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SAC Vice-Chair Deputy PM Vice-Senior General Soe Win inspects preparations to organize 25th Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions 2024 successfully



State Administration Council Vice-Chairman Deputy Prime Minister Vice-Senior General Soe Win views round the preparatory activities for the 25th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions 2024 at MICC II in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

Vice-Chairman of the State Administration Council Deputy Prime Minister Vice-Senior General Soe Win, who is in the capacity of Patron of the Leading Committee for Organizing the 25th (Silver Jubilee) Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions 2024 yesterday afternoon, inspected preparations to hold the competition successfully.

He viewed round preparations for holding the competition and exercising rehearsal processes for the opening ceremony of the competition at the open-air theatre of Nay Pyi Taw Development Committee and Myanmar International

Convention Centre-II. Officials reported on their respective sectors. The Vice-Senior General attended to their needs and cordially greeted members of the traditional orchestra troupe of the national races.

The Vice-Senior General looked into preparations for hostels, mess halls, kitchens, food stalls and personal goods shops to ensure foodstuff supplies and accommodation convenience of maestros who will serve members of the panel of judges, contending troupes from regions and states, administrative groups and parents at the competition, the practice of cultural troupes, work process of subcommittees,

and grouping of health and medical teams. He coordinated all measures and warmly greeted the maestros and contestants.

The singing contest comprises categories of classic songs, modern songs and songs to uplift national prestige. The dancing contest includes traditional musical instruments of national races, traditional rural dances, Chin traditional dances, and marionettes, with the music-playing contest consisting of piano, guitar, Donmin, and mandolin, which will take place at MICC II in Nay Pyi Taw.

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Wisdom equips individuals with the ability to critically analyze right and wrong, good and bad, and cause and effect. When every citizen possesses wisdom and knowledge, the nation can cultivate true strength that advances the interests of the State.

(Excerpt from the speech given by Chairman of the State Administration Council Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing at the ceremony of presenting awards to outstanding students who passed the matriculation examination 2024 with distinctions in all subjects on 22 July 2024)

Bay of Bengal Condition

Issued at 14:00 hours MST on 12 October 2024

ACCORDING to the observations at 13:30 hours MST today, a low-pressure area may form over Southwest Bay of Bengal around 14 October 2024.

Myanmar Daily Weather Report

(Issued at 7:00 pm Saturday 12 October 2024)

BAY INFERENCE: Weather is a few cloud to partly cloudy 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 13 October 2024: Weather will be partly cloudy in Nay Pyi Taw, Magway Region and Rakhine and Kayah states. Rain or thundershowers will be widespread in Taninthayi Region and (southern and eastern) Shan State, fairly widespread in Ayeyawady Region, scattered in Mandalay, Bago and Yangon regions and Kachin State and isolated in the remaining regions and states with likelihood of isolated heavyfalls in Taninthayi Region. Degree of certainty is 100%.

THE CONDITION OF CUMULONIMBUS CLOUD: The cumulonimbus clouds are developing in Ayeyawady and Taninthayi regions. 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 slight to moderate in Myanmar waters. Wave height will be about 4-6 feet in off and along Myanmar Coasts.

OUTLOOK FOR SUBSEQUENT TWO DAYS: Continuations of thundery activities over the Southern Myanmar areas.

FORECAST FOR NAY PYI TAW AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 13 October 2024: Partly cloudy.

FORECAST FOR YANGON AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 13 October 2024: Partly cloudy and some rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is 100%.

FORECAST FOR MANDALAY AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 13 October 2024: Partly cloudy and likelihood of isolated light rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is 60%. —DMH

Shwesettaw Mannchaung Elephant Camp entices holidaymakers with elephant dance



This photo shows elephants from the Shwesettaw Mannchaung Elephant Camp in Minbu Township, Magway Region. **PHOTO: ZEYAR HTET**

THE Shwesettaw Mannchaung Elephant Camp in Minbu Township, Magway Region, has upgraded facilities and prepared elephant dance performances for visitors, said a camp person-in-charge.

The camp was developed as the tourism site on 9 February 2019, with tranquil space, scenic natural beauty of the mountain areas and lush and green serene environment. Smooth transportation, facilitating accessibility and connectivity will enhance tourism experience.

This year, an extraordinary and astonishing display of elephant dances will mesmerize the visitors. Improving facilities such as VIP lounges, 1,900-foot long concrete road inside the camp, planting 4,000 shade trees will be witnessed. Elephant feed is also prepared.

This camp is only two miles away from Shwesettaw Pagoda. The pilgrims can stop in on the camp and relax in nature setting to cultivate inner peace. Visitors can escape life's worries through nature and enjoy elephant rides

and performances. The camp has 14 elephants. Elephant ride is set at K10,000 per tourist and K5,000 per citizen.

Shwesettaw Pagoda Festival celebrating from the 5th waxing of Tabodwe to Myanmar New Year Day (about three months) attracted homegrown visitors and pilgrims from various regions in the previous years.

The camp has bungalows equipped with water and power supply, with the prices ranging from K40,000 to K70,000. —Zeyar Htet/KK

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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Likewise, the song-composing contest and the marionette contest will be held at Yinkyay-hmu Yadana Hall of the Ministry of Religious Affairs and Culture.

At the same time, the music-playing contest for Dobat, Ozi and violin and narration contest will be accommodated at the training theatre of the Ministry of Religious Affairs and Culture, the troupe-wise orchestra and solo orchestra contests will take positions at the National Library, the harp, oboe, flute and xylophone contests at the National Museum, and the religious drama contest at the open-air theatre of Nay Pyi Taw Development Committee. The competitions will last from 14 to 20 October, and more than 2,500 contestants from various regions and states will participate.



State Administration Council Vice-Chairman Deputy Prime Minister Vice-Senior General Soe Win views round the preparatory activities for the 25th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competition 2024 at the open-air theatre of Nay Pyi Taw Development Committee yesterday.

The 25th Performing Arts Competitions will be organized in accord with four objectives: to uplift national prestige and integrity and to preserve the

cultural heritage and national characteristics; to explore, preserve and uplift the traditional cultural heritage of performing arts of ethnic nationals and na-

tional cultural characteristics; to explore and preserve the traditional cultural heritage for the young generation and further propagate the national

spirit; and to serve as a national cultural entity for State development, peace, and stability. — MNA/TTA

GOVERNOR Daw Than Than Swe of the Central Bank of Myanmar, who is also chairperson of the Working Group on Anti-Money Laundering and Counter-Financing of Terrorism, addressed the coordination meeting on the private sector in implementing the AML/CFT measures held at UMFCCI yesterday.

During the meeting, the governor discussed 26 completed FATF Recommendations out of 40, progress in 15 Action Plans, increased level in 2024 and ongoing work plans, activities of AML/CFT central and working

groups, high-risk areas of ML/TF, high-risk industries, information, reports and measures to reduce Hundi trading activities by cooperating with private banks and financial institutions, activities of supervisory authorities, and legal action against illegal online money transfer.

Participants then coordinated the discussion. — MNA/KTZH

CBM Governor Daw Than Than Swe speaks on the occasion of the coordination meeting yesterday.

CBM discusses AML/CFT measures



NATIONAL

MoI Union Minister inspects libraries in Yangon, Bago

UNION Minister for Information U Maung Maung Ohn, who is also chairman of the Myanmar Libraries Cooperation Development Committee, inspected libraries in Yangon and Bago regions, together with Yangon Region Chief Minister U Soe Thein and Bago Region Social Affairs Minister U Myo Aung.

The Union minister and party first visited Hmawby Saya Thein Library in Hmawby township in Yangon. They met town elders and library supervisory committee members to discuss library process development and proper measures to develop the reading habits of youths.

He donated K2 million and books and publications for the library. The library was constructed in honour of Sayagyi Hmawby Saya Thein, with the capital of Myanmar Library Foundation and cash donations from town elders, totalling K35.9 million, in 2013.

