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Gems Emporium Day 9 draws sale of 694 jade lots

The 2024 Mid-Year Gems Emporium is being held at the Maniyadana Jade Hall in Nay Pyi Taw from 18 to 27 November.



Gem traders keenly evaluate jade stones at the 2024 Mid-Year Gems Emporium.

THE Myanmar Mid-Year Gems Emporium for 2024 saw the successful sale of 694 jade lots from Group C on its ninth day. These lots were part of a total of 750 jade lots, numbered 3310 to 4059, reserved for local gem traders under an open tender system. Bids for these lots were submitted on the emporium's eighth day, and the sales results were announced the following day.

Additionally, jade lots numbered 4060 to 4800, totalling 741, were displayed at designated locations outside the Mani-

yadana Jade Hall. Local gem traders had the opportunity to inspect these lots and submit bids into respective tender boxes. The sales results for these lots will be announced on 27 November after the bids are reviewed later today.

Union Minister for Natural Resources and Environmental Conservation U Khin Maung Yi, who also chairs the Central Committee on Gems Emporiums, visited the exhibition area yesterday morning. He observed the ongoing inspection process by traders and left

necessary instructions to responsible officials.

The 2024 Mid-Year Gems Emporium is being held at the Maniyadana Jade Hall in Nay Pyi Taw from 18 to 27 November. So far, the event has facilitated the sale of 208 pearl lots, 62 gemstone lots, and 1,823 jade lots from Groups A and B to both local and international traders. Additionally, 1,429 jade lots from Group C, available exclusively for local traders and priced in Myanmar kyats, have also been successfully sold. — MNA/KZL

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Myanmar's foreign trade exceeds \$15.4B as of 25 Oct

MYANMAR'S foreign trade has amounted to over US\$15.4 billion as of 25 October in the current financial year 2024-2025 beginning 1 April, comprising exports worth \$8.5 billion and imports valued at \$6.9 billion,

the Ministry of Commerce's data showed.

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 to bolster exports. The priority sectors of the NES comprise agricultural production, garment and apparel, in-

dustrial and electronic device, fishery business, forest product, digital manufacturing and service, logistic service, quality management, trade information service, innovation and entrepreneurship sectors. — NN/KK

NATIONAL

Police and Officials Urged to Prioritize Public Welfare and Safety Without Burdening Citizens

MEMBERS of the Myanmar Police Force and administrative officials must prioritize public welfare while ensuring the safety of the people without imposing burdens.

(Excerpt from the speech delivered by Chairman of the State Administration Council Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Min Aung Hlaing at the meeting hall of the Eastern Command Headquarters on 3 September 2024)

Deep Depression News, No5, 2024

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Deep Depression

According to the observations at (17:30) hrs MST today, the depression over Southwest Bay of Bengal has moved north-north-westwards. It is centered at about 770 nautical miles southwest of CoCo Island (Myanmar), 405 Nautical miles south-southeast of Chennai (India). The centre pressure of deep depression is 1002 hPa and maximum wind speed near the centre is 35.

It does not intend to move towards Myanmar coasts at the present stage and therefore the deep depression is coded as yellow stage.

Forecast

It is likely to continue to move north-northwestwards and may further intensify into a Cyclonic Storm around 27-11.2024. Thereafter, it is likely to continue to move north-northwestwards and may reach to Tamil Nadu (India)-Sri Lanka coasts during next two days.

Due to the deep depression, rain are likely to be isolated to scattered in Nay Pyi Taw, Sagaing, Mandalay, Magway, and Bago Regions and Kachin, Shan, Chin, Rakhine, and Kayah States from 28 November to 30 November 2024. — DMH

EARTHQUAKE NEWS

(Issued at 14:50 hour MST)

A slight earthquake of magnitude (4.9) Richter Scale with its epicentre inside Myanmar ((27) miles west of Monghnyin), latitude 24.70°N, longitude 95.90°E, depth (27) kilometres, about (113) miles southwest of Myitkyina seismological observatory was recorded at (14) hr (33) min (30) sec MST on 26 November 2024. — DMH

Myanmar students win awards at Beijing' painting exhibition

STUDENTS from Myanmar achieved notable success at the "International Youth Painting Invitational Exhibition" held under the title of 2024 Colourful World in Beijing, China. Organised with the support of the Myanmar-China Friendship Association (Central), Myanmar participants won awards in various age categories.

In the 7 to 12 age group, G4 student Thit Htoo Nyan secured first prize. In the 13 to 18 age group, G9 student Phone Myat San won second prize, while G9 student Min Sit Paing, G8 student Pyae Phyo Hein, and art school student Zu Zu Hlaing earned third prizes.

The event, held on 23 November, was co-hosted by the Beijing People's Association for Friendship with Foreign Countries (BPAFFC), the Beijing Association for Science and Technology, the Overseas Chinese Affairs Office of Beijing Municipal Government, and the Beijing Women's Federation.

Over 52,000 students from 64 countries participated in the competition, divided into three age groups: 4 to 6, 7 to 12, and 13 to 18. Myanmar's students competed in the 7 to 12 and 13 to 18 categories under the supervision of the Myanmar-China Friendship Association



The first prize painting.

(Central), showcasing their talents and earning recognition on an international platform. — MNA/KZL

'Memorable Yadanabon' Art Exhibition in Mandalay on 1-3 Dec

ARTIST MPP Ye Myint's 'Memorable Yadanabon' art exhibition will be held from 1 to 3 December at the Siripaccaya Art Gallery in Pyigyitagun Township, Mandalay.

In the art exhibition, the ancient Mandalay images and reflections created by the artist MPP Ye Myint will be shown in a series as a remembrance of ancient Mandalay.

"Art exhibition will be held from 1 to 3 December at the Siripaccaya Art Gallery in Pyigyitagun Township. The title is Missing Yadanapon. There are 27 paintings in total. All are his Mandalay series about Yadanabon, including Shwe Man Tin Maung theatre and Liberty Anyeint (non-dramatic performance). It is about memorable images of ancient Mandalay such as the clock tower and buffaloes working at the jetty. Paintings will be shown in series," said Ko Hla Myo, the owner of Siripaccaya Art Gallery.



Anyone can visit the art exhibition for free and paintings will be sold from 9 am to 5 pm.

The artist MPP Ye Myint has participated in hundreds of exhibitions, among which there were more than 30 solo exhibitions and this will be the first to show only the paintings of the Yadanabon era.

"Paintings will be sold. The gallery's opening time is 10 am to 5 pm. But this exhibition will be open for three days from 9 am to 5 pm. The museums in Japan, Malaysia and Singapore are collecting his paintings. There are hundreds of his exhibitions. He has had more than 30 solo exhibitions. This is the first time to show ancient Yadanabon," he explained. — Thit Taw/ZN

This image depicts a display in the catalogue.

NATIONAL

Residents Urged to Prioritize Public Safety Amid Armed Terrorist Threats

ARMED terrorists have been launching attacks by using residential homes and administrative buildings in towns and villages as cover, where they have forcibly settled. They aim to shield themselves from Tatmadaw counterattacks while also persuading temporarily displaced persons to return to their native areas and recruiting new members. That enables terrorists to use civilians as human shields. Tatmadaw is committed to safeguarding the sovereignty of the State and will respond to these threats based on intelligence and prevailing conditions. Therefore, residents in areas where terrorists have taken control must prioritize their safety and protect themselves from being exploited by these groups.

(Excerpt from guidance given by Chairman of the State Administration Council Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing to Shan State cabinet members and state-level departmental officials on 3 September 2024)

Ministry of Legal Affairs, Russian Prosecutor-General Office hold legal affairs seminar

THE Ministry of Legal Affairs and the Russian Prosecutor-General Office jointly organized a Legal Lecture of Russian Experts in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday as part of the MoU (2024-2025).

It was attended by Union Minister for Legal Affairs and Union Attorney-General Dr Thida Oo, Anti-Corruption Commission Vice-Chair U Sit Aye, Deputy Minister for Legal Affairs and Deputy Attorney-General Dr Htein Lin Oo, Justice of Union Supreme Court U Myo Tint, Deputy Minister for Home Affairs Maj-Gen Toe Yi, relevant officials, Russian delegation led by Mr Bazhutov Sergey of Russian Prosecutor-General Office, officials from the Russian Em-



The commemorative group photo of the Legal Lecture of Russian Experts held yesterday in Nay Pyi Taw.

bassy to Myanmar and trainees. Speaking at the event, the Union minister said three Russian legal experts would focus on the challenges in combatting tech-based gang crime includ-

ing surveillance of digital-based crime and preventive measures, preventive procedures of Russia in illegal activities and anti-corruption activities of Russia.

The three Russian experts then shared knowledge under three different topics.

