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Chairman of the State Administration Council Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing inspects the repairing of railway lines on Thazi-Mandalay railway section yesterday.

Chairman of the State Administration Council Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing, accompanied by Council Joint Secretary General Ye Win Oo, Council members General Mya Tun Oo and General Maung Maung Aye, union ministers and officials, yesterday morning inspected repairing of Samon Creek Bridge damaged in recent flooding on Thazi-Mandalay railway.

Along the route from Meiktila to Thazi, the Senior General viewed agricultural tasks and regional development measures. He then inspected thriving of crops and damaged sown acreage triggered by flash flood along both sides of Thazi-Mandalay railway.

The Senior General inspected repairing of Bridge No 691 on up and down railways and building of a 90-foot triple double bailey bridge.

General Mya Tun Oo and officials reported on damage and loss on Yan-

It needs to conduct a systematic research on repairing the railways with resilience of natural disasters

SAC Chairman Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing inspects damaged railway segments on Thazi-Mandalay railway section, repair of Samon Creek Bridge

gon-Mandalay railway section and Thazi-Shwenyaung-Taunggyi railway section in the erosion and efforts to re-open the railway sections.

In his response, the Senior General underlined that repairs must prioritize durability and quality of structures. He pointed out that it needs to conduct a

systematic research on repairing the railways with resilience of natural disasters. He stressed the need to repair the railway sections and build new railway sections with retaining walls and straightening the creeks for ensuring proper drainage systems.

The Senior General inspected in-

stallation of a 90-foot triple double bailey bridge for Bridge No 691 (downstream) and presented foodstuffs to staff in the repairing works.

The Senior General and party drove along Thedaw-Wundwin-Meiktila route by car and viewed regional development and agricultural tasks. — MNA/TTA

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Empowering Youth: Nurturing Future Leaders for National Integrity and Prestige

- The youth who will serve the State are its future leaders.
- It is essential to systematically nurture young people to instil good morale and a strong national spirit, enhancing the State's prestige and preserving national integrity.

(Excerpt from the speech given by Chairman of the State Administration Council Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing to Union government meeting 4/2024 on 22 April 2024)



Objectives of 25th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions 2024

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| <p>(a) To uplift national prestige and integrity and to preserve the cultural heritage and national characteristics</p> <p>(b) To explore, preserve and uplift the traditional cultural heritage of performing arts of ethnic nationals and national cultural</p> | <p>characteristics</p> <p>(c) To explore and preserve the traditional cultural heritage for the young generation and further propagate the national spirit</p> <p>(d) To serve as a national cultural entity for State development, peace, and stability</p> |
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Items to be donated to the Myanmar flood victims. **PHOTO : CHINESE EMBASSY TO MYANMAR**



This picture captures the Korean Association in Myanmar donating more than K200 million for flood relief through the Myanmar Red Cross Society.

Korean Association donates over K200M for flood relief via MRCS

THE Korean Association in Myanmar donated more than K200 million to flood victims through the Myanmar Red Cross Society (MRCS) on 27 September. MRCS President Prof Dr Myo Nyunt and officials accepted the donation.

The MRCS president and members expressed their gratitude for their contribution to social charity work and presented certificates

of appreciation to the donors.

In this donation, the Korean Association in Myanmar provided food and consumer goods worth over K180 million, in addition to a cash donation of K50 million. Among the consumer goods donated were 299 bottles of cooking oil, 8,620 pieces of clothing, and 120 pans. — ASH/TKO

Chinese Embassy and Chinese businesspersons in Myanmar donate to flood victims

THE Chinese Embassy to Myanmar sent food products worth K 44 million and the Myanmar Chinese Entrepreneurs Association and Chinese companies in Myanmar also donated US\$ 10,000, K 400 million and many other relief items, according to the statement from the Chinese Embassy on 27 September.

It is to donate to flood victims due to recent Typhoon Yagi, which hit various parts of Myanmar that have been severely affected, resulting in many casualties and damages, it added.

The items worth K 44 mil-

lion delivered by the embassy include food stuff such as dried noodles, canned foods and biscuits as an emergency donation.

In addition, the Myanmar Chinese Entrepreneurs Association and Chinese companies in Myanmar also provided US\$ 10,000, K 400 million and many other relief items, according to the embassy's statement.

The embassy also expressed its hope for the people of the flood-affected areas to quickly recover from this disaster and rebuild their houses.

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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)



Chairman of the State Administration Council Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing discusses departmental officials of Meiktila District and town elders on development of region in Meiktila yesterday.

Senior General Min Aung Hlaing highlighted that all districts operate agriculture, livestock and industrial high schools to turn out human resources capable of operating agriculture, livestock and industrial production.

Chairman of the State Administration Council Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing said so at the meeting with departmental officials of Meiktila District and town elders at Kandaw Mingala Hall in Meiktila yesterday afternoon.

Speaking on the occasion, the Senior General underscored that all districts operate agriculture, livestock and industrial high schools to turn out human resources capable of operating agriculture, livestock and industrial production.

He urged officials to shape Meiktila District to become a model district in textile industries to improve socioeconomic life of the region.

Meiktila region to utilize sound foundations for development

Meiktila District must try to become a model district taking a leading role in textile industries to improve socioeconomic life of the region.

The Senior General pledged to provide assistance for operating cooperative system in undertaking agriculture and livestock tasks.

Staff assigned duties in Meiktila and residents have to broaden their horizon to develop Meiktila District with collaborative efforts, he added.

He noted that Meiktila is a commercial hub in the centre of Myanmar, facilitated with universities and colleges in the education sector.

The Senior General emphasized that as Meiktila possesses many sound foundations in education sector, it is necessary to encourage education sector.

With regard to encouraging the education sector, he recounted that students are learning education, accounting for 60 per cent of the population who can attend the KG+12 educational scheme in the country.

Hence, he continued that morale and disciplines of students will be different depending on their educational grades, adding that at least, if students attend KG+12 educational scheme, they will have the skills of following disciplines.

Officials reported on accomplishment

of the guidance given by the Senior General on his tour of Meiktila District, development of agriculture and livestock sector, efforts to develop production, cotton cultivation and increased production, and encouragement for education promotion.

Union ministers discussed supervision for utilization of farmlands in Meiktila District, coordination to regrow marketable crops in the flood-affected acres of farmlands in the district, supply of quality strains of oil crops and agricultural inputs for farmers in growing winter crops, and fulfillment for education promotion in Meiktila District.

Also present at the meeting were Council Joint Secretary General Ye Win Oo, Council members General Maung Maung Aye and Lt-Gen Yar Pyae, Union ministers U Min Naung, U Hla Moe and Dr Nyunt Pe, Mandalay Region Chief Minister U Myo Aung, senior Tatmadaw officers from the Office of the Commander-in-Chief (Army), officials and town elders.

The Senior General viewed the site chosen for construction of a student assembly hall in Meiktila and left necessary guidance to officials. — MNA/TTA

Salient points in the speech delivered by the Senior General at the meeting with departmental officials and town elders in Meiktila

1. Meiktila District must try to become a model district taking a leading role in textile industries to improve socioeconomic life of the region.
2. All districts operate agriculture, livestock and industrial high schools to turn out human resources capable of operating agriculture, livestock and industrial production.
3. As Meiktila possesses many sound foundations in education sector, it is necessary to encourage education sector.
4. The government pledged to provide assistance for operating cooperative system in undertaking agriculture and livestock tasks.

NATIONAL

MoRAC Deputy Minister participates in 32nd ASCC council meeting in Vientiane



Deputy Minister for Religious Affairs and Culture Daw Nu Mra Zan and attendees of the 32nd ASEAN Socio-Cultural Community (ASCC) Council Meeting pose for documentary group photo in Laos.

A Myanmar delegation led by Deputy Minister for Religious Affairs and Culture, Daw Nu Mra Zan, attended the 32nd ASE-

AN Socio-Cultural Community (ASCC) Council Meeting, hosted by the Lao People's Democratic Republic as the ASEAN alter-

nate Chair. The meeting took place from 25 to 27 September.

Also in attendance were Mrs Sunanesavanh Vignaket, Minis-

ter of Information, Culture and Tourism of Lao PDR, members of the ASEAN Socio-Cultural Community Council, representatives from Timor-Leste and other ASEAN member states, as well as the ASEAN Secretary-General and Deputy Secretary-General.

During the meeting, participants discussed priorities for implementation in 2024 by the host country, Laos, the progress of drafting strategic plans for the ASEAN Socio-Cultural Community post-2025, documents to be submitted for the 44th and 45th ASEAN Summits, and reports from previous meetings, including approvals for the 31st ASCC Council.

The deputy minister expressed Myanmar's full commitment to continue collaborating

with ASEAN member countries to realize shared aspirations in line with the strategic directions of the ASEAN Socio-Cultural Community, while Laos assumes responsibility for the Chairmanship in 2024.

The deputy minister also participated in the launch of the ASEAN Database for Monitoring and Evaluation System (ADME) during the 31st ASCC Council meeting, along with a dinner hosted to commemorate the occasion, featuring Lao traditional songs and dances.

