

Performing Arts Competition fosters unity among national races

The Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions take a pivotal role in contributing to the sustainability of national cultures through the uplift of national integrity.

SENIOR General Min Aung Hlaing emphasized that the performing arts competition aims to initiate friendly relations among national races and contribute to the uplift and preservation of their traditional fine arts through a comprehensive understanding of culture among them.

Chairman of the State Administration Council Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing delivered a speech at the opening of the 25th Anniversary (Silver Jubilee) Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions at the Myanmar International Convention Centre II in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday morning.

Speaking on the occasion, the Senior General highlighted that despite different types, musical instruments of all national races of Myanmar depend on five primary instruments made of bronze, string, percussion, blowing and clapping.

He underscored that the performance of traditional music of national races from states exposes their cultural heritage and shows their unity.

He stressed that the Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions are crucial in contributing to the sustainability of national cultures through the uplift of national integrity.

The Senior General noted that the performing arts competition aims to initiate friendly relations among national races and contribute to the uplift and preservation of their traditional fine arts through a comprehensive understanding of culture among them.

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State Administration Council Chairman Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing warmly greets ethnic folk musicians at yesterday's opening event in Nay Pyi Taw.

and aligned with Myanmar traditions, he added.

He recounted that song composers and authors, including members of the Sangha, created their presentations on ten major Jataka and 550 Nipata Jataka of Buddhism, poems, story narration, and scripts for theatrical performances for the people of Myanmar to enjoy the essence of performing arts.

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Salient points from the speech delivered by the Senior General at the opening of the Performing Arts Competition

1. Performing arts competitions aim to initiate friendly relations among national races and contribute to the uplift and preservation of their traditional fine arts.
2. As artistes of Myanmar have preserved cultural performing arts against the oppression of colonialists over the years, these fine arts are still flourishing and aligned with Myanmar traditions.
3. The Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions are crucial in contributing to the sustainability of national cultures through the uplift of national integrity.

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Nation's Development Relies on Contributions from Intellectuals and Experts

IN line with the saying, "The strength of the nation lies within," the country's development efforts depend on the contributions of intellectuals and experts in the arts and sciences.

(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)

Mandalay to celebrate Thadingyut with 10,000 oil lamps

MANDALAY will hold its grand Thadingyut Festival, featuring a lighting ceremony of 10,000 oil lamps, along 26th Street between 66th and 73rd Streets on the southern side of Mandalay moat. The festival will include religious offerings at pagodas, entertainment by famous singers, and the setting up of traditional food-offering pavilions.

The festival will be officially celebrated on Thadingyut Full Moon Day, 17 October. However, the streets will be lit up from the evening of 16 October, the day before the full moon,



A total of 12 pavilions for the offering of foods will serve meals and snacks to attendees from 6 pm to 10 pm throughout the festival.

according to U Tin Htun Oo, head of the Public Relations and Information Department of the Mandalay City Development Committee (MCDC).

“There will be two main archways, one at the top of 66th Street and another at 73rd Street along 26th Street. Decorative lights will be set up and adjusted all along 26th Street. The opening ceremony will begin at 6 pm, featuring a beautiful fireworks display to mark the official opening. At the corner of 26th Street and 66th Street, an offering of ten

thousand oil lamps will be lit in homage at the replica of the Bagan Shwezigon Pagoda.” he said.

The entertainment programme will take place in front of the MCDC office, with performances by renowned national vocalists and the Mandalay City Development Committee band. The festival will also feature a fair with market stalls. A total of 12 pavilions for the offering of foods will serve meals and snacks to attendees from 6 pm to 10 pm throughout the festival. — Maung Aye Chan/KZL


Flights to Patheingyi Airport launched by Myanmar National Airlines & Myanmar Airways International

1. The Ministry of Transport and Communications announces that Myanmar National Airlines and Myanmar Airways International will begin operating flights to Patheingyi Airport, Ayeyawady Region, starting 13 October 2024. Flights will operate four days a week as per the following schedule: -

Sr	Airlines	Route	Day
(a)	Myanmar National Airlines	Yangon-Patheingyi-NyaungU-Mandalay Mandalay-NyaungU-Patheingyi-Yangon	Sunday Monday
(b)	Myanmar Airways International	Yangon-Patheingyi-NyaungU-Mandalay Mandalay-NyaungU-Patheingyi-Yangon	Thursday Friday

2. Passengers wishing to travel to these destinations are kindly informed to check the availability of flights accordingly.

Ministry of Transport and Communications



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EARTHQUAKE NEWS

(Issued at 13:40 hour MST)

A slight earthquake of magnitude 4.0 Richter Scale with its epicentre inside Myanmar about 19 miles southeast of Tanai, latitude 26.12°N, longitude 96.88°E, 11 kilometres in depth, about 55 miles northwest of Myitkyina seismological observatory was recorded at 13 hours 32 minutes 36 seconds MST on 14 October 2024. — DMH

COVID-19 report, 14 October 2024	NEW TESTS	NEW CASES	CASUALTIES
	13,159	16	Nil

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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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The venue of the Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions in Nay Pyi Taw.

tition.

The traditional band of national races performed music entertainment.

Union Minister U Tin Oo Lwin reported to the Senior General on arrangements for the competition.

The Senior General cordially greeted maestros who would serve as members of the panel of judges at the competition and presented cash awards to ethnic musicians

from traditional bands of national races.

Daw Kyu Kyu Hla, wife of the Senior General, Daw Than Than Nwe, wife of the Vice-Senior General, the Council Joint Secretary and his wife, council members and their wives, union-level dignitaries, union ministers and their wives, the Nay Pyi Taw Council chairman and officials together with contestants were also present on the occasion. — MNA/TTA

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The Senior General urged all artistes to sustain the flourishing of performing arts of all national races of Myanmar through their integrity and enhance the national spirit of the new generation of youths.

At the ceremony, Patron of the Leading Committee for Organizing the Competition SAC Vice-Chairman Deputy Prime Minister Vice-Senior General Soe Win, Chairman of the Leading Committee Union Minister for Religious Affairs and Culture U Tin Oo Lwin and Nay Pyi Taw Council Chairman U Than Tun Oo cut the ribbon to open the competition.

The Senior General pressed the button to unveil the signboard of the compe-



The Senior General presses the ceremonial button to inaugurate the signage of the competition yesterday in Nay Pyi Taw.

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Myanmar, India sign MoU under Quick Impact Projects

THE signing ceremony for five Memoranda of Understanding between the Government of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar and the Government of the Republic of India under Quick Impact Projects (QIP) was held at the Ministry of Investment and Foreign Economic Relations in Nay Pyi Taw on 14 October 2024.

The ceremony was attended by Dr Kan Zaw, Union Minister for Investment and Foreign Economic Relations, deputy ministers from relevant ministries, senior officials and Mr Abhay Thakur, Ambassador of India to the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, Deputy Chief of Mission Mr Ashish Sharma and representatives from the Embassy of India.

In the ceremony, the “Memorandum of Understanding for ‘Dryer and Dryer’s House for Agriculture Development and Farmer Welfare”, the “Memorandum of Understanding for the Implementation of ACARE knowledge repository”, the “Memorandum of Understanding for Weaving and Vocational Sector Development Project under Saunder Weaving and Educational Institute in Amarapura, Mandalay Region”, the “Memorandum of Understanding for



The commemorative group photo session in progress during the MoU signing ceremony between Myanmar and India yesterday in Nay Pyi Taw.

Constructing a one-storey building for the Girls Training School in Mandalay Region”, and the “Memorandum of Understanding for Establishment of Yangon Region’s Emergency Operations Centre (EOC) for Natural Disaster Management” were signed by Directors-General and Rector from the relevant ministries and Deputy Chief of Mission Mr Ashish Sharma of the Embassy of India.

The Indian Government will grant US\$250,000 and this grant

will contribute to ensure the efficient operation of the rice mill within the rice bio-park and to enhance the livelihoods of rice farming communities by signing and implementing the “Memorandum of Understanding for Dryer and Dryer’s house for Agriculture Development and Farmer Welfare”, to create an intranet-based knowledge repository to centralize research data, publications, datasets by signing and implementing the “Memorandum of Understand-

ing for the Implementation of ACARE knowledge repository”, to enhance skills of the teachers from weaving and vocational institute by signing and implementing the “Memorandum of Understanding for Weaving and Vocational Sector Development Project under Saunder Weaving and Educational Institute in Amarapura, Mandalay Region”, to promote the living standard of the children by signing and implementing the “Memorandum of Understanding for Constructing

a one-storey building for the Girls Training School in Mandalay Region”, and to serve as a logistics hub for receiving international humanitarian assistance, thereby supporting the National Disaster Management Centre in responding to large-scale disasters, given Yangon’s role as a major international entry point for Myanmar by sea and air by signing and implementing the “Memorandum of Understanding for ‘Establishment of Yangon Region’s Emergency Operations Centre (EOC) for Natural Disaster Management”. To ensure successful implementation of the projects, Joint Project Monitoring Committees (JPMC) have been already organized to facilitate the progress of the projects.