After the discussion, Mr Bazhutov Sergey presented certificates of the Russian Prosecutor-General Office to the trainees and observed the trial site and e-library of the Legal Advocacy Centre.

The two parties also held a meeting on the participation of government lawyers in criminal cases and civil lawsuits at courts and the submission of electronic evidences by government lawyers. — MNA/KTZH

Myanmar hosts 5th ASEAN Ministerial Meeting on Women and Related Meetings



THE opening ceremony of the 5th ASEAN Ministerial Meeting on Women (5th AMMW) and Related Meetings took place at M Gallery in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

Speaking at the event, the rotating Chairman of the 5th AMMW Union Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement Dr Soe Win, who is also the chairman of Myanmar National Committee for Women's Affairs, highlighted the taking into account gender affairs and empowering of capacity of women as essential strategies to ensure the objectives of the meeting, as well as sustainable development, social justice and economic growth.

The opening of the 5th ASEAN Ministerial Meeting on Women and Related Meetings in progress yesterday, chaired by Union Minister Dr Soe Win (top).

He also added that the ASEAN Community Vision 2045 is intended to lead to a peaceful, all-inclusive, and sustainable region, and is also based on aims for gender equality. Moreover, the ASEAN Committee on Women (ACW) and ASEAN Commission on the Promotion and Protection of the Rights of Women and Children (ACWC) play a key role in accelerating the supportive measures for gender equality and rights of women, and their projects and actions are foundations for significant development in the region.

ASEAN Deputy Secretary-General U San Lwin then made the speech via video message.

The 29th ACWC Meeting, 11th ACWC-ACW Consulting Meeting, 23rd ACW Meeting, 16th ACW+3 Meeting and 5th AMMW Meeting will be held from 26 to 29 November. — MNA/KTZH

NATIONAL

MNREC Union Minister visits athletes training for National Sports Festival



UNION Minister for Natural Resources and Environmental Conservation U Khin Maung Yi visited the athletes representing his ministry who are preparing for the Fifth National Sports Festival yesterday.

The Union minister observed the training sessions of the men's sepak takraw team at the Lewe Township Sports Hall as well as the men's volleyball team and (men's and women's) track and field teams at the Wunna Theikdhi Sports Complex.

During his visit, the Union

minister met with the athletes, offering words of encouragement. He advised them to train hard with determination and a spirit of sportsmanship, striving to represent the country with honour and excel in their respective events. The Union minister also provided financial support and sports equipment to the athletes.

A total of 90 athletes representing the Ministry of Natural Resources and Environmental Conservation will participate in five sports events at the 5th National Sports Festival, including men's football, men's volleyball, men's sepak takraw, track and field (men's and women's), and golf for male athletes. — MNA/KZL

Union Minister U Khin Maung Yi views the training session of the ministry's athletes.

Myanmar attends 2024 Global Internet Conference, China-ASEAN Information Harbour Forum in China

DEPUTY Minister for Transport and Communications U Lu Mon attended the 2024 Global Internet Conference and China-ASEAN Information Harbour Forum held in Wuzhen, Zhejiang Province of China from 20 to 22 November.

The conference has been held yearly since 2014, and this year's theme is "Embracing a People-Centred and AI-for-Good Digital Future - Building a Community with a Shared Future in Cyberspace". Experts and entrepreneurs in the field of digital technology attended the event.

The opening ceremony of the 2024 Global Internet Conference was on 20 November, and President Xi Jinping sent a video message to the event. Member of the Com-

munist Party of China (CPC) Central Committee Political Bureau Mr Ding Xuexiang, Vice-President of Honduras Mr Renato Florentino Pine- da, Vice-President of Zambian

Ms Mutale Nalumango, Deputy Prime Minister of Vietnam Mr Le Thanh Long and other UN relevant officials and organizations made opening speeches.

The roundtable discussion

of ministers from international countries was held in the evening, and Deputy Minister U Lu Mon attended the discussion.

On 21 November, the dep-

uty minister attended the "China-ASEAN Information Harbour Forum" and made remarks, and attendees discussed matters related to narrowing gaps in technology in regional countries to accelerate China-ASEAN trading with the digital system under the topic of "Co-Building the Digital Silk Road, Sharing a Digital Future".

During the visit, the deputy minister and delegation observed the booths of the Light Internet Expo, and attended the awarding ceremony of global youths, the opening ceremony of Global Elite Training of the World Internet Conference Digital Academy and "Construction of Trustworthy of Artificial Intelligence". — MNA/KTZH



The China-ASEAN Information Harbour Forum in progress on 20-22 November in China.

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7th People's Military Service Training Course opens at regional commands

THE seventh intake of the People's Military Service Training Course commenced yesterday at various training centres under the respective regional military commands. Eligible and patriotic citizens selected for the programme had already arrived at the training centres to complete the necessary preparations before the opening ceremony.

Opening ceremonies were held at each training centre yesterday morning, and heads of the centres delivered inaugural speeches. Senior officials, including the Nay Pyi Taw Council chairman, state and regional chief ministers, respective command commanders, and other responsible personnel attended

the event. Officials met trainees, offering cash awards, presenting support materials, and encouraging participants warmly and engagingly.

The People's Military Service Training Course, conducted under the National Defence Service Law, which came into force on 10 February 2024, aims to instil military knowledge and equip citizens with the ability to contribute to national defence and security responsibilities. The first course commenced on 8 April 2024. Graduates from the previous courses are now actively serving in their assigned units and formations, demonstrating unwavering commitment to protecting the nation's sovereignty and security. — MNA/KZL



Officials greet the new trainees from Training 7 yesterday.

Applications open for 2025-2026 EMJMD



This image showcases the promotional activity of Erasmus Mundus Joint Master Degree.

APPLICATIONS for Erasmus Mundus Joint Master Degree (EMJMD) for the 2024-2025 academic year are welcomed, the Delegation of the European Union to Myanmar announced.

It is a programme which will enable students to connect to worldwide education and an opportunity for students around the world to study a wide variety of subjects in Europe.

Among annual applica-

tions, outstanding candidates are selected and awarded the fully-funded scholarship by this programme which is backed by the European Union. Depending on the subjects that they prefer, applications can be submitted from October 2024 to January 2025.

More information about this scholarship is available at <https://shorturl.at/Xicxl> and applications can be sent directly. — MT/ZS

Rain expected in parts of Myanmar due to possible low pressure in Bay of Bengal

A low-pressure area has formed in the Bay of Bengal, which is likely to change into a cyclone, which will result in rain in some parts of Myanmar, according to meteorologist U Win Naing.

System-INVEST-i998 forming in the southwest of the Bay of Bengal will transform into a cyclone within the next 12-24 hours at North Latitude 5.6 degrees and 9.1 degrees and East Latitude 83.3 degrees, according to a warning issued by the US

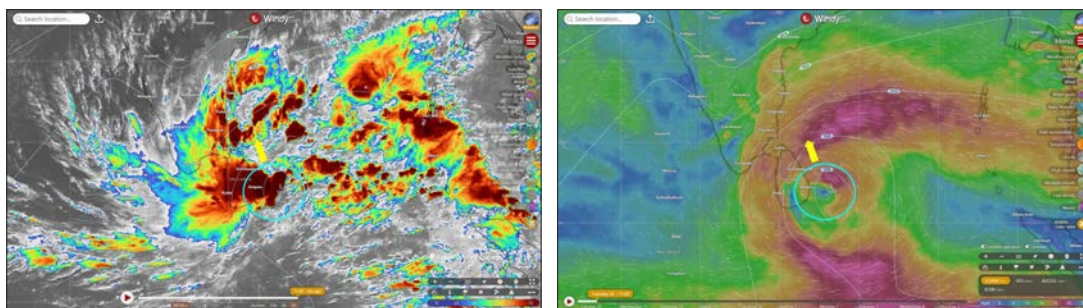
Joint Typhoon Warning Centre (JTWC) based in Hawaii.

"The US Navy, JTWC has issued a warning that a cyclone may happen in the red square located at the east of Sri Lanka Island within the next 12-24 hours. The current wind speed is 33 nautical miles or 38 miles per hour so just one nautical mile needs to transform into a cyclone. It is still a depression and being watched," he said.

Due to the depression, moderate or heavy rain is

forecast in some regions and states of Myanmar from 28 to 30 November and no rain is expected in some regions and states.

"As a result of it, whether it will change into a cyclone or not, moderate or heavy rain is expected in Chin State, Sagaing Region, Mandalay Region and northern Shan State, and just a slight rain in the rest or even no rain at all in some regions and states, from 28 to 30 November," said U Win Naing. — Thit Taw/ZS



The images display the depression INVEST-99B location and formation of clouds (WINDY) at 11 am on 26 November 2024.

