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State Administration Council Chairman Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing speaks on the occasion of the Eighth Greater Mekong Subregion Summit in Kunming, China, on 6-7 November 2024.

Myanmar leader addresses regional integration and connectivity at 8th GMS Summit

State Administration Council Chairman Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing attended the Eighth Greater Mekong Subregion Summit at Haigeng Convention Centre in Kunming, China, yesterday morning.

The Chinese Premier, the heads of government of Cambodia, Lao PDR, Thailand and Vietnam, and the Asian Development Bank president attended the summit.

The summit was held under two sessions, “Leaders’ Summit” and “Plenary Session”.

The Senior General first posed for the documentary photo together with

The Chinese Premier, the heads of government of Cambodia, Lao PDR, Thailand and Vietnam, and the Asian Development Bank president attended the summit.

Prime Ministers of GMS member countries.

The Chinese Premier then made an opening speech for the Leaders’ Summit, and respective leaders discussed proper work plans and preparedness for regional integration under the topic of “Towards Development through Innovation”.

At the event, the Senior General ap-

preciated the attendance of GMS leaders. He added that measures to create a promising subregion through innovation will be discussed during the Leaders’ Summit. Technology and innovation play a vital role in the economic growth and socioeconomic development of a nation. The countries or regions that support innovations in the global economy can

improve social quality by promoting their economic status, creating job opportunities, and accelerating the innovations in the global economy can upgrade social quality such as promotion of their economic status, creation of job opportunities and acceleration of competitiveness.

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Agro and Livestock Industries: Driving Regional and National Development

THE growth of agriculture and livestock-based industries plays a crucial role in regional and national development.

(Excerpt from the speech given by Chairman of the State Administration Council Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing at the meeting with the Magway Region government and district-level departmental officials on 24 May 2024 to talk about regional development)

Myanmar Daily Weather Report

(Issued at 7:00 pm Thursday 7 November 2024)

BAY INFERENCE: Weather is cloudy to cloudy over the Andaman Sea, Eastcentral Bay and South Bay of Bengal and a few cloud elsewhere over the Bay of Bengal.

FORECAST VALID UNTIL NOON OF THE 8th November 2024: Rain or thundershowers will be scattered in Lower Sagaing, Mandalay, Magway Regions, fairly widespread in Upper Sagaing, and Taninthayi Regions and Chin, Kayin, and Mon States and widespread in the remaining Regions and States with likelihood of regionally heavyfalls in Bago, Yangon, and Ayeyawady Regions and Shan State and isolated heavyfalls in Nay Pyi Taw, Lower Sagaing, and Mandalay, Magway Regions. Degree of certainty is 100%.

THE CONDITION OF CUMULONIMBUS CLOUD: The cumulonimbus clouds are developing in Yangon, Ayeyawady, and Taninthayi Regions and Kachin State. The area along the Cumulonimbus clouds movement, the weather phenomena such as strong winds accompanied with rain, thunder, lightning and hail may occur and therefore it is recommended to be aware in advance these phenomena.

STATE OF THE SEA: Sea will be moderate in Myanmar waters. Wave height will be about 5-8 feet off and along Myanmar Coasts.

OUTLOOK FOR SUBSEQUENT TWO DAYS: Likelihood of slight decrease of night temperatures in Kachin, Shan, and Chin States.

FORECAST FOR NAY PYI TAW AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 8th November 2024: One or two rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is 100%.

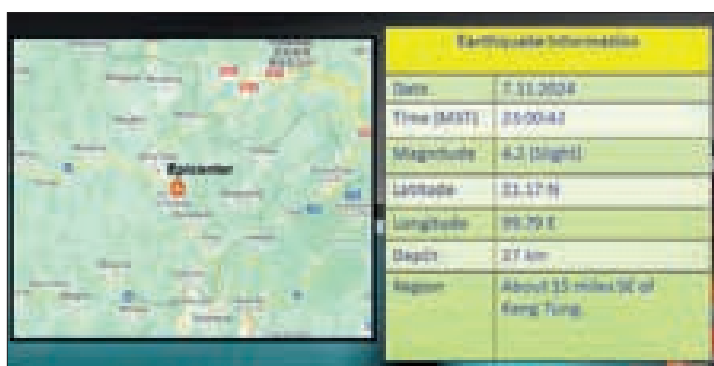
FORECAST FOR YANGON AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 8th November 2024: Some rain or thundershowers with mat be heavy at times. Degree of certainty is 100%.

FORECAST FOR MANDALAY AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 8 November 2024: One or two rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is 100%.

EARTHQUAKE NEWS

(Issued at 23:15 hour MST)

A slight earthquake of magnitude (4.2) Richter Scale with its epicenter inside Myanmar (about (15) miles southeast of Kengtung), latitude 21.17°N, longitude 99.79°E, depth (27) kilometres, about (16) miles southeast of Kengtung seismological observatory was recorded at (23) hr (00) min (42) sec MST on 7 November, 2024. — DMH



Myanmar's Thingyan Festival added to UNESCO's preliminary ICH list



This image showcases Myanmar's traditional New Year Thingyan Festival.

THE Myanmar traditional New Year Thingyan Festival proposal submitted to UNESCO's World Intangible Cultural Heritage List has been included in UNESCO's preliminary list, according to the Department of Religious Affairs and National Museums.

It stated that according to the preliminary decision by UNESCO, Myanmar's traditional New Year Atā Thingyan festival is included in the list that will be designated as a World Intangible Cultural Heritage, and it was found posted on UNESCO's website.

An official decision will be made at the

19th session of the World Intangible Cultural Heritage Committee to be held on 2-7 December 2024 in Asunción, Paraguay, regarding the proposal for the Myanmar traditional New Year Ata Thingyan festival submitted by Myanmar.

"Since Myanmar's traditional Thingyan, the first intangible heritage for Myanmar, is included in the preliminary list, it is almost certain to be listed as the world's cultural heritage," U Kyaw Myo Win, director at the Ministry of Religious Affairs and Culture, commented on this inclusion of Myanmar Atā Thingyan. — MT/ZN

New postage stamp White Dragon to introduce on 11 Nov

THE new postage stamp White Dragon (K200) will be introduced on 11 November, according to Myanmar Post under the Ministry of Transport and Communications.

In dedication to new butterfly species recorded in Myanmar by the Ministry of Natural Resources and Environmental Conservation, the new stamp White Dragon will be sold at Nay Pyi Taw Central Post Office, Yangon Post Office, Mandalay Post Office and other regional and state post offices on 11 November from 9:30 am.

The date logo will be printed on stamps and first-day covers when bought on 11 November



New postage stamp White Dragon (K200).

in Nay Pyi Taw, Yangon and Mandalay.

For the purchase of first-day covers, contact can be made to 09 45000226, U Nyi Nyi Lwin from Nay Pyi Taw Central Post Office, 09 424000458, U Aung Soe from Yangon Post Office and 09 424000515, U Tin Maung Myint from Mandalay Post Office. — MT/ZS

NATIONAL

Residents Urged to Prioritize Public Safety Amid Armed Terrorist Threats

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

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

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Concerning the participation of regional business people, the Senior General said, “At the same time, innovations should be tailored to the natural environment and geographical features of a country, and intellectuals, experts, startups and entrepreneurs in addition to governments, development partners, private and local governments should work together.”

He continued that access to resources is also crucial, and the Research and Development (R&D) is an essential resource for innovation and the assistance of government, private, local and foreign investments and development partners also play a crucial role in bringing about innovation.

He urged the GMS countries to accelerate the agricultural economy and food security through innovation as they are formed of agriculture-based countries. Moreover, all the sectors of GMS programmes should be connected with innovative strategies, and agriculture, tourism and investment should be prioritized according to the strategy.

In addition to these prioritized sectors, it should be ready for energy, health, urban development and transport sectors, especially, in the health sector, treatment and modern treatment should be discovered through public health services, health and human resources connections and medical universities level connections, and also through technology transfer centres and knowledge sharing centres.

The Senior General also highlighted the intellectual property laws and enactment of laws for each sector in each country.

During the plenary session held under the theme of “Towards a Better Community through Innovation-driven Development”, Chinese Premier Mr Li Qian made an opening speech, and the

leaders and the Asia Development Bank president made remarks, respectively.

Speaking at the occasion, the Senior General said that many countries, including Myanmar, faced flooding and landslides in September due to Typhoon Yagi. The country conducted rehabilitation activities together with governments, ASEAN, international communities and people, and extended wishes to the Typhoon Yagi-affected people in GMS countries to be able to return to their normal conditions.

He continued that the GMS programme, which has been running for over three decades since 1992, has achieved significant achievements.

