specialized site Women's Wear Daily (WWD).

Angeloglou remains managing director of LVMH Fashion Group, which brings together groups brands including Celine, Givenchy, Loewe, Kenzo, Marc Jacobs, Patou, Pucci and Rossimoda).

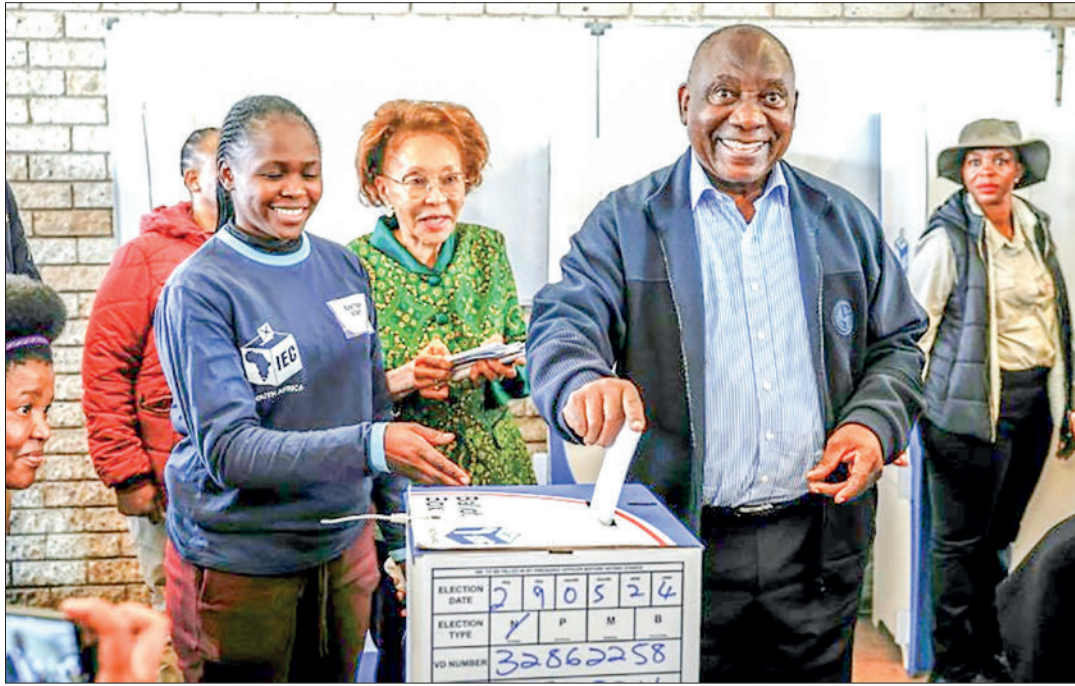
Bernard Arnault, LVMH CEO, said the group "would like to thank Serge for his contribution to the significant growth of Fendi since 2018".

LVMH rarely reveals the turnover of its 75 brands such as Louis Vuitton, Dior, Celine and Guerlain. — AFP

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# ROLLING UPDATES: WORLD



South African President Cyril Ramaphosa expressed confidence as he voted in Soweto, but opinion polls predict his ruling ANC party may be about to lose its three-decade-old parliamentary majority. **PHOTO: AFP**

## 30 years after end of apartheid, S Africans vote in elections

*The governing African National Congress (ANC) may lose its majority, according to opinion polls.*

PEOPLE in South Africa began voting on Wednesday in an election that could mark a big political shift if the governing African National Congress (ANC) party loses its majority as opinion polls suggest, Al Jazeera reported.

Voters are electing nine provincial legislatures and a new national parliament, which will then choose the country's next president for the next five

years. The election commission will announce the final results on Sunday.

The ANC led by 66-year-old South African President Cyril Ramaphosa will have to seek one or more coalition partners to rule the country if it gets less than 50 per cent of the national vote. The ANC has won six consecutive national elections since 1994.