The Union minister and party also attended the opening ceremony of Pyanya Alin Library in



Union Minister for Information U Maung Maung Ohn observes the youths reading at the Pyanya Alin Library in Ingalar Ward, Taikkyi, Yangon Region, yesterday.

emonymy of Pyanya Alin Library in Ingalar ward of Taikkyi township.

Speaking at the event, the Union Minister highlighted the establishment of libraries to expand the knowledge of the public, whereas the understanding of people plays a vital role in the de-

velopment of a nation, directives of the State of the Head regarding reading habits, and urged the officials to make efforts for library development.

The Yangon Region chief minister then explained library development measures and sup-

port of the regional government.

The Union minister, Yangon Region Library Supervisory Committee and locals donated cash, books and publications for the library.

On arrival at the Kaung Thant Library in Okkan, the

Union Minister met with library committee members and town elders and donated cash, books and publications after giving proper instructions.

The Union minister, accompanied by Bago Region Social Minister U Myo Aung, proceeded to Sayagyi P Moe Nin Library in Thonze. During the visit, the Union minister met library committee members and town elders and highlighted the role of libraries. They also donated cash, books and publications.

Ywama village in Thonze is a native of Sayagyi P Moe Nin, and the library was constructed in October 2015 in Bo Sein Hman Park of Thonze, honouring Sayagyi P Moe Nin.

The Union minister also met the staff of the Information and Public Relations Department at the Thayawady District office. He called for the presentation of accurate and true information via various media outlets for the public. He provided cash assistance to the staff. — MNA/KTZH

Model village launched in Ohnpinsu Village, Ayeyawady Region



Union Minister for Cooperatives and Rural Development U Hla Moe and dignitaries press the buttons at the launching of Scaling Up Model Village for Village-level in Ohnpinsu Village, Nyaungdon Township, Ayeyawady Region, yesterday.

A model village project was officially launched in Ohnpinsu Village, Nyaungdon Township, Ayeyawady Region, yesterday

morning.

This initiative, supported by the Mekong-Lancang Co-operation, aims to improve the

lives of residents in the delta region by reducing poverty. Union Minister for Cooperatives and Rural Development U Hla Moe, Ayeyawady Region Chief Minister U Tin Maung Win, regional government ministers, officials from the Chinese Embassy to Myanmar, and other relevant officials attended the ceremony.

The Union minister emphasized the importance of bridging the development gap between urban and rural areas at the ceremony. He highlighted the government's ongoing efforts to ensure balanced development across the country. The Union minister mentioned that 15 projects, including the Ohn-

pinsu Village project, are being implemented with support from the Mekong-Lancang Cooperation special fund. These projects aim to reduce poverty at the village level and promote comprehensive development. He also noted the success of these initiatives, citing positive outcomes from similar projects, such as small-scale solar power systems and water supply projects.

The first secretary of the Chinese Embassy to Myanmar outlined the five-year business plans for the Lancang-Mekong Cooperation, emphasizing co-operation and exchange with Myanmar in the area of poverty

alleviation. The regional chief minister also discussed the essential factors for the successful implementation and long-term sustainability of these projects. Officials reviewed the project to establish a model village for poverty reduction among the Mekong-Lancang countries, summarizing its objectives and planned activities.

Furthermore, the Union minister and his team inspected the completion of the upgrading work on the inter-village road between Ngapyawkyun village and Khattiya village, converting it to a concrete road, and discussed the necessary issues. — MNA/TRKM

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Weekly Roundup

7 October

Myanmar Coast Guard marks 3rd Anniversary

The work establishment of the Myanmar Coast Guard will be extended with many vessels, materials and manpower for Myanmar to be able to protect 143,110.72 square nautical miles of water territory with some 1,300 nautical miles of coastal area, said Chairman of the State Administration Council Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Min Aung Hlaing at the ceremony to mark the third Anniversary of Myanmar Coast Guard at No 3 Naval Jetty in Thilawa.

8 October

MR to build DEMU locomotives locally



SAC Chairman Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing gave guidance, saying that DEMU locomotives and carriages will be built locally and preparations must be made to raise the speed of trains to drive 80 kilometres per hour and for freight trains to 60 kilometres per hour, during his inspection of City Circular Diesel Locomotive Shed (Insein) of Myanmar Railways.

9 October

Senior General inspects Dala Bridge project progress

Officials need to consider systematically setting

the water clearance for vessels in waterways and piers of the Myanmar-Korea Friendship (Dala) Bridge, said SAC Chairman Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing on his inspection tour of the bridge project.

Dishonest politicians face consequences

When public service personnel cooperate with the Government in security with security awareness and knowledge, they can prevent weakness in security measures, said SAC Chairman Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing in his speech at the meeting on security and development of Yangon Region on Konmyinthath of Yangon Region.

Briefings given to those from UN agencies

Deputy Prime Minister Union Minister for Foreign Affairs U Than Swe stressed that the Government assures all available assistance to reach the needy population without any discrimination, adding that the Government does not block any humanitarian aid from UN agencies and international organizations.

10 October

Stake driven for Sarso Beikman building

A ceremony to drive stake for the construction of the Sarso Beikman building, with the assistance of India, took place at the venue on Bo Min Khaung Road in Uyin Ward of Mingala Taungnyunt Township of Yangon Region, attended by SAC Chairman Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing.

Rehabilitation efforts require sufficient time

It is necessary to remedy the traumas of flood-ravaged people while taking rehabilitation measures, said SAC Chairman Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing at the third cash donation ceremony for flood-stricken areas.

Illegal trade eradication meeting held

Eradication of illegal trade must be designated

as a national duty for all, said Vice-Chairman of the State Administration Council Deputy Prime Minister Vice-Senior General Soe Win delivered a speech at the work coordination meeting 4/2024 of the Illegal Trade Eradication Steering Committee at the Ministry of Commerce in Nay Pyi Taw.

11 October

Myanmar cooperates with ASEAN under charter

ASEAN navies should exchange expertise in rescue, relief, and rehabilitation for natural disaster response, enhancing cooperation and mutual support to address loss and damage during crises, said SAC Chairman Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing, who received ASEAN navy chiefs and delegations in Nay Pyi Taw.

MSME businesses need human resources

Training courses must be conducted continuously for the development of human resources for factories operating in MSME businesses from industrial zones, said SAC Vice-Chairman Deputy Prime Minister Vice-Senior General Soe Win at the meeting 2/2024 of the MSME development work committee.

12 October

MoFA responds to UN reports and discussions

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Myanmar issued a press release, highlighting that Myanmar urged the United Nations and the international community to refrain from supporting the acts of terrorist groups and to cooperate with the Government in combatting terrorism and preventing terrorist acts, and UN reports and discussions should acknowledge Myanmar's constructive endeavours. — GNLM/TTA



The Myanmar delegate joins hands with attendees at the fourth Meeting of Leaders of the China-ASEAN Friendship Association on 10 October.

INVITED by the Chinese People's Association for Friendship with Foreign Countries (CPAFFC), a delegation led by the chairperson of the Myanmar China Friendship Association, U Tin Oo, along with three executive members, attended

the 70th anniversary of the CPAFFC in Beijing from 9 to 13 October.

The delegation participated in the anniversary celebration and the 4th Meeting of Leaders of the China-ASEAN Friendship Association on 10 Octo-

Myanmar marks CPAFFC's 70th anniversary

ber. Leaders and representatives from ASEAN friendship associations with China were present at the event, where agendas for friendship and cooperation between China and ASEAN nations were discussed.

President Xi Jinping of the People's Republic of China delivered a speech at the event on 11 October. Vice-President Mr Yunan Mindao, Chair of the CPAFFC, along with members of the State Council of China and the Minister of Foreign Affairs, hosted the international representatives at a gala dinner.

