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Indonesia becomes Myanmar's largest rice trading partner from Apr to Oct

INDONESIA is the top importer of Myanmar's rice, with over 360,000 tonnes in the past seven months of the current financial year 2024-2025, beginning 1 April, according to the Myanmar Rice Federation (MRF).

China is the second largest importer of Myanmar rice with over 276,400 tonnes, followed by 219,400 tonnes to Belgium, over 114,700 tonnes to the Philippines, over 44,300 to Senegal, 30,000 to Spain, over 27,100 to Cameroon, over 26,500 to Mozambique, 17,500 to the Netherlands, over 13,900 to Ivory Coast, over 13,300 to Italy and over 12,300 to Poland.

Myanmar's rice and broken rice exports hit over 1.36 million tonnes in the past seven months of the current financial year 2024-2025, beginning 1 April, with an estimated value of \$647 million, according to statistics from the Myanmar Rice Federation (MRF).

The federation aims to achieve 2.5 million tonnes of rice exports in the 2024-2025 financial year (April-March).

The Ministry of Commerce has been cooperating with departments and institutions concerned to achieve export targets and beyond depending on the supply volume of rice, broken rice, pulses, corn, rubber and fisheries from the respective companies.

The Ministry of Commerce is working together with the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry, Myanmar Rice Federa-



Stevedores diligently load export rice bags onto the overseas-bound merchant vessel at Yangon Port.

tion, Myanmar Pulses, Beans, Maize and Sesame Seeds Merchants Association, Myanmar Garment Manufacturers Association, Myanmar Industries Association, Myanmar Rubber Planters and Producers Association, Myanmar Fisheries Products Processors and Exporters Association to meet monthly export targets and facilitate exports.

The federation was projected to achieve 2.5 million tonnes of rice export in the FY 2023-2024, generating earnings of \$1 billion. However, rice exports fell short of the target with 1.6 million tonnes worth \$845 million.

The Central Bank of Myanmar's monetary policy to control export earnings impeded rice exports, hurting ex-

porters financially. The El Nino weather condition also hampered rice export, the Myanmar Rice Federation president affirmed.

Myanmar exported 2,261,203 tonnes of rice and broken rice to foreign trade partners in the past 2022-2023 FY (April-March), with an estimated value of \$853.472 million. — NN/KK

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Collective Strength: Key to Sustainable Development Beyond Government Efforts

WHILE the government must spearhead comprehensive and equitable development of the Union, sustainable progress can only be achieved through the collective strength of its people.

(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)



23rd Myanmar Traditional Medicine Practitioners' Conference and
Myanmar Traditional Medicine Seminar

20, 21, 22 November 2024, *Nay Pyi Taw*



Theme for 104th Anniversary of National Victory Day 2024

Let's unite all nationalities for Union peace

10th Waning of Tazaungmone 1386 ME
25 November 2024

Objectives for 104th Anniversary of National Victory Day 2024

- To foster mutual respect and trust among all nationalities, ensuring durable peace
- To cultivate a well-educated populace with the knowledge and skills necessary for the State's development
- To encourage nationwide support for the education sector, contributing towards the all-round development of the State
- To enhance domestic production, ensuring the prosperity and food security of the State

People's Square, Bayintnaung Park packed with visitors for Tazaungdine fair, concert



People's Square in Dagon Township hosting the Tazaungdine Fair and Music Festival is packed with visitors on 15 November. **PHOTO : SAN KYAW OO(IPRD)**

THE second day of the Tazaungdine Fair and Music Festival at People's Square in Dagon Township and Bayintnaung Park in Hlinethaya Township was crowded with visitors on 15 November.

Yangon Region Chief Minister U Soe Thein and cabinet members observed state and regional MSME product sales on promotion at noon in People's Square.

The people can take com-

memorative photos with a female elephant named Thida Tun and can take elephant rides at the event.

The region's chief minister and party also inspected charity feast cooking process to ensure that it met hygiene requirements, and the food boxes were distributed to the people systematically in the evening. The festival offered charity meals three times a day.

Famous singers and DJs

performed at night, and the youths happily participated.

The chief minister and party also enjoyed the performance of artistes at Bayintnaung Park in Ward 7, Hlinethaya Township (East), gave cash awards to artistes, and visited the fair.

They also participated in fireworks displays, the release of hot-air balloons and large-size hot-air balloons marking the full moon day of Tazaungmone. — San Kyaw Oo (IPRD)/KTZH

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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)

Buryatia Republic delegation visits Bagan, returns to Moscow



Head of Russia's Buryatia Republic Mr Alexey Sambuevich Tsydenov visits the Bagan Archaeological Museum in Bagan, NyaungU Township, Mandalay Region, yesterday.

A delegation led by Mr Alexey Sambuevich Tsydenov, Head of Russia's Buryatia Republic, visited Bagan from Nay Pyi Taw by flight yesterday morning.

On arrival at NyaungU airport in Mandalay, the delegation was welcomed by Deputy Minister for Religious Affairs and Culture Daw Nu Mra Zan, Mandalay Region cabinet members and students.

During the visit, the delegation visited Shwezigon, Htilominlo, and Arnanda temples offered flowers, water, and oil lamps, and made cash donations.

They proceeded to the Bagan Archaeological Museum, where Deputy Minister Daw Nu Mra Zan and the museum curator clarified the galleries.

At noon, Magway Region

Chief Minister U Tint Lwin hosted lunch for the Russian delegation and Mr Iskander Azizov, Russian Ambassador to Myanmar, at Aureum Palace Hotel and explained the production processes of Poneyaygyi (horse gram paste) in the hotel compound and gave Poneyaygyi packs as presents.

Afterwards, they headed to U Ba Nyein lacquerware shop, observed the lacquerware production processes, and exchanged gifts.

The Buryatia Republic delegation left Myanmar for Russia from Mandalay International Airport in the evening. They were seen off at the airport by Mandalay Region Chief Minister U Myo Aung, the Russian ambassador and regional cabinet members.

— MNA/KTZH

Preparations for university reopening, school repairs inspected in Kayah State

THE Kayah State government is actively working to expedite the reopening of universities, colleges, institutes, and training schools within the state. The University of Computer Studies, Technological University, and Loikaw Education Degree College are set to reopen in the third week of November. On the morning of 16 November, Chief Minister U Zaw Myo Tin and officials inspected preparations at the Computer University and Loikaw Education Degree College.

They first visited Loikaw Education Degree College to inspect preparations in the main hall, lecture rooms,

dormitories, and dining halls, ensuring readiness for the upcoming reopening. Principal Daw Cherry Tun briefed the chief minister on student attendance and seating arrangements, with adjustments made as necessary. The inspection continued at Loikaw University of Computer Studies, where officials assessed campus sanitation, school maintenance, and lecture hall preparations. Dr Khine Zaw Naing, Principal of Technological University (Loikaw), and Dr Thin Thin Htwe, Principal of Loikaw University of Computer Studies, explained arrangements for incoming students, lecture halls



Kayah State Chief Minister U Zaw Myo Tin looks into the preparation of lecture halls at the University of Computer Studies and Loikaw Education Degree College in Loikaw, Kayah State, yesterday. **PHOTO: KAYAH STATE IPRD**

availability, and dormitory conditions. The chief minister encouraged responsible officials to ensure smooth, organized classes and to prepare the school sports fields for events.

Further inspections included the hall of the No 2

Basic Education High School and classrooms, and the chief minister instructed officials to repair damaged facilities, pave access paths with concrete, and uphold proper campus maintenance. Afterwards, he visited the Naungya A quar-

ter's staff housing, inspecting boundary wall construction and housing renovation. He called for timely completion and adherence to standards for the benefit of residents. — Kayah State (IPRD)/KZL

NATIONAL

Crowds flock to celebrations of Tazaungdine Festival nationwide

ON the 1st Waning of Tazaungmone, people from across Myanmar flocked to pay respects to the revered Maravijaya Buddha Image in Nay Pyi Taw's Dekkhinathiri Township, the world's tallest seated stone Buddha statue. The surrounding Buddha Park, decorated with LED lights, also attracted many visitors, who marvelled at the impressive architecture and numerous stupas and shrines within the park.

Pilgrims visited prominent sites in the area, including the Kyauksayon Stupa, Mucilina Lake, Nagayon Pagoda, Gandakuti Chamber, Suddhamma Public rest houses, Maravijaya Monastery, and the Aggadh-

pati Religious Hall. Groups of visitors took photos at the park's large and small water fountains, adding to the festive atmosphere.