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

Final day of Yegyaw Funfair & Bazaar attracts crowds



THE last day of the five-day Yegyaw funfair and bazaar in Pazu-ndaung Township, a famous fair in Yangon, was also dynamic, spirited, and crowded with visitors.

The market was held for five days from 22 to 26 November to commemorate National Victory Day. Not only the people of Pazu-ndaung and nearby Botahtaung townships but also people from other townships visited and enjoyed the fair.

A very dynamic night scene of Yegyaw on 26 November, the last day of the funfair.

“There are quite a lot of people. Most of them come to the event for various snacks. Most of the visitors are young people. There are some adults but not as many as younger ones. The crowds were so huge and congested that some couldn’t even move into them,” said a vendor at the Yegyaw bazaar.

Yegyaw festival was last held in 2019 before the COVID-19 pandemic, and it was resumed for the first time in 2024. All streets and pavement areas along the festival stalls were bursting with brightness and overcrowded from the very first day till the end of it on 26 November. – Htet Oo Maung/ZN

Composer-cum-vocalist to host music show at Modern Radio Club

VOCALIST Phoe Kar has announced an upcoming music show at the Modern Radio Club, where he and other renowned singers will perform songs that he has written and sung.

“Singers Aung Htet, Phyo Pyae Sone, Zwe Pyae, Nay Min, Eain, Eaint Chit, Irene Zin Mar Myint, and Jewel will join me in performing my songs. I invite everyone to come and enjoy the show,” said Phoe Kar.

The event is scheduled for 5 December, starting at 7 pm, with musical accompaniment provided by the Lucky Hand Band. — ASH/TRKM

This image showcases a poster for Phoe Kar’s music show.



First e-bike winner emerges from Aungbarlay Lottery draw

A person from Yangon won a brand-new e-bike in a five-digit Aungbarlay online lottery lucky draw promotion for the first time.

The winner is Ko Naing Win Thu from Yangon Region’s Bahan Township, Aungbarlay Online Lottery announced. The Jackpot winner of the first five-digit Aungbarlay online lottery is Ko Khun Hlaing Myo Aung from Shan State.

The five-digit online lottery will give an EV car for customers who buy three or more tickets by any kind of e-payment service and two e-bikes will be given once in two weeks.

The lottery opens on the second and 16th of the month or once in two weeks and tickets can be bought in both Myanmar version and English version, it said. – MT/ZS



This image reveals the first e-bike winner Ko Naing Win Thu from Bahan Township.

Applications open for receptionists at 2024 Myanmar film awards



This image captures receptionists in the previous year.

THE Myanmar Motion Pictures Organization (MMPO) has begun inviting applicants to serve as receptionists for the upcoming Myanmar Film

Academy Award Ceremony, according to Vice-Chair U Aye Kyu Lay.

Interested individuals can purchase application forms starting 26

November at the office of MMPO (Central) on Wingaba Street, Bahan Township, Yangon. Completed forms must be submitted by 4 pm on 6 December.

“For the 2024 Academy Awards, we are accepting applications from eligible candidates. Applicants must be aged 16 to 25 as of 31 December this year, in good health, of good character, and possess a well-proportioned physique. As in previous years, we will select 20 winners – 10 female and 10 male receptionists,” said U Aye Kyu Lay.

The selection panel includes experienced artists such as Academy Yan Aung, Academy Ye Aung, Academy Soe Myat Thuzar, and Academy May Than Nu. The 2024 Film Academy Award Ceremony is scheduled to take place in February 2025. — ASH/TMT

5 Myanmar representatives invited to ASEAN Halal Roundtable Dialogue

MALAYSIA Islamic Chamber of Commerce cordially invited five representatives from Myanmar to attend the ASEAN Halal Roundtable Dialogue that will take place on 7 December 2024 in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.

Merchants and representatives of business councils from ASEAN and other countries are invited to join the dialogue that will highlight the acceleration of regional cooperation for Halal food production. The dialogue will also address ways to deal with the challenges of Halal food businesses to penetrate the markets of ASEAN and the roles of Halal Certification. Attendees will exchange ideas and explore new potential collaborations.

Attendees are encouraged to come prepared and participate in the dialogue to make it more productive and efficient. Participation of Myanmar representatives can help create a Halal business system with all-inclusive efforts of the member countries in the region and reap a fruitful result, contributing to the growth of Halal business. This will also bring about friendly relations and economic and trade ties between ASEAN and other participating countries.

Those interested individuals can register through <https://forms.gle/9bijfiXNJDLgftR88> and enquire about details by dialling Mr Firdaus at 60169610478), Madam Zawiyah via email at dpimselangor@gmail.com, and 60123157358). They can also contact the Myanmar Trade Promotion Organization at 067 408622 and email event.td.myantrade@gmail.com. — NN/KK

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Aungban to host Chilli, Onion, Ginger Crops Fair in Dec



Photos show chilli and ginger in Shan State.

THE Chilli, Onion and Ginger Crops Fair will be held in Aungban Township in southern Shan State on 11 and 12 December, said U Than Kyaw Sint, market development official at the Farmers' Market, which is leading the fair.

The fair is mainly held for farmers in Kalaw, Aungban and Pindaya areas

aiming to help farmers learn to trade in groups and get good markets.

In addition to allowing buyers to buy directly from farmers at the fair, the fair will be held once every 15 days for the convenience of farmers. The fairs, traders and commodity exchanges along with the farmers' market will also set basic prices

to ensure that farmers get good prices.

Similarly, farmers will be provided with farming technology, local seeds, solar irrigation machines, fertilizers and advance payment services will be available in one place and it will also be easy to connect with domestic and foreign markets. — ASH/MKKS

YGN palm oil wholesale reference rate climbs this week

THE wholesale reference rate of palm oil for the Yangon market rose to K7,280 per viss for the week ending 1 December from K7,015 per viss registered last week ending 25 November, according to the Supervisory Committee on edible oil import and distribution.

The figures showed a sharp increase of K265 per viss this week compared to last week.

The Supervisory Committee on Edible Oil Import and Distribution under the Ministry of Commerce has been closely observing the FOB prices in Malaysia and Indonesia, adding transport costs, tariffs and banking services to decide the wholesale market reference rate for edible oil weekly.

Despite the reference price, the market price is way too high.

To control overcharging, the Consumer Affairs Department under the Ministry of Commerce informed the consumers of lodging the complaints for overcharging through the call centre hotline in late August. The department urges consumers not to buy palm oil at high prices.

The Committee notified that any person who is involved in price gouging and oil storage to attempt market



A vendor skilfully siphons cooking oil into a plastic bottle.

manipulation will face legal action under the Essential Goods and Services Law.

The department is working together with the Myanmar Oil Dealers' Association and the cooking oil importing companies to offer affordable rates of imported palm oil for consumers.

The complaints for overcharging can be lodged over hotline 1535 of the call centre of the Consumers Affairs

Department or sent to the Facebook page of the department and the region and state departments concerned.

The domestic consumption of palm oil is estimated at one million tonnes per year. The local palm oil production is just about 400,000 tonnes. About 700,000 tonnes of palm oil are yearly imported through Malaysia and Indonesia to meet domestic demands. — NN/KK

OPINION

Effectively control malaria to save the lives of people

MALARIA, along with TB and HIV, is one of the major global diseases. It is a mosquito-borne communicable disease affecting many regions worldwide. The World Health Organization (WHO) has officially recognized 44 countries as malaria-free.

Malaria has been a deadly disease for humans since prehistoric times, causing many deaths annually. The Anopheles mosquito, which carries the malaria parasite, is found in water-rich areas worldwide. These mosquitoes thrive in both early and late monsoon periods, contributing to the increase in malaria cases. People often associate malaria outbreaks with jungles and natural water sources, where these mosquitoes breed. With around 2,000 mosquito species globally, Anopheles remains the primary carrier of the malaria virus, affecting populations in various regions, particularly during monsoon seasons when the disease is most prevalent.

To effectively control malaria, everyone must participate in activities like sanitation, ensuring proper water flow, spraying homes, and using embrocation against mosquitoes. Both adults and children should be vigilant in preventing mosquito-borne malaria. While malaria may never be completely eradicated, continuous efforts are essential to control its spread and protect lives within the community. Even if the country controls outbreaks of malaria to some extent, healthcare standards to fight against malaria will improve the socioeconomic life of the people.

Myanmar's Ministry of Health reports that around 500,000 people contract malaria annually. While malaria cases and fatalities significantly decreased between 2012 and 2020, the unexpected COVID-19 outbreak hindered malaria control efforts, impacting progress in combating the disease.

Malaria poses a serious threat to human health, making it crucial to prevent the reproduction of Anopheles mosquitoes to reduce outbreaks. Myanmar's Ministry of Health runs annual campaigns to eliminate malaria and remove environments that foster mosquito breeding. Cleaning up debris in communities helps control malaria and other infectious diseases. Additionally, using mosquito nets day and night is essential for protection against mosquito bites, contributing to a safer, malaria-free environment for everyone.

