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State Administration Council Vice-Chairman Deputy Prime Minister Vice-Senior General Soe Win chairs the meeting of the Leading Committee on Organizing the Myanmar Education Conference 2024 yesterday.

## Myanmar's agri-produce exports cross US\$970M in Apr-May

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MYANMAR'S agricultural exports swelled to US\$971.957 million in the past two months of the current financial year 2024-2025, beginning 1 April, according to the Ministry of Commerce.

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Myanmar exports agricultural products, animal products, minerals, forest products, and finished industrial goods through maritime and border trade channels, while it imports capital goods, intermediate goods, raw materials imported by the CMP enterprises and consumer goods.

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

## Education conference must contribute to emergence of better results for State's future

Not only the endeavours of the government but also the efforts of the people to understand the value of education will accomplish the education visions of the State.

Vice-Senior General Soe Win underlined that the results of the conference discussions must be reviewed, and future plans must be adopted in holding talks on papers and discussions.

Vice-Chairman of the State Administration Council Deputy Prime Minister Vice-Senior General Soe Win, who is in the capacity of Chairman of the Leading Committee on Organizing the Myanmar Education Conference 2024, said so in his speech delivered at the meeting of the leading committee at the Ministry **SEE PAGE 3**

### Salient points from the speech delivered by the Vice-Senior General at the meeting of the Leading Committee on Organizing the Myanmar Education Conference 2024

1. Results in discussions of the conference must be reviewed, and future plans must be adopted for holding talks on papers and discussions.
2. The education conference must focus on reviewing the accomplishment of plans adopted by the last conference and discussions on papers of six primary sectors.
3. It is necessary to emphasize discussions on the ways and means for successful implementation of future plans, the best ways to overcome challenges and the adoption of future plans.
4. This year's conference must successfully review the work process of the previous conference while sustaining the existence of these successes under the short- and long-term plans.

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### Appointment of Head of Service Organization

THE State Administration Council has appointed U Tin Zaw Myint, Director of the Myanma Petrochemical Enterprise under the Ministry of Energy, as Director-General of the Oil and Gas Planning Department of the same ministry on probation from the date he assumes charge of his duties.

### Public holiday announcement for Eid Al Adha Day

ACCORDING to the State Administration Council Notification No 115/2024, Eid Al Adha (Qurbani Eid) Day, which falls on Tuesday, the 12<sup>th</sup> Waxing of Nayon 1386 ME (18 June 2024), is a public holiday under Section 25 of the Negotiable Instruments Act of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar.

## Myanmar, Indian Armed Forces to forge friendly ties, further cooperation



Chief of the General Staff (Army, Navy and Air) General Maung Maung Aye meets Joint Director-General of Military Intelligence Maj-Gen Charanjeet Singh Dewgun, Indian Armed Forces, in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

CHIEF of the General Staff (Army, Navy and Air) General Maung Maung Aye received Joint Director-General of Military Intelligence Maj-Gen Charanjeet Singh Dewgun, YSM, ADG MI (A), Indian Armed Forces, in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

During the meeting, they

openly exchanged views on the enhancement of bilateral relations between the two armed forces, military cooperation, trainees exchange, plans to cooperate in peace and stability, security and law enforcement at the border regions between the two countries.

Also present at the meeting

were Lt-Gen Ko Ko Oo of the Office of Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services (Army) and senior military officers. The Joint Director-General of Military Intelligence of the Indian Armed Forces was accompanied by Indian Defence Attaché Colonel Jaswinder Singh Gill and officials. — MNA/KTZH

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## MoNREC designates Yone Taung protected public forest in Haka

THE Ministry of Natural Resources and Environmental Conservation announced that 1,517 acres in Haka Township of Haka District in Chin State have been designated as “Yone Taung protected public forest” as of 5 June 2024, under Notification 45/2024 by exercising the authority conferred under Sub-section (e) of Section (6) of the Forest Law promulgated in 2018.

The ministry designates protected public forests and forest reserves to ensure the sustainability of major sites in Haka and conserve the prohibited pine trees and local flora to prevent illegal trading of forest

The landscape of Yone Taung protected public forest.



products, hunting, landslides, and natural disasters, to protect the natural water outlets and reduce the impacts on the natural environment.

The Yone Taung protected public forest areas will conserve various kinds of wood and valuable trees such as pine trees, cherry, tree rhododendron, oak, chestnut, Alnus, bay trees and walnut trees in addition to floras, dendrobium Jairak Candy, Nukha orchid and stick orchid, and also pastures for Muntjac, jungle cat and rabbits. It can also conserve the water outlets that provide drinking water in Haka. — MoNREC/KTZH

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## Education conference must contribute to emergence of better results for State's future

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of Education in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday afternoon.

Speaking on the occasion, the Vice-Senior General stressed the need to emphasize discussions on the ways and means for successful implementation of future plans, the best ways to overcome challenges and the adoption of future plans.

He underscored that the education conference must focus on reviewing the accomplishment of plans adopted by the last conference and discussions on papers of six primary sectors, namely basic education, higher education, vocational

education, teacher training and research, as well as innovation.

He urged all participants to discuss the outcomes of this year's conference for the emergence of good education results and conditions for new generations.

The Vice-Senior General also pointed out that it is necessary to successfully implement the reviews of ministries over the work process of previous conferences while sustaining the existence of these successes under the short- and long-term plans.

With regard to endeavours of the State, the Vice-Senior General revealed that the government had adopted the

completion of the KG+9 educational scheme for all school-age children, the extended establishment of basic education and industrial, agriculture and livestock breeding high schools, the establishment of Naypyitaw State Academy, provisions of administrative allowance and cash assistance, conducting capacity building courses, raising the literacy campaigns and encouragement to raising reading habit for the people.

He highlighted that the results that will emerge from the Education Conference 2024 must contribute to the improvement of Myanmar's education arena.

Secretary of the leading commit-

tee Union Minister for Education Dr Nyunt Pe, and secretary 1 of the Work Committee permanent secretary Dr Soe Win reported on the objectives of the conference, the formation of committees and their duties and functions, and preparations for successfully holding the conference.

Attendees at the meeting discussed the important roles of relevant sectors in successfully holding the Myanmar Education Conference 2024.

Before concluding the meeting, the Vice-Senior General coordinated necessary measures submitted by attendees. — MNA/TTA

## MoHA Union Minister discusses custody of exhibits

THE Central Committee on Custody of Exhibits and Nay Pyi Taw, Region and State Committees on Custody of Exhibits held the meeting 1/2024 at the Ministry of Home Affairs in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

Speaking at the meeting, Union Minister for Home Affairs Lt-Gen Yar Pyae, who is also the Committee Chairman, said the Financial Action Task Force (FATF) added Myanmar to a list to watch the progress and issued eight recommendations and 15 actions to be carried out. Imme-

diately Outcome 8.2 states that constructive resources should be provided to set up a management system for the custody of exhibits as per their values.

He then talked about the formation of the central committee, Nay Pyi Taw, Region/State and District level committees on 10 July 2020, and the reorganizing of committees with Order No 241/2023 of the State Administration Council on 6 December 2023.

He then urged the committee to follow the directive for custody of exhibits 4/2020 to prevent



Union Minister Lt-Gen Yar Pyae chairs the first meeting of the Central Committee on Custody of Exhibits and Nay Pyi Taw, Region and State Committees on Custody of Exhibits yesterday.

loss, deterioration or misappropriation of exhibits during the ongoing investigation, inquiry or trial by courts and to manage

as per Notification 17/2017 of the Union Government and report to the central committee regarding the custody of exhibits.

After attendees coordinated the discussion, the Union minister concluded the meeting. — MNA/KTZH

## MIFER Union Minister receives UAE Ambassador

UNION Minister for Investment and Foreign Economic Relations Dr Kan Zaw received Mr Mutaz Abdullah Abduljaleel Mohamed Al Faheem, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United Arab Emirates (UAE) to the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

During the meeting, both sides frankly discussed enhancing the investment and economic cooperation between Myanmar and the United Arab Emirates (UAE) and matters related to regional and international cooperation. — MNA



The ambassador of the United Arab Emirates calls on Union Minister Dr Kan Zaw yesterday.