While in Vientiane, the deputy minister, along with representatives from other ASEAN member countries, visited the Vientiane Museum of Contemporary Art (Wooden Museum), That Luang Pagoda, and Ho Pra Keo Temple. — MNA/ TRKM

Deputy Auditor-General attends 16th Asian Organization of Supreme Audit Institution (ASOSAI) Assembly

A Myanmar delegation led by Deputy Auditor-General Daw Naing Thet Oo attended the 16th Asian Organization of Supreme Audit Institutions (ASOSAI) Assembly and the 9th Symposium held in New Delhi, India, from 24 to 27 September.

The assembly discussed financial statements from 2021 to 2023, reports from the auditing committee, approval of the budget for 2025-2027, and strategic planning for the organization. The assembly also reviewed the outcomes of the

Bangkok Declaration, the report on the 13th research planning, and the structure of the ASOSAI Working Group. Additionally, the assembly approved the host country for the 17th Assembly, transferred the chairmanship responsibilities to the Comptroller and Auditor General of India for the period 2024-2027 from Thailand, elected members for the executive board and audit committee, and approved the New Delhi Declaration.

At the 9th Symposium, Auditor-Generals from Israel, In-



Deputy Auditor-General Daw Naing Thet Oo participates in the 16th Asian Organization of Supreme Audit Institutions (ASOSAI) Assembly held in New Delhi, India.

donesia, Malaysia, Oman, and Thailand presented on the topic of Digital Public Infrastructure

and the Gender Discrimination — Issues of Inclusion and Accessibility. The Indian Audi-

tor-General also reviewed the topic during the discussion. — MNA/TMT

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Organizations release statements, supporting SAC's offer to resolve political issues through political means

IN light of the losses and damage caused by armed struggle line and acts of terrorism in the country, the State Administration Council issued a statement on 26 September 2024, urging ethnic armed organizations, terrorist groups, and PDF terrorist groups currently opposing the State to abandon terror attack ways. Instead, they are invited to resolve political issues through political dialogue, either via party politics or the electoral processes, to work alongside the people for restoring durable peace and development.

Organizations such Young Men's Buddhist Association-YMBA (Central), Myanmar Interfaith Dialogue Group (Central), the Myanmar Press Council, Myanmar Sports Media Federation, Myanmar Motion Pictures Organization, Myanmar Writers' Association, Myanmar Music Association (Central), Multinational Unity and Trusteeship (Temporary), Myanmar Artists Association (Central), Myanmar Theatrical Association (Central), Myanmar Comedians' Association, Myanmar Evangelical Christian Alliance, Union of Myanmar

Methodist Church (Lower Myanmar), Faith Evangelical Church (Bago), Deliverance Church (Yangon), All Myanmar Hindu Central Council, All Myanmar Tamil Hindu Foundation (HQ), Thananta Dhamma Palaka (Hindu) Association, Islamic Religious Affairs Council Myanmar and Pinnaygone Yakhine Jaame Mosque welcomed and supported the State Administration Council's offer to resolve the political issues through political means in view of the loss and damage caused in the State. — MNA

Statement of Myanmar Evangelical Christian Alliance

29 September 2024

THE State Administration Council issued a statement on 26 September 2024, urging ethnic armed organizations, terrorist groups, and PDF terrorist groups currently opposing the State to abandon terror attack ways, and invited them to resolve political issues through political dialogue, either via party politics or the electoral processes.

The Myanmar Evangelical Christian Alliance welcomes and supports the invitation extended by the State Administration Council, calling on aforesaid organizations to resolve political issues through political means.

Myanmar Evangelical Christian Alliance

Statement of Myanmar Motion Pictures Organization

29 September 2024

THE Myanmar Motion Pictures Organization has issued a statement that the State Administration Council extended an invitation on 26 September 2024 to ethnic armed organizations, terrorist groups, and PDF groups currently fighting against the State to abandon armed terrorism line to address political issues in political means through party politics or electoral processes.

The Myanmar Motion Picture Organization announced its endorsement of this offer of the State Administration Council, believing that accepting this proposal will benefit the nation's unity, peace, prosperity and overall development.

Myanmar Motion Pictures Organization

Statement of Myanmar Music Association (Central)

29 September 2024

THE State Administration Council extended an invitation on 26 September, urging ethnic armed organizations, terrorist groups, and PDF groups currently fighting against the State to abandon armed terrorism line. The Council called on these groups to resolve political issues through peaceful means, either via party politics or electoral processes.

The Myanmar Music Association (Central) hereby expresses its support for and welcomes this invitation.

Myanmar Music Association (Central)

Statement of Myanmar Theatrical Association (Central)

29 September 2024

THE Myanmar Theatrical Association (Central) welcomes and supports the invitation extended by the State Administration Council on 26 September 2024, calling on all ethnic armed organizations, terrorist groups, and PDF terrorist groups against the State to resolve political issues through political means by abandoning terror attack ways.

Myanmar Theatrical Association (Central)

Statement of Myanmar Artists Organization (Central)

29 September 2024

1. In light of the losses and damage caused by armed terrorism line and acts of terrorism in the country, the State Administration Council issued a statement on 26 September 2024, urging ethnic armed organizations, terrorist groups, and PDF terrorist groups currently opposing the State to abandon terror attack ways. Instead, they are invited to resolve political issues through political dialogue, either via party politics or the electoral processes.
2. The Myanmar Artists Organization (Central) welcomes and supports the invitation extended by the State Administration Council to resolve political issues through political means.

Myanmar Artists Organization (Central)

Statement of Myanmar Comedians' Association

29 September 2024

IN light of the losses and damage caused by armed struggle line and terrorism in the country, the State Administration Council issued a statement on 26 September 2024, urging ethnic armed organizations, terrorist groups, and PDF terrorist groups currently opposing the State to abandon terror attack ways. Instead, they are invited to resolve political issues through political dialogue, either via party politics or the electoral processes, to work together with the people for restoring durable peace and development.

The Myanmar Comedians' Association supports the invitation extended by the State Administration Council to restore durable peace and resolve political issues through political means.

Myanmar Comedians' Association

Statement of Union of Myanmar Methodist Church (Lower Myanmar)

29 September 2024

IN light of the losses and damage caused by armed struggle line and acts of terrorism in the country, the State Administration Council on 26 September 2024 invited ethnic armed organizations, terrorist groups, and PDF terrorist groups currently opposing the State to abandon terror attack ways, and to resolve political issues through political dialogue, either via party politics or the electoral processes.

The Union of Myanmar Methodist Church (Lower Myanmar) welcomes and supports the invitation extended by the State Administration Council, calling these organizations to resolve political issues through political means.

Union of Myanmar Methodist Church (Lower Myanmar)

Statement of Pinnaygone Yakhine Jaame Mosque

29 September 2024

The Pinnaygone Yakhine Jaame Mosque issued its statement, welcoming and supporting the invitation of the State Administration Council, urging ethnic armed organizations, terrorist groups and PDF terrorist groups to abandon armed terrorism in order to resolve political issue in political ways.

Pinnaygone Yakhine Jaame Mosque

NATIONAL

Statement of Myanmar Writers' Association

29 September 2024

1. In light of the losses and damage caused by armed struggle line and acts of terrorism in the country, the State Administration Council issued a statement on 26 September 2024, urging ethnic armed organizations, terrorist groups, and PDF terrorist groups currently opposing the State to abandon terror attack ways. Instead, they are invited to resolve political issues through political dialogue, either via party politics or the electoral processes, to work alongside the people for restoring durable peace and development.
2. The Myanmar Writers' Association welcomes and supports the invitation extended by the State Administration Council, calling on all armed organizations against the State to resolve political issues through political means.

Myanmar Writers' Association

Statement of Islamic Religious Affairs Council Myanmar

29 September 2024

IN light of the losses and damage caused by armed struggle line and acts of terrorism in the country, the State Administration Council issued a statement on 26 September 2024, urging ethnic armed organizations, terrorist groups, and PDF terrorist groups currently opposing the State to abandon terror attack ways. Instead, they are invited to resolve political issues through political dialogue, to work alongside the people for restoring durable peace and development.

The Islamic Religious Affairs Council Myanmar believes accepting the invitation will have national unity, peace and prosperity within the country and supports it.

Islamic Religious Affairs Council Myanmar

Statement of Multinational Unity and Trusteeship (Temporary)

29 September 2024

IN light of the losses and damage caused by armed terrorism line and acts of terrorism in the country, the State Administration Council issued a statement on 26 September 2024, urging ethnic armed organizations, terrorist groups, and PDF terrorist groups currently opposing the State to abandon terror attack ways. Instead, they are invited to resolve political issues through political dialogue, either via party politics or the electoral processes, to work alongside the people for restoring durable peace and development.

The Multinational Unity and Trusteeship (Temporary) welcomes and supports the invitation of the State Administration Council to resolve political issue in political means.

Multinational Unity and Trusteeship (Temporary)

Statement 8/2024 of Myanmar Press Council

29 September 2024

1. Acknowledging that the losses suffered by the nation are due to armed struggle line and acts of terrorism, the State Administration Council issued a statement on 26 September 2024, calling on all groups currently opposing the State to abandon the act of terrorism and resolve political issues through political means in order to achieve durable peace and national development.
2. The Myanmar Press Council welcomes and supports this statement from the State Administration Council.