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World Philosophy Day

Three Myanmar scholars arguable contributions to philosophy in their postgraduate theses of the 1920s and 1950s

WORLD Philosophy Day 2024 was observed on 21 November. The United Nations Educational Scientific and Culture Organization (UNESCO) established the third Thursday of November as World Philosophy Day in 2002.

World Philosophy Day intends to encourage 'philosophical discourse and critical thinking... (and) to foster intercultural understanding'. Long before World Philosophy Day was formally established three Myanmar scholars in their postgraduate theses submitted to three Western Universities during the 1920s to 1950s contributed to philosophical issues (in the expansive sense of the word). These scholars' contributions are in the fields of humanities and social sciences and can be considered to have intersected with philosophical issues. Since they are relatively not well-known instead of dealing with those famous philosophers of yore or indeed modern and contemporary times the writer will present glimpses of and briefly comment on the scholars' contributions in gist.

William Blake: His Mysticism by Dr Ba Han: a doctoral thesis submitted to the University of Bordeaux, France, in 1924

Dr Ba Han (1890-13 May 1969) was a Myanmar scholar, jurist and lexicographer. Among many other achievements, he compiled a Burmese-English dictionary. On 24 June 1924, Maung Ba Han (Maung being an honorific for a young man or a junior person) submitted his thesis 'William Blake His Mysticism' to the University of Bordeaux in France. This writer purchased a rare limited edition of 150 copies of Dr Ba Han's thesis published in 1973 in the year 2007 and read it within a few weeks.

William Blake (28 November 1757-12 August 1827) was a poet, painter, engraver and visionary. Can Blake be described as a mystical poet or a philosophical poet? Perhaps both. The very short poem 'The Fly' which yours truly came across in high school is indeed philosophical. Later, in my Rangoon University

days, I first came across Blake's poem 'The Defiled Sanctuary' in the opening pages of Volume II of *The Autobiography of Bertrand Russell* (18 May 1872-2 February 1970). And of course, arguably Blake's most famous 'Tyger... Tyger burning bright' poem. As I was unable to retrieve Dr Ba Han's treatise I cannot now state whether all of the above three poems were discussed by Dr Ba Han in his thesis. What I do recall is that in the Preface the distinguished Myanmar scholar and jurist wrote that he was a traditional Christian and (again from what I recall) the implication was that Blake was perhaps a 'non-traditional' Christian. Dr Ba Han wrote his thesis in English. At the end of the thesis there were a few questions written in French by the examiners although the thesis did not contain the answers then-candidate Maung Ba Han gave to his examiners' queries.

'The Readjustment of Malaya to the Great Depression of the 1930s' By Maung Tha Hto (MT Hto) a Master of Arts (Economics) thesis submitted to the University of California Berkeley in 1951

U (another honorific meaning 'Mr' or 'Uncle') Tha Hto (May 1920-4 February 2011) was a Professor of Economics at the Institute of Economics in Rangoon from 1964 to 1980. U Tha Hto studied at the University of Rangoon, in colonial Burma from about 1938 to 1942. He studied Economics at the University of California, Berkeley in the United States from 1947 to 1951. On 20 April 1951, Maung Tha Hto submitted his thesis 'The Readjustment of Malaya to the Great Depression of the 1930s' and it was deposited at the University of California, Berkeley (UC, Berkeley) library on 9 August 1951. Around July/August 2010 I paid US\$45 to the UC (Berkeley) library and obtained U Tha Hto's thesis. I presented the thesis to the Multimedia University library in Malacca, Malaysia, where I was teaching then. In September 2010, during my visit to Yangon, I presented U Tha Hto's thesis to him to his great surprise and astonishment. He had a

worn-out version of his own thesis and showed it to me. I presented a copy of his thesis to the Universities Central Library at Yangon.

Admittedly, U Tha Hto's thesis mainly falls in the 'genre' of social sciences and in comparison, with Dr Ba Han's thesis submitted over 27 years earlier cannot be described as 'philosophical'. It is an analytical, empirical study of the economics and shall we say economic resiliency of Malaya in adjustment to the Great Depression of the 1930s which impacted many indeed almost all countries of the world. The very first sentence of Chapter I of U Tha Hto's thesis states 'Malaya has been and to this date (as of 1951) first and foremost an agricultural country'. In 2024, this description may no longer be fully correct. The economic progress that Malaya (from 16 September 1963, Malaysia) made in the past several decades (and of course, there were ups and downs in Malaysia's economy in these decades) is on the whole impressive. A sort of 'spill-over' philosophical note based on economic development or indeed retrogression this writer wishes to make is that nothing is permanent. In 1992 at a seminar in Singapore, a late Singaporean scholar mentioned to the effect that the Philippines, Burma (now Myanmar) and Ceylon (now Sri Lanka) were considered by some pundits in the late 1940s to have good prospects for economic development. Alas, starting from the mid-1960s, it was and is the Asian tigers of Japan, South Korea and Chinese Taipei whose economies advanced at times almost by leaps and bounds. Starting in the 1980s under the 'guidance' of then Prime Minister Mahathir Muhammad (born 10 July 1925) the 'Look East' policy of Malaysia tried to emulate the 'Asian Tigers'.

In late 2024 it has been just over a century since Dr Ba Han submitted his thesis on the mysticism of William Blake and over 73 years since U Tha Hto submitted his thesis on 'Readjustment of Malaya to the great depression of the 1930s'. There could have been dozens of postgraduate theses not to say books dealing

with Blake's mysticism and Malaya/Malaysia's economic readjustments since 1924 and 1951 respectively. The two Myanmar scholars' contributions to these topics albeit written decades ago are noted and appreciated by this writer.

'Some philosophical problems in contemporary Burma: a study in the comparative philosophy of culture' By Maung Khin Maung Win submitted to Yale University in 1958

Dr Khin Maung Win (7 October 1929-January 2011) was among others Professor of Philosophy at Rangoon Arts and Science University from 1964 to 1973. He became Minister of Education in the then Socialist Republic of the Union of Burma from March 1974 to 1980.

Maung Khin Maung Win submitted his thesis 'Some Philosophical Problems in Contemporary Burma: A Study in the Comparative Philosophy of Culture' in partial fulfillment towards the degree of Doctor of Philosophy to Yale University, in the United States in June 1958. Among the three theses 'glimpsed' in this article this thesis deals with 'pucca' philosophy, so to speak. In November 1981 I requested a microfilm of the thesis in an interlibrary loan through the University of Michigan Law School library. (I was studying then at Michigan Law School). I had a quick browse of it in about 2 ½ hours inside the library. Dr Khin Maung Win's (hereafter DKMW) thesis.

A few points raised in DKMW's thesis can be eclectically mentioned. I have mentioned above that the word Maung is an honorific used in part to denote young or younger people's names. Hence *Maung* Ba Han, *Maung* Tha Hto and *Maung* Khin Maung Win are mentioned when the candidates submitted their theses to the respective Universities.

In his thesis, DKMW explained this usage of honorifics with a real-life person who had lived in Mandalay: a lawyer by the name of Khin-Maung-Myint-Kyi-Dwe (or Dway) (KMMKD). DKMW explained that when KMMKD was young he was

By Myint Zan

known as Maung KMMKD a little older the honorific in front of his name became Ko (elder brother, or brother) KMMKD and when he became older and became a lawyer he was designated as U KMMKD. (Myanmar names are normally two or three words Khin-Maung-Myint-Kyi-Dwe is a very rare five-word Myanmar name)

DKMW also mentioned that the atoms (or the indivisible elements mentioned) in ancient Indian (Buddhist texts) are quite different from the atoms of Democritus (circa 470-270 Before the Current Era. One could briefly add that the 'atoms' of Democritus in concept and description and perhaps (physical?) reality as well are different from the atoms postulated by the chemist John Dalton (6 September 1766-27 July 1844). We will eschew post-1958 developments regarding (sub) atomic theory such as string theory and quarks etc....

DKMW mentioned and praised (in 1958) what he called 'Burma's new democratic constitution'. Quoting Sir Henry Maine (3 August 1822-3 February 1888) DKMW averred that the then-new 1947 Burmese Constitution (it became defunct soon after the takeover of 1962) moved the nation from determining the citizens' rights and duties from 'status' to (constitutional) contract.

DKMW was all praise for the United States political and educational system stating that many foreign students were impressed with how their teachers treated black, white, brown and yellow students (so to speak) fairly without discrimination. He also wrote that in the 1930s young Burmese were impressed by Abraham Lincoln who freed the slaves etc. But one could also add there were some that in the 1930s in colonial Burma which praised 'dictator' (in Burmese *Ahna Shin*) Hitler: The Red Dragon (*Nagani*) book club produces mainly leftist (rather than Western democratic-oriented) literature.

