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Myanmar and Laos bolster cooperation, highlighting strong relations

Both countries have historically supported each other as good neighbours.

Senior General Min Aung Hlaing reaffirmed holding a free and fair multiparty democratic generation election in a meeting with the Lao Ambassador.

Chairman of the State Administration Council Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing received Mr Heuang seng Khamdalavong, Ambassador of Laos to Myanmar, who has completed his tour of duty, at the Credentials Hall of the Office of the SAC Chairman in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday morning.

At the meeting, they exchanged views on the improvement of friendly relations between Myanmar and Laos, bilateral help between the two countries along the history as good neighbours, exchange of goodwill visits, further promotion of cooperation, running of direct flights between the two countries and potentials for promotion of bilateral trade, cooperation in generating electricity, political progress in Myanmar, and preparations to hold a free and fair multiparty democratic general election.

Also present at the meeting were Council Joint Secretary General Ye Win Oo, Deputy Prime Minister and Union Minister for Foreign Affairs U Than Swe and officials. — MNA/TTA



State Administration Council Chairman Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing shakes hands with Mr Heuang seng Khamdalavong, Laotian Ambassador, during the latter's courtesy call yesterday.

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Unlocking Knowledge: The Essential Role of Libraries and Reading Habits

- A library is an institution dedicated to disseminating knowledge.
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- Individuals should read books to acquire knowledge.
- They must take notes from their readings to deepen their understanding.
- Reading is a powerful tool for accumulating knowledge.

(Excerpt from the speech given by Chairman of the State Administration Council Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing to the ceremony to donate cash and books to libraries across the nation for their development on 10 April 2024)

Myanmar Gazette

Head of Service Organization appointed

THE State Administration Council has appointed Daw May Khaing Win, Deputy Director-General of the Internal Audit Department of the Central Bank of Myanmar, as Director-General of the Governor's Office on probation from the date she assumes charge of her duties.

Appointment of Guinean Ambassador agreed on

THE Government of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar has agreed to the proposed appointment of Mr Alassane Conte as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of Guinea to the Republic of the Union of Myanmar with residence in New Delhi.

Mr Alassane Conte was born on 6 August 1965. He obtained a master's degree in International Relations from Kyiv State University, Ukraine.

Mr Alassane Conte joined the Ministry of Foreign Affairs as a trainee from 1993 to 2003. He also served as General Secretary of the Bureau of the Workers Trade Union Section, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs from May 2004 to May 2009, and Head of Agreements Section, Conventions and Treaties Section, Department of Legal and Consular Affairs, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs from August 2009 to March 2013. As overseas assignments, he served as Eco-

nomical and Legal Counsellor at the Permanent Mission of the Republic of Guinea in New York from March 2013 to September 2020 and as Minister-Counsellor at the Permanent Mission of the Republic of Guinea in New York from September 2020 to April 2024. From May 2024 till date, he is serving as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of Guinea to the Republic of India.

Mr Alassane Conte is a married man. — MNA

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Taunggyi Tazaungdine Festival to feature over 150 hot-air balloons

THE Tazaungdine Festival in Taunggyi, located in the southern Shan State, will showcase a stunning display of over 150 hot air balloons, with 26 night-time display balloons, 24 Sein Nar Pan balloons, and more than 100 daytime balloons set to be released at Awaya field. According to the Association of Traditional Hot Air Balloon Artistes in Southern Shan State, these impressive displays will take place from 9 to 15 November, highlighting the art and skill of local balloon artisans.

This year's Tazaungdine festival will feature meticulously planned displays of fireworks and colourful lights, with 50 combined night-time and Seinnapan balloons and a variety of over 100 different daytime balloons, including two-legged and four-legged figures. The event not only aims to celebrate the artistry of Shan balloon-making but also seeks to boost local tourism and promote local food and crafts.

An executive from the Tra-



A vibrant scene from last year's hot-air balloon festival is seen with great enthusiasm.

ditional Hot Air Balloon Artistes Association stated, "This year, we are dedicated to preserving and showcasing our cultural traditions through the beauty and precision of hot air balloon displays and fireworks. We aim

to attract more tourists to southern Shan State and provide a platform for local products".

The festival is held annually at the Awaya Field in Taunggyi. This traditional event was temporarily halted for three years

due to the Covid-19 pandemic but resumed in 2023. During the 2023 festival, a variety of spectacular balloons were released, creating a stunning display each day.

Throughout the festival

period, a total of 63 giant night-time balloons were launched, including 15 balloons at 25 feet tall, 23 balloons at 22 feet, and 25 Sein Nar Pan balloons standing at 18 feet. These night balloons were released daily from 5:30 pm until the event concluded for the evening. Additionally, 63 daytime figure balloons were launched each day, consisting of 37 two-legged figure balloons, 17 four-legged figure balloons, and nine more enormous grouped figure balloons. These daytime releases took place between 1 pm and 4 pm, adding to the festival's daytime festivities.

The annual Taunggyi Tazaungdine Hot Air Balloon Festival is a significant event that draws both locals from Shan State and visitors from various parts of Myanmar. International tourists are also captivated by this unique Shan tradition, which combines the beauty of elaborate hot air balloons with a lively cultural celebration. — ASH/KZL

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)



State Administration Council Chairman Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing views the construction progress of the Naypyitaw State Polytechnic University yesterday.

Naypyitaw State Academy needs to calculate future strengths of faculty members, students

Senior General Min Aung Hlaing stressed that the need to consider current strengths of faculty members and students for construction of buildings in addition to the potentials to increase those faculty members and students in the long term.

Chairman of the State Administration Council Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing yesterday morning inspected progress in construction of Naypyitaw State Polytechnic University in Nay Pyi Taw Union Territory.

During the inspection, the Senior General pointed out that as the university catches attention of students and the people, all buildings, including lecture halls, hostels and others must

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meet the standards for their long term existence. It is necessary to consider current strengths of faculty members and students for construction of buildings in addition to the potentials to increase those faculty members and students in the long term, he added.

The Senior General stressed the need to calculate the number of students that can be accepted at the time of opening the univer-

sity and the number of students likely to increase year by year.

He noted that landscape of the university must be filled with trees and flower plants systematically, adding all drainage facilities must be provided for the students before coming monsoon.

The Senior General underscored that the university must be equipped with solar system to ensure water and power supply

facilities and beautify the environment of the university.

The Senior General inspected progress of the stadium facilitated with the track and stands, student hostels, the mess hall, and gymnasium on the campus of the university.

At the main lecture hall, the Senior General looked into the student assembly hall, the convocation hall, lecture halls, practical labs, the temporary library and

the supporting rooms and gave necessary guidance to officials.

At the briefing hall, Union Minister for Science and Technology Dr Myo Thein Kyaw reported on completion of the staff housings including the three-storey main lecture building, lecture halls, hostels for faculty members and students, sports grounds, the library, and other supporting buildings and future plans, the proposed plans for the extended main building, and a plan to keep a centenary monument of the Myanmar Engineering Education on the university campus.

The Senior General was accompanied on his inspection tour by Joint Secretary General Ye Win Oo, Union ministers and officials of the academy. — MNA/TTA

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State Administration Council Vice-Chairman Deputy Prime Minister Vice-Senior General Soe Win chairs the fourth meeting of the Fifth National Sports Festival 2024 yesterday.

Skilful and talented athletes must be chosen as nationally selected players

Victorious athletes must be deservedly awarded and promoted to their ranks in the workforce to encourage their efforts.

Vice-Senior General Soe Win emphasized that plans are underway to promote the festival's preparation through media campaigns, showcase the event's preparation activities, and interview participating teams on their training progress.

Patron of the Leading Committee for Organizing the Fifth National Sports Festival 2024 Vice-Chairman of the State Administration Council Deputy Prime Minister Vice-Senior General Soe Win said so at the fourth meeting of the Fifth

National Sports Festival 2024 held at the assembly hall of the Ministry of Sports and Youth Affairs in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday afternoon.