To support local economies, MSME vendors offered regional food and consumer goods, including traditional Myanmar snacks, at affordable prices. Pilgrims enthusiastically bought these items, and many stalls sold out due to the high demand.

Similarly, in Tatkon Township of Nay Pyi Taw, the Tazaungdine Festival and MSME Market Fair featured traditional Myanmar festivities, including an ox-cart beauty contest, where prizes were awarded. Crowds gathered at



Visitors and devotees are seen thronging at the Bago Shwemawdaw Pagoda during the Tazaungdine Festival in Bago on 15 November 2024.

the Tatkon Sports Ground to enjoy the activities.

In Bago Region, the government organized the Tazaungdine Lights Festival, with hot-air balloon launches and an MSME Market Fair on the evening of 15 November. Held on the Shwemawdaw Pa-

goda Road in Bago, the event drew a large crowd who enjoyed the festive atmosphere.

In Yangon, the regional government hosted the 2024 Tazaungdine Market Festival and Music Festival on Tazaungmone Full Moon night, with many visitors gathering to en-

joy the celebrations. Famous singers performed at the music festival, and traditional ethnic dance troupes entertained the crowd. The evening concluded with vibrant fireworks and hot-air balloon launches, bringing the festivities to an exciting close. — MNA/KZL

Tazaungdine lighting and hot-air balloon festival held in Rakhine State



THE Tazaungdine Festival, organized by the Rakhine State government and featuring events such as the lighting of 9,000 candles and the releasing of hot-air balloons, was celebrated at the precinct of Lawkananda Pagoda in Sittway on the evening of 15 November, with Rakhine Chief Minister U Htein Lin and his wife, the Chief Justice of the State High Court, members of the state govern-

ment, departmental officials, and residents in attendance.

The festival began with the offering of flowers, water, and lighting to the pagoda, followed by the chief minister and his wife lighting the candles to mark the start. The chief minister and his team then encouraged departmental officials and local residents as they lit candles and made offerings, before joyfully releasing hot-air balloons at the pagoda precinct.

Similarly, departmental officials and locals celebrated the Tazaungdine lighting and hot-air balloon festival at other pagodas in Sittway. — Tin Tun (IPRD)/TRKM

Visitors light candles for Tazaungdine Festival on the platform of Lawkananda Pagoda in Sittway on 15 November 2024. **PHOTO: WIN MIN SOE**

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Weekly Roundup

11 November

Senior General Min Aung Hlaing arrives back from China

Chairman of the State Administration Council Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing arrived back from China after attending the Eighth GMS Summit, the 11th CLMV Summit and the 10th ACMECS Summit in Kunming, the People's Republic of China.

Senior General Min Aung Hlaing visits factories in China



SAC Chairman Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing visited BYD automobile manufacturing company in Shenzhen City, China, Hytera Communications Corporation Limited in Shenzhen City, the Pearl River Exhibition Centre and the Civic Centre.

12 November

SAC offers Kathina robes, alms to members of Sangha

The State Administration Council held the Kathina robe-offering ceremony in 2024 at Sasana Maha Beikman Building of Uppatasanti Pagoda in Nay Pyi

Taw, with the attendance of SAC Chairman Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing and his wife, Daw Kyu Kyu Hla.

14 November

Hot-air balloons released at Maravijaya Buddha Image

A ceremony to launch the release of hot-air balloons to mark the Tazaungdine lighting festival was held on a grand scale at the water fountain in the Maravijaya Buddha Park in the precinct of the Maravijaya Buddha Image in Dekkhinathiri Township of Nay Pyi Taw Union Territory, attended by SAC Chairman Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing and his wife, Daw Kyu Kyu Hla.

Myanmar Gems Emporium Central Committee releases notification

The Myanmar Gems Emporium Central Committee will hold the 2024 Mid-Year Myanmar Gems Emporium from 18 to 27 November at the Maniyadana Jade Hall in Nay Pyi Taw. Myanmar jewellers who have obtained a permit in compliance with the Myanmar Gems Law and those who have received a licence and are engaged in the business of trading gems will be allowed to attend and purchase following the fixed regulations of the jewellery fair.

15 November

Buryatia delegation meets Union Ministers

A Russian delegation, led by Mr Alexey Sambuevich Tsydenov, arrived in Nay Pyi Taw, where they were welcomed by Nay Pyi Taw Council Chairman U Than Tun Oo, council members, officials, and students. The delegation was received at the Ministry of Transport and Communications by Deputy Prime Minister and Union Minister for Transport and Communications General Mya Tun Oo, Dep-

uty Prime Minister Union Planning and Finance Minister U Win Shein, and other union ministers.

16 November

Senior General Min Aung Hlaing holds talks with Government of Russia's Buryatia Republic Chair

SAC Chairman Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing received a delegation led by Government of Russia's Buryatia Republic Chair Mr Alexey Sambuevich Tsydenov, at the Credentials Hall of the Office of the SAC Chairman in Nay Pyi Taw and discussed the promotion of technological cooperation in mineral production and transport services.

Winners in releasing hot-air balloons, weaving robes awarded

The Senior General and wife Daw Kyu Kyu Hla,



Government of Russia's Buryatia Republic Chair Mr Alexey Sambuevich Tsydenov paid homage to Maravijaya Buddha Image in Nay Pyi Taw and attended the prize presentation for winners in the hot-air balloon releasing contest and lotus robe weaving contest. — GNLM/TTA

Taunggyi Tazaungdine hot-air balloon festival ongoing

THE 74th Tazaungdine Hot-Air Balloon Festival in Taunggyi is being held at the Awayar Balloon Field under the supervision of the Shan State government.

The festival runs from 11 to 17 November and features day and night hot air balloon competitions, fire lantern processions, traditional Mathoe robe-weaving contests, trade promotion events, and musical performances. Ongoing celebrations continued into the fifth day as of 15 November.

The Taunggyi Tazaungdine Hot-Air Balloon Festival originated in the Myanmar calendar year 1302 (1941) during the Tazaungmone month. It began with the abbot of Konetha Monastery leading the launch of a giant hot-air balloon, approximately 50 feet in diameter. By 1950, the festival had evolved into an annual competition, with awards given to participants.

In the Myanmar calendar year 1386 (2024), the traditional festival continues to be celebrated from 11 November onward. On the fifth day of the festival,

participating teams launched 35 daytime decorative balloons, two Seinnaban balloons, and four grand nighttime balloons in a competitive display.

From 11 to 15 November, during the first five days of the festival, a total of 174 hot-air balloons were launched for competitions. That included 16 Seinnaban balloons, 17 grand nighttime balloons, and 139 daytime decorative balloons. The remaining balloons – six Seinnaban balloons, nine grand nighttime balloons, and 70 daytime decorative balloons, totalling 85 balloons — will be launched for competitions until the festival concludes on 17 November. — Shan State IPRD/TMT

Event-goers watch the ascent of a giant hot-air balloon during the 74th Tazaungdine Hot-Air Balloon Festival at the Awayar Balloon Field in Taunggyi, Shan State, yesterday. **PHOTO : SHAN STATE(IPRD)**



NATIONAL

Myanmar attends Duean Yi Peng Chiang Mai 2024 Lantern Festival



This photo portrays the 13th Communal Kathina Offering Ceremony being organized by the Myanmar community in Chiang Mai, Thailand.

CONSUL-GENERAL U Ming Kyaw Linn of the Consulate-General of Myanmar in Chiang Mai, Thailand, attended the opening ceremony of the Duean Yi Peng Chiang Mai 2024 Lantern Festival on 14 November at the invitation of Mr Assanee Buranupakorn, Mayor of Chiang Mai Municipality, according to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

The governor of Chiang Mai Province, the mayor of Chiang Mai Municipality, consuls-general, consuls from consulates-general based in Chiang Mai, and senior officials from government offices in Chiang Mai were also at the event. Following the opening ceremony, U Ming Kyaw

Linn, accompanied by other distinguished guests, enjoyed a musical water fountain show and a fireworks display.