Chairperson U Tin Oo presented the significant milestones of the bilateral relationship between Myanmar and China, as well as Myanmar's continued support

for the One China Policy during the fourth Meeting of Leaders of the China-ASEAN Friendship Association.

The delegations toured the cultural and art museum, the Grand Canal Museum of Beijing, located in the Beijing Municipal Administrative Centre. The People's Government of Beijing Municipality also elaborated on the progress and developments of the Millennium City over the past ten years of implementing the new urban area and the construction progress of the Xiongan New City in Hebei Province. Additionally, the People's Government of Beijing Municipality explained plans for constructing new buildings and offices to accommodate the 23 million residents of Beijing. — MNA/TMT

NATIONAL

MNHRC Chair attends 8th International Scientific & Practical Conference



Myanmar National Human Rights Commission Chairman U Paw Lwin Sein, via videoconferencing, takes part in the eighth International Scientific and Practical Conference held in Moscow, the Russian Federation, in a hybrid format.

THE eighth International Scientific and Practical Conference titled “Topical Issues of Human Rights Protection in Health Care” was held on 10 October in Moscow, the Russian Federation, in a hybrid format.

Representatives of human rights commissions from 56 countries attended the conference in person, including representatives from the human rights commissions of Tajikistan and Kazakhstan, as well as Myanmar National Human Rights Commission Chairman U Paw Lwin Sein and Commission members Dr Than Myint and Dr Tin Maung Maung Than, and staff, who participated via videoconferencing.

The conference discussed country-specific measures and developments related to the protection of human rights in the health sector.

Additionally, the Chairman of the Myanmar National Human Rights Commission emphasized that the right to healthcare is a fundamental human right, asserting that health care is not a special privilege but a basic right that belongs to everyone.

He also highlighted domestically enacted laws that emphasize health rights and the broader healthcare sector. — MNA/TKO

Oil millers to offer discounted oils at Thadingyut fair, 12-14 Oct

THE Myanmar Edible Oil Millers’ Association will hold a Thadingyut fair from 12 to 14 October to sell peanut oil, sesame oil and sunflower oil at low prices, according to the association.

The fair to be organized by the association will be held at the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry (UMFCCI) in Lanmadaw township, Yangon Region. This is the second time in the market that domestic mills sell their produced edible oils at low prices. “In order to achieve domestic oil self-sufficiency, local oil mills will sell groundnut oil, sesame oil, and sunflower oil,

which they produce at low prices. The fair will be held in front of the UMFCCI headquarters for three days from 12 to 14 October. The selling price is K15,000 per viss, including bottle and not more than K13,000 per viss for oil only. We will supply 90,000 visses of oil at this fair,” said an official from the association.

On 3 and 4 August, the Myanmar Edible Oil Millers’ Association celebrated a peanut oil fair as a commemoration of the fifth anniversary of the association, where oil millers from Mandalay, Yangon, Magway, Sagaing and Bago region participated and sold their products. — ASH/ZN



This photo depicts the Myanmar Edible Oil Millers Association holding the local peanut oil fair as a commemoration of its fifth anniversary.

Crackdown on illegal trade yields K733M in seizures in two days



Confiscated illegal consumer goods in Mandalay Region.

UNDER the supervision of the Illegal Trade Eradication Steering Committee, efforts to combat the illicit trade continue effectively in accordance with the law.

On 10 October, the combined teams supervised by the Customs Department captured a Zhong Tong bus (approximately K60 million) heading to Yangon from Hpa-an, carrying a kind of foodstuff and a kind of consumer goods worth K6.84 million without official documents at the Mayanchaung permanent checkpoint, 11 kinds of industrial materials valued at K103.849 million without official documents

from three containers at the Myanmar Industrial Port and two types of industrial materials valued at K249.071 million without official documents from eight containers at the Asia World Port Terminal container checkpoint. The action was conducted in line with Customs procedures.

Similarly, the combined teams supervised by the Mandalay Region Illegal Trade Eradication Task Force conducted inspections in the seizures of a Hino tractor head with a trailer (approximately K106 million), travelling from Lonnya to Mandalay, carrying five kinds of industrial materials valued at K26.314 million at the Myitnge checkpoint, a Nissan Condor truck (estimated value of K35 million), heading to Mandalay from Tangyan, carrying a kind of foodstuff value at K17.375 million without official documents at the 16th Mile Kyaukchaw checkpoint, a Mitsubishi Fuso truck (estimated value of K30 million) that was parked near the outskirts checkpoint carrying 30 kinds of consumer goods and

11 kinds of industrial materials valued at K30.667 million in Paleik Town and a Nissan Condor truck (estimated value of K30 million), travelling from Nanglan to Mandalay, carrying four kinds of foodstuffs worth K15.9 million without official documents over the Singaing Tollgate. The action was carried out according to Customs procedures.

Additionally, on 10 and 11 October, the combined on-duty teams captured an Isuzu Hiace (approximately K20 million), heading to DaikU from Mawlamyine, carrying two kinds of foodstuff valued at K2.74 million without official documents at the Nyaungkhashay x-ray station and illegal teak weighing 1.174 tonnes valued at K109,182 in Toungoo District. The action was taken under Customs procedures and the Forest Law.

The Illegal Trade Eradication Steering Committee reported 17 arrests on 10 and 11 October, resulting in the seizure of illegal goods worth approximately K733 million. — MNA/MKKS

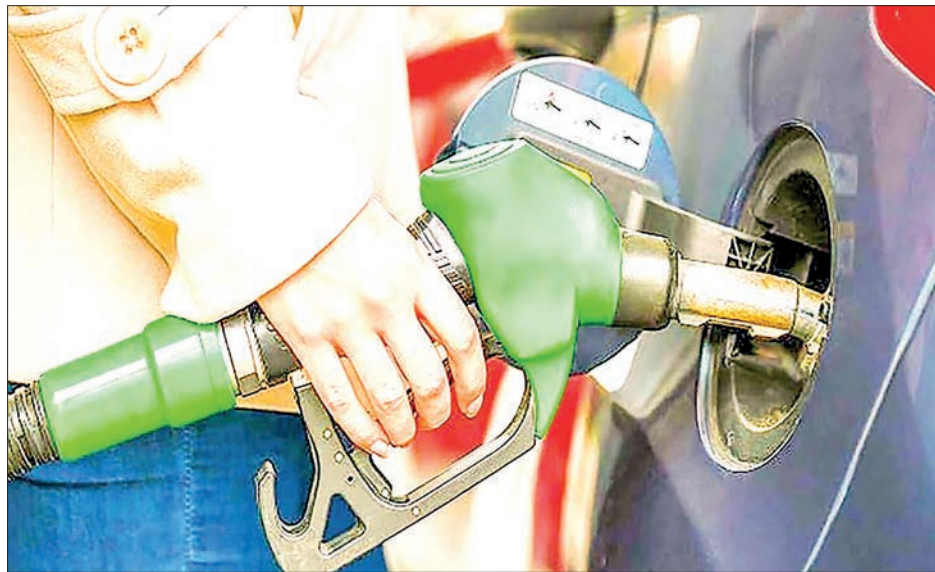
Mines Dept announces licence extension for petroleum storage; expired holders face late renewal fines

THE Department of Mines under the Ministry of Natural Resources and Environmental Conservation notified businesspeople of renewing licences for the storage of petroleum and petroleum products, and a late renewal is subjected to fines.

The petroleum and petroleum product storage licences issued by the department are set to expire on 31 December 2024.

The licence holders need to renew them two months in advance before the expiry date according to Petroleum and Petroleum Products Rule 119.

The renewal can be done from 1 November and 31 December 2024. The late fee is set at two per cent of the



The photo shows the vehicle filling with fuel at one petrol station in Yangon.

licence fee per day commencing from 1 January 2025.