Speaking on the occasion, the Vice-Senior General underlined that upon completion of the festival, victorious medalist athletes representing ministries, regions and states who showed off their excellent skills and talents must be deservedly awarded and promoted their ranks in the workforce as part of encouraging their efforts.

He continued that the se-

lected athletes from the coming festival will be provided systematic foods with the calculation of calories plus traditional medicines as sports nutrition without using dopes in cooperation with the Ministry of Health.

Starting from early November, one month ahead of the festival, to spark public interest and anticipation, he highlighted that plans are underway to promote the preparation of the festival through media campaigns, showcase the event's preparation activities, and conduct interviews with participating teams

on their training progress.

Moreover, he elaborated that new sports-themed songs, short educational stories, and humorous skits are being created to captivate audiences. Social media, print media, and broadcast media have to feature these promotions in a fun and engaging way through short formats to generate excitement among the public in advance, he added.

Aimed at competing in the XXXIII SEA Games to be held in December 2025 and other international sports competitions, the Vice-Senior General

stressed that those who are skilful in sports techniques must be assigned systematically to select the actually qualified athletes from the athletes who competed in the 5th National Sports Festival, following the set standards.

He urged relevant subcommittees to arrange thorough services of food and accommodation, health and administration measures for sports teams from regions and states.

Chairman of the Leading Committee Union Minister for Sports and Youth Affairs U Min Thein Zan reported on the accomplishment of the previous meeting's decisions and competitions for the festival.

Union ministers, the Auditor-General of the Union, the Nay Pyi Taw Council Chairman, regional and state chief ministers, and deputy ministers reported on the opening and closing ceremonies of the festival, plans to hold the festival on a grander scale, and competition of the athletes in the festival.

Officials from relevant subcommittees also clarified their plans for the festival and the progress of measures.

Later, the Vice-Senior General fulfilled the needs of relevant committees, and the meeting ended with his remarks.

The National Sports Festivals have so far been held four times. The first time was held from 3 to 16 May 1992 in Yangon with 22 sports events, the second time from 25 January to 6 February 1994 in Yangon with 24 sports events, the third from 11 to 24 January 1997 in Yangon with 29 sports events and the fourth from 13 to 28 February 2015 in Nay Pyi Taw with 27 sports events. — MNA/TTA

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NDMC holds work coordination meeting

A work coordination meeting of the Natural Disaster Management Centre was held at the Disaster Management Centre of the Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement yesterday.

Vice-Chair 1 of the National Disaster Management Committee Union Minister for Home Affairs Lt-Gen Yar Pyae, Vice-Chair 2 Dr Soe Win, Union Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement, the secretaries of the National Disaster Management Working Committee; permanent secretaries, directors-general, directors and officials of the working committees were present at the meeting.

Union Minister Lt-Gen Yar Pyae first said the SAC Chairman and Prime Minister announced that rehabilitation work in flood-hit areas should be carried out and completed on 15 March 2025. Requirements should be presented at the meeting for the National Disaster Management Committee to support the projects that have



A coordination meeting of the Natural Disaster Management Centre in progress in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

not been completed. He added that it is necessary to prepare according to the region and working committees to be able to respond to weather conditions that may occur according to weather forecasts and their

effects on the country.

Union Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement Dr Soe Win urged officials concerned to present complete information about the requirements regarding the post-flood

rehabilitation measures and put forward the plans to be carried out with appropriate funds in line with guidelines for the repair of departmental buildings. To be able to confirm and submit damage figures, the relevant

working committees and the regional and state governments should coordinate, verify the data and take immediate action where necessary. He also mentioned the progress of the current rehabilitation work, and attendees should discuss the conditions that will be completed for the remaining work.

Meeting participants reported on support to families who died in flash floods in Nay Pyi Taw Council Area, Kayah State, Kayin State, Bago Region, Magway Region, Mandalay Region, Shan State and Ayeyawady Region. They also discussed completed support to destroyed houses, partially damaged homes, agriculture and livestock farmers, fishery workers, road and bridge repairs in border and rural areas, electricity and communication repair works, and ongoing repair works on damaged railway tracks, among others.

Union Minister Lt-Gen Yar Pyae coordinated the discussions and addressed the difficulties experienced. — MNA/TS

MoLA Union Minister attends 14th China-ASEAN Prosecutors-General Conference

THE 14th China-ASEAN Prosecutors-General Conference is taking place in Singapore from 27 to 30 Octo-

ber, under the theme "Enhancing Cooperation to Combat Financial Crimes". Myanmar's delegation, led by Union

Minister for Legal Affairs and Union Attorney-General Dr Thida Oo, is attending at the invitation of Singapore's Chief Justice, Mr Lucien Wong.

At the conference, Singapore's Attorney-General Lucien Wong and China's Prosecutor-General Ying Yong delivered opening addresses. Dr Thida Oo highlighted the importance of international legal cooperation in tackling financial crimes, noting that the conference theme underscores efforts to strengthen ties among ASEAN member states and between ASEAN and China in combatting such crimes.

Myanmar has enacted laws targeting money laundering and the seizure of criminal assets, supported by a Financial Intelligence Unit within the Ministry of Home Affairs to advance financial investigations. Additionally, in partnership with the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC), Myanmar has aligned its mutual legal assistance laws with international standards, enabling effective responses to legal assistance requests from for-

eign nations. Myanmar is also working with China and Thailand on cross-border crime issues, including online fraud and telecom scams.

The Lancang-Mekong Cooperation mechanism further supports collaboration among China, Myanmar, Laos, Thailand, and Vietnam to address financial and other cross-border crimes. Myanmar is actively participating in ASEAN-led initiatives, including the ASEAN Extradition Treaty (AET) and the ASEAN Conference on Criminal Justice and Crime Prevention (AC-CPCJ).

The conference concluded with the signing of the Joint Declaration of the 14th China-ASEAN Prosecutors-General Conference by the chief prosecutors of China and ASEAN countries, which aims to strengthen collaborative efforts in addressing cross-border financial crimes. For Myanmar, this collaboration is expected to reinforce relationships within ASEAN and with China, fostering cooperation in combatting financial crimes. — MNA/TMT



Union Minister for Legal Affairs and Union Attorney-General Dr Thida Oo takes part in the 14th China-ASEAN Prosecutors-General Conference in Singapore.

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Myanmar promotes tourism at 57th ASEAN Day celebration in Berlin

THE Myanmar Embassy introduced the country by presenting a tourism promotion video clip featuring its enchanting landscapes and scenery, while showcasing traditional handicrafts and lacquerware during the 57th ASEAN Day celebration in Berlin, Germany, on 28 October, according to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

The Myanmar Embassy in Berlin served guests traditional food, delicacies, and drinks at the celebration jointly held by the ASEAN embassies



based in Berlin at the Maritim proArte Hotel, attended by the Chargé d'Affaires ai of the Embassy of Myanmar U Kyaw Htin Lin, along with officials and their family members.

The event was inaugurated with the ASEAN Anthem, followed by welcome remarks

Family members of the Myanmar Embassy are seen alongside the food they serve for guests.

from Mr Cheeang Thyra, Ambassador of Cambodia and current chair of the Berlin ASEAN Committee (BAC), and a documentary group photo session. Around 130 guests were present at the event, among them Heads of Missions, diplomats, and their families from ASEAN Embassies, the director-general of the Asia and Pacific Department of Germany's Federal Foreign Office, alongside officials and Heads of Missions from ASEAN's Dialogue Partners. — ASH/TH

Myanmar film 'Unveiling Tender Love' begins production

THE launch ceremony for the Myanmar film 'Mywetkyaph-wintso Chitkhuncho' (Unveiling Tender Love) took place on the morning of 29 October at Kyaik-

kasan Pagoda in Thingangyun Township, Yangon Region.