On the full moon day of Tazaungmone, which fell on 15 November, staff members of the Consulate-General of Myanmar in Chiang Mai observed the 13th Communal Kathina Offering Ceremony organized by the Myanmar community in northern Thailand. The Kathina robes and alms offering ceremony to monks took place at Wat Sai Mon Myanmar Buddhist Temple in Chiang Mai, where the Myanmar consulate-general also hosted a charity feast for the congregation. — ASH/TMT

Film star offers Mathoe lotus robe at Botahtaung Pagoda

ACADEMY Khant Si Thu and his family presented a set of Mathoe golden lotus robe to the Nan Oo Buddha Statue at Botahtaung Pagoda on 15 November as part of their annual donation.

“We offered the Mathoe golden lotus robe to the Buddha Image for the 22nd time,” said actor Khant Si Thu.

On 22 October, Academy Khant Si Thu, along with other actors, actresses, and well-wishers, donated rice, cooking oil, and foodstuffs to people impacted by the floods in Singaing Township, Mandalay Region. — ASH/TRKM



This photo shows Academy Khant Si Thu observes the weaving of a Mathoe Golden Lotus robe at Botahtaung Pagoda.

Chinese Solar Project brings electricity to Rijo Village in Kachin State

RIJO village in Chepwe District, Kachin State, has started using electricity thanks to a solar power installation project implemented by China's State Power Investment Corporation (SPIC), according to the Embassy of the People's Republic of China to Myanmar.

The SPIC, which is working in Myanmar to provide electricity to villages that currently lack access, with the aim of reducing poverty, began its energy-efficient electricity installation project in Rijo village on 23 September 2023.



Children are happy at a house in Rijo village as the village is already accessible to electricity.

The project is also a practical implementation of China's “Belt and Road Initiative” and supports the UN's 2030 Sustainable Development Goals. — ASH/MKKS

GACC gives green light to Myanmar pineapple import

THE General Administration of Customs of the People's Republic of China (GACC) announced that Myanmar's pineapple would be allowed to be imported to China following the Phytosanitary issue.

The GACC granted Phytosanitary issues for Myanmar's fresh pineapple, verifying that they are free of pests and disease. China gave the go-ahead to Myanmar's pineapple import, the Embassy of China

to Myanmar stated.

Myanmar's fresh pineapple that meets the rules and regulations of China will be allowed to be imported starting from 11 November.

Myanmar's pineapple has a unique flavour and tastes sweet, sour, fresh and juicy inside, which can attract many consumers, according to its statement. — NN/EM

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NATIONAL

China grants Lancang-Mekong visa to eligible Myanmar businesspeople

CHINA will issue a type of visa which will enable Myanmar nationals to stay 180 days as of 18 November, according to the Embassy of the People's Republic of China to Myanmar.

This is a type of five-year multiple-entry visa with a maximum stay of 180 days per visit for eligible Myanmar business personnel and their spouses and children travelling to China. Applicants will need to meet the requirements.

The decision to allow this

visa to eligible business personnel in Myanmar, Cambodia, Thailand, Laos, and Vietnam in the Mekong region was made on 7 November at the Eighth Greater Mekong Subregion Summit.

The Lancang-Mekong visa will be issued from 18 November, and businesspeople who want to apply can call 09 894853188 from 2 pm to 6 pm or contact the email address yangon@csm.mfa.gov.cn. — ASH/ZS



The Embassy of the People's Republic of China to Myanmar.

YU to offer three-month cosmetic technology course on 3 Dec

THE Department of Industrial Chemistry, University of Yangon, will conduct a three-month course for cosmetic technology starting on 3 December.

Those who pass the matriculation exam are eligible to apply for this course. Interested individuals can apply for it at the Student Affairs Department of YU with the specified form between 11 and 22 November 2024.

This three-month course will start on 3 December 2024 from 7 am to 9 am on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. The course fee is K100,000. Only 100 trainees will be accepted at most. Trainees will receive completion certificates in Cosmetics Technology.

Individuals can enquire about details at the Department of Industrial Chemistry through contact numbers 09 420116884, 09782712578, and 095195316. — NN/KK



The harvesting of monsoon paddy with a combine harvester in Taninthayi Region.

MoALI assists in harvesting monsoon paddy in Taninthayi Region

THE Taninthayi Region Department of Agriculture, under the Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation, is providing assistance to farmers who are struggling to harvest monsoon paddy by coordinating with the Agricultural Mechanization Department.

In the 2024 monsoon paddy season, 22,396 acres of rice were planted in Taninthayi Region, and harvesting began at the end of October. In addition to increasing the yield of monsoon paddy, 2,820 acres of model plantations have also been established to benefit farmers.

“Monsoon paddy is being harvested from late October. If farmers face difficulties harvesting in groups, we connect them with the Agricultural Mechanization Department. Since there is a shortage of rice in our region, we have planned 8,012 acres of summer paddy after the monsoon paddy season. We will also continue planting mung beans and sunflowers as winter crops,” said an official from the Taninthayi Region's Agriculture Department.

During the last rainy season, thousands

of acres of farmland were destroyed due to record flooding of the Taninthayi River. However, paddy was able to be replanted in time. One official added, “If we can close the creeks and drains in areas where there is a shortage of fresh water for summer rice cultivation, we can expand cultivation even further.”

Last year, only 1,125 acres of mung beans and 105 acres of sunflowers were planted as winter crops. This year, in addition to 2,003 acres of mung beans and 169 acres of sunflowers, efforts are being made to expand the cultivation of other types of beans.

Taninthayi Region has 222,396 acres of monsoon paddy: 100,528 acres in Dawei District, 117,064 acres in Myeik District, 3,571 acres in Bokpyin District, and 1,233 acres in Kawthoung District.

There is a 73 per cent shortage of rice in the region. Therefore, rice is imported from Yangon, Bago, and Ayeyawady regions. The average yield per acre was 72.42 baskets, and a total of 16,129,409 baskets of rice were produced last year. — Myint Oo (Myeik)/TKO

MAI and Mingalar Family celebrate Kathina donation



This photo shows officials of Myanmar Airways International (MAI) and Mingalar Family making donations at Myitta Eain Orphanage on the full moon of Tazaungmone.

MYANMAR Airways International (MAI) and Mingalar Family celebrated Kahtain donation on 15

November, the full moon day of Tazaungmone.

“Collaborated by our MAI and Mingalar families, Kathina donation is made on the blessed full moon day of Tazaungdine. This celebration is based on our customs, unity and goodwill,” said an MAI official.

Similarly, they also made donations to Kyaikwine's disabled care centre, Myitta Eain Orphanage, and Yimar Home for the Aged.

“Conserving Myanmar's cultural heritage and helping the needy people with love and kindness can encourage us,” he added. — Htun Htun/ZS

OPINION

Deeply follow provisions of copyright laws

SINCE joining the World Trade Organization in 1995 and the World Intellectual Property Organization in 2001, Myanmar has enacted laws to protect intellectual property rights. Additionally, Myanmar is responsible for implementing intellectual property agreements related to trade processes.

As the Trademark Law, Industrial Design Law, and Intellectual Property Rights Law came into effect in 2023, the relevant authorities are now accepting applications for copyrights. Similarly, with the Patent Law taking effect on 31 May of this year, applications are also being accepted for innovations. In this context, it is essential for everyone to respect the efforts of those pursuing innovation and new creations within the bounds of copyright law. By doing so, they will experience more positive outcomes.

As a member of ASEAN, Myanmar needs to participate in regional copyright initiatives. To support this, the government

enacted the Patent Law to boost international trade and investment, create local employment opportunities, and benefit the nation. Protecting innovations can enhance technology transfer, fostering further innovation. With strengthened copyright protections, foreign investment is more likely to flow into the country. This law particularly safeguards the rights and interests of copyright holders and innovators.

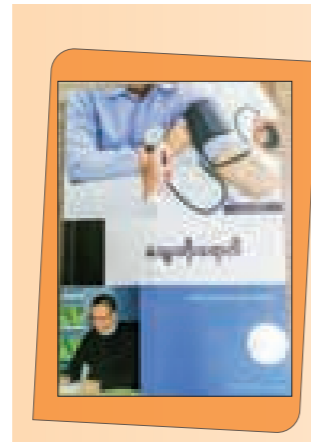
Intellectual property measures are currently crucial for advancing technology, enhancing competitiveness, and expanding the global market across all sectors. Among various systems, the patent system has been flourishing for centuries. Innovations that benefit humanity receive copyright protection. However, to qualify for protection, an innovation must be new, follow the correct processes, and be applicable across industries.