Myanmar Press Council

Statement of Myanmar Interfaith Dialogue Group (Central)

29 September 2024

IN light of the losses and damage caused by armed terrorism line and acts of terrorism in the country, the State Administration Council issued a statement on 26 September 2024, urging ethnic armed organizations, terrorist groups, and PDF terrorist groups currently opposing the State to abandon terror attack ways. Instead, they are invited to resolve political issues through political dialogue, either via party politics or the electoral processes, to work alongside the people for restoring durable peace and development.

The Myanmar Interfaith Dialogue Group (Central) believes accepting the invitation will have national unity, peace and prosperity within the country and supports it.

*Executive Committee
Myanmar Interfaith Dialogue Group (Central)*

Statement of Young Men's Buddhist Association (YMBA) (Central)

29 September 2024

1. The Young Men's Buddhist Association (YMBA) (Central) recognizes the significant losses suffered by the nation due to armed struggle line and acts of terrorism. On 26 September 2024, the State Administration Council invited ethnic armed organizations, terrorist groups, and PDF terrorist groups to abandon ways of terror attacks and resolve political issues through political means, whether through party politics or electoral processes.
2. The YMBA (Central) welcomes and supports this invitation of the State Administration Council to resolve political issues in political ways, considering loss and damage in armed struggle line and acts of terrorism.

Young Men's Buddhist Association (YMBA) (Central)

Statement of Myanmar Sports Media Federation

29 September 2024

THE Myanmar Sports Media Federation supports the statement released on 26 September 2024 from the State Administration Council, urging ethnic armed organizations, terrorist groups, and PDF terrorist groups to abandon acts of terror attacks and resolve political issues through political means, via party politics and electoral processes.

The federation welcomes and supports the statement of the State Administration Council.

Myanmar Sports Media Federation

Statement of Thananta Dhamma Palaka (Hindu) Association

29 September 2024

AS armed struggle line and acts of terrorism delayed development of the country, the State Administration Council issued a statement on 26 September 2024, urging ethnic armed organizations, terrorist groups, and PDF terrorist groups to abandon terror attack ways in order to resolve political issues through political dialogue, either via party politics or the electoral processes, to work alongside the people for restoring durable peace and development.

The Thananta Dhamma Palaka (Hindu) Association believes accepting this invitation will have national unity, peace and prosperity within the country. We welcome and support the invitation.

Thananta Dhamma Palaka (Hindu) Association

Statement of Faith Evangelical Church (Bago)

29 September 2024

THE State Administration Council issued a statement on 26 September 2024, urging ethnic armed organizations, terrorist groups, and PDF terrorist groups currently opposing the State to abandon terror attack ways. Instead, they are invited to resolve political issues through political dialogue, either via party politics or the electoral processes.

The Faith Evangelical Church (Bago) believes accepting the invitation will have national unity, peace and prosperity within the country and supports it.

Faith Evangelical Church (Bago)

Statement of Deliverance Church (Yangon)

29 September 2024

WE, Deliverance Church (Yangon), welcome and support the invitation extended by the State Administration Council on 26 September 2024, to resolve the ongoing political issue through political means.

Deliverance Church (Yangon)

NATIONAL

Statement of All Myanmar Tamil Hindu Foundation (HQ)

29 September 2024

WE welcome and support the invitation extended by the State Administration Council on 26 September 2024 to ethnic armed organizations, terrorist groups and PDF terrorist groups currently opposing the State to abandon terror attack ways and to resolve the ongoing political conflict through political means.

All Myanmar Tamil Hindu Foundation (HQ)

Statement of All Myanmar Hindu Central Council

29 September 2024

THE State Administration Council issued a statement on 26 September 2024, urging ethnic armed organizations, terrorist groups, and PDF terrorist groups to abandon terror attack ways. Instead, they are invited to resolve political issues through political dialogue, either via party politics or the electoral processes.

The All Myanmar Hindu Central Council welcomes and supports the invitation extended by the State Administration Council.

All Myanmar Hindu Central Council

26 political parties support SAC's offer to resolve political issues through political means

A total of 26 political parties, including the Union Solidarity and Development Party (USDP), the National Unity Party, the New Democracy Party (Kachin) and the Democratic Party expressed their full support for the State Administration Council's offer on 26 September to resolve political issues through political means, issuing a joint statement on 29 September.

The statement points out the urgent need for security, peace, and stability to carry out resettlement efforts in response to the recent floods that impact the nation, as well as the enumeration of the census scheduled to take place on 1 October to ensure the accuracy of voter lists for the upcoming multiparty democratic general election.

It also supports SAC's five-point roadmap and the claim that the State lost a large number of human resources, infrastructure, lives, and property due to armed terrorism and armed

struggle line instead of solving political problems through political means.

"In addition, we found that the SAC made the offer considering the losses and the effective implementation of the rehabilitation process for flood-affected people, the need to carry out the census process in a timely manner — which will be helpful for the multiparty democratic general election — the need to promote ethnic unity, and the need to contribute to lasting peace and development. Therefore, ethnic armed organizations should resolve political issues through party politics or electoral processes after abandoning the path of armed terrorist attacks," the statement said.

The cluster of 26 political parties also expresses its belief that the SAC's offer represents the actual needs of the people and is a process for collaboration, as it focuses on the interests of the State. — MNA/TH

Myanmar participates in AGRI Malaysia 2024 and Agriculture Tech Expo

ACCORDING to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MoFA), Myanmar Ambassador to Malaysia U Aung Soe Win attended the opening ceremony of AGRI Malaysia 2024 and the Seventh Edition of the Malaysia International Agriculture Technology Exhibition.

The ceremony was held on 27 September at the Setia City Convention Centre in Setia, Selangor,

Malaysia.

Mr YB Datuk Chan Foong Hin, the Deputy Minister for Plantation and Commodities of Malaysia, attended the ceremony as a special guest. The Myanmar Ambassador presented a souvenir to the Deputy Minister and toured the agricultural galleries featuring modern digital technology, drone technology, and artificial intelligence. — ASH/TKO

More than 20 Chinese nationals involved in online fraud extradited in September

INFORMATION exchange between the Myanmar Police Force, under the Ministry of Home Affairs, and China's Ministry of Public Security is ongoing to identify and arrest the culprits in their joint effort to conduct law enforcement and combat online fraud between the two countries.

According to the information exchanged between the law enforcement organizations of the two countries, authorities became aware that criminals led by China's wanted fugitive Cheng Dawei were living in Yangon and Mandalay and operating online fraud activities. During the search and arrest in July, 20 Chinese nationals, including Cheng Dawei and Yang Liang, were identified and arrested.

On 19 September, 20 Chinese nationals, including Cheng Dawei, were extradited to China with adequate security in accordance with the procedure.

The Myanmar Police Force, under the Ministry of Home Affairs, is investigating online fraud



Documentary photo shows 20 Chinese citizens including Cheng Dawei arrested in Myanmar during anti online scam by Information exchange between the law enforcement organizations of Myanmar and China.

activities and taking effective action in collaboration with law enforcement organizations from neighboring countries to prevent

and combat online fraud and online gambling in accordance with domestic laws. — MNA/TH

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.

OPINION

ARTICLE

Preserve sign language rights for all

SIGN languages provide a means of communication among people without relying on spoken linguistic identity. Such movements are essential for all deaf people and other sign language users. These hand gestures can effectively express the emotions of users, facilitating communication within society.

The International Day of Sign Languages is a unique opportunity to support and protect the use of these gestures among people of different races and ethnicities, who use a variety of dialects, linguistic identities, and cultural expressions. In this way, the world will once again emphasize the unity created by sign languages. World leaders and government officials are encouraged to sign

this year's theme, "Sign up for Sign Language Rights," in their national sign languages to mark this significant day for sign language users in 2024.

In fact, sign languages remain in use among people who may lack fluency in spoken or internationally used languages. That can even be seen in international meetings and conferences attended by diverse groups of delegates. Sometimes, even when delegates speak the same international language, differences in pronunciation may hinder communication, and sign languages become valuable for all participants.

As we approach the 20th anniversary of the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD), adopted in December 2006, we are reminded of the importance of striving for better implementation of the CRPD at the national level through the linguistic human rights of deaf people. Sign up for sign language rights by collaborating with local and national associations to achieve concrete goals for deaf communities today.

According to the World Federation of the Deaf, there are more than 70 million deaf people worldwide, and over 80 per cent of them live in developing countries. Collectively, they use more than 300 different sign languages. The Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities recognizes and promotes the use of sign languages, affirming that sign languages are equal in status to spoken languages. It also obligates states to facilitate the learning of sign language and promote the linguistic identity of the Deaf community.

The UN General Assembly has proclaimed 23 September as the International Day of Sign Languages to raise awareness of the importance of sign language in realizing the full human rights of deaf people. Everyone, whether deaf or not, should learn sign languages to communicate when needed while preserving these valuable forms of expression for long-term existence.

A Little-known Philanthropist

By Yin Nwe Ko



to posting various computer software daily. As a computer enthusiast myself, I noticed that the software he shared was always easy to download and worked well. Although I tried to send him a friend request on Facebook, I couldn't become friends with him because his friend list had already reached the limit of 5,000.

Later, U Kaung Myint stopped posting his software on Facebook, likely due to Facebook's policies. Instead, he began using Telegram to share his software. I got his phone number from Facebook and called him. He answered immediately and even recognized me as "Yaza," which is my name on one of my Facebook accounts.