Wai Lar Yi, who rose to fame on MRTV4, will star in the lead role. "This is the first ma-

yor film in which I'll be playing the lead. My character provides wedding planning services, and there's a touch of romance, which I'm eager to explore. I want to show my dedication to bringing every character to life," said Wai Lar Yi.

The film's storyline is adapted from a novel by May Moe, who is co-writing the screenplay with Morrow. Directed by Hein Soe for Khatawme Film Production, the film boasts a star-studded cast, including Nyein Thaw, Daik, Wai Lar Yi, Thansin Sizar, Hein Phyto, Phone Myat, Thadoe Aung, Zarmani, Eainmu Kaythwe, Aye Thari Cho, Tharaphi Maung, Su Pyae Maung, Ei Mon San, Juu Htet Htet Aung, and many others. — ASH/MKKS



This photo shows film stars, including Wai La Yi, on the day of the shooting ceremony.

Pre-Tazaungdine sales of domestic oil mills at Yadanabon Super Centre

DURING the pre-Tazaungdine sales festival of domestic oil mills, locally produced edible oil can be purchased at a fair rate in the promotion corner of Yadanabon Super Centre, Mandalay, on 2-3 November 2024, organized by the Myanmar Edible Oil Millers Association.

"The sales festival boosts edible oil self-sufficiency. It will offer edible oil produced from domestic mills at a cheaper rate. Refined peanut oil will be sold at K16,000 per viss. The association held sales festivals two times in Yangon," said an

executive of the association.

The association held the sales festival for the first time on 3-4 August at UMFCCI in Lanmadaw, Yangon, to mark its fifth anniversary. The second festival was held at UMFCCI on 12-13 October as well. — ASH/KK

Myanmar attends 3rd International Summit on BDS Application held in China



This photo showcases the third International Summit on BDS Application held in China on 24-25 October.

MYANMAR Consul-General in Nanning, Daw Khaing Su Linn, participated in the 3rd International Summit on BDS (Beidou Navigation Satellite System) Application, held at the Zhuzhou Exhibition Centre in Zhuzhou City, Hunan Province, on 24-25 October.

At the summit's opening ceremony, addresses were given by Mr Mao Weiming, Deputy Secretary of the Hunan Provincial Party Committee and Governor of Hunan Province; Mr Xu Chenggu, China's Deputy Minister of Transport; Ms Aarti Hollon-Maini, Director of the United Nations Office for Outer Space Affairs; Mr Wang Song,

Deputy Director of China's Cyberspace Administration; and Mr Xiang Libin, Deputy Director of the National Development and Reform Commission. The event drew over 1,300 notable attendees, including diplomats, academics, and representatives from research institutions, organisations, and companies across China, the African Union, Russia, Laos, South Korea, and France.

On 25 October, delegates visited CRRC Zhuzhou Locomotive Co Ltd. (CRRC ZELC), CRRC Research Company, the CRRC Electric Vehicle Production Unit, and the State Grid (Zhuzhou) Corporation for a study tour. — ASH/TMT

CBM injects US\$1B into financial market in Apr-Oct

THE Central Bank of Myanmar (CBM) sold over US\$1 billion to those engaged in the fuel oil, edible oil and import sectors through the foreign exchange trading platform between April and October, according to its notification released on 24 October.

CBM's attempt is to govern the foreign exchange market and stabilize the exchange rate.

CBM sold \$27,550 on 29 October. It announced its intention to sell five million yuan and 25 million Thai baht on 28 October and then sold \$20 million, over one million yuan and 18 million baht on that day.

CBM injected \$20 million, 800,000 yuan and 200,000 baht on 25 October and \$100,000 and 8.2 million baht on 24 October 2024 into the financial market.

CBM sold over \$2.5 million and 16.5 million baht after announcing upcoming sales of 20 million baht to importers on the foreign exchange trading platform on 23 October.

It injected over \$7.5 million and about 150 million baht into the private sector on 22 October, again after sales of 2.2 million and 1.5 million yuan on 21 October.

CBM announced the sale of \$35 million for those engaged in the fuel oil and edible oil sectors as per its notification dated 20 October.

CBM injected \$6 million and 200 million baht on 15 October, \$730,000 on 11 October, \$12.4 million and 38.7 million baht on 10 October, 660,000 yuan on 9 October and over 10 million baht on 7 October into the private sector.

CBM also pumped \$13.1 million and 288,000 yuan on 4 October, \$780,000, 1.2 million yuan and one million baht on 3 October and over 1.2 million yuan and 10.2 million baht into the financial market on 2 October.

CBM also sold over \$76 million, 86 million baht and 4.8 million yuan in September. Moreover, CBM sold over \$190 million, 19 million yuan and 79 million baht in August.

CBM aims to curb the instability in the foreign exchange market and the currency devaluation. According to CBM's notification on 15 March, it has been joining hands with law enforcement agencies to combat and prosecute those who attempt to manipulate the currency market under the existing laws. CBM allowed authorized dealers (private banks) to operate online foreign exchange trading freely as per the market rate depending on supply and demand, starting from 5 December 2023. — NN/KK

MPA: 57 container vessels slated to call in Yangon Port in Nov



A bird's-eye view of containers from shipping lines at Yangon Port's container yard.

A total of 57 container vessels are scheduled to arrive at the Yangon Port in November, the Myanmar Port Authority announced.

Eleven container vessels run by SITC Shipping Line, six each by Maersk A/S Line, Cosco Shipping Line and Samudera Shipping Line, four each by MSC Line, CMA CGM Line and BLPL Shipping Line, three each by ONE Line, RCL Line and PIL Line, two each by Evergreen Line, Ti2 Container Line and Ocean Salute Shipping Line, and one by Land and Sea are slated to enter the Yangon Port in November.

Myanmar Port Authority has arranged maritime trade channels to handle increasing imports to meet domestic demand, bolster exports, and improve port capacity for significant

arrivals. Myanmar Port Authority notified that it will inform exporters and importers of ship arrival schedules promptly.

Myanmar Port Authority stated that 49 vessels in January, 53 in February, 55 in March, 50 in April, 52 in May, 50 each in June, July and August, 55 in September and 57 in October arrived at the Yangon Port.

Yangon Port handled 629 container vessels in 2023. Thanks to the draft extension, the international ocean liners can access the inner port for now, according to the Myanmar Port Authority's statement on 22 June 2022.

After the new navigation channel (Kings Bank Channel) accessing the inner Yangon River had been found, the draft extension work was accelerated.

After that, the port can now handle larger ships. The container vessel MV SITC Zhaoming (185.99 m LOA, 35.25 m Beam, 29,232 GRT and 2,698 TEU) of Hongkong-based SITC Shipping Line docked at Asia World Port Terminal for the first time on 22 June, which is the largest ship that AWPT Port handled.

From May 2021, the arrival of the ships at terminals in Yangon has increased again. Three new container vessels by Maersk Line Myanmar (SeaLand Maersk) started to run to fulfil the seaborne trade requirements in 2021. Earlier, the larger ships had draft problems preventing sailing on the Yangon River. With the draft being extended up to 10 metres, more giant ocean liners can enter the Thilawa Port. — NN/KK

Korean Food Culture Festival by Korea Federation of SMEs at Innocity, 2-3 Nov

KOREA Federation of Small and Medium Businesses in Myanmar will organize the Korean Food Culture Festival 2024 at Innocity on the corner of Wayzayanta Street and Parami Road in South Okkalapa Township from 10 am to 6 pm on 2 and 3 November.

The festival welcomes those who want to discover Korean Food Culture, from Korean cuisine with its diverse array of dishes to cultural traditions and customs. This festival aims to promote Korean food and culture in Myanmar.

It will provide a platform to exchange culture between Korea and Myanmar.