The Quick Impact Projects are implemented under the Framework Agreement on Quick Impact Projects (QIPs), signed between the Government of Myanmar and the Government of India. The Quick Impact Project (QIP) allocates US\$50,000 per project. Last year, three projects were implemented, and additional QIP projects are being negotiated with the Indian Government to support Myanmar’s socio-economic development further. — MIFER

Union Health Minister attends Gavi SEARO-WPRO Constituency Meeting online

UNION Minister for Health Dr Thet Khaing Win participated yesterday in the Gavi SEARO WPRO Constituency Meeting presided over by Indonesian Health Minister Budi Gunadi Sadikin.

Indonesian Health Minister Budi Gunadi Sadikin and Chief Country Delivery Officer Mr Thabani Maphosa of Gavi first

made opening speeches, and officials from the Gavi reported on the five-year immunization (2026-2030) strategic plan to the health ministers.

Speaking at the event, the Union minister expressed willingness to join the five-year immunization (2026-2030) strategic plan of Gavi actively and highlighted 13 types of vaccines

for children in the country, eight projects provided by the State budget and six by Gavi, 88 per cent coverage of Human Papillomavirus (HPV) vaccine on girls aged 9 to 10, budget expenditure for national immunization projects and continuous support of Gavi.

Health Ministers and vice-ministers from Indonesia,



Union Minister Dr Thet Khaing Win joins the Gavi SEARO-WPRO Constituency Meeting virtually.

Vietnam, Laos, India, Bangladesh, Sri Lanka and Cambodia

then coordinated the discussion. — MNA/KTZH

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25th (Silver Jubilee) Performing Arts Competition kicks off

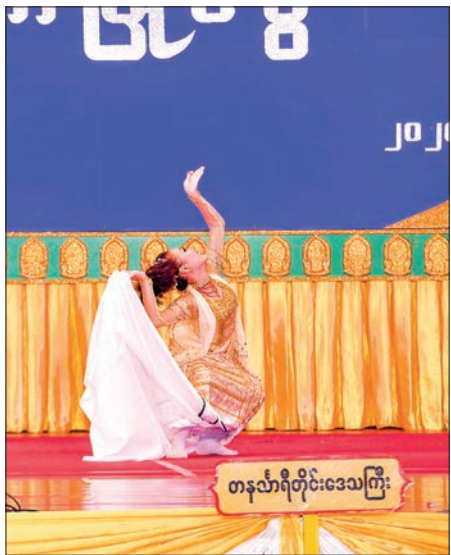
A total of 2,584 contestants are participating in relevant events at the national level of the 25th (Silver Jubilee) Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions 2024 under the systematic scrutiny of 180 maestro panel of judges.

The Maha Gita (classic song) contest comprising the basic education level (aged 15-20 years) female contest and the amateur level (first class) male contest was held at the Singing Room of Myanmar International Convention Centre II.

The modern song contest, which included the amateur level (first class) male contest and the basic education level (aged 10-15 years) female contest, took place at the Banquet Hall of MICC II.

Contestants participated in the dancing contest, which consisted of the basic education level (aged 15-20 years) female contest and the higher education level male contest at Plenary Hall of MICC II.

The song-composing contest took position at the Yinkyayhmu Yadana Hall of the Ministry



SAC Member U Wunna Maung Lwin and dignitaries watch the dance competition.



Ma Su Lei Yati Aung.



Maha Janaka drama contest.



Amateur-level (first class) traditional harp-playing contest.



Myanma traditional orchestra contest.



Basic education level (10-15 years old) piano contest.

of Religious Affairs and Culture.

The basic education level (aged 11-15 years) female piano contest and the amateur level

(first class) female and male piano contests were held at the News Briefing Room of MICC II. The Mini Theatre of the Na-

tional Museum (Nay Pyi Taw) hosted the harp contest, which consisted of the higher education female and male contests, the

basic education level (aged 15-20 years) male contest and the amateur level (first class) female and male contests.

Contestants took part in the amateur level (first and second classes), higher education and basic education level (aged 15-20) Dobat contests at the training theatre of the Ministry of Religious Affairs and Culture.

Yesterday's competition arranged the participation of contestants in the orchestra troupe contest, higher education female and male contests and basic education female and male contests at Wunzin Minyarzar Hall of the

National Museum (Nay Pyi Taw).

Aung Nan Soe marionette troupe of Mon State took part in the amateur level (first class) Vasantara Drama contest whereas Maha Ayeya theatrical troupe competed in the amateur level (first class) Maha Janaka drama contest.

The contestants' competitions at yesterday's events were attended by members of the State Administration Council, union-level dignitaries, deputy ministers, regional and state ministers, departmental personnel, staff families, and contestants' parents. — MNA/TTA

Myanmar attends 6th World Media Summit



The sixth World Media Summit in progress in China yesterday.

THE Myanmar delegation representing the Ministry of Information attended the sixth World Media Summit (WMS) held at the Xinjiang International Convention & Exhibition Centre in Urumqi, the capital of China's Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Region yesterday.

The summit was initiated by Xinhua News Agency, Associated Press, Reuters, TASS and Kyodo News starting in 2009.

More than 500 attendees from over 106 countries and

regions attended the summit, centred on the theme "AI and Media Transformation."

The summit discussed Development and Change: The Use of AI in Media Development, Rules and Responsibilities: Journalistic Ethics in the AI Age and Fact and Truth: The Common Mission of Media in the Digital Age.

The second session focused on Cooperation and Consensus: People-to-People Exchanges along the Belt & Road and

Opportunities and Win-Win: High-Level Opening-up and High-Quality Development in Xinjiang.

The summit enhanced collaboration within the global media sector to share advancements in AI development, facilitating high-quality development worldwide, and served as a critical forum for media leaders to discuss how technology can drive a more dynamic and resilient media landscape. — MNA/ KTZH

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Myanmar joins 120th Anniversary Dinner of Chinese Chamber of Commerce in Kuala Lumpur



This picture captures Myanmar Ambassador to Malaysia U Aung Soe Win attending the dinner and posing for the group photo to mark 120th Anniversary of KLSCCCI.

ACCORDING to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Myanmar Ambassador to Malaysia, U Aung Soe Win, attended the dinner commemorating the 120th Anniversary of the Chinese Chambers of Commerce and Industry of Kuala Lumpur and Selangor

(KLSCCCI) on 12 October in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.

At the event, the Myanmar ambassador delivered a speech honouring Datuk Yg Yih Pyng, the newly elected KLSCCCI president. Selangor's Chief Minister,

YAB Dato' Seri Amirudin Bin Shari, also attended as the guest of honour.

Over 1,200 participants, including chamber members, diplomats, and representatives from private companies, attended the celebration. — ASH/TMT



Bago's Shwemawdaw to host Thadingyut Fest, MSME Fair

A lighting festival and MSME market fair will take place at Shwemawdaw Pagoda in Bago Township, Bago Region, on the full moon day of Thadingyut, according to U Tin Oo, Minister for Economic Affairs for the Bago Region government. The Bago Thadingyut lighting festival and market fair will last for three days, from 16 to 18 October.

"The annual 10,000 candle lighting ceremony will be held at Shwemawdaw Pagoda on the night of 17 October, the full moon day of Thadingyut. At the same time, MSME products will be displayed and sold. Additionally, colourful lights will illuminate the west archway of the pagoda," said the minister.

The Thadingyut Lighting Festival will also feature a market fair and various entertainment programmes. — ASH/MKKS



This photo showcases a poster for Issani's One-Person Show and Birthday Celebration.

Issani to celebrate birthday with one-person show and new music

ISSANI is set to celebrate his birthday with a special one-person show at Vintage Moe Kaung in Yankin Township on 15 October. His band, Banner7 Music, will provide the entertainment for the evening.

"People say I've been out of sight for a while, but I've always been immersed in music. I'm excited about my birthday celebration. My band, Banner7 Music, and I have been working hard on new songs, as well as revisiting our older tracks. I hope the audience will enjoy them as much as we do," said Issani.

In addition, Issani recently released a new track titled "Actually I'm alone" with Banner7 Music and is currently working on more new material, set to be released soon. — ASH/TRKM



This photo shows colourful lanterns to be sent to other markets outside Yangon.

Colourful lanterns from Yangon distributed to regions for Thadingyut

COLOURFUL lanterns and bamboo two-wheel push run toys with handles and lanterns on wheels made from Kyimyindine, Yangon Region, are sent to Ayeyawady and Bago regions and Mon State, said U Khin Maung Kyi, a lantern maker who is a lantern business owner.