According to the ministry's notification (037/2023) released on 31 October 2023, those who fail to renew their licence for a year will get their licence revoked automatically and deleted from the list. While renewing licences, renewal forms, storage licences, last inspection records of the department (copy) and documentary photos and documents of storage tanks of petrol stations are required to be presented.

Individuals can enquire about details through the contact number 09 673409376 of the Ministry of Natural Resources and Environmental Conservation (Office No 19). — NN/KK

CBM sells \$730,000 on 11 Oct



The office building of the Central Bank of Myanmar in Yangon.

THE Central Bank of Myanmar (CBM) injected over US\$730,000 on 11 October, \$12.4 million and 38.7 million Thai baht, 660,000 yuan on 9 October and over 10 million Thai baht on 7 October into the private sector.

CBM also 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 into 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

Myanmar business invited to join Intl Agri Trade Fair 2024

INTERNATIONAL Agricultural Trade Fair 2024, which is scheduled to take place on 5-11 November 2024 in Thai Binh City, northern region of Vietnam, welcomes the participation of Myanmar businesspeople, according to the Myanmar Trade Promotion Organization.

Thai Binh People's Committee and the Ministry of Industry and Trade organized this fair to promote trade, show the socioeconomic enhancement of the northern region and entice foreign investors in Vietnam.

This fair provides a platform for businesspeople to introduce their products, expand networks and explore partnerships.

Individuals can register to join the fair through the contact number 067 408622 of the Myanmar Trade Promotion Organization and email event.td.myantrade@gmail.com. — NN/KK

Flights to Patheingyi kick off today

THE Ministry of Transport and Communications approved Myanmar National Airlines and Myanmar Airways International to start operating between Yangon and Patheingyi airports on 13 September, the Ministry of Hotels and Tourism announced to facilitate travel experiences of tourists and homegrown visitors.

MNA is scheduled to fly

the Yangon-Patheingyi-Nyaung-U-Mandalay flight on Sundays and the Mandalay-Nyaung-U-Patheingyi-Yangon flight on Mondays.

Meanwhile, ATR flights run by MAI will fly the Yangon-Patheingyi-Nyaung-U-Mandalay trip on Thursdays and the Mandalay-Nyaung-U-Patheingyi-Yangon trip on Fridays. — NN/KK

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OPINION

BOOKRACK POEM

Reduce disaster risks for people, including children

DISASTERS often leave devastating consequences, placing a significant burden on governments tasked with mitigating the risks and impacts on people. Governments and citizens must work together to recover from disasters quickly and minimize the damage.

The world faces natural disasters throughout the year, and recent events like La Niña and El Niño have had particularly severe effects globally, including in Myanmar. Despite global efforts to combat these disasters, their impacts remain unavoidable. That highlights the need for a greater understanding of disaster risk reduction strategies, both on individual and governmental levels.

The theme for the International Day for Disaster Risk Reduction 2024 emphasizes the role of education in protecting and empowering children for a disaster-free future. Protecting children from disasters requires countries to consider their vulnerabilities and

specific needs when designing national and local disaster risk reduction strategies. Additionally, empowering children and young people is vital, as they can contribute meaningfully to disaster preparedness and recovery, as emphasized in the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015-2030.

Since no country can entirely avoid natural disasters, all nations must develop strategic plans to address the challenges posed by these events and ensure they are prepared to provide aid to affected populations. Additionally, it is crucial to focus on empowering disaster-affected children to develop the skills and resilience needed to survive with minimal risk. People should follow government plans, while governments and local authorities must also listen to the voices of the public to successfully overcome disaster challenges and achieve effective risk reduction.

Through education, children can be taught how to protect themselves during disasters and act as agents of change within their families and communities. That is closely aligned with global efforts, such as the UN Secretary-General's "Early Warnings for All" initiative, which seeks to expand early warning systems worldwide.

In Myanmar, disaster management centres have been established to mitigate the risks associated with natural disasters. These centres are prepared to handle rescue, relief, rehabilitation, reconstruction, and resettlement efforts in affected areas. The

success of these initiatives depends on public participation, as it requires a collective effort to reduce disaster risks efficiently and quickly.

Disaster risk reduction is a shared responsibility that involves both the government and the public. Education and empowerment, particularly of children, are keys to building a safer, more resilient future. By working together and involving communities in disaster preparedness, recovery efforts can be more effective and reduce the long-term impacts of disasters on society.

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Bagyisaya Hnint Thu Ei Thamee

THIS week, I am going to present a review of the book written by Saya Ne Myo, who is noted for his peculiar writing style. His words are so impressive that they will stay deeply inside the hearts of the readers. Concerning this book, the writer said that the loving kindness he preserved in the past has turned into a hankering mood or mooning over someone he is attached to and that his foolishness in his youth has changed into funny stories.

Reading the writer's admission reminds the book reviewer of the following quotations: "But God has chosen the foolish things of the world to put to shame the wise, and

God has chosen the weak things of the world to put to shame the things which are mighty:" I Corinthians 1:27.

This little book is believed to amuse the readers. According to Saya Soe Bar Daing, who is a book review writer like me, the style of writing used in this book is a trademark of Saya Ne Myo. Although this book is a collection of essays, some are giving the taste of short stories. May I go so far as to say that this book is a diary of fiction? The topics or events contained in this book are indeed of no significance and splendour. Nevertheless, Saya Ne Myo can turn small things into big events with the use of his excel-

lent art of writing. He can make the readers think of the Colosseum Rome in Italy when he is writing about a small stadium in a less developed nation. His style of writing can be likened to abstract expressionism. This style is a development of abstract art which originated in New York in the 1940s and 1950s. It is aimed at subjective emotional expression with particular emphasis on the spontaneous creative act (e.g. action painting). Leading figures were Jackson Pollock and Willem de Kooning.

Saya Soe Bar Daing said that there is no boring essay or short story in this book. He has guaranteed that the read-

ers will read the whole book in a sitting without jumping to any story. He said that the story titled "Pyay Ne Thaw Hseik Da Gaung, which, upon a working translation, would be a running goat, appeals to him the most. Saya Ne Myo is profoundly absorbed in his writing. When he writes, he is so engrossed in his writing that he cannot notice what is happening around him. Another peculiar thing about him is that he is used to changing a topic abruptly, going back and forth, his mind wandering from moment to moment.

Concerning essays, scholars have different definitions. According to Saya Ye Shan, an essay is a revelation of one's heart - i.e. expression of one's feelings and/or emotions. However, an essayist may not lay bare all his emotions and feelings. He can reserve some emotions. Essays are not long enough to go into all the details. They are concise, compact, rather short, and to the point in most cases.

According to Saya Taik Soe, essays are personalized. They are, in fact, the characters in the stories. This being so, they make an effort to reveal their own stories to the readers.



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Translator - Soe Minn Oo
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Price - K7,500

Bagyisaya Ei Itzatta Hnint Ahchar Wuthtutomyar

THIS book is a collection of short stories published by Myanmar Heritage, which has a good reputation for publishing books of value. Thirty-two short stories have all been published in magazines. Saya Soe Min Oo started to contribute to a great magazine called Shumawa in 1976. Later, he turned to writing articles on existentialism. He has been contributing short stories and articles to great literature-intensive magazines like Han Thit, Mahaythi, Cherry and Tharaphu.

The book under review is a collection of stories written in the post-modern style, which is a different writing style. The book is, in fact, a plethora of topics and events. Just as there are stories

involving life and love, there are also articles on social, political and economic matters.

The readers will see the different people holding different views, believing in various ideologies and/or philosophies, and sticking to diversified attitudes. Additionally, they will also see the attachment people have formed to one another as well as to non-living things.

The writer presents the ideas, emotions, facts and figures in a crystal clear manner. Despite using short sentences, he can maintain the continuity. His writings reflect the events prevailing in society for all ages. He does not ignore the philosophies and ideologies of all ages.

