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## Polytechnic Universities now operational in six cities



State Administration Council Chairman Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing unveils Naypyitaw State Polytechnic University signage yesterday in Nay Pyi Taw.

Senior General Min Aung Hlaing unveiled that Polytechnic University is an academic institution for students to take up theoretical and practical study in science, technology, engineering, mathematics, applied science, economics and management subjects not only in undergraduate courses but also in postgraduate courses to link with on-job training.

Chairman of the State Administration Council Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing delivered a speech at



### Salient points from the speech delivered by the Senior General at the 100<sup>th</sup> birthday of engineering education and the opening of Naypyitaw State Polytechnic University

1. Naypyitaw State Polytechnic University was established as one of the country's top universities, comparable to Yangon University of Technology and Yangon University of Computer Studies.
2. Naypyitaw State Polytechnic University planned to confer seven engineering degrees and two computer science degrees on graduates and admit 270 students for engineering subjects and 120 for computer science subjects, totalling 390 per year.

the centenary celebration of Myanmar Engineering Education in conjunction with the inauguration of Naypyitaw State

Polytechnic University at the university yesterday morning.

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## Government Promotes Political Dialogue to Counter Terrorism and Foster National Peace

A civilized society cannot fully accept resolving armed conflicts through terror attacks without political dialogue. Therefore, insurgents must be recognized as a common enemy, and the government will continue to work towards peace and stability, not only in Shan State (North) but across the entire nation.

*(Excerpt from the speech on security conditions of the State delivered by Chairman of the State Administration Council Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Min Aung Hlaing on 6 August 2024)*

## 2024 Mid-Year Gems Emporium enters fourth day



Jewellers check and evaluate jade stones on the fourth day, yesterday.

straders. From the morning session, these traders explored and examined various gemstone sets displayed both inside and outside the designated areas of the hall.

During the morning session, officials opened and reviewed price tenders submitted for gemstone sets numbered 1 to 160. It was announced that 62 lots were sold. The sales were based on reserve prices set in US dollars. International gemstone traders who won the bids could make payments in US dollars, euros, Chinese yuan, Thai baht, or any foreign currency accepted by the Central Bank of Myanmar. Local traders could pay either in foreign currency or

Myanmar kyat.

In the afternoon, officials reviewed tenders for jade sets numbered 1 to 850 from Group A and B. The sale results will be announced on the fifth day of the exhibition. Jade lots from these groups are being sold to both local and international gem merchants through an open tender system. International traders are required to pay in accepted foreign currencies, while locals can pay in foreign currencies for Group A and either in foreign currency or in kyat for Group B.

Additionally, jade lots in Group C, priced in kyat, are reserved for domestic traders as part of efforts to promote MSME businesses. Payments for these

sets must be made in kyat only. Alongside the main exhibition, jewellery and gemstone shops within the Maniyadana Jade Hall are open, drawing numerous visitors and buyers.

The 2024 Mid-Year Myanmar Gems Emporium, held from 18 to 27 November at the Maniyadana Jade Hall, features a wide array of gemstones and pearls. Of 280 pearl lots on display, 208 have already been sold. Similarly, 62 of 160 gemstone sets have been purchased by local and international gems merchants. From 22 to 27 November, a total of 4,800 jade lots from Groups A, B, and C will continue to be sold through the open tender system. — MNA/KZL

THE 2024 Mid-Year Myanmar Gems Emporium continued its fourth day yesterday morning at the Maniyadana Jade Hall in Nay Pyi Taw, attracting both local and international gem-

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### Head of Service Organization appointed

THE State Administration Council has appointed U Zaw Hein, Deputy Director-General of the Department of Legislature of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Office, as Director-General of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Office on probation from the date he assumes the charge of his duties.

## New polytechnic universities opened across Myanmar



The launch of the Polytechnic University in progress yesterday.

THE opening ceremonies of polytechnic universities were held in Kengtung in Shan State (East), Panglong in Shan State (South), Myeik, and Dawei in Taninthayi Region, and Maubin in Ayeyawady Region yesterday. Regional and state chief ministers, military commanders, departmental officials, teachers, students, and other invitees were present on the occasions.

The events commenced with the chief ministers, military commanders, and officials opening

the universities by cutting ceremonial ribbons and unveiling the signages. Following this, inaugural speeches were delivered, highlighting the purpose of establishing polytechnic universities.

Students then performed dances and songs, while officials distributed prizes to participants. Additionally, the chief ministers, military commanders, and officials toured the universities, viewing product displays and booths showcasing various scientific projects. — MNA/TRKM