Nowadays, copyright disputes frequently arise across various sectors worldwide,

especially in the field of artificial intelligence. Relevant governments are responsible for raising awareness of the people not to violate copyright regulations and for having the confidence to take deserved recognition, acknowledgement, and honorarium for their creations and innovations. If so, everybody can avoid unacceptable disputes about violations of the copyright. In early 2024, a court in Tokyo, Japan, issued a ruling that cancelled copyright protections for AI innovations, reasoning that AI, not being human, cannot hold such rights.

Human intelligence is the primary source of all innovation. All creations and innovations are based on the intelligence of humans. Hence, it is necessary to recognize the efforts of creation. Therefore, governments must protect these innovations through legislation. As Myanmar collaborates with various countries in business, all stakeholders must diligently comply with the provisions of the Patent Law across all sectors.

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Thwaytoe Yawgar (Hypertension)

HYPERTENSION is called a silent killer by some physicians. Despite having only two words in the Myanmar Language, 'Thwaytoe' (hypertension) can carry a long list of diseases accompanying it. Therefore, hypertension is something that cannot be neglected. Hypertension is a highly common health problem, for it can cause heart disease and damage to the kidney, brain, eye, and other organs as well. This book provides health tips like the food to eat, healthy behaviours and medicines to take. As a writer of book review, I strongly recommend this book written by Dr Khin Maung Lwin (Fame).

In his foreword, Dr Khin Maung Lwin, the writer of this book, writes that the majority of the patients visiting his clinic are suffering from either diabetes or hypertension and that his treatment focuses more on healthy behaviour and lifestyle than on medicines. According to Dr Khin Maung Lwin, we need to avoid eating food that can cause hypertension. This book has mentioned the list of food in detail. Additionally, the writer has highlighted the decrease in the habit of smoking and the benefits of doing physical exercises.

What is more, the writer said that although there are a

lot of different medicines for hypertension, their potency and effectiveness vary depending on the types of hypertension we are suffering from. In our country, there is an extensive section of people who would go to a roadside kiosk and buy some medicine recommended by the shopkeeper who is only a charlatan or does not have even the vaguest idea of medical knowledge. Matter-of-factly, no drug must be administered without a prescription by a physician. We must strictly abide by the doctor's prescriptions; we cannot increase or decrease the dose prescribed by the doctor. And we cannot stop taking

the medicine without the instruction of the physician.

As Dr Khin Maung Lwin also holds a doctorate in alternative medicine, he also advises his patients to take medicinal herbs and shrubs as supplements because indigenous medicines contribute dramatically towards reducing hypertension. The indigenous medication can not only mitigate hypertension but also prevent heart attack, paralysis, impaired eyesight and kidney failure, which accompany hypertension consequences.

In Chapter 1, the writer deals with systolic blood pressure and diastolic blood pressure, and if they exceed their upper limit and the lower limit, there arises a problem. This is why we should check our blood pressure daily with the use of a digital blood pressure cuff, which is an easy word for a sphygmomanometer, blood pressure monitor or blood pressure gauge. It is worth noting that hypertension cannot be cured completely, and we have to take medicines regularly till we breathe our last. This is a disease which requires us to visit the physician periodically. Only then will we be away from the danger of sudden death and paralysis, being able to lead a healthy and happy life.



Book Title	-	Tha-ein Kinsar Mei-Phyay Tayar
	-	100 Questions & Answers about Uterine Cancer
Translator	-	Dr Than Than Win
Publishing House	-	Today
Publication Date	-	September 2012 (1 st Edition)
Price	-	K3,000

Tha-ein Kinsar Mei-Phyay Tayar (100 Questions & Answers about Uterine Cancer)

By Don S Dizon, MD, FACP & Linda R Duska, MD

THIS week, the book review is concerned with two books on medicine, one about hypertension and the other about uterine cancer. Dr Khin Maung Lwin originally wrote a book about hypertension, whereas the book on uterine cancer is a translation of Dr Than Than Win's works. The book on uterine cancer is rather old and was first published in 2012. Although this is an old publication, it is still available in bookstalls. This book has nine chapters, which detail all the information concerning the uterine cancer. As uterine cancer is a very common lethal disease among women, women need to

take precautionary measures like the saying goes, "Prevention is better than cure".

The only text to provide both the patients' and doctors' views, 100 Questions and Answers about Cervical Cancer, is aimed at providing a much-needed primer for patients and their families. It is also aimed at addressing the questions most relevant to a woman following a diagnosis of pre-invasive changes or invasive cervical cancer. This text gives up-to-date, authoritative, practical answers to your questions about cervical cancer, not only the diagnosis and treatment of the disease but

also female survivorship. That is an invaluable resource for anyone coping with the physical and emotional turmoil of this frightening disease. Among the 100 questions asked in this text are: what does it mean to have early invasive cervical cancer?; what is the prognosis for women whose disease is advanced?; what should I know about my general health maintenance?; what is the cervical cancer vaccine?

As a matter of fact, uterine cancer and cervical cancer are not the same thing. Although cervical cancer and uterine (body) cancer develop only a

few centimetres apart, there are significant differences in the cause of the disease. Therefore, the fields of research and treatment are also fundamentally different. Cervical cancer develops in the cervix, only a few centimetres away from the uterus, where uterine (body) cancer develops.

Chapter 1 deals with what a tumour is, what is benign and what is malign, etc. The word tumour is of French origin, suggesting abnormal tissue inflammation, whereas benign is harmless and malignant is fatal. The doctors also explained metastasis, the development of secondary malignant growths at a distance from a primary site of cancer, and cancer invasion, which is the process by which the tumour cells spread into nearby tissues. That can happen through collective or individual cell migration, where the cells pass through the basement membrane and extracellular matrix. Invasion is the process by which cancer cells directly extend and penetrate neighbouring tissues in cancer. It is generally distinguished from metastasis, which is the spread of cancer cells through the circulatory system or the lymphatic system to more distant locations.

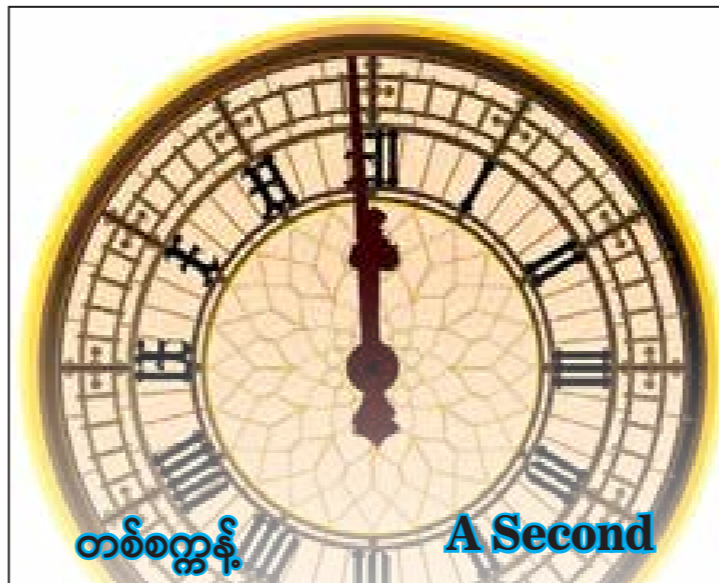
Thieves and Leaves

By Mya Thae (Research)



- Ma Lay opened her iron box.
- She found her money was lost.
- Oh! How strange the box was locked.
- She checked the box and found fault.
- Ma Lay became fearful and angry.
- They are greedy thieves and do evil things very.
- But Ma Lay control her anger by hearing Buddha and Sayadaws' voices.
- "Avoid evil things, do good things and keep the mind white."
- Her mind is not white for the case.
- Ma Lay pardoned them and left the thieves for this sake.
- They did evil things and will go to hell and suffer the worst punishment for what they made.
- She leaves the thieves, and her mind is sweet white for the case.

Based on true events



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Beyond midnight, a second cites the night-day slices. For a second sake, do not let goodbye decide the love-hatred divide.

