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## Dala Bridge project requires proper vessel and pier waterways clearance

**O**FFICIALS need to consider systematically setting the water clearance for vessels in waterways and piers of the Myanmar-Korea Friendship (Dala) Bridge, said Chairman of the State Administration Council Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing on his inspection tour of the bridge project yesterday afternoon.

On arrival at the bridge project site, the Senior General heard reports on data about the bridge and its benefits, accomplishment of the implementation of the guidance of the Senior General during his inspection tour of the project in May 2023, completion of the approach bridge on the Dala bank and the main bridge, progress of the mid-stream tower, progress of approach bridge on the Yangon bank, quality control, worksite safety, and environmental conservation measures by Union Minister for Construction U Myo Thant.

In his guidance, the Senior General stressed the need to complete the project on schedule as the construction of the bridge would benefit the people. Emphasis must be placed on strengthening the bridge. He continued that it is necessary to ensure the safety of vehicles running on the bridge. Officials need to take the systematic setting of the water clearance for vessels in waterways and piers into consideration in advance.

The Senior General presented cash awards to project engineers through officials. He inspected the progress in implementing the bridge project.

During the goodwill visit to the Republic of Korea in 2012, President U Thein Sein discussed with officials the implementation of the Myanmar-Korea Friendship (Dala) Bridge project. The



State Administration Council Chairman Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing views round the construction project site of the Myanmar-Korea Friendship (Dala) Bridge yesterday.

project commenced in 2013. It is a cable-stayed bridge. Upon completion, people from Yangon will have easy access to beach areas and Ayeyawady Region via

Dala, Twantay, Kawhmu, Kungyangon and Dedaye townships. The bridge will ease traffic congestion in Yangon City to some extent and contribute to the devel-

opment of social, economic, education, health and transport sectors. The bridge will be a landmark of Yangon City.

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**Nationwide Census Collection continues on the ninth day.**



## Investing in Agriculture and Livestock: A Path to National Prosperity and Food Security

- Agricultural and livestock products have a robust market.
- These products bolster national food security and boost income through exports.
- Entrepreneurs with financial capacity should invest in the stable agriculture and livestock sectors.

*(Excerpt from the speech given by Chairman of the State Administration Council Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing at the SAC Meeting 3/2024 on 7 June 2024)*

## Hotels, guesthouses in Bagan fully booked for Thadingyut

**B**AGAN ancient cultural zone is thronged chiefly with visitors in Thadingyut festival, and the hotels and guesthouses are also fully booked by the travellers on the day before the full moon day, on the full moon day and the day after the full moon day this year.

The travellers from the upper and lower parts of Myanmar visited last year’s festival before the full moon day, and the place, as well as the road, monasteries and pendals, were crowded with travellers.

Bagan hosted over 600,000 visitors on the full moon day of Thadingyut last year, whereas about 8,000 on the day before the full moon day, a well-known pagoda hosted about 6,000 travellers. Therefore, the hotels and guesthouses were fully booked, and the locals enjoyed proper job opportunities.



the best services to the travellers,” said U Win Aung, deputy director of the Directorate of Hotels and Tourism.

There are 3,877 pagodas, stupas and temples in the Bagan Ancient Cultural Heritage Zone, and locals offer candlelight at Shwezigon Pagoda and other pagodas in respective townships and villages on the full moon day of Thadingyut.

Shwezigon, Htilominlo, Alotawpyae, Ananda, Cula-muni, Dhammayangyi Shwe-sandaw, Gadawpalin, Buu Phaya, Manuha, Mya Zedi, Lawka Nanda and Dhammayazika pagodas are packed with alms food donors in the morning and candlelight donors at night.

“The rooms of our guesthouses are fully booked for 16, 17, and 18 October. We don’t change the prices for the convenience of travellers. They are our benefactors, and our services are symbols that promote the dignity of Bagan. All might be happy if the electricity is provided during the festival period. Thirty-nine hotels are ready to offer services for the travellers,” said U Moe Wai of the Bagan Apartment 18 Guesthouse.

There are 153 licenced hotels and guesthouses in the Bagan Ancient Cultural Heritage Zone. — Nyein Thu (MNA)/KTZH



The photos above and below show both local and international visitors exploring pagodas and temples in the Bagan Ancient Cultural Heritage Zone. **PHOTOS: KANU**

The locals estimate the number of visitors to Bagan this year’s Thadingyut festival will be on the rise.

“It seems to be crowded with visitors this year Thadingyut festival like the previous year. The hotels and guesthouses are fully booked for the day before the full moon day, on the full moon day and the day after the full moon day. The booking is available for

the rest of the day. The Bagan region is peaceful, and visitors from Mandalay, Nay Pyi Taw, Taunggyi and Yangon can visit and make hotel reservations in advance. The region survives in the tourism industry, and locals are satisfied with job opportunities. The number of visitors was high last year, and so this year it will also be high. We are also glad to see that preparations are made to offer

## 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)*

## Dala Bridge project requires proper ...



SAC Chairman PM Senior General Min Aung Hlaing inspects the maintenance work of the People's Square and the People's Park in Dagon Township, Yangon, yesterday.

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The Senior General also inspected the upgrade of the planetarium to the space gallery at the People's Square and the People's Park in Dagon Township, Yangon Region.

Yangon Mayor U Bo Htay reported on the history of the planetarium and the facts about the exhibition hall, upgrading process of the planetarium. The Senior General gave the necessary guidance and viewed the constellations.

The planetarium was opened in 1987 in commemoration of the Japan-Myanmar friendship, aimed at enabling students and people to have knowledge about astronomy and to relax. At present, the planetarium is

being upgraded to the space gallery.

The Senior General inspected maintenance of the People's Square and the People's Park and gave necessary guidance to officials. — MNA/TTA

## IOM Chief of Mission presents Letter of Accreditation to DPM MoFA Union Minister

MR Daihei Mochizuki, Chief of the Mission of the International Organization for Migration (IOM) in Myanmar, presented his Letter of Accreditation to U Than Swe, Deputy Prime Minister and Union Minister for For-

eign Affairs, at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

Also present at the call were senior officials from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. — MNA



Deputy Prime Minister MoFA Union Minister U Than Swe accepts the Letter of Accreditation from the IOM Chief of Mission in Myanmar yesterday.

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# NATIONAL

## Dishonest politicians face consequences

Senior General Min Aung Hlaing clearly reaffirmed holding the election as the ultimate aim to be able to hand over the State power to the elected government.



State Administration Council Chairman Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing addresses the meeting on security and development of Yangon Region yesterday.

**W**HEN public service personnel cooperate with the government in security with security awareness and knowledge, they can prevent weakness in security measures, said Chairman of the State Administration Council Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing in his speech at the meeting on security and development of Yangon Region on Konmyinthathar of Yangon Region yesterday morning.

Speaking on the occasion, the Senior General recounted that, according to past events in Myanmar and the international community, those who are not honest in politics will surely suffer consequences.

He clearly reaffirmed that the government will hold the election as its ultimate aim to be able to hand over the State power to the elected government.

With regard to security measures, the Senior General pointed out that security is never superfluous, and public

participation contributes to stronger security.

He added that public security and counter-terrorism forces must have security awareness and knowledge.

He continued that the Myanmar Police Force, which is a primarily responsible force for public security, must have ability and prowess.

The Senior General highlighted that police and administrative officials need to apply their experiences in restoring rule of law and regional security measures.

He stressed that district administrators need to review data on their townships, changes in conditions and the possibility of security breakdown and ensure the rule of law, disciplined living and beautification of townships.

He noted that district administrators need to focus on raising school enrolment and the number of educated citizens in relevant districts while managing the creation of em-

ployment opportunities for residents.

The Senior General emphasized that relevant administrative bodies need to manage the mental and physical well-being of people in the districts as much as they can.