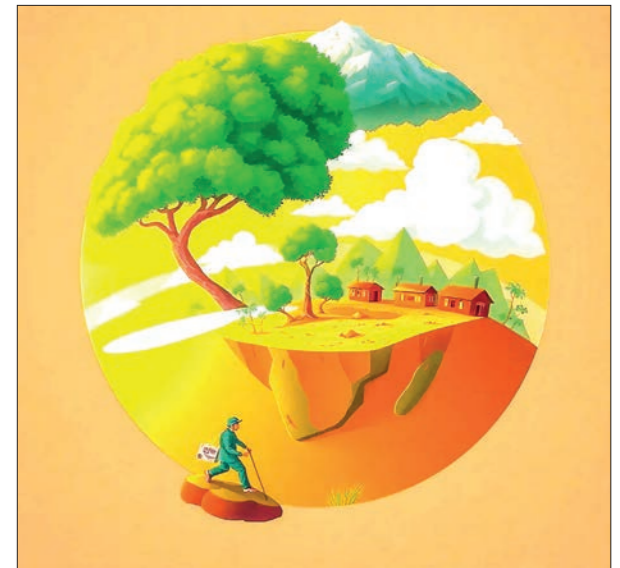
I first learned about the Yogacara

school of Buddhism (from the Mahayana tradition) from DKMW's thesis. And from my recall, there appears to be a slight slant in DKMW's thesis towards Mahayana Buddhism. Perhaps it was necessary for a thesis dealing with the 'comparative philosophy of culture' as it reflects 'the philosophical problem of contemporary Burma' to discuss other traditions apart from the Theravada strands of Buddhism.

Billionaires need to be philosophical or the subjects of a billionaire need to be philosophical?

I have learned from all three theses which I have read in their entirety and which were written by three Myanmar scholars from the 1920s to 1950s. Since time has moved on and many developments in the subject of these theses have taken place they may well be 'outdated'. But perhaps the necessity to 'encourage philosophical and critical thinking' in the words of the UNESCO declaration is of relevance and importance.

Another Burmese scholar who did not have a University degree but who was quite prolific and wrote well in both the Myanmar and English languages was U Aye Maung (2 February 1914-10 May 2002), an Associate Editor of the 'World of Books' (Sarpay Beikman) a government publication and information department for many years. In an article published around February 1970 in the now defunct *The Guardian* (Rangoon) newspaper U Aye Maung wrote that 'even a millionaire (there were no billionaires in 1970) at times would find it necessary to be philosophical'. Personally, this writer is filled with despair that an uncouth billionaire who oftentimes, rants and raves (among many others) is on the cusp - again - of obtaining one of the most powerful positions on Earth. Ironically it may not be 'billionaires' but those who don't like the billionaire - such as yours truly and I am sure a few million around the world - would need to be philosophical.



The deal highlights the deep divide between developed and developing nations regarding climate responsibility and funding. PHOTO: PIX FOR VISUAL PURPOSE/PEXELS

Developing nations slam 'paltry' \$300 bln climate deal

At COP29, nations agreed on a \$300 billion climate finance deal, but poorer countries, including India, rejected the amount as inadequate.

THE world approved a bitterly negotiated climate deal Sunday but poorer nations most at the mercy of worsening disasters dismissed a \$300 billion a year pledge from wealthy historic polluters as insultingly low.

After two exhausting weeks of chaotic bargaining and sleepless nights, nearly 200 nations pushed through the contentious finance pact in the early hours in a sports stadium in Azerbaijan.

But the applause had barely subsided when India delivered a full-throated rejection of the "abysmally poor" deal, kicking off a firestorm of criticism from across the developing world.

"It's a paltry sum," thundered India's delegate Chandni Raina.

"This document is little more than an optical illusion. This, in our opinion, will not address the enormity of the challenge we all face."

Sierra Leone's climate minister Jiwoh Abdulai said it showed a "lack of goodwill" from rich countries to stand by the world's poorest as they confront rising seas and harsher droughts. Nigeria's envoy Nkiruka Maduekwue put it even more bluntly: "This is an insult."

Some countries had accused Azerbaijan, an oil and gas exporter, of lacking the will to meet the moment in a year defined by costly climate disasters and on track to become the hottest on record.

But at protests throughout COP29, developed nations - major economies like the European Union, the United States and Japan - were accused of negotiating in bad faith, making a fair deal impossible. Developing nations arrived in the Caspian Sea city of Baku hoping to secure a massive financial boost from rich countries many times above their existing pledge of \$100 billion a year.

SOURCE: AFP

NATIONAL

Five arrested for phone scams

POLICE arrested five male suspects for their suspected involvement in a case of phone scams on 17 November.

The police received a report where the people cheated money via phone and conducted an investigation.

On 17 November evening, the police apprehended Thet Paing (aka) Thet Khine (aka) Zaw Thet Paing, Soe Yazar Hein (aka) Aung Htike (aka) Lin Myat San (aka) Ko Lin, Bo Bo Lin, Aung Zarni Phyo, Soe Thiha (aka) Phyo Thiha Zaw, on Magway-Yangon Nanhtike Tawwin bus at Zero Mile Tollgate, together with six mobile phones, five citizenship scrutiny cards, one KBZ Bank MPU, one AYA Bank MPU, one YOMA Bank MPU, K280,000, one diamond ring and one gold

bracelet.

Suspect Thet Paing (aka) Thet Khine (aka) Zaw Thet Paing said he lived at the dormitory in Hlinethaya (East), and worked at Aung Mingalar highway terminal. He made friends with U Hein Khant and served as a medium, and moved to Jasmine Palace Hotel and lived together with Soe Yazar Hein (aka) Aung Htike (aka) Lin Myat San (aka) Ko Lin, Bo Bo Tun, Aung Zarni Phyo and Soe Thiha (aka) Phyo Thiha Zaw. They used CSCs bearing the names of Aung Htike and Hnin Maung Maung Lwin and opened KBZ Pay and Wave Pay accounts to cheat money by calling phone numbers starting with 09 5.

In August 2024, they cheated K700,000, K15.7 million in September, K5 million in October,



Phone scam offenders arrested with evidence used in fraudulent cases.

K7.7 million, and K2.5 million in November, totalling K31.6 million.

According to the investigation, Thet Paing (aka) Thet Khine (aka) Zaw Thet Paing led the processes of phone scams disguising himself as another

person, and Soe Yazar Hein (aka) Aung Htike (aka) Lin Myat San (aka) Ko Lin, Bo Bo Tun, Aung Zarni Phyo and Soe Thiha (aka) Phyo Thiha Zaw collected phone numbers to cheat and shared the money.

Five suspects including Thet Paing (aka) Thet Khine (aka) Zaw Thet Paing were taken action under Penal Code sections 420/468/471/419 and 114 at Sanchaung Myoma Police Station. — MNA/KTZH

Over K14.5B worth of heroin, stimulant tablets seized in Kyaukse

THE police have arrested two suspects Sai Wunna Tun (aka) Wunna and Soe Myint Tun together with two vehicles, one motorcycle, 147.4 kilogrammes of heroin from 67 bags containing 220 soap cups with heroin and 4.148 million stimulant tablets near Taung Taw village in Kyaukse Township, Mandalay Region, on 17 November.

According to the investigation, the police arrested drug dealer Nyan Win Hlaing in Singaing tollgate with Surf vehicle, Zaw Tun who carried drugs from Ywangan village to Shan State (South) to Han Myint Mo junction of Kyaukse Township near the Han Myint Mo junction with the motorcycle on that day, and Canter vehicle driver Kyaw Swa Lin (aka) Gas Oh was arrested in Sartaungnge village in Kyaukse township and Aung Khant who was to receive the drugs on 87th Street between 31st and 32nd streets in Chanayethazan Township on 18 November.

On 19 November, Thet Wai Aung who instructed the transport of drugs from Yasauk to Ywar Ngan township was ar-



Arrestees are seen alongside confiscated drugs and vehicles.

rested in Aungban Township, while Oakar Naing who carried drugs in Dongfeng vehicle was arrested in Kyaukse Township.

According to the confession of Zaw Tun, 184.8 kilogrammes of heroin from 84 bags hidden in bushes in the western Kin village, Kyaukse Township, were seized, and so over K14.5 billion worth of 332.2 kilogrammes heroin and 4.148 million stimulant tablets were seized.

Moreover, another offender Sai Naing Htoo Thar (aka) Nay Phyo Htet was arrested in Mandalay on 19 November night.

The Alphard and Mark II owned by Aung Khant were also seized in Chanayethazan Township.