"Our ward is famous for its handicraft art as residents make sacred bronze statues, marble Buddha statues, and umbrellas, among others. We received a purchase order in June. As it is a family-owned

business that has been running for over 50 years, all the family members make them. We supply about 70 per cent of lanterns for a region," he said.

The prices vary depending on design and size, ranging from K3,000 to K30,000. Those lanterns are made from bamboo and coloured wax paper. We produced about 15 innovative lantern designs. There are lanterns in the shapes of animals, vehicles, ships, aeroplanes and cartoon characters to attract the attention of the children. — ASH/KK

THE Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation (MoALI) will make efforts to reach cotton cultivation acres to 600,000 this financial year and 82 per cent of them have been planted as of 30 September, said Dr Tin Htut, Deputy Minister.

The ministry will provide seed, inputs and technical assistance to meet the whole 700,000 acres earlier designated for cotton cultivation and to achieve a value chain from farm to fabric cotton production.

A work coordination hybrid meeting on improving cotton production was held in Pyay City, Bago Region, on 11 October. The deputy minister, seed experts, soil experts, crop protection professionals, top agriculture experts, and cotton growers from Pyay District were present at the meeting, and those experts, as well as farmers from Magway and Mandalay regions, virtually joined the meeting.

The deputy minister said that cotton cultivation was targeted at 565,000 acres during last FY 2023-2024, with production of 244 million visses of cotton.

For cotton productivity, cotton crop

MoALI endeavours to achieve 600,000 acres of cotton plantation this FY



This picture shows a thriving cotton plantation.

zones have been established in regions and states. Pedigree cotton acres also

play a vital role in it. He was also instructed officials to collaborate with

cotton processors in the private sector. Experts discussed matters regarding per-acre yield production growth methods, crop protection, soil, seeds, industrial agriculture and farmland. Cotton seed production technology and sulfuric acid treatment were demonstrated.

The Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation has urged the farmers to replant crops as a massive flood destroyed some croplands. At present, the ministry has been arranging to provide quality seeds and equipment for ploughing to repair croplands and prepare seed beds in flood-stricken areas. Those farmers in need can enquire at the nearest Agriculture Department to replant long-staple cotton. The department has reserved the seeds, and they are ready to cooperate with growers.

Myanmar Rice Federation and affiliated associations will support resettlement activities in flood-hit areas, agricultural inputs such as seeds and fertilizer and cash donations, the federation announced on 14 September. — NN/KK

ADVERTORIAL

CECCM leads Chinese companies and individuals to contribute over K1B towards flood-stricken communities

CHINA Enterprise Chamber of Commerce in Myanmar (CECCM) and member Chinese companies donated more than K1 billion to flood-impacted communities, demonstrating corporate social responsibility.

The Yangon Region government office held a donation event for flood-stricken regions and states at Mingala Hall on 3 October 2024. Mr Liu Ming, chair of CECCM and representatives of Chinese enterprises were present at the event. Yan-

gon Region Chief Minister U Soe Thein handed over a certification of honour in recognition of their contributions to flood-affected communities.

Mr Liu Ming from CECCM vowed the organization's commitment to engaging in charitable events to help the people in need in Myanmar. He also elaborated on how Myanmar's people knit together in unity to tackle obstacles and challenges.

With the support initiative of the Embassy of the People's Republic of



CECCM's Chair Mr Liu Ming offers their cash contributions to Yangon Region Chief Minister U Soe Thein on 3 October 2024.

China to Myanmar, CECCM announced a donation drive, and 41 Chinese companies immediately responded to it with contributions of cash (K43.86 million) and flood rescue equipment worth over six million kyats for flood rehabilitation efforts.

CECCM endeavoured

to bolster economic, investment, and trade cooperation between Myanmar and China and promote cultural exchange by actively taking part in social activities in Myanmar. It builds an ethical workplace culture for China-Myanmar employers. It also helps sustain the

moral conduct, accountability and social responsibility of Chinese employers, positively influencing corporate image.

CECCM was registered as a non-profit social institution in Myanmar in November 2017, pursuing organizational discipline, independence and

non-profit management. It is committed to exchanging ideas, discussions, ethical practices, opportunities, and instructional services.

CECCM now has over 250 members from various industries. Seven associations are now operating under the CECCM, including TMT Association, Agriculture Development Association, Tourism and Service Association, International Contractors and Realty Association, Electric Power Development Association, Heavy Industry Association and Textile and Garment Association.

Chinese entrepreneurs in Myanmar actively engage in social initiatives, consistently contributing to disaster relief and emergency response efforts. They have reaffirmed their commitment to supporting the country's sustainable development programmes.

(CECCM sources)



These pictures capture CECCM's donations for flood relief and to flood victims in Myanmar.

OPINION

Consider tactics for patient safety in healthcare services

THE safety of patients depends on various preventive measures to minimize the possibility of danger. It is crucial to mitigate traumas and disputes that may arise from interactions between patients' families and all types of healthcare providers.

Globally, more than three million patients die annually due to hazardous healthcare services. This mortality rate is largely attributed to diagnostic errors, as reported by the World Health Organization. In this context, patient safety involves reducing side effects and unacceptable risks associated with healthcare services.

At this juncture, patient safety processes encompass medication management, blood transfusions, injections, surgical operations, radiation treatment, accident prevention, and the mitigation of their effects, as well as the prevention of hospital-acquired communicable diseases.

Patients should avoid taking pills purchased from pharmacies not aligned with a physician's instructions, neglecting the prescribed schedules for antibiotics, or using medications from pharmacies without guidance. By doing so, patients can evade the adverse effects associated with improper medicines and treatments.

Only when patients feel safe receiving medical treatments can both patients and healthcare providers establish a bilateral trust. However, four out of every 100 patients still die from unsafe healthcare services in low and middle-income countries. Among the safety measures for patients, the unsafe use of medications for various diseases, in addition to careless services, impacts millions. This issue is a root cause of dangers within healthcare service systems across the world. According to the WHO, global countries incur costs of approximately US\$42 billion per year due to treatment errors involving incorrect medications and careless services.

In this regard, errors in medication use often stem from unclear instructions, the use of abbreviations, and inappropriate prescriptions by physicians, all of which can be frequently observed within healthcare systems. Moreover, healthcare providers or patients may miscalculate the dosages of medications or fail to adhere to the contraindications and precautions associated with these medications.

Currently, both communicable and non-communicable diseases are spreading across the globe. As a result, individuals use medications to combat the illnesses they face. To properly take medications, patients need to seek assistance from qualified healthcare providers or family members who understand the efficacy of these medicines.

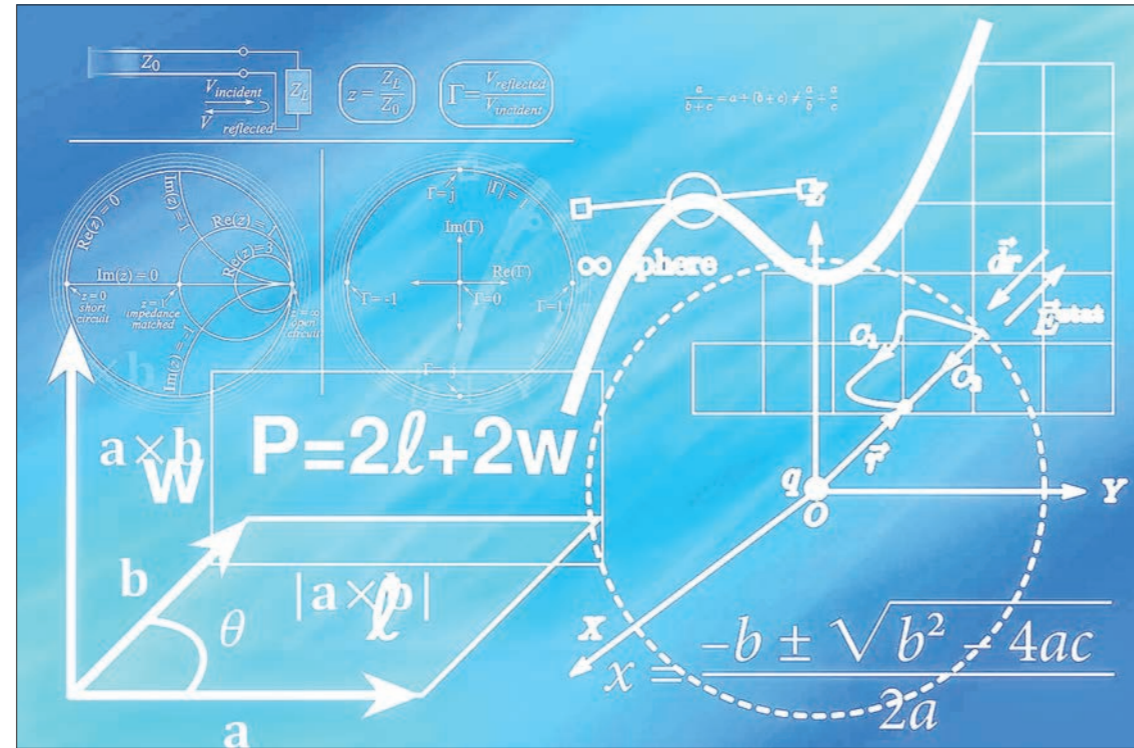
Patients should avoid taking pills purchased from pharmacies not aligned with a physician's instructions, neglecting the prescribed schedules for antibiotics, or using medications from pharmacies without guidance. By doing so, patients can evade the adverse effects associated with improper medicines and treatments.