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## MoHA holds 2024 monsoon tree-planting ceremony



Ministry of Home Affairs' monsoon tree-planting ceremony in progress in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

THE Ministry of Home Affairs organized a 2024 monsoon tree-planting ceremony in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday. Union Minister for Home Affairs Lt-Gen Yar Pyae, also a member of the State Administration Council, along with senior officers, their spouses, and departmental staff under the Ministry of Home Affairs, attended the ceremony. During the event, the Union Minister delivered remarks highlighting the benefits of tree planting. After the plants had been grown, the Union minister and party inspected the tree-growing activities in the designated areas. The ministry grew 1,000 saplings, including ironwood, Spanish cherry, Burmese Padauk (*Pterocarpus macrocarpus*), Royal poinciana, cassia fistula and Eugenia during the event. Similarly, the ministry's affiliated departments across the nation also planted trees on the same day, and so the ministry grew a total of 32,639 trees. — MNA/KTZH

## MoALI Union Minister receives Sri Lankan Ambassador

UNION Minister for Agriculture, Livestock, and Irrigation U Min Naung received Sri Lankan Ambassador to Myanmar Mrs Ponnampereuma Arachchige Prabashini Ponnampereuma in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday. They discussed agricultural trade between the two countries, investment and technical cooperation opportunities, and cooperation in offshore fisheries in accordance with international maritime territorial agreements. — MNA/TS



Sri Lankan Ambassador Mrs Ponnampereuma Arachchige Prabashini Ponnampereuma calls on Union Minister U Min Naung yesterday in Nay Pyi Taw.

## Sri Lankan Ambassador calls on MoRAC Union Minister



Union Minister U Tin Oo Lwin and Sri Lankan Ambassador Mrs Ponnampereuma Arachchige Prabashini Ponnampereuma discuss collaboration on religious affairs in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

UNION Minister for Religious Affairs and Culture U Tin Oo Lwin received Mrs Ponnampereuma Arachchige Prabashini Ponnampereuma, Ambassador of Sri Lanka to Myanmar, in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday. They discussed strengthening Myanmar-Sri Lanka bilateral relations and promoting cooperation in the religious and cultural sectors, enhancing ties through the shared Theravada Buddhist tradition, the annual conferring of religious titles to monks, recognition for the Shwe Jinnikaya, Ramayana Nikaya, Amara Puranikaya, and Siram Nikaya from Sri Lanka, sending monks to Buddhist universities in both countries to teach and facilitating Sri Lankan visits to Myanmar's renowned pagodas and temples. Additionally, they explored opportunities for collaboration in developing religious and culture-based tourism. — MNA/TS



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## 2024 Inter-States & Regions Swimming Championship opened

AN opening ceremony of the 2024 Inter-States & Region Swimming Championship was held at the Wunna Theikdhi swimming pool in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday morning.

Union Minister for Sports and Youth Affairs U Min Thein Zan spoke on the occasion that swimming is a compulsory sport, like athletics, weightlifting and boxing in major international sports competitions such as the World Olympic Games, the Asian Games and the Southeast Asian Games.

Through this competition, the Union minister urged the youths to try to become good athletes who will be able to strengthen the Myanmar

national team, and the Union minister opened the 2024 Inter-States & Region Swimming Championship.

Swimming athletes then recited four Sports Pledge. Next, State Administration Council members, Union Minister U Min Thein Zan and officials greeted the athletes and enjoyed the competitions.

A total of 11 male and 11 female teams are competing in the championship with the aim of promoting swimming sports across the nation.

— MNA/KZL

State Administration Council members warmly greet the athletes yesterday.



## MoE Union Minister receives UAE Ambassador



Union Minister for Energy U Ko Ko Lwin presents a gift to Ambassador of the United Arab Emirates Mr Mutaz Abdullah Abduljaleel Mohamed Al Faheem yesterday in Nay Pyi Taw.

UNION Minister for Energy U Ko Ko Lwin met Mr Mutaz Abdullah Abduljaleel Mohamed Al Faheem, Ambassador of the United Arab Emirates to Myanmar, in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

They exchanged views

openly and amicably on the oil and natural gas sector; close cooperation in the Green Energy transformation sector; the potential to hold technical conferences on energy, the possibility of UAE companies visit-

ing and investing in Myanmar's energy sector and sending experts from Myanmar to the UAE to study oil and natural gas exploration, production, and refinery technologies. — MNA/TS

## Union Health Minister receives Sri Lankan Ambassador

UNION Minister for Health Dr Thet Khaing Win received Sri Lankan Ambassador Mrs Ponnampere Arachige Prabashini Ponnampere at the Union Minister's reception hall in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

They discussed the pro-

motion of bilateral cooperation in the health sector; collaboration between public and private pharmaceutical industries, traditional medicine producers and the exchange of experiences between traditional medical practitioners. — MNA/TKO



Union Minister Dr Thet Khaing Win discusses bilateral health cooperation with Sri Lankan Ambassador Mrs Ponnampere Arachige Prabashini Ponnampere in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

## Myanmar Ambassador participates in discussion on Japanese labour policies in Tokyo

THE Ministry of Foreign Affairs reported that Myanmar Ambassador U Soe Han participated in a discussion on the Japanese Government's Policy on Ikusei Shuro Seido and Specified Skilled Workers, organized by the Chair of the ASEAN Committee in Tokyo on 7 June. The event took place at the Indonesian Embassy in Tokyo, and other ASEAN ambassadors, chargés d'affaires, and labour attachés

joined Ambassador U Soe Han.

Ms Fukuhara Nobuko, Director-General of the Residency Management and Support Department at the Immigration Services Agency, attended as a special guest speaker. She provided insights into the Japanese government's policies on labour issues, including the Ikusei Shuro Seido Programme, which will replace the current Technical Training Intern Pro-

gramme, and proposed modifications to the current Specified Skilled Workers programme.

During the discussion, Ambassador U Soe Han enquired about the timeframe for implementing the new programme after the termination of the current Technical Training Intern Programme and the commencement of new Memorandums of Cooperation (MOC) between the sending

states and Japan.

In response, Ms Fukuhara explained that the transition period for the new programme is estimated to be three years, and negotiations for new MOCs will commence with sending states once the Diet approves the new programme. The discussion concluded successfully after a question-and-answer session involving other ASEAN Member States. — ASH/TMT

# NATIONAL



The image shows a general view of the Shwedagon Pagoda on the Kason Full Moon Day.

## Shwedagon Pagoda extends hours to 4 am-10 pm daily

DUE to the increased number of pilgrims visiting the Great Shwedagon Pagoda, the opening hours will be extended from 4 am to 10 pm every day starting from 21 June, according to U Bo Thin, a member of the Board of Trustees of the Shwedagon Pagoda.

Previously, the pagoda was open from 5 am to 9 pm on 1 Jan-

uary due to the growing number of visitors.

“Given the increasing number of pilgrims from across the country, the opening hours will be extended from 4 am to 10 pm. On weekdays, the Shwedagon Pagoda sees about 20,000 pilgrims, but this number rises to between 40,000 and 50,000 on weekends.

Around 280 CCTV cameras have been installed at the pagoda to ensure that pilgrims can pay homage peacefully,” said U Bo Thin.

The Shwedagon Pagoda will also extend its opening hours on Maha Samaya Day, which falls on 21 June (the full moon day of Nayon). — ASH/MKKS

## ME in Malaysia invites applications for 2025 religious titles

THE Myanmar Embassy in Malaysia has announced that monks, nuns, and laypersons can apply for 2025 religious titles by 15 July.

Every year, the Myanmar government offers religious titles to monks, nuns and laypersons, both at home and abroad, who study the Pitaka or adhere to the Vinaya or those engaged in religious propagation, as well as to individuals who donate four requisites (monastery, robes, alms, and medicines) to monks.

The government plans to offer two types of Pariyatti titles, Tipitakadhara Dhammabhandagarika title, three types of academic instruction titles for both monks and nuns, two categories of Dhammakathika

titles, four types of religious propagation titles for monks and two types of religious propagation titles for nuns, two types of religious propagation titles for laypersons, three types of Kamma Patthana titles, four kinds of Sasana Nuggaha titles.

Monks, nuns, and laypersons in Malaysia who meet the criteria for these titles can apply by completing the specified application form and submitting the relevant documents. For inquiries, they can contact myanmarembassykl@gmail.com. — TWA/TH



The image shows a general view of the Myanmar Embassy in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.

## Rehab centre provides follow-up care to 65 recovering addicts in H1 2024



The fifth ceremony of handing over drug rehab trainees to their parents.