Regarding the approval of the Concept Paper, the Senior General said, “The special focus is placed on the innovation sector internationally, and the Innovation Strategy that will be approved at the summit held under “Towards a Better Community through Innovation-driven Development”, is suitable for GMS. Technology and innovation are the main driving forces for the promotion of manufacturing, technology enhancement, new industries and job creation in regional countries. As all are aware, the Innovative Strategy 2030 of GMS intends to accelerate the cooperation in implementing the GMS Strategic Framework 2030, and the Concept Paper was approved at the 26th GMS Ministerial Conference held in December 2023 in Myanmar.”

He then mentioned the 3 Cs – Connectivity, Competitiveness and Community – in solving challenges such as climate change, food security, natural disasters, financial inflation, global health crisis, increasing energy prices, migrant workers and an unbalanced economy.

He added that public healthcare of a nation plays a vital role in building a modern and developed nation. There-

fore, it should estimate the increasing population and changing socioeconomic and environmental conditions for the future and should employ the existing resources. In such doing, the healthcare system will be qualified, and the national-level activities will be conducted by connecting with the health strategies of GMS and regional governments.

Regarding food security, the Senior General said that the global population is 8.3 billion now and will reach 8.6 billion in 2030 and 8.9 billion in 2035. Therefore, the food security crisis might be huge, and regional cooperation plays a crucial role in food production. Trade and distribution cannot be done just in the territory of a country. So, all should share knowledge regarding innovative plans in the agricultural sector, create regional food markets and promote investments, including technology transfers.

He then mentioned the special efforts of the government to ensure the food security of people using modern technologies in agricultural and livestock breeding products. He added that Myanmar ranked eighth in the most rice-exporting countries and second in bean exports in 2023.

The Senior General also talked about the role of economic corridors, the signature of GMS, saying the economic corridor’s development plays a pivotal role in accelerating the economic growth, regional integration and all-inclusive development of a nation. The promotion of communication between the producers and markets can develop trade along the economic corridor and create new markets in transnational trade. Therefore, all should work together to promote the regional economy using these economic corridors.

He continued that Myanmar practices a non-aligned, independent, and active foreign policy that is in line with the Five Principles of Peaceful Coexist-

ence. Moreover, the government drafted a five-point roadmap and nine objectives in the political, economic and social sectors for the interests of the country and national people.

He then pledged that Myanmar would keep working together with other countries to implement the comprehensive cooperation agreements, saying balance and inclusion are fundamental principles for international cooperation. Therefore, the cooperation of development partners, private institutions and regional governments, in addition to the collaboration of member countries and support of the GMS Secretariat, is needed to implement the plans for the socioeconomic development in GMS countries.

The Senior General also expressed trust that the suggestions of leaders can be supportive actions to the emergence of a resilient and sustainable GMS community.

The Chinese Finance Minister reported the progress after the Seventh GMS Summit to the leaders, and the official from the Yunnan Province government presented the report of the GMS Economic Corridors Forum and the GMS Secretary Office about the outcome of the development partner meeting and declared the joint statement and GMS Innovative Strategy 2030.

The Greater Mekong Subregion (GMS) Economic Cooperation Programme Summit, which has been running for over three decades since 1992, has secured significant achievements. According to the GMS programme, the summit is held once every three years starting in 2002 in six member countries in accord with the alphabet. Myanmar hosted the Fourth GMS Summit on 19 and 20 December 2011 in Nay Pyi Taw.

— MNA/KTZH

NATIONAL

Scholarship and experience-sharing initiatives must align with CLMV framework

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Chairman of the State Administration Council Prime

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State Administration Council Chairman Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing addresses the 11th Cambodia-Lao PDR-Myanmar -Vietnam (CLMV) Summit yesterday.

Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing delivered a speech at the 11th Cambodia-Lao PDR-Myanmar-Vietnam (CLMV) Summit at Wyndham Grand Hotel in Kunming, the People's Republic of China yesterday afternoon.

Speaking on the occasion, the Senior General commended the efforts made to finalize the draft of the '11th CLMV Summit Joint Declaration' that was structured under the collaboration of senior officials from CLMV countries and working groups formed by the respective lead countries. He expressed condolences over the devastating impacts of the related consequences, such as floods and landslides, in CLMV member countries, which have led to the loss of lives, homes, and livelihoods of many people.

Amid the current global political complexities, international conflicts, economic downturns, food and energy shortages, and other challenges, it is essential for all to have the resilience to overcome these issues. Today's discussions offer an opportunity to

review and assess the progress of CLMV collaboration, and under the theme "From Friendly Relations and Unity to Resilience and Prosperity", this meeting also provides a chance to strengthen and enhance the implementation of the CLMV framework effectively.

Following this, the Prime Ministers of Cambodia, Laos, and Vietnam, along with the ASEAN Secretary-General, reviewed progress under the theme "From Friendship and Solidarity to a Resilient and Prosperous Community". They shared perspectives on the future direction of CLMV cooperation.

In reviewing the future direction of CLMV cooperation, the Senior General emphasized that Myanmar, as a leading country in the agricultural, industrial, and energy sectors, is actively collaborating and working together with its partners. Strengthening infrastructure and technological linkages among the member states of the CLMV group is crucial for regional development. Under CLMV coopera-

tion, Myanmar has endorsed and released the "CLMV Development Framework" and the "CLMV Development Framework Implementation Plan" to promote regional economic integration further.

Due to the severe impact of the pandemic, the industrial sectors of the CLMV countries have been significantly affected. In order to promote the recovery and development of these sectors, it is necessary for all to build and upgrade industrial infrastructure, including technological infrastructure, through economic corridors, interconnections between these corridors, and special economic zones.

All member countries must collectively address the challenges posed by both natural disasters and human-made threats. This includes strengthening disaster management mechanisms and implementing effective programmes and strategies for mitigating the impacts of climate change, reducing regional vulnerabilities, and enhancing early warning systems.

CLMV countries should support domestic economic activities and sectors such as MSMEs that are related to the tourism industry, which can preserve the natural environment and cultural traditions.

Implementing human resource development programmes in CLMV countries is of utmost importance. Therefore, it is necessary to continue conducting scholarship programmes and experience-sharing initiatives in various fields under the CLMV framework.

The receipt of funding is crucial for the success and progress of every collaborative mechanism, including the CLMV partnership framework. He also appreciated the help and support provided by the ASEAN Secretariat and development partner countries for the CLMV projects.

Myanmar has reiterated its commitment to working closely with the member countries of the CLMV group to achieve its core objective of promoting sustainable, comprehensive development for

the long term.

The Prime Ministers from the member countries discussed and confirmed the statements issued at the (CLMV) summit.

In conclusion, the Senior General, the chairman of the summit, said that all member countries effectively implementing the relevant projects will further contribute to the well-being and growth of the people in the region. Hence, all countries need to continue strengthening the pledges and further enhancing the momentum of the CLMV cooperation mechanism.

The Senior General handed over the alternate chairmanship of CLMV to the Vietnamese Prime Minister, who made a speech.

After the summit, the Senior General cordially greeted Cambodian Prime Minister Mr Hun Manet, Lao Prime Minister Mr Sonexay Siphandone, Vietnamese Prime Minister Mr Pham Minh Chich and ASEAN Secretary-General Dr Kao Kim Hourn, and the party. — MNA/TTA



State Administration Council Chairman Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing addresses the 10th Ayeyawady-Chao Phraya-Mekong Economic Cooperation on Strategy (ACMECS) Summit yesterday.

Senior General Min Aung Hlaing highlighted that Myanmar is striving to enhance cross-border trade opportunities with ACMECS member countries and to connect with regional economic corridors by developing its transportation infrastructure.

Chairman of the State Administration Council Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing delivered a speech at the 10th Ayeyawady-Chao Phraya-Mekong Economic Cooperation Strategy (ACMECS) Summit at Wyndham Grand Hotel in Kunming, China, yesterday afternoon.

Also present at the meeting were Cambodian Prime Minister Mr Hun Manet, Thai Prime Minister Ms Paetongtarn Shinawatra and party, Vietnamese Prime Minister Mr Pham Minh Chich, Lao Prime Minister Mr Sonexay Siphandone, ministers, deputy ministers and senior officers from the member countries and officials.

The Lao Prime Minister, the Summit Chairman, delivered an opening address, whereas the Cambodian Prime Minister gave a speech.

The ACMECS cooperation, which originated in Bagan of Myanmar in 2003, turned 21 years this year. Since its establishment, the ACMECS has played a vital role in the promotion of development in the region, narrowing development gaps and enhancing regional economic integration. As the ACMECS is formed with five Mekong region countries, the friendly relations between these five countries are based on long-lasting amicability and good neighbourhood relations.