Making kimchi (salted and fermented vegetables) and mandu (dumplings), experiencing Hanbok (Korean traditional costume), and food tasting programmes will be included. The participating companies are Silla, Ebenezer, Han Kook Gwan, Nom Nom Snacks, Happy Korea & Asia, Passion Fruit, Full Moon Restaurant and Jung Gar Nae.

Visitors can enjoy Tteokbokki, Omuk, Kimbap, Noodle, Japchae,

Chicken Feet, Bulgogi, Pork belly, Korean Beef BBQ, Duck BBQ, Bibimbap, Mandu, Kimchi, Seasoned Chicken, Fried Chicken, Chicken Skewers and Pig Feet Soup.

Korean food tasting timeframe is set at 11 am to 5 pm for Korean Beef BBQ, Duck BBQ of Silla Company, 11 am to 5 pm for Pork Belly and Bibimbap of Fullmoon Restaurant, 1 to 5 pm for Bulgogi and Chicken Feet of Happy Korea & Asia Company and 1 to 5 pm for Japchae. — NN/KK

OPINION

Focus on improving cities and enriching youth lives

THE growing population contributes to the rise of cities and megacities globally. It is, therefore, essential to systematically manage population density and support urban development worldwide to create a balanced ratio between population and urban spaces.

Only when authorities create suitable environments in response to daily climate changes will city residents experience comfort and have opportunities to improve their livelihoods, thereby ensuring the resilience of these cities. Consequently, relevant countries must design comprehensive urban master plans to manage population growth in both urban and rural areas effectively.

By 2050, cities are projected to house 70 per cent of the world's population, posing unprecedented challenges in the context of climate change. By 2030, an estimated 60 per cent of people will live in urban areas, with up to 60 per cent of urban dwellers under the age of 18. Despite progress toward Sustainable Development Goals, cities — especially in the Global South — continue to grapple with poverty, inequality, and environmental degradation, underscoring the need for urgent action, according to the press release of the United Nations.

Experts emphasize the importance of involving youth in urban decision-making to harness their creativity for sustainable development. World Cities Day 2024, themed "Youth Leading Climate and Local Action for Cities", highlights the crucial role of local governments and young people in addressing urban climate challenges. The event will showcase youth-driven innovative ideas and explore ways to transform them into concrete actions."

International initiatives such as the Pact for the Future and the Declaration on Future Generations aim to prioritize youth voices in creating sustainable urban environments. The Summit of the Future provided an opportunity to integrate youth perspectives into global policy, ensuring the multilateral system meets the needs of younger generations.

Currently, Myanmar needs to focus on conserving urban environments and preserving cultural heritage. Authorities should assess the potential of these natural environments, relying on historical data, and identify strategies to manage challenges posed by unexpected natural disasters. Severe storms in 2023 and 2024 caused tragic casualties, underscoring the need to strengthen city planning projects to account for unforeseen impacts.

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MYANMAR Fire Brigade serves its four duties and functions – fire safety, natural disaster prevention, search and rescue and public welfare without fail. Moreover, they uphold their seven performances and enhance four major abilities: firefighting ability, search and rescue ability, administrative ability and organizational ability.

Out of these four abilities, firefighting ability plays a key role, and the fire brigade showed off its ability among the international fire brigades.

The Myanmar delegation led by Director-General U Myat Thu of the Fire Service Department representing Myanmar competed in the Singapore-Global Firefighters Paramedics Challenge (SGFPC) 2023 hosted by the Singapore Civil Defence Force – SCDF in Singapore from 20-25 November 2023, together with 16 other fire brigades from 13 countries. Myanmar won the championship in group competitions and third prize in individual competitions. That competence is the very first overseas experience in competing with foreign countries with high firefighting methods within 77 years.

A total of fire brigades from 13 countries such as Singapore, Myanmar, United Kingdom, Australia, China-Hongkong, Luxembourg, Indonesia, Malaysia, Brunei, the Philippines, Vietnam, Thailand and Ecuador participated in the event, and officials from 17 countries attended it.

"The prize we won is a sign of the dignity of our country. We received the champion title in the rescue competition group and third prize in the individual event, and such achievement can promote the dignity of our country in addition to the Ministry of Home Affairs. Therefore, it is such a new milestone for the Fire Services Department," said U Myat Thu, Director-General of the department.

Myanmar Fire Brigade also achieved

Myanmar Fire Brigade uplifts the dignity of the country



Myanmar participants competing in the rescue skills competition.

prizes in the International Rescue Extrication Challenge (MIREC) Joint Drill of the fifth International Fire Conference Exhibition Malaysia (IFCEM) 2024 hosted by the Fire and Rescue Department Malay-

sia-FRDM in Malaysia from 22 to 24 October.

Before the second overseas competition, Director-General U Myat Thu encouraged his members, saying, "We have to compete with a proper mindset like we must win when

we compete, we must be better when we are compared, with the spirit of not defeating or losing. Five people- one leader, one medical assistant and three technical assistants will have to compete in the Rescue Extrication

By Thitsa

Challenge (MIREC) Joint Drill, and so it is such an event with fitness, skill, fast, emotional resilience and communication skills of individuals. So, all must apply the four major ethics of firefighters- Fast, Effective, Versatile and Ensure Safety. Do embark on a new historic milestone promoting the dignity of the country and Fire Brigade."

A total of 10 teams from nine countries: Myanmar, Indonesia, Hongkong, Vietnam, Singapore, Macao, the Philippines and Brunei, including host country Malaysia, participated in the International Rescue Extrication Challenge (MIREC) Joint Drill. The Myanmar team grabbed the Best Team Leader award. During the terms 77 and 78 years of the Myanmar Fire Brigade, Myanmar achieved prizes in two competitions: the Singapore-Global Firefighters and Paramedics Challenge (SGFPC) and the International Rescue Extrication Challenge (MIREC) Joint Drill.

Due to climate change, all the world's countries, including Myanmar, are frequently facing earthquakes and natural disasters. Meanwhile, the firefighters respond to such incidents on the frontline bravely. Therefore, the Central Firefighting Training School (PinyinOoLwin) offers capacity-building training courses for firefighters to enhance their capacity of rescue ability, high-end rescue techniques and application of rescue equipment.

Moreover, Myanmar Fire Brigade sent its scholars and members to conferences,

workshops, joint exercises and trainings regarding firefighting, fire safety, rescue and disaster response in Asian countries like China, Russia, India, South Korea, Chinese Taipei, Hongkong and Singapore in addition to ASEAN regional countries and BIMSTEC states.

Those who completed these training sessions and participated in conferences and workshops applied and exchanged their knowledge-enhancing skills of fire brigade members, innovation, technology integration, law and procedures and strategies.

Rescue work is a procedure of urban rescue work, and being a developing country, the country possesses enormous use of vehicles, and urban development also brings challenges to rescue work.

The firefighters who always sharpen four abilities- firefighting ability, search and rescue ability, administrative ability and organizational ability are always ready to rescue the lives and properties of people amid disasters, sacrificing their lives. Therefore, the people admire and trust them for their sacrifices. Moreover, they can light up the role of Myanmar among world countries, showing off their firefighting ability in competitions.

Competing in foreign events can create an atmosphere for the Myanmar Fire Brigade and international fire brigades where they can exchange technologies, knowledge and skills, study firefighting and rescue equipment to strengthen cooperation in regional fire safety and rescue teams, and also promote the capacity of Myanmar firefighters.

This article is written to honour the Myanmar Fire Brigade, which earned medals and prizes for promoting the dignity of the country and the Ministry of Home Affairs.

(Translated by KTZH)

Professional Skills of Efficient Teachers

By Hu Wo
(Cuckoo's Song)

OFTEN, it is said that the only parameter of learning success is learning effectiveness. That is, when a student learns something to study, they will have achieved the learning target at the end of the study. Otherwise, the student will do poorly in their studies. Of course, learning effectiveness is usually founded on the instructor's teaching efficiency, in other words, professional skills, which also enable them to help students learn more. These professional skills are more open to improvement than personal attributes.