ACCORDING to the Drug Rehabilitation Centre, follow-up psychological and physical care has been provided to 65 recovering people with a substance use disorder in the first six months of this year. On 8 June, a ceremony for handing over individuals in recovery to their parents was held at the combined hall of the Drug Rehabilitation Centre in

Tamway Township.

At the ceremony, U San Shein, Chairman of the Drug Rehabilitation Centre, gave an opening address and an educational talk on the severe consequences of narcotic drugs. Daw Khin Khin Win, the secretary, emphasised the need for drug addicts to receive treatment, and comedian U Chit Chaw, also a

student youth media ambassador, highlighted the importance of follow-up psychological and physical treatment for recovering people with an addiction.

In 2023, follow-up psychological and physical treatment was provided to 64 recovering people with a substance use disorder. — TWA/TKO



Article on those who aim to study in Japan on Kaigo scholarship, published in J Compass Magazine.

## Applications invited for Kaigo Scholarship

SUBMISSION of applications is accepted as of 11 June 2024 for the Kaigo Scholarship, which will be provided in April 2025, the Myanmar Association of Japan Alumni (MAJA) Education Centre announced.

Submission is accepted between 11 and 21 June 2024 (until 4 pm). Requirements are above JLPT, TopJ, NAT Test, JTest (N3) level (certificate is required), above 18 and under 27 years old,

passed grade 12 or passed at least first year of university education, unmarried, without having a tattoo, not infected with infectious diseases such as TB, Hepatitis B and C and HIV and PV passport holder or (QR code is received for PV). Those who have already applied for student visas or other types of visas to Japan and those who were rejected for Certificate of Eligibility (CoE) are ineligible.

When applied, personal in-

formation has to be filled in on <https://forms.gle/j2k1zphEahM-c7az16>, along with a three-centimetre by six-centimetre photo, passport or QR code, education certificate, Japanese language proficiency test certificate and essay, need to be submitted.

Detailed information about the scholarship programme will be sent to applicants' Gmail addresses, which are filled out in Google Forms. — MT/ZS

## MoC announces 1,100 HS codes for Customs warehousing

THE Ministry of Commerce notified four import categories in customs warehousing with 1,100 HS codes, including pharmaceuticals (117 HS codes), electric vehicles and related parts (56 codes), industrial raw materials and chemicals (866 codes) and food raw materials (61 codes).

Apart from those goods authorized in customs warehousing, seeking an import licence for the goods before arrival at the port is obligatory, and failure to do so is subject to a fine

and sentence under the existing laws, as per Notification 50/2020 of the Trade Department under the Ministry of Commerce dated 8 July 2020.

Without obtaining a permit, no one shall be allowed to export and import the specified goods that need to seek a licence. The Trade Department warned the exporters and importers of penalties for non-compliance with the Export and Import Law, directives and guidelines starting from 1 July 2024. It informed



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

them to seek licences first as pre-arrival documentation for all types of shipment by air, sea and road, according to the export and import news bulletin 3/2024 of the Trade Department. — NN/EM

## 7 domestic airports to undergo upgrades this FY



The photo shows a model design of the Hanthawaddy International Airport.

UPGRADING works for seven domestic airports will commence this financial year 2024-2025 beginning 1 April, according to the Ministry of Transport and Communication.

Those domestic airports are Mawlamyine, Thandwe, PutaO, Tachilek, Hanthawady, Myeik and Kawthoung airports. The upgrading of the runway and fencing will be undertaken.

The airport runway will be approximately extended to 9,000 feet in length and 150 feet in width from an 8,000 feet long and 150 feet wide runway.

The upgrading work at PutaO Airport in Kachin State will tar the 8,500-foot long and 100-foot wide runway. Airport security fencing will be done at Tachilek Airport.

Similarly, Mawlamyine Airport will be upgraded with 15,450

feet long and six feet high airport security fences. Hanthawady Airport in Bago Region, being developed on 9,690.4 acres of land, will have 3,400-foot long and 10-foot high airport fences.

Additionally, tarring the 9,000-foot by 200-foot runway of Myeik Airport and the 6,000-foot by 150-foot runway of Kawthoung Airport will add AC power installation. — TWA/KK

## Advanced Sewing Machine Operator Training Course Batch 7 opens on 24 June

MYANMAR Garment Manufacturers Association (MGMA) will offer an Advanced Sewing Machine Operator Training Course (Batch 7) from 24 June to 5 July 2024 at Myanmar Garment Human Resources Development Training Centre (MGHRDC).

The trainer will share sewing methods of parts of fabric such as bag covers, spiral, shoulder corner seams, pockets, different types of bags, different ways of inserting zippers, long sleeve shirts and 'A' skirts with belts. Six special sewing methods will be added, comprising a buttonhole sewing machine, button attached machine, bartack machine, overlock four-thread, overlock five-thread and two-needle.

MGMA has organized a Basic Sewing Machine Operator Training Course (Batch 239) that is slated to open from 24 June to 12 July, providing practical approaches and technical know-how of sewing machines, different sewing methods, labour laws and practices.

Those who wish to attend the training can contact the MGHRDC through contact numbers 09 940858350, 09 450723262, 09 9403912570, 09 784085794, and 09 952802635. — NN/KK



The photo shows sewing machine operators at a garment workplace.

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

## Abide by Patent Law for the sake of creators

THE Patent Law, enacted as Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Law No 7 in 2019, officially came into force on 31 May 2024. This law is designed to safeguard the rights and interests of those who hold patent rights, fostering the development of their innovations.

A patent right is a legal protection granted to all types of creations derived from knowledge and intellectual property. In today's world, intellectual property rights have become crucial across all sectors due to technological advancements, heightened competition, and the expansion of the market economy.

Among the various types of intellectual property rights, patents have been particularly significant for centuries. Numerous

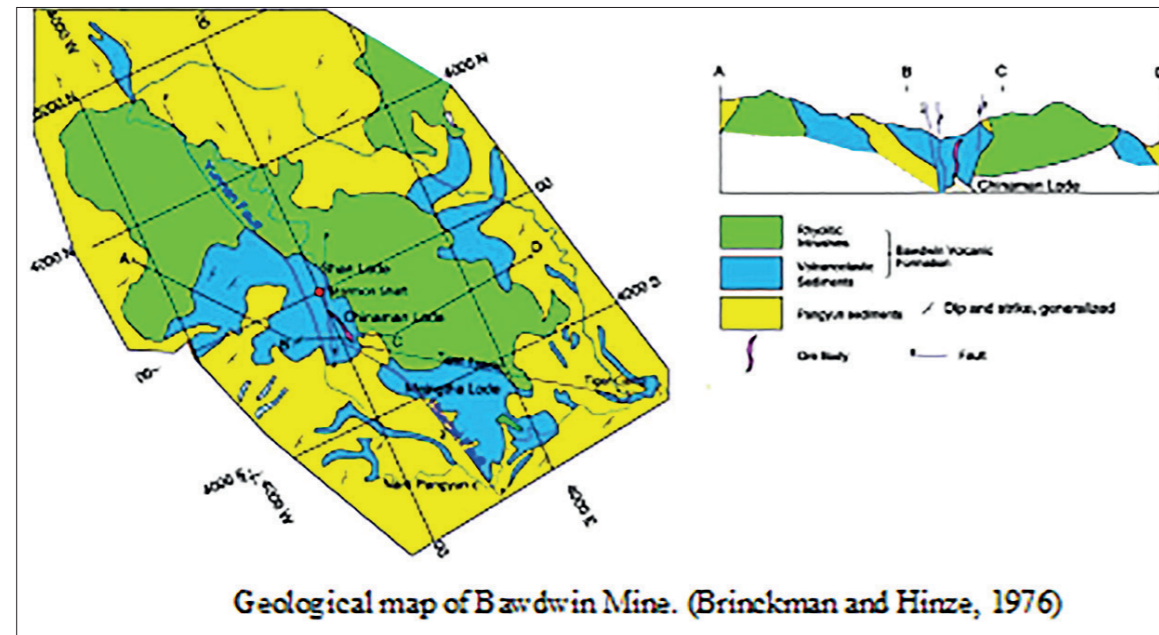
beneficial inventions, such as Edison's light bulb, cameras, lenses, dynamite, penicillin, computers, and telephones, have all been protected by intellectual property rights. These inventions have significantly enhanced human life. Consequently, innovations and creations that are novel and can be applied in any industry deserve protection under patent law.