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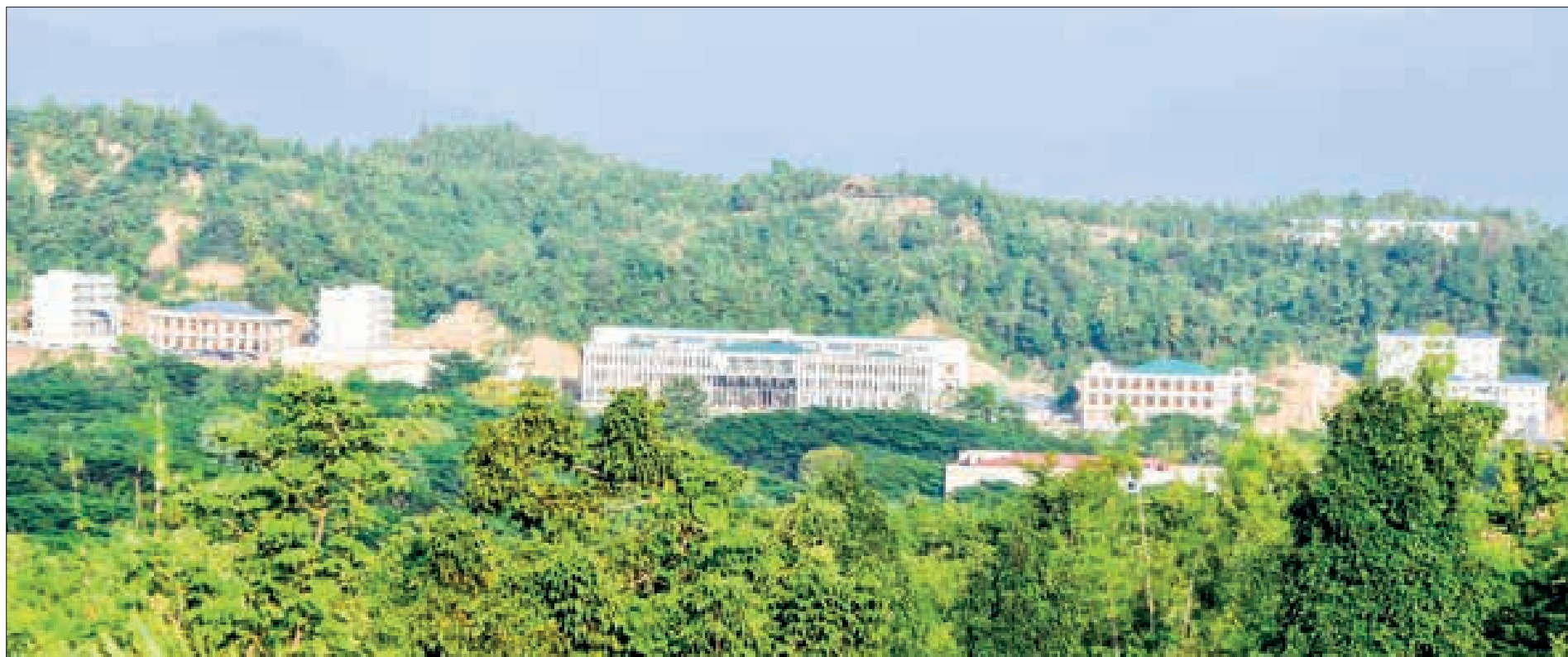
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# NATIONAL

## Residents Urged to Prioritize Public Safety Amid Armed Terrorist Threats

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

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



Aerial panoramic view of Naypyitaw State Polytechnic University at inaugural event. Naypyitaw State Polytechnic University comprises 16 academic departments, including seven engineering, four computer science, and five supporting departments.

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Speaking on the occasion, the Senior General recounted that the Engineering Faculty of Yangon University was established in the 1923-24 academic year to start engineering education in Myanmar. In the 1924-25 academic year, the faculty turned out 25 Myanmar engineering graduates.

The Senior General stated that, so far, the government has established Naypyitaw State Polytechnic University and seven other Polytechnic Universities, 27 technological universities, 19 universities of computer studies, one Myanmar Aerospace Engineering University and one Myanmar Maritime University, totalling 56 engineering universities.

He disclosed that five more polytechnic universities, together with Naypyitaw State Polytechnic University, were established in Kengtung, Panglong, Myeik, Dawei, and Maubin.

He added that Naypyitaw State Polytechnic University was established as one of the country's top universities, com-

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Grand facade of Naypyitaw State Polytechnic University at yesterday's event.

parable to Yangon University of Technology and Yangon University of Computer Studies.

The Senior General explained that Naypyitaw State

Polytechnic University is formed with 16 academic departments including seven engineering majoring departments, four computer majoring departments and five

supporting departments.

Polytechnic University is an academic institution where students can take up theoretical and practical study in science,

technology, engineering, mathematics, applied science, economics, and management subjects in undergraduate and postgraduate courses, which are linked with on-the-job training.

He continued that these universities aim to give students opportunities to create real-world projects in cooperation with industries.

Naypyitaw State Polytechnic University planned to confer seven engineering degrees and two computer science degrees on graduates. It will admit 270 students for engineering subjects and 120 for computer science subjects, totalling 390 yearly.

Engineering graduates have to spend five years learning and graduate in computer science, in four years.

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Yangon University of Technology was opened in Insein Township in 1961, Mandalay University of Technology in 1991, Defence Services Technological Academy in 1994, Yangon University of Computer Studies in 1996, Pyay Technological University in 1998, Myanmar Aerospace Engineering University and Myanmar Maritime University in 2002.

New-generation engineers from Naypyitaw State Polytechnic University must strive tirelessly to enhance the university's reputation and remain compet-

itive with engineers from other regional countries.

At the ceremony, SAC Vice-Chairman Deputy Prime Minister Vice-Senior General Soe Win, Union Minister for Science and Technology Dr Myo Thein Kyaw, Union Minister for Construction U Myo Thant, Chairman of Myanmar Engineering Council Dr Aung Kyaw Myat and Architect Council Chairman U Win Zaw cut the ribbon to open the centenary celebration of Myanmar Engineering Education and the Naypyitaw State Polytechnic University.

The Senior General unveiled the statue to mark the centenary celebration of Myanmar Engineering Education and the signboard of the university. He scented water on the plaque of the university.

The Senior General and attendees viewed a documentary on the history of Myanmar engineering education.

The Senior General visited the booths of engineering history, technological booths, and ministerial and organizational booths.

Also present at the ceremony were Joint Secretary General

Ye Win Oo, council members, Union ministers, union-level dignitaries, the Chairman of Nay Pyi Taw Council and distinguished guests.