There is a story titled "Chan

Myay Hmu Dawt Shibarthaythi", which, upon translation, would mean peace still prevails. Sayagyi Aung Thin highly appreciated this story and put it on his list of the best short stories. Concerning this short story, Sayagyi Aung Thin remarked that Soe Minn Oo is not a prolific writer; but when he writes, he exerts his utmost effort.

All his articles or short stories may not be to the taste of the readers, but his writings always present something new in terms of philosophy. When there is nothing new in terms of ideas, he can provide a peculiar style of writing, at the least. In his story titled "Chan Myay Hmu Dawt Shibarthaythi," he writes about the peace and happiness

of a couple who have formed a profound attachment to each other and are bound with great love. They care for each other very much, never failing to fulfil their duties concerned. Although they are not rich in terms of material possessions, they are rich in terms of peace and happiness. He created three couples in three different stories, and they all have the same character, mindset, and attitude. Despite being three distinct stories, the stars have the same mentality. They are all dutiful husbands and wives having great love for each other. For them, extramarital affair is a word they have never seen or heard of. They are loyal, trustworthy and loving partners. Their lack of material possessions has never posed a problem to them. Despite their physical needs, they have peace of mind, leading a happy life. They are not the philosophers of love, but they know how to love their partners. The message of this story is that if partners have genuine love for each other, they can lead a peaceful, happy marriage life regardless of material wealth or social status.



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A New Page

By Chit Ko Pe

Indelible and unpleasant are the sore sights with disorders and corrections on errors.

In order to keep the wrongdoing aside, let the writing be pretty and right on a new page of the diary intake.

Between Birthday and Deathday

By Mya Thae (Research)

Human beings and creatures have two important days, These days are birthdays and deathdays or last stay. Between birthday and deathday, We will perform good deeds, Good deeds give us the best needs. If we carry out worse things We will obtain evil sins Thus, we will avoid evil sins and perform good deeds, We may attain a good life cycle, and good luck will be met.



ချစ်ခြင်းမေတ္တာ

'ကျမ' ကို 'ကျမ' သူလျှိုလုပ်နေတယ် ခရမ်းချဉ်သီးတွေကိုလှီးအသားတုံးတွေကို ပန်းကန်လုံးထဲပစ်ထည့် မီးဖိုချောင်ရဲ့ မီးရောင်ဟာ အာရုံစိုက်ဖွယ် ၊ ပန်းကန် လုံးရဲ့ အလွမ်းမှာ 'ကျမ' တို့ နှစ်ယောက်ပြုတ်ကျ ဒီအချိန်ဟာ ကိုယ်ယောင်ဖျောက်ဖို့ အန္တရာယ် အကင်းဆုံးအချိန် 'ကျမ' မသွားမချင်း ၊ 'ကျမ' အပြင်မထွက်ဘူး 'ကျမ' ဟာ 'ကျနေ့' မဖြစ်မှ ဒီမီးဖိုချောင်မှာနေလို့ရမယ် ဒါမှလည်း အလွမ်းဆိုတာရှိမှာ ပန်းကန်လုံးထဲမှာ အလွမ်းဟင်းသီးဟင်းရွက်တွေ။

မျိုးတေဇမောင်

Love (or) Loving-kindness

By Myo Tay Zar Maung, Translated by Myint Zan

I [the female] is being a spy to myself cutting the tomatoes throwing pieces of meat into the bowl the light in the kitchen is notable into the bowl of nostalgia 'me the female', both of us fell 'tis the time one can manage to 'disappear' one's body without any danger until 'I the female' goes 'me the female' won't go outside only if 'I the female' do not become 'I the male' I can stay in the kitchen inside the bowl are the nostalgia vegetables

Translated on 11 October 2024

NATIONAL Entertainment



Nay Toe

ACADEMY NAY TOE donated K500,000 to the Myanmar Motion Pictures Organization for the 47th respect-paying ceremony to seniors in the film industry. The movie "Hnaung" in which the actor starred was screened at the cinemas for the second week. It is a drama about marriage, and the actor portrays Dr Moe Zay Thar's character.



Thu Htoo San

ACTOR THU HTOO SAN is also an amateur football player on the Film Football Team. Additionally, he is a devoted Arsenal fan and once told the media, "I've been an Arsenal supporter since Henry's glory days. I admire their style of play and continue to support them even when they don't win any trophies." Thu Htoo San recently starred in the movie 'Luzoe 1,000'.



Shwe Htoo & Shwe Hmone Yati

ACADEMY SHWE HTOO and Shwe Hmone Yati donated K1 million to the Myanmar Motion Pictures Organization for the 47th respect-paying ceremony to seniors in the film industry on 11 October. The couple also recently donated K3 million to the Khaing Hnin Wai Foundation for flood victims. They donated using their real names, Ko Htoo Khant & Ma Thae Thae.



Phyo Pyae Sone

SINGER PHYOE PYAE SONE received an Award Plaque for his song 'To Friend'. The singer expressed gratitude for the award and announced that he accepted the award on behalf of each of the song creators. He will perform at Spicy Club in Bangkok on 12 October.

Nan Su Yati Soe

ACTRESS NAN SU YATI SOE donated K300,000 to the Myanmar Motion Pictures Organization for the 47th respect-paying ceremony to seniors in the film industry. The actress, who is currently in Thailand, supported Myanmar Miss Thae Su Nyein, who competes in Miss Grand International. She also shared her support for Miss Myanmar on her Facebook page.

Three great singers to hold music show

THREE renowned singers, Bo Bo Han, Khin Maung Htoo, and May Khalar, will perform at The Heart of Rangoon (THOR) in Mingala Taungnyunt, Yangon Region, on 20 October. The Three Friends Band will join them. "Although we often met in the past, we haven't seen each other for decades. I'm thrilled about this reunion. Please come and enjoy our performance; it's dedicated to flood victims," said May Khalar. The show starts at 6:30 pm on 20 October. – ASH/KTZH

Khin Wint Wah

ACADEMY KHIN WINT WAH conducted a field study to inspect the newly constructed sample house to determine the budget estimate for reconstructing 36 destroyed houses in Yedashe Township, together with the Online Donation Group. The actress received a K10 million cash donation from the Strategic Choice Education Group - SCEG (PSM & CPD). – Htun Htun/KTZH

CELEBRITY BRIEF



NATIONAL

Twantay Shwesandaw to host Thadingyut Buddha Pujaniya Festival

THE Twantay Shwesandaw Pagoda in Twantay Township, Yangon Region, will host the Thadingyut Buddha Pujaniya Festival from 12 to 19 October, running for eight days in a crowded manner, according to U Soe Lwin, vice-chairman of the pagoda's board of trustees.

The festival will include the recitation of seven Abhidhamma treatises and the offering of great alms to Buddha images at designated places around the pagoda, as well as the offering of rice to Sayadaws from 75 monasteries in downtown Twantay.

"During the Shwesandaw Buddha Pujaniya Festival, members of the Twantay Shwesandaw Pagoda Board of Trustees and religious teams will offer lights, flowers, and water to the pagoda on 16 October (the 14th waxing day of Thadingyut) at 7 pm. At 9 am on 17 October (the Thadingyut Full Moon Day), trustee board members will host ceremonies to take the Five Precepts and listen to a sermon from the Sayadaws before sharing merits. At noon, monks from 75 monasteries will be offered rice at the foot of the pagoda," said U Soe Lwin.

The festival will also feature market events with participation of vendors who operate their businesses during Myanmar's traditional festivals held throughout the year. — ASH/MKKS



The Twantay Shwesandaw Pagoda hosts the Buddha Pujaniya Festival in the previous year.