However, not all innovations qualify for patent protection. Discoveries, scientific theories, mathematical methods, business practices, rules related to mental activities or games, and innovations that could harm public morality, peace, stability, health, or the environment do not receive protection. Furthermore, innovations prohibited by existing laws concerning the state territory are also excluded.

In our era of rapid technological advancement, disputes over intellectual property rights have become increasingly common. The field of artificial intelligence (AI) is particularly prone to such disputes. For instance, the New York Times' lawsuit against OpenAI and Microsoft over AI research was a major issue in 2023. This highlights the importance of self-reliance in innovation. Only when individuals rely on their own creations and innovations can they earn recognition and applause.

Human intellectual innovations are the primary source of all creations and advancements. Therefore, it is the responsibility of governments and relevant authorities to grant protection to all innovative products, enabling creators to enjoy the fruits of their labour. As Myanmar pursues economic integration and cooperation with the international community, individuals must adhere to the provisions of the Patent Law. By doing so, their empathy and respect for intellectual property rights will benefit everyone.

When everyone commits to protecting all innovations, it nurtures the creativity of inventors, encouraging them to produce more innovations for the benefit of society. Thus, abiding by patent law not only protects individual rights but also contributes to the collective progress and well-being of the community.



### Geology and Ore Deposits of the Bawdwin Mines

This episode is the continuation of the previous episode 35 and describes significant points on the structure and ore bodies of Bawdwin Mines.

#### Structure

The Chaung Magyi highlands in the west formed an old land surface on which the succeeding Palaeozoic formations were laid down. The general strike of these is from north to south or north-north-west to south-south-east, with a prevailing easterly.

The most important structural feature of the district is the continuation of the great Lilo overthrust, one branch of which runs in a north-north-westerly direction and separates the western band of the Nam Hsim sandstones from the Pangyun beds. Indeed, the effects of the great fault are not so marked here as they are further south, and it probably dies out completely a few miles further north where it enters the Chaung Magyi rocks. The other branch of the fault passes close to the eastern boundary of the ore channel and continues south across the Pangyun and Nam Kung valleys to meet the former south of the Nam Tu-Nam Hsan road. Its exact line has not been mapped, but its effects are very evident in the intense crushing and dislocation of the strata. To the north, the Bawdwin branch of the fault seems to pass close to Lao-ka-ya and then continue north along the valley of the Nam It. "The cause of such a dislocation having taken place along this particular line is perhaps to be found in the existence, only a short distance to the west, of the unyielding mass of the older Chaung Magyi rocks, forming the old land of Taungpeng" (La Touche).

#### Ore Bodies

The ore bodies at Bawdwin are all confined within a well-marked zone or ore channel, except the subsidiary Goldhole ore deposit, which seems to lie on another line but on which sufficient exploratory work has not been done to enable its true relationships to be decided. The main ore channel is at least 8,000 feet long and is probably 400-500 feet wide. As Maclaren has already pointed out in his manuscript report, the northern limit of the channel ceased at the Goldhole Fault, not because it has heaved it (for the fault was formed before ore deposition), but because it threw rhyolite across the track of the fault zone in which the ore was developed. The fault certainly continues through the rhyolite, as is proved by the veins of quartz and barytes that traverse it, but no ore replacement took place. This was entirely confined to the tuffs. The ore channel is probably connected with the main line of faulting mentioned earlier, where crushing has been of a most intense description, and the shear planes and fissures thus produced have afforded easy passage to the mineralizing solutions which have replaced the original country rock, wherever this has been congenial. The ore channel plunges to the south at a shallow angle, passing a short distance below the level of the old Chinese adit level (171 feet below the collar of the vertical shaft at 3,600 feet south of the vertical shaft); it is capped by the Pangyun beds for a part of its extension towards the south but is exposed at its uppermost limit in the deep S. gorge, to the south of which it certainly disappears beneath the thick covering of the Pangyun Series above it. Along the whole of these 8,000 feet and still further south, as far as the

tuffs extend, though this is an unknown distance at present, ore bodies can be reasonably expected. So far as we know, the ancient Chinese miners worked the upper part of the ore channel at its northern and fairly effectively for some 3,000 feet. Maclaren regards their adits to the south of this as opening up flat ore floors or small extent, which he supposes will occur sporadically in the lower felspathic beds of the Pangyun series.

Within the ore-channel the following lodes have been discovered:

- (1) A western lode, the Burman in the vertical shaft section (perhaps represented further south by the Maingtha lode), and the Chinese ore body in the Amphitheatre section. These two lodes are very different in character, the former being a thin regular vein of lead-silver-zinc ore and the latter an enormous replacement deposit of zinc-lead-silver ore;
- (2) a central lode, the Shan-Palaung, which parallels the Burman in the vertical shaft section about 150 feet further east;
- (3) an eastern lode, indicated by the workings in the Jail and upper Dormouse ravines.

Only the Burman, Shan, and Chinaman lodes have been opened up; the presence of the others is mainly deduced from open-cuts or old workings. Their inter-relations are at present unknown and will remain so until the Amphitheatre and vertical shaft sections of the mine are joined at deep levels. The most reasonable hypothesis at present is to regard them as members of one system, perhaps continuous lodes, probably separately blocked out by cross-faulting. Another theory regards the lodes in the vertical shaft section as originating from the lenticular splitting of the Chinaman ore body to the north.

The Chinaman ore body is by far the largest and most important deposit yet discovered at Bawdwin, and I shall therefore describe it first. It has been explored by three levels, the zero level, 102-foot level, and the 171-foot level, by diamond drill bore-holes and by an internal shaft.

The Zero Level: The drives and crosscuts on this level encountered old filled Chinese stopes. Some copper ores occur in it associated with the zinc blende and galena. The level is very hot, the high temperature being due to the oxidation of the sulphides and the decay of the timber sots' loft by the Chinese. Two rises, which are 100 and 128 feet high, respectively, go from it to the Amphitheatre, passing mainly through old fill.

The 102-foot level: The 102-foot level, also known as the Drainage tunnel, is largely in Chinese workings, the low-grade ore and old fillings of which are said to average 12 oz. silver, 16.3 per cent lead, and 20 per cent zinc. However, south of the crosscut of 1,120 feet, there are indications of the development of a zinc-lead core to the ore body, as seen on the 171-foot level below.

The 171-foot level or Dead Chinaman Tunnel: The portal of the tunnel is situated at 3,650 feet south and 50 feet west of the vertical shaft. It enters the ore channel at a point 1,887 feet south of the shaft and a horizontal about the same as the 171-foot level at the shaft and is driven right along the strike of the ore body, nearly to the Sau-Ch'uan fault, about 450 feet south, etc. It possesses a core of high-grade zinc-lead ore extending from about 1,730 feet south to 1,100 feet south, varying from 10 to 100 feet approximately in thickness. Outside this on the east is a zone of lead-zinc ore extending from 1830 feet south to 700 feet south, etc.

There is a perfect gradation from one ore to the other; and the

boundaries are arbitrary and determined entirely by assay. The following are taken as type assays: -

CLASS OF ORE	Ag. (oz)	TYPE ASSAY		
		Pb Percent	Zn Percent	Cu Percent
Zinc-silver-lead ore	24	26	30	..
Lead-silver-zone ore	17	24	14	..
Silver-lead-zinc ore	40	30	26	..
Copper-silver ore	8	..	..	15

The Internal Shaft: The internal shaft is sunk from the 171-foot level at coordinates 1,505 feet south and 175 feet east. Several crosscuts have been put out, which show the average values from zero to 126 feet to be silver 15.8 ounces, lead 20 per cent, and zinc 24.6 per cent. The average value of the crosscuts at 67 feet and 124 feet down is silver 18.4 oz., lead 21.3 per cent, and zinc 24.0 per cent over a width of 90 feet. By the end of 1915, the shaft had reached a depth of 446 feet below the Dead Chinaman Tunnel. When I examined the shaft in May 1915, it was being sunk through practically pure sulphides. Much of the argentiferous ore assayed from 40 to 50 ounces of silver and 40 to 50 per cent lead. Main levels leave the shaft at 300 feet and 430 feet. The Chinaman ore body is a great replacement deposit that occurs on the hanging-wall side of the ore channel. The axis of the thickest part of the sulphide core strikes approximately 25° west of the north and has a dip of 70°-80° to the west. At the time of my inspection, it had been proved to be a depth of 259 feet below the level of the Dead Chinaman Tunnel, but later it was found much deeper.