This would then mark the

first time the ANC will be ruling in a coalition alliance government since it was catapulted into power at the end of apartheid, 30 years ago with Nelson Mandela at its helm.

The country's largest opposition party is the centre-right Democratic Alliance (DA) led by John Steenhuisen that was formed by merging the Democratic party and the New National party. — ANI

## Dutch parties name top civil servant as new PM

DICK Schoof, a top Dutch civil servant, has been named as new prime minister of the Netherlands, the four political parties involved in forming a right-wing government announced on Tuesday. Schoof, 67, has held various positions as a civil servant and is currently a leading official at the Ministry of Justice and Security. He previously led the Dutch intelligence service, counter-terrorism agency, and immigration service.

Speaking briefly at a press conference, Schoof said that he is not affiliated with any party and has been asked by all four parties to accept the new post.

"I am there for all Dutch people," said Schoof. "I did not take the decision lightly and I stand here with full conviction."

The far-right populist Party for Freedom (PVV), the center-right New Social Contract (NSC) and People's Party for Freedom and Democracy (VVD) parties,

and the farmers' movement BoerBurgerBeweging (BBB) have been in talks on forming a new Dutch government since the general election in November 2023.

PVV leader Geert Wilders, whose party gained 37 of the 150 seats in the House of Representatives, becoming the biggest party in the Netherlands for the first time in history, said that Schoof was chosen by all four parties. — Xinhua

### NEWS ROUNDUPS: WORLD

#### US planning to build lithium production plant in Ukraine: Ukrainian MP

THE United States wants to cooperate with Kyiv in the production of lithium and build a plant on the territory of Ukraine, David Arakhamia, leader of Volodymyr Zelensky's Servant of the People faction, said.

Such a decision was made due to the fact that China "controls most of the lithium" in the world, he added.

"The United States wants us to have something like a US-Ukraine consortium. We have large lithium resources. They want to build a plant to extract lithium in mines on the territory of Ukraine," Arakhamia said at the "Investing and Rebuilding Ukraine's Future" conference in Tallinn.

Arakhamia also noted that Ukraine has the largest and "cheapest" underground gas storage facility in Europe, and foreign investors could use it to store gas until its price increases. — SPUTNIK

#### Indian peacekeeper wins UN military gender advocate award

A UN peacekeeper from India is the recipient of the 2023 United Nations Military Gender Advocate of the Year Award, the world body announced on Tuesday.

Maj Radhika Sen, who served in the UN peacekeeping mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo, known as MONUSCO, will be presented with the award on Thursday by UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres.

She was MONUSCO's engagement platoon commander for the Indian rapid deployment battalion from March 2023 to April 2024.

In a press release, Guterres congratulated Sen for her service, calling her "a true leader and role model" and her service "a true credit to the United Nations as a whole".

Created in 2016, the Military Gender Advocate of the Year Award recognizes the dedication and efforts of an individual military peacekeeper in promoting the principles of Security Council Resolution 1325, which addresses the impact of war on women and the importance of women's full and equal participation in conflict resolution, peacebuilding, peacekeeping, humanitarian response and in post-conflict reconstruction. — Xinhua



Richard van Zwol (left), supervisor of the negotiations for the formation of the Dutch government, speaks alongside Dick Schoof after the latter's appointment as the candidate for head of government, on 28 May 2024, in The Hague. **PHOTO: RAMON VAN FLYMEN / ANP/AFP**



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## Advance tickets to be sold for Myanmar-Japan World Cup qualifier

THE Myanmar Football Federation will sell advance tickets for the 2026 FIFA World Cup qualifier between Myanmar and Japan, which will be held at Thuwunna Stadium in Yangon on 6 June.

Advance tickets will be available from 4 June and will be sold at K5,000 for grandstand seats and K2,000 for ordinary seats.

The advance tickets will be sold on 4 and 5 June from 10 am to 3 pm at Gate No 2 in Thuwunna Stadium. Buyers must bring their NSC or driver's licence. Two tickets will be sold per NSC.