Myanmar attends ASEAN-China Agri-Produce Trade Promotion Dialogue



Myanmar Ambassador to China U Tin Maung Swe is seen delivering a speech at the ASEAN-China (Xinfadi) Agricultural Products Trade Promotion Dialogue in Beijing.

MYANMAR Ambassador to China U Tin Maung Swe attended the ASEAN-China (Xinfadi) Agricultural Products Trade Promotion Dialogue and the 2nd Xinfadi Agricultural Products Exhibition on 11 October at the Xinfadi Agricultural Expo Conference Centre in Beijing, where he delivered an opening remark, according to the MoFA.

He highlighted in his

speech that Myanmar is promoting the development of MSMEs (Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprises) to enhance the quality and export potential of its agricultural products. To fulfil market demands, as well as to leverage agricultural and technological know-how, the Ambassador invited investors, experts, and technicians from ASEAN countries and China to share their experiences

and expertise in producing high-quality goods and ensuring food safety. Emphasizing the collaboration between ASEAN and China in the agriculture and livestock sectors, he highlighted the joint projects in agricultural technology and management that have brought practical benefits to the people, resulting in positive outcomes for both sides.

The opening ceremony was attended by the Deputy District Mayor of Fengtai, the Chairman of the WTCA Trade Service Council Advisory, the Secretary-General of the ASEAN-China Centre, the Secretary-General of the ASEAN-China Economic and Investment Conference, the Vice Chairman and Secretary-General of the China International Economic Cooperation Association, and the Chairman of Xinfadi Wholesale Market for Agricultural Products. Around 260 government representatives, business leaders, and other invitees from China and ASEAN countries were also presented at the event. — ASH/TMT

Myanmar pageants to compete at Miss Earth 2024 and Miss Universe introduced to media

THE pageants representing Myanmar at Miss Earth 2024 in the Philippines and Miss Universe in Mexico were introduced to the media at an event held on 11 October at the PMM Business Center in Sangyoung Township, Yangon Region.

At the event, Miss Universe National Director Daw Saw Yu Wai introduced Miss Earth Myanmar 2024, Thawta San, who will compete as Myanmar's representative in the Miss Earth 2024 pageant in the Philippines, and Miss Universe Myanmar 2024, Thet San Andersen, who will compete as Myanmar's representative in the Miss Universe pageant in Mexico.

"They will go for competition this October. As for Miss Earth, Myanmar will compete for the first time, and they need new experiences. For Miss Universe, I have many expectations in my heart, and I am praying for good results. I have to prepare all the things that the organization needs to do. As usual, the National Costume reflects our country. We thought carefully about how to showcase our culture and made it different and cute compared to previous years," said



Myanmar Pageant Thet San Andersen to compete at Miss Universe

Miss Universe National Director Daw Soe Yu Wai.

Miss Earth Myanmar 2024, who will compete in the Miss Earth 2024 pageant in the Philippines as Myanmar's representative, will depart from Myanmar on 21 October. Miss Universe Myanmar 2024, Thet San Andersen, who will represent Myanmar in the 73rd Miss Universe pageant in Mexico, will leave Myanmar on 22 October. — ASH/TKO

ECONOMY WORLD

China's intermodal transport maintains over 25% annual growth

As the largest manufacturing country and a major cargo trade leader, China aims to reduce logistics costs and achieve carbon neutrality by diversifying its multimodal transport services.

CHINA'S container multimodal transport volume has maintained an annual growth rate of over 25 per cent for eight consecutive years, entering a new stage of large-scale development, according to an industrial conference held in north China's Tianjin Municipality on Friday.

Notably, in 2023, the cumulative volume of rail-water intermodal transport through the country's ports exceeded 11.7 million twenty-foot equivalent units (TEUs) of container cargo, up 11.7 per cent year on year, according to this international

conference on port intermodal transport.

During the period, China's railway container transport volume reached 33.23 million TEUs, with a year-on-year growth of 5.1 per cent, becoming a strong driving force for its multimodal transport, according to statistics released during the conference.

China is the world's largest manufacturing country, the second-largest consumer market and the top country in terms of cargo trade, with a large total volume of goods and a rich variety of categories.



An aerial drone photo taken on 20 March 2024 shows a container ship berthing at the Tianjin Port in Tianjin, north China. **PHOTO: ZHAO ZISHUO/XINHUA**

To reduce logistics costs, optimize the transport structure and achieve its dual-car-

bon goal of reaching the peak of carbon emissions and attaining carbon neutrality, the country is

exploring a diversified range of multimodal transport services. — Xinhua

Rosatom discusses small modular reactors with Turkiye for energy

RUSSIAN nuclear state corporation Rosatom is in discussions with Turkiye regarding small modular reactor (SMR) projects and is ready to offer Ankara both land-based and floating options, Anton Dedusenko, the chairman of the board of directors of Rosatom's Akkuyu Nuclear design company, told Sputnik on Friday.

Dedusenko said that

Rosatom supports Turkiye's plans to expand its nuclear power generation capacity through both large-scale reactors and SMRs.

"The development of small modular reactor technology is one of Rosatom's priorities ... We are discussing opportunities for cooperation in this field with our Turkish partners. In Turkiye, both SMR solutions — floating and

land-based — could be applied given the country's geographical location and territorial features," Dedusenko said.

He said that Rosatom would not start from scratch for any project in Turkiye, as it could build on the shared experience of the Akkuyu nuclear power plant. This includes leveraging localized supplies, partnerships with Turkish companies, and established cooperation with regulatory authorities.

The RITM-200 SMR technology is based on over 400 reactor-years of experience from Russia's nuclear ice-breaker fleet. The Akademik Lomonosov floating nuclear plant has generated over 860 million kilowatt-hours in four years. Rosatom is also implementing a land-based SMR project in Russia's Sakha Republic and has signed a deal with Uzbekistan to construct a 330 MW SMR. — SPUTNIK



The Akademik Lomonosov is Russia's first floating nuclear power plant, designed to provide energy to remote areas and coastal regions. **PHOTO: SPUTNIK**

BRIEFS: ECON

S Korea cuts interest rates for first time in four years

SOUTH Korea's central bank cut interest rates Friday for the first time in more than four years, in line with a global shift as headline inflation eases and domestic demand slows.

The Bank of Korea lowered the benchmark rate 25 basis points to 3.25 per cent — the first reduction since May 2020, during the pandemic. It began a series of base rate hikes the following year.

The move follows a sharper-than-expected slowdown in consumer inflation for September, when it hit 1.6 per cent — below the BOK's medium-term target of two per cent and the lowest in three and a half years. — AFP

Komati coal plant's transition faces challenges and job losses

THE Komati coal-fired power plant in South Africa, once a significant energy source, has faced challenges since its shutdown in 2022 as part of a green energy transition.

Two years later, plans to repurpose the plant have stalled due to poor planning and bureaucratic delays. While the transition aims to generate solar and wind energy, construction has yet to begin, resulting in job losses for the community.

Eskom, the state energy firm, has reduced the workforce from 393 to 162, with many locals leaving due to job insecurity. The transition plan, backed by \$497 million from the World Bank, includes reskilling workers and repurposing the plant's infrastructure. — AFP

Sumitomo Life launches 1st eye insurance for contact lens users

Named "Memamori Hoken", this first-of-its-kind product in Japan offers a one-time payout of 5,000 yen (\$34) for expenses related to eye conditions, including hospitalization and surgery.

SUMITOMO Life Insurance Co has launched an insurance policy specifically covering costs for treating eye conditions, available only to those who purchase disposable contact lenses sold by the Japanese unit of US phar-

maceutical giant Johnson & Johnson.

The product, offered to "Acuvue" users free of charge if certain conditions are met, is the first of its kind in Japan's life insurance industry, according to the insurer.

"Memamori Hoken" provides a one-time payout of 5,000 yen (\$34) for expenses associated with eye treatment, including hospitalization, surgery, or prescribed eye drops.