They were charged under the Anti-Money Laundering Law and their profits and possessions were confiscated. — MNA/KTZH

Counter-argument to false information

Security forces accused of burning homes in Indaw

MALICIOUS news media spread false information, claiming that security forces burned and destroyed houses in Indaw Township, Sagaing Region.

A security official clarified that these allegations are baseless and part of a misinformation campaign by insurgents. According to the official, the destruction in towns and villages within the township results from terrorists entering these areas and initiating clashes, causing damage. Security forces

are taking necessary security measures in the township to prevent further incursions by terrorists.

The official also noted that these malicious reports aim to distort public perceptions and undermine trust in security operations. Security forces have not burned or destroyed houses in the township, contrary to the propaganda. Instead, terrorists have reportedly set fire to villages that do not support their activities. — MNA/KZL

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China's Liangzhu, window to one of world's oldest civilizations

ON the UNESCO world heritage map for five years, China's archaeological ruins of Liangzhu, in parallel with the Aegean Civilization in Greece, has gained growing international recognition with the progress of archaeological research and cultural exchanges.

Under the theme of "exchanges and mutual learning for a new model of human progress", the Second Liangzhu Forum being held in Hangzhou, the capital of east China's Zhejiang Province, from Monday to Wednesday, has gathered more than 300 Chinese and foreign cultural officials, diplomats, scholars, writers, archaeologists and musicians from more than 60 countries and regions to tap the rich cultural resources of Liangzhu further.

Sub-forums and international seminars on archaeology, literature, music and art

will be held during the forum, inviting experts and scholars to engage in interdisciplinary and cross-border academic dialogues.

The Liangzhu ruins gained UNESCO World Heritage status in 2019 as a testimony to the existence of Chinese civilization at least 5,000 years ago.

More than 350 sites of the Liangzhu civilization, which date back around 5,000 years, have been discovered in the lower reaches of China's longest river, the Yangtze.

Among the most significant archaeological findings is the ancient Liangzhu city, large expanses of prehistorical rice paddies—the oldest dating back over 6,000 years, and a trove of jade carving artifacts as well as agricultural tools such as plows.

Chen Guangsheng, director of the Zhejiang Provincial



A guest speaks at the opening ceremony of the Second Liangzhu Forum in Hangzhou, east China's Zhejiang Province, 25 November 2024. PHOTO: XINHUA

Department of Culture, Radio, Television and Tourism, said the ruins of Liangzhu comprise the ancient city, a water conservancy system and suburban

settlements.

Using remote sensing, geographic information, and artificial intelligence technologies, archaeologists have figured

out that the ancient civilization boasted a water conservancy network with more than 30 dams for water control and drainage. — Xinhua

Ireland's frustrated youth look for opportunity overseas

ON the face of it, Alistair Hill has the world at his feet, as a third-year political science university student specializing in economics at Ireland's prestigious Trinity College Dublin.

But like many young Irish men and women he said he finds the country's current situation "incredibly frustrating" and is looking for opportunities overseas. "Ideally I'd love to live in Ireland, I have a great deep connection to it... but I don't think I can afford living in Ireland," he told AFP, as the country prepares to vote in a general election on 29 November.

A lack of job opportunities, unreliable public services and particularly the high cost of housing has left Ireland in a "dead-end situation", he added.

Hill recognises he is fortunate that his parents live in the Irish capital and can support him financially, putting him up

in their house close to the university. "Without that I genuinely have no idea what I would do, accommodation-wise, and I know that a lot of my friends struggle," he explained.

The prospect of finding himself still living with his family at 25 weighs heavily, and he said he hopes to save enough

money from a restaurant job to finance a university exchange in Australia.

Hill is not alone: seven out of 10 people aged between 18 and 24 are considering leaving Ireland due to a lack of professional opportunities, according to a survey by the National Youth Council of Ireland. — AFP



At Trinity College Dublin, young students say they are looking overseas for job opportunities. PHOTO: PAUL ELLIS/AFP/FILE

NEWS IN BRIEF

Balkans women stage ancient Greek play to condemn women's suffering in war

Maja Mitic is Serbian. Zana Hoxha is Kosovar. Their adaptation of an ancient Greek tragedy highlights not so much the devastation war inflicts on women but women's capacity to heal and resist.

Euripides's "Trojan Women", first performed in 415 BC, is an acerbic condemnation of the atrocities of war. It focusses on the misery and injustices the women of Troy endure after the conflict between their people and the Greeks.

The adaptation that Hoxha and Mitic are currently staging in the Balkans has a quite distinct focus.

"In our version, we are moving forward by also taking care of each other, by finding ways to save our children," said Hoxha, who directed the play. — AFP

French YouTuber takes on manga after conquering Everest

A French influencer fresh off a smash hit film documenting his ascent to Everest's peak is turning his sights to a new challenge: manga.

Ines Benazzouz, known everywhere as Inoxtag, published his first graphic novel "Instinct" on Thursday, a story about a young man with the power to perceive the aura and intentions of those around him. The 22-year-old content creator started posting video game footage in his mid-teens, and his livewire energy has catapulted him to superstardom among young French people, with some 20 million subscribers. — AFP

ECONOMY WORLD



A staff member assembles an aircraft at a hangar of a high-tech industrial park in Binzhou, east China's Shandong Province, 9 October 2024. **PHOTO: XINHUA**

China's low-altitude economy expo unveils cutting-edge tech innovations

THE first edition of China's low-altitude economy expo has unveiled cutting-edge tech innovations and demonstrated new directions for industry development.

Held by the China Air Transport Association in Shaoxing, east China's Zhejiang Province, from Saturday to Monday, the exhibition showcased over 500 drones, electric vertical takeoff and landing (eVTOL) aircraft and helicopters, according to the association.

The low-altitude economy is an economic concept that relies

on low-altitude airspace, involving low-altitude flight, air tourism, passenger transport, general aviation services, and scientific research and education.

Among the new products and technologies displayed at the expo, a tethered drone drew attention. Due to its ability to hover for a long period of time, the drone, powered by a hundred-meter-long tethered cable, has the potential to be used in emergency communication, lighting and traffic assistance.

According to its developer, the product has achieved a maxi-

mum tethered height of about 300 metres and a maximum endurance of 24 hours, and can operate stably under special conditions, such as 4,000 metres above sea level and strong winds.

"With the rapid development of drones, BeiDou Navigation Satellite System, 5G communication and artificial intelligence technologies, China's low-altitude economy has entered a new phase of widespread application," said Xiang Jinwu, an academician with the Chinese Academy of Engineering at the expo. — Xinhua

NEWS IN BRIEF

S Korea's retail sale grows in October

SOUTH Korea's retail sales kept growing last month due to strong online demand for food, daily necessities and services, government data showed Tuesday.

The combined revenue among major offline and online retailers expanded 6.7 per cent in October from a year earlier, equalling an increase of 6.7 per cent in the previous month, according to the Ministry of Trade, Industry and Energy.

Revenue for online retailers jumped 13.9 per cent last month, maintaining a double-digit growth for the 14th straight month since September last year.

Sales by offline retailers stood unchanged in October compared with the same month of last year after slipping 0.9 per cent in September.

Food demand in cyberspace soared 24.8 per cent, while online sales of daily necessities went up in double digits. — Xinhua

Indonesia rejects Apple's US\$100 mln investment for 2024-2026

THE Indonesian government has officially rejected Apple's US\$100 million investment proposal for the 2024-2026 period.

"The Ministry of Industry considers that the proposal submitted by Apple does not meet the aspects of fairness," said Indonesian Industry Minister Agus Gumiwang Kartasasmita on Monday, adding that Apple's investment has not provided significant added value to the country's revenue or job creation.

The amount of investment is also considered unfair compared to the investments made by other foreign technology companies that have established factories in Indonesia.

The ministry plans to invite Apple representatives to discuss a new investment proposal and the outstanding commitment of \$10 million for the 2020-2023 investment period.

The government is opening space for negotiations to reach an agreement on Apple's investment in Indonesia so that Apple products, including the iPhone 16 series, can obtain certification and be officially marketed in Indonesia, said Agus. — Xinhua

Some US bricks-and-mortar stores thrive in online world: WSJ

AFTER years of worrying that e-commerce would decimate bricks-and-mortar stores, US retail landlords now say the sector is stronger and more insulated from online competitors than even a few years ago, reported The Wall Street Journal (WSJ) on Monday.

"A sharp slowdown in retail construction is driving vacancy to near-record lows. While Americans stayed home during the height of the pandemic, they flocked back to stores and restaurants as infection concerns faded," said the report.