They can be organized into four aspects of instruction.

1) Engaging and maintaining students' attention

Well-skilled teachers engage students' attention and maintain their interest and motivation by establishing a set at the start of the lesson and incorporating variety in their lessons. There are three major types of set: orientation set engages students in a new instructional activity; transition set helps students see the relationship between past and present earnings; evaluation set launches what students may already know about a topic. The beginning of the lesson is

critical — it should involve students' interest through an interesting or provocative problem, establish an interactive climate or tone that encourages students to participate, and make students aware early in the lesson of the major topics, objectives or tasks for the lesson and make clear the relationship between the current lesson and previous lessons. Effective teachers use a variety of nonverbal behaviour, instructional approaches, types of assessment and a host of other areas. This variability increases learning by helping students remain more interested and engaged.

2) Optimizing the use of instructional time

The three factors most closely related to the efficient use of instructional time are time on task, momentum and smooth transitions. Time on task refers to the amount of time students are actively engaged in academic tasks. In general, the more time students spend on academic tasks, the more learning they will have. However, only a tiny percentage of available time is actually used for educational tasks. Momentum means the flow and pace of classroom activities. Keeping momentum helps maximize academic learning time by maintaining a brisk instructional pace that still allows students to be successful.

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Effective teaching involves engaging students' attention through varied lesson sets, optimizing instructional time with smooth transitions and momentum, promoting meaningful interactions via questioning and clarity, and providing timely feedback and reinforcement.

ILLUSTRATION: TEACHFLOOR

NATIONAL

Lao Ambassador calls on Deputy PM MoFA Union Minister

DEPUTY Prime Minister and Union Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Than Swe received Mr Heuangseng Khamdalavong, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Lao PDR to the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, who is leaving Myanmar after completion of his tour of duty in Myanmar, at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

During the farewell call, they reviewed the development of the existing traditional friendly relations. They candidly discussed matters on a wide range of issues pertaining to the potential for further strengthening the mutually beneficial cooperation, especially in the areas of trade and investment, tourism and people-to-people contacts between the two countries, as well as closer collaboration in both regional and multilateral arenas. — MNA



Deputy Prime Minister Union Minister for Foreign Affairs U Than Swe meets Lao Ambassador Mr Heuangseng Khamdalavong who is leaving Myanmar after completion of his tour of duty in Myanmar yesterday in Nay Pyi Taw.

Myanmar, Thai, and Laos vow to tackle transboundary haze through joint action plan



Participants, including Myanmar delegate Union Minister U Khin Maung Yi, pose for the documentary photo during the launch ceremony of the Joint Plan of Action-CLEAR Sky Strategy in Bangkok, Thailand, on 29 October 2024.

THE Myanmar delegation led by Union Minister for Natural Resources and Environmental Conservation U Khin Maung Yi attended the launch ceremony of the Joint Plan of Action-CLEAR Sky Strategy in Bangkok, Thailand, on Tuesday.

Speaking at the event, the Union minister said the Joint CLEAR Sky Strategy (2024-2030) was initiated to carry out

the aims and objectives of Laos, Myanmar and Thai leaders at the transboundary haze prevention meeting held on 7 April 2023. Myanmar is actively working with the departments concerned to conduct effective fire prevention strategies to control transboundary haze, especially in Shan State, which shares a border with Thailand.

He continued that the coun-

try also plants millions of trees every year, while 21 million trees were planted across the nation in the rainy season of 2024. It is also estimated that deforestation can be reduced to 20,000 acres in 2025 from 240,000 acres in 2020 through forest plantation. In eastern Shan State, which shares borders with Laos and Thailand, the forest coverage was 56.73 per cent in 2010, 60.17 per cent in 2015 and 82.03 per cent in 2020. Regional cooperation should also be promoted via this joint plan for the emergence of a haze-free zone.

Then, the attendees discussed the topic of "CLEAR Sky Strategy – Tackling Transboundary Haze in ASEAN".

Natural Resources and Environmental Ministers, high-ranking officers and experts of Myanmar, Thailand and Laos attended the meeting, and the Myanmar delegation arrived back in Yangon yesterday evening. — MNA/KTZH

Seven eye surgery patients at Pyinmana Sangha Hospital receive eyesight back

ACCORDING to Dr Than Min Htut, the hospital's superintendent, seven patients who underwent eye surgeries at the Pyinmana Sangha Hospital on 27 October were found to have regained eyesight.

Patient examination will be conducted every Wednesday, and surgery on Sunday and reexamination on Monday. The superintendent of the hospital posted the above information on his social network Facebook page, including the hospital's goal to operate 250 patients by the end of this year.

In the coming years, they are planning to provide surgical treatment to thousands of patients. The Fred Hollow Foundation in Australia provided the necessary support, so the pro-

gramme was launched on 4 September 2024, and the cataract surgery was performed starting on 15 September.

Therefore, he encouraged and invited donors for the grassroots people who are having trouble because of no money to be able to see again. Donations can be transferred to his KPay 09788202602, KBZ Bank account 03451133400077401, and after transferring the money, he requested to send the screenshots of the name and location of the donor in messenger.

Patients who want to visit, can contact the Visitor Section of Sangha Hospital 09 422288551, U Pyae Phyo Aung, assistant planning manager 09 787 317 267 and make an appointment, he said. — MT/ZN



A patient undergoes examination at Pyinmana Sangha Hospital.

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

NATIONAL



Ma Khin Thet Mar Win.

Myanmar national successfully repatriated from Iraq

THE Myanmar government has taken significant steps to assist citizens facing challenges abroad, ensuring their safe return to the country. In a demonstration of their commitment, the Myanmar embassy, in coordination with relevant embassies, has facilitated the swift repatriation of citizens encountering difficulties, regardless of their circumstances.

One such case involved a Myanmar citizen, Ma Khin Thet Mar Win, who was experiencing hardships in

Baghdad, Iraq. The Myanmar Embassy in Baghdad worked closely with Iraqi governmental bodies, the International Organization for Migration (IOM), and other relevant organizations to arrange her expedited return. Ma Khin Thet Mar Win departed from Iraq on 29 October via a flight route of Baghdad-Sharjah-Bangkok-Yangon and arrived safely in Yangon at 8:35 pm on 30 October.

The Myanmar embassy continues to assist citizens facing challenges

in Middle-East countries, facilitating their return home. The government expresses its dedication to supporting Myanmar nationals abroad experiencing difficulties, coordinating efforts through the embassy and consulate to ensure safe repatriation. Families and workers who have benefited from these efforts have expressed their deep gratitude to the government, the Myanmar embassy, and the consulate for their timely support during these challenging times. — Nyein Thu (MNA)/KZL

Counter-argument to false information

Inmate allegedly denied timely medical care, dies in Thayawady Prison

KHIT Thit Media's Facebook page claimed that Thayawady Prison inmate Htay Aung Kyaw, identified as a political prisoner, died due to a lack of timely medical treatment on 14 October,

Investigations, however, revealed that Thayawady Prison currently does not hold any political prisoners, only inmates serving sentences for various offences. Htay Aung Kyaw, who was transferred to Thayawady Central Prison from Kyaikmaraw Prison for a breach of discipline, reportedly suffered from HIV and general immune deficiency long before his incarceration.

Records show that Htay Aung Kyaw received medical attention beginning 20 April, when he exhibited a persistent cough. He was initially treated at the prison hospital for 17 days. Subsequently, he was admitted to Thayawady District General Hospital from 7 to 28 May, again from 30 July to 10 September, and

a final time from 24 September to 13 October, for further medical interventions. Despite receiving treatment, Htay Aung Kyaw passed away on 13 October at 6:45 am due to complications related to HIV.