He urged administrative officials to serve their duties honestly and effectively manage administrative measures to ensure peace, stability and development in assigned districts.

At the meeting, the Commander of Yangon Command, Maj-Gen Zaw Hein, reported on taking measures for peace

and stability in relevant military stations, formation of people's security and counter-terrorism forces, participation of departmental officials in the collection of population and household census, arrests of terrorists and seizures of arms and ammunition, and involvement of Tatmadaw members and MPF members in beautifying the public areas and religious edifices.

Yangon Region Chief Minister U Soe Thein presented reports on security measures taken in townships and on main roads, formation of the people's

security and counter-terrorism force supervisory committee, assistance for public security and counter-terrorism forces, collection of the census in relevant plots, and collaboration to take security measures for ensuring peace and stability of regions.

Also present at the meeting were SAC Joint Secretary General Ye Win Oo, SAC Member Union Minister for Home Affairs Lt-Gen Yar Pyae, senior Tatmadaw officers from the Office of the Commander-in-Chief and members of the Yangon Region cabinet. — MNA/TTA

### Salient points from the speech delivered by the Senior General at the meeting on security and development of Yangon Region

- If public service personnel cooperate with the government in security with security awareness and knowledge, they can prevent weaknesses in security measures.
- The government will hold the election as its ultimate aim to be able to hand over the State power to the elected government.
- People's security and counter-terrorism forces must have security awareness and knowledge.
- Security is never completed, and public participation contributes to stronger security.

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## Deputy Prime Minister and Union Minister for Foreign Affairs holds briefing to UN agencies in Myanmar

DEPUTY Prime Minister and Union Minister for Foreign Affairs U Than Swe held a briefing to the UN Resident and Humanitarian Coordinator ad interim and representatives of the UN agencies in Myanmar on 8 October 2024 at the Ayeyawady Hall of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Nay Pyi Taw.

During the briefing, the Deputy Prime Minister and Union Minister for Foreign Affairs briefed on the cooperation between Myanmar and the UN, including development assistance, policies being implemented and the need to address challenges through collaboration.

At the briefing, he stressed that the Government assures all available assistance to reach the needy population without any discrimination. The Government does not block any humanitarian aid from UN agencies and international organizations. It allows access to all secured areas while taking into consideration the safety and security of their



The briefing to representative of the UN agencies in Myanmar facilitated by Deputy Prime Minister MoFA Union Minister U Than Swe in progress yesterday in Nay Pyi Taw.

humanitarian workers.

In addition, the UN agencies and international organizations need to coordinate with the relevant focal ministries to provide relief assistance to disaster-affected areas. Moreover, they need to cooperate with the National Disaster Management

Committee (NDMC) for effective assistance and not overlap operations. Donors can participate in the Government's distribution process. He also highlighted that the NDMC is leading the humanitarian response activities for Typhoon Yagi-affected areas and suggested that the UN agencies

cooperate with the committee.

Furthermore, he mentioned that the UN agencies in Myanmar need to inform the international community about the Government's activities and the country's on-ground situation in an objective and impartial manner.

Moreover, he explained the political developments in the country, including conducting the nationwide census since 1 October to ensure the accuracy of voter lists for the upcoming multiparty democratic general elections. He also emphasized that the Government has invited the ethnic armed organizations and PDF terrorists who are fighting against the State to resolve the political issues through party politics or electoral processes.

Afterwards, the Deputy Prime Minister and Union Minister for Foreign Affairs exchanged views on the current activities of UN agencies in Myanmar and the challenges they face during their operations.

The deputy minister and senior officials of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs also joined the briefing, together with the UN Resident and Humanitarian Coordinator ad interim, as well as representatives of the UN agencies in Myanmar. — MNA



The IOM Chief calls on Union Minister Dr Soe Win yesterday.

## MSWRR Union Minister meets IOM Chief

UNION Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement Dr Soe Win met Mr Daihei Mochizuki, Chief of the International Organization for Migration (IOM) for Myanmar, in the ministry's guesthouse yesterday.

Discussions focused on the collaborative efforts between the Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement and the IOM in areas such as disaster risk

management, capacity building to reduce vulnerability to disasters, and initiatives to reintegrate victims of human trafficking into communities. They also addressed humanitarian assistance for flood-impacted populations and exchanged views on the drafting of a memorandum of understanding and issues related to IOM staff's residency permits. — MNA/KZL

## MNA to launch new domestic route

MYANMAR National Airlines (MNA) has announced the launch of a new domestic route: Yangon-Pathein-NyaungU-Mandalay.

The first flight on this route will depart Yangon at 6:30 am on 13 October, arriving in Pathein at 7:10 am. It will then leave Pathein at 7:25 am, reaching NyaungU at 9:10 am.

From NyaungU, the flight will depart at 9:25 am and arrive in Mandalay at 10:00 am.

On 14 October, the return route will operate from Mandalay-NyaungU-Pathein-Yangon, with the flight departing Mandalay at 3:00 pm and arriving in NyaungU at 3:35 pm. It will then leave NyaungU at 3:50 pm, reaching Pathein at 5:35 pm.

The flight will depart Pathein at 5:50 pm and arrive in Yangon at 6:30 pm.

Ticket prices for the route have been set as K250,000 from Yangon to Pathein, K280,000 from Pathein to Nyaung U, K200,000 from Mandalay to Nyaung U, and K290,000 from Yangon to NyaungU. — Arkarlin/KZL



This photo features a fleet of aircraft from Myanmar National Airlines (MNA).

# NATIONAL

## Korean donors continue support for Myanmar flood victims



Myanmar Ambassador U Thant Sin receives donations from Venerable Chung Myung from the Myungsa Temple and poses for the group photo.

THE Ministry of Foreign Affairs has reported that well-wishers from the Republic of Korea have been gener-

ously donating to support flood victims in Myanmar. On 7 October, Venerable Chung Myung and Abbess Jeong In

from Myungsa Temple, along with Abbess Ja Woon from Daejongs Temple, visited the Myanmar embassy to donate five million won.

Myanmar Ambassador U Thant Sin accepted the donation and expressed his gratitude for the support.

Additionally, on 30 September, Mr Won Bae Dahn, the Honorary Consul-General of Myanmar in Busan, donated US\$3,000 to the Myanmar Embassy in Seoul to aid relief and rehabilitation efforts in areas affected by flooding in Myanmar.

The Myanmar Embassy is reportedly receiving various contributions for flood relief, and all donations will be forwarded to those impacted through the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. — ASH/TMT

## Miracle Myanmar hosts city selection for Mister & Miss 2025

THE Miracle Myanmar Model Agency held the Mister & Miss Miracle Myanmar 2025 City Winner selection event on 7 October at the Golden Jubilee Hall of the Myanmar Motion Pictures Organization in Bahan Township, Yangon, as reported by Yangon West City Winner Miss Margaret.

The competition included categories for Mini Miss, Miss, and Mrs, with winners selected based on their age. The chosen City Winners will progress

to the national Mister & Miss Miracle Myanmar 2025 competition, which is set to take place in January 2025.

“Becoming a miss has been my childhood dream, and I am delighted to have had the opportunity to realize it. I will continue to strive for success in the future. I am also grateful for the support from my loved ones, which has helped me win the City Winner title,” stated Miss Margaret.

The Mister & Miss Miracle My-

anmar 2025 City Winner competition awarded titles to several participants. They include the Bagan City Winner, Thanlyin City Winner, Pyay City Winner, Taunggyi City Winner, Taungoo City Winner, and Yangon West City Winner. Additionally, outstanding contestants received awards for categories such as Best Body, Best Evening Gown, Best Personality, Best Catwalk, and Best Opening & Introduction. — ASH/TRKM



This photo showcases the Mister & Miss Miracle Myanmar 2025 City Winner selection event.