U Kaung Myint is also someone who makes expensive Windows installation software available for free download. His collec-

tion includes Windows versions such as 7, 8, 8.1, 10, and 11, each with multiple variations. He provides these versions so that Myanmar computer users can easily access the software without having to purchase it. Once, out of curiosity, I called him to ask how he managed to share all this software. He explained that he receives repackaged software from a foreign friend and uploads it daily for free use by Myanmar citizens. He also mentioned that companies frequently release updated versions of their software, and he promptly uploads those updates as well.

For example, the Microsoft Office software he has shared includes versions 2013, 2016, 2019, 2021, 2021 Professional, 2021 Professional Plus, and even the 2024 version, which I downloaded just this morning. I download every version because some of my friends

use lower-end computers, and newer versions may not run well on their devices. I keep all the versions so that I can provide them to friends who need them.

In reality, I don't download every piece of software that U Kaung Myint shares. However, I have downloaded and used the most commonly needed software, such as Windows installation software, Microsoft Office, PageMaker, Adobe Photoshop CC, Internet Download Manager, Camtasia, Wondershare Filmora, CapCut, Abbyy FineReader PDF, PDF Studio, Adobe Acrobat, Chrome, Telegram, Viber, Hand Break, and Format Factory. Every time an updated version is released, I download it again to keep my software up to date.

Despite his age, U Kaung Myint continues to share updated software on his Telegram channel daily, with a strong sense of service

for Myanmar computer users. I have long recognized him as a true philanthropist. He stays in his little computer room, diligently providing Myanmar citizens with the updated software they need, and as a gesture of appreciation, I have written this article to honour his kindness.

U Kaung Myint's dedication to sharing valuable software with the people of Myanmar is truly remarkable. In a world where most people are driven by personal gain, his selflessness shines as a rare example of quiet generosity. He spends his time uploading software that would otherwise be expensive, allowing thousands of users in Myanmar to benefit from tools that are essential in the modern digital age. His work isn't motivated by profit or recognition but by the desire to make life easier for those who may not have

access to the necessary resources. This kind of altruism, driven by the need to help others without expecting anything in return, is deeply admirable.

What stands out about U Kaung Myint is that he has been doing this work for over a decade, demonstrating unwavering commitment despite his age. It's not just the volume of software he shares that is impressive, but the consistency with which he does so. Many would see maintaining a Telegram channel and regularly uploading the latest versions of popular software as tedious work, especially without financial incentive, but U Kaung Myint continues with enthusiasm. His actions show that the true spirit of philanthropy doesn't require grand gestures or public attention – it can be quietly done from a small computer room, day after day, for the benefit of others.

U Kaung Myint's efforts also have a far-reaching impact on Myanmar's digital landscape. By making essential software available for free, he enables students, professionals, and enthusiasts to stay up-to-date, with the tools they need to succeed. Without his contributions, many might struggle to afford such software, limiting their opportunities to learn, work, and contribute to their communities. In this way, U Kaung Myint is indirectly contributing to the development of technology skills and education in Myanmar, empowering people to bridge the digital divide.

In contemplating his work, it becomes clear that U Kaung Myint exemplifies the kind of quiet heroism that often goes unnoticed in our society. He's not seeking fame or rewards, but his work touches the lives of many. It reminds us that true philanthropy doesn't need to come with titles or awards; rather, it can be as simple as helping others in ways that may seem small but are, in reality, life-changing. His actions challenge us to think about how we can contribute to the well-being of others, even in modest ways, and how such contributions can have a lasting and meaningful impact.

I sincerely hope that U Kaung Myint remains healthy and happy as he continues his philanthropic work for the people of Myanmar. His tireless dedication to providing free and valuable software has already made a significant difference in the lives of countless computer users across the country. May his passion for helping others inspire future generations, and may he enjoy the fulfillment that comes from knowing how much his selfless contributions are appreciated. His work is a testament to the power of kindness and generosity, and I wish him continued success and well-being in all his endeavours.

Confession: This article has been written in honour with the permission of U Kaung Myint.

WHEN we think of the word "philanthropist" in Myanmar, we often imagine members of funeral assistance organizations. However, if we broaden the meaning to include anyone who consistently works selflessly for the benefit of others, the definition becomes more complete. Some people contribute to various charitable activities when the opportunity arises, while others focus their efforts on a single cause, persistently working for the common good. These individuals also deserve to be called philanthropists.

This morning, something happened that made me particularly happy. I was able to successfully use Wondershare Filmora, a video editing software that had been installed on my computer many times for about two years but never worked. However, today, I downloaded it from a Telegram channel, installed it, and exported videos without a watermark, even though this feature was usually locked in free versions. The last version of Wondershare Filmora I used was Filmora X, and since then, Filmora 11, Filmora 12, and Filmora 13 have been released. However, with the newer versions, free usage was no longer allowed, and the company started adding watermarks to videos exported from the free version, causing frustration for users. But thanks to the version I downloaded from the Telegram channel this morning, I was able to export videos smoothly without a watermark.

The founder of this Telegram channel is an elderly man in his 60s from Mandalay named U Kaung Myint. Readers may be surprised to learn that U Kaung Myint is someone who regularly uploads software that would otherwise cost Myanmar users significant amounts of money. I have known U Kaung Myint for over ten years. I first became aware of him on Facebook, where he is getting used





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Global quest where peace is the winner

THE 75-year journey of the People's Republic of China has witnessed the relentless efforts of the Chinese people to pursue development and progress, creating a miracle of long-term economic growth and social stability.

As it embarks on the journey of Chinese modernisation in the new era, the country strives to realise its dream of national rejuvenation through modernisation and peaceful development. With a vision for human progress, it remains committed to providing new opportunities for world peace and development through its own prosperity.

At the Summit of the Forum on China-Africa Cooperation in Beijing in September, Chinese President Xi Jinping called on China and African countries, with a total of 2.8 billion inhabitants, almost one-third of the world's population, to join hands in advancing modernisation.

"China and Africa's joint pursuit of modernisation will set off a wave of modernisation in the Global South and open a new chapter in our drive for a community with a shared future for mankind," he said.

China, under the leadership of the Communist Party of China, is intent on pursuing a path of peaceful development, working closely with all countries. Since 1950, the Tian'anmen Rostrum at the centre of Beijing has been adorned with the inscription "Long Live the Great Unity of the Peoples of the World."

Yasir Habib Khan, president of the Institute of International Relations and Media Research in Pakistan, said China has made strenuous efforts to advance peace and stability in Asia, the Middle East, Europe and elsewhere.

During the Cold War in the 1950s, Chinese wisdom, rooted in centuries of a peaceful civilisation, came up with the Five Principles of Peaceful Coexistence, Khan said.

"Today the Chinese leadership has reinvigorated these values at a defining moment when a new Cold War is rearing its ugly head.

"The vision of building a community with a shared future for mankind is the most effective move to sustain, promote and upgrade the Five Principles of Peaceful Coexist-

Country committed to mediating conflicts, promoting dialogue, fostering shared future. **Cao Desheng** reports



A Lane Xang electric multiple unit train of the China-Laos Railway in Vientiane in April.

YANG YONGQUAN / XINHUA

ence in the new circumstances."

The Five Principles of Peaceful Coexistence, which have been incorporated into the country's Constitution, offer insight into how developed and developing countries can live together. Among the world's major countries, China has the best record with respect to peace and security.

With a Chinese approach to resolving difficult issues, the path of impartiality and peaceful diplomacy that China pursues stands out in today's world as Beijing mediates in conflicts and promotes dialogue to achieve peace.

It has played a constructive role in the Ukraine crisis, the Palestine-Israel conflict, and issues relating to the Korean Peninsula, Iran, Myanmar and Afghanistan.

With regard to the Palestinian question, the Beijing Declaration signed by 14 Palestinian factions in Beijing in July that calls for an end to division and strengthen unity has made China a focal point of global diplomacy.

The signing of the declaration was a crucial step towards resolving the Palestinian question and achieving peace and stability in the Middle East. It was also the first time that

The goal of the Chinese path to modernisation is not monolithic, but multifaceted, including China's peaceful development, creating opportunities for the world, common prosperity and win-win co-operation."

Yu Yunquan

Senior research fellow at the Academy of Contemporary China and World Studies

an internal Palestinian reconciliation document has been agreed with the decisive help of a country outside the Arab world.

In March, after years of open hostility, Saudi Arabia and Iran agreed to restore diplomatic ties following talks facilitated by China, a boon to the security and stability of the Middle East.

Analysts praised China for its role as a peace broker and its efforts to facilitate dialogue. This also showed that China's diplomatic philosophy that aims to promote peace and

development is much more appealing than some other countries' tactics of fuelling confrontation to expand their own interests in the Gulf region, they said.

"China's impartial stance, free from selfish motives or interests, has garnered increasing trust from the international community," Khan said.

In April 2022 Xi proposed the Global Security Initiative, which advocates a vision of common, comprehensive, co-operative and sustainable security, with the philosophy that humanity is an indivisible security community, and aims to create a new path to security that features dialogue over confrontation, partnership over alliance and win-win over zero-sum.

China is a major troop contributor and the second-largest financial contributor to United Nations peacekeeping operations, and has set up an 8,000-strong peacekeeping standby force.

In the Report to the 20th CPC National Congress in October 2022, Xi said that as China pursues modernisation, it will not tread the old paths of war, colonisation and plunder.