"E-commerce was

thought of as this existential threat," said Jahan Moslehi, chief executive of the real-estate investment firm Bridge33 Capital, which has spent US\$574 million acquiring 13 shopping centres this year. "In the past few years, we've seen this resilience of bricks-and-mortar retail." — Xinhua

China-Europe freight-train service boosts shared prosperity



The 100,000th China-Europe freight train, coded X8083, departs from the Tuanjiecun Station in Chongqing, southwest China, 15 November 2024. **PHOTO: XINHUA**

EUROPEAN and Chinese businesses, along with relevant government departments, are preparing a wel-

coming ceremony to mark the historic arrival of the 100,000th China-Europe freight train, which is scheduled to reach

Duisburg, Germany, this week.

The train, loaded with goods including electronics, vehicles, auto parts, machinery and household appliances, departed from Chongqing Municipality in southwest China last week, marking a significant milestone in the development of the railway service that enhances economic and trade exchanges between China and Europe.

In March 2011, the China-Europe freight train (Yuxin'ou) service was launched from Chongqing to Duisburg, establishing a direct overland trade corridor between China and Europe. — Xinhua

Apple CEO's latest Beijing visit highlights importance of China's supply chain, market

DURING his third visit to the Chinese mainland this year, Apple CEO Tim Cook said he highly values Chinese suppliers. Analysts believe this has demonstrated the importance of China's supply chain and market for the American company.

"I am so proud that Apple has an exhibit here with our partners. We could not do what we do without them," Cook said on Monday ahead of the second China International Supply Chain Expo (CISCE), scheduled from Tuesday to Saturday in Beijing.

At the expo's main venue, Cook visited the joint booth of Apple's four Chinese suppliers, which will exhibit components and technologies involv-



Apple CEO Tim Cook attends the opening of a new flagship Apple store in east China's Shanghai, 21 March 2024. PHOTO: XINHUA

ing flexible production lines, green technology and optical products. He highlighted innovations in the Apple supply chain.

Despite challenges including external uncertainties, China remains an indispensable part

of Apple's global supply chains. Out of Apple's 200 major suppliers worldwide, over 80 per cent have set up factories in China, contributing to the manufacturing of a wide range of Apple products.

During his visit to Shanghai in March, Cook reiterated the company's long-term commitment to the Chinese market when he opened Apple's biggest retail store on the Chinese mainland. — Xinhua

26 China-Singapore investment projects inked in leading Chinese industrial park

A total of 26 investment cooperation projects between China and Singapore were signed on Monday in one of China's leading industrial parks in the city of Suzhou, east China's Jiangsu Province.

The projects, spanning sectors like biopharmaceuticals, collaborative innovation and digital economy, were reached during the China-Singapore Investment Forum held in Suzhou Industrial Park, which was the first intergovernmental cooperation project between China and Singapore.

The projects include the China-Singapore Sustainable Estate Joint Innovation Workshop and the establishment of new overseas headquarters and operation centres by Chinese enterprises in Singapore.

Founded in 1994 and home to over 400 Singaporean enterprises, Suzhou Industrial Park has witnessed the development of closer cooperation between the two sides.

China's Ministry of Commerce (MOC), in a recent notice, stressed support for Suzhou Industrial Park in its efforts to promote reform, open up key areas and improve its ability to garner global resources.

MOC said China will support the industrial park in expanding digital economy cooperation with Singapore, including pilot projects concerning cross-border data flows and business and trade facilitation measures, and in working with Singaporean institutions to jointly build a China-Singapore medical centre. — Xinhua

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Damaged cargo will be surveyed daily from 8 am to 11:20 am and 12 noon to 4 pm to Claim's Day now declared as the third day after final discharge of cargo from the Vessel.

No claims against this vessel will be admitted after the Claims Day.

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ROLLING UPDATES

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Epsilon rocket engine catches fire at Japan space agency test centre

AN engine being developed for use in the Epsilon S small rocket went up in flames Tuesday during a combustion test at a facility in southwestern Japan, the Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency said.

The fire at the Tanegashima Space Centre in Kagoshima Prefecture follows another incident in July 2023 when the same engine exploded during a test at the Noshiro Testing Centre in northeastern Japan.

No one was injured in the fire and JAXA is examining the cause of the failure, according to the agency.

The incident occurred soon after the ground test for the second-stage engine began at 8:30 am. Flames emerged first before

the sound of an explosion was heard around a minute later and white smoke enveloped the area.

In the previous botched test in July last year, a piece of metal from the ignition melted and damaged the thermal insulator covering the engine, allowing fuel to catch fire and cause an explosion.

JAXA had added thermal insulation to the ignition to address the issue prior to the latest test.

JAXA is developing the Epsilon S as the successor to the current Epsilon series to enhance the country's competitiveness in the growing satellite launch market, but the continuous failures could potentially slow progress. — Kyodo



Screenshot from footage of live camera of the Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency shows fire at JAXA's Epsilon small rocket engine test facility at Tanegashima Space Centre in Kagoshima Prefecture on 26 November 2024. **PHOTO: KYODO**

Russia may deploy medium, short-range missiles in Asia if US missiles appear there

RUSSIAN Deputy Foreign Minister Sergei Ryabkov has not ruled out the deployment of medium- and shorter-range missiles in the Asia-Pacific region as a retaliatory measure against the United States.

"Of course, this is one of the options that has also been repeatedly mentioned. The appearance of such US systems in any region of the world will determine our next steps, including in the field of organizing a military and military-technical response," Ryabkov told reporters, answering the question whether Russia is considering the possibility of deploying medium-range and short-range



The launch of the Kinzhal air-launched ballistic missile. A screenshot from a video provided by the Russian Defence Ministry. The image is a handout courtesy of a third party. **PHOTO: SPUTNIK**

missiles in Asian countries.

The fate of Russia's moratorium on the deployment of medium-range and short-range

missiles depends entirely on the US policy, Russian Deputy Foreign Minister Sergei Ryabkov said on Monday. — SPUTNIK

Indonesia to run regional elections on Wednesday

INDONESIA'S regional elections, which include provinces, cities, and regencies, are set to be held on Wednesday in 545 regions.

"Technically, the regional elections are ready to kick off. Logistical needs have been distributed to all polling stations. We ask all people to celebrate

the election festivity," Chairman of Indonesia's Election Commission Affuddin said in a press conference in Jakarta on Monday. — Xinhua

NEWS IN BRIEF

Neither China, nor US will benefit from waging trade war

ECONOMIC and trade cooperation between China and the United States is mutually beneficial, and a trade war will not bring victory to either side, Liu Pengyu, a spokesperson for the Chinese Embassy in Washington, told Sputnik.

Liu was commenting on US President-elect Donald Trump's threat to add additional 10 per cent tariff on all goods from China.

Earlier in the day, Trump promised to add 10 per cent to export duties on goods from China until the problem of drug trafficking from the country is resolved.

Trump has previously repeatedly criticized China's economic policies and threatened to impose new tariffs on goods from China. — SPUTNIK

Mount Dukono in Indonesia's North Maluku erupts, flight warning issued

MOUNT Dukono, situated in Indonesia's eastern North Maluku province, erupted on Tuesday, prompting a warning for aviation, according to the country's Volcanology and Geological Disaster Mitigation Centre. The eruption occurred at 9:43 am local time, sending a column of thick white-to-grey ash up to 4,600 metres into the sky. The ash is drifting northwest of the mountain.

Planes were prohibited from flying at altitudes below five kilometre around the volcano, which is located on Halmahera Island. An orange Volcano Observatory Notice for Aviation status has been issued. Climbers and residents are strictly banned from climbing or engaging in any activities within a three-kilometre radius of the crater. Residents are also advised always to wear a face mask whenever ash dispersion occurs, as volcanic ash can spread at any time.

Mount Dukono, standing 1,087 metres above sea level, is one of Indonesia's 127 active volcanoes. — Xinhua

SPORTS

Myanmar announces preliminary squad for 2024 AFF Mitsubishi Electric Cup

THE Myanmar Football Federation (MFF) revealed the preliminary 30-player squad for the AFF Mitsubishi Electric Cup 2024 on 25 November. The tournament will kick off on 8 December, and the squad features players from various clubs, both local and international.

The squad from Yangon United includes goalkeeper San Satt Naing, defenders Thurein Soe and Ye Lin Htet, midfielders Okkar Naing, Wai Lin Aung, and Zaw Win Thein, as well as forward Yan Kyaw Htwe. From Shan United FC, players like goalkeeper Pyae Phyo Thu and defender Nanda Kyaw represent the squad, alongside midfielders Myat Kaung Khant and Ye Yint Aung. Other notable selections include Nay Lin Htet and Latt

Wai Phone from Hanthawady United FC, and Zin Nyi Nyi Aung and Thiha Htet Aung from Dagon Star United. Players like defender Soe Moe Kyaw and midfielder Maung Maung Lwin from foreign clubs will also join the team Myanmar.