Naypyitaw State Polytechnic University was upgraded from Naypyitaw Technological University in accordance with the guidance of the Senior General in order to turn out engineers and computer professionals for nation-building tasks. The university is facilitated with infrastructures such as lecture halls, practical rooms and workshops in addition to a sports ground

and a recreation centre in lush and green environments.

In successive eras, Myanmar engineers established Biluchaung No 2 Lawpita Hydro-power Plant in 1960 to generate 84 megawatts and upgraded it to produce 168 megawatts in 1974. Meanwhile, an ICL-1902S Main-frame computer was installed at the university's Computer Centre in early 1970.

Myanmar engineers and architects also showed off their brilliant skills in the construction of Nay Pyi Taw, Hluttaw buildings, Myanmar cultural and architectural works, the building of Maravijaya Buddha Image in Dekkhinathiri Township, the 8,638 feet long cable-stayed Thanlyin bridge-3 across Bago River and so many works. — MNA/TTA

## Union Price Stability Committee discusses price stability mechanisms



Deputy Prime Minister Union MoPF Minister U Win Shein chairs the fourth meeting of the Union Price Stability Committee yesterday.

DEPUTY Prime Minister Union Minister for Planning and Finance U Win Shein, who is also Chairman of the Union Price Stability Committee, presided over the committee's 4/2024 meeting yesterday.

In his speech, the Deputy Prime Minister said the high prices of basic foodstuffs in regions and states can have huge impacts on labourers with fixed incomes and grassroots. Therefore, the meas-

ures, needs and practical actions should be discussed to control the current situation regarding rice, cooking oil, meat, fish, eggs, basic foodstuffs, medicines and fuel distributions.

He continued that climate change destroyed the agricultural sector and might impact on stability of commodity prices, and the flooding brought damages to monsoon paddy fields in certain

regions, so there might be systematic arrangements for paddy cultivation, production, local consumption, reserve rice and export. The region and state government should oversee the fuel distribution. The government also emphasizes the livestock breeding sector to stabilize the meat, fish and egg prices.

He then stressed the need to supervise the prices of fertilizer and insecticide and make suggestions regarding short-term and long-term plans for price stability.

The committee vice-chair also presented the completed work plans, and the chief ministers of regions and states reported on the manufacturing sectors.

The Deputy Prime Minister made proper instructions and concluded the meeting.

The Union Price Stability Committee was reconstituted on 18 August 2023. — MNA/KTZH

## MIFER Union Minister receives Global Fund's Senior Fund Portfolio Manager

UNION Minister for Investment and Foreign Economic Relations Dr Kan Zaw received the delegation led by Ms Maria Izaskun Gaviria Ayucar, Senior Fund Portfolio Manager of Global Fund at the Ministry of Investment and Foreign Economic Relations, Nay Pyi Taw, yesterday.

They frankly discussed matters relating to the Global Fund Programmes for ongoing process and future work plans to be carried out in Myanmar.

Senior officials from the Ministry of Investment and Foreign Economic Relations, and representatives from Global Fund's office were also present at the meeting. — MNA



Global Fund's Senior Fund Portfolio Manager Ms Maria Izaskun Gaviria Ayucar and her delegation call on Union Minister Dr Kan Zaw yesterday.

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# NATIONAL

## 2023 National Literary Awards, Lifetime Achievement Awards announced

The 2023 National Literary Awards for Lifetime Achievement has been awarded to literary scholars Dr Min Tin Mon (Paragu Min Nanda), Dr Toe Hla, U Nyunt Swe (Maung Swe Thet), U Than Swe (Maung Than Swe - Dawei), Dr Kyaw Win (Thamaing), and U Nyunt Tin (Maung Nyein Thu - Gyobingauk).

THE Ministry of Information's National Literary Award Selection Committee announced the winners of the 2023 National Literary Awards for Lifetime Achievement and National Literary Awards yesterday. The National Literary Awards for Lifetime Achievement will be conferred on literary scholars Dr Min Tin Mon (Paragu Min Nanda), Dr Toe Hla, U Nyunt Swe (Maung Swe Thet), U Than Swe (Maung Than Swe - Dawei), Dr Kyaw Win (Thamaing), and U Nyunt Tin (Maung Nyein Thu - Gyobingauk).

These recipients are honoured for their exceptional lifelong contributions to the promotion and development of Myanmar literature.

In addition, the committee evaluated books first published in 2023 and announced the winners of the National Literary Awards for this year. Notable

awards include the novel genre, which went to Kyi Min Wai for 'Sithu Gyi Maha Min Htin Nawrahta' (published by Phoewa Publishing House). The short story genre was given to Ma Hnin Phwe for 'Lawkapyatin Magazine Stories' (Lin Loon Khin Publishing House). The classical poetry genre was awarded to Sa Hsa Naing for 'Poems Given by Mother' (Publishing House: Sarpay Beiman). The belles-lettres genre was won by Myinmu Maung Naing Moe for 'Smile of a Mother and Tears of a Father' (Myawady Literature House).

Other recipients include U Nyan Lin Tint for 'Disappeared Royal Teak Monasteries' (U Than Myint Publishing House) in the Myanmar Culture and Arts category and Palaw Soe Nantha for 'Paper Aircraft: Poems for Children' (Myitta Yate Nan Publishing House) in the

Child Literature category.

In the Youth Literature genre, Captain Thar Sein was recognized for 'To the Youths on the Journey of Life' (Ngwe Kaunggin Publishing House). Min Aung Min won the Translation (Knowledge) Award for 'Fading Century of America' (Yin Myo Publishing House). In the General Knowledge (Arts) genre, Pyanchi received the award for 'The Pyu Kingdom and Other Historical Articles' (Pa Pa Win Publishing House).