ချစ်ကိုပေး by Chit Ko Pe

လက်ဖက်ရည်

လက်ဖက်ရေ မပြတ်သမျှ မရည် တတ်မှန်သည့် လာဘ်ရဖို့ မကြံစည် ကံနှစ်လိ ချွတ်ယင်း၊ ကျိုးမရ ချိန်ပုပ်ကာ အိမ်လုပ်မှာ တိုးလို့ လစ်ဟင်း။ ပိုင်းဖွဲ့၍ ရိစရာ ဝစ်မှာ သိမ်ဖျင်း မကြည့်သာ အိမ်တွင်းက ကျိန်ဆီရင်း နားပူ သုံးစရာ ပိုက်ဆံပေးပြန်တော့ မယားက တိုးလို့သာသူ။ မိုက်ညာက်များတဲ့ အလကားလူရယ် အခြားသူ ပြောဆိုကြသည့် လောက နှင့် သံသရာ ကျိုးမရှိပါ။ ကရားတလုံး နှင့် မခြားသုံးပါလျှင် မယားမုန်းကာ ကွာတတ်ချည်ရဲ့လေး။

မန်လည်ဆရာတော်



Tea

By Manle Sayadaw
Translated by Myint Zan

as long as you are addicted to the drinking of tea the wrong stuff (the drinker of tea) will not try to obtain benefits, financial gains (by working diligently) 'tis that mental intentions and physical efforts (to improve oneself) are defective, lacking

by drinking (excessive) tea no good benefits arise time is wasted household work is neglected: chatting in groups, indulging in frivolous talk

and laughter: (the housewife) from within the house cursed as the 'noises of tea-talk' bothers her

when monies for bare necessities are reduced the wife becomes more agitated and intensifies her scolding

you! foolish man, useless man as others have stated what you do (drinking tea with companions & blathering) 'tis not useful for this life and for Samsara (future lives) if you do not know this simple doctrine and continue indifferently (by) drinking tea your wife will hate u and lead her to divorce u

Translated on 14 November 2024

Translator's note: Manle Sayadaw (1842-1921) was a Burmese monk-scholar. This poem is taken from the prescribed textbook Selection of Burmese Poems for 1st and 2nd-year Burmese major students of the University of Mandalay, first published in October 1986.

NATIONAL Entertainment

Tekkatho Nay Lin Aung

Seventy-eight-year-old martial arts novelist Tekkatho Nay Lin Aung (1946-2024) died of liver cancer on 10 November in Daly City, California, the United States.



Cho Pyone

SENIOR ACTRESS ACADEMY CHO PYONE arrived in India to take part in the birthday event and Kathina donation event of the Kusinayon Sayadaw residing in Kushinagar, India. Moreover, she participated in the Kathina ceremony in Varanasi. The trip was accompanied by singers Khine Wah and Waing La Min Aung.



Yadana Bo

ACTRESS YADANA BO held a food donation for 500 people, marking her birthday ceremony on 15 November 2024 (Tazaungmone full moon day). She recently attended an honorary event for the 'Thu Chit Khin' movie.



Connie

GREAT SINGER CONNIE made a donation event at the Sobhita Lankara Monastery in Dagon Myothit (Seikkan) Township, Yangon Region, marking the 27th anniversary of her late father on 11 November. Moreover, she donated a Padetha tree, with the K6 million cash donation for the Kathina ceremony, together with her colleagues and well-wishers on 15 November.

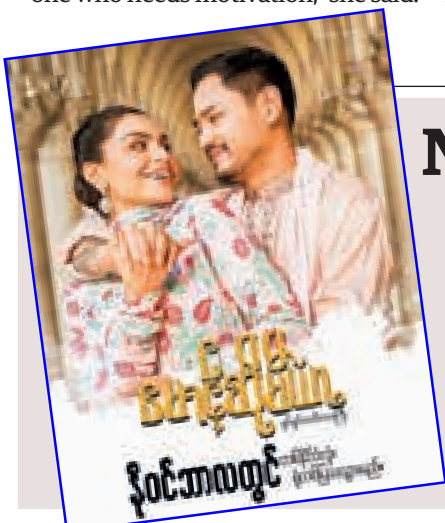
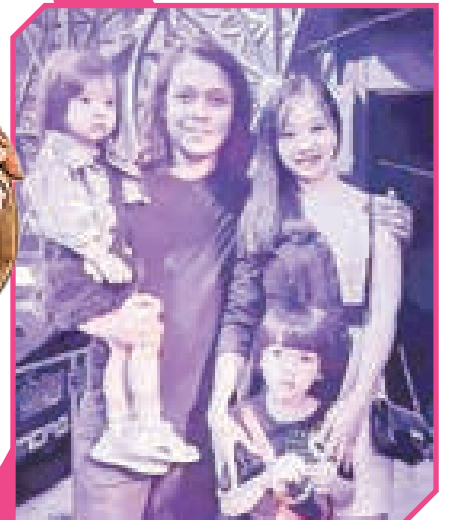


Mi Sandi

MI SANDI participated in the International Artists Project Part 2 Album, which features artistes from 157 countries (80 per cent of the world) with 158 songs in total, with her own tune, 'Vivid' song. "My track on the album tells the story of a girl who was lost and down for a while, but she lifted herself and is now ready to rise to greater heights. This one is for anyone who has ever fallen but fought their way back up and kept rocking through life. I wrote this song as an affirmation and a boost for myself and for anyone who needs motivation," she said. — Htun Htun/KTZH

Fokker

SINGER FOKKER-LED Wanted Band and relatives organized their third communal Kathina robes-offering ceremony on 15 November at the Chanmyae Yadana Monastery in Hmawby, Yangon. "Relatives included my brothers, friends and families, not just my fans. They usually participate in our anniversary and commemorative events of Wanted Band," said Fokker.



New movie on Hindu culture to premiere in Nov

THE new Myanmar movie depicting the religion, culture, tradition and words of Hindus will be screened in November. The Indian actress starred in the movie called 'Oh, My Somya'. The story and script were created by Moe Ni Lwin and director academy Win Lwin Htet directed for Khethtiya Film Production.

"The movie 'Oh, My Somya' features Hindu wedding culture like going around the sacred fire in a circle, and it also includes dancing to songs at weddings like Bollywood movies. I think 'Oh,

My Somya' will be the first movie in the history of Myanmar motion pictures as it includes an Indian actress and the religion, tradition and culture, words and Indian culture dress are filmed in detail meeting the standard," said Han Zar Moe Win.

The cast consists of academy Myint Myat, academy Yan Aung, Han Zar Moe Win, Joker, Ashwarya Kumar, Christina and other artistes, along with actress May Mie Ko Ko playing a guest star role. — ASH/KTZH

WORLD

“We are in the same boat”: Xi dynamizes G20 cooperation in uncertain world

AS a representative mix of the world’s major economies, the Group of Twenty (G20) has become the premier forum the world looks up to today in moments of global economic turmoil and crisis.

With a thorough grasp of the G20’s unique role, Chinese President Xi Jinping has consistently championed the G20’s joint efforts to follow the spirit of sailing in the same boat and join hands to live up to their respective duty.

“All G20 members should take the responsibility inherent in being major international and regional players, and should lead by example in promoting development of all nations, improving the well-being for the whole mankind, and advancing progress of the entire world,” he once said.

Now as Xi joins other leaders for the 19th G20 summit in Brazil, the international community is keen to see how they will address the great uncertainties troubling today’s world, particularly what solutions China will propose for building a better future for all. When G20 leaders met for their first summit in November 2008, they confronted an unprecedented global financial crisis. By working together, the group helped avert economic collapse and set the stage for recovery. In recent years, China, alongside other G20 nations, has faced an even greater challenge — the COVID-19 pandemic and its devastating economic fallout.

President Xi Jinping emphasized that the impact of the pandemic was worse than the 2008 crisis. At the 2021 G20 summit, Xi called for stronger inter-

national cooperation, urging nations to stabilize supply chains,

reduce trade barriers, and apply effective solutions to address

both immediate and long-term global challenges. — Xinhua



Security is tight around Rio for the G20 summit. PHOTO: AFP

Oil execs work COP29 as NGOs slam lobbyist presence

TotalEnergies’ Patrick Pouyanne admits the sector is “part of the problem,” but progressing on transition. PHOTO: PIX FOR VISUAL PURPOSE/AFP/FILE



OIL executives and lobbyists descended on COP29 in Baku for “energy day” Friday, as environmental groups denounced the presence of the fossil fuel industry at the UN climate talks.

While negotiators haggled over the key goal of an increase in climate funding, a former UN chief said the talks were “no longer fit for purpose”.

The head of France’s To-

talEnergies, Patrick Pouyanne, told AFP the sector is “part of the problem”, but insisted it was making “continuous progress” on transition.