The Burma lode: It is thin but persistent in depth so far. It crops out near the Ssu-Ch'uan fault as a series of small parallel stringers of ore. The country around it and the Shan lode are badly faulty, and its true direction is not easy to follow in the present stage of development. On the 102-foot level, this lode was intersected by no. 1 crosscut 50 feet from the shaft. It had improved both in width of stringers and quartz, and the 9-inch vein assayed 15.55 per cent lead, 9 ounces silver, and 27.85 per cent zinc. On the 300-foot level, the Burman lode over a length of 190 feet shows an average width of 31 inches of lead-zinc ore, assaying 33 per cent lead, 37 ounces silver, 16 per cent zinc, and a trace of copper.

The Palaung lode: It was first worked as an open-cut between the Jail and Dormouse ravines. In 1909, an attempt was made to crosscut its continuation using a winze sunk from the Sulphide Tunnel, but the old Chinese drives, which were full of water, were encountered and caused much trouble. What was probably the continuation of this lode in depth was met with an east crosscut 800 feet south on the Drainage Tunnel at the 102-foot level. It was first encountered at 254 feet in and was only two feet wide but carried good copper and silver values. It was driven on for 28 feet, and samples over a width of 27 inches gave silver

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15 ounces of copper 2.7 per cent, lead 9.7 per cent, and zinc 11.4 per cent.

The Dormouse lode: It was first noticed in the Dormouse Ravine. Its probable continuation in depth was encountered in the same crosscut from the Drainage Tunnel as the one that displayed the Palaung lode described above. At 327 feet, a thickness of over 5 feet of ore was passed through, from which two samples assayed silver 9.3 ounces, lead 7.5 per cent, and zinc 37 per cent. The name Kachin lode is given to a small copper vein that can only be seen in the vertical section.

The Goldhole ore-body: This is an independent ore-body that does not appear to belong to the Bawdwin ore-channel series. It lies 2,000 feet north of the vertical shaft, and the ore from it was used at one time as a flux to smelt the Chinese slags. It seems to be a thin, flat-bedded pyrite deposit containing some chalcopyrite and small quantities of chalcocite. It probably strikes north-north-west and south-south-east and dips at a low angle to the west. Near the surface, it is changed to a ferruginous gossan, which has been proven to contain small quantities of gold and native silver. The deposit seems to have been formed near the junction of two faults, but I was unable to establish its exact relation to them in the absence of extensive workings. It has been opened up by a drainage adit, but until the north drive of this has been continued through and beyond the ore, I cannot say more about it. A series of winzes from the adit would reach the ore at shallow depths, and its exploration should not be a difficult matter. The deposit contains copper, which is confirmed by the thick growths of copper sulphate crystals on the adit walls and roof and by the replacement of the rails with copper since the level was abandoned.

#### Faults

The faults may be divided into two groups: those before ore deposition and those that took place afterwards. Maclaren regards the ore channel as bounded by two main faults, which are approximately parallel and 500 feet apart. The north-easterly member forming the boundary between the rhyolites and his felspathic grit series (the tuffs of the present classification), is termed the Boundary Fault, and its apparent dip is south-west at about 80°. He regards the evidence for the existence of this fault as fairly clear, a conclusion with which I agree. Arguing from the discordant dips of the thin-bedded Pangyun beds, he assumes that the ore channel is bounded on the west by another called the Central Fault. Still, I am more inclined to agree with his alternative assumption that the zone in which ore deposition has taken place has been the scene of several parallel, though not necessarily continuous, movements developed by one long-continued uplift along the main line of weakness.

This has resulted in a shattering of the rocks, thus rendering them permeable to the ore-bearing solutions from below, and the deposition of their lode along the main planes of movement when these happened to lie in the rhyolite tuffs. In other places, no impregnation of minerals has taken place, and the faulted zone is barren. The main zone passes to the south through the S Gorge west of Tiger Tunnel.

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# NATIONAL



Union Minister for Construction U Myo Thant holds talks with UAE Ambassador Mr Mutaz Abdullah Abduljaleel Mohamed Al Faheem yesterday in Nay Pyi Taw.

## MoC Union Minister receives UAE, Pakistani ambassadors separately

UNION Minister for Construction U Myo Thant received UAE Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Mutaz Abdullah Abduljaleel Mohamed Al Faheem at 10 am and Pakistani Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Imran Haider at 1 pm yesterday at the Ministry of Construction office in Nay Pyi Taw.

During the meeting with the UAE ambassador, the Union minister exchanged views on promoting cooperation in infrastructure investment sectors, regional development, and strengthening the friendship between Myanmar and UAE.

In the meeting with the

Pakistani ambassador, they discussed enhancing bilateral friendship and cooperation, initiatives to improve the socioeconomic conditions of the people, road and bridge construction, and urban and housing sector development in a friendly and open manner.

— MNA/KZL

## Myanmar Embassy hosts ASEAN Committee Meeting in Kuwait

ACCORDING to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the Myanmar Embassy in Kuwait organized the ambassador-level regular meeting of the ASEAN Committee in Kuwait (ACK) on 10 June.

The meeting was attended by ambassadors, chargés d'affaires, and members of the ACK working group from the embassies of Brunei, Cambodia, Indonesia, Malaysia, Laos, the Philippines, Thailand, and Vietnam in Kuwait.

U Chan Aye, the Myanmar Ambassador and incumbent Chairman of ACK, delivered opening remarks at the meeting.

During the meeting, the ambassadors and heads of missions exchanged views on previous ACK activities, ongoing activities, and planned future activities. Following the meeting, the Myanmar Embassy hosted a luncheon featuring traditional cuisine for all attendees. — ASH/TMT



Attendees at the ASEAN Committee in Kuwait-ACK.

## CBM Governor receives Pakistani Ambassador



The Central Bank of Myanmar Governor Daw Than Than Swe meets Pakistani Ambassador Mr Imran Haider at the CBM office in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

THE Central Bank of Myanmar Governor Daw Than Than Swe received a delegation led by Pakistani Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Imran Haider at the conference hall of the Central Bank of Myanmar office in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

They frankly discussed business and financial matters during the meeting. — MNA/KZL

## MNHRC inspects Kyaiksakaw Labour Camp, DaikU Police Lock-up

THE inspection team led by Myanmar National Human Rights Commission (MNHRC) Members U Kyaw Soe and U Tin Aung inspected the DaikU Police Lock-up and Kyaiksakaw Labour Camp in DaikU Township, Bago Region, in accordance with Sections 43 and 44 of the Commission Law yesterday.

While inspecting the DaikU Police Lock-up under the Commission Law and established procedures, the MNHRC team

inspected the conditions of detainees during the remand period, including whether any torture occurred during the investigation; there were opportunities to meet family members as well as provision of food and drinking water, the handling of sewage, and the overall cleanliness of the facilities.

They also inspected the Kyaiksakaw Labour Camp under the Commission Law and established procedures to find out whether

the prisoners and detainees enjoy fundamental rights, including appropriate food supply, access to healthcare and provision of adequate purified water. The inspection team enquired about prisoners, whether they received their items and items sent by their families, whether they obtained family visits, conditions of workplace safety, whether there was discrimination in the workplace and whether there were human rights violations and torture cases. They privately interviewed the prisoners who wanted to meet the team freely and privately.

The inspection team also inspected the dormitories, clinic, library, kitchen, food storage, water purifier and water sanitation system of the Labour Camp.

The MNHRC inspection team will inform the relevant departments under the MNHRC Law of its findings and recommendations for necessary actions. — MNHRC



MNHRC Members U Kyaw Soe and U Tin Aung meet inmates from the Kyaiksakaw Labour Camp in DaikU Township, Bago Region yesterday.

# NATIONAL

## Bamboo handicraft orders rise from restaurants, camps, hotels

THERE have been more orders for bamboo handicrafts from restaurants, camps and hotels, according to bamboo craftsman U Kyaw Win.

Recently, camps and resorts were naturally decorated with bamboo materials, and the use of bamboo became widespread as bamboo buildings could balance the weather, he said.

“These days, local restaurants, resorts and hotels use more bamboo materials. People seem to value handmade materials. In the past, many bamboo materials used to be moth-eaten or mouldy. With higher technologies, such incidents have been reduced. Bamboo used to be cut in its season before, mainly for drying. Later, it is better as a system has emerged where bamboo can be used in all seasons”, he said.



Photos show bamboo handicrafts made in Myanmar.