"Dedicated to peace, development, co-operation and mutual benefit, we will strive to safeguard world peace and development as we pursue our own development, and we will make greater contributions to world peace and development through our own development," he said.

Since China embarked on reform and opening-up in 1978 it has made tremendous contributions to world peace and development through its own growth. The country's contribution to global economic growth averaged 24.8 per cent from 1979 to 2023, ranking top in the world, according to the National Bureau of Statistics.

China has become the world's largest manufacturer, the largest country in terms of trade in goods and the largest holder of foreign exchange reserves.

The burgeoning Belt and Road Initiative, launched in 2013 to promote the building of a community with a shared future for mankind, has shown how China translates its words into deeds and how the concept helps change the world.

A series of landmark Belt and Road projects have come to fruition. Among them, the China-Europe Railway Express comprises a network of rail lines spanning Europe and Asia, with 86 operational routes running to more than 200 cities in 25 European countries.

The China-Laos Railway is helping the people of Laos realise their dream of turning their country into a land-linked one, opening up a new route to development and prosperity.

China's journey from a planned economy to a market economy through market-oriented reforms has been of immense significance not only for China itself but also offers valuable lessons for other countries, analysts said.

The Chinese path towards modernisation is not self-centred, said Yu Yunquan, a senior research fellow at the Academy of Contemporary China and World Studies in Beijing.

"The goal of the Chinese path to modernisation is not monolithic, but multifaceted, including China's peaceful development, creating opportunities for the world, common prosperity and win-win co-operation."

Fight that has routed poverty

WHEN TV cameras captured Yu Yanqia, 8, dragging herself upside down along a steel rope strung above the raging Nujiang River on her daily journey to school, no bridges spanned the Nujiang, in rural Fugong county, Yunnan province. So the only way anyone could cross the river was the primitive and precarious steel rope and pulley system that Yu used that day in 2007.

Since then things have vastly improved for Yu and the area in which she lives.

Yu, now a doctor at a hospital in Nujiang Lisu autonomous prefecture, in which Fugong county is situated, remembers how her heart raced with the howling wind each time she crossed the river.

"I'd never been far from my village, so I just thought everyone used pulley bridges to cross rivers," she told Chinese media in July.

The images seen nationally of her crossing the river spurred action to build a bridge across the Nujiang, and when it was completed the following year Yu was chosen as the first person to cross it.

Yu's story encapsulates the rapid progress that has been made in China in improving infrastructure and lifting people out of poverty, especially in remote parts of the country.

Twenty years ago Fugong had some of the most entrenched poverty in the country, with more than half of its people being impoverished. Yunnan had the highest number of poverty-stricken counties in the country, totalling 88.

Today villages are linked by paved

Mighty efforts in raising living standards of tens of millions can be seen in country's bridges and roads. **Li Lei** and **Li Yingqing** report



A family who have been relocated from their remote home in the mountains to a modern community in Anshun, Guizhou province. YANG WENBIN / XINHUA

roads, and bridges span rivers, meaning that communication, the flow of people and commerce have greatly improved. Access to education, healthcare, work and daily necessities has also improved.

Since the People's Republic of China was founded in 1949 the battle against poverty has been a top priority for the Communist Party of China. Following the 18th CPC National Congress in 2012, central authorities stepped up efforts to eliminate rural poverty, setting a goal of eradicating poverty before the Party's centenary in 2021.

A key aspect of this campaign has been improving rural connectivity.



A farmer tends to cherry tomato vines in a greenhouse in a village in Pingshan, Hebei province. CHEN YEYHUA / XINHUA

By 2016 all pulley bridges in Nujiang prefecture had been replaced by modern bridges. Today these bridges along the Nujiang River, rather than just being transportation channels, have also

become tourist attractions.

Since the 18th CPC National Congress, China has built or rebuilt more than 2.53 million kilometres of rural roads and built paved roads in 1,040 townships and 105,000 villages, according to official figures.

More than 50,000 villages have also been connected by passenger bus services.

Nearly 100 million rural poor escaped poverty between 2012 and 2021, ending domestic poverty on the Chinese mainland.

This achievement is all the more remarkable given the global trend of rising poverty.

The World Bank said 712 million

people worldwide were living in extreme poverty in 2022, 23 million more than in 2019.

The pandemic significantly hampered global poverty reduction efforts, leading to three years of setbacks, between 2020 and 2022, affecting low-income countries in particular.

Before National Poverty Relief Day on 17 October four years ago, Guy Ryder, then director-general of the International Labour Organization, said China's decision to stick to the goal of eradicating rural poverty by the end of 2020 amid a "complex economic environment" set a benchmark in meeting the United Nations 2030 Sustainable Development Goals, which include eliminating extreme poverty worldwide in a decade.

On 25 February, 2021, at a conference in Beijing, President Xi Jinping announced that China had achieved complete victory over absolute poverty, with a total of 98.99 million rural poor having been lifted out of poverty.

"China has completed the task of eradicating absolute poverty, which is truly a miracle of human society," said Zhang Jun, then China's permanent representative to the UN, in 2021.

The country's achievement in eliminating poverty was an important contribution to global human rights, he said.

The number of Chinese who escaped poverty over the past 40 years has accounted for more than 70 per cent of the world's impoverished people during that period, measured by the poverty threshold set by the World Bank.

From little seedlings grow large profits

By **LI LEI**

AT a small plantation on the northern edge of the Himalayan Mountains range in the Xizang autonomous region, *lingzhi* mushrooms are being cultivated to increase the local income.

A medicinal fungus, *lingzhi*, also known as reishi mushrooms, is traditionally foraged from the wild.

In a row of dim, humid single-storey outbuildings, *lingzhi* spores are carefully grown into seedlings to be planted in nearby greenhouses. Close by, freshly harvested *lingzhi* mushrooms are neatly arranged on shelves to be dried for market.

This process has become all

too common at the Red Sun Family Farm in Manling in the city of Nyingchi, Xizang, where efforts to grow medicinal herbs and fungi are changing lives for the better.

The farm, which yielded 15 metric tonnes of dried *lingzhi* last year, is supplying seedlings and technical support to about 400 *lingzhi*-growing families in Manling to increase output.

Red Sun Family Farm is owned by Nyima, a once-impoverished farmer who has not only transformed his own life but also uplifted many within his ethnic Tibetan community.

His journey to prosperity began 14 years ago when he cultivated *lingzhi*.

Before that there had been twists

and turns in his business endeavours. In 2007 Nyima and his family of four were living in a modest 23-square-metre prefabricated home, struggling to make ends meet.

Seeking a change, he ventured into agricultural entrepreneurship. In 2008 he took out a loan of 150,000 yuan (\$21,000) to establish a pig and chicken farm in his village. However, his business suffered due to a lack of knowledge about breeding techniques and an unfavourable market.

In 2010 authorities adopted policies aimed at developing Manling into a centre for medicinal herbs.

Sensing the business potential,

Nyima shifted gears and founded a medicinal farm focusing on raising *tianma*, or *Gastrodia elata*, a herb related to orchids. The decision proved a big success, and he turned a profit in the first year.

Aided by the local government, in 2012 Nyima renamed the company Red Sun Family Farm, and expanded its range of medicinal plants, and the business took off.

With a better financial standing, he thought about helping others. In 2016, at the height of China's fight against absolute poverty, he gave *lingzhi* seedlings to poor farmers to grow and offered to buy what they grew.

In 2021 at the Great Hall of the People in Beijing Nyima was honoured with a national award for his contribution to alleviating poverty.

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Visitors purchase cashmere products through mobile payment methods during the 20th China-ASEAN Expo in Nanning, Guangxi Zhuang autonomous region, in September, 2023. PROVIDED TO CHINA DAILY

Opening-up continues to pay dividends for all

International firms help power innovation and growth.
Zhong Nan and Wang Keju report

FOREIGN companies once used to send their managers, sales experts and engineers, along with product samples, to big Chinese cities such as Beijing, Guangzhou and Shanghai to set up representative offices and test the viability of the Chinese market.

This was particularly so during the 1980s, and by the 1990s many of these companies began building factories in China, their number surging after the country joined the World Trade Organization in 2001.

With products made in China being supplied to both domestic and international markets, foreign companies such as Schneider Electric of France and Bosch Group of Germany increasingly appointed Chinese executives to head their operations in the country. This move was part of broader localisation efforts that included setting up research and development centres in China.

As the People's Republic of China celebrates the 75th anniversary of its founding this year, senior executives of multinational companies said the country's recent economic reforms are poised to bolster the global supply chain network and deepen the integration of foreign investment with the country's economic growth.

For global firms that produce and distribute products and services, China has evolved into a place for promoting growth and innovation.

Anna An, president for the China unit of Henkel AG & Co, a German industrial and consumer goods manufacturer, said that since entering China more than 50 years ago her company has grown with the country, continuing to invest so as to promote talent and industry growth.

"We will continue investing in China to further support our customers with innovative and sustainable solutions and products in sectors where we see strong future demand, such as consumer electronics, new energy vehicles, advanced manufacturing, packaging and consumer goods."

Nat Madarang, president for Asia Pacific with Goodyear Tire and Rubber Co of the United States, said China is crucial to the company's global business strategy, and that China's new reform initiatives, aimed at expanding opening-up and fostering industrial upgrades and technological innovation, align well with his company's objectives.