The “Kick the Big Polluters Out” (KBPO) coalition of NGOs analyzed accreditations at the annual climate confab, calculating that more than 1,700 people linked to fossil fuel interests are in attendance.

The presence of fossil fuel interests at climate talks has sparked intense criticism.

Environmental campaigner Makoma Lekalakala condemned the industry’s role in global destruction, while former US vice-president Al Gore called it “absurd” for petrostates to host COP conferences, citing their conflict of interest. — AFP

NEWS IN BRIEF

Stirring ‘haka’ dance disrupts New Zealand’s parliament

INDIGENOUS Maori lawmakers disrupted New Zealand’s parliament with a stirring “haka” dance, voicing opposition to a race relations bill that has ignited protests across the country.

A contentious bid to reinterpret a centuries-old treaty between New Zealand’s Maori and European settlers was set to be debated in parliament on Thursday.

But proceedings were derailed when 22-year-old Maori Party MP Hana-Rawhiti Maipi-Clarke took to her feet, ripped the bill in half, and launched into the haka.

The rest of her party strode onto the floor of parliament to join her in the Ka Mate haka, a fierce ceremonial challenge popularized by the country’s All Blacks rugby side. — AFP

Dutch coalition survives political turmoil

THE Netherlands’ right-wing government averted collapse on Friday after a junior minister resigned over alleged racist comments by cabinet colleagues related to last week’s attacks on Israeli football fans.

Deputy Finance Minister Nora Achahbar handed in her resignation late Friday, setting in motion crisis talks between leaders of the four-party Dutch coalition government.

Achahbar decided to exit the government after a heated cabinet meeting discussing the violence that flared on the streets of Amsterdam after a football match between local club Ajax and Maccabi Tel Aviv. “The polarizing interactions of the past weeks made such an impact on me that I am no longer able to effectively carry out my duties as deputy minister,” Achahbar said in her resignation letter to parliament. — AFP

ECONOMY WORLD



People visit an exhibition during the 14th China-Latin America and the Caribbean Business Summit in southwest China's Chongqing on 16 November 2021. PHOTO: TANG YI/XINHUA

China-LAC goods trade expected to continue growing at high speed: spokesperson

China expects continued high-speed growth in trade with Latin America and the Caribbean, achieving win-win results.

CHINA believes that trade in goods between China and Latin America and the Caribbean will continue to grow at a high speed and achieve win-win results at a higher level, a foreign ministry spokesperson said on Thursday.

Spokesperson Lin Jian made the remarks at a daily press briefing when commenting on the trade and economic cooperation between China and

Latin America and the Caribbean.

According to a report recently released by the United Nations Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC), China is an important trade partner and the fastest-growing export market for Latin America and the Caribbean.

Mutual benefit and win-

win results are the overarching principle for the growth of the relations between China and the region, said Lin. He noted that in the first three quarters this year, trade in goods between both sides hit 427.4 billion US dollars, up by 7.7 per cent year on year, and the total amount for the whole year is expected to exceed 500 billion US dollars. — Xinhua

India's wholesale inflation rises to 2.36% in October

INDIA'S wholesale price index (WPI) inflation increased to 2.36 per cent in October, official data showed on Thursday.

The increase was primarily due to hike in prices of food items, machinery and equipment, motor vehicles, trailers and semi-trailers.

WPI food inflation increased

from 9.47 per cent in September to 11.59 per cent in October.

WPI inflation was 1.84 per cent in September and 1.25 per cent in August.

WPI inflation, an indicator of prices in the wholesale market, rises or falls mainly due to steep fluctuations in global commodity prices. — Xinhua

NEWS IN BRIEF

UK plans mega pension funds to unlock £80 bln investment

BRITAIN plans to create mega pension funds, potentially boosting investment in the country by around £80 billion in a move mirroring schemes in Australia and Canada, finance minister Rachel Reeves announced.

Labour's "megafunds" plan could unlock the equivalent of \$104 billion "for infrastructure projects and businesses of the future", the Treasury said in a statement late on Wednesday.—AFP

Swedish police seize nearly \$1M in luxury goods

ONE week after being given the power to seize luxury items from people not suspected of a crime, Swedish police said on Friday they had already confiscated items worth nearly \$1.0 million.

The law, which was passed by parliament on 2 October and came into force on 8 November, is part of the right-wing government's crackdown on organized criminal gangs.

It allows police to seize cars, gold watches and other designer goods from people – including minors – suspected of having ties to criminal gangs, when the items are believed to have been bought with money earned from illicit activities, even if the person is not formally suspected of a crime. — AFP

Lebanon economic losses top \$5B in year of clashes: World Bank

MORE than a year of clashes that recently escalated into war have cost Lebanon more than \$5 billion in economic losses, with actual structural damage amounting to billions more, the World Bank said on Thursday.

Since 23 September Israel has ramped up its air campaign in Lebanon, later sending in ground troops following almost a year of limited, cross-border exchanges initiated by Hezbollah over the Gaza war.

Lebanon's health ministry on Thursday said more than 40 people had been killed in Israeli strikes on the south and east, including on a civil defence centre in the Baalbek area.

Intensified Israeli strikes also hit in and around Damascus, where the Syrian

Revenues from the Suez Canal, seen here in the northeastern Egyptian city of Ismailiyan on 27 May 2021, have tumbled since the Israel-Hamas war broke out last year. PHOTO: AFP



Observatory for Human Rights war monitor reported 20 people killed including Palestinian Islamic Jihad militants and Iran-backed fighters. Islamic Jihad has fought alongside Hamas against Israeli forces in Gaza and has been at war with Israel before. In its Lebanon report, the World Bank provided estimates for damage between 8 October 2023 and 27 October 2024, saying "the conflict has caused \$5.1 billion in economic losses", with damage to physical structures amounting to "at least \$3.4 billion" on top of that.

The losses are "largely concentrated in the commerce and tourism and hospitality sectors... as well as in the agriculture sector", the report said. — AFP

LG to pump extra \$1 bln into Vietnam plant

Vietnam, aiming to attract more international companies, hosted a licensing ceremony in Hai Phong, where LG produces TVs, mobile, and automotive displays.

LG Display will inject another \$1 billion into its factory in Vietnam, the local authorities there said Friday, pushing the firm's total investment in the country to more than \$5.5 billion.

The announcement comes as Vietnam looks to boost its appeal as an investment destination for international companies.

A ceremony for a licence to increase capital for LG — whose products include TVs, and mobile and automotive displays — was held in the northern port city of Hai Phong, Thursday, a local official confirmed to AFP.

With the extra money, LG

Display's total investment in Vietnam is now worth \$5.65 billion.

Vietnam's Hai Phong industrial city is home to more than 1,000 foreign-invested projects worth more than \$32 billion.

Korea is the biggest investor in the city with \$11 billion, followed by China and Japan, the city said in an online statement.

The display factory, one of LG's largest projects in Vietnam, opened in 2017.

In October, Korean conglomerate Hyosung Group said it plans to double its investment in Vietnam to \$8 billion, creating 10,000 jobs. — AFP



This picture taken on 29 August 2023 shows employees leaving the LG Display factory in Hai Phong.

PHOTO: NHAC NGUYEN / AFP

Toyota aims for hydrogen-electric hybrid van public road test in 2025

TOYOTA Motor Corp said Saturday it plans to begin public road tests of a commercial van in Australia next spring, aiming to roll out what could be the world's first vehicle powered by both a hydrogen engine and an electric motor.

The hydrogen-electric hybrid HiAce van was unveiled to the media the same day, with its driving range extended by 20 per cent to 250 kilometres compared with when it runs only on hydrogen, the carmaker said.

The test is part of Toyota's "multi-pathway strategy," through which the automaker aims to provide a range of green vehicles, including gasoline-electric hybrids, hydrogen-powered fuel cells and battery electric vehicles, to reduce carbon dioxide emissions and



Toyota Motor Co unveils the commercial hybrid HiAce van powered by hydrogen and electricity in Shizuoka Prefecture on 16 November 2024. PHOTO: KYODO

cater to local market demands. Hydrogen-engine vehicles emit nearly zero CO2. Toyota has been testing hydrogen-engine vehicles in Australia since last

year but decided to trial a hybrid model with an electric motor to address challenges like limited range and a shortage of hydrogen stations. — Kyodo

C Africa wins bid to have diamond export ban

THE Central African Republic (CAR) said Friday it has convinced the regulatory body for global diamond trading to end a decade-old export embargo.