If a person is interested in bamboo handicrafts, he can run a cottage industry that can support their livelihood. Prices of bamboo handicrafts vary with the design and expertise of the innovator; and bamboo furniture for both commercial and home

use can last for four to five years, he said.

“As it takes about two days to make a hat, it is expensive. It costs about K20,000, excluding material costs. Handmade materials take time. Despite using more materials, bamboo desks



and chairs are cheaper at around K30,000-K40,000 because it is not time-consuming to make them,” he added.

A unique feature of bamboo handicrafts is that they can absorb body heat, and because of their health benefits, more peo-

ple, including foreigners, prefer to buy such handmade goods.

By using bamboo materials, people can contribute to the conservation of nature and, at the same time, show their appreciation for income-generating and healthy handicrafts. — MT/ZN

## Local visitor arrivals increase at Ngwetaung Beach

A total of 54,555 local tourists visited Ngwetaung Beach, located at Haingyikyun in Ayeyawady Region’s Ngaputaw Township, in May 2024, and visitor arrival has been on the rise, according to Daw Ni Ni Mar, one of the executive members from Myanmar Tourism Entrepreneurs Association (Ngwetaung Beach).

The beach is located with-

in a short distance from Myat Mawtinsun Pagoda, and it has local visitors, mainly from Yangon Region and Nay Pyi Taw Council Area, throughout the year.

“Domestic visitor arrival to Ngwetaung Beach was 35,455 in January, 36,555 in February, 38,955 in March, 48,955 in April and 54,555 in May. With non-stop visiting all around the year, vis-

itor arrival has been increasing monthly,” said Daw Ni Ni Mar.

It has made sure of security to help tourists relax safely and peacefully at the beach, along with bicycle rental service, motorboat rental service and horse rental service, as well as a market stall which sells local food products, accessories and souvenirs has been provided. — ASH/ZS



Beachgoers are pictured on the beach of Ngwetaung.

## Myanmar sends 90 workers to China, plans more batches

MYANMAR has sent more than 90 workers to China as a pilot project, and more batches of workers are planned, an official from the Myanmar Overseas Employment Agencies Federation (MOEAF) told The Global New Light of Myanmar (GNLM).

China is a new destination with opportunities mainly for garment workers, he said.

“A new opportunity to go abroad has been created. Agencies send the workers by plane. The first batch included more than 90 by a flight. Companies submitted to send more. We will send more batches as they are convenient. Some companies have already proposed to the department. After personal interviews and some necessary arrangements, more batches will be sent,” he said.

Since China faces a labour shortage due to the growth of industrial zones, it has been recruiting more migrant workers, and it could also recruit workers for manufacturing and construction in addition to its garment sector, he suggested.

“As China is a new destination, people are less interested in it compared to other nations. They are more interested in Malaysia and Thailand, which are normal destinations. There are more opportunities in China. Because China is now mainly focusing on building industrial zones. They are close to the border with Myanmar. So, they give special rights as they need workers in industrial zones. And China’s GDP is high. They prefer to hire foreigners rather than locals. Myanmar is the nearest country, so they recruit Myanmar workers. With free accommodation and food, the salary can compete with Thailand and Malaysia. They go by air after taking K500,000-1,000,000 on credit. It will cost K1 million on this side. The rest will be deducted when they arrive there,” he said.

Licensed agencies try to send workers to China at an affordable cost, but there can be scams by some brokers and migrants are advised to go directly to China through licensed agencies, he said. — MT/ZN

# NATIONAL

## Deputy S&T Minister engages with engineering students at Nay Pyi Taw Technical Institute

DEPUTY Minister of Science and Technology Dr Aung Zeya had a cordial meeting with first-year engineering students at the Government Technical Institute in Nay Pyi Taw on the afternoon of 7 June.

Following this, the Deputy Minister reviewed research projects by third-year engineering students, which included a variety of innovations such as

a robot for cleaning the pagoda platform, a restaurant service robot, an electric wheelchair with rider control, modern household furniture like bookshelves, EV racing cars, and a small model of the institute's electricity distribution system. The Deputy Minister stressed the importance of teamwork for the success of these projects and encouraged the students

to strive to become skilled technicians dedicated to public service throughout their careers.

Subsequently, the Deputy Minister held discussions with officials and students from Nay Pyi Taw GTI to introduce courses tailored to local needs, foster teamwork and creativity among students, and prepare them to compete in international technological competitions.

Following these discussions, he concluded the event by presenting fiction and non-fiction books, including books on civics, for the school library, to the school principal and awarding prizes to outstanding students in research.

Finally, the Deputy Minister inspected practical activities in workshops, functions of the school library, and the installation of a solar system for aesthetic enhancement at the school's main hall. — MNA/TKO



Deputy Minister Dr Aung Zeya observes a small model of the institute's electricity distribution system of engineering students from GTI, Nay Pyi Taw, recently.

## K5.7B worth of Ice, ketamine seized in Kengtung

THE Myanmar Police Force reported the seizure of 500 kilogrammes of Ice (methamphetamine) and 200 kilogrammes of ketamine, valued at K5.7 billion, in Kengtung Township, Shan State (East).

A combined team from the Anti-Drug Police Force stopped a Toyota Hilux heading from Kengtung to Tachilek at the junction of the detour and Kengtung-Tachilek road in Kengtung Township at 2 pm on 8 June. The driver attempted to flee, resulting in the vehicle overturning near Gyophyu village. The police arrested Myo Ko (aka) Myo Gyi, who was with the driver, but the driver escaped.

Upon searching the overturned vehicle, the police found 500 kilogrammes of Ice (methamphetamine) and 200 kilogrammes of ketamine. Following interrogation, they arrested Htet Kyi Soe, the car owner and accomplice in the drug transport, at his house in

Ward 3, Kengtung.

Further investigation led to the seizure of a 10-wheel Nissan Diesel vehicle used to transport the drugs from Kunhing to Kengtung. This vehicle was found in front of the bus station compound in Yanlaw village, Kengtung Township. It

was discovered that the drugs were intended to be transported from Kunhing to Tachilek.

Legal action has been initiated against the offenders, and an ongoing investigation is underway to apprehend other individuals involved in the case. — MNA/MKKS



Offenders seen alongside confiscated drugs and vehicles.

## Illegal trade eradication efforts result in K573M seizures



Confiscated car tyres in Yangon Region.

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

On 10 June, the combined on-duty team, managed by the Shan State Illegal Trade Eradication Task Force, seized two types of goods worth K2 million, including 32 pieces of smuggled Redmi phone displays, which were found piled up by the side of the road near the Sinphyu checkpoint in Muse township. This action was taken in accordance with Customs procedures.

On the same day, combined teams supervised by the Yangon Region Illegal Trade Eradication Task Force captured a Toyota Ipsum (worth approximately K45 million) carrying 18 kilogrammes of salmon fillet from Norway, valued at K3.05 million, without official documents at the Yangon International Airport. They also seized two vehicles with a trailer (estimated value of K90 million) heading to Yangon from Thamanya and Hpan, carrying two types of goods worth K28.125 million, including 720 sets of rice cookers from China that were not declared in the Import Declaration (ID), at the Ywathagyi Dry Port, and an unregistered Honda Airwave (estimated value of K4.5 million) near Yangon-Pathein Road in Htantabin township. The action was taken under Customs procedures and the Export and Import Law.

Additionally, combined teams impounded two types of goods worth about K50.193

million, including 1,566.4 kilogrammes of Castrol engine oil that exceeded the Import Declaration (ID) from seven containers at the Myanmar Industrial Port. They also seized two vehicles (estimated value of K40 million) carrying 1,496 gallons of smuggled 92 Ron and 322 gallons of illegal premium diesel valued at K20.945 million at the Yadanabon bridge (Mandalay) combined checkpoint and two trucks (estimated value of K36 million) carrying 352 gallons of smuggled 92 Ron and 1,886 gallons of smuggled premium diesel worth K24.842 million at the Shwegyin checkpoint. The action was taken under Customs procedures and the Petroleum and Petroleum Products Law.

During inspections on 10 and 11 June, combined teams seized two trucks (worth approximately K60 million) carrying 162 cattle without official documents near Kywalpintat village in Chauk township, two engines with related materials used in illegal logging valued at K670,000 in Sinbaungwe township, and 20,490 vises of Chinese garlic worth K101.459 million at the Yadanabon bridge combined checkpoint in Sagaing township. The action was conducted under the Essential Supplies and Services Law, the Forest Law, and the Export and Import Law.