For the General Knowledge (Science) genre, Professor Ko Ko Aung was recognized for Nuclear Energy and Its Benefits to Humanity (Swe Sone Publishing House), while Dr Tin Tun Oo was honoured in the Applied Science category for 'The Art of Coping with Ageing' (U Myo Sint Publishing House).

The Political Literature

Award went to Nay Zin Latt for 'Perspectives' (Myawady Literature House), and the English Language (Knowledge) Award was won by Terence Tan for 'Ancient Beads and Jewellery of Myanmar' (Duya Sarpay Publishing House). Nay Myo won the Aesthetic (Essay) Award for 'Moe Biscope' (Ngadoh Publishing House). The Reference Literature Award went to Thutaythi Maung Maung for 'Selected Mahagita Songs' (Lamin Lay Publishing House).

Each recipient of the National Literary Award for Lifetime Achievement will receive K10 million, while winners of the National Literary Awards will be granted K3 million each. The Selection Committee, comprising 23 experts in literature, knowledge, arts, as well as the publishing industry, conducted a thorough evaluation process in three stages: preliminary,

shortlist, and final confirmation.

Award winners must contact the National Literary Award Selection Committee Secretary at Building No 529-531, Merchant Street, Yangon, via telephone at 018240048 or 018 381449 as soon as possible. They are also required to submit two 5-inch-by-8-inch colour photographs, two passport-sized colour photographs, and a brief biography within one week of the announcement.

The award presentation ceremony for the National Literary Award for Lifetime Achievement, National Literary Awards, and Sarpay Beiman Manuscript Awards will take place on 1 December 2024 (Sunday), coinciding with Sarsodaw Day (1<sup>st</sup> Waxing of Nadaw 1386 ME). The announcement for time and venue will be followed. — MNA/KZL

## Sarpay Beikman manuscript awards for 2023 announced

THE Sarpay Beikman Manuscript Award Selection Committee announced the list of award-winning manuscripts and authors, of the Sarpay Beikman Manuscript Contest 2023, which was organized by the Printing and Publishing Department under the Ministry of Information yesterday.

Prizes will be awarded to winners in the following genres – novel, collection of short stories, collection of poems, general knowledge (arts), general knowledge (pure science and applied science), belles-lettres, Myanmar culture and fine arts, children's literature, youth's literature, political literature, drama, translation and English language manuscript.

The first, second and third winners of the Sarpay Beikman Manuscript Contest will

be honoured with K1.5 million, K1 million and K700,000 respectively.

The Sarpay Beikman Manuscript Award Selection Committee is formed with 23 experienced persons, including intellectuals, intelligentsia, literary scholars and seniors from the field of printing and publication, and the committee member systematically screened and selected from 284 manuscripts submitted to the Sarpay Beikman Manuscript Contest 2023 in three stages according to relevant genres.

Awardees need to contact 018 240048 – Secretary of the Sarpay Beikman Manuscript Award Selection Committee and 01 381449 – the Administration Department as soon as possible. They also urged the winners to send out their two

coloured photos in a 5-inch-by-8-inch size and passport size each, along with the resume within one week from the date of the announcement.

Prizes will be awarded at the forthcoming National Lifetime Award for Literary Achievement, National Literary Award and Sarpay Beikman Manuscript Award presentation ceremony, which is to be held on 1 December 2024 (1<sup>st</sup> Waxing of Nadaw 1386 ME, Myanmar Literati Day). It is reported that the time and place of the ceremony will be issued later.

The committee has notified that those wishing to participate in the Sarpay Beikman Manuscript Contest 2024 will need to send out their manuscripts by 31 December 2024. — MNA/KTZH

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This image captures a location on the Yangon-Pathein Road.

## Yangon-Pathein Road repairs accelerated ahead of tourist season

ACCORDING to the Ayeyawady Region Government, sections of the Yangon-Pathein Road are being repaired to accommodate the year-round influx of tourists visiting seaside destinations in Ayeyawady Region.

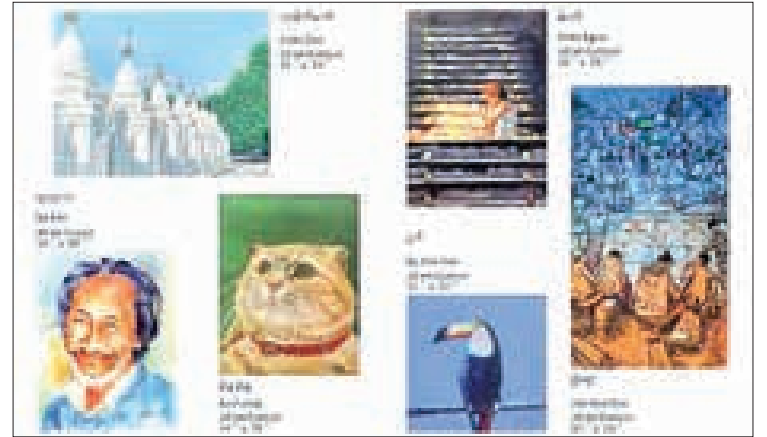
With the upcoming travel

season expected to attract even more visitors to the region's beaches, roadworks are being expedited using both manual labour and machinery to ensure timely completion.

Shwethaungyan Beach, Chaungtha Beach, and Ngwehsaung Beach in Pathein

Township, as well as Ngwetaung Beach near the Mawtinsun Pagoda in Ngaputaw Township, are popular spots frequented by domestic and international travellers throughout the year for relax and recreation. — ASH/MKKS

## Group art exhibition to showcase young tattoo artists' works



This photo shows paintings in the catalogue of the 'Yaung Sone Say Min' art exhibition.