"We see substantial opportunities in China's reform and opening-up initiatives and remain dedicated to deepening our presence and investment in China and the broader Asia-Pacific region."

Goodyear said it has benefitted from the Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership, shipping tires made in China to Japan and a number of Southeast Asian countries.

Driven by factors such as rapid

industrial upgrading, shifting business models and growing demand for personalised products, many multinational companies have recognised that Chinese consumers and the business environment are continuing to evolve, said Tang Yihong, a professor specialising in cross-border investment at the University of International Business and Economics in Beijing.

In response, these companies have established more innovation and service centres to meet local demand in China, she said.

From January to August China's actual use of the foreign direct investment reached 580.2 billion yuan (\$81.8 billion). Affected by a high base in the corresponding period last year, the scale of such investment fell year-on-year but remained relatively high in the context of the past decade, the Ministry of Commerce said.

In particular, nearly 37,000 foreign-funded companies were newly established in China in this period, 11.5 per cent more than in the corresponding period last year.

Between January and August the foreign trade value of foreign-invested businesses was 8.4 trillion yuan in China, 1.5 per cent more than in the corresponding period last year, accounting for 29.4 per cent of the country's total foreign trade value, the General Administration of Customs said.

Foreign pastures provide rich pickings for internet traders

By FAN FEIFEI

ON a busy day late last month Zhang Wanchen, 34, a white-collar worker in Guangzhou, Guangdong province, placed an order online using her smartphone, to buy a gift box of Japanese cookies, dried cranberries from the United States, a carton of New Zealand milk, Norwegian salmon and French red wine, all of which would be delivered to her home in the next few days.

"These products all looked and tasted authentic, and seemed worth the prices I paid for them," Zhang said. "When I studied overseas I often got cosmetics, handbags and electronic devices for my relatives and friends at home."

"After returning to China I found online shopping very convenient, and more discounts are available on such foreign products when they have sales."

Zhang is among a growing number of Chinese consumers who are buying imported and foreign-branded products, which have become a key driver of upgraded consumption fuelled by government incentives. Lower tariffs, an expanded list of imported goods and a gradual improvement in cross-border logistics are all important, industry insiders said.

A report by the Consumption and Industry Development Research Institute of the Chinese e-commerce company JD said people aged 26-35 are the main consumers of imported commodities, accounting for 45 per cent of buyers, while consumers in the 46-55 age group have contributed to the fastest growth in purchases of imported products.

Personal care products, cosmetics and skincare, food and beverages as well as maternity and infant products are the categories most favoured by Chinese consumers buying imports, the report said.

While residents living in first-tier cities have become the primary buyers of imported products, those in lower-tier markets have shown a growing interest in buying such commodities, it said.

"Chinese consumers have shown rising purchasing demand for diversified, personalised and niche overseas products, and are attaching more importance to the value of the goods they buy," said Zhang Zhouping, an analyst who tracks business-to-business and cross-border activities at the Internet Economy Institute, a domestic consultancy.

China's cross-border e-commerce industry has grown strongly in recent years, and its imports and exports were worth 1.22 trillion yuan (\$171.5 billion) in the first half of this year, 10.5 per cent more than in the corresponding period last year, the General Administration of Customs said.

Even as foreign brands use cross-border e-commerce channels to reach Chinese consumers, Chinese businesses are speeding up their push into overseas markets.

Temu, the cross-border e-commerce platform of the Chinese online discounter PDD Holdings, has become popular among overseas shoppers because it offers a wide range of goods, including apparel, consumer electronics, jewellery, shoes, cosmetics and baby products at competitive prices.

The fast-fashion online retailer Shein is ratcheting up resources to give a strong boost to the transformation of traditional industries by making use of its digital and flexible supply chains.

For sellers good at designing and producing products, but that have no overseas sales and operations experience, Shein said, it will provide one-stop services, including commodity operations, warehousing, logistics, customer service and after-sales service.



A booth of the fast-fashion online retailer Shein at a commerce expo in Zhengzhou, Henan province. PROVIDED TO CHINA DAILY

Yellow River Basin on course for greener future

Efforts stepped up to ensure environmental protection and development. **Zhao Ruixue, Zhu Xingxin** and **Ma Jingna** report

IN mid-September, the Maqu wetlands in Gansu province are a picturesque scene of lush grasslands stretching towards the horizon like a green carpet, with rivers and waterways shimmering in the late summer sun.

A bridge spanning the Yellow River connects Qinghai province, where the river originates in the west, with the Maqu wetlands in the east.

The Yellow River winds its way through Maqu county for 433 kilometres, with more than 300 of its tributaries flowing through vast grasslands and wetlands.

These waterways replenish the Yellow River with nearly 10 billion cubic metres of water a year, making it a crucial water source conservation area in the upper reaches of the river.

Ma Jianyun, chief engineer of the forestry technology comprehensive service station at the county's natural resources bureau, points at photos taken before and after to show the success of restoration efforts in recent years.

"Look at how the barren river-

banks have turned lush and green," he said. "The effects of desertification control are obvious."

President Xi Jinping stressed improvement in conservation efforts of the river basin and its high-quality development when he chaired a symposium in Lanzhou, Gansu's capital, on 12 September.

Xi underlined the need to promote new progress in ecological protection across the basin, green transformation, high-quality development, and improvement in the people's livelihood.

The Yellow River, revered as China's Mother River and a cradle of civilisation, flows through nine provinces and autonomous regions, and affects the lives of 420 million people.

In October 2021 a comprehensive outline on protecting and developing the Yellow River Basin was published, aiming to guide policy formulation and engineering projects to tackle the basin's unique challenges.

The implementation of the national Yellow River Protection Law in April last year, along with provincial



Tourists visit the Hukou Waterfall on the Yellow River in Jixian county, Shanxi province, in August.

ZHU XINGXIN / CHINA DAILY

regulations tailored to local conditions, improved governance and protection of the river.

"The ecological protection and high-quality development strategy in the Yellow River Basin, as well as policies and regulations such as the Yellow River Protection Law, have provided us with a foundation for our work," said Chen Xiaowei, director of the Yellow River channel management station in Lanzhou.

Chen and his team patrol the river to monitor its condition, and they publish information about policies and regulations to keep people abreast of what is going on.

In the 1990s, Maqu faced significant grassland desertification problems along the Yellow River because of permafrost degradation, frequent river course changes and wind erosion. This led to water conservation and biodiversity being compro-

mised. On windy days, for instance, sand would blanket the grasslands, posing problems for local herders.

In 2021 Gansu set up an integrated protection and restoration project for its mountains, waters, forests, lakes, grasslands and sand resources in the upper Yellow River Basin to restore degraded grasslands and wetlands, and to control erosion.

By the end of last year more than 42,000 hectares of land along the Yellow River in Maqu had been restored.

Chopa Dondrub, 32, has long been aware of the ecological changes in Maqu, his hometown.

In 2019, after graduating from Southwest Minzu University with a master's degree in ethnology, he returned home and established the Maqu County Ecological Environment Protection Association.

One of his responsibilities is to work with the local community to deal with the issue of black soil patches, a consequence of alpine vegetation degradation. If left unattended they can expand, affecting soil conservation and posing an environmental threat.

"Black soil patches are soft, and when you walk on them you may find your shoes sinking into them," Chopa Dondrub said.

The process of restoring the patches is not complex but requires attention to detail and patience, he said.

He and his volunteers plant grass seeds in spring, which are a metre high by November, successfully covering the black soil patches.

Over the past five years he and his team have restored tens of thousands of spots affected by black soil patches, with the areas varying in size from 1 square metre to 10 sq m.



Cranes fly over the Yellow River Delta wetland in Dongying, Shandong province. ZHANG XIAOLONG / FOR CHINA DAILY

Conservation efforts help revitalise Yangtze

By **LIU KUN** and **HOU LIQIANG**

BORN in De'an, a county near Poyang Lake along the Yangtze River in Jiangxi province, Wei Qiwei, chief scientist at the Chinese Academy of Fishery Sciences, has vivid childhood memories of water and fish.

The 64-year-old used to play in a small river near his home from the age of 3. "For us kids, the river was a place of comfort and fun. We couldn't live without it," he smiled.

More important was that the river provided his favourite food — fish. His grandfather was a fisherman who fished with the help of trained cormorants. "The bird

could easily catch fish as there were quite a lot of fish back then."

In stark contrast to his childhood, however, Wei described the remarkable fish scarcity he encountered when he first surveyed the Yangtze from 2017 to 2020 as chief scientist.

"Fishermen hardly had any catch. The money they made from selling fish was barely enough to cover the cost of the fuel," he said, noting that he was deeply concerned about the conservation situation at the time.

A total of 323 fish species were found in the river, with 135 historically distributed in the Yangtze undiscovered, according to the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Affairs, which funded the survey.

A few years on, Wei is somewhat relieved because of a 10-year fishing moratorium that came into effect in the Yangtze River Basin on 1 January, 2020, which is part of a national campaign to promote Yangtze conservation.

Aside from the fishing ban, a series of measures have been taken to conserve fish resources in the basin since January 2016.

Relevant authorities at different levels have come down hard and are maintaining intense pressure on illegal fishing since the moratorium came into effect, according to the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Affairs.