Personally, the Senior General said that he recognizes Thailand's leadership and the collective efforts of ACMECS member countries in successfully negotiating the establishment of the ACMECS Interim Secretariat (AIS) and signing

Myanmar commits to strengthening and integrating ACMECS region

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a Memorandum of Understanding between ACMECS member countries and the Mekong Institute (MI). The capabilities of the ACMECS Interim Secretariat have further enhanced the momentum of collaboration under the ACMECS framework, contributing significantly to regional integration efforts.

He expressed thanks for being able to confirm six collaborative development programmes between ACMECS and its primary partners, which will enable closer cooperation with partners in various fields of collaboration as outlined. These joint development initiatives present valuable opportunities for deeper partnerships, contributing to building a more comprehensive, resilient ACMECS community.

The Senior General highlighted that the interconnected transportation network serves as a solid foundation for transforming the ACMECS region into a development hub. Hence, all should establish a comprehensive transportation system that can encompass the entire region, enabling seamless connectivity between ACMECS and neighbouring countries.

He unveiled that Myanmar is striving to enhance cross-border trade opportunities with ACMECS member countries

and to connect with regional economic corridors by developing its transportation infrastructure. Moreover, efforts to expand energy transmission and electricity distribution networks aim to reduce development gaps between urban and rural areas, which will also benefit the entire ACMECS region.

He noted that ACMECS countries must enhance financial and trade initiatives, digital economy networks, and e-governance networks, among them, in line with secure information and communication technologies.

The Senior General explained that the trade and investment sector is a crucial driving force for economic growth, significantly influencing the Gross Domestic Product (GDP), inflation rate, economic growth rate, employment levels, and social indicators in ACMECS countries. By simplifying and strengthening trade and investment regulations, it will visibly and positively impact regional economies and the quality of life of the population.

He added that Myanmar invites development partners from ACMECS member countries to engage in trade and investment activities in the country. Agriculture stands as a primary source of food production in the ACMECS re-

gion, including Myanmar, and serves as a critical livelihood for rural communities, who make up a majority of the population within the ACMECS region.

The Senior General said he encourages the private sectors within ASEAN countries, especially small- and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) and startups, to participate actively in modern economic programmes under the ASEAN framework. Myanmar is striving to enhance national economic stability and increase employment opportunities by prioritizing development initiatives led by the private sector.

He expressed his desire to enhance social and cultural interactions through travel industry development programmes in ACMECS countries and to implement the 'Five Nations, One Journey' initiative. This will help promote peace and economic prosperity, as well as support the establishment of a cohesive and beneficial ACMECS community. Assuming the chairmanship of ACMECS, Myanmar is committed to working together with ACMECS member countries to continue driving the region's development seamlessly and continuously with great enthusiasm.

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Myanmar commits to strengthening and ...

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Myanmar is actively prioritizing collaboration with neighbouring countries within the Mekong subregion. In line with this, Myanmar will continue to engage constructively under the ACMECS framework, building on the longstanding friendship, good neighbourliness, mutual understanding, respect, and shared benefits among ACMECS member countries.

Prime Ministers of Thailand, Vietnam, and Laos made speeches, and at the meeting declared New Zealand as a second-batch ACMECS development country. Next, the Vientiane declaration

was released, and the master plan of ACMECS was added to the Paper on Cooperation in Water Resources in the Mekong Region.

The Prime Minister of Laos handed over the alternate chairmanship of ACMECS to the Senior General.

In his speech, the Senior General said that during the chairmanship of ACMECS, Myanmar will continue to implement the previous development programmes to ensure that all ACMECS member countries benefit from the advantages gained through regional development initiatives.

Moreover, Myanmar is committed to effectively pursuing the creation and implementation of fundamental development strategies.

The Myanmar government intends to continue its efforts to develop and strengthen the ACMECS region as a fully integrated and prosperous area, following the path set by previous leaders.

As the new chairperson assumes office, it is hoped that the challenges will be overcome and that the objectives of ACMECS cooperation will be successfully achieved, with the farsightedness, vision, and collaboration of all member

countries.

The 10th Ayeyawady-Chao Phraya-Mekong Economic Cooperation Strategy (ACMECS) Summit aims to enhance competitiveness in the border regions of the developing countries, foster more development and growth, facilitate the relocation of agricultural and manufacturing activities in areas with better opportunities, create job opportunities, reduce income disparities between member countries, and continuously promote peace, stability, and equitable prosperity for all through sustainable development strategies. — MNA/TTA



Deputy Prime Minister Union Transport & Communications Minister General Mya Tun Oo meets departmental personnel in Kawthoung.

DPM MoTC Union Minister inspects airports and harbour in Kawthoung

ON 5 November, Deputy Prime Minister Union Minister for Transport and Communications General Mya Tun Oo and officials visited airports and ports in Kawthoung, Taninthay Region.

He inspected Dawei, Myeik, Bokpyin, and Kawthoung airports. The director-general of the Department of Civil Aviation discussed ongoing airport

operations, development projects, and potential expansions for cargo flights. The Deputy Prime Minister emphasized the importance of safety, cleanliness, and high-class service at airports, urging strict measures for security and collaboration with relevant departments.

The General met General Administration Department employees and other staff

in Kawthoung, delivering a speech.

In the afternoon, the General visited Kawthoung Port. The managing director of the Myanmar Port Authority briefed them on the operations and income status of various wharves. The General ensured the smooth flow of goods and inspected the MCL 4 vessel for illegal items. — MNA/TS

Union Minister of Ministry 2 at SAC Chairman Office receives strategic analyst from India

U Ko Ko Hlaing, Union Minister of the Ministry 2 at the Office of the Chairman of the State Administration Council, received Mr Atul Aneja, a strategic analyst from India, yesterday afternoon at the parlour of the State Administration Council Office in Nay Pyi Taw.

During the meeting, they discussed matters concerning Myanmar and contemporary global issues, emphasizing the importance of

countering misinformation and disinformation by promoting accurate narratives. The discussion also focused on strengthening relations and cooperation, not only within the media sector but also across various areas of mutual collaboration.

The meeting was attended by officials from the Office of the State Administration Council. — MNA

SAC Member MoHA Union Minister attends GAD's 36th Anniversary



Union Minister Lt-Gen Yar Pyae speaks on the 36th Anniversary occasion of the General Administration Department yesterday.

THE 36th Anniversary of the General Administration Department (GAD) was celebrated at Hotel Max in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday morning. State Administration Council Member Union Minister for Home Affairs Lt-Gen Yar Pyae attended the event.

Lt-Gen Yar Pyae highlighted the GAD's significant role in Myanmar's administrative history, noting its adaptation through various governmental transitions. He emphasized the department's dedication to upholding the rule of law, ensuring community peace, supporting regional development, and promoting public welfare. He commended the staff for their responsible fulfilment of duties and their active assistance in disaster management during the heavy flooding caused by Typhoon Yagi in September. He also acknowledged their successful participation in the Nationwide Census Collection in October.

Lt-Gen Yar Pyae reiterated the commitment to achieving Myanmar's national objectives, including two core goals each for national and political objectives, five work plans, and nine guiding principles. He encouraged officials to participate in preparations for a free and fair general election and called for efforts to produce capable civil servants dedicated to the national interests.

The event included the provision of uniforms and basic supplies for GAD staff and award presentations to top-performing students from the Civil Service Academics and other administrative training programmes. — MNA/KZL

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Coord meeting of Central Body for Summoning People's Military Servants held

THE coordination meeting 7/2024 of the Central Body for Summoning People's Military Servants took place yesterday afternoon at the Ministry of Defence's meeting hall, chaired by Deputy Prime Minister and Union Minister for Defence Admiral Tin Aung San.

Vice Chairman of the Central Body Chief of the General Staff (Army, Navy and Air) General Maung Maung Aye, members of the central body, and state and regional chief ministers participated in the meeting, joining via an online platform.

In his address, Admiral Tin Aung San noted that the People's Military Service Law will be made public once the by-laws have been finalized and approved by relevant au-

thorities. He explained that the current draft has been revised eight times based on feedback from various ministries, the Nay Pyi Taw Council, and state and regional authorities. He urged administrative bodies to use effective public relations and communication practices during the conscription process and to prevent financial fraud.

Admiral Tin Aung San also addressed the spread of misinformation, highlighting 12 instances where opposition media circulated false reports about the conscription process. He encouraged timely responses to counter such misinformation. He further commended the Nay Pyi Taw Council Chairman and state and regional chief ministers for reviewing previous conscription



Deputy Prime Minister Union Defence Minister Admiral Tin Aung San addresses the seventh coordination meeting of the Central Body for Summoning People's Military Servants yesterday.

efforts and emphasized the importance of adhering to established laws and regulations.

General Maung Maung Aye discussed steps to overcome

challenges and strengthen public awareness. The meeting also covered topics such as exemptions and deferments for conscription, coordination

efforts, awareness sessions, disciplinary actions for absentees, and healthcare services for conscripted candidates. — MNA/TMT

SAC members attend 69th Kayin State Day celebration



SAC Member Mahn Nyein Maung presents awards at yesterday's event in Kayin State.