## National Theatre to host charity concert for flood rehabilitation efforts



This image depicts a notice board displaying the music concert for the rehabilitation of flood-impacted areas across the country.

CHAIRMAN of the Myanmar Music Association, U Lwin Myint, announced that a charity concert titled “Offering Helping Hands Through Music” will be held at the National Theatre (Yangon) from 5 pm to 9 pm on 11 October to raise funds for the rehabilitation of flood-affected regions across the country.

He mentioned, “This year’s Myanmar Music Day celebrations will take place at the National Theatre, organised by the Ministry of Information and the Myanmar Music Association (Central). It will gather musicians from all strata of the music industry and serve as a prelude to the Music Academy Awards ceremony scheduled for October in Nay Pyi Taw”.

The concert will feature performances from well-known vocalists, including Kai Zar, Myo Kyawt Myaing, Si Thu Lwin, Graham, Kaung Set, Zaw Paing, Pu Sue, Nawnaw, Aung La, Thar Dee Lu, Wa Na, Aung Htet, L Seng Zi, Ni Ni Khin Zaw, Yadanar Mai, Po Po, Pan Yaung Chel, Yoon Myat Thu, Zwe Pyae, Seng San, and Nay Min Eain.

Tickets are available for purchase at various locations, such as Junction City, Junction Square, Yangon International Hotel (Music Box), the Myanmar Music Association (Central), and the National Theatre. — ASH/MKKS

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.

## Myanmar tea sector to adopt Tea Collective Mark

MYANMAR Tea Collective Mark will be adopted in Myanmar's tea products and services sector, with the aim of promoting the interest of the tea group, according to the Myanmar Tea Association.

This mark will indicate Myanmar's origin, quality, and

characteristics of the products and services, said U Lin Pyae Tun, secretary of MTA.

This mark is associated with all the stakeholders in the tea supply chain, including growers, producers, traders and service providers. — ASH/KK



This image shows a Myanmar Tea Collective Mark logo to be used in the tea product and service sector.

## CBM injects 10M+ Thai baht into financial market on 7 October

THE Central Bank of Myanmar (CBM) sold over 10 million Thai baht to those engaged in private sector on 7 October.

CBM pumped US\$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 injected over \$76 million, 86 million baht and 4.8 million yuan to financial markets 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

## MRF partners with institutions for agricultural rehabilitation

MYANMAR Rice Federation (MRF) announced on 7 October that the federation has been collaborating with governmental institutions, the private sector and civil society in agricultural rehabilitation programmes.

MRF has been making agricultural rehabilitation efforts in flood-stricken areas, together with affiliated associations (Myanmar Rice Millers Association, Myanmar Rice Planters and Producers Association) and member companies.

MRF put K500 million for donations of rice bags, paddy seed and fertilizer and K1.25 billion of capital revolving fund to offer zero-interest loans for farmers through a Leading Group for the Protection of

Farmer Rights and Enhancement of their Benefits under the Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation under those programmes.

A devastating flood triggered by torrential rainfalls swept through 54 townships in nine regions and states, which is 16 per cent of 330 townships of the State, submerging villages and destroying buildings and infrastructure. According to a record on the morning of 21 September, a total of 2,149 buildings were totally destroyed, 3,455 buildings partially destroyed, and 136,023 buildings were submerged, totalling 141,627 buildings. Additionally, 546 schools were flooded. Moreover, the flood impacted a total of 148,643, claiming 384 lives, including 164 in Nay Pyi

Taw, five in Kayin State, 2 in Bago Region, 134 in Mandalay Region, 78 in Shan State and one in Ayeyawady, leaving 89 persons missing. Moreover, severe flood damaged 435 religious buildings, 533 roads and bridges, 2,489 lamp-posts, 99 telecom towers, 144,998 animals and 735,461 acres of paddy, Chairman of the State Administration Council Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing said, during his appreciation speech for donations at the ceremony of donation by well-wishers for relief and resettlement activities in flood-impacted areas triggered by Typhoon Yagi, held at City Hall in Nay Pyi Taw on 21 September. More than K32.2 billion were raised during the donation ceremony. — NN/KK



Farmers are seen planting paddy in a field recovering from recent floods.

## GTI Insein opens ToT for EVs

GOVERNMENT Technical Institute (Insein) under the Ministry of Science and Technology will provide a six-week Training of Trainers for Electric Vehicles from 21 October to 29 November 2024 in order to produce EV trainers equipped with EV technical knowledge and skills.

They must be healthy enough to execute practical work. Graduates of GTHS (AT, ET, EC), ITC (AT), AGTI, BTEch, BE, ME, PhD (Mech,

EP, EC), and staff of EV private companies with high school education are eligible to attend the training. The training will offer both practical and technical knowledge of EVs with the use of Lab equipment. They will receive a completion certificate. The training will be conducted from 9 am to 4 pm on weekdays at the corner of Mingyi Street and Lower Mingaladon Road, Insein Township, Yangon.

Those enthusiastic can enrol in

the training from 9:30 am to 4 pm on 8-14 September, excluding holidays, with a citizenship scrutiny card copy, health certificate by Township Public Health Department, copies of education certificates, household registration copy, police clearance certificate and three licence-sized colour photos. The training is limited to 25 trainees. Individuals can enquire about details through the contact number of the Department of Technical and Vocational Education and Training at 09 443973606. — NN/KK



Student trainees engage in a hands-on practical session.

# OPINION

## Enhance postal services for greater customer satisfaction

THE postal service has long been an essential means of communication in society. While various communication technologies have evolved over time, the postal service remains indispensable. Despite advancements, people still rely on it for various needs.

World Post Day, celebrated on 9 October each year, commemorates the founding of the Universal Postal Union (UPU) in 1874 in Bern, the capital of Switzerland. This day was officially designated by the UPU Congress in Tokyo, Japan, in 1969. From then onward, countries around the globe celebrate World Post Day annually to highlight the vital role of new postal products and services in daily life, as well as their contribution to global socioeconomic development.

The theme for World Post Day 2024, "150 Years of Enabling Communication and Empowering People Across Nations," honours the UPU's remarkable legacy.

This year's celebration reflects on 150 years of progress and looks ahead to a future where communication continues to foster peace, prosperity, and global understanding. UPU, with 192 member countries, is a specialized United Nations agency. Myanmar became a member on 4 October 1949, joining the global postal network to provide international postal services.

Myanmar Post, using the UPU's IPS Post system, handles international mail services under a quality control framework. Due to this, Myanmar Post achieved recognition for quality service in 2014 and earned the UPU Quality Management Certification Level A (Gold) in 2020. By showing excellent skills and capacity of staff, Myanmar Post secured the EMS Cooperative Performance Award-Gold Level in 2012, Bronze Level in 2019, Silver Level in 2021 and Gold Level in 2022. In 2018, Myanmar Post was also honoured with the Quality of Service Fund Award for Best Management for implementing a motorized street delivery system, a project aimed at improving basic postal services.

Today, Myanmar Post integrates digital and ICT technologies to enhance its services. The country's postal sector is evolving to keep pace with customer demands and international standards. Postal services worldwide, especially within UPU member countries, are playing an increasingly important role in the broader information and communication technology (ICT) sector.

Although technology has transformed communication, the postal service continues to serve a broader range of needs — from delivering letters and packages to offering various business services. Ultimately, postal services remain crucial in satisfying the needs of customers, demonstrating that, even in a digital age, the post is still relevant and indispensable.

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I had already heard about the upcoming census a few months ago, so it wasn't surprising. However, my son and daughter found it quite unusual. They had never personally experienced a census before. Because the term "census" in Myanmar translates to "Than Gaung", which implies midnight, they assumed the census officials would come in the evening, knocking on the door to collect data. I had to explain to them that this wasn't the case.