The policy is valid for one year and available

to people aged 18 to 59. Johnson & Johnson will cover the premiums.

Eligible customers who purchase a specified amount of Acuvue lenses can access the insurance through Johnson & Johnson's member-



Photo taken on 4 October 2024 in Tokyo shows a disposable contact lens package (top) and a brochure of Sumitomo Life Insurance Co's new insurance policy covering eye treatment costs. **PHOTO: KYODO**

ship app, with enrolment completed on Sumitomo Life's website. Claims for payouts can also be submitted via smartphone. — Kyodo

Boeing to cut 10% of workforce as it sees big Q3 loss

BOEING'S decision to cut 17,000 jobs comes as the company grapples with

a projected third-quarter loss of nearly \$3 billion, largely attributed to a

machinist strike that has exacerbated its existing financial challenges

Boeing announced Friday that it plans to cut 10 per cent of its workforce as it projected a large third-quarter loss in the wake of a machinist strike in the Seattle region.

The aviation giant must "reset our workforce levels to align with our financial reality," Chief Executive Kelly Ortberg said, adding that the cuts of 17,000 positions globally "will

include executives, managers and employees".

The company announced a series of belt-tightening measures and production delays in the wake of the nearly month-long strike of 33,000 workers that has added to the company's litany of problems.

Boeing staff with the International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers walked off the job on 13 September after overwhelmingly rejecting a contract offer. — AFP



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PHOTO: AFP/FILE

JPMorgan Chase posts expectation-beating Q3 earnings

JPMORGAN Chase shares jumped 4.44 per cent on Friday after the bank reported third-quarter earnings that exceeded analysts' expectations for both profit and revenue, largely driven by stronger-than-expected interest income.

The company posted earnings of US\$4.37 per share, higher than the \$4.01 forecasted, while revenue came in at \$43.32 billion, beating estimates of \$41.63 billion. Despite a two per cent year-over-year decline in profit to \$12.9 billion, revenue grew by six per cent. Net interest income (NII) rose three per cent to \$23.5 billion, surpassing predictions, thanks to gains from securities investments and increased loan activity in its credit card business.

"These earnings are consistent with the soft-landing narrative" of modest US economic growth, JPMorgan Chief Financial Officer Jeremy Barnum said. — Xinhua

TD Bank to pay more than \$3 bln to US in money-laundering case

CANADA'S TD Bank has agreed to pay more than \$3 billion in penalties for failing to adequately monitor money laundering by drug cartels, US officials said Thursday.

TD Bank, the 10th largest bank in the United States, has pleaded guilty to multiple felonies including violating the Bank Secrecy Act and conspiracy to commit money laundering, Attorney-General

Merrick Garland said.

"TD Bank created an environment that allowed financial crime to flourish by making its services convenient for criminals," Garland said at a press conference. "Our anti-money laundering laws dictate that a bank that willfully fails to protect against criminal schemes is also a criminal," Garland said. "That is what TD Bank was." — AFP



TD Bank has agreed to pay \$3 billion in penalties for failing to adequately monitor money laundering by drug cartels, US officials say. **PHOTO: AFP**

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE

M.V MCL-4 VOY.NO. (06N)

Consignees of cargo carried on **M.V MCL-4 VOY. NO. (06N)** are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on **13-10-2024** and cargo will be discharged into the premises of **TMT** 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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WEEKLY WORLD NEWS DIGEST

Iran engages urgent diplomacy amid fears of Israeli retaliation



A Shahab-3 surface-to-surface missile is prominently displayed alongside a portrait of Iranian Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei at a street exhibition organized by Iran's military forces. **PHOTO: SPUTNIK**

12 OCTOBER

IRAN has engaged urgent diplomatic efforts with a number of the Middle Eastern countries to prepare for Israel's possible retaliatory attack on its nuclear and oil facilities, CNN reported on Saturday, citing sources familiar with the matter.

It comes amid Iran's uncertainty about Washington's ability to convince Israel not to strike Iranian nuclear and oil facilities, and Lebanese movement Hezbollah's fatigue in the wake of the recent Israeli military operations, the broadcaster reported.

Last week, US President Joe Biden

said Israel had not yet determined the way it would strike Iran, but the Israeli army should consider other options than targeting oil fields. The warning came after Iran launched a massive missile attack on Israel on 1 October calling it an act of self-defence.

Since 1 October Israel has been conducting a ground operation against Hezbollah in southern Lebanon while continuing airstrikes. The death toll from Israeli strikes has exceeded 2,000, the Lebanese Health Ministry said on Wednesday. — SPUTNIK

11 OCTOBER

Mediterranean leaders discuss Middle East conflicts, migration

LEADERS from nine European countries around the Mediterranean Sea met in Cyprus Friday to discuss the wars in the Middle East, which they fear will fuel migration and threaten their own security.

Heads of state from France, Italy, Spain, Portugal, Greece, Cyprus, Malta, Slovenia, Croatia, and Jordan's King Abdullah II met in Paphos, Cyprus, amid regional tensions. President Nikos Christodoulides noted the nearby war's impact, with around 55,000 migrants crossing the Mediterranean this year. The summit aimed to address humanitarian aid for Gaza, where Israel's restrictions have worsened shortages. French President Macron called for a halt to arms deliveries to Israel, sparking controversy. Discussions also included EU competitiveness, forest fire coordination, and support for the Palestinian Authority. — AFP

10 OCTOBER

Tata, industry titan, mourned for transformative legacy

CROWDS of mourners gathered in India's financial capital Mumbai on Thursday for the funeral of industrialist Ratan Tata, hailed as a "titan" who led one of the country's biggest conglomerates. Tata, who passed away at 86, transformed the Tata Group into a global powerhouse, spanning various industries from software to sports cars.

His funeral in Mumbai featured a guard of honour and a marching band, as the city observed a day of mourning. The media hailed him as a "titan of Indian industry". Hundreds gathered to pay tribute, including business leaders and politicians.

Abdul Khan noted Tata's philanthropy and impact on lives beyond his employees. Mukesh Ambani called his death a significant loss for both the Tata Group and India, reflecting Tata's profound legacy. — AFP

9 OCTOBER

Fatah and Hamas engage in Cairo talks for governance

REPRESENTATIVES from the Palestinian National Liberation Movement (Fatah) and the Islamic Resistance Movement (Hamas) began talks on Wednesday in Cairo aimed at addressing internal issues in Palestine, high-ranking officials told Egypt's Al-Qahera News TV.

Delegates from Hamas and other factions have gathered in Cairo to negotiate the administration of the Gaza Strip, focusing on crossings, health, relief, social development, and education.

The Hamas delegation, led by Khalil Al-Hayya and Hossam Badran, aims to resolve governance disputes and address the management of the Rafah Crossing.

These talks follow a severe escalation in violence after Hamas's attack on Israel on 7 October 2023, which resulted in approximately 1,200 Israeli deaths. In retaliation, Israeli military operations in Gaza have led to significant casualties, with health authorities reporting about 41,965 Palestinian deaths and 97,590 injuries. — Xinhua

8 OCTOBER

Japan compensates victims of forced sterilization surgeries

JAPAN'S DIET enacted Tuesday a law to pay 15 million yen (\$101,000) each to victims of forced sterilization surgery under a now-defunct eugenics protection law, providing remedy to those who have not joined lawsuits to demand compensation from the state. Japan has enacted a new law providing five million yen in compensation to spouses of victims affected by the eugenics protection law, following a recent court ruling declaring the law unconstitutional. Proposed by a cross-party group, this law offers significantly higher compensation than the previous 3.2 million yen payment from 2019.

The law also allows relatives, including children and siblings, to receive compensation if victims have died. Additionally, individuals forced to undergo abortion surgery under the law can receive two million yen.