However, two prominent players, Aung Thu and Kyaw Min Oo, are noticeably absent. Aung Thu, who missed recent friendlies due to a knee injury, has returned to action for his club, Muangthong United, in the Thai League but remains excluded from the list.

Myanmar will compete in Group B alongside Vietnam, Indonesia, the Philippines, and Laos. The AFF Mitsubishi Electric Cup 2024 will run from 8 December to 5 January. — Htun Htun/KZL

PRELIMINARY 30 PLAYERS

Yangon United FC San Satt Naing (GK) Thurein Soe (DF) Ye Lin Htet (DF) Okkar Naing (MF) Wai Lin Aung (MF) Zaw Win Thein (MF) Yan Kyaw Htwe (FW)	Shan United FC Pyae Phyo Thu (GK) Hein Phyo Win (DF) Aung Wanna Soe (DF) Thet Hein Soe (DF) Nanda Kyaw (DF) Myat Kaung Khant (MF) Khun Kyaw Zin Hein (MF) Ye Yint Aung (MF)	Hanthawady United FC Nay Lin Htet (GK) Latt Wai Phone (DF) Nay Moe Naing (MF)
ISPE FC Khine Ye Win (MF)	Dagon Star United Zin Nyi Nyi Aung (GK) Thiha Htet Aung (DF) Aung Naing Win (MF)	Tiffany Army FC Soe Moe Kyaw (DF) Naga World FC Thiha Zaw (MF) Lamphun Warrior FC Mg Mg Lwin (MF)
	Rayong FC Lwin Moe Aung (MF) Negeri Sembilan FC Hein Htet Aung (MF) Kanchanaburi Power FC Than Paing (FW) Chiang Rai United FC Win Naing Tun (FW) Kelantan Darul Naim FC Aung Kaung Man (FW)	

The Myanmar preliminary football squad. PHOTO: MFF

Ronaldo double takes Al Nassr to brink of AFC Champions League last 16

CRISTIANO Ronaldo struck twice for Al Nassr as they continued to thrive in the AFC Champions

League Elite, with the Saudi champions defeating Al Gharafa 3-1 in Qatar on Monday.

The 39-year-old helped move Al Nassr to the brink of the last 16 in Asia's premier continental club competition, needing just two points from their final three group games.

Only Al Shorta, who have two points with four games to play, can deny Ronaldo's side a place in the next round, after Persepolis drew 1-1 at Al Rayyan.

Al Nassr captain Ronaldo had looked destined to endure a hugely frustrating game following a series of missed opportunities in the first half at Al Bayt Stadium.

However, the Portugal star finally opened the scoring little more than 50 seconds into the second half, when he headed home Sultan Al Ghannam's cross from close range. — AFP



Nassr's Portuguese forward (7) Cristiano Ronaldo celebrates scoring his team's first goal during the Saudi Pro League football match between Al-Nassr and Al-Qadsiah at Al-Awwal Park in Riyadh on 22 November 2024. PHOTO: AFP

Stadiums confirmed for hosting 2024 ASEAN Cup matches



The Thuwunna Youth Training Centre to host Myanmar's home matches in the 2024 ASEAN Cup.

THE venues for the 2024 ASEAN Cup, the premier football tournament in the ASEAN region, have been officially announced. Scheduled from 8 December to 5 January, the competition will feature ten teams divided into two groups. Each team will play four group matches: two at home and two away.

In Group A, defending champions Thailand will play at Bangkok's Rajamangala Stadium. Malaysia will host matches at Bukit Jalil Stadium in Kuala Lumpur, Singapore at the National Stadium, Cambodia at the Olympic Stadium in Phnom Penh, and Timor-Leste at Hang Day Stadium in Vietnam.

In Group B, Vietnam will host matches at Viet Tri Stadium in Phu Tho, Indonesia at Gelora Bung Karno Stadium in Jakarta, the Philippines at Rizal Memorial Stadium in Manila, Myanmar at Thuwunna Youth Training Centre in Yangon, and Laos at the National Stadium in Vientiane.

Myanmar's national team will host home matches against Indonesia and Laos at the Thuwunna Youth Training Centre. They will travel to play away matches against the Philippines and Vietnam. — Ko Nyi Lay/KZL

West Ham stun Newcastle to ease pressure on Lopetegui

WEST Ham produced a clinical away performance to beat resurgent Newcastle 2-0 on Monday, easing the pressure on beleaguered manager Julen Lopetegui.

Tomas Soucek headed the visitors in front against the run of play at St James' Park and Aaron Wan-Bissaka grabbed a rare goal in the second half to double the Hammers' lead.

Newcastle were unable to capitalise on the chances they created, failing to build on the momentum created by recent wins against Arsenal and Nottingham Forest.

The result, only West Ham's second win on the road

this season, lifts them to 15 points, just three behind 10th-placed Newcastle, who missed out on the chance to move into the top six.

Relief

It will be a huge relief for Lopetegui, whose future has been a matter of mounting speculation just months after he replaced David Moyes.

"We are happy, above all because we achieved the three points, which is one important thing, but above all because I think that we played well," the Spaniard told Sky Sports. — AFP

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This aerial photo taken on 23 June 2023 shows China's Five-hundred-metre Aperture Spherical Radio Telescope (FAST) in southwest China's Guizhou Province. PHOTO: XINHUA

China's FAST telescope identifies over 1,000 pulsars

CHINA'S Five-hundred-metre Aperture Spherical Radio Telescope (FAST), the world's largest filled-aperture and most sensitive radio telescope, has identified more than 1,000 new pulsars, its operator said on Tuesday.

The number of new pulsars discovered by FAST has surpassed that of all foreign telescopes combined during the same period, according to the National Astronomical Observatories under the Chinese Academy of Sciences (NAOC).

Pulsars, or fast-spinning neutron stars, originate from the imploded cores

of massive dying stars through supernova explosions.

Han Jinlin, scientist of the NAOC, explained that since each pulsar has its own pulse and rotation frequency, it is a bit like a lighthouse in the universe.

If human beings can travel to other planets in the future, the pulsars could work as the navigation system, Han added.

"We can accurately measure the coordinates of pulsars in the universe and monitor the phase positions of pulsar signals and their corresponding position relations, so humans don't get lost during

interstellar travel," Han explained.

The pulsars identified by FAST include many binary pulsars and millisecond pulsars, enhancing both the variety and number of pulsars studied, and contributing to human understanding of their formation and evolution.

The telescope, located in a naturally deep and round karst depression in southwest China's Guizhou Province, has a reception area equal to 30 standard football fields. FAST started formal operations in January 2020 and was officially opened to the world in March 2021. — Xinhua

International Vaccine Institute to open Africa regional office in Rwanda

RWANDA and the International Vaccine Institute (IVI) signed an agreement Monday to establish the institute's African Regional Office in Kigali, the Rwandan capital.

The agreement, signed by Rwanda's Minister of Health Sabin Nsanzimana and IVI Director-General Jerome Kim, paves the way for the regional headquarters to serve as a hub for global health research, innovation, and collaboration, the Ministry of Health said in a statement late Monday night.

"The establishment of the International Vaccine Institute in Rwanda marks a significant step towards the sustained advancement of healthcare research and equitable access to vaccines across the continent and beyond," said Nsanzimana, adding that Rwanda is committed to addressing vaccine inequities through local production of vaccines, therapeutics, and other life-saving medical products.

The Kigali-based IVI office said it will represent IVI in Africa, expand its member base and engagement, and emphasize clinical trial training capacity. It will also foster joint grant applications with local partners to accelerate vaccine research and innovation across the continent.

The IVI, headquartered in Seoul, the Republic of Korea, was established in 1997 under the initiative of the United Nations Development Programme. — Xinhua

Israeli security cabinet to discuss ceasefire as US says deal 'close'

ISRAEL'S security cabinet was set to discuss a proposed ceasefire in its war with Hezbollah in Lebanon on Tuesday afternoon, a senior official said, after the White House voiced optimism that a deal was close.

The United States, European Union and United Nations have pushed for a halt to the long-running hostilities between Israel and Hezbollah, which escalated into full-scale war in late September.

As truce talks intensified, exchanges of cross-border fire between Israel

and the Iran-backed Hezbollah have also increased, with Israel reporting around 250 projectiles launched at its territory on Sunday alone.

On Tuesday, strikes hit Hezbollah's south Beirut stronghold shortly after the Israeli military called for people to evacuate.

AFPTV footage showed multiple plumes of smoke rising from the area, a day after the Lebanese health ministry said Israeli air strikes killed 31 people, mostly in southern Lebanon. — AFP



Smoke rises from the site of an Israeli airstrike that targeted Beirut's southern suburbs on 26 November 2024 amid the ongoing war between Israel and Hezbollah. PHOTO: AFP