THE 69th Kayin State Day ceremony, a celebration honouring the heritage and pride of the Kayin people, took place on 7 November on the grounds of the state government office.

Attendees included State Administration Council members Mahn Nyein Maung and Khun San Lwin, Union Minister for Ethnic Affairs Jeng

Phang Naw Taung, Chief Ministers U Saw Myint Oo of Kayin State and U Aung Kyi Thein of Mon State, as well as ethnic representatives, peace group members, and residents. The ceremony began with a flag salute and a tribute to national leaders and fallen heroes. A message from State Administration Council Chairman

Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing was read by Mahn Nyein Maung.

The event included a ribbon-cutting ceremony to open exhibitions highlighting Kayin traditions, local products, and achievements in agriculture, small-scale industries, and horticulture. The festivities also featured a traditional boat race and awards in agriculture, traditional crafts, and sports, promoting both cultural pride and local enterprise.

The celebration continued with a formal awards ceremony at Zweekabin Hall, recognizing achievements across social, economic, educational, and environmental sectors. The lively atmosphere extended into the evening with traditional dance performances and competitions, attended by SAC members on 6 November. — MNA/TKO



Deputy Minister U Win Pe inspects the preparatory work yesterday.

Subcommittee chairman inspects national sports festival preparations

PREPARATION Subcommittee on the Fifth National Sports Festival Chairman Deputy Minister for Construction U Win Pe and responsible officials inspected the preparation for the event's opening and closing ceremonies yesterday afternoon.

They reviewed the progress of the seating arrangements for state leaders, backup power systems to ensure uninterrupted electricity during the festival, and the dormitory facilities for referees and juries at the Gold Camp, Cluster-4.

The deputy minister emphasized the importance of meticulous preparation to ensure the festival's success and grandeur. He directed officials to focus on the strength and cleanliness of the flagpoles for raising the national and festival flags and to ensure durability and orderliness in seating arrangements for attending leaders. The deputy minister urged collaborative efforts to maintain hygiene in the dormitories and to report any needs or issues promptly for timely resolution. — MNA/KZL

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Honour radiographers for their endeavours in the healthcare sector

RADIOGRAPHY initiated an unprecedented change in the global health sector with the discovery of X-rays in 1895. From then onward, it has been providing invaluable services, enabling physicians and medical professionals to assess patients' health conditions more accurately and reduce errors in treatment. Medical doctors developed treatments through practical tests on patients to diagnose diseases and identify effective therapies. Prior to advancements in radiography, physicians encountered significant challenges due to limited treatment options. As a result, they largely depended on their own experiences to deliver healthcare services, navigating uncertainties in diagnosis and treatment without the detailed insights modern imaging provides.

This honour for radiographers acknowledges their dedication to advancing medical education and knowledge for future radiographers and healthcare professionals. Their contributions enhance healthcare services in their respective countries. The milestone achieved in radiography recovery will have lasting significance for humanity, ensuring continued improvements in medical practices and patient care.

Since the invention of X-rays and the radiographic process, radiography has greatly aided physicians and scientists in their medical duties, including patient treatment, research for medical advancements, and assessment of conditions, particularly in examining internal organs, diagnosing bone fractures, and evaluating critical situations.

World Radiography Day commemorates the anniversary of the discovery of X-rays in 1895. This day aims to raise public awareness of radiographic imaging and therapy, which are essential for diagnosing and treating patients. Most importantly, applying the radiography emphasizes the need to minimize radiation exposure, thereby enhancing the quality of patient care.

The International Society of Radiographers and Radiological Technologists (ISRRT) has selected the theme "The Role of the Radiographer in a Pandemic" for this year. It is crucial to acknowledge the essential contributions of radiographers in healthcare during such crises. These professionals have consistently risen to the challenge, often risking their own safety to assist physicians in various medical fields. Although they often work behind the scenes, their efforts do not go unnoticed, as both physicians and patients remain deeply grateful for their unwavering support and dedication.

World Radiography Day, celebrated on 8 November every year, raises awareness about the vital role of radiographers in healthcare. This annual event recognizes their expertise in interpreting radiographs, which is essential for physicians and scientists. Each year, radiographers' skills and contributions play a significant role in advancing medical technology, and enhancing patient care and outcomes in the healthcare system.

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BY AUGUSTIN

KNOWING idioms is useful in everyday conversation to sound more fluent and natural, as they can convey complex ideas briefly and add a layer of cultural richness to your language, making interactions more engaging and relatable.

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- Enter the Forest
- မြတ်စွာဘုရားရှင်သည်သက်တော် ၂၀ နှစ်အရွယ်သို့ချင်းနှင်းဝင်ရောက်ခဲ့လေရာ ဥယျာဉ်တော်တွင် သူ့အို၊ သူ့ခွေး၊ သူ့သေ၊ ရဟန်းတည်းဟူသော နိမိတ်ကြီးလေးပါးကို မြင်တော်မူရာမှ သတိသံဝေဂရကာ ကိလေသာတို့၏ကုန်ရာ မသေခြင်းကင်းရာကို ရှာဖွေရန် ဆုံးဖြတ်ခဲ့ပြီး တောထွက်တော်မူခဲ့ပါသည်။ ထိုနေ့သည်ကား မဟာသက္ကရာဇ် ၉၇ ခုနှစ် ဝါဆိုလပြည့် တနင်္လာနေ့ ညဦးသန်းခေါင်ယံ အချိန်ပင်ဖြစ်ပါသည်.....

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A monk or ascetic who renounces the life of a layperson, usually after having been married and often at an advanced age, is referred to as someone who has “entered the forest”.

This signifies that they have chosen a solitary life to practice their religion after making arrangements for their spouse and children, if applicable.

The Myanmar idiom “Enter the Forest” symbolizes a profound personal transformation that occurs when one decides to give up worldly possessions and responsibilities to pursue a spiritual path.

This transition, typically marked by marriage and family life, highlights the significant commitment required to embrace a solitary existence devoted to religious practices. It emphasizes that this choice is not made lightly; it entails considerable preparation and thoughtfulness regarding the impact on one's loved ones.

By entering the metaphorical forest, the individual seeks deeper truths and enlightenment, prioritizing spiritual growth over societal obligations.

This journey reflects the universal search for meaning and peace, where surrendering to a higher purpose becomes more valuable than adhering to conventional lifestyles.

USAGES:

Take the plunge

Definition: To make a significant commitment or decision after much deliberation.

Example: After years of hesitation, she finally decided to take the plunge and move to a monastery.

Leave no stone unturned

Definition: To thoroughly explore all options and possibilities before making a choice.

Example: He left no stone unturned in his research, ensuring he was fully prepared for a life of spiritual study.

Walk the path less travelled

Definition: To choose an unconventional route in life, often for the sake of personal or spiritual growth.

Example: Choosing to walk the path less travelled, she dedicated herself to meditation and self-discovery.

Bite the bullet

Definition: To face a difficult decision or situation with courage and determination.

Example: He had to bite the bullet and explain to his family that he was leaving to pursue a spiritual journey.

Go against the grain

Definition: To act in a way that is contrary to societal norms or expectations.

Example: By choosing a solitary life devoted to faith, she knew she was going against the grain of societal expectations.

Cross the threshold

Definition: To embark on a new journey or phase in life, often marked by change.

Example: As he crossed the threshold into the retreat, he felt a wave of peace wash over him.

Seek the truth

Definition: To pursue a more profound understanding or enlightenment beyond superficial beliefs.

Example: Determined to seek the truth, she left her job and embarked on a journey of spiritual exploration.

တစ်ဖက်ကမ်းခပ်

/tə hpe' kan: kha'/

To Reach the Farther Shore of the Ocean

- အပြီးတိုင် တတ်ကျွမ်းခြင်း
- တစ်ဖက်ကမ်းခပ်ခြင်း
- အထူးကျွမ်းကျင်ခြင်း

- ဝိုင်နိုင်ခြင်း
- (ပညာရပ်တွင်) အပြီးတိုင်တတ်ကျွမ်းသည်။
- ရဟန်းတို့ မြတ်သော သီလ၌ အလှူအလှာများသည် အဖြစ်သို့ ရောက်သူ၊ တစ်ဖက် ကမ်းခပ် ကူးမြောက်တတ်သည့်အဖြစ်သို့ ရောက်သူ.....
- လေးအတတ်ကို တစ်ဖက်ကမ်းခပ်တတ်မြောက်ခဲ့သည်

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To Reach the Farther Shore of the Ocean

An ocean has other shores that are only visible at vast distances. Those who can reach a far shore have successfully crossed an extensive stretch of water and endured a challenging journey that surpasses many hardships.