Prison officials report that health care for prisoners at Thayawaddy Central Prison is managed by prison doctors, nurses, and health workers following Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) for prison health care. Any inmate requiring urgent external treatment is promptly transferred as per SOP guidelines to public hospitals when necessary. These procedures include full documentation of medical interventions for inmates, available for reference.

The prison administration has labelled the information published by Khit Thit Media as unfounded, asserting that it could mislead the public. — Aye Moe/KZL

False reports: Forced contributions for military training in PyinOoLwin

REPORTS have emerged alleging that residents in PyinOoLwin, Mandalay Region, are being coerced into contributing funds for military training, with claims that those who refuse must pay K8 million per person. Malicious media spread these false narratives.

In Doekwin Ward of PyinOoLwin, officials and local administrators are reportedly pressuring individuals to participate in military training. However, a spokesperson from the military recruitment committee in Mandalay Region has confirmed that these claims are baseless and spread to mislead the public.

Since the establishment of the People's Military Service Law, relevant authorities have been actively engaging in public awareness campaigns to inform citizens and enhance their understanding of the military service. Furthermore, state-run media outlets also work



This screenshot reveals false claims.

to expose these fabricated and misleading reports propagated by subversive media sources. — MNA/KZL

Media spreads fake news: Political prisoners suffer skin disease at DaikU prison

RFA Burmese intentionally circulate fake news on its Facebook Page, claiming that the female political prisoners of DaikU prison are suffering from skin disease on 22 October.

According to a prison official, there are no political prisoners at DaikU prison but the prisoners who have broken the certain existing laws. Additionally, the claim that over 100 female inmates are suffering from a skin disease is unfounded. But, there are only 40 inmates who are suffering from

normal Eczema, and they are receiving proper medical treatment twice a day. Moreover, the prison hospital superintendent also conducts health awareness programmes regarding personal hygiene.

There are three water tanks that can hold 2,800 gallons each are filled with water and are cleaned once a week. Moreover, the prison officials supervise the cleanliness of dormitories and toilets in addition to water tanks.

Moreover, the medicines

sent by the families of inmates are delivered to the inmates properly under the supervision of health staff, and the claim that the medicines are returned to the families is invalid.

Prisoners in poor health are under the medical treatment of the superintendent and health staff daily, and are transferred to general hospitals in a timely manner if necessary.

RFA Burmese reportedly spread false claims, defaming the prison staff. — Kyu Kyu/KTZH

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Professional Skills of Efficient Teachers

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Carefully enough, momentum must be adapted to the student's needs and the difficulty or complexity of the required tasks. In the main, teacher-directed instruction allows greater control of momentum and instructional time. Instructional time is enhanced whenever teachers plan for and implement smooth transitions. Such transitions are points where students' attention is refocused to new topics or activities. On the other hand, teachers should work to minimize the number and length of transitions and to make them as organized as possible by developing routines and procedures for frequently occurring transitions; they should inform students what they are to do ahead of time, and they should monitor the transition.

3) Promoting meaningful teacher-student interaction

Efficient teachers keep students involved in their lessons through questioning, instructional clarity and monitoring of understanding. Questioning

includes not only asking good questions but also knowing how to obtain answers and react to students' responses. The most effective questions need students to process information and formulate the correct answer. Closed-response questions should be avoided or minimized as much as possible. Questions ought to be phrased clearly and concisely in direct, natural, unambiguous language and should vary in form and cognitive level depending on the objectives of the lesson. Teachers can enhance the effectiveness of questioning by using wait time and maximizing student participation to think about the question or response, where wait time refers to the pauses teachers place between the question and a student's response or between a student's response and the teacher's reaction. Ideal wait time must last between 3 and 5 seconds. And teachers had better address questions to all students, not just volunteers. This keeps the class alert, makes everyone participate, and permits the teacher to monitor the success of instruction better. After a stu-

dent's response to a question, the teacher's reaction is critical. Possible responses include probing, redirecting, rephrasing or giving the student the answer. Here, probing means asking the student additional questions to expand or raise the level or accuracy of the response. Redirecting includes asking another student to answer the same question. This should be mostly avoided. Rephrasing refers to rewording the original question to make it clearer. This should be done only after the student has unsuccessfully attempted to respond.

Teachers whom students find most enjoyable and helpful provide instruction which leads them to a clear understanding of the learning material. Instructional clarity tends to be achieved through logical organizing, identifying and reinforcing main points, using good examples to elaborate, monitoring and correcting. Clear teachers inform students of the lesson objectives early in the lesson and present the content, thus making students see the relationships between concepts or ideas. They help students identify and

reinforce essential aspects of the lesson by noting and repeating major points and writing them on the board. Reviews and summaries are put throughout the lesson to draw broader conclusions. Also, clear teachers elaborate on important ideas and concepts by using concrete, verbal or written examples and explicitly showing how ideas, concepts and tasks are similar to and different from one another. They monitor and quickly correct students' misunderstandings by assigning questions and application exercises during the lesson so as to make students clarify their own misconceptions. Efficient teachers carefully and continually assess students' comprehension through good questioning and establishing an open interactive classroom climate in which students are more likely to ask for help.

4) Providing effective feedback and reinforcement

Efficient teachers provide students with frequent feedback and reinforcement for their academic performance in that they are designed to achieve differ-

ent ends. Feedback is primarily informational and intended to help students improve their performance. This is probably more important than reinforcement in promoting learning. The most useful feedback includes the standard performance being judged against how the student's performance compares with that standard and especially how the performance can be improved. Feedback should be given frequently as soon as possible after performance, focusing on the quality of student performance rather than their intentions or effort. Reinforcement intended to strengthen or promote desirable behaviour provides some type of reward directed towards motivating students. So, it is most beneficial at points where students are most likely to become frustrated and give up, notably less able students. Reinforcement in the form of verbal praise is only marginally effective. The most effective reinforcement is specific to the behaviour being rewarded, contingent upon the desired behaviour or performance and believable or genuine. ■

Nepali women's flowering prosperity from garland industry

In Gundu village, Nepal, women harvest vibrant globe amaranth and marigold flowers to create garlands for Hindu festivals, transforming their lives and boosting the local economy despite challenges from climate change.

THE flower fields of Nepal's Gundu village glimmer yellow, orange and purple as women harvest blooms, a flourishing industry changing tough village lives by providing garlands for Hindu festivals.

Nestled on the rim of Kathmandu Valley, Gundu is renowned for supplying the brightly-coloured globe amaranth and

marigold flowers, with demand surging for this week's Tihar celebrations, also known as Diwali, the Hindu festival of lights.

At dawn, the village women gather in the fields to harvest the blooms, that will, by the day's end, be woven into garlands to adorn homes and temples.

The women of Gundu have turned this seasonal bloom



Nestled on the rim of Kathmandu Valley, the village of Gundu is renowned for supplying the brightly-coloured globe amaranth and marigold flowers. **PHOTO: PRAKASH MATHEMA/AFP**

into a thriving industry, despite a labour-intensive process of picking and weaving them into garlands.

"This has provided more jobs for women of our village,"

said flower farmer Saraswoti Bista, 56.

"We don't have to leave home, and by weaving garlands, we earn a good income," she added.

Nepal, with a GDP per capita of \$1,324, has transformed Gundu into a hub for flower production, supplying over one million garlands annually and generating \$133,000. — AFP

Japanese rail companies continue to see losses on local lines

The Uetsu Line's Murakami-Tsuruoka section experienced the largest loss at nearly 5 billion yen.



People wait on a platform as a train arrives at Shibuya Station in Tokyo on 25 October 2021. PHOTO: KYODO/FILE

EAST Japan Railway (JR East) and West Japan Railway (JR West) are struggling to keep regional rail services profitable as they continue facing significant passenger declines, local media reported.

In fiscal year 2023, JR East reported substantial losses on lines averaging fewer than 2,000 daily passengers per kilometre, national broadcaster NHK

reported.