IZANA Art Gallery, located in Pazundaung Township, will host a group art exhibition titled 'Yaung Sone Say Min' (Colourful Paints) from 23 to 25 November.

The exhibition will showcase paintings by young tattoo artists and will also feature installation art, offering a unique opportunity to view a diverse collection of artworks in one venue.

"It will highlight the artwork of seven tattoo artists. Half of the proceeds from the painting sales will be donated to flood-affected areas in the Inlay region. As a token of appreciation, one lucky buyer will receive a handcrafted sculpture inspired by Myanmar tattoo art, created by artist Si Thu," said a representative of Izana Art Gallery.

Visitors will have the chance to enjoy the creations of artists Maung Moe, Maung Yin Tun, Phoe Kyaw, Phoe Zaw, La Paing Soe Min Zaw, and Si Thu at the group art exhibition. — ASH/TRKM

## Sai Sai Kham Leng, Mee Pwar to adapt Loon Htar Htar's novel into film

A new Myanmar film is to be created through the collaboration of vocalist, composer, and actor Sai Sai Kham Leng, and director Mee Pwar.

They plan to adapt a novel by the renowned female author Loon Htar Htar (Say Tekkatho) into a film titled 'Pyinsalatt Moe', to be produced by Frenzo Production.

"Director Mee Pwar, Frenzo Production, actress Poe Mahmee Thar, director of photography Ko Phyo Kyaw, and I, who worked well together on the film 'Padauk Ka Tae Gita', will announce the cast soon. We are committed to producing a love story that will capture tender and rapturous emotions," said Sai Sai Kham Leng.

The movie 'Padauk Ka Tae Gita', produced by Sai Sai Kham Leng's Frenzo Production, won the Best Movie award and the Best Actor award in 2020. Director Mee Pwar also received



This photo showcases a post of the 'Pyinsalatt Moe' movie with Academy Sai Sai Kham Leng and Poe Mahmee Thar.

the Best Director Award for the film. — ASH/TKO

## Mt Taungwine hiking season to witness sea of clouds begins 1 Dec



This photo showcases visitors to Mount Taungwine during the hiking season in the previous year.

THE season of hiking around Mount Taungwine in Mawlamyine, Mon State, where pilgrims can enjoy viewing the sea of clouds, will start on the morning of 1 December (Sunday), according to an official of the Thathananwe Foundation.

Its climbing season is designated to be December, January and February and hiking for public health and visiting for pilgrimage is scheduled to start on 1 December.

During the weekends of

the three months of the hiking season, any cars, motorcycles or bicycles except those of officials and the monastery on the hill are restricted to passing from 5 am to 9 am to ensure the safety of mountaineers. Free motorcycle and car parking at the entrance will open from 4:30 am to 8 am, and they will not be responsible for the loss of free motorcycle parking tickets.

Mountain walkers are advised to dispose of garbage in dustbins to not smoke while

walking. In order not to disturb passers-by, the vendors should not go up on the concrete road to sell their goods, but they can sell on the ground at the foot of the mountain, and the food that has a pungent smell, alcohol and beer are not allowed to be sold.

The hiking season started in 2022 and pilgrims from all over the country including Mawlamyine, Kyaikmaraw, Mottama and Bilukyun came to climb the mountain. — MT/ZN

## Pyay, Magway universities to open business law diploma course in Dec



The magnificent view of Pyay University and its students.

LAW departments of Pyay and Magway Universities will offer business law diploma courses in December.

Bachelor's degree holders and civil servants with recommendation letters from heads of relevant departments are eligible to seek admission. With a limited number of trainees, applicants must take entrance exams to attend the Diploma in Business Law.

This nine-month diploma course will commence the first semester from Decem-

ber 2024 to April 2025 and the second semester from June to October 2025 from Monday to Friday from 7 am to 9 am. Trainees who pass the exam will receive a Diploma in Business Law.

Application forms for the DBL course are sold from 18 to 26 November 2024 at Magway University. The entrance exam will be held on 28 November from 9 am to 10 am. The entrance exam results will be declared on 2 December. The DBL course will start on 5 December at

Magway University.

Individuals can enquire about details at Pyay University through 09 443016291. The application form can be submitted on 18 November and 2 December. The entrance exam will take place on 6 December from 9 am to 10 am and results will be announced on 8 December 2024. The DBL course will commence on 10 December 2024. Interested applicants can enquire through the contact number 09 402662008. — NN/KK

## CBM sells US\$24M on 20 Nov

THE Central Bank of Myanmar (CBM) pumped US\$24 million on 20 November, \$20 million and 100 million Thai baht on 19 November and over \$12,000 on 18 November as well.

CBM announced on 16 November to sell \$35 million to fuel oil importers on 16 November.

CBM injected \$400,000 into the financial market on 14 November. It sold 14.5 million baht on 12 November, after announcing the sale of 15 million baht to importers on 11 November.

It sold over 800,000 yuan on 11 November, over 2.17 million yuan and \$3,000 again on 8 November after sales of over 2.1 million baht, two million yuan and over \$3,300 on 7 November and about \$9,000, 490,000 yuan and 1.2 million baht on 6 November.

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

yuan and 100.8 million baht on 4 November.

CBM injected over \$91 million, over 9.8 million yuan and over 610 million baht into the financial market in October 2024. CBM also sold over \$76 million, 86 million baht and 4.8 million yuan in September. Moreover, CBM sold over \$190 million, 19 million yuan and 79 million baht in August.