According to the Illegal Trade Eradication Steering Committee, 24 arrests (estimated value of K573.785 million) were made on 10 and 11 June. — MNA/MKKS

## Industrial exhibition opens in N Afghanistan

A three-day industrial exhibition opened Tuesday in Mazar-i-Sharif city, capital of north Afghanistan's Balkh province, provincial head for commerce and investment Asadullah Asadi said Wednesday.

The businesspeople including 80 women have put on display their products in 130 stalls in two separate areas, where 80

booths have been allocated for female entrepreneurs.

The event is aimed at boosting local products and small-scale business activities, Asadi said, adding that the caretaker administration wants to support business activities and local products as part of efforts to help locals achieve self-sufficiency.

Local products including carpets, handicrafts, embroidery, medicines and vehicles are being exhibited.

To highlight local products, two more larger exhibitions to showcase local manufacturing goods including agricultural products have been held in Afghanistan's capital city of Kabul since March. — Xinhua

## Nepal's tourism professionals continue to receive Chinese language training

THE Sixth Chinese language training course kicked off here on Tuesday for tourism professionals in Nepal.

A total of 60 Nepalese shall receive Chinese language training under a six-month-long programme, according to Harish Chandra Shah, president of Nepal China Cultural and Educational Council, which is co-organizing the training

session with the Nepal Tourism Board.

A total of 200 Nepali tourism professionals have been trained in the past five training sessions. China is not just a "strong partner" to Nepal's development, "but also a market for our tourism industry", said Hit Bahadur Tamang, Nepal's minister for culture, tourism and civil aviation.

"My ministry aims to

attract millions of tourists from China to Nepal," he said while addressing the inaugural ceremony of the training course. "We need thousands of guides who can speak the Chinese language to cater to those tourists." "Similarly, learning the language of either country will also help expand the people-to-people relationship between the two countries," added the minister. — Xinhua

## Large companies in Germany generate combined revenues of 1 trillion euros

*Despite large enterprises with over 1,000 employees comprising only 1.4 per cent of manufacturing and mining companies in Germany, they contributed over 40 per cent of the total revenues.*

LARGE industrial companies in Germany generated combined revenues of more than one trillion euros (1.07 trillion US dollars) for the first time in 2023, the Federal Statistical Office (Destatis) said on Tuesday.

This represents a 4.7 per cent increase from the previous year.

The result was driven by rising prices, said Destatis. In 2023, Germany's average inflation rate stood at 5.9 per cent, down from 6.9 per cent in the previous year. Since the beginning of 2024, inflation has once more fallen below three per cent. While large enterprises with at least 1,000 employees only accounted for 1.4 per cent of manufacturing and mining companies in Germany last year, their combined revenue made up more than 40 per cent



The power plant at the headquarters of German carmaker Volkswagen (VW) in Wolfsburg, Germany.

PHOTO: AFP/FILE

of total revenues.

Volkswagen had the highest turnover among Germany's blue-chip DAX companies. In the financial year 2023, the country's largest car manufacturer generated around 322 billion euros with its ten brands including Porsche and Audi, around 15 per cent more than in the pre-

vious financial year.

Underscoring the importance of Germany's automobile sector, BMW, which also includes the Mini and Rolls-Royce brands, achieved revenues of 155.5 billion euros in 2023. It was closely followed by Mercedes-Benz, with around 153 billion. — Xinhua

## Ethiopian Airlines launches new flight to Botswana's popular tourist destination

*Ethiopian Airlines Group has introduced a new flight route to Maun, a prominent tourist spot in Botswana.*



Maun, situated in Botswana, stands as one of the nation's premier tourist destinations, renowned for its spectacular natural beauty and abundant wildlife. PHOTO: XINHUA

ETHIOPIAN Airlines Group on Monday launched a new flight to Botswana's tourist destination of Maun, located about 1,200 kilometres northwest of Gaborone, the country's capital. Maun, endowed with magnificent flora and fauna, is the second destination in the southern African country to be serviced by Ethiopian Airlines Group. "This will serve as a major boost to our country's economy and the development will

go a long way in increasing trade and tourism," Aubrey Lesaso, assistant minister in Botswana's Ministry of Communications, Knowledge and Technology, said during the launching ceremony. Mesfin Tasew, chief executive officer of Ethiopian Airlines Group, said the airline is committed to its pan-African roots and will continue to connect every part of Africa and beyond. — Xinhua

### CLAIMS DAY NOTICE

M.V MSC ANDERA F VOY.NO. (SB422A)

Consignees of cargo carried on M.V MSC ANDERA F VOY.NO. (SB422A) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 13-6-2024 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of AWPT where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

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# ROLLING UPDATES

## WORLD

## Japan-India maritime exercise 'Jimex 24' commences in Japan



JIMEX 24 underscores the commitment of both navies to maritime security in the Indo-Pacific, promoting mutual cooperation and learning from each other's best practices. **PHOTO: ANI**

INDIAN Navy's indigenous stealth frigate, INS Shivalik, arrived at Yokosuka, Japan, on Tuesday to participate in the eighth edition of the Japan-India Maritime Exercise 2024 (JIMEX 24).

The exercise, which has been held since 2012, aims to enhance cooperation and interoperability between the navies of India and Japan, the Ministry of Defence said in a press release.

"INS Shivalik was warmly welcomed by Vice-Admiral ITO Hiroshi, Commander of the Japan Maritime Self-Defence Force (JMSDF) Yokosuka District, and Ambassador Sibi George, Ambassador of

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*INS Shivalik of the Indian Navy arrived in Yokosuka, Japan, for the Japan-India Maritime Exercise 2024 (JIMEX 24), aiming to enhance naval cooperation and interoperability between India and Japan.*

India to Japan," the release added.

The exercise includes both harbour and sea phases. The harbour phase will comprise professional, sports and social interactions, after

which the two navies will jointly hone their war fighting skills at sea and enhance their interoperability through complex multi-discipline operations in the surface, sub-surface and air domains. — ANI

### NEWS IN BRIEF

#### Joe Biden's son Hunter Biden convicted on all three charges at federal gun trial

HUNTER Biden, the eldest living son of the US president, has been convicted of all three felony charges related to the purchase of a revolver when, prosecutors argued, the president's son lied on a mandatory gun-purchase form by saying he was not illegally using or addicted to drugs, CNN reported.

The jury, which deliberated for just under three hours, returned guilty verdicts on all three charges, which stemmed from a revolver Hunter Biden bought in October 2018 at a Delaware gun shop.

The first two counts were for lying about his drug use on a federal background check form, and the third count was for possessing a gun while addicted to, or using, illegal drugs.

His trial on gun charges began on 3 June.

According to CNN, the former president's son is accused of lying on federal documents regarding his drug usage at the time of the weapon's purchase, obtaining a revolver illegally while under the influence of narcotics. After the verdict, Hunter left the courtroom with his wife. US District Judge Maryellen Noreika stated that she would set the sentencing date later. According to reports, on two charges, Hunter may face a sentence of up to 10 years and in the third case, he may face prison for up to five years, as per CNN. — ANI

#### Tentative agreement reached for Canada's border workers to avoid strike action

THE Canadian government and the Public Service Alliance of Canada (PSAC) announced Tuesday they have reached a tentative agreement to avoid potential job action at the country's borders.

Treasury Board of Canada Secretariat said in a news release that upon ratification, the renewed collective agreement will apply to approximately 11,000 employees.

The renewed Border Services Group collective agreement will include wage enhancements and other benefits for employees, said the release without sharing details of the agreement.

Should this tentative agreement be ratified by members, the government will have reached agreement with 18 bargaining units and covering more than 84 per cent of the public service, the release said.

Full details of the tentative agreement will be announced once the ratification kit is available for members on 13 June, PSAC said in a statement.

Job action was postponed on 7 June after mediation talks were extended. More than 9,000 members of the border union threatened to begin job action across the country starting 14 June if an agreement is not reached. — Xinhua

## Don't expect EU elections to change Ukraine policy

OVER the weekend, populist right parties won big in EU Parliamentary elections, along with some conservative right parties. The biggest losers were the Greens and centre-left parties.

The shocking election results in Europe have, in many countries, come at the expense of the parties more supportive of funding Ukraine, but that doesn't mean a policy change will be

forthcoming.

Foreign policy is not the purview of the European parliament. That is decided by the individual governments within the EU and, of course, NATO. So while there is growing discontent over their governments' support of the Kyiv regime, that was not the focus of the voters and even if it were, the voters in this election were focused on immigration and

EU policy.