A day before the census collection, some responsible officials came to distribute a booklet to every household, informing us about the types of questions that would be asked on census day. I refer to it as a booklet because it wasn't just a single page but several — around twenty pages — bound together like a small booklet. After receiving it, I took the time to read through it. I won't go into detail about the individual pages, but I will outline the main sections.

The booklet contained nine sections:

1. Population information
2. Internal migration
3. Educational background
4. Workforce participation
5. Birth data
6. Disability information
7. International migration
8. Housing data
9. Deaths and maternal mortality

The booklet contained 18 pages in total, and I noticed that the questions were quite numerous. From my estimation, it could take at least 45 minutes to an hour to complete all the questions and fill in the forms for a single household. The officials informed us that they would come back the next day to conduct the census and left after that.

The following day, 4 October, I started expecting the census visitors as early as 8 am. However, no one arrived in the morning. It wasn't until the afternoon that I saw a bit of activity. Around 3 pm, census officials appeared around our neighbourhood. At that point, we also heard some additional news — some high-ranking officials would visit a few houses on our street and take photos and video footage as part of the process. However, in the end, no high-ranking officials came.

I continued waiting, and at around 10 minutes to 6 pm, a

# Mapping Myanmar's Future with Census Activity

By Yin Nwe Ko

group of six people, including one young woman and five men, arrived at my gate. The men were older; while the young woman appeared to be about 20 years old. She explained that they had come to conduct the census. I invited them into the living room where I had prepared seats and a table, but the young woman declined, saying she would just ask the questions from the doorway.

The young woman held a sev-

en-inch tablet in her hand and began asking the questions. I had my household registration and identity cards ready and answered her questions. The questions were the same ones I had studied in the booklet the day before, but not all of them were asked. It seemed like she was only asking for the essential information. As far as I can recall, the questions included my name and age, my children's names and ages, their educational qualifications, how many rooms we had in the house, what type of water we used for drinking, and whether we had any family members living abroad. There were far fewer questions than I had expected, but I assumed they only asked what was necessary. One thing

that stood out was that the young woman's tablet seemed to have some kind of software installed, as she typed in my responses and tapped on her tablet six or seven times for each question.

The entire process took only about 10 minutes, and the census collection was complete. One of the men who had accompanied her placed a sticker on the door before they left. After they left, my son and daughter came over

the country, is a small but critical step in the larger goal of obtaining a comprehensive snapshot of the population. The data collected during these visits holds great significance for the future of Myanmar, ensuring that accurate statistics guide national decision-making and planning.

Census collection in Myanmar has a long history, dating back to the British colonial period when the first official census was con-

ducted in 1872. Over the years, the practice has evolved, reflecting the changing social and political landscape of the country. While the early censuses were primarily aimed at understanding the economic productivity and administrative divisions under colonial rule, today's census serves much broader purposes. Modern censuses in Myanmar are now conducted with international standards, focusing on aspects such as gender equality, ethnic diversity, and social well-being. This historical progression underscores how far Myanmar has come in utilizing census data to reflect the realities of its population.

During the census, officers collect various types of data that go far beyond simple headcounts. Information such as age, gender, marital status, education level, occupation, and even household facilities are documented. Each of these data points plays a crucial role in forming a complete picture of the nation's demographic composition. For example, knowing the number of school-age children can help the government plan for future educational needs, while understanding employment statistics can guide economic development strategies. The accuracy and reliability of this data are essential because they inform the government on issues such as infrastructure development, healthcare provisions, and social welfare programmes.

The data collected through the census has a direct influence on government policies and resource allocation. Once processed, the results help identify where investments in public services are needed most. For example, regions with high population densities may require additional schools, hospitals, or roads, while areas with ageing populations might benefit from more healthcare facilities. Furthermore, census data is critical in addressing social inequalities. By analyzing the information, the government can pinpoint areas where minority communities or underprivileged groups may be underrepresented and implement targeted policies to address these disparities. Ultimately, the census ensures that resources are distributed fairly and effectively, allowing Myanmar to build a more equitable and prosperous future for all its citizens.

The current census collection across Myanmar provides a rare opportunity to engage with the country's changing demographic landscape. For many, like my children, this is their first encounter with the process. It highlights the generational gap in understanding how such vital information is collected and its broader purpose.

The way people interact with census officials, and the expectations they hold, show a mix of curiosity and unfamiliarity, reminding us how important it is to raise public awareness about such activities. This unfamiliarity emphasizes the need for continuous public education on the importance of data collection, transparency, and how it directly benefits their community.

The method of data collection, using technology like tablets, also shows the significant progress Myanmar has made in modernizing its census practices. Moving away from paper forms and embracing digital tools not only speeds up the process but also increases the accuracy of the information collected. While the shift to digital tools was noticeable, it also sparked conversations about privacy and data security among those unfamiliar with such technology. This balance between modern methods and public trust remains a key issue that needs to be addressed in future census activities.

The experience of participating in a census raises broader questions about national development and the role each citizen plays in shaping the country's future. Every household, regardless of size or status, contributes to the overall understanding of Myanmar's social and economic standing. From collecting basic demographic details to more intricate data like international migration and household amenities, the census serves as a mirror reflecting the nation's progress. It also opens a dialogue about where improvements are needed and

The form is titled 'ပြည်ထောင်စုစာရင်းစာရင်းစုံစာရင်း' (National Census Form) and 'လူဦးရေနှင့် အိမ်ထောင်စာရင်း' (Population and Household Census). It contains various sections for data entry, including household details, population characteristics, and migration information. The form is designed to be filled out by the household head or a designated person.

A questionnaire form.

how collective data can lead to more effective governance and equitable resource distribution.

As Myanmar continues its nationwide census activities, the importance of such efforts cannot be overstated. The data collected will not only inform immediate governmental decisions but will also shape long-term strategies for sustainable development. By ensuring that all voices are counted, the census provides a critical

foundation for addressing the diverse needs of the population, bridging social inequalities, and fostering a more inclusive future. In this way, the census acts as a guiding tool for national progress, reminding us all that every individual contribution helps to paint a more accurate picture of Myanmar's path forward. After listening to my long explanation, my children smiled at me and revealed their thanks.



Census-collecting activities are underway in the PaO Self-Administered Zone.

and asked a lot of questions, each sharing their thoughts about the experience, as this was something they had never encountered before. I then explained the whole process to them as best as I could to help them understand what had just happened.

Census-taking is a vital practice carried out to understand the demographic composition of a country. In Myanmar, this activity is especially significant, as it helps to track population changes, monitor social development, and provide accurate data for resource distribution. Recently, census officers visited my home to collect important information as part of the nationwide effort. This visit, like many others across

the country, is a small but critical step in the larger goal of obtaining a comprehensive snapshot of the population. The data collected during these visits holds great significance for the future of Myanmar, ensuring that accurate statistics guide national decision-making and planning.

**Myanmar Daily Weather Report**  
(Issued at 7:00 pm Tuesday 8 October 2024)

**BAY INFERENCE:** Weather is a few cloud over the Northeast Bay and Eastcentral Bay of Bengal. Monsoon is weak over the Andaman Sea and elsewhere over the Bay of Bengal.

**FORECAST VALID UNTIL NOON OF THE 9 OCTOBER 2024:** Rain or thundershowers will be widespread in Nay Pyi Taw, Taninthayi Regions and Southern Shan State, fairly widespread in Sagaing, Mandalay, and Magway Regions and Chin State, scattered in Ayeyawady Region and Kachin, and Northern Shan States and isolated in the remaining Regions and States with likelihood of isolated heavyfalls in Nay Pyi Taw, Lower Sagaing, Mandalay, Magway, and Taninthayi Regions. Degree of certainty is 100%.