Both patients and their companions, as well as healthcare staff, should focus on activities that comply with the guidelines established by relevant medical organizations and hospitals, along with preventive measures against unsafe treatments, careless activities and services.

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Learning Mathematics Oriented to Gagne's Model

By Hu Wo (Cuckoo's Song)



Mathematics is essential in daily life, from music rhythms to calculating costs. According to Gagne's theory, learning involves stages like motivation, comprehension, and problem-solving. ILLUSTRATION: PIXABAY

WE all have a thing that we can't help doing almost every day. This is nothing but mathematics. We would like to listen to music; this is just mathematics because the rhythmic beats of melody make us pleasant in our hearing, and how many beats offer pleasure to us relies on mathematics, as Dr Khin Maung Win, who is U Khin Maung Latt and Daw Khin Myo Chit's son, said. Of course, we must number items or calculate costs nearly daily. These are mathematics only. So, even though we do not like mathematics at all, this subject is impossible to be negligible in one way or another. We can study essential mathematics based on Gagne's Information Processing Model of Learning. Now, this model will be explained in the following.

In his book *Essentials of Learning for Instruction* (1975), Gagne forwarded the theory concerning how humans obtain information during a learning process. According to his learning theory, stimuli from the external environment will activate the nervous system through the human sensory organs. This information will be interpreted

in the short-term memory, encoded transit and stored in the long-term memory in conceptual form. When retrieved, it will first enter the response operator, which can decide, control and implement the form of human behaviour that interacts with the environment. According to Gagne, experiences kept in long-term memory are important for humans to facilitate the process of new learning. Founded on his theory, Gagne later ascertained and suggested the eight phases usually experienced by the human mind during a certain learning process. Those eight phases are motivation, comprehension, storing, retention, recall, generalization, performance, and feedback.

Firstly, signal learning is the most primitive form of learning, and it can be grouped under the classical conditioning theory of learning, as explained by Pavlov. For example, humans learn the signal of smoke as fire and that of lightning as thunder through experience. Secondly, stimulus-response learning is related to stimuli that have been planned and stimulated with individuals' responses in order to produce changes

in their behaviour, which can be classified under the operant conditioning suggested by Skinner. For instance, the teacher shows a pyramid object for students to read out 'pyramid'. Thirdly, chain learning refers to various relationships which occur after the process of stimulus-response learning with the aim of upgrading the learning stage to a higher level. For example, one is able to make sentences by relating words such as 'Health is a gift of nature'. Fourthly, verbally associated learning is the primary form of learning a language. One example of this learning is the name of a person with his address, such as 'Saw Thae Aung from Thebwet'. Fifthly, multiple discrimination learning means selecting one response only from various stimuli in learning. One instance of this learning is that after learning the difference in pronouncing the scientific name Amoeba in Biology and the person's name Moe Moe in Myanmar, it will enable a student to pick one only to pronounce 'moe' in Amoeba. Sixthly, conceptual learning is referred to as learning in forming concepts with

representative symbols based on the same characteristics. For example, birds, chickens, and ducks belong to the bird family, and cats, tigers, and lions are also related to the cat family. Seventhly, principal learning is the relationship between two or more concepts that have been learned. For instance, 'Water flows to a lower level' is a principle in which water is seen to be able to flow and take space in any lower place. Eighthly, problem-solving learning is learning through the thinking process by using concepts and principles which have been learnt. For example, the exact height of a pyramid in Egypt can be calculated in accordance with similar triangles, namely by Thales.

According to Gagne, the four important categories which must be mastered by students in mathematics are fact, skill, concept and principle. Mathematical facts are the language of mathematics, such as symbols to present numbers (e.g. 0, 1, 2, 3), operation signs (e.g. +, -, ×, ÷), and Greek alphabets (e.g. alpha, beta, theta, phi). These mathematical facts can be learned through memorization, verbal or written practice, and games under stimulus-response learning. Mathematical skills are procedure operation-out accuracy in a reasonable, appropriate time. Examples of such skills include constructing the right angle and drawing circles, which are mastered through practice and games. As such, this type of learning is actually chain learning. Mathematical concepts are abstract ideas derived from concrete examples, such as definitions given in the form of set and perimeter. Those concepts can be done through understanding definitions or observations of concept-related objects. Hence, this learning is called conceptual learning. Finally, the mathematical principle is an integration of and relationship between the concepts of mathematics. These concepts can be learned through the process of inquiry-discovery or

problem-solving. A student is said to have mastered a certain principle when he can ascertain the concepts contained in the principle, relate these concepts according to a suitable sequence, and apply this principle in some specific situation. This kind of learning is simply problem-solving, which is considered the most complex level of learning.

Bruner's other theorems of learning mathematics are still left that should be studied, as follows.

Theorem of construction: The most effective way for a student to master a certain mathematical concept, principle or law is to construct a representation to express this mathematical concept, principle or law, where practical activities should be carried out. For example, a student might master the commutative law using the discovery method to obtain the law by means of such a few operations as addition and multiplication.

Theorem of notation: Mathematical notations should be introduced according to a student's cognitive development. For example, in the teaching of algebraic equations, it is better to start with notations such as $y = 2x + 3$. After mastering this, the equation $y = f(x)$ could be introduced at the upper secondary school level.

Theorem of contrast and variation: The procedure to introduce abstract representation from concrete representation involves contrast and variation operations. Most mathematical concepts will not be meaningful if they cannot be distinguished from other concepts. For example, concepts like curve, radius, and diameter can be more meaningful only if their characteristics can be distinguished. Other than this, every new mathematical concept should be introduced with various types of examples — $3x + 4x = ?$, $3x + ? = 7x$, $? + 4x = 7x$.

The theorem of relation:

Every mathematical concept, principle and skill ought to relate to other concepts, principles and skills. During the teaching process, a teacher should use existing concepts, principles or skills to form new ones. For example, the operation in multiplication goes well only after that in addition. And the operation of differentiation is inversely related to that of integration.

Some students fear mathematics like a ghost, while others get bored with doing mathematics. Then, they will be in poor mathematics quite undesirably. In fact, students should not do badly in mathematics in one way or the other. What I learned from an article in *Mingala Maung Mel Magazine*, as far as I can remember, is that someone has to familiarize himself with anything that he is afraid of. Really, we can learn mathematics by doing only. Students who are not interested in mathematics are also given the opportunity to solve mathematical problems with a will. In actual fact, when students learn mathematical sums, they need to understand mathematical concepts all first but not memorize them by heart. Second, they had better do these sums all by themselves. Lastly, they should frequently do their well-learned mathematical calculations very repeatedly. If they wish, they can try to find solutions to unseen math problems. Mathematics is the language of physics, as the old curriculum on Grade 9 Physics stated. That is, mathematics and physics often go hand in hand, and it will not be difficult for a student to become an outstanding one in Physics if he has a good command of math. Clearly, mathematics takes an enormous role not only in physics but also in other fields of study, such as engineering, chemistry, research, medicine, meteorology, hydrology, and even literature. Finally, there is only one thing that I want to say once again. Learn mathematics by doing only!

Mpox outbreak hits 15 African countries: WHO

The WHO warns of the outbreak's complexity and low testing rates, with only 39 per cent of suspected cases tested.

A total of 15 countries in the African region have been affected by the mpox outbreak since 2024, the World Health Organization (WHO) said on Friday, warning of various clades that add "layers of complexity," late diagnosis, and poor access to treatment.

According to the WHO's latest report on Mpox epidemics in the African region, 15 countries in the WHO African region have active transmission of Mpox, defined as cases being reported in the past six weeks, with Ghana newly affected by Mpox outbreak as reported in early October.

In 2024, as of 29 September, the African region has recorded 37,325 suspected cases, including 996 deaths and 6,602 confirmed cases, while the majority of the cases have been identified in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC).

The DRC, which has reported 30,766 suspected cases, faces a higher fatality rate due to late diagnosis and poor access to treatment in several health zones. Only 39 per cent of suspected cases have been tested in 2024, as the positivity rate among

tested cases is around 55 per cent, the WHO warned.