Consequently, a person who has mastered nearly all aspects of a particular art or science is said to have reached the other shore.

The Myanmar idiom “To Reach the Farther Shore of the Ocean” depicts the arduous journey of acquiring knowledge, skill, or understanding in any discipline.

It suggests that true mastery requires resilience and perseverance through various challenges and hardships, much like navigating the vast seas to land on distant shores.

The imagery of an ocean symbolizes the boundaries of ignorance and the hardships inherent in learning. Reaching this shore signifies not just achievement but also growth and transformation through enduring trials.

This metaphor serves to motivate individuals to pursue their educational and personal development tirelessly, indicating that the rewards of knowledge are worth the effort and struggle involved in the pursuit.

USAGES:

“The Sky’s the Limit”

Definition: There are no limits to what one can achieve.

Example: With dedication and hard work, she believes that the sky’s the limit for her career advancement.

“Crossing the Rubicon”

Definition: Making a significant decision that cannot be undone.

Example: By launching the product, they crossed the Rubicon in their business strategy.

“Mastering the Craft”

Definition: Achieving expertise in a particular field.

Example: After years of practice, she finally feels she is mastering her craft in photography.

“Going the Extra Mile”

Definition: Putting in more effort than expected.

Example: He consistently goes the extra mile to ensure his clients are satisfied.

“Rising to the Challenge”

Definition: Responding positively to difficult circumstances.

Example: She rose to the challenge when her team faced unexpected competition.

“Going from Strength to Strength”

Definition: Making continuous improvements and achieving ongoing success.

Example: Their company has been going from strength to strength since implementing the new strategy.

“Reaching New Heights”

Definition: Achieving a significantly higher level of skill or success.

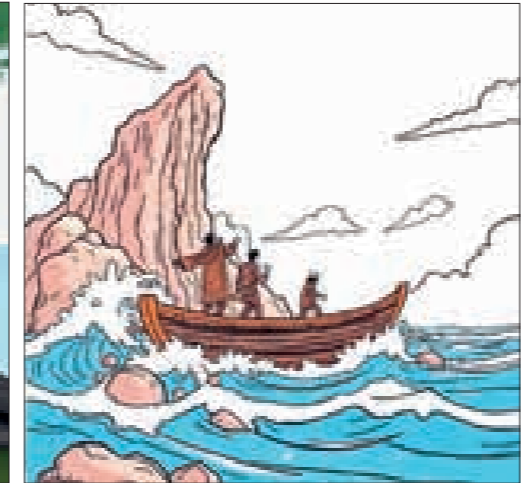
Example: After the recent training program, her performance at work is reaching new heights.

တီးခေါက်ကြည့်

/ti: khau' kjɪ/



တောထွက် / taw htwat/



တစ်ဖက်ကမ်းခပ် /tə hpe' kan: kha'/



တီးခေါက်ကြည့် /ti: khau' kjɪ/

- Sound out; sound (someone) about something
- သဘင်သည် အသိုင်းအဝိုင်းမှ ဆင်းသက်လာသော စကားဖြစ်သည်။ သံစုံ တူရိယာများဖြစ်သော ပတ္တလား၊ မြေးနှောင်၊ ဗုံ စသည်တို့ကောင်း၊ မကောင်း၊ အသံသာ၊ မသာ သိရှိလိုသောအခါ ကိုင်တွယ် ကြည့်ရှုခြင်းဖြင့် မပြီး တီးခေါက် စမ်းသပ်ကြည့်ရသည်။
- သူ၏ စဉ်းစားချက်ကို တီးခေါက်ကြည့်ရာဝယ်....
- ကလတက်သည် ဗွန် စကားဖြစ်လေသည်။ ဗွန်ဘာသာတွင် “ကလေး” (“ကလေး” ဟု ဖတ်)၏ အနက် “မြောက်၊ လှုံ့၊ မောင်းနှင်၊ ရှင်းလင်း ဖြစ်၍ “တက်”၏ အနက် “တီး၊ ခေါက်၊ ရိုက်၊ နှက်” ဖြစ်လေသည်...

သူယ့်ဂိုက်၍စစ်စမ်းမေးမြန်းသည်။ သူအိမ်ခန်းမှားမလားလို့ နည်းနည်းတီးခေါက်ကြည့်လိုက် စမ်းပါ... For a harp player to understand the actual tone of a string, they must strike it themselves. Similarly, to determine the tone of individual bamboo pieces on a xylophone, the player must also strike them. Therefore, to inquire into or to explore someone’s sentiments or inclinations is referred to as “sounding out”.

The expression “To Sound Out” describes the process of actively engaging with someone to understand their true feelings or thoughts. Just as a musician must physically strike the strings or bamboo pieces to discover their sound, individuals must communicate and connect with others to gauge their sentiments.

This Myanmar idiom reflects the importance of direct interaction and inquiry when seeking genuine understanding. It illustrates that assumptions can often lead to misunderstandings; hence, engaging in conversation is essential for clarity.

This idea is universally applicable, showcasing how sound judgment in interpersonal relationships fosters deeper connections and avoids misinterpretations, highlighting the importance of curiosity and openness in communication.

USAGES :

“Reading Between the Lines”

Definition: Understanding the deeper meaning behind what is said.

Example: Sometimes, you have to read between the lines to truly grasp someone’s feelings.

“Pick Their Brain”

Definition: To extract knowledge or insights from someone.

Example: I would love to pick her brain about her experiences in project management.

“Testing the Waters”

Definition: Trying something out to gauge reactions or responses.

Example: Before releasing the product, they decided to test the waters with a small focus group.

“Getting a Feel for Things”

Definition: Gaining an understanding of a situation or environment.

Example: At first, I just wanted to get a feel for things before making any decisions.

“Digging Deeper”

Definition: Exploring more thoroughly to gain a better understanding.

Example: After receiving vague answers, I decided to dig deeper into the issue.

“Asking the Tough Questions”

Definition: Inquiring about difficult or complex topics.

Example: The journalist was praised for asking tough questions during the interview.

“Going Fishing”

Definition: Trying to gather information or opinions from someone indirectly.

Example: He was just going fishing, hoping to learn more about her feelings regarding the project.

NATIONAL

MoE Union Minister highlights investment opportunities at world oil conf in Xi'an



A delegation led by Union Minister for Energy U Ko Ko Lwin attended the third World Oil and Natural Gas Conference in Xi'an, China, on 7 November and also visited the 9th World Oil and Natural Gas Expo.

At the conference, the Union minister highlighted Myanmar's promising oil and gas projects, its existing pipeline infrastruc-

ture, and ongoing upgrades to oil refineries and fertilizer plants. He mentioned that the World Bank has approved locations for constructing oil ports and LNG terminals in Myanmar, presenting significant investment opportunities.

The Union Minister also contributed to the conference discussions on the theme "Let's Building a Bridge Between the Middle East, Africa, and China through Myanmar". Following the conference, he and other delegation members explored exhibits at the 9th World Oil and Gas Expo. — MNA/TKO

The commemorative group photo of the 3rd World Oil & Natural Gas Conference in Xi'an, China on 7 November.

Govt facilitates safe return of Myanmar national facing difficulties abroad

THE Government of Myanmar, valuing its citizens, is committed to ensuring that Myanmar embassies and consulates, in coordination with relevant embassies and ministries, take action to ensure that Myanmar nationals abroad can return home safely and promptly, no matter the difficulties they may face.

The Myanmar Consulate-General worked in coordination with the UAE's Department of Immigration, the Ministry of Human Resources and Emiratization, and the relevant employment agencies to secure an out-pass for Myanmar national Ma May Thingyan Aung, who had been facing difficulties while working in Dubai, the UAE. She departed for Yangon on the Dubai-Cheng-

du-Bangkok-Yangon flight, arriving back in Yangon at 9:35 pm yesterday.

The Myanmar Consulate-General continues to assist Myanmar nationals in the UAE who are experiencing difficulties and helps them return home. The government, through the efforts of the Myanmar Consulate-General and the Myanmar Embassy, continues to facilitate the repatriation of Myanmar nationals who encounter difficulties while working abroad. Families of the workers have expressed their deep gratitude to the government, the Myanmar Consulate-General, and the Myanmar Embassy for their assistance in rescuing their loved ones during times of distress. — Nyein Thu (MNA)/TRKM



Ma May Thingyan Aung. PHOTOS: KANU

5th Meeting of China-Myanmar Economic Cooperation Committee's Transport Collaboration Working Group held



The documentary group photo session takes place at the fifth meeting of the China-Myanmar Economic Cooperation Committee's Transport Collaboration Working Group in Yangon yesterday.

THE 5th Meeting of the Working Group on Transport Cooperation under the China-Myanmar Economic Cooperation Committee was held yesterday morning at the Wyndham Grand Yangon Hotel in Yangon.