Out of the 72 sections across 36 lines evaluated, all recorded deficits, totalling over 75 billion yen (about US\$490 million). The Uetsu Line, particularly the Murakami-Tsuruoka section, posted the largest loss at nearly 5 billion yen.

Meanwhile, JR West shared average earnings data for sections with fewer than 2,000 passen-

gers per day over the past three fiscal years. All 30 sections on 17 lines faced deficits, amounting to a combined loss of 23.3 billion yen, according to the report.

Although passenger numbers have rebounded somewhat since the COVID-19 pandemic, Japan's regional rail lines remain financially challenging for the rail operators as population declined. — Xinhua

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- **Documents Needed:** Company profile, registration certificate, financial and technical proposals.

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ROLLING UPDATES

WORLD

Japan main opposition party seeks other parties' support to elect PM

The opposition bloc remains divided, as the Democratic Party for the People (DPP), which significantly increased its seats, declined the CDPJ's invitation for leadership talks.



Yoshihiko Noda (R), head of the main opposition Constitutional Democratic Party of Japan, and Nobuyuki Baba, Japan Innovation Party head, are pictured in Tokyo on 30 October 2024, ahead of their talks as Noda seeks cooperation among opposition parties following the weekend's general election. **PHOTO:**

YOSHIHIKO Noda, head of the main opposition party, the Constitutional Democratic Party of Japan, on Wednesday intensified his efforts to rally cross-party support in his bid to be chosen as the next prime minister after his force gained strength in the weekend general election.

However, the opposition bloc was not united in how they would vote, as the Democratic Party for the People, which quadrupled its seats in the

House of Representatives after Sunday's election, rejected a call by the CDPJ for leadership talks. Prime Minister Shigeru Ishiba's Liberal Democratic Party (LDP) is collaborating with the Democratic Party for the People (DPP) to establish a stable government following the recent election, which left both parties without a majority in Japan's lower house.

Senior officials from both parties are scheduled to meet

to discuss policy coordination ahead of a parliamentary session on 11 November.

Ishiba, who recently became LDP president, and DPP leader Yuichiro Tamaki are vying for majority support to secure the prime minister position. The latest election results showed the LDP and its coalition partner holding 215 seats, while the CDPJ has 148 and the DPP increased its seats from 7 to 28. — Kyodo

BRIEF: WORLD

Harris urges US to turn page on Trump 'chaos' in mass White House rally

KAMALA HARRIS urged Americans to write the "next chapter" for their country and reject Donald Trump's chaos and division as she delivered a powerful closing argument to voters Tuesday against the glowing backdrop of the White House.

The Democratic vice-president warned against Trump's lust for "unchecked power" as she addressed a mass rally at the site where her Republican rival riled up a mob before the deadly 6 January 2021 assault on the US Capitol.

"This is someone who is unstable, obsessed with revenge, consumed with grievance and out for unchecked power," she said in the speech, exactly a week before Americans go to the polls in the most dramatic and divisive election of modern times. — AFP

Russia says US actions against Russian reporters violate freedom of information

WASHINGTON'S recent actions against Russian journalists violate the right to access information and media pluralism, Russian Foreign Ministry spokesperson Maria Zakharova said Wednesday.

A film crew from Russia's Izvestia newspaper, who arrived in Washington to cover the upcoming presidential election, was detained and subjected to hours of interrogation on Tuesday night, resulting in one member being expelled from the country, the Foreign Ministry said in a statement.

Zakharova noted that the Russian journalists had notified US authorities of their intentions and received permission before their arrival, adding that this reflects the United States' readiness to use repressive measures against inconvenient information. — Xinhua

UN agencies voice strong opposition to Israel's ban on UNRWA operations

UNITED NATIONS (UN) agencies and related organizations voiced strong opposition on Tuesday to Israel's ban on the UN Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA).

The Knesset, the Israeli parliament, passed two laws on Monday. One barred the UNRWA from activity in Israel. The law stipulates that UNRWA could not "operate any institution, provide any service, or conduct any activity, whether directly or indirectly" within Israeli territory. Another banned Israeli authorities from any contact with UNRWA. — Xinhua

Spain races to save victims as floods kill 62

SPANISH rescuers on Wednesday scrambled to save people trapped by surging tides of muddy water in floods that have killed at least 62 people in the eastern Valencia region.

Prime Minister Pedro Sanchez urged citizens not to lower their guard as the emergency continued and pledged not to "abandon" victims of the disaster on a scale rarely seen in the European country.

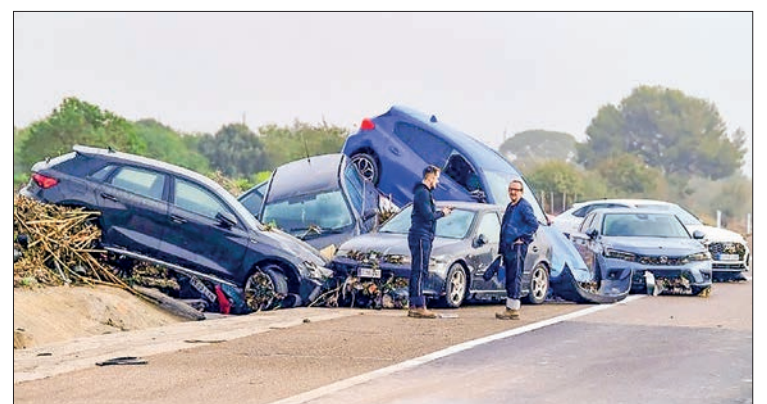
Heavy rain and fierce winds have lashed Spain since the beginning of the week, sparking floods in the eastern Valencia and southern Andalusia regions.

Emergency services in Valencia region announced a provisional death toll of 62 on X, adding that bodies were still being recovered and identified.

The number is expected to rise as other regions have yet to report victims.

"Several hundred people" remained trapped on two motorways in Valencia region, according to its fire service chief Jose Miguel Basset.

Parts of the Valencia region are without power and telephone connections while some places were cut off by flooded roads, complicating the rescue efforts, regional president Carlos Mazon told reporters. — AFP



Flood left cars piled up near Valencia. **PHOTO: AFP**

SPORTS

Tainan City Team wins in AFC Challenge League Group (D), advances with Shan United

ON the second day of the AFC Challenge League 2024-2025 season, held on 30 October at Thuwunna Youth Training Centre in Yangon, Chinese Taipei's Tainan City team secured a victory over the Lao club Young Elephant with a score of three goals to two.

With three teams in Group D, Tainan City team's win against Young Elephant has

allowed them to qualify for the next round alongside Myanmar's Shan United, even before the final match. The upcoming game between Shan United and the Tainan City team, scheduled for 3 November, will determine the top position in the group.

Young Elephant, having lost to Shan United in their opening match, fought hard in this match to keep their hopes alive

for advancing but ended up with a loss after initially leading by two goals to one. Kotin scored the goals for the Tainan City Team in 25 minutes, Kemsang Kyu in 60 minutes, and Tonho in 70 minutes. For Young Elephant, the goals were scored by Eldamar in 48 and 51 minutes.

In Group D, both Shan United and the Tainan City team have earned three points



The Tai Nan City Team competes against Young Elephant. **PHOTO: MFF**

from one match, while Young Elephant has lost both of their matches, leaving them with no points. The final day of Group D

will see Myanmar's Shan United facing off against the Tainan City team on 2 November. — Ko Nyi Lay/KZL



Carlos Alcaraz won his opener at the Paris Masters 7-5, 6-1. **PHOTO: AFP**

Alcaraz breezes through opener at Paris Masters

SPAIN'S Carlos Alcaraz opened his campaign at the Paris Masters on Tuesday with a 7-5, 6-1 win over Chilean Nicolas Jarry. After receiving a bye through the first round, Alcaraz took a 3-0 lead in his round of 32 match but was reigned back in by Jarry, before eventually claiming the first set 7-5. However, Alcaraz was in commanding form in the second set, giving his Chilean opponent only one game as he raced to victory.