If there are tickets left for sale, they will be sold again on 6 June, the day of the game. The Myanmar Football Federation will allow children under 10 to watch for free. The World Cup qualifier will be at 6:40 pm on 6 June at Thuwunna Stadium in Yangon. — Ko Nyi Lay/KZL



Myanmar footballers are seen hearing the football instruction given by the coaching staff. **PHOTO: MFF**

## LA-bound Giroud's leadership will be missed, says Milan captain

AC Milan captain Davide Calabria said on Wednesday that the departure of Olivier Giroud to Major League Soccer will leave a leadership hole at the seven-time European champions.

Veteran French striker Giroud will play his final match for



LA-bound Olivier Giroud celebrates after scoring against Salernitana on Saturday. **PHOTO: AFP**

*Milan fans bid an emotional farewell to Giroud as he scored a goal in his final Serie A match, a 3-3 draw with Salernitana last Saturday.*

Milan in a post-season friendly against Roma in Perth on Friday in front of an expected crowd of 50,000 at the Optus Stadium.

The 37-year-old is heading to Los Angeles FC next season and will bow out of international

football for France after the Euros, which begin in Germany next month.

Giroud was given an emotional farewell by the Milan fans as he signed off from Serie A with a goal in a 3-3 draw with

Salernitana on Saturday.

American midfielder Christian Pulisic and winger Rafael Leao are missing from Milan's tour squad but Giroud has made the long journey to Australia.

"He's an important leader

on-and-off the field ... particularly off the field," Calabria told reporters in Perth on Wednesday.

"He's supported me a lot. I'll miss him a lot, but am happy to have these few days together to celebrate his departure". — AFP

## Djokovic, Sabalenka advance at French Open with straight-set wins

NOVAK Djokovic began his French Open title defence with a solid win on Tuesday, overcoming some slumps during his opening-round match against French wildcard Pierre-Hugues Herbert to secure a 6-4, 6-7(7-3), 6-4 victory.

The Serbian star is aiming to become the first player in tennis history to claim 25 Grand Slam singles titles at Roland Garros, where he has lifted the trophy three times before.

"I don't want to get too excited," Djokovic said. "I thought it was a good performance for me. Solid. Of course, I could have done better, I think, on return games, but also credit to him for serving very well and changing things up".

Djokovic's 2024 results have fallen short of his usual high standards. For just the second season since he won his first ATP singles title in 2006, he arrived at Roland Garros without having reached a final at any level.

"I know what I'm capable of, and particularly in the Grand Slams I normally play my best tennis. I always aim to play my best tennis, and I have mostly been able to do that throughout my career, so that's the goal," Djokovic told the press before the tournament. — Xinhua

## Tyson says he feels '100%' after plane health scare

MIKE Tyson insisted on Tuesday he felt "100 per cent" despite a recent health scare as he prepares for his July bout against Youtuber Jake Paul. The 57-year-old former world heavyweight champion reportedly needed medical treatment on Sunday after

complaining of nausea and dizziness during a flight from Miami to Los Angeles. Paramedics boarded the plane at Los Angeles International Airport to treat the boxing legend before other passengers were allowed to exit the American Airlines flight.

The incident came as Tyson prepares to make a controversial return to the ring against Paul in Texas on 20 July, which has raised fears that the fighter once known as the "baddest man on the planet" could be hurt due to his advanced years. — AFP



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Tourists visit the Sanctuary of Truth Museum in Pattaya, Thailand, 29 March 2024. **PHOTO: WANG TENG/XINHUA**

## Thailand approves longer visa stays to boost economy

**T**HAILAND'S cabinet on Tuesday approved a string of visa facilitation measures, including extended stay periods for foreign tourists, remote workers and post-graduate students, in an effort to boost its vital tourism sector amid a sluggish economy.