**THE CONDITION OF CUMULONIMBUS CLOUD:** The cumulonimbus clouds are developing in Nay Pyi Taw, Sagaing, Mandalay, Magway, Ayeyawady, and Taninthayi Regions and (northern and southern) Shan, Chin, Rakhine, and Kayin States. 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: STATE OF THE SEA:** Sea will be slight to moderate in Myanmar waters. Wave height will be about 3-6 feet off and along Myanmar Coasts.



# NATIONAL

## MIFER Union Minister attends 24<sup>th</sup> AECC Meeting

UNION Minister for Investment and Foreign Economic Relations and ASEAN Economic Community Council Minister of Myanmar Dr Kan Zaw participated at the 24<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the ASEAN Economic Community Council (AECC), which was held on 7 October 2024 in Vientiane, Lao PDR.

At the Meeting, the ministers exchanged views on matters pertaining to the region's economic performance and outlook ahead of 2025 and beyond, the implementation status of 14 Priority Economic Deliverables (PEDs) under Lao PDR's ASEAN Chairmanship in 2024, progress of the implementation and compliance to the ASEAN Economic Community (AEC) Blueprint 2025, including the AEC End-Term Review (ETR), ASEAN sustainability agenda, ASEAN digital transformation initiatives and the development of AEC strategic plan for ASEAN's Post 2025 Vision. The



The commemorative group photo session of the 24<sup>th</sup> AECC Meeting in Laos on 7 October 2024, attended by MIFER Union Minister Dr Kan Zaw.

ministers also endorsed the 24<sup>th</sup> AECC report to the 44<sup>th</sup> and 45<sup>th</sup> ASEAN Summit and 2024 AECC Outcome Documents.

At the Meeting, Union Minister Dr Kan Zaw discussed intensifying the efforts of relevant AEC sectoral bodies for com-

pleting the remaining PEDs in a targeted timeline, coordinating the ASEAN Digital Economy Framework Agreement negoti-

ations to complete by 2025 and strengthening cross sectors cooperation with regard to sustainability agenda.

The Meeting was chaired by Mr Malaithong Kommasith, Minister for Industry and Commerce of Lao PDR and attended by ASEAN Economic Community Council Ministers, Senior Economic Officials (SEOM), the Secretary-General of ASEAN Secretariat and representatives. The meetings were joined by U Aung Ko, Ambassador of Myanmar to Lao PDR, Dr Marlar Myo Nyunt, Myanmar SEOM Lead, Director-General of the Foreign Economic Relations Department, and the Union Minister.

Myanmar delegation led by Dr Kan Zaw, Union Minister for Investment and Foreign Economic Relations, arrived back from Vientiane, Laos PDR, yesterday evening after attending the 24th Meeting of the ASEAN Economic Community Council. — MIFER

## Buddhist societies donate relief supplies to flood victims in Myanmar

THE Mahakaruna Buddhist Society, Singapore Sinhala Buddhist Association, and Willing Hearts Foundation have donated food, clothing, and stationery for those affected by flooding.

The donation ceremony took place yesterday morning at the Disaster Management Centre under the Ministry of

Social Welfare, Relief, and Resettlement. Deputy Minister U Soe Kyi received the donations, expressed gratitude, and presented certificates of appreciation to the donors.

Additionally, thanks to the communication and coordination efforts of the International Relations Committee of the National Natural Disas-

ter Management Committee (Ministry of Foreign Affairs), a delegation led by Sayadaw Dr K Gunaratana arrived in Nay Pyi Taw on 8 October. They personally delivered relief items to the flood-impacted areas there, under the arrangement of the Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief, and Resettlement. — MNA/TRKM



This photo captures Deputy Minister U Soe Kyi receiving donations for flood-ravaged regions.

## Belove Eloved: The Eravati Wedding Fair 2024 showcases traditional, modern wedding fashion

THE Belove Eloved the Eravati Wedding Fair 2024, featuring renowned artistes donning a blend of traditional and modern wedding dresses, took place on 6 October at the Eravati Hotel in Pabedan Township. The event was highlighted by Academy awardee actress Aye Myat Thu, who participated in the fair.

Jointly organized by the Eravati Hotel and KS Collection Wedding Planner, the fair showcased wedding attire designed by Sha Tra and Won Yone, with makeup artistry by Taw Win Thu May Oo Maung.

“This event marks the re-opening of The Eravati Hotel, showcasing designer Won Yone’s fashions for those planning to marry this week. I am presenting his latest creations. The dress I’m wearing, designed by Won Yone, evokes a sense of history, and its comfort is noteworthy,” stated



Belove Eloved: The Eravati Wedding Fair 2024 in progress.

Aye Mya Thu.

The fair also featured performances from actors and singers, including Academy awardee Aye Mya Thu, Miss Myint Myat Moe, actor Satt Yoon Twel Tar, and singers Po Po, Mee No, and KK Moe, who modelled wedding dresses and entertained attendees with songs. — ASH/TKO

# NATIONAL

## China increases herbal sandalwood purchases

ACCORDING to the interviews in the sandalwood market, Chinese buyers are purchasing as much sandalwood as they can.

There are orders from big local merchants to produce sandalwood sculptures in Myanmar.

“There are orders for sandalwood in the sculpture sector that produces it. Big traders buy it. The Chinese mainly buy it. If the price of Chinese yuan goes up, there is a change in the price.

Farmers are growing it in their capacity. Some grow many plantations. China buys as much as they can,” said a sandalwood trader from Pauk Township.

The quality of sandalwood differs depending on its colour.

“There are many varieties. If the core is brown, it is the best. The white core is the second best. And there are pale cores. If there is a fungus in the core, it cannot be sold,” he said.

Sandalwood is used in consumer

goods such as cosmetics, traditional medicines, furniture, and sculptures.

“If it is over ten years old, it can be cut and used, but if it is more than 15 years, it is better. As far as I know, most of them are planted in PyinOoLwin and Shan State, and they are also grown in upper Myanmar. In Pakokku, Myaing and Pauk of Magway Region, people grow by throwing natural seeds. That is the best way,” he added. — Thit Taw/ZN



Sandalwood nursery farms

## Terrorist arrested for plot to destroy Bagan’s Ancient Site

A terrorist carrying handmade mines intended for violent acts was shot and captured by security forces along the NyaungU-Bagan Road in NyangU Township, Mandalay Region.

The incident occurred around 6 am yesterday as security personnel were conducting operations to prevent terrorists from establishing bases within the Bagan Ancient Cultural Heritage Zone, ensuring that cultural heritage re-

mains protected from destruction and safeguarding public safety. Security forces intercepted a motorcycle driven by an individual approaching from NyangU, but the rider attempted to flee without stopping. In response, security forces fired shots to stop the bike, which ultimately crashed.

Upon inspecting the motorcycle, security personnel discovered two handmade mines made with concrete pipes. The



Seized handmade mine.

driver, identified as a terrorist, was found dead from gunshot wounds. Reports indicate that security forces are actively working to enhance security measures within the Bagan Archaeological Zone to prevent further acts of violence. — MNA/KZL

## K327M in goods seized in two-day illegal trade crackdown

EFFORTS to combat illicit trade continue under the supervision of the Illegal Trade Eradication Steering Committee, ensuring actions are carried out in accordance with the law.

On 7 October, combined teams made several significant seizures: seven containers at the Asia World Port Terminal were found to be carrying industrial materials worth K142.996 million without proper documentation; four trucks, valued at K72 million, were intercepted near Hpa-an Industrial Zone carrying 11 types of foodstuffs, two types of consumer goods, and one type of industrial materials, all valued at K55.534 million, also lacking official papers. Additionally, two unregistered motorbikes worth K600,000 were seized in Magway District. The

action was taken under Customs procedures and the Export-Import Law.