Attending the meeting were officials from the China-Myanmar Economic Cooperation Committee, chairman of the Transport Collaboration Working Group Permanent Secretary of Transport and Communications U Win

Khant, members of relevant ministries, as well as Mr Wang Xing Xing, the deputy director-general of the Ministry of Transport of the People's Republic of China, and other officials.

During the meeting, discussions were held on the implementation of critical projects under the China-Myanmar Economic Cooperation Plan, cooperation on maritime education and training between China and Myanmar, and collaboration

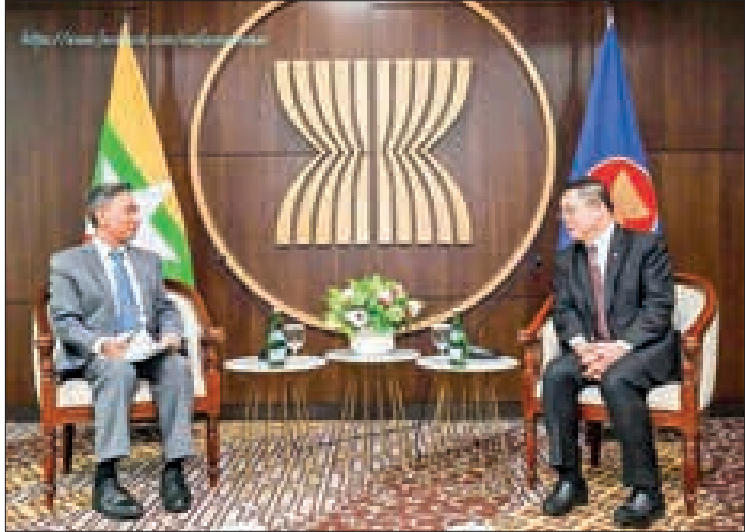
on human resource development and capacity building.

After the meeting, the Chinese delegation visited the international port jetties in Thilawa, Yangon, for a study tour.

The China-Myanmar Economic Cooperation Committee was established in 2018, and since 2019, the Transport Collaboration Working Group, one of the 12 working groups under the committee, has held meetings annually. — MNA/KZL

NATIONAL

Myanmar Permanent Representative meets ASEAN Secretary-General in Indonesia



ASEAN Secretary-General Dr Kao Kim Hourn and Myanmar Permanent Representative to ASEAN U Aung Myo Myint meet in Jakarta.

ACCORDING to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Myanmar Permanent Representative U Aung Myo Myint met Dr Kao Kim Hourn, ASEAN Secretary-General, at the ASEAN Secretariat in Jakarta on 1 November.

During the meeting, they discussed ASEAN community-building efforts, follow-up actions from the recently concluded 44th and 45th ASEAN Summits held in Vientiane, Lao PDR, as well as related summits. — ASH/TMT



Shwezigon Pagoda is seen being packed with pilgrims.

Shwezigon welcomes over 2.22M travellers in Jan-Oct

FROM January to October 2024, over 2.22 million travellers from all over the country visited Shwezigon Pagoda in the Bagan Ancient Cultural Heritage Zone, according to Assistant Director U Myo Min Aung of the Directorate of Hotels and Tourism (Bagan Branch).

“This year, we are seeing even more visitors coming to pay homage to the pagodas. During the same period last year, 1.93 million pilgrims from all over the country came to

pay their respects,” said U Myo Min Aung.

In Bagan, pagodas such as Tuyintaung Pagoda, Lawkananda Tooth Relic Pagoda, Dhammarazika Pagoda, Htilominlo Temple, Alotawpyae Pagoda, Ananda Temple, Buu Pagoda, Mahabodhi Temple, Myazedi Temple, Manuha Temple, Dhammayangyi Temple, Sulamani Temple, Hngetpyitaung Pagoda, Shwesandaw Pagoda, Thatbyinnyu Temple, Gadawpalin Temple, and

Pyathetgyi Temple, in addition to Shwezigon Pagoda, are seeing more pilgrims from all parts of the country than in the past.

The Bagan Ancient Cultural Heritage Zone, home to over 3,700 ancient monuments, is packed with pilgrims who love to watch the sunset from the top of artificial hills in the evenings, and those who enjoy the breathtaking beauty of the ancient city from hot air balloons in the mornings. — ASH/TH

Twantay Shwesandaw to host 129th Mathoe Robe-Weaving Ceremony



This photo showcases the golden lotus robe-weaving contest that was prepared at Shwesandaw Pagoda in the previous year.

THE 129th Mathoe Robe-Weaving Ceremony and the 47th Procession of 28 Buddha Images will be held at Shwesandaw Pagoda on 14 and 15 November, according to U Aye Ko, Chairman of the Shwesandaw Pagoda Board of Trustees.

The Mathoe Robe-Weav-

ing Ceremony will involve seven weaving teams, with the robes to be presented to Buddha images at specific temples on Shwesandaw Pagoda at 4:30 am on the Tazaungmone full moon day.

“This year, the Mathoe Robe-Weaving Ceremony will

not be held as a competition, so participants can weave the robes in a calm and peaceful atmosphere. The robes will be offered to the main Buddha statue as well as other designated Buddha statues around the pagoda,” said U Aye Ko. — ASH/MKKS

Myanmar’s Miss Universe ranks 16th in ‘Voice for Change Fan’ vote



THET San Andersen, Myanmar’s representative for Miss Universe 2024, currently ranks 16th in the top 20 international fan votes for the pageant’s Voice for Change Project, held in Mexico.

“I have taken part in the Voice for Change Project of the 73rd Miss Universe pageant, which aims to empower young people through the Inclusive Education for Self-Sufficiency Project. Please support me through the voting system, as it is an important component of Miss Universe 2024,” said Thet San Andersen.

Thet San Andersen will join other international contestants in the final competition of the 73rd Miss Universe pageant, set for 16 November.

— ASH/TRKM

This photo shows Miss Universe Myanmar Thet San Andersen.

NATIONAL BUSINESS

Fertilizer prices unchanged for November and December



Farmers demonstrate spreading fertilizers in the paddy field.

MYANMAR Fertilizer, Seed and Pesticide Entrepreneurs Association (MFSPEA) announced that fertilizer reference prices for November and December stayed the same as rates of the previous month.

The reference prices in October

were K97,000 per 50-kilogramme bag of Urea fertilizer (large granular), K124,000 per 50-kilogramme bag of Rock Phosphate and K137,000 per 50-kilogramme bag of Di Ammonium Phosphate. Yet, the MFSPEA has not confirmed the reference price for Com-

plex fertilizer.

The prices may vary a bit depending on transportation charges in other regions and states as the prices mentioned above prices are set for Yangon Region, MFSPEA stated.

Additionally, reference prices will be further announced as per rules and regulations. For overcharging, consumers can complain to the committee through the contact numbers 067 410032 and 09 883353358.

At present, the Fertilizer Committee holds a quarterly meeting to ensure quality fertilizer for growers without facing shortages. Under the approval of the Fertilizer Technology Group, 11,573 fertilizer registrations have been granted after the 41st meeting of the Fertilizer Committee. With individuals' consent, 1,957 registrations were voluntarily cancelled. The department revoked 2,793 registrations for expiration of validity, and 6,823 registrations are still being processed. — NN/KK

Myanmar's manufacturing sector attracts US\$84M+ FDI in Apr-Oct

FOREIGN direct investments of more than US\$84.25 million flowed into Myanmar's manufacturing sector from 28 enterprises in the first half of the current financial year 2024-2025, beginning 1 April, as per the statistics released by the Directorate of Investment and Company Administration (DICA).

Chinese companies primarily made investments in the manufacturing sector. The manufacturing enterprises that need a large labour force are prioritized to create job opportunities for the locals.

The Myanmar Investment Commission gave the green light to 33 foreign projects from seven countries (China, Chinese Taipei, Hong Kong SAR, India, Indonesia, Singapore and Thailand) to make investments of over \$220 million in the past seven months, adding increased capital by the existing enterprises from China, Chinese Taipei, Hong Kong SAR, India, Republic of Korea, Japan, Seychelles, Singapore and the UK. The Transport and Communication sector pulled \$87.7 million with the capital expansion of \$82.66 million this FY. The manufacturing sector drew over \$84 million, and the services sector received \$44 million. The power sector brought in FDI of \$8.5 million, while investments of less than one million flowed into the agriculture sector, respectively. The livestock and fisheries sector witnessed a one-million-dollar increase in capital by existing enterprises.

Singapore is the leading foreign investor in Myanmar, with \$87.74 million of FDI in the past seven months of the current FY, followed by Thailand and China.