CBM aims to curb the instability in the foreign exchange market and the currency devaluation. According to CBM's notification on 15 March, it has been joining hands with law enforcement agencies to combat and prosecute those who attempt to manipulate the currency market under the existing laws. CBM allowed authorized dealers (private banks) to operate online foreign exchange trading freely as per the market rate depending on supply and demand, starting from 5 December 2023. — NN/KK



The facade of the Central Bank of Myanmar (CBM) in Nay Pyi Taw.

## Registration board allows permits for 4,287 pesticide types

THE Pesticide Registration Board has issued permits for 4,287 pesticides so far after its 43<sup>rd</sup> meeting, according to the Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation.

The Pesticide Technical Committee comprising experts from related departments issued recommendations after pesticide technology assessment and forwarded applications to the Pesticide Registration Board.

The Pesticide Registration



A farmer sprays pesticide on the field.

Board held its 44<sup>th</sup> meeting on 20 November at the meeting hall of the Union Minister's office in Nay Pyi Taw and processed six types of registration for trial use, 20 types of temporary registration and 120 types of temporary use, along with the Pesticide Technical Committee.

Deputy Minister Dr Tin Htut, who is also chair of the Pesticide Registration Board, addressed permits for pesticide import, use, distribution and

storage to comply with international food safety standards and assess chemical ratio and quality control as per labels of the products. He discussed the need to raise pesticide awareness campaigns for users as well.

U Zaw Lin, director of the Crop Protection Division also coordinated matters with attendees. At the 43<sup>rd</sup> meeting, 11 types of pesticides were revoked and 12 were deleted from registration. — NN/KK

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## Beware of human traffickers in all forms

**L**AW enforcement teams recently cracked down on a human trafficking gang, rescuing 11 women from a house in Pyigyidagun Township, Mandalay. The gang, based in Mandalay, used social networks like Facebook and TikTok to lure women with promises of marriage to foreigners. This incident has alarmed Myanmar society, emphasizing the need for families to remain vigilant against human trafficking activities.

Human trafficking gangs primarily target women for recruitment, often selling them abroad. Despite the Anti-Human Trafficking Police under the Myanmar Police Force intensifying efforts to combat trafficking, these gangs continue to exploit individuals through forced marriage, surrogacy, illegal prostitution, forced labour, debt coercion, illegal adoption, child selling and forced begging.

Cases of human trafficking often arise from internal instability based on internal armed conflicts, limited job opportunities, high living costs, and poverty. As a result, some people seek employment in neighbouring countries to improve their earnings, but many of these job seekers end up becoming victims of trafficking each year. According to data from relevant departments, 56 per cent of trafficking cases occur within the country, while 44 per cent involve cross-border trafficking.

Human traffickers now use modern techniques, including online scams with promises of incentives, to lure victims. While most trafficked individuals were previously uneducated and vulnerable due to poverty and limited job opportunities, recent cases show that educated people are also falling prey to traffickers. Although authorities impose severe penalties on traffickers, the number of trafficking cases has not decreased. Human trafficking continues to be a widespread issue not only in Myanmar but also in many developing countries."

Human traffickers recruited girls from Yangon Region, Ayeyawady Region, Bago Region, and Nay Pyi Taw to exploit them in other countries. The recent arrest of a human trafficking ring in Mandalay has further revealed that these traffickers were also involved in selling Myanmar girls at border regions and to other countries as their businesses.

The global economic downturns, driven by the economic crises in many countries, the decline in socioeconomic status following COVID-19, and rising unemployment, have pushed several developing nations into severe poverty and high unemployment rates. Illegal migration, often resulting from internal conflicts and instability, has contributed to the rise of human trafficking. Vulnerable groups in these countries are particularly at risk, and women, in particular, must be vigilant to protect themselves from falling victim to trafficking.

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• A Broken Piece of Tripitaka-Pot

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called a broken piece of the Tripitaka pot.

This Myanmar idiom highlights the difference between genuine knowledge and superficial understanding. In Buddhist culture, the Tripitaka represents a vast reservoir of wisdom and teachings. A person who truly embodies the teachings is seen as a valuable vessel, akin to a pot that holds precious contents.

In contrast, someone who feigns knowledge but lacks depth is compared to a broken pot — useless and unable to serve its intended purpose.

This metaphor serves as a cautionary reminder about the importance of sincerity in learning and sharing knowledge. It encourages individuals to seek true understanding rather than merely presenting a façade of wisdom.



Ultimately, the idiom emphasizes that true knowledge is more valuable than the appearance of knowledge.

• Sutra is a collection of teachings and rules given by the Buddha. Vinaya is a set of guidelines for monastic life and discipline. Abhidhamma explains the deeper meanings of the mind and phenomena.

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A person who is knowledgeable about Buddhist scriptures is referred to as a pot or repository for the Tripitaka. However, someone who pretends to be knowledgeable despite having little understanding is ironically

but she's really just a jack of all trades, but a master of none.

**Fake it till you make it**  
**Definition:** To pretend to be competent or confident in a skill until achieving actual proficiency.  
**Example:** He didn't know how to lead a team at first, but he decided to fake it till he made it, and now he's a confident manager.

**Putting on airs**  
**Definition:** To act as if one is more important or knowledgeable than one actually is.  
**Example:** She's always putting on airs, pretending she knows everything about art, but she can't even name a famous painter.

**Know enough to be dangerous**  
**Definition:** To have a superficial knowledge of a subject, leading to mistakes or poor advice.  
**Example:** He knows enough to be dangerous when it comes to computer programming; he often breaks things without knowing how to fix them.