The health agency noted that a significant number of suspected Mpox cases remain untested and "thus never get confirmed" due to limited diagnostic capacity.

In the newly-released report, Ghana was listed as the latest country in the region affected by the Mpox outbreak, after it registered its first case of the year on 1 October. The patient, a young boy, with a history of rash, fever, and bodily pains, is under isolation with contact tracing ongoing, while sequencing is still ongoing place to determine the clade. The region is contending with multiple clades of the virus, further complicating response efforts, said the WHO.

Clade Ia is circulating in the Central African Republic, while Clade Ib is present in Uganda, Rwanda, and Burundi, and Clade IIb is reported in Nigeria and South Africa, which adds "layers of complexity" to managing the outbreak across affected countries, as per the report.

SOURCE: Xinhua



Patients who caught Mpox and their family are seen at a mpox treatment centre on the outskirts of Bukavu, the South Kivu province, the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC), on 31 August 2024. PHOTO: ALAIN UYAKANI/XINHUA

NATIONAL

Wa Ale Resort in Lampi Marine National Park reopens for travellers

LAMPi Marine National Park, Myanmar's first marine park, hosts large crowds of domestic travellers and tourists yearly, and the Wa Ale Resort will be opened in the last week of this month.

The Lampi Marine National Park, about 60 nautical miles from Kawthoung, covers 100.15 acres and possesses biodiversity, offering varieties of botanical, biological, and marine-related amphibians.

"The Wa Ale Resort, which tourists would like to visit, will be open by the end of October this year due to weather conditions. Normally, we open it in early October. It is opened under a rental system on the land of the Forest Department. The tourist agencies licenced by the Ministry of Hotels and Tourism arrange day trips for tourists



Photos showcase flourishing underwater reefs attracting international travellers to Lampi Marine National Park.

from Kawthoung. The tourists who stay at Wa Ale Resort stay for a week or ten days, depending on their visa status. The international tourists come there during the open season. It is a proper place that the tourists like. If we

can upgrade the transportation, power and basic infrastructure, the tourism of this region will develop more. We keep doing study and supervisory together with conservation for the sustainability of the marine national park," said U Kyi Oo, the warden of the park.

The visitors to Lampi Island pre-

fer canoeing watching amphibians and birds in the forest. They also like windsurfing, diving, enjoying the coral reefs and studying the living style of Salon people. Moreover, they like walking in the sand and sunbathing.

Lampi Island is 30 miles long and seven miles wide. It boasts a variety of biodiversity, 288 species of water birds and resident

birds, and is home to hornbills and common bottlenose dolphins or Atlantic bottlenose dolphins.

Myanmar has two marine national parks, Lampi and Kyun Nantha. Lampi Marine National Park is one of the ASEAN Heritage Parks. International tourists visit the Wa Ale Resort in Lampi Marine National Park every year. — Nyein Thu (MNA)/KTZH



PHOTO: LAMPi MARINE NATIONAL PARK

Photos highlight the scenic beauty of Lampi Island and the evolving lifestyles of the Salon people.

Shwedaung paper lanterns sell well as Thadingyut approaches

AS Myanmar's traditional Thadingyut Festival draws near, colourful paper lanterns made in Shwedaung are selling briskly and with plenty of orders, according to market sources.

Many orders from Yangon, Shan State, and Bagan areas are being taken in large numbers for the lanterns produced in Shwedaung township.

"Paper lanterns come from the Shwedaung township. It sells

well as the Thadingyut nears. Now, we've delivered more than 5,000 pieces. People from other towns, such as Shan, Bagan, Taunggyi, and Yangon, buy them. The price is normal, and we sell them at the same price as last year," said a seller of decorative paper lanterns in Shwedaung township.

In Shwedaung, two varieties – colourful lanterns and Chinese-style lanterns, which

are used to decorate during the Thadingyut festival – are selling well now.

"There are two types of paper lanterns. One is the colourful lanterns, K18,000 for one hundred, and another one is the Chinese lantern that is decorated in front of the house, K10,000 for four. They are used until the Tazaungdaing Festival in Yangon and Taunggyi. In other areas, they are used only during



This image captures colourful paper lanterns being produced in Shwedaung.

Thadingyut. In this period, we sold a lot of both types of paper

lanterns," she added. — Thit Taw/ZN

NATIONAL



This photo showcases seasonal oranges on sale in the Taunggyi fruit market.

Orange trade spikes in Taunggyi fruit market

THE price of seasonal fruit oranges has become fair, and trade has increased in Shan State's Taunggyi fruit market.

At the beginning of the orange harvesting season, which began in September, the price was pretty high, and the supply is adequate.

"Price was high at the beginning of the season. Now, the supply has begun to increase, and the price has begun to fair. As of last month, harvesting has begun. Fruit production was unable to meet the demand last month. But production will be abundant in the next months because winter is the season. The

trade has been fine in Taunggyi. We've received orders nationwide such as Yangon, Mandalay, Magway, Myeik, Dawei, Myawady, Tachilek and Thanphyuzayat," said Ma Sandi Tayar, orange retail and wholesale distributor from Taunggyi Township.

Orange is grown across Shan State, including Taunggyi, Yaksawk, Kalaw, and Aungban, and the orange season starts in November and continues through February.

"Orange is a Shan state-produced fruit. It tastes sweeter in winter, and now it is sour," she added. — Thit Taw/ZS

Illegal trade crackdown results in K825M seizures in four days

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 and 11 October, the combined teams supervised by the Customs Department impounded six kinds of industrial materials worth K610.276 million without official documents from nine containers at the Asia World Port Terminal container checkpoint, foodstuffs and industrial materials valued at K7.04 million from luggage of a passenger at the Yangon International Airport and a Nissan Diesel tractor head with a trailer (worth approximately K52 million) carrying three kinds of industrial materials worth K83.856 million at the Ywathagyi Dry Port. The action was conducted in line with Customs procedures.

Similarly, on 11 and 12 October, the combined teams supervised by the Yangon and Mandalay Region Illegal Trade Eradication Task Forces conducted inspections and seized illegal teak weighing 0.296 tonne worth K260,480 from a Toyota Probox (estimated value of K18 million) near Khayaybin junction on the Yangon-Pyay road in Mingaladon Township, and a micro-bus (estimated value of K35 million) carrying two kinds of industrial materials worth K9.313 million at the 21st-milepost on the PyinOoLwin-Mandalay road. The action was taken under the Forest Law and Customs procedures.

Additionally, on 13 October, the combined on-duty teams captured illegal teak weighing 10.652 tonnes and illegal hardwood weighing 2.320 tonnes worth K10.117 million in Bago and Toungoo Districts. The action was taken under the Forest Law.

The Illegal Trade Eradication Steering Committee reported 15 arrests from 10 to 13 October, resulting in the seizure of illegal goods worth approximately K825 million. — MNA/MKKS



Confiscated illegal items in states and regions.

Post-flood cleanup ongoing; Cash, foodstuffs provided

MEMBERS of Tatmadaw, Myanmar Police Force, Fire Brigade, Red Cross Society and social welfare organizations actively participate in cleanup measures and rehabilitation processes in flood-hit wards and villages, regions and states. They conducted cleaning processes in Kalaw Township, Shan State (South) and supported the removal of materials at monasteries, schools, hospitals, clinics and depart-

mental offices yesterday. Similarly, Eastern-Central Command Commander Maj-Gen Myo Min Tun and officials comforted the flood victims from Loilem township, Shan State (South), at Mingala Anauk Monastery, and they provided cash and food to the victims. Moreover, they paid homage to Loilem Township Sangha Nayaka Committee Chairman Sayadaw Bhaddanta Pannabala and donated offertories. — MNA/KTZH



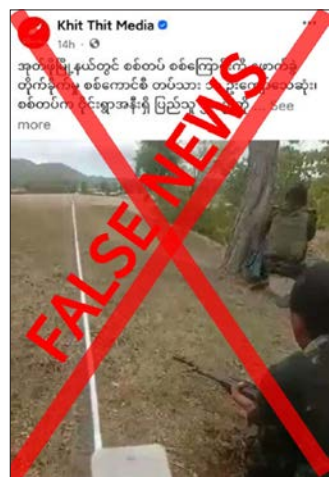
Post-flood cleanup activities are underway.

Counter-argument to false information

False news circulates on unjust arrests near Wathonara, Wyne villages

MISINFORMATION spread regarding the arrest of 10 children near Wathonara village and 20 locals near Wyne village by security forces.

On 11 October, malicious news media falsely reported that ten children, aged 15, were arrested by security forces while herding cattle near Wathonara village in Madaya Township, Mandalay Region. Upon enquiry, a local security official confirmed that this report was untrue. While some villages



Screenshots reveal false reports.

in Madaya Township experienced disturbances caused by PDF terrorists, security measures were taken, and no unjust arrests of civilians occurred.