Myanmar's manufacturing sector is primarily concentrated in garments and textiles produced on a Cutting, Making, and Packing basis, and it contributes to the country's GDP to a certain extent. Myanmar Garment Manufacturers Association (MGMA) is committed to accelerating its effort to keep improving Myanmar's garment sector, joining hands with international brands and partners, as per the MGMA's statement on its commitment released on 25 August 2023. MGMA also offers an HR management course, an Occupational Safety and Health course, and Basic and Advanced Sewing Machine Operator training to enhance the capacity of the staff.

There are 548 active factories operated under the MGMA as of September 2024, comprising 323 from China, 56 from South Korea, 17 from Japan, 16 from other countries, 63 domestic factories and 25 joint ventures. Forty-eight are temporarily closed for now, according to the MGMA's monthly Newsletter. — KK

CBM injects US\$9,000, 490,000 yuan, 1.2M baht into financial market

THE Central Bank of Myanmar (CBM) sold about US\$9,000, 490,000 yuan and 1.2 million baht on 6 November.

It announced on 5 November the sale of seven million yuan and 20 million baht to importers on foreign exchange trading platforms. CBM sold \$15 million, 1.5 million yuan and 100.8 million baht on 4 November.

CBM injected over \$91 million, over 9.8 million yuan and over 610 million baht into the financial market in October 2024. 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



A vendor is counting green backs at the exchange counter.

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

Vehicle inspection required to seek registration from 1 Jan

THE Road Transport Administration Department (RTAD) will process registration only after vehicle inspections are undertaken starting from 1 January 2025, ensuring safety, compliance and performance on public roads.

To ensure road safety, RTAD renewed vehicle registration for public transport vehicles after checking vehicle types and vehicle specifications (bodies, parts). Taxis, school buses and rental cars of above two tonnes are also inspected for renewal. — NN/KK



The entrance to the office of the Road Transport Administration Department (Yangon Region).

Most stocks rise, bitcoin hits record as traders weigh Trump 2.0

ASIAN equities mostly rose Thursday, while the dollar held gains and bitcoin hit a fresh record as markets try to ascertain the consequences of a second Donald Trump presidency after he pledged to cut taxes and ramp up tariffs with an eye on China.

The Trump Trade went into overdrive Wednesday as it emerged the tycoon would return to the White House after beating Democrat

Kamala Harris, while his Republican Party gained control of the Senate and looked set to hold the House of Representatives.

The decisive win is expected to pave the way for a series of business-friendly measures such as tax cuts and deregulation, though analysts warn that such moves — along with the pledge to impose duties on imports — could re-light inflation. — AFP

French lawmakers back bill to tighten Airbnb regulation

FRENCH lawmakers on Thursday backed a bill aimed at increasing the regulation of tourist accommodation such as Airbnb to combat the shortage of affordable housing.

The National Assembly lower house adopted the legislation by a large majority, with the far right voting against.

The bill — the result of a compromise between the two houses of French parliament — had been

unanimously approved by the upper house Senate on Tuesday.

The legislation, which has been in the works since April 2023, aims to slash tax breaks for tourist properties in a bid to curb short-term rentals amid shortages of affordable housing. The aim is to regulate short-term rentals, an activity that is now “spiralling out of control”, said Annaïg Le Meur, one of the lawmakers behind the bill. — AFP



The legislation, which has been in the works since April 2023, aims to slash tax breaks for tourist properties in a bid to curb short-term rentals amid shortages of affordable housing. PHOTO: AFP/FILE

Nissan to ax 9,000 jobs, cut global output as US business falters

NISSAN Motor Co said Thursday it will cut 9,000 jobs and reduce global output capacity by 20 per cent as the Japanese car-maker’s US and Chinese businesses continue to struggle.

The job cut represents about seven per cent of its entire workforce. Nissan also said it will sell part of its stake in its alliance partner Mitsubishi Motors Corp.

The maker of the Leaf electric car and the Ariya sport utility vehicle will downsize its global production capacity to about four million vehicles from the current five million cars, it said. For the fiscal half ended September, its net profit dropped 93.5 per cent to 19.22 billion yen



The maker of the Leaf electric car and the Ariya sport utility vehicle will downsize its global production capacity to about four million vehicles from the current five million cars. 2023 Nissan Ariya Press Kit. PHOTO: NISSAN/FILE

(\$125 million). Operating profit slid 90.2 per cent to 32.91 billion yen on sales of 5.98 trillion yen, down 1.3 per cent.

The sluggish results led the company to revise its full-year forecasts. It now predicts 150 billion yen in operating profit for fiscal 2024, down 70 per

cent from 500 billion yen forecast in July, on sales of 12.7 trillion yen, also downgraded from 14 trillion yen.

Nissan said it cannot predict net profit, which it said will depend on the ongoing turnaround efforts. It previously forecast a profit of 300 billion yen.

Nissan has suffered

from increased incentives it had to pay for its dealerships in the United States to survive intensifying competition there, the company said. Its sales in China were also dented in the face of powerful local rivals offering more affordable electric vehicles. — Kyodo

UniCredit says needs a year to decide Commerzbank deal

THE chief executive of Italy’s UniCredit bank said Wednesday there would be no decision on a possible takeover of German rival Commerzbank for at least a year.

“The process of engaging with all the stakeholders will take some

time,” Andrea Orcel told a conference call with analysts.

UniCredit was the “largest investor in Commerzbank today”, he said, but for now it was “an investment and nothing else”.

He confirmed his

interest in the German lender, but said that “there isn’t anything on the table at the moment, there never was”.

“We cannot be an investor for ever without taking a decision but I would not look at that decision being taken before

a year from now,” he said.

Italy’s second-biggest lender surprised markets in September by building up a stake of about 21 per cent in its German rival, fuelling speculation that it could be gearing up to mount a takeover effort. — AFP

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE

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Shipping Agency Department
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Agent For:

M/S BLPL SHIPPING LINES

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ROLLING UPDATES

WORLD

Japan business leaders air concern over protectionism under Trump

JAPANESE business leaders expressed concern about the US economy turning more protectionist under Donald Trump after he was reelected president of the world's biggest economy, while also calling for deepening ties between the two countries at a time of geopolitical turmoil.

The sense of caution came as Trump vowed to raise tariffs and lower taxes for domestic businesses in his presidential campaign.

"We hope he implements harmonious policies as the leader of a superpower that supports the world economy and the rules-based free trade system without turning overly protectionist," Ken Kobayashi,

chairman of the Japan Chamber of Commerce and Industry, said in a statement.

The partnership between Japan and the United States in the economic and security spheres has remained firm, and the organization expects the two countries to advance the relationship further, Kobayashi said.

Masakazu Tokura, chairman of the Japan Business Federation, said he hopes the Trump administration "will view Japan as a vital partner in the international community, allowing our countries to collaborate with others to rebuild an open international order based on the rule of law."

— Kyodo

Japanese business leaders worry about Trump's protectionist policies, urging stronger US-Japan ties amid geopolitical instability and trade concerns.



Japan and the United States are each other's top foreign investors. PHOTO: AFP

Harris gives defiant concession speech after stunning Trump win



An emotional vice-president Harris told cheering supporters in Washington "do not despair" and she urged them to "keep fighting." PHOTO: XINHUA

DONALD Trump's crushing presidential victory heralded a new era of upheaval for the United States and the world Wednesday, as defeated Democrat Kamala Harris gave a defiant concession speech, while promising to help his transition.

An emotional vice-president Harris told cheering sup-

porters in Washington "do not despair" and she urged them to "keep fighting". But her pledge to ensure a peaceful handover of power stood in stark contrast with Trump's unprecedented refusal four years ago to concede defeat to Joe Biden, culminating with the violent attack by his supporters on the US

Capitol.

"While I concede this election, I do not concede the fight that fueled this campaign," Harris said in her short, powerful speech at Howard University, her former college.

"I know many people feel like we are entering a dark time," she said, her voice hoarse as she made her first public remarks since Trump's surprisingly heavy victory. "But for the benefit of us all, I hope that's not the case."

Harris — who had blasted Trump as a threat to democracy during her failed tilt to become America's first woman president — earlier called him to concede and offer her congratulations, a senior aide said.

Trump sealed his historic comeback to the White House overnight, cementing what is set to be more than a decade of US politics overshadowed by his hardline, disruptive right-wing politics. — AFP

BRIEFS: WORLD

Indonesia volcano belches colossal ash tower

A volcano in eastern Indonesia erupted more than half a dozen times on Thursday, catapulting a colossal ash tower five miles into the sky against a backdrop of lightning as nearby residents fled in panic.

Mount Lewotobi Laki-Laki erupted on Monday and Tuesday, killing nine people and forcing the relocation of residents from a seven-kilometre (4.3-mile) exclusion zone.

The country's volcanology agency reported seven eruptions on Thursday, the biggest of which belched an ash tower five miles (eight kilometres) high, according to an observation post.

Some said it was the biggest eruption they had ever seen from Lewotobi Laki-Laki.