The law addresses human rights violations from 1948 to 1996, during which approximately 25,000 individuals were sterilized, often without consent. — Kyodo

7 OCTOBER

Tunisia's President set for landslide election win

PRESIDENT KAIS SAIED was poised Monday to win Tunisia's election by a huge margin, though low voter turnout reflected widespread discontent in the cradle of the Arab Spring pro-democracy uprisings.

Three years after President Saied's power grab, his re-election is feared to further entrench authoritarianism in Tunisia, the birthplace of the Arab Spring.

Exit polls predict Saied will receive 89 per cent of the vote, while imprisoned rival Ayachi Zammel trails at 6.9 per cent.

However, voter turnout was only 27.7 per cent, reflecting widespread disillusionment. Critics argue that the legitimacy of the election is compromised due to Saied sidelining potential challengers. — AFP

6 OCTOBER

Trump rallies at site of failed assassination

DONALD TRUMP returned to Butler, Pennsylvania, for a rally, exactly 12 weeks after an assassination attempt.

Speaking behind bulletproof glass, he called the gunman a "vicious monster" and questioned if his opponents were involved, declaring he would "never quit" amidst cheers from the crowd.

Trump criticized his political adversaries as the "enemy within", insinuating they may have been complicit in the attack.

Security was heightened, with snipers and drones present. Supporters expressed concern for Trump's safety, with one voicing worries about another potential attempt on his life. The rally occurred a month before the 5 November presidential election. — AFP

SPORTS

Pereira earns Brazil call-up for World Cup qualifier

UNCAPPED Cruzeiro midfielder Matheus Pereira has been added to Brazil's squad for their World Cup qualifier against Peru, the Brazilian Football Confederation said on Friday.

The 28-year-old replaces West Ham's Lucas Paqueta, who is suspended due to an accumulation of yellow cards.

Pereira has scored nine goals and provided 13 assists in 48 games across all competitions for Cruzeiro this year.

Brazil and Peru will meet at the Mane Garrincha stadium in Brasilia on Tuesday.

Five-time world champions Brazil are currently fourth in the 10-team South American zone standings with 13 points from nine qualifiers, seven points ahead of ninth-placed Peru. — Xinhua

Comoros shock Tunisia, Salah, Mbeumo strike in AFCON qualifiers

NATIONS qualifiers by the Carthage Eagles. Premier League sharpshooters Mohamed Salah and Bryan Mbeumo struck key goals, South Africa hit a record-equalling five and Nigeria snatched a late win in other matchday 3 qualifiers.

French second-tier league forward Rafiki Said scored midway through the second half in Rades to lift Comoros to second in Group A, one point behind Tunisia halfway through the campaign.

Comoros, a tiny island nation off the south-east coast of Africa, have a habit of causing upsets, most notably when beating Ghana to reach the second round at the 2022 AFCON. — AFP



Comoros match-winner Rafiki Said (R) playing for former club Brest in the 2022 French Cup. PHOTO: AFP

Boxing: Yabuki dethrones Nontshinga for IBF light flyweight title



JAPANESE boxer Masamichi Yabuki won the IBF light flyweight belt from South Africa's Sivenathi Nontshinga with a ninth-round technical knockout Saturday.

Former WBC light flyweight champion Yabuki knocked Nontshinga down once in the eighth round and twice in the ninth at Aichi International Exhibition Centre in Tokoname, near Nagoya. Yabuki took control in the early rounds with effective jabs en route to improving his career record to 17-4 with 16 knockouts.

"I expected a tough bout, and I thought I would have to retire if I lost," the 32-year-old said. "He is a boxer who tends to start strong, so I tried not to have him take the initiative." — Kyodo

Japanese boxer Masamichi Yabuki holds up the IBF light flyweight championship belt after defeating South Africa's Sivenathi Nontshinga in their title match on 12 October 2024, at Aichi International Exhibition Centre in Tokoname, central Japan. PHOTO: KYODO

Myanmar to face Sri Lanka in second football friendly today

THE second friendly match between Myanmar's national football team and Sri Lanka will take place today (4 pm Myanmar Standard Time) at the Thuwunna Youth Training Centre in Yangon.

As part of October's international break, both teams are playing two friendly matches. In the first match on 10 October, Myanmar secured a 2-0 victory. This was the first friendly of the year for Myanmar, where goals from Lwin Moe Aung and Maung Maung Lwin earned the win.

Although Sri Lanka is ranked lower than Myanmar in the world standings, they have improved their performance with the inclusion of naturalized players. Both teams missed some scoring chances in the first match, and they will aim for better finishing in today's game.

Myanmar is using these friendly matches in October and November to prepare for the upcoming ASEAN Cup 2024, which will start in the second week of December. — Ko Nyi Lay/KZL



The Myanmar national football team during their first friendly match against Sri Lanka. PHOTO: THAW GYI



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A participant visits the exhibition booth of China Mobile at the 2024 Artificial Intelligence (AI) for Good Global Summit in Geneva, Switzerland, 30 May 2024. **PHOTO: LIAN YI/XINHUA**

Transformative artificial intelligence (AI) will change journalism positively, said Iqbal Surve, chairman of Independent Media, a leading South African multi-platform content company.

In a recent interview with Xinhua, Surve articulated his belief that the integration of AI into journalism will lead to

significant advancements. AI can process, package and present content faster, which will free journalists from mundane tasks and allow them to focus on uncovering “the story behind the story”, he said.

In that context, journalists will not be able to perform the same tasks in the past, said Surve, noting that the biggest

challenge AI poses to the media industry is the need to embrace new methods of working and journalism’s evolving roles.

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Surve likened the relationship between AI and media content to that of an architect and a building. While AI can construct a basic structure, details within — such as investigations and the humanity of stories — require human input. AI alone cannot capture the full depth and nuance of storytelling, he said. — Xinhua



The monumental bear sculpture “Tres Grand Ours (2009)” sold for \$6.1 million. **PHOTO: AFP**

Sculptor Lalanne’s animal creations sell for \$59 mln

Lalanne’s auction collection fetched \$58.9 million, exceeding estimates, showcasing unique sculptures blending art and design.

A giant bear, a winged rabbit and a rhino were among the 70 animal bronzes and stone works by celebrated sculptor Francois-Xavier Lalanne that fetched \$59 million at Christie’s in New York this week. A remarkable collection of wild, domesticated, and fantastical creatures created by sculptor François-Xavier Lalanne and his late wife Claude generated significant interest at a recent Christie’s auction, fetching \$58.9 million — far exceeding initial estimates of \$16 million to \$23 million. The four-hour event, held at Christie’s Rockefeller Center, saw fierce bidding, with 97 per cent of lots surpassing their high estimates. — AFP

Why is South Korean culture sweeping the globe?

IT’S won Oscars. Its television shows and K-pop stars dominate global charts. Its leading novelist just won the Nobel literature prize. How did South Korea become such a global cultural powerhouse?

AFP takes a look at what we know:

Hallyu, or the Korean Wave, began in the late 1990s as Korean dramas and K-pop gained popularity in Asia, escalating globally with Psy’s “Gangnam Style”.

Since then, South Korean cultural exports, worth \$13.2 billion in 2022, have soared, driven by K-pop, films like “Parasite”, and series such as “Squid Game”.

The government aims for \$25 billion in cultural exports by 2027, expanding into markets like Europe and the Middle East. South Korea’s tumultuous history, marked by conflict and rapid change, inspires its artists, as noted by directors like Bong Joon-ho

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and Park Chan-wook.

Female authors, notably Han Kang, have emerged as cultural leaders, addressing complex themes in their works.

Despite some government support, success has often been attributed to grassroots efforts and innovative translators. — AFP



From the late 1990s, Korean dramas and K-pop idols started gaining traction in neighbouring Asian countries like China and Japan, marking the start of Hallyu, or the Korean Wave. **PHOTO: AFP**