On 8 October, further inspections led to the seizure of five unregistered vehicles worth approximately K51 million in Bago Township. In Bago and Toungoo Districts, illegal timber operations were uncovered, resulting in the confiscation of 7.998 tonnes of teak, 0.598 tonnes of hardwood, and 0.718 tonnes of other timber, collectively valued at K4.942 million. The action was conducted under the Export-Import Law and the Forest Law.

The Illegal Trade Eradication Steering Committee reported that a total of 28 arrests were made on 7 and 8 October, with illegal goods worth approximately K327 million being seized. — MNA/MKKS

### Counter-argument to false information

## False Claim: Youth killed and disposed of in Chindwin River



This screenshot validates misinformation.

IN the Kyetmwe port of the Chindwin River, located in Thukhawady ward, Magway Region, unverified reports suggest that security personnel have captured and killed a young shopper before disposing of the body in the river. These claims have emerged from malicious news media outlets, which are circulating unconfirmed and misleading information.

According to a statement from a security official regarding the incident, PDF terrorists are known to engage in extortion and recruitment activities in the area frequently. Moreover, they have reportedly been detaining, torturing, and executing individuals who do not support their activities, labelling them as informants.

It appears that the ongoing situation has prompted these malicious news media outlets to spread baseless allegations to obscure the actions of terrorists and manipulate public perception of security personnel. — MNA/KZL



Confiscated illegal items in different states and regions.

# ECONOMY WORLD

## China sees over 2 billion passenger trips during holiday travel rush



Passengers walk on the platform at Yantai Railway Station in Yantai, east China's Shandong Province, 6 October 2024. China sees a surge in return trips on Sunday as the week-long National Day holiday draws to a close **PHOTO: XINHUA**

DURING the seven-day National Day holiday that concluded on Monday, the number of passenger trips exceeded two billion, the Ministry of Transport announced on Tuesday.

From 1 to 7 October, a daily average of over 286 million pas-

senger trips were made, up 3.9 per cent from the National Day holiday last year. Of the total, 131 million trips were made by rail, with the number of daily average trips rising 6.3 per cent year on year to top 18.75 million.

Daily air trips averaged 2.3

million during the holiday period, surging 11.1 per cent from a year earlier.

Road trips made during the period hit 1.85 billion, while the number of waterway trips amounted to 9.8 million, according to the ministry. — Xinhua

### NEWS IN BRIEF

#### Cambodia attracts US\$5.28 bln fixed-asset investment in first 9 months of 2024

CAMBODIA attracted 315 fixed-asset investment projects worth US\$5.28 billion in the first nine months of 2024, creating over 250,000 jobs, said the Council for the Development of Cambodia's report on Monday.

The new investment projects were mainly focused on garment, travel goods, and footwear sectors, hotel development, hydroelectric power station, freshwater port, solar power plants, lighting and accessory factories, agriculture, amusement park, car tyre plants, and special economic zones, among others.

In September alone, the Southeast Asian country approved a total of 28 investment projects worth \$443 million, which could generate nearly 25,000 jobs, the CDC said.

China remained the top foreign investor in the kingdom, it added.

The Cambodian Ministry of Commerce's Secretary of State and Spokesperson Penn Sovicheat said the Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP) agreement and the Cambodia-China Free Trade Agreement (CCFTA), together with Cambodia's new law on investment, are the major factors in attracting foreign direct investment (FDI) inflows to the country. — Xinhua

#### Middle East conflict may disturb Indonesia's tourism: minister

INDONESIAN Minister of Tourism and Creative Economy Sandiaga Uno has said that the ongoing conflicts in the Middle East would pose negative impacts on foreign tourist visits in Indonesia as the unstable geopolitical situation would delay flights.

"The unstable situations there had caused delays to flights from and to the countries in the Middle East. Indirectly, the occurring conflicts could reduce interest of foreign tourists to fly for holiday and personal travels, including to Indonesia. They will postpone their visits and reduce their spending," Uno told a press briefing in Jakarta on Monday. The Indonesian government has hoped to see at least 14.3 million foreign tourist arrivals by 2024. — Xinhua

## Affordable housing disappears in US as rents rise

WHILE Americans continue to struggle under unrelentingly high rents, as many as 223,000 affordable housing units across the United States could be yanked out in the next five years alone, reported The Associated Press on Monday. "It leaves low-income tenants caught facing protracted eviction battles, scrambling to pay a two-fold rent increase or more, or shunted back into a housing market where costs can easily eat half a paycheck," the report noted.

Those affordable housing units were built with the Low-Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC), a federal programme established in 1986 that provides tax credits to developers in ex-

change for keeping rents low. It has pumped out 3.6 million units since then and boasts over half of all federally supported low-income housing nationwide.

The buildings typically only need to be kept affordable for a minimum of 30 years. For the wave of LIHTC construction in the 1990s, those deadlines are arriving now, threatening to haemorrhage affordable housing supply when Americans need it most, according to the report. Local governments and nonprofits can purchase expiring apartments, new tax credits can be applied that extend the affordability, or tenants can organize to try to force action from landlords and city officials, it said. — Xinhua

## Tokyo stocks snap winning streak on Mideast fears, firmer yen

TOKYO stocks broke a three-day winning streak Tuesday as investors locked in recent gains amid concerns over tensions in the Middle East, while a stronger yen versus the US dollar weighed on exporters.

The 225-issue Nikkei Stock Average ended down 395.20 points, or 1.00 per cent, from Monday at 38,937.54. The broader Topix index finished 40.24 points, or 1.47 per cent, lower at 2,699.15.

On the top-tier Prime Market, decliners were led by securities house, wholesale trade and transport equipment issues. The dollar briefly weakened to the lower 147 yen range in Tokyo as traders sought the Japanese currency, seen as a safe-haven asset, on worries that Israel could soon retaliate against Iran over recent missile strikes, dealers said. At 5 pm, the dollar fetched 147.59-60 yen, compared with 148.15-25 yen in New York and 148.27-29 yen in Tokyo at 5 pm Monday. The euro was quoted at \$1.0994-0996 and 162.27-31

yen against \$1.0969-0979 and 162.58-68 yen in New York and \$1.0969-0970 and 162.64-68 yen in Tokyo late Monday afternoon. — Kyodo



Financial data display in Tokyo on 8 October 2024 shows the 225-issue Nikkei Stock Average ending lower than the previous day. **PHOTO: KYODO**

## Hong Kong Chamber of Shipping launched to boost Hong Kong's status as intl shipping hub

THE Hong Kong Chamber of Shipping was officially established on Monday with an aim to shore up Hong Kong's status as an international shipping hub.

Addressing a launch reception, Leung Chun-ying, vice-chairman of the National Committee of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference, who is also a founder member and adviser of the newly established industry body, said that the institutional advantage of the "one country, two systems" underpins and constitutes the unique edge of Hong Kong's shipping sector.

Leung called

for harnessing the strengths of Hong Kong, looking at the bigger picture and walking the walk to coordinate among the shipping, trade, financial, professional and educational sectors towards the same goal.

He hoped that Hong Kong can harness and combine the strengths of the Chinese mainland for an integrated national maritime ecosystem, while inching towards the high value-added end of the value chain.

The sky is the limit for Hong Kong's maritime sector if such potential could be fully tapped, Leung believed.

— Xinhua

## Samsung issues rare apology for poor results in tech 'crisis'

SAMSUNG Electronics issued a rare apology and acknowledged on Tuesday it was facing a "crisis" over its technological competitiveness, reflected in a disappointing profit guidance, despite a global AI boom.

Samsung said it expected third-quarter profits to rise to 9.1 trillion won (\$6.8 billion), up 274.5 per cent from a year earlier, falling short of market expectations as the company struggles to leverage robust demand for the chips used in artificial intelligence servers.

"Today, we, the management of Samsung Electronics, would like to first say sorry to you," Samsung said in a statement signed by Jun Young-hyun, the vice-chairman of its device solutions division.