"In 2023, the number of reports



A fish escapes the net as fishermen secure their catch at a fish farm in Anqing, Anhui province, in March last year.

LI LONG / FOR CHINA DAILY

from the public about illegal fishing decreased by 28 per cent compared to the previous year. The trend of frequent incidents of illegal fishing has been effectively curbed," it said.

To enhance the conservation of fish, especially endangered species, many projects previously built along the country's longest watercourse have been relocated.

Built in 1958, for instance, the Wangjiahe oil depot in Yichang, Hubei province, used to be the largest reserve base for refined oil in western Hubei, handling 13 billion metric tonnes of refined oil every year.

The depot, the wharf of which is located in a section of the Yangtze that Chinese sturgeon must pass in their breeding migration, has been moved to a new location about 60 kilometres away.

Listed as "critically endangered" by the International Union for Conservation of Nature, Chinese sturgeon are endemic to China and are under national first-class protection.

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Convention aims to foster creativity in China's broadcasting, TV industry

This inaugural event will focus on various media forms, including TV dramas, web series, news, documentaries, and animation. It aims to foster talent, share insights, and promote industry collaboration through a main forum and 12 parallel discussions on specific topics.

A national convention aimed at fostering creativity in China's broadcasting and television industry will be held from 11 to 13 October in Beijing, according to the National Radio and Television Administration.

The event, the first of its kind, will focus on promoting creativity across the industry, covering not only TV dramas, web series and online films but also news, documentaries, animation and micro-dramas, the administration announced.

It added that the con-

vention will serve as a comprehensive platform for sharing insights, nurturing talent and encouraging industry collaboration.

The event will feature a main forum, centered on boosting the quality and reach of broadcasting and television works, alongside 12 parallel forums, which will focus on specific topics and explore the quality development of the industry.

China has witnessed remarkable growth in the broadcasting, television and online audio-visual

service industry, with its total revenue in the first half of 2024 reaching 668.3 billion yuan (about 95.3 billion US dollars), representing a 7 per cent year-on-year increase. — Xinhua

The broadcasting and online audio-visual sector has seen significant growth, with revenue reaching 668.3 billion yuan (approximately \$95.3 billion) in the first half of 2024, a 7 per cent increase from the previous year. The CCTV (China Central Television) building, located in Beijing. **PHOTO: WIKIMEDIA COMMONS/FILE**



Middle East reacts to the death of Hassan Nasrallah



Hassan Nasrallah was the face of Hezbollah. **PHOTO: AFP/FILE**

ON Saturday, Middle Eastern nations and Hezbollah's allies responded to the reported killing of Hezbollah leader Hassan Nasrallah by Israeli airstrikes in Beirut.

Hezbollah confirmed his death, stating he had

been a leader for over 30 years and was killed in a "treacherous" attack in a stronghold area of Beirut.

Israel's military hailed Nasrallah as one of its greatest adversaries, with Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu declaring that

his death avenged many Israeli casualties.

Iranian officials asserted that Nasrallah's vision for Hezbollah would continue, emphasizing support for the Palestinian cause.

Palestinian group

Hamas condemned the assassination, calling it a cowardly act and pledging solidarity with Hezbollah.

Palestinian Authority President Mahmud Abbas expressed condolences over the attacks.

In Yemen, Huthi rebels stated that Nasrallah's death would fuel their resolve against Israel.

Iraqi Prime Minister Mohammed Shia al-Sudani condemned the strikes, labeling them a shameful attack, while Syrian officials criticized Israel's actions as barbaric.

In Bahrain, the opposition movement Al-Wefaq honored Nasrallah as a symbol of resistance. The reactions underscore a unified stance among various factions against Israeli military actions. — AFP

Cambodia offers free bus services for Pchum Ben festival

CAMBODIA on Sunday began to provide free bus service to transport people to their hometowns for the Pchum Ben festival, or the Ancestor's Day, which will be celebrated from 1 to 3 October. Phnom Penh Municipal Governor Khuong Sreng said that on the advice of Cambodian Prime Minister Hun Manet, a total of 653 buses have been arranged to give free rides to anyone traveling from the capital Phnom Penh to their hometowns and vice versa, starting from 29 September to 4 October. — Xinhua

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SPORTS



Myanmar team player in action against Turkmenistan player. **PHOTO: MFF**

AFC U-20: Team Myanmar suffers defeat in all group matches

THE final day of Group I in the 2025 AFC U-20 Asian Cup qualification took place in Kyrgyzstan yesterday. The Myanmar team faced a disappointing end, losing all three group matches.

In their last match, Myanmar competed against Turkmenistan, losing by a score of 1-4. With no hopes of progressing in the tournament, the team failed to secure a positive result in their final match. Although Myanmar managed to score first, they were unable to maintain the lead, conceding multiple goals thereafter. The opening goal came in the 14th minute, scored by Saw Sekapaw Say. However, Turkmenistan quickly responded, finding the net in the 17th, 41st, 89th, and 90+1 minutes. Even after Turkmenistan had a player sent off just before halftime, Myanmar could not capitalize such a privilege, failing to score again and conceding additional goals in the second half.

Throughout the group stage, Myanmar suffered defeats, losing 2-0 to Kyrgyzstan, 6-0 to Japan, and 4-1 to Turkmenistan. — Ko Nyi Lay/KZL

Messi scores but Miami held as rivals secure playoff spots

Miami responded with urgency, but Messi's header from a Jordi Alba cross was saved by Charlotte's goalkeeper, Kristijan Kahlina.

LIONEL Messi grabbed the equaliser as a misfiring Inter Miami were held to a 1-1 draw at home against Charlotte FC in Major League Soccer on Saturday.

Elsewhere, the Seattle Sounders, Houston Dynamo, New York Red Bulls, New York City, LAFC and Orlando City all secured their places in the playoffs.

Despite the setback of a third straight draw, Miami — already assured of a place in the playoffs — remain top of the Eastern Conference and the Supporters Shield regular season standings.

Charlotte, coached by former Aston Villa boss Dean Smith, took the lead in the 57th minute when a low shot from Brandt Bronico deflected off Karol Swiderski and beat Miami keeper Drake Callender.

The goal added some needed urgency to Miami's approach and Jordi Alba found his former Barcelona team-mate Messi with a cross from the left, but



Lionel Messi (L) scored but Inter Miami were held to a 1-1 draw by Charlotte. **PHOTO: AFP**

the Argentine's header was straight at goalkeeper Kristijan Kahlina.

The Croatian keeper then did well to keep out a Messi drive from the edge of the box.

Moments later Messi, just outside the area, carved out just enough space for a shot and buried his left-foot drive into the bottom corner for his 15th goal in as many games this season.

Miami thought they had won a penalty in the 77th minute when Diego Gomez went down under challenge from

Charlotte's French defender Adilson Malanda and referee Ramy Touchan pointed to the spot.

Malanda received a second yellow card but he and his team were saved by the VAR, who ruled he had played the ball.

Deep in stoppage time, Miami had a great chance to take all three points when Alba headed across goal, but Luis Suarez under pressure from Kahlina fired over the bar from a yard out. — AFP

Stadiums of FIFA Club World Cup announced

FIFA announced Sunday the 12 stadiums to host the new 2025 FIFA Club World Cup in the United States at the Global Citizen Festival in Central Park, New York.

A total of 32 clubs will compete at Mercedes-Benz Stadium (Atlanta), Bank of America Stadium (Charlotte), TQL Stadium (Cincinnati), Rose Bowl Sta-

dium (Los Angeles), Hard Rock Stadium (Miami), GEODIS Park (Nashville), Camping World Stadium (Orlando), Inter&Co Stadium (Orlando), Lincoln Financial Field (Philadelphia), Lumen Field (Seattle), and Audi Field (Washington, DC), as well as the MetLife Stadium in New York, which will host the final.

The tournament kicks off on 15

June, 2025, and the final will be on 13 July.

"Football is the most popular sport on the planet, and in 2025 a new era for club football will kick off when FIFA stages the greatest, most inclusive and merit-based global club competition right here in the United States," said FIFA President Gianni Infantino. — Xinhua

Kane prognosis 'positive' despite ankle injury, say Bayern

BAYERN Munich said examinations on striker Harry Kane's injured ankle showed "a positive development" on Sunday morning ahead of Wednesday's Champions League clash at Aston Villa.

Kane limped off with four minutes remaining in Bayern's 1-1 home draw with Bayer Leverkusen on Saturday.

The 31-year-old, who has a history of ankle injuries, was seen clutching at his lower leg after a collision with Leverkusen's Amine Adli.

In a statement, Bayern said Kane "suffered a painful blow to his ankle", but added "examinations by (the

club's) medical department on Sunday showed a positive development.

"Kane will continue to receive intensive treatment."

Bayern sporting director Max Eberl said Saturday "when Harry leaves the field it means something because he's pretty tough.

"(The incident) doesn't look good, but we hope he's made out of good English wood and nothing's broken."

Kane has been in great form for Bayern this season.