Similarly, on 13 October, malicious news media claimed that security forces unjustly arrested 20 locals near Wyne village in Okpho Township, Bago Region, following an attack involving landmines. However, local security officials clarified that no such attacks or arrests took place on that date.

These fabricated reports aim to tarnish the reputation of security forces, spreading false narratives to mislead the public. — MNA/KZL

ECONOMY WORLD

Tech breakthroughs bring record high shale oil production in China

THE China Petrochemical Corporation (Sinopec Group), the country's largest oil refiner, has announced that its Shengli Oilfield, driven by technology breakthroughs, has set a new record for single-well daily shale oil production in China.

A total of 94 horizontal shale oil wells have been built in the Jiyang shale oil national demonstration zone owned by the Shengli Oilfield in east China's Shandong Province since it was established two years ago, among which 36 wells have achieved peak daily oil production exceeding 100 tonnes, with a maximum of 262.8 tonnes for a single well, the Science and Technology Daily reported on Saturday.

The achievements were made with the driving force of technology innovations, according to Yang Yong, general manager of the Sinopec Shengli Oilfield.

Shale oil mainly refers to



An aerial drone photo taken on 4 June 2024 shows a view of the offshore field of the Shengli Oilfield in Dongying City, east China's Shandong Province. **PHOTO: XINHUA**

liquid hydrocarbons that are trapped in formations of shale rock that can be extracted for refining. It is often found in organic-rich shale and thin interlayers of carbonate rocks,

sandstones, and siltstones.

China has abundant shale oil resources, but they are mainly continental shale oil, making exploration and production difficult.

Compared with the shale oil reserves in North America, those in Jiyang are buried deeper and have lower maturity, posing a series of challenges to exploration and develop-

ment, said Yang.

The technology innovation team of the Shengli Oilfield overcame difficulties in exploration such as high temperature, high pressure, and simultaneous seepage in shale oil reservoirs.

They have developed a fast drilling technology centred on synthetic-based drilling fluid systems, enabling efficient drilling of horizontal wells with depths exceeding 3,300 metres and horizontal sections longer than 2,000 metres. The drilling cycle has been reduced from 133 days to 29.5 days, said Yang.

It is estimated that the shale oil resources in Jiyang amount to 10.5 billion tonnes. The Jiyang demonstration zone, the third of its kind in China following the ones in Xinjiang and Daqing, has reported a daily oil production of 1,600 tonnes and a cumulative oil production surpassing 800,000 tonnes. — Xinhua

Cambodia, Ant International launch cross-border QR code payment connectivity

CAMBODIA and Ant International on Monday launched cross-border QR code payment connectivity, enabling the users of Cambodia's Bakong and AliPay+ to scan QR codes for making their payments.

Chea Serey, governor of the National Bank of Cambodia (NBC), said the event marked another turning point for the NBC, as it unveiled the new cross-border payment corridor between Cambodia and nine other countries and regions, including China, Singapore, Malaysia, the Philippines, South Korea and more through Bakong and AliPay+.

"Following this launching ceremony, users of more than 10 international payment apps who are AliPay+ partners can scan KHQR codes to complete payments in Cambodia," she said at the launching event held in the capital Phnom

Penh.

"While in the next phase, Cambodian residents will be enabled to use local wallets to optimize the payment experience for cross-border mobile payments when travelling to China and other countries that have Alipay+ accepting merchants," she added.

Serey was confident that this introduction of cross-border QR code payment between Bakong and Alipay+ will elevate financial cooperation by leveraging technology to benefit the customers.

In addition, the collaboration will substantially contribute to the promotion of trade activities, tourism, and financial inclusion within Cambodia and the region, she added.

"Mobile apps like AliPay and other Alipay+ partners have powered countless transactions globally, simplifying

the purchasing process and making shopping, dining, and everyday purchases both effortless and secure," Serey said.

"This partnership is one of the most impactful developments in supporting Cambodia's digitalization journey and helping local merchants capture new opportunities in the evolving landscape," she added.

According to Serey, Ant International, an affiliate of Ant Group, offers innovative financial solutions, and its product, AliPay+ (AliPay Plus), is set to facilitate transactions for over 10 international payment partners in Cambodia, including AliPay from China, along with others such as Touch 'n Go from Malaysia, Kakao Pay from South Korea, and OCBC from Singapore. — Xinhua

Singapore's economy up 4.1% in Q3

THE Singapore economy grew 4.1 per cent year-on-year in the third quarter, extending the 2.9 per cent growth in the previous quarter, according to the advance estimates released by the Ministry of Trade and Industry Monday.

The manufacturing sector expanded 7.5 per cent year-on-year in the third quarter, rebounding from the 1.1 per cent contraction in the previous quarter.

All manufacturing clusters, except the biomedical manufacturing cluster, recorded an increase from June to September.

Supported by public sector construction output, the construction sector grew 3.1 per cent year-on-year in the third quarter, easing from the 4.8 per cent growth in the preceding quarter. — Xinhua



Tourists visit Singapore's Marina Bay on 3 October 2024. The Singapore economy grew 4.1 per cent year-on-year in the third quarter, extending the 2.9 per cent growth in the previous quarter, according to the advance estimates released by the Ministry of Trade and Industry Monday.

PHOTO: XINHUA

From trash to treasure: Kenya's green market leading in waste management



Samuel Mutua, acting manager of Biogas International Limited, checks vegetables grown at a demonstration plot in their recycling centre in Karatina town of Nyeri County, Central Kenya, 9 October 2024. PHOTO: XINHUA

AT the Karatina market in Nyeri County, central Kenya, Samuel Mutua and his team start their day early, collecting and sorting garbage into organic and inorganic waste. Although Karatina is classified as a green

market, it generates both types of waste due to the wide variety of goods sold, including packaging materials and plastics. Mutua estimates that 60-70 per cent of the market's waste is organic.

By 11 am, the team loads the sorted garbage onto a Chinese-made three-wheeler, transporting non-biodegradable waste to a disposal site while delivering organic waste to the recycling centre.

This daily routine, in place for the past two years, has transformed solid waste management at Karatina.

Mutua, acting manager of Biogas International Limited at the Karatina recycling centre, explained that the organic waste is processed into compost manure and biogas. The Kenyan company designs practical technology to address challenges for rural farmer, with biogas helping reduce tree felling for wood fuel and mitigating health risks from smoke.

The company sells compost manure and liquid fertilizer at 38 US cents per kilogramme or litre. The team also grows organic vegetables like kale and spinach using these prod-

ucts at their demonstration farms.

"As a result, we do not need synthetic fertilizers to boost our crops because the compost is a compound organic fertilizer," Mutua told Xinhua.

Since beginning their recycling efforts in 2022, Mutua and his team initially collected about three tonnes of waste daily — two tonnes of organic and one tonne of inorganic. However, this amount has now decreased to between one and two tonnes as they have educated traders on the many uses of waste. — Xinhua

China unveils measures to boost financing for businesses

CHINA will step up financing support for enterprises by incorporating quality credibility into lending decisions, said Luo Wen, head of the State Administration for Market Regulation on Monday.

Financial institutions will factor in a company's quality management and brand reputation when evaluating loan applications, Luo said at a press

conference, adding that the move is expected to improve businesses' access to financing.

Beyond traditional loans, China will also promote the use of equities, funds and bonds to create comprehensive financing channels for companies.

The initiative aims to secure an additional 300 billion yuan (US\$42.4 billion) in quality-based

credit approvals annually, benefiting enterprises across various sectors, said Luo.

Luo called for efforts to provide tailored financial products and services for micro, small and medium-sized companies, including differentiated credit limits, interest rates, financing terms and repayment options. — Xinhua

Japan's Rapidus, Denso share methods for designing advanced chips: Nikkei

JAPANESE chipmaker Rapidus and auto supplier Denso are partnering to share design methods for advanced chips used in artificial intelligence and self-driving vehicles as part of efforts to enhance the competitiveness of Japan's semiconductor industry, local media

reported.