A man walks past a signboard of Samsung Electronics outside the company's Seocho building in Seoul on 8 October 2024. Samsung Electronics said on 8 October it expected third-quarter profits to jump almost three-fold, but fell short of market expectations as it struggled to leverage robust demand for chips used in artificial intelligence servers. PHOTO: AFP

It said "concerns have arisen about our fundamental technological competitiveness and the future

of the company" because of the results. "Our management will take the lead in overcoming the crisis...

We will make the serious situation we are currently facing an opportunity for a resurgence." — AFP

## JAL starts selling wagyu beef to passengers flying to US, Singapore

JAPAN Airlines Co Monday to sell Japanese luxury wagyu beef to pas-



Photo taken on 7 October 2024 shows wagyu beef to be sold by Japan Airlines Co. PHOTO: KYODO

sengers traveling to the United States and Singapore and have it inspected for customs clearance.

Passengers can purchase wagyu of highest A5 grade from Hokkaido and Kagoshima prefectures on the airline's website and pick it up at Haneda and Narita airports during check-in at departure counters. The beef, about 20 to 30 per cent cheaper than equivalent grade beef distributed abroad, needs to be ordered 48 hours pri-

or to departure, it said.

For passengers traveling to the United States, block cuts of Kagoshima wagyu are sold for 29,300 yen (\$198) per kilogram, while Hokkaido wagyu is priced at 27,800 yen. Cut meat is offered instead to passengers heading to Singapore.

Low-cost carrier Zippair Tokyo, a subsidiary of Japan Airlines, already started wagyu sales to its passengers in January. — Kyodo

## LG Electronics' preliminary operating profit logs double-digit fall in Q3

SOUTH Korean tech giant LG electronics logged a double-digit fall in third-quarter operating profit due to higher costs for logistics and

marketing, the company said Tuesday.

Preliminary operating profit declined 20.9 per cent from a year earlier to 751.1 billion

won (US\$556.8 million) in the July-September quarter, missing marketing expectations of about 970 billion won (\$719.1 million).

The double-digit reduction was attributed to higher marketing expense and an increase in maritime freight rate. — Xinhua

### Announcement

Eurofins Assurance Myanmar Ltd hereby announces its intention to give notice of an extraordinary general meeting to approve the reduction of its capital in accordance with the notice and documents filed with the Directorate of Investment and Company Administration.

### CLAIMS DAY NOTICE

M.V SITC WENDE VOY.NO. (2416S)

Consignees of cargo carried on M.V SITC WENDE VOY.NO. (2416S) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 9-10-2024 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of AWPT where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

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

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

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# ROLLING UPDATES

## WORLD

## China's in-orbit satellite performs AI large-model tests



A Smart Dragon-3 carrier rocket carrying eight satellites blasts off from the waters near the city of Haiyang in east China's Shandong Province, 24 September 2024. **PHOTO: XINHUA**

ADA Space, a Chinese AI satellite internet technology company, announced on Sunday that its recently-launched satellite has successfully completed the technical verification of AI large-model technology during the in-orbit operation.

From 25 September to 5 October, the satellite conducted 13 tests of its AI large model, involving multiple types of inference questions under various operating and temperature conditions.

The technical test validated the space adaptability of the company's AI large model in orbit, the reliability of the computing satellite platform, and the

effective computing power of the high-performance payloads during operation in space, according to the company.

In the next step, the satellite will conduct AI generation of 3D remote-sensing data in orbit. Its AI 3D-imaging capabilities can support a wide range of digital twin applications across various sectors, including low-altitude economies, cultural tourism and sports.

The satellite was launched aboard a Smart Dragon-3 carrier rocket from the waters near the city of Haiyang in east China's Shandong Province on 24 September. — Xinhua

### NEWS IN BRIEF

#### China-Malaysia TVET collaboration to boost productivity of Malaysian students: official

Malaysian students will receive technical, vocational education, and training (TVET) in China as part of a collaborative effort that is set to equip them with the necessary skills to effectively participate in the country's economy upon their return, Deputy Prime Minister Ahmad Zahid Hamidi said on Monday.

Learning these skills first-hand in China will allow these participants to benefit from China's highly developed sectors including the agricultural sector, Ahmad Zahid said in his speech at the sending-off ceremony for 200 students participating in the Malaysia-China Youth TVET Training (MCIYT) programme at the Kuala Lumpur International Airport.

"This effort will definitely have a significant impact in terms of job placement for our youth, improve the quality of TVET teaching staff and open up opportunities for further training up to skill degree level in China," he said. — Xinhua

#### 200 feared trapped in Brazil's landslide

SOME 200 people may have been buried after a landslide occurred Monday in a port area of Manacapuru, Brazil's Amazonas state, according to official sources.

The Military Firefighters Corps of the State of Rio de Janeiro said that the land supporting part of the Terra Preta Port, located on the banks of the Amazon River, slid due to unknown reasons. Although the area was under construction, the port continued to operate as a key transport point.

It is estimated that over 200 people were loading and unloading goods at the site when the accident occurred. Initial reports confirmed that an entire family on a floating boat was buried. Additionally, debris from boats, pipes, houses, and vehicles has been found in the waters of the Amazon River.

The landslide could be related to riverbank erosion, which has been worsened by the severe drought affecting the Amazon region.

The Manacapuru's city council issued a statement, deeply regretting the accident, and detailed that teams of the Civil Defence, the Military Firefighters Corps and other sectors are working intensively at the site to rescue those trapped. — Xinhua

## US-Russia work at ISS 'phenomenal example' of bilateral cooperation — NASA Chief

THE work between Russia and the United States on the International Space Station (ISS) is a "phenomenal example" of cooperation between the two countries, NASA Administrator Bill Nelson told Sputnik on Monday.

"This is one of the phenomenal things in history because we have been cooperating — the Russians and the Americans — have been cooperating in space ever since 1975 Apollo-Soyuz," Nelson said.

In April, Nelson said in a congressional testimony that the US space agency requested additional emergency funding from Congress to start preparing a spacecraft to deorbit the ISS and bring its remains

safely to Earth after 2030 if space cooperation with Russia breaks down before then.

Current plans anticipate that NASA and the Russian state space corporation Ro-

scosmos will work closely together to safely deorbit the ISS so as not to threaten any populated areas on Earth, the NASA chief said in April. — SPUTNIK



Crew members NASA astronaut Frank Rubio, Roscosmos cosmonauts Sergey Prokopyev and Dmitry Petelin walk after the space suits check shortly before the launch to the International Space Station (ISS) at the Baikonur Cosmodrome, Kazakhstan. **PHOTO: SPUTNIK**

## WHO launches tool to assess demand for healthcare workers in Africa

THE World Health Organization (WHO) on Monday launched the Health Labour Market Analysis (HLMA) support tool to assist Africa in assessing health workforce education capacity, supply, and demand.

The tool in Beta Version 3.0 is designed to facilitate the integration of health workforce

planning into labour market analysis. WHO Representative in Kenya Abdourahmane Diallo said that the HLMA support tool allows users to identify investment requirements for health worker employment across the continent.

"The tool offers a novel workforce planning approach

to estimate the needed health workers to address the disease burden of a country," Diallo said in the Kenyan capital of Nairobi, while opening a workshop for experts from 14 African countries on conducting an epidemiology-based health workforce assessments and projections. — Xinhua

# SPORTS

## Myanmar to host home matches for ASEAN Cup group stage in Yangon

THE Myanmar national football team is set to host its home matches for the 2024 ASEAN Cup group stage in Yangon. The tournament, organized by the ASEAN Football Federation, will take place from 8 December 2024 to 5 January 2025 and will feature two groups of five teams each.