When a person carrying a heavy load feels pain in their shoulder due to the weight and friction, they will shift the load to the other shoulder. This act of transferring the weight is not merely a physical response; it serves as a metaphor for a broader concept. The phrase "shifting from one shoulder to another" can be interpreted as a way of handing over one's own responsibilities to another person.

This idiom serves as a reminder to members of a community about the importance of sharing responsibilities. It encourages individuals to take their turn in shouldering the collective burdens of the group.

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has certain skills or knowledge, often without the actual expertise.

**Example:** She's been playing the part of a tech expert, but when asked technical questions, she struggles to provide clear answers.

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• To shift from one shoulder to another

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**Teamwork makes the dream work**  
**Definition:** Success is more achievable when individuals collaborate effectively as a team.  
**Example:** Let's brainstorm ideas together; teamwork makes the dream work, and we'll come up with something great.

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• The slug ascending a slippery Pilaw plant

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The pilaw plant (Corchoros capsularis) releases a greasy juice when boiled, making it slippery.

Therefore, when a slug climbs this slippery plant, it becomes even more slippery. Thus, a person who is excessively smooth in speech is likened to the slug ascending the pilaw plant.

This Myanmar idiom illustrates the concept of smoothness in communication, particularly when it borders on deceitfulness or manipulation.

The pilaw plant's natural slipperiness symbolizes the ease with which someone can navigate conversations, especially when they are overly

charming or persuasive. The slug's ascent adds a layer of complexity, suggesting that such smoothness can amplify the risk of slipping into dishonesty or insincerity.

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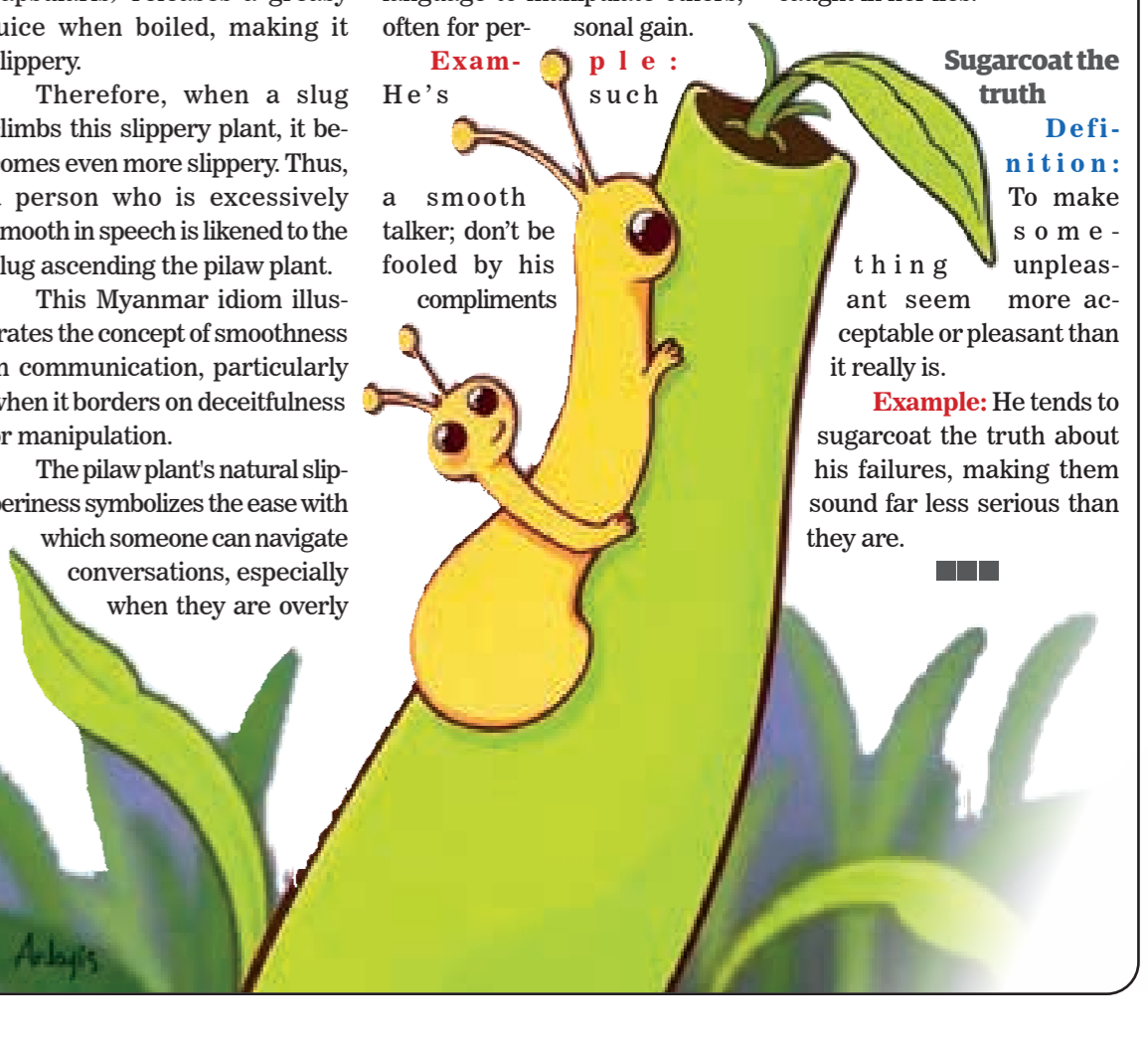
**Sugarcoat the truth**  
**Definition:** To make something unpleasant seem more acceptable or pleasant than it really is.  
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# NATIONAL

## Myanmar marks centenary of engineering education

THE 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Myanmar Engineering Education and opening ceremony of the Engineering Education and Technology Forum was held at Naypyitaw State Polytechnic University yesterday.