Authorities in Bangui said the Kimberley Process (KP) regulatory body had accepted its request at its plenary assembly in Dubai.

The decision came towards the close of the

four-day meeting being hosted under the presidency of the United Arab Emirates.

The KP has agreed to the "total lifting of the sanction", CAR's mining ministry said on its official Facebook page. Bangui had campaigned for months to end an embargo imposed in 2013 amid a civil war in a country marked by decades of violence, instability and coups. — AFP

World Chinese Entrepreneurs Week held in Dubai

THE World Chinese Entrepreneurs Week being held in Dubai gathered over 600 Chinese business figures and government officials from various fields around the world to explore business opportunities and foster economic collaboration.

Running from 14 to 17 November, the event, in conjunction with the second the Greater Bay Area and Gulf Economic

Cooperation Forum, focuses on sectors such as finance, digital economy, new energy, technology, education, and healthcare.

Chinese Ambassador to the United Arab Emirates (UAE), Zhang Yiming, highlighted the gathering as a crucial platform for fostering collaboration between Chinese communities globally and strengthening pragmatic cooperation between China and the UAE. — Xinhua

Boeing strike will hurt Ethiopian Airlines growth: CEO

AFRICA'S biggest carrier, Ethiopian Airlines, is feeling the effects of a bitter seven-week strike at plane maker Boeing, its chief executive told AFP on Friday, warning that consequences could stretch into the longterm.

Production of the American company's best-selling 737 MAX, as well as the 777 jet, were halted by the strike that ended early this month and driven by worker exasperation after more than a decade of near stagnant pay.

The strike exacerbated the company's already-precarious

outlook after a January incident in which a fuselage panel blew out mid-flight on a 737 MAX operated by Alaska Airlines.

"Delivery dates of the air planes that we have ordered from Boeing are still sleeping," Ethiopian Airlines CEO Mesfin Tasew told AFP in Addis Ababa.

The delivery schedule fell behind about a year ago and the strike had "worsened" the situation, he said.

European aviation giant Airbus was meanwhile on time. "The major issue is with Boeing," Mesfin conceded. — AFP

WEEKLY WORLD NEWS DIGEST



A prototype of Starship, a huge rocket made by SpaceX, sits on a launchpad in Boca Chica, Texas in February 2022. **PHOTO: AFP/FILE**

SpaceX plans 400 Starship launches under Trump

16 NOVEMBER

AMERICAN space technology company SpaceX President Gwynne Shotwell said the company plans to significantly increase the number of Starship launches during US President-elect Donald Trump's second term: the number could reach 400 in the next four years, the Wall Street Journal reported.

Shotwell, US entrepreneur Elon Musk's longtime second-in-command, made the statement at an investor event on Friday, the report said.

The first Starship test launch in April 2023 ended in failure when the spacecraft rotated uncontrollably and was destroyed.

The second test in November 2023 also failed after stage separation, but before reaching orbit. The third test in March 2024 was successful, and the fourth test took place in June 2024. Elon Musk aims for an unmanned Mars flight within four years. —SPTUNIK

15 NOVEMBER

Xi and Ishiba meet at APEC sidelines

CHINA-JAPAN relations are in a critical period of improvement and development, as the current international and regional situations face changes and turbulence, said Chinese President Xi Jinping on Friday.

As close neighbours and important countries in Asia and the world, the relationship between China and Japan holds significance that goes beyond the bilateral scope, Xi said while meeting Japanese Prime Minister Shigeru Ishiba on the sidelines of the 31st APEC Economic Leaders' Meeting.

He noted that China is willing to work with Japan to uphold the important consensus that the two countries should "be partners, not threats", comprehensively advance the strategic relationship of mutual benefit, and endeavour to build a constructive and stable China-Japan relationship that meets the requirements of the new era. —Xinhua

14 NOVEMBER

Kennedy joins Trump, promoting controversial health agenda

ROBERT F Kennedy Jr, a longtime conspiracy theorist and vaccine opponent, now has the ear of President-elect Donald Trump to promote what he's calling the "Make America Healthy Again" agenda. It's an unlikely alliance between the Kennedy family scion, once a celebrated environmental champion who called for prosecuting climate change deniers, and the returning Republican leader. What they share, however, is a profound distrust of institutions. Trump announced Thursday he would nominate Kennedy to become the next secretary of Health and Human Services, fulfilling a campaign promise to award the 70-year-old a "big role in healthcare" that raised alarm in public health circles.

Robert F Kennedy Jr, former climate attorney turned independent candidate, has stirred controversy with vaccine conspiracies, bizarre personal revelations, and anti-fluoridation views, aligning with Trump's "Make America Healthy Again" movement. —AFP

13 NOVEMBER

Anglican Church criticized for abuse cover-up

ANGLICAN leaders faced pressure Wednesday to speed up reforms following Archbishop of Canterbury Justin Welby's resignation over a damning report concluding the Church of England covered up a serial abuse case.

Welby announced his resignation Tuesday after a chorus of criticism about his role in the decades-spanning scandal, prompted by the release last week of an independent probe's findings.

It concluded that the Church of England — the mother church of Anglicanism — covered up "prolific, brutal and horrific" abuse" by John Smyth, a lawyer who organized evangelical summer camps in the 1970s and 1980s.

A report criticized Archbishop Justin Welby for failing to report abuse allegations against John Smyth in 2013. Despite ongoing reforms, Church leaders acknowledge persistent institutional issues. —AFP

12 NOVEMBER

20th anniversary of Arafat's death marked

THE 20th anniversary of the death of late Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat, who passed away on 11 November 2004, was marked by a significant event.

A speech festival was held at Arafat's tomb in the Palestinian Presidential Compound in Ramallah, central West Bank, organized by the Palestinian National Liberation Movement (Fatah) and attended by both officials and the public.

Participants in the event, including dozens of children, raised Palestinian flags, Fatah's yellow banners, and the keffiyeh that the late leader was often pictured wearing.

Mahmoud Al-Aloul, Fatah's deputy leader, said in his speech that this year's anniversary of Arafat's death came at a "difficult time" for the Palestinian people due to the ongoing Israeli "aggression". —Xinhua

11 NOVEMBER

China leads climate efforts at COP29 Pavilion

THE China Pavilion at COP29 was launched on Monday in Baku, Azerbaijan.

The China Pavilion will host 10 themed days featuring various side activities during COP29, or the 29th session of the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, scheduled to run from 11 to 22 November.

Speaking at a side meeting that marks the opening of the pavilion, Zhao Yingmin, head of

the Chinese delegation to COP29 and vice minister of China's Ministry of Ecology and Environment, said China has become an essential participant, contributor, and leader in global ecological civilization in recent years. China is willing to work with the international community to strengthen political mutual trust, practice multilateralism, enhance global cooperation, and build a prosperous, clean, and beautiful world, he added. —Xinhua

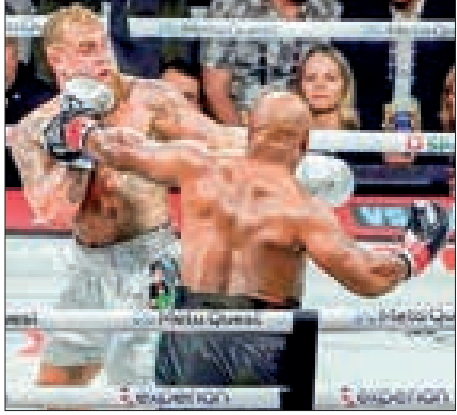
10 NOVEMBER

Dozens detained in Amsterdam after protest ban

DUTCH police detained dozens of pro-Palestinian protesters in Amsterdam on Sunday after they defied a demonstration ban put in place in the wake of violence against Israeli football supporters.

Amsterdam's mayor banned protests after violence involving Maccabi Tel Aviv fans and scooter riders. Despite this, hundreds gathered in Dam Square, chanting "Free Palestine" and holding placards. Police in riot gear intervened, detaining dozens. Detainees were later released after being transported to other city locations, local media reported. —AFP

SPORTS



Jake Paul (left) backs Mike Tyson onto the ropes in their eight-round fight in Texas on Friday. **PHOTO: AFP**

Tyson beaten by Youtuber Paul in heavyweight return

MIKE Tyson's controversial return to boxing ended in a one-sided defeat on Friday, with Youtuber-turned-prizefighter Jake Paul cruising to victory by unanimous decision against the heavyweight icon in Texas.