According to the group draw, Group A consists of Thailand, Malaysia, Singapore, Cambodia, and Brunei/Timor (the qualifying team), while Group B includes Vietnam, Indonesia, the Philip-

pires, Myanmar, and Laos. Each group will play a total of four matches, with two at home and two away. Myanmar will host its home matches against Indonesia and Laos at the Thuwunna Youth Training Centre in Yangon.

Team Myanmar will face Indonesia at home on 9 December, play against the Philippines away on 12 December, host Laos on 18 December, and finish the group stage with an away match against Vietnam on 21 December.

Historically, Myanmar has



Myanmar national team training for a friendly match against Sri Lanka. PHOTO: MFF

participated only once in the knockout stage of the ASEAN Cup (previously the Tiger Cup, ASEAN Championships, and ASEAN Suzuki Cup), achieving

its best results by reaching the semi-finals on two occasions. In preparation for the tournament, the Myanmar national team will compete in two friendly matches

against the Sri Lankan national team in October, followed by matches against the Singapore and Lebanon national teams in November. — KZL

## Star midfielder Iniesta hangs up boots

FORMER Spain and Barcelona midfielder Andres Iniesta announced his retirement Tuesday after an illustrious career that included his country's 2010 World Cup triumph and four Champions League titles.

The 40-year-old, who spent about five years with

Vissel Kobe in Japan through the summer of 2023, made the announcement during an event in Barcelona.

In Japan, Iniesta helped Kobe win their first-ever trophy, the Emperor's Cup on 1 January 2020. Emirates Club of the United Arab Emirates were his last team. — Kyodo



File photo from October 2020 shows Andres Iniesta (R) going on the attack for Vissel Kobe during a J-League first-division match against Kashiwa Reysol at Sankyo Frontier Stadium in Kashiwa, Chiba Prefecture. PHOTO: KYODO

## Wang stunned by 14-year-old as China reach men's semis at Asian Table Tennis C'ships



Wang Chuqin of China serves against Noshad Alamiyan of Iran during the men's teams quarterfinals match between China and Iran at the 27th ITTF-Asian Table Tennis Championships in Astana, Kazakhstan, 8 October 2024. PHOTO: XINHUA

CHINA overcame world No 1 Wang Chuqin's shocking defeat in the opening set to dispatch Iran 3-1, reaching the men's team semifinals of the Asian Table Tennis Championships on Tuesday.

As the first Chinese paddler out of the gate, Wang conceded a gruelling 11-8, 3-11, 9-11, 13-11, 11-9 loss to 14-year-old Benyamin Faraji, who sits 209 places lower than him in the world rankings. Riding the wave of his favourable form in recent tournaments, 19-year-old Lin Shidong helped China restore parity, also through five exhilarating games, ultimately triumphing 13-11, 11-13, 18-16, 5-11, 11-6 over Noshad Alamiyan.

After Liang Jingkun swept past Mohammad Mousavi Taher in straight games, Wang secured redemption with a 3-1 victory over Alamiyan to secure the defending champions' spot in the semifinals. — Xinhua

## Myanmar's Joshua Van set to clash with American opponent

PROMINENT mixed martial arts organization UFC will see Myanmar fighter Joshua Van step into the octagon against American competitor Kodi Addons in an upcoming match. This fight is scheduled to take place on 7 December.

This battle against Kodi Addons marks Joshua's fourth bout of the year and the sixth since joining the UFC. So far in his UFC career, he has recorded four wins and one loss over five fights. In 2024 alone, he has competed three times, winning two and suffering one defeat. Joshua's most recent victory came on 14 September when he prevailed over Mexican fighter Edgar.

Overall, Joshua has a professional record of 13 fights, with 11 wins and two losses. Fans eagerly await his performance in this high-stakes encounter against Kodi Addons, hoping he can extend his winning streak. — Shine Htet Zaw/KZL



Kodi Addons (L) and Joshua Van (R). PHOTO: UFC



## European Parliament holds minute silence for 7 October victims



European Union High Representative for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy Josep Borrell (C) delivers a speech during a debate on the escalating conflict in the Middle East and events in Lebanon, as part of a plenary session at the European Parliament in Strasbourg, eastern France, on 8 October 2024. **PHOTO: AFP**

**EU** lawmakers on Monday held a minute of silence in remembrance of the victims of the 7 October attack by Hamas on Israel, as the bloc's chief vowed to step up the fight against antisemitism.

European Commission President Ursula von der Leyen decried what she described as “an alarming surge of antisemitism” in Europe, as she attended a memorial ceremony at a synagogue in Brussels marking the

one-year anniversary of the attacks. “This is just unacceptable,” she said, pledging to devote more resources to ensuring that “Jews can live and thrive” on the continent.

“Antisemitism is a threat to our democracy. It is a cancer that questions the very foundations of our European Union. And we shall never allow it.”

Earlier, lawmakers paid tribute to the victims of the 7 October attack

during a plenary sitting in Strasbourg, eastern France.

“The horror of that day will live in infamy,” European Parliament speaker Roberta Metsola told the gathering.

“There is nothing that could ever justify the indiscriminate mass murder, rape, kidnapping and torture that occurred a year ago.” Metsola also addressed relatives of hostages taken by Hamas who were present in the parliament building. — AFP

## Sri Lanka to seek BRICS membership at upcoming summit in Russia

Sri Lanka will pursue BRICS membership at a meeting in Russia later this month, cabinet spokesman Vijitha Herath told media on Tuesday.

Herath said that Russia will host the BRICS Summit in Kazan from 22 to 24 October 2024. Although President Anura Kumara Dissanayake was invited to attend the summit, he will be unable to participate due to domestic commitments, Herath explained. The country's secretary to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, along with a team of officials, will represent Sri Lanka at the summit, where the country will formally seek BRICS membership, Herath said. Sri Lanka plans to reach out to the foreign ministers of all BRICS nations for support soon, Herath said. — Xinhua

## Cuba officially applies via Russia for BRICS partner status - Foreign Ministry

THE Cuban government has made an official request to join the BRICS bloc as a partner country in a letter to Russian President Vladimir Putin, since Moscow currently chairs the association, Carlos Pereira, director-general of bilateral affairs of the Cuban Foreign Ministry, said.

“Cuba has officially requested to be included in BRICS as a ‘partner country’ in a letter to Russian President Vladimir Putin, who is the interim chairman of the association, which is strengthening its position as a key player in global geopolitics and the hope of the Global South,” Pereira said on X. — SPUTNIK

## Two scientists win Nobel Prize in Physics for discoveries enabling machine learning



The 2024 Nobel Prize in Physics is announced in Stockholm, Sweden, 8 October 2024. The 2024 Nobel Prize in Physics went to two scientists, John J Hopfield and Geoffrey E Hinton, for foundational discoveries and inventions that enable machine learning with artificial neural networks, the Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences said on Tuesday. **PHOTO: XINHUA**

THE 2024 Nobel Prize in Physics went to two scientists, John J Hopfield and Geoffrey E Hinton, for their foundational discoveries and inventions that enable machine learning with artificial neural networks, the Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences announced on Tuesday.

This year's laureates for the prize “used fundamental concepts from statistical physics to design artificial neural networks that function as associative memories and find patterns in large data sets”, said Ellen Moons, chair of the Nobel Committee for Physics.

Hopfield works at Princeton University and Hinton at the University of Toronto. They used tools from physics to develop

methods that are the foundation of today's powerful machine learning, the academy said in a press release.

Artificial neural networks, now crucial to various fields, have advanced physics research and become integral to daily life, with applications such as facial recognition and language translation, Moons noted.

Moons said the benefits of machine learning are extensive, but the technology's rapid development has raised concerns about its long-term effects. She stressed that “humans carry the responsibility for using this new technology in a safe and ethical way for the greatest benefit of humankind.” — Xinhua