The two companies are part of an eight-member group established by SEMI, an international organization that promotes the global semiconductor supply chain, according to Nikkei Asia. — Xinhua

Declaration to be known publicly

Ocean Lion Ocean King Co., Ltd incorporated at No 31, Circular street, Mingalar Don Zay Quarter, Mingalar Don Township, Yangon Region has been an official membership company under membership No - 2179, letter No - 1/MaPaNa (admin) /2024 (0942) of Myanmar Pulses, Beans, Maize and Sesame Seeds Merchants Association. After that, in exporting beans, maize and sesame as exports by Ocean Lion Ocean King Co., Ltd, the company has to transport and sell merely after obtaining Phytosanitary Certificate issued by Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation stipulated by Myanmar Pulses, Beans, Maize and Sesame Seeds Merchants Association. At present, despite the fact that the goods has been at Chennai of India on (4-10-2024) and (8-10-2024), it is said that the goods has yet to be unloaded subsequent to granting Phytosanitary Certificate from Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation to Ocean Lion Ocean King Co., Ltd, Phytosanitary Certificate has been made to provide by Myanmar Pulses, Beans, Maize and Sesame Seeds Merchants Association leading to be given by the company. After loading the goods, Myanmar Pulses, Beans, Maize and Sesame Seeds Merchants Association has not issued Phytosanitary Certificate despite claiming for it. The goods arrived at Chennai of India have not been allowed to be taken by the buyers leading to lack of trust between the purchasers and Ocean Lion Ocean King Co., Ltd. That is why, in exporting them as exports of the membership company, Myanmar Pulses, Beans, Maize and Sesame Seeds Merchants Association has created hardships and to be incapable of making payments just on time resulting in grievance and the buyers claim for compensation from the company. Therefore company has a lot of grievances due to lack of issuance of Phytosanitary Certificate just on time from Myanmar Pulses, Beans, Maize and Sesame Seeds Merchants Association. Thus, for the grievances of the company, Myanmar Pulses, Beans, Maize and Sesame Seeds Merchants Association has full responsibility in that regard, it is hereby declared.

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ROLLING UPDATES

WORLD

Israeli tanks “forcibly enter” UN position in southern Lebanon: UNIFIL



This photo taken on 22 September 2024 shows a UNIFIL patrol vehicle in Marjeyoun, southern Lebanon. **PHOTO: XINHUA**

THE United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon (UNIFIL) reported on Sunday that two Israeli tanks destroyed the main gate of one of its positions in

southern Lebanon and “forcibly entered” the site after blocking its movement the previous day. “At approximately 4:30 in the morning, while the peace-

keeping soldiers were in shelters, two Merkava tanks belonging to the Israeli army destroyed the main gate of the position and entered by force. The tanks left

about 45 minutes later,” UNIFIL said in a statement, referring to a position in the Ramyah area on the Lebanese side of the border.

According to UNIFIL, the breach was part of recent Israeli violations against UN forces and positions over the weekend.

“At approximately 6:40 in the morning, peacekeepers in the same location reported multiple bursts of gunfire 100 metres north, creating dense smoke. Despite wearing protective masks, 15 peacekeepers experienced symptoms such as skin irritation and stomach issues after the smoke entered the base. They are receiving treatment,” the statement added.

In addition, UNIFIL reported that on Saturday, Israeli Defence Forces (IDF) soldiers prevented a critical UNIFIL logistical movement near the southeast village of Mays al-Jabal.

“Any deliberate attack on peacekeepers constitutes a serious violation of international

humanitarian law and Security Council Resolution 1701,” UNIFIL stated, adding that it has “requested an explanation from the IDF for these shocking violations.”

Since 23 September, the Israeli army has been carrying out an intense air campaign on Lebanon, dubbed “Arrows of the North”, amid escalating tensions with Hezbollah. The campaign has included attacks on UNIFIL positions in southern Lebanon, injuring at least five UN peacekeepers over the past week.

On Sunday, Lebanese Prime Minister Najib Mikati condemned the attacks. Responding to Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu’s earlier remarks urging the UN to “get the UNIFIL forces out of harm’s way” from southern Lebanon, Mikati said this “represents a new chapter in the enemy’s disregard for international legitimacy and its relevant resolutions.” —Xinhua

NEWS IN BRIEF

US hospitals struggle as storms worsen medical products shortages

THE healthcare providers in the United States have been suffering a critical shortage of medical products as the Hurricanes Helene and Milton severely disrupted the supply chain for intravenous (IV) fluids.

Mass General Brigham, the largest hospital-based research enterprise in the United States, announced Friday that it would postpone non-emergent, elective procedures from Sunday through at least Wednesday and that it was unclear when the supply of IV fluids would improve due to uncertainties caused by the nationwide shortage. — Xinhua

Firecrackers banned in Indian capital to combat air pollution

THE local government of the Indian capital territory Monday imposed a complete ban on the manufacturing, storage, sale and use of firecrackers in the national capital until 1 January 2025. The efforts to combat air pollution were announced by Delhi’s department of environment through an official order. “There will be a complete ban on all kinds of firecrackers on manufacturing, storage, selling (including delivery through online marketing platforms) and bursting of all kinds of firecrackers up to 01.01.2025 in the territory of National Capital Territory (NCT) of Delhi,” said the order. — Xinhua

2024 Nobel Prize in Economics shared by 3 recipients



The 2024 Nobel Prize in Economics is announced in Stockholm, Sweden, 14 October 2024. **PHOTO: XINHUA**

THE Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences decided on Monday to award the 2024 Sveriges Riksbank Prize in Economic Sciences in Memory of Alfred Nobel to Daron Acemoglu, Simon Johnson, and James A Robinson.

This trio, consisting of Acemoglu and Johnson from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT), and Robin-

son from the University of Chicago, has been honoured “for studies of how institutions are formed and affect prosperity”.

Jakob Svensson, chair of the Committee for the Prize in Economic Sciences, stated that the laureates have demonstrated the importance of societal institutions in achieving the goal of reducing income differences between

countries.

The laureates’ research contributes to the understanding that “societies with a poor rule of law and institutions that exploit the population do not generate growth or change for the better,” the committee stated in a press release.

Daron Acemoglu was born in 1967 in Istanbul, Türkiye. He earned his PhD in 1992 from the London School of Economics and Political Science and is currently a professor at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in Cambridge, the United States. Simon Johnson, born in 1963 in Sheffield, the United Kingdom, received his PhD in 1989 from MIT and is also a professor there.

James A Robinson, born in 1960, obtained his PhD in 1993 from Yale University and is a professor at the University of Chicago, IL, USA. — Xinhua

SPORTS

Teraji wins vacant WBC flyweight crown with TKO of Rosales

A "nervous" Kenshiro Teraji kept his composure to claim the vacant WBC flyweight championship with an 11th-round technical knockout of Cristofer Rosales at Tokyo's Ariake Arena on Sunday.

Making the step up from light flyweight for the first time, the Japanese boxer took the initiative early against his Nicaraguan opponent, who was accompanied to the ring by Mexico's three-division super middleweight champion Saul "Canelo" Alvarez, with whom he shares trainer Eddy Reynoso.

The 32-year-old Teraji appeared to break Rosales' nose with a punishing right hand around a minute into the third round. The Nicaraguan subsequently struggled to stay in the contest and was medically ruled unable to continue at the start of the 11th.

"Firstly, I feel very relieved. I've been working on avoiding getting hit while landing punches. I think I was able to do that tonight," said Teraji, who improved to 24-1 with 15 wins by knockout.

"To be honest, I felt really nervous, much more than usual, right from the walkout. I don't really remember a great deal, but I'm glad I was able to win despite those nerves." — Kyodo



Japanese boxer Kenshiro Teraji (L) throws a punch against Nicaragua's Cristofer Rosales during their WBC flyweight title match at Tokyo's Ariake Arena on 13 October 2024. PHOTO: KYODO

Yangon claims U-20 League victory; Yadanabon, Ayeyawady earn full points



Ayeyawady United and Hanthawady United in action. PHOTO: MNL

THE 2024 Myanmar National League U-20 Youth League continued with its Fixture-19 matches on 14 October. Yangon United claimed a dominant victory, while both Yadanabon and Ayeyawady United secured all three points in their respective matches.

At the Salin Stadium, Ayeyawady United beat Hanthawady United 2-1. Despite a strong effort from bottom-placed

Hanthawady, who took the lead early, they couldn't hold on and faced yet another defeat. Hanthawady's opening goal came in 20 minutes through Zaw Lin Aung, but Ayeyawady responded with goals from Naing Lar in 27 minutes and Aung Chit in 77 minutes to seal the win.

At the Padonma Stadium, Yangon United cruised to a 4-0 victory against

Myawady FC. With this win, Yangon United moved closer to securing a spot in the top three. The star of the match was striker Sai Zeyar Kyaw, who netted all four goals for Yangon United, scoring in 30, 57, 69, and 72 minutes.

At the South Dagon Ground, Yadanabon FC came from behind to defeat Rakhine United 2-1. Rakhine United took the lead in the 20th minute with a goal from Thaw Zin Naing, but Yadanabon's Khun Myint Swe equalized in 34 minutes and then scored the winner in 75 minutes.

Following these matches, Yangon United now sits with 30 points from 17 games, Yadanabon has 23 points from 18 games, Ayeyawady United also has 23 points from 17 games, while Rakhine United remains at 20 points from 18 matches. Myawady has 14 points from 18 games, and Hanthawady United remain at the bottom with just 7 points from 17 games.