Tyson, 58, barely landed a punch during the eight-round bout at the AT&T Stadium in Arlington, with Paul winning by big margins on all three cards — 80-72, 79-73 and 79-73.

Paul, 27, used his superior speed and movement to dominate the ageing Tyson with ease, and had the former undisputed heavyweight champion in trouble after landing a flurry of punches in the third round.

Yet the younger fighter was unable to land the knockout blow he had promised to deliver during Thursday's ill-tempered weigh-in, where Tyson slapped him across the face.

Tyson, however, looked every bit of his 58 years, managing to land only a handful of meaningful punches during the fight, watched by a live crowd of around 70,000 spectators with an estimated millions more tuning in around the world.

Final statistics showed Tyson connected with just 18 of 97 punches thrown while Paul threw some 278 punches and landed 78 of them.

As the final seconds of the eighth round counted down, Paul could even afford to bow in respect to Tyson before the bell sounded.

"First and foremost, Mike Tyson, it's such an honour. Let's give it up for Mike," Paul said after embracing Tyson following his win.

"He's the greatest to ever do it. He's the GOAT, he's a legend. I'm inspired by him and we wouldn't be here today without him.

"This man is an icon and it's just an honour to be able to fight him. He's obviously the toughest, baddest man on the planet; it was really tough like I expected it to be." — AFP

ASEAN Women's Futsal: Myanmar draws with host Philippines

THE 2024 ASEAN Women's Futsal Championship began on 16 November in the Philippines, where team Myanmar played a competitive opening match, resulting in a 2-2 draw with the host nation.

On the first day of group matches, Thailand defeated Indonesia with a single goal, finishing 1-0, while Myanmar and the Philippines held each other to a 2-2 tie. Returning to the international arena after a break of more than two years, the Myanmar women's futsal team put forth a strong effort and secured one point from the draw. As the Philippines prepares to host the Women's Futsal Championship, they have made extensive preparations, and Myanmar showed impressive responses during this opening face-off.

Despite trailing by one goal in the first half, Myanmar's Lwin Lwin Thet and Yoon Mie Mie Lwin each scored in the second half, briefly bringing Myanmar ahead 2-1. However, just minutes after securing their lead, Myanmar conceded a goal, ending the match in a draw.

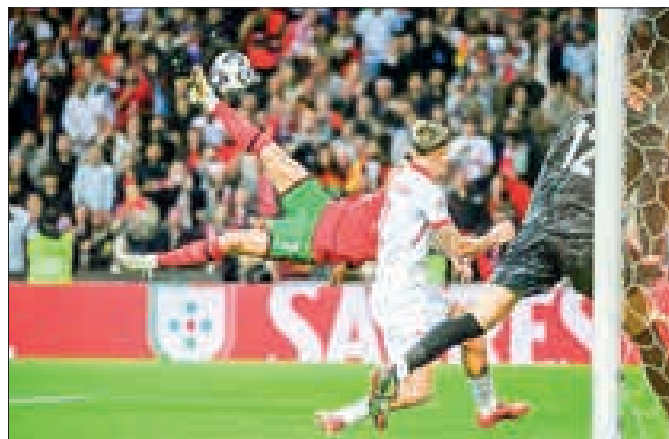
Alongside host Philippines, Myanmar is competing with Thailand, Vietnam, and Indonesia in a five-team, round-robin format



Myanmar and Philippines teams in action during the ASEAN Women's Futsal Championship opening match. **PHOTO: MFF**

tournament. Myanmar girl squad will play their second group match at 2:30 pm today — Ko Nyi Lay/KZL

Ronaldo at double as Portugal reach Nations League quarters, Spain win



Cristiano Ronaldo (L) scored his 135th goal for Portugal with an overhead kick. **PHOTO: AFP**

CRISTIANO Ronaldo scored twice as Portugal thrashed Poland 5-1 thanks to a rampant second-half display on Friday to reach the Nations League quarterfinals, while already-qualified Spain beat Denmark.

Roberto Martinez's Portugal wrapped up top spot in Group A1 with a game to spare, securing their place in the next round in March.

France, Germany and Italy are also already through to the last eight. Poland were the better side early on but failed to take their chances in Porto and the home side made them pay, netting four times in the last 20 minutes.

"We couldn't impose ourselves on the game in the first half," said Portugal goalscorer Rafael Leao.

"(Coach) Roberto Martínez's approach in the locker room was important; it was the key to changing the pressure at half-time."

Ronaldo volleyed over from close range shortly before the interval, as Portugal failed to register a shot on target in the first half. Dominik Marczuk almost broke the deadlock in the 58th minute, but Portugal goalkeeper Diogo Costa produced a brilliant fingertip save to deny him.

The hosts broke from the resulting corner to score less than 60 seconds later, as Leao powered forward before finding Nuno Mendes, then continuing his run to meet the Paris Saint-Germain full-back's cross with a powerful header.

Portugal were awarded a penalty when Diogo Dalot's strike flicked off Jakub Kiwior's hand at point-blank range and was saved by Marcin Bulka. Ronaldo stepped up to dink home a 'Panenka' spot-kick. — AFP

Kimutai stresses the need for financial support to help developing nations, particularly in Africa, Asia, and Latin America, transition to clean energy and adapt to climate shocks.

World not listening to us, laments Kenyan climate scientist at COP29

Joyce Kimutai, a climate scientist from Kenya, expresses frustration over the slow pace of action at COP29, where politics often overshadow science.

As a lead author for the UN's climate panel, Kimutai witnesses the direct impact of climate change in Kenya, where extreme weather events like droughts, floods, and landslides are becoming more frequent.

She emphasizes that developing nations, particularly in Africa, Asia, and Latin



America, are struggling to move to clean energy and adapt to climate shocks without increased financial support.

Despite the challenges, Kimutai remains committed to advising her government and advocating for climate funding that does not burden vulnerable countries with debt.

At COP29, she continues pushing for wealthier nations to provide more substantial assistance, highlighting the urgency of addressing the climate crisis before it causes further devastation. — AFP

Kenyan climate scientist Joyce Kimutai said fighting over money at COP29 for developing countries to fight climate change was 'frustrating'. **PHOTO: AFP**

Greece's ambitious 'smart city' by the sea takes shape

HIGH above Athens' coastline, cranes tower over the Saronic Gulf, marking the construction site for Greece's ambitious eight-billion-euro "smart city" project.

Backed by private funds, the development, set to be completed by 2036, aims to revitalize the nation after years of economic stagnation.

The Ellinikon "smart city" project, backed by private funds, aims to revitalize Greece and will span 6.2 square kilometres, featuring villas, hotels, shopping centres, a marina, and Athens' tallest skyscraper.



The Ellinikon initiative is one of Europe's largest urban regeneration projects. **PHOTO: ARIS MESSINIS / AFP**

Critics, however, warn it risks becoming an exclusive "ghetto for the rich".

The Ellinikon project will span 6.2 square kilometres, incorporating villas, hotels, shopping centres, a marina, and the Riviera Tower, which will be Athens' tallest skyscraper.

Despite its grandeur, the development has sparked debate, particularly due to the exclusionary pricing of luxury apartments that could cost up to 25 million euros.

Once a site for Athens' international airport, the area has a history of abandonment, with refugees and community initiatives filling the gap after the financial crisis.

However, the privatization of the site to Lamda, a property development company, has drawn criticism, with some calling it an "offshore colony". Supporters argue it will create thousands of jobs and enhance Greece's global reputation. — AFP



Russian scientists connect rat's brain to AI, enabling it to answer questions. **ILLUSTRATION: VISUAL FOR DEMONSTRATION/CANVA**

Cyber-Rodent: Russian lab wires rat's brain to AI in world first

Russian scientists connect rat brain to AI, providing answers to questions.

RUSSIAN scientists have become the first in the world to connect a rat's brain to artificial intelligence that suggests the right answers to any question.

The Neiry Biotech Laboratory told Sputnik that the brain of the laboratory rat Pythia was connected to a neurointerface, the device works in tandem with the AI.

"Russian Neiry Biotech Laboratory together with scientists from Moscow State University presented the first results of a unique experiment: for the first time in the world, scientists and developers have connected a rat's brain to artificial intelligence (AI). The rat is able to answer any questions using a keyboard," the lab said.

The electrodes on the neurointerface allow specific areas of the rodent's brain to be stimulated so that it understands when to answer "yes" or "no". — SPUTNIK