Beginning in June, the Southeast Asian country will allow visitors from 93 countries and territories, up from 57 currently, to enter without visa requirements for stays of up to 60 days, while the list of those eligible for visa on arrivals will also increase to 31 from 19, said government spokesman Chai Wacharonke.

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For digital nomads who seek to stay in Thailand for a long period and work remotely, their visa validity will be extended from 60 days to five years, with each stay up to 180 days, Chai told a news conference.

Foreign university students will be permitted to stay one year after graduation, while insurance requirements for

long-stay foreign retirees will be relaxed, he added.

Thailand received over 14.32 million inbound tourists as of last week and is targeting at least 35 million foreign arrivals in 2024, with tourism receipts of 3.5 trillion baht (about 95.62 billion US dollars), according to the Ministry of Tourism and Sports. — Xinhua

## Spain, Norway, Ireland formally recognize Palestinian statehood; Israel denounces move

AFTER making the announcement a week back, the European Union (EU) nations Spain, Norway and Ireland formally recognized the Palestinian state on Tuesday, The Hill reported.

This further shows intensifying pressure on Israel from Europe on its ongoing war with Hamas in Gaza.

Spanish President Pedro Sanchez called the move "a historic decision that has a single goal, and that is to help Israelis and Palestinians achieve peace".

The recognition, which is not expected to have an impact on the conflict, was quickly denounced by the Israeli government.

Irish Prime Minister Simon Harris said the recognition "sends a signal to the world that there are practical actions you can take as a country to help keep the hope and destination of a two-state solution alive at a time when others are trying to sadly bomb it into oblivion."

Nine members of the European Union, along with Norway, now formally recognize Palestine as a sovereign state, though previously Sweden was the only major power on the continent to do so.

Around 140 out of over 190 countries represented in the UN have already recognized a Palestinian state. EU members Malta and Slovenia have also affirmed that they may follow suit, though not immediately, as reported by The Hill. — ANI

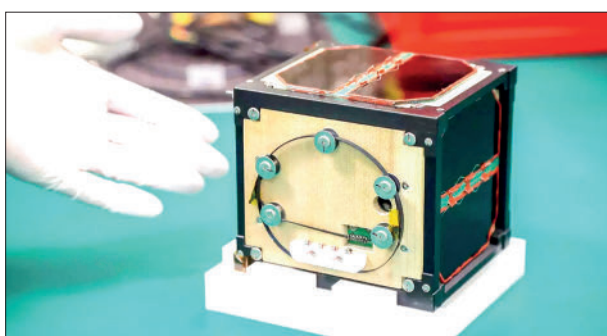
## World's first wooden satellite built by Japan researchers

THE world's first wooden satellite has been built by Japanese researchers who said their tiny cuboid craft will be blasted off on a SpaceX rocket in September.

Each side of the experimental satellite developed by scientists at Kyoto University and logging company Sumitomo Forestry measures just 10 centimetres (four inches).

The creators expect the wooden material will burn up completely when the device re-enters the atmosphere — potentially providing a way to avoid the generation of metal particles when a retired satellite returns to Earth.

These metal particles could have a negative impact on the environment and telecommunications, the developers said as they announced the satellite's completion on Tuesday. "Satellites that are not made of metal



The world's first wooden satellite made from wood developed by scientists at Kyoto University and logging company Sumitomo Forestry. **PHOTO: STR/AFP**

should become mainstream," Takao Doi, an astronaut and special professor at Kyoto University, told a press

*The experimental satellite, developed by Kyoto University scientists and Sumitomo Forestry, is a tiny cuboid measuring 10 centimetres (four inches) on each side.*

conference.

The developers plan to hand the satellite, made from magnolia wood and named LignoSat, to space agency JAXA next week.

It will be sent into space on a SpaceX rocket from the Kennedy Space Centre in September, bound for the International Space Station (ISS), they said.

From there, the satellite will be released from the Japanese ISS experiment module to test its strength and durability. — AFP