The second day of Fixture 19 continues today, with ISPE FC taking on Dagon Star United at the South Dagon Ground, Mahar United facing Dagon Port FC at the Padonma Stadium, and Shan United meeting Thitsa Arman at the Salin Stadium. — Ye Yint Lwin/KZL

England return to winning ways in Nations League, Austria thrash Norway

ENGLAND eased to a 3-1 victory away to Finland in the Nations League on Sunday, while Austria put five past Erling Haaland's Norway.

Jack Grealish put England ahead in the first half, then Trent Alexander-Ar-

nold curled in a superb free-kick and Declan Rice sealed the win inside the final 20 minutes, before Arttu Hoskonen netted a late consolation for the hosts.

It was a more recognizable England side than the one that lost to Greece

at Wembley on Thursday as interim manager Lee Carsley rang the changes after his striker-less formation last time out failed.

"The team responded really well — in the best way," Carsley told ITV. — AFP

Five years on, Djokovic continues China story at Shanghai Masters

DRESSED in red from jersey to shoes, 37-year-old Novak Djokovic paid tribute to all the fans at Qizhong Forest Sports City Arena and wrote different Chinese characters on the camera lens after winning a match, continuing his routine of showing love for China at the ATP Shanghai Masters.

Djokovic told the press that the whole world knows the red color represents China. "I do it intentionally. I wear red as a respect to Chinese culture and tradition. Hopefully, red brings luck. I've been playing well in red, so I keep



Novak Djokovic gives a speech during the award ceremony at the ATP Shanghai Masters on 13 October 2024. PHOTO: XINHUA

the tradition going," he said.

Though losing to world No 1 Jan-nik Sinner in the final of the Shanghai Masters on Sunday, Djokovic proved he still has competitiveness in high-level events.

"My main motivation comes from a lot of passion for the sport and also the desire to keep competing. There are kinds of matches and challenges that I still strive for being in a position to play against the best players in the world on the biggest stage of the finals of the biggest tournaments," he said. — Xinhua



China ready to strengthen alignment of development strategies with Vietnam — Chinese premier

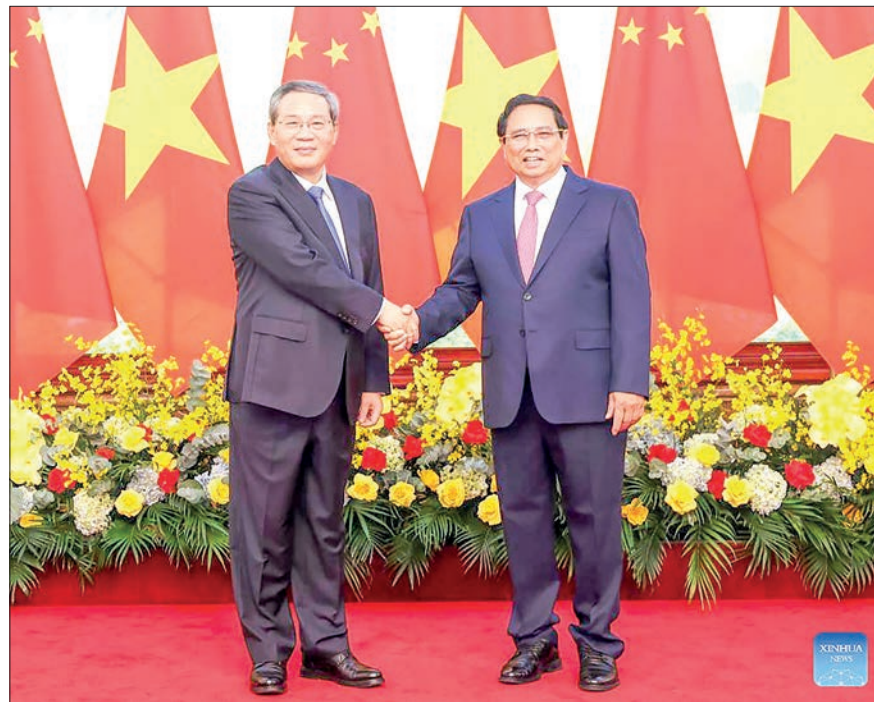
CHINA stands ready to strengthen alignment of development strategies with Vietnam, carrying out the plan of synergizing the Belt and Road Initiative with Vietnam's Two Corridors and One Economic Circle strategy, said Chinese Premier Li Qiang here on Sunday.

China and Vietnam both are developing countries standing at a critical stage in their modernization efforts, Li said when holding talks with Vietnamese Prime Minister Pham Minh Chinh, adding China firmly supports Vietnam in pursuing a path of socialism that suits its national conditions.

Li reaffirmed China's commitment to continuously improving and upgrading cooperation across various sectors with the Southeast Asian nation.

China is ready to deepen cooperation with Vietnam in areas such as connectivity, trade, investment, tourism, healthcare, and disaster prevention and mitigation, as well as expand collaboration in local currency settlement and emerging industries, including the digital economy and green development, Li said.

In August, Xi Jinping, general secretary of the Communist Party of China Central Committee and Chinese president, held talks with To Lam, general secretary of the Communist Party of Vietnam Central Committee and Vietnamese president, drawing a blueprint



Chinese Premier Li Qiang (L) holds talks with Vietnamese Prime Minister Pham Minh Chinh in Hanoi, Vietnam, 13 October 2024. PHOTO: XINHUA

for and injecting fresh vigour into the development of China-Vietnam relations, Li said.

China is willing to work with Vietnam to implement the important consensus reached by the leaders of the two parties and two countries, maintain high-level communication, and continuously build mutual trust, Li said.

The Chinese premier also called

on upholding the original aspiration of good-neighbourliness and friendship, reinforcing confidence in the two countries' respective paths and systems, strengthening solidarity and cooperation, expanding comprehensive strategic cooperation and deepening the building of a China-Vietnam community with a shared future that carries strategic significance. — Xinhua

Contacts on arms reduction necessary, but security issues comprehensive — Kremlin

CONTACTS on arms reduction are necessary, but security issues must be addressed in a comprehensive manner, taking into account the current situation, Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov said on Monday. Earlier in the day, US President Joe Biden said that the world needs to strive for the complete elimination of the nuclear arsenal, and also confirmed the readiness of the United States to negotiate with Russia, China and North Korea in this direction without preconditions, but kept silent about the significant costs of the American government to develop and strengthen its own nuclear triad.

Russia is doing everything necessary to ensure its security and has the necessary potential for this, Peskov said. In the situation of war against Russia involving nuclear powers it is impossible to talk about reducing nuclear potential without considering other security aspects, the spokesman added. Talks about Russia's threat to NATO are wrong and illogical, Peskov said. "To say here that it is the Russian armed forces that pose a danger to someone is absolutely wrong, illogical, and most importantly, contradicts the whole course of history, which led to the confrontation that we are all experiencing together," Peskov said, adding that NATO nuclear forces drills in the current conditions of war in Ukraine do not lead to anything other than to escalate tensions. — SPUTNIK

South Korea military says 'fully ready' as drone flights anger North

SOUTH Korea's military said on Monday it was "fully ready" to respond after North Korea ordered troops on the border to prepare to fire in a dispute over drone flights to Pyongyang.

The nuclear-armed North has accused Seoul of flying drones over its capital to drop propaganda leaflets filled with "inflammatory rumours and rubbish", and warned on Sunday that it would consider it "a declaration of war" if another drone was detected.

Seoul's military initially denied it was behind the flights, with

local speculation centred on activist groups in the South that have long sent propaganda and US currency northwards, typically by balloon. But the North insists Seoul is officially to blame, announcing late on Sunday it had told eight artillery brigades already on war footing "to get fully ready to open fire" and also reinforced air observation posts in Pyongyang.

"Our military is closely monitoring the situation and standing fully ready," Lee Seong-joon, a spokesman for the South's Joint Chiefs of Staff (JCS), told a news

briefing.

Pyongyang claims propaganda drones have infiltrated the capital's airspace three times in recent days, with leader Kim Jong Un's powerful sister threatening a "horrible disaster" unless they stop. Kim Yo Jong said in a statement early on Monday the drone flights were "an unpardonable, malicious challenge to our state". The JCS neither confirmed nor denied on Monday that Seoul's military was responsible for sending drones across the border, instead calling the North's claim "shameless".



A South Korean military guard post is seen from the Imjingak peace park near the Demilitarized Zone (DMZ) dividing the two Koreas in Paju on 14 October 2024. PHOTO: AFP

"The North can't even confirm the origin of a drone in the Pyongyang sky but is placing blame on the South — all the

while keeping a shut mouth on its sending of a drone southward on 10 occasions," spokesman Lee said. — AFP