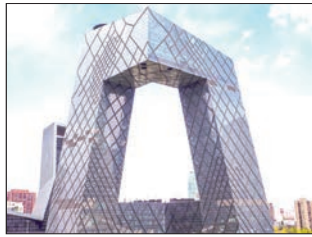
He has scored 10 goals in seven games in all competitions, including hitting four in Bayern's Champions League opener against Dinamo Zagreb. — AFP



Bayern Munich forward Harry Kane was subbed off with an ankle injury in Saturday's 1-1 draw with Bayer Leverkusen. **PHOTO: AFP**

Convention aims to foster creativity in China's broadcasting, TV industry

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Historic High Seas Treaty

Progress on high seas treaty, but change still far off

A year after a historic treaty to protect the high seas was opened to signatures, it has now received 13 ratifications — leaving it still far from coming into force.

The treaty, which took 15 years of tough negotiating to be approved, aims to protect vital marine ecosystems that are threatened by pollution. It requires 60 ratifications before coming into force.

UN members finalized it in March 2023, then formally adopted it. The treaty received 70 signatures in last year's United Nations flagship week — not ratifications, but indications of willingness to ratify it eventually.

That number has now reached 104.

Five new countries — East Timor, Singapore, the Maldives, Bangladesh and Barbados — ratified the treaty during this high-level week of the UN General Assembly, bringing total ratifications to 13.

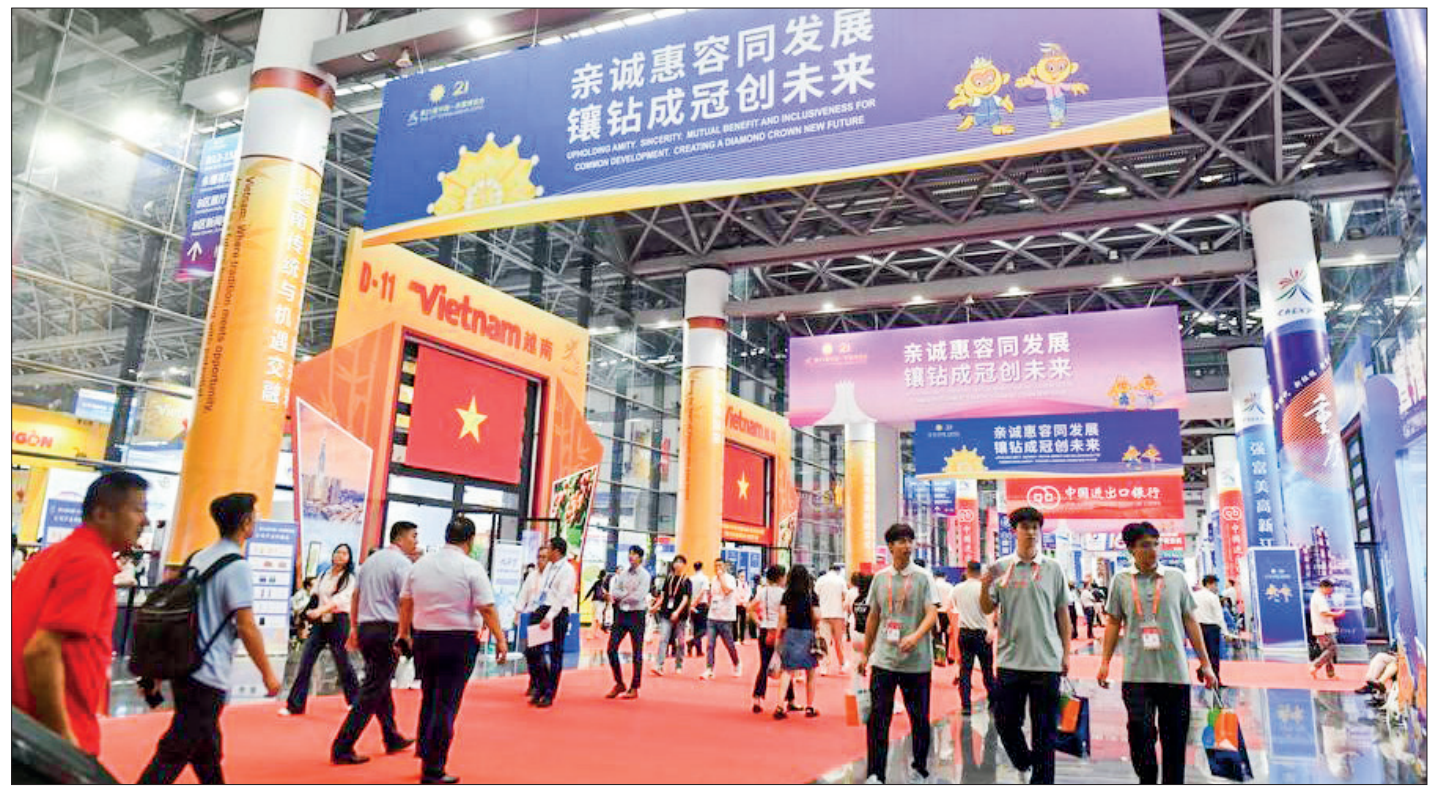
Campaign groups still hope the treaty will come into force in 2025, but say ratifications are badly lagging.

"Whilst this week's progress is welcome, there is a sense of complacency from some countries, and we would have expected more to have taken the opportunity of ratifying this week," environmental campaigners Greenpeace said.

"It is important that political momentum is kept high and countries finalize their ratification processes as soon as possible." — AFP

China-ASEAN Expo attracts record number of exhibitors

This year's event featured a new section on strategic emerging industries, highlighting advancements in digital technology and new energy. A total of 109 projects were signed, with 69 per cent focused on manufacturing in sectors like new materials and energy storage.



Visitors select products during the 21st China-ASEAN Expo at Nanning International Convention and Exhibition Centre in Nanning, south China's Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region, 24 September 2024. PHOTO: HUANG XIAOBANG/XINHUA

THE 21st China-ASEAN Expo (CAEXPO), which has drawn a record number of 3,300 exhibitors, concluded Saturday in Nanning, south China's Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region.

The expo featured 3,300 exhibitors, with 2,004 participating in the main exhibition area in Nanning. Among them were 740 enterprises from ASEAN countries, according to Wei Zhaohui, secretary-general of the CAEXPO Secretariat.

A new section was introduced this year to highlight strategic emerging industries, showcasing the latest developments and technologies in fields such as digital technology, new energy and intelligent connected vehicles.

This year's expo saw the signing of 109 projects, with 69 per cent of them focused on manufacturing. These projects involved key sectors such as new chemical materials, new energy and energy

storage, non-ferrous metals and machinery and equipment, as well as emerging industries including low-carbon polymer materials and high-end semiconductor chemical materials.

Since its inception in 2004, CAEXPO has actively built a platform for ASEAN enterprises to enter the Chinese market. The 22nd CAEXPO is tentatively scheduled for 17 to 21 September 2025, with Myanmar as the country of honor. — Xinhua

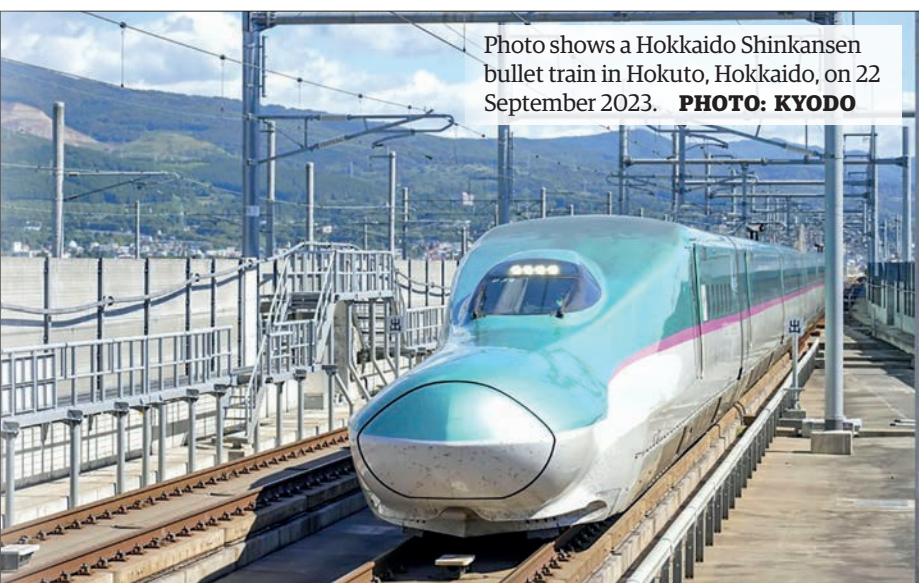


Photo shows a Hokkaido Shinkansen bullet train in Hokuto, Hokkaido, on 22 September 2023. PHOTO: KYODO

Japan's speedy, spotless Shinkansen bullet trains turn 60

Maintaining its cleanliness, punctuality, and safety is essential, prompting rigorous training for future conductors and drivers at a modern training centre.

HER white-gloved, waistcoated uniform impeccable, 22-year-old Hazuki Okuno boards a bullet train replica to rehearse the strict protocols behind the smooth operation of a Japanese institution turning 60 Tuesday.

High-speed Shinkansen trains began running between Tokyo and Osaka on 1 October, 1964, heralding a new era for rail travel as Japan grew into an economic superpower after

its World War II defeat. The service remains integral to the nation's economy and way of life — so keeping it dazzlingly clean, punctual and accident-free is a serious job. At a state-of-the-art training center in Japan, future rail staff, including conductors and drivers, undergo intense education to ensure safety on the Tokaido Shinkansen line, which serves nearly a quarter of a million passengers daily. — AFP