"The European Parliament doesn't actually do anything. I mean, it doesn't actually do the minimum that you expect from a parliament, which is legislate. So it doesn't really do that. But, of course, foreign policy is not at all within the bailiwick of the European Parliament," explained George Szamuely on Sputnik's Fault Lines. — SPUTNIK



A woman takes photos outside the European Parliament in Brussels, Belgium, 6 June 2024. The European Parliament elections kicked off on Thursday. **PHOTO: ZHAO DINGZHE**

# SPORTS

## 2025 AFC U-20 Qualifiers lot-draw event today

A lot-drawing ceremony for the 2025 AFC U-20 Qualifiers, in which Myanmar teams participate, will be held today, as stated by the Myanmar Football Federation.

More than 40 teams will participate in the AFC U-20 Qualifiers 2025 and will be divided into ten groups.

The top 10 teams from the ten qualifying groups and the five best second-placed teams from each group will qualify for the next stage.

According to the sedan, Pot 1 sees Uzbekistan, Iraq, Japan, South Korea, Australia, Iran and Jordan, while Pot 2 features Syria, Oman, Lebanon, Yemen, Mongolia and Bahrain.

Pot 3 includes Malaysia, Bangladesh, Palestine, the UAE, the Philippines, India, Myanmar,

Timor-Leste and Singapore. Pot 4 showcases Afghanistan, Cambodia, Turkmenistan, Bhutan, Hong Kong, Sri Lanka, Brunei and Maldives, while Pot 5 introduces Nepal, Guam, North Mariana Island, North Korea and Macau.

The host pot sees Vietnam, Indonesia, Tajikistan, Saudi Arabia, Kyrgyzstan, Qatar, Thailand, Chinese Taipei, Kuwait and Lao, as the teams, were selected as hosts for the AFC U-20 Qualifiers 2025. The group matches for the AFC U-20 Qualifiers 2025 will be held from 21 to 29 September.

Meanwhile, a lot-drawing event for 2025 AFC U-17 Qualifiers in which Myanmar teams participate will also be held today.

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The Myanmar U-16 team, headed by Japanese coach Mitami and the U-19 team, headed by head coach U Aung Naing, are training for the Asian Cup qualifiers to compete in this year as well as the ASEAN tournament. — Ko Nyi Lay/KZL

The AFC Cup is the dream of every Asian football country.



## Spanish triple jumper Peleteiro eyes Olympic success after European gold

SPANISH triple jumper Ana Peleteiro, who bounced back from becoming a mother to win the gold medal in the European Athletics Championships in Rome on Sunday, is now setting her sights on winning a second Olympic medal in Paris.

The 28-year-old claimed a bronze medal in Tokyo and her winning jump of 14.85 metres in Rome means she is on track for more Olympic glory in Paris.

Speaking to Spanish sports paper, Diario AS, Peleteiro said that her preparations were "going well because I'm healthy and I'm able to train", even though she had caught "a couple of viruses because my daughter inevitably gave

them to me".

She admitted that after her maternity many didn't think she would be able to be back to her best, but said that doubt was "something that has happened to me all my life".

"People have always told me that I would not achieve anything because I was too lazy or that I was worthless, but I don't listen to that," she insisted.

Peleteiro said she was lucky that her body doesn't "demand as much training as other people", and believes she will be able to reach 15 metres in the Olympic Games. "After seeing what I have been able to do in Rome, I am very clear that I will achieve it," she said. — Xinhua



Ana Peleteiro of Spain competes during the Women's Triple Jump qualification round on the day two of the 14<sup>th</sup> IAAF World Junior Championships in Barcelona 2012.

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## Alcaraz, Nadal named in Spanish Olympic tennis team

OPEN champions Carlos Alcaraz and Rafael Nadal have been named in the Spain team for the 2024 Olympic Games, the Spanish tennis federation (RFET) announced Wednesday.

World number two Alcaraz last weekend won his first Roland Garros title on the clay in Paris, where the Olympic tournament will take place from 27 July to 4 August.

Nadal boasts 22 Grand Slam victories, including a record 14 French Open titles, but only returned to competition last April after missing the best part of 16 months through injury and is currently ranked 264 in the world.

In addition to the singles tournament, Alcaraz, 21, and



Carlos Alcaraz and Rafael Nadal will be lining up next to each other at the Paris Olympics. PHOTO: AFP/FILE

Nadal, 38, may also take part in the Games' doubles event.

The Spanish men's squad is completed by world number 32 Alejandro Davidovich Fokina, Pablo Carreno Busta and number two-ranked doubles

player Marcel Granollers.

On the women's side, Spanish number one Sara Sorribes and world number 67 Cristina Bucsa have been included in the team.

Injury-plagued former world number two Paula Badosa — now ranked 118 — will not be included in the squad for Paris.

"We have the chance of winning two or three medals (at the Olympics)," said RFET president Miguel Diaz Roman.

All national federations must produce their final list for the Games by 19 June at the latest. — AFP

“Alcaraz, currently ranked second in the world, clinched his maiden Roland Garros title last weekend, setting the stage for the Olympic tournament in Paris from 27 July to 4 August.”



## International Forum of Education Ministers establishes AI and creative professions workgroup

*The workgroup aims to promote international cooperation, share national experiences, and enhance education quality and accessibility while improving learning outcomes.*

**T**HOSE at the International Forum of Ministers of Education “Shaping the Future” have signed a declaration to create a workgroup on creative professions, using artificial intelligence (AI) in education and establishing engineering schools.

Over 20 countries have committed

to setting up a workgroup for creative professions, using artificial intelligence (AI) in education and establishing engineering schools.

The workgroup aims to tackle international cooperation and exchange of national experiences in the three areas. The interaction seeks to give the participating nations opportunities to get quality and accessible education and improve learning outcomes.

The document was signed by Russia’s Minister of Education Sergei Kravtsov, as well as heads of delegations from 20 countries, including Venezuela, Niger, the Dominican Republic, Cuba, Laos, the Gambia, Uganda, and Zimbabwe. Any interested countries will also be able to join the declaration within a few months.

According to the declaration, the creation of the workgroup is linked to the fact that creative industries currently represent one of the most dynamic sectors of the world economy and international trade. When it comes to AI, they have a significant impact on various aspects of life, including the growing pace of introducing information and communication technologies, as well as AI-based systems.

Kravtsov noted that the areas of further cooperation might include progress in science education, teaching the Russian language, and organizing pupil and student exchanges. — SPUTNIK



The declaration is open for other interested countries to join within the coming months, indicating a potentially broader impact in the future. **PHOTO: SPUTNIK**

### WHO blames 4 major industries for 2.7 mln deaths a year in Europe

THE WHO on Wednesday blamed four major industries — tobacco, ultra-processed foods (UPFs), fossil fuel and alcohol — for 2.7 million deaths a year in Europe, accusing them of obstructing public policies that could hurt their profits. These “four industries kill at least 7,000 people in our region every day”, Hans Kluge, the director of the World Health Organization Europe region which counts 53 countries including Central Asia, said in a statement.

The consolidation of these industry sectors into a small number of multinationals “has enabled them to wield significant power over the political and legal contexts in which they operate, and to obstruct public interest regulations which could impact their profit margins,” the WHO said as it released a report.

Industry tactics included exploiting vulnerable people through targeted marketing strategies, misleading consumers, and making false claims about the benefits of their products or their environmental credentials, it argued. — AFP

### Phony ‘news’ portals surpass US newspaper sites, researchers say

PARTISAN websites disguised as legitimate news outlets now surpass the number of actual American newspaper sites, exacerbating the local news crisis and fuelling misinformation as the 2024 presidential election approaches, a report from NewsGuard reveals.

Partisan websites masquerading as media outlets now outnumber American newspaper sites, a research group that tracks misinformation said Tuesday, highlighting a local news crisis in a year of high-stakes elections.

Hundreds of sites mimicking news outlets — many of them powered by artificial intelligence

— have cropped up in recent months, fueling an explosion of polarizing or false narratives that are stoking alarm as the race for the White House intensifies.

At least 1,265 “pink slime”

outlets — politically motivated websites that present themselves as independent local news outlets — have been identified, the US-based research group NewsGuard said in a report. — AFP



People read their computers in the New York Public Library in July 2021 in Manhattan. **PHOTO: WIKIMEDIA COMMONS**