"It's been two years since I have won a match here in Paris.. so every time that I keep going is a gift for me," said the 21-year-old Spaniard.

"I'm just really happy to get through the opening set, it was really important for me to come into the second with more confidence. I (need) time to get used to the speed of the court."

Alcaraz is the heavy favourite to win his first title on the hard court at Bercy Arena after Italian world number one Jannik Sinner withdrew from the tournament earlier on Tuesday due to an intestinal virus. — AFP

Torch, medal, anthem for Asian Winter Games unveiled



Dancers perform during a celebration event for Harbin's successful bid in Harbin, capital of northeast China's Heilongjiang Province on 8 July 2023. **PHOTO: XIE JIANFEI/XINHUA/FILE**

THE torch, medals and anthem for the 2025 Asian Winter Games in Harbin were officially unveiled on Wednesday.

The torch for the 9th Asian Winter Games stands 735 millimetres tall, with a top diameter of 115 millimetres and a grip diameter of 50 millimetres. Its design, themed "Surging", embodies the vibrant energy of life in nature, symbolizing the passion of the Games.

Styled as a blossoming lilac, the torch features colors of China Red, Lilac Purple, and Snow White, reflecting the warmth and inclusivity of Heilongjiang Province and Harbin.

The torch includes a floral burner nozzle and hollow snowflake designs, merging culture, technology, and nat-

ural artistry. Its outer shell transitions from transparent ice crystal to Snow White, while the inner core shifts from China Red to Lilac Purple, creating a striking effect of ice and fire when lit.

On the same day, the "Spirit of Speed" medals were unveiled, showcasing the streamlined shape of a race-track and the emblem of the Games.

The reverse features a landscape of Yabuli, highlighting Heilongjiang's natural beauty. Additionally, the anthem "Snow of Harbin," composed by Chang Shilei, promotes unity and friendship among Asian nations, emphasizing peace and cooperation for a shared future. — Xinhua



Muhammad Ali (R) goes toe to toe with George Foreman in the Rumble in the Jungle on 30 October 1974. **PHOTO: AFP/FILE**

Rumble in the Jungle remembered after 50 years

IN October 1974, 12-year-old Alfred Mamba witnessed the legendary boxing match known as "The Rumble in the Jungle" in Kinshasa, Zaire.

As his father, a referee, helped set up for the event, Mamba recalls the electrifying atmosphere with about 60,000 fans eagerly awaiting the heavyweight title fight between Muhammad Ali and George Foreman.

Ali, once stripped of his title for resisting the Vietnam draft, used his famous rope-a-dope strategy to defeat Foreman, a favourite at the time, regaining the championship in a stunning eighth-round knockout.

The event, financed by dictator Mobutu Sese Seko, garnered global attention and was celebrated in Norman Mailer's book and an Oscar-winning documentary.

Mamba and others remember the crowd's fervor, with locals feeling a deep connection to Ali, whom they viewed as "like a brother." The anticipation grew as fans queued for miles, eager to witness the historic showdown. — AFP

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NOT all rocket engineers get to strap in and blast off into space, but Wang Haoze made this thrilling leap on Wednesday.

Wang, who used to design system parameters for rocket engines, is carrying out the Shenzhou-19 spaceflight mission along with two other crew members, serving as the country's first female space engineer in the process.

The Shenzhou-19 spaceship, atop a Long March-2F carrier rocket, was launched at 4:27 am (Beijing Time) from the Jiuquan Satellite Launch Centre in northwest China.

Born in 1990 in Luanping County, north China's Hebei Province, Wang enrolled at Southeast University to major in thermal energy and power engineering, following her completion of the college entrance examination.

After graduating with a master's degree, Wang joined the Academy of Aerospace Propulsion Technology under the China Aerospace Science and Technology Corporation, and started her career by engaging in rocket engine research. She later signed up for the selection process to determine the country's third batch of astronauts — and was finally selected as the only woman in this batch.

After securing selection, Wang and her peers pushed the limits of both body and mind in the course of their training.

During extravehicular activity drills, astronaut Wang faced challenges in a 100-kilogramme spacesuit, pressurized at 0.4 atm. Movement was difficult due to restricted head mobility and limited visibility, forcing her to use a wrist mirror. — Xinhua

Wang Haoze — female rocket engineer launched into space

Prior to her spaceflight, Wang designed system parameters for rocket engines.



Wang became the first female space engineer from China to embark on a space mission during the Shenzhou-19 flight. **PHOTO: CHINA NEWS SERVICE**

COVID-19 vaccine delays cost Australia \$20 billion

AUSTRALIA'S sluggish COVID-19 vaccine rollout cost the nation at least \$20 billion as strict lockdowns and other

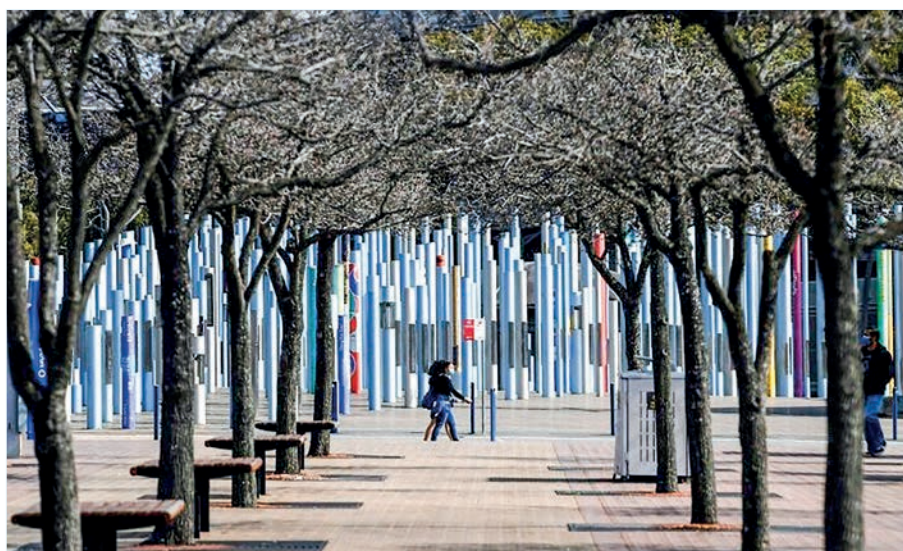
restrictions were unnecessarily prolonged, a government-backed inquiry concluded on Tuesday.

The 12-month enquiry singled out Australia's initial lack of urgency in distributing COVID-19 vaccines, with then-prime minister Scott Morrison at one point declaring the rollout "not a race".

Australia imposed some of the world's most stringent restrictions during the pandemic, effectively sealing international borders for two years and locking down major cities for months on end.

Vaccine delays meant many cities reopened "months later" than they could have, the enquiry found, estimating a "direct economic cost" of at least \$20 billion (Aus\$31 billion).

"These procurement delays ultimately affected the timing of the vaccine rollout and prolonged restrictive public health measures that had by then been in place for over a year," it concluded. — AFP



Residents of Sydney faced fines for violating stay-at-home rules during the COVID-19 waves. **PHOTO: AFP/FILE**

Digital transactions at Vietnamese banks reach 98%

THE digital transaction rate at many commercial banks in Vietnam has reached 97-98 per cent, Vietnam News Agency reported on Wednesday, citing the State Bank of Vietnam.

Pham Tien Dung, the bank's deputy governor, said that from 1 October banks have allowed account openings using chip-enabled citizen ID cards and fully implemented online lending and guarantees. This legal foundation is crucial for the technological integration of the banking sector. Nguyen Quoc Hung, vice chairman and general secretary of the Vietnam Banks Association, said some banks were now conducting over 95 per cent of transactions through digital channels. More than 87 per cent of adults in Vietnam hold payment accounts. — Xinhua