"This is the first time I saw this big eruption since I've been living in Lewolaga village," said Anastasia Adriyani, 41, who lives outside the exclusion zone.

"I was cooking at the community kitchen (for evacuees) and when it happened, I ran back home. I was very scared." — AFP

Typhoon Yinxing slams into northern Philippines, thousands evacuated

TYPHOON Yinxing slammed into the northeast tip of the Philippines on Thursday, uprooting trees and sending building materials flying, weeks after another storm left at least 150 people dead.

More than 21,000 people across 200 villages in Cagayan province were evacuated in the hours before the mid-afternoon landfall, provincial disaster official Rueli Rapsing said.

"There is debris flying all around. Here in Gonzaga, an entire hamburger stand flew off and the winds are ripping open the shop doors at the public market," Rapsing told AFP by phone from Gonzaga, a town near coastal Santa Ana. — AFP

SPORTS

Yangon Region athletes under training for National Sports Festival

ATHLETES from Yangon Region are undergoing rigorous training in preparation for the Fifth National Sports Festival, which will be held in Nay Pyi Taw from 9 to 20 November.

"We have conducted competitions in billiards and snooker, selecting three billiards players, five from 9-ball, and a total of eight athletes. Training takes place twice a day," said coach U Myint Soe. "I am a billiard player in taking training four hours a day. I'm striving to become a nationally selected player through the national sport festival. I chose billiards because it allows players of all ages to participate. To bring honour to Yangon Region, good health and regular practice are essential for achieving the best results. Events like this national competition help players excel and allow them to compete in international tournaments,"

said billiards player Ko Aung Naing Soe.

Maung Aung Khant, a table tennis player, shared that he has been practising the sport since he was in primary school. "I enjoy this sport and have participated in many domestic and international competitions, winning several medals. I am aiming to bring a medal to Yangon Region at the national competition. If I get the chance to compete in international tournaments, I will keep striving to improve," he said. In September, Yangon Region selected six male and five female athletes as the best in the region's national competition. Training began on 1 October and was held twice a day. "For the national sports competition, we will compete in men's, women's and mixed events. Yangon Region athletes have already won the Champions in fourth previous competitions," said the sports



Table tennis players from Yangon Region intensively take training for the national competition.

officer Thakayta Township Sports and Physical Education Department, Daw Khin Kaung San. Athletes from Yangon

Region will compete in 24 sports events at the Fifth National Sports Festival. — Arkar Linn/KZL

CLPGA tour players ready for Chongqing debut

FRESH off earning a partial playing card for the 2025 US LPGA Tour, Wang Xinying is back in China this week, aiming for her first win on home soil as the China Sports Lottery Chongqing Women's Open tees off Thursday.

The Beijing native is coming off a strong season state-side on the Tour, where she made 16 cuts in 18 events on the LPGA Tour development circuit. Speaking at King Run Nanshan Golf Club ahead of the RMB500,000 China LPGA Tour event, the 25-year-old said she planned to return to the United States next month to improve her ranking through the LPGA Tour Q-Series. Only the top 10 players on the Tour points list earn a full card for next year's LPGA Tour season.

"The whole package is better this year. I can say that I am playing better throughout the bag, from driver to putter. But I still need to improve for the US LPGA Tour, where the competition will be much more intense," said Wang, who finished tied for third at last month's Epson Tour Championship at Indian Wells. — Xinhua



Manchester City goalkeeper Stefan Ortega has been called into the Germany squad for the first time. PHOTO: AFP

Man City's Ortega receives first Germany call-up

MANCHESTER City goalkeeper Stefan Ortega has been called up by Germany for the first time, after coach Julian Nagelsmann on Thursday named his Nations League squad.

The 32-year-old was called up alongside Stuttgart's Alexander Nuebel and Hoffenheim's Oliver Baumann as goalkeepers in the 23-man squad.

Germany's number one goalkeeper, Barcelona's Marc-Andre Ter Stegen, is still out with a serious knee injury.

Borussia Dortmund midfield duo Julian Brandt and Felix Nmecha have also been recalled to the squad.

Brandt has not played for Germany since November last year while Nmecha received his one international cap under former coach Hansi Flick in March 2023.

Germany host Bosnia and Herzegovina in Freiburg on 16 November and play away against Hungary in Budapest three days later.

The Germans have already qualified for the Nations League quarter-finals with three wins and a draw this campaign, leaving them five points clear of the Netherlands and Hungary in Group A3. — AFP

Only Dortmund on track as German clubs struggle in Champions League

THE revamped UEFA Champions League format has highlighted struggles among German clubs, with only Borussia Dortmund currently positioned to secure a direct berth in the knockout stage.

With four games remaining in the group stage, Bayern Munich (17th) and reigning Bundesli-

ga champions Bayer Leverkusen (13th) still have pathways into the playoffs, but VfB Stuttgart (27th) and RB Leipzig (32nd) are at risk of early exits.

Clubs ranked from 9th to 24th will battle for knockout entry in February's playoff round, while those from 25th to 36th face elimination after January's final

group matches.

The top rank currently features two English clubs (Liverpool, Aston Villa), two from France (Monaco, Brest), along with Dortmund, Barcelona, Inter Milan and Sporting Lisbon. By contrast, most German teams face significant hurdles. Stuttgart, adjusting to the demands

of continental competition, are struggling with squad rotation, while Leipzig's unbalanced roster has faltered in Europe.

Meanwhile, Bayern and Leverkusen hold onto their playoff ambitions, despite pressure to overcome early losses, such as Bayern's 5-2 defeat to Barcelona and Leverkusen's 4-0 setback at Liverpool, underscoring a long-standing challenge for German clubs at Anfield, with 15 defeats from 19 matches. — Xinhua



China, EU engage in intensive consultations on EV tariffs

A technical team from the EU arrived in Beijing on 2 November for further negotiations, adhering to principles of pragmatism and balance.

CHINA and the European Union (EU) are currently engaged in intensive consultations on the specific details of the price commitment plan on Chinese electric vehicles (EVs), according to the Ministry of Commerce (MOC).

MOC spokesperson He Yongqian made the remarks at a press conference on Thursday in response to a question regarding the EU's imposition of tariffs on electric vehicles from China.

The EU technical team arrived in Beijing on 2 November and the consultations between the two sides follow the principles of "pragmatism and balance," He said.

While announcing the imposition of tariffs on 29 October, the European side said it will continue with the price commitment consultations with the Chinese side.

Following a video-link discussion on 25 October between Chinese Commerce Minister Wang Wentao and European Commission Executive Vice President and Trade Commissioner Valdis Dombrovskis, both sides have reiterated their political will to resolve differences through dialogue and clarified their commitment to making price commitment the solution to address the EU's anti-subsidy case against EVs from China. — Xinhua



A child experiences a Lynk & Co's new energy vehicle at the 2024 Beijing International Automotive Exhibition in Beijing, China, 30 April 2024. **PHOTO: ZHANG CHENLIN/XINHUA**

WELL-BEING, FITNESS, RESILIENCE

Australia aims to introduce social media ban for children under 16

AUSTRALIAN Prime Minister Anthony Albanese said Thursday his government will introduce legislation banning children under 16 from using social media with no exemptions for those with parental consent, amid growing concerns over social media's impact on the mental and physical health of young users.

Calling the legislation to be submitted to parliament later this month "world-leading", Albanese said at a press conference in Canberra that the planned laws will put the onus on social media platforms to "demonstrate they are taking reasonable steps to prevent access" to children and would not penalize users or their parents. — Kyodo

World's largest Christmas market recovering from pandemic impact

Bronner's CHRISTmas Wonderland recovers post-pandemic with rising sales and inflation-driven price hikes. Shoppers notice 20 per cent cost increases.

BRONNER'S CHRISTmas Wonderland, the world's largest Christmas store in Frankenmuth, Michigan, is recovering from the COVID-19 pandemic, with sales improving as shoppers return.

Despite challenges like shipping delays during the pandemic, the store is gradually returning to pre-pandemic levels, with over 50,000 products available.

However, inflation has led to price hikes, with many customers noticing an average 20 per cent increase in costs. Bronner's offers a wide range of items, from decorations to gifts, with many imports from China, where prices are lower compared to Europe.

Established in 1945, the store spans 2.2 acres of shopping space and attracts around two million visitors annually.

Bronner's employs over 700 staff during peak season and is a significant tourism draw in Michigan.

Despite the higher prices, customers remain loyal, appreciating the unique experience and extensive selection of holiday goods. The store's global product sourcing includes 50 per cent from Asia, primarily China, along with American and European items. — Xinhua



Customers shop at Bronner's CHRISTmas Wonderland in Frankenmuth, Michigan, the United States, on 30 October 2024. **PHOTO: XU JIANMEI/XINHUA**