At the event, Union Minister for Science and Technology Dr Myo Thein Kyaw, Myanmar Engineering Education 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Ceremony Organizing Committee Chair, Union Minister for Construction U Myo Thant, pen of patron member of the Myanmar Engineering Council and Deputy Minister for Science and Technology (Retired) Dr Aung Kyaw Myat, chair of the Myanmar Engineering Council, and the



The centenary celebration of the Myanmar Engineering Education and the opening of the Engineering Education and Technology Forum in progress yesterday.

Federation of Engineering Institutions of Asia and the Pacific (FEIAP) made keynote speeches.

FEIAP General Secretary

Dr Tan Yean Chin, FEIAP Education Committee Chairman Professor Dr Chuah Hean Teik and the chairperson of the Committee on Engineer-

ing for Innovative Technologies (CEIT), and World Federation of Engineering Organization (WFEO) Professor Dr Norlida Buniyamin made speeches

through video clips.

The panel session was held under the theme “Engineering skills towards brighter future of Myanmar”, and the forum parallel session featured five topics: The Future of Engineering Education, The Role of Engineers in Myanmar’s Sustainable Development, Green Energy to Support Energy Security, Most Advanced Technology Trends and Digital Transformation towards the National Development.

Moreover, the engineering festival, project show and product show, hackathon, e-sport, quiz and engineering battle are also included in the event for students. — MNA/KTZH

## MoIP Union Minister observes immigration processes at Ruili, Muse border



Union Minister U Myint Kyaing on the observation tours at the Sino Myanmar border.

THE delegation led by Union Minister for Immigration and Population U Myint Kyaing visited the border town Ruili from Mangshi of Yunnan Province on 20 November and observed the work processes of the Kyalgaung immigration post.

During the visit, Yunnan Province immigration and Ruili immigration head Mr Jiang Bing explained the suspension of entry and exit at border posts in EAO-controlled border areas after armed conflicts occurred in the Kokang region and condition to reopen the closed border crossings after the negotiation of the two governments.

Deputy Director-General Mr Li Tao of the Immigration Inspection Division, Immigration and Border Protection of the Ministry of Public Security

clarified the support of China towards Myanmar’s peace processes, closure of entry and exit of border crossings in EAO-controlled areas at border areas of the two countries and reopening of border posts for peoples of the two countries once stability prevails.

The Union minister also talked about the bilateral cooperation for Mekong-Lanchang cooperation, the Silk Road project and the Kyaukpyu deep seaport project and efforts to resume trading after reopening border camps.

Officials reported on the closure of the Myanmar-China border and arrangements for trading via the Nantaw checkpoint at the meeting hall of Muse (Nantaw border post).

After hearing the report,

the Union minister stressed the need for strict security measures regarding illegal entry and exit through border crossings, illegal entry of restricted people and departure of restricted people abroad.

He also mentioned the closure of land borders by China to curb the arrival of unnecessary materials to insurgents and specific inspection at border checkpoints, which were opened for the peoples of the two countries. He added that Myanmar also focused on the stability of border areas, and makes efforts to continue the bilateral cooperation in a friendly manner. He then presented foodstuffs to relevant officials.

Afterwards, the Union minister inspected the immigration processes. — MNA/KTZH

## Yangon Region Chief Minister attends school renovation ceremony

YANGON Region Chief Minister U Soe Thein attended the ceremony for renovating the Myanmar-China Friendship School Building at Basic Education High School No 14 in Hlinethaya yesterday morning.

This project was funded by the Embassy of the People’s Republic of China to Myanmar and implemented by the Myanmar-China Friendship Association.

During the event, the Chinese Ambassador to Myanmar Ms Ma Jia delivered opening remarks, highlighting the importance of the project. Following her speech, Chief Minister

U Soe Thein also addressed the attendees and presented a commemorative certificate of appreciation to the ambassador.

Afterwards, the chief minister, regional ministers, the Chinese ambassador, and other officials observed student performances and toured the renovated school building.

The Myanmar-China Friendship School Building was originally constructed as a two-storey RCC structure in June 2017 with support from the Chinese Embassy. In November 2024, it underwent renovations costing approximately K61 million. — Arkar Linn/KZL



Yangon Region Chief Minister U Soe Thein presents the certificate of appreciation to Chinese Ambassador Ms Ma Jia yesterday.

# NATIONAL

## MNHRC delegation attends SEANF 21<sup>st</sup> Annual Conference and Side Event

THE 21<sup>st</sup> Annual Conference and Side Event of the Southeast Asian National Human Rights Institutions Forum (SEANF) was held via hybrid mode in Dili, Timor-Leste, from 18 to 20 November 2024, under the lead of the Human Rights Commission of Timor-Leste, as alternate Chair. The conference was attended by U Paw Lwin Sein, Chairperson of the Myanmar National Human Rights Commission, Commissioners Dr Than Myint, and Dr Tin Maung Maung Than, and senior staff of the office of MNHRC via an online platform. Representatives from the Human Rights Commissions of Indonesia, Malaysia, the Philippines, Thailand, and Timor-Leste, attended in person.

The Annual Conference was opened by Mr Virgilio da Silva Guterres, Chairperson of the Human Rights Commission of Timor-Leste who is the rotating Chair of the SEANF for 2024.

The conference discussed the major developments and activities of the Forum's mem-



MNHRC Chairperson and Commissioners participate virtually in the 21<sup>st</sup> Annual Southeast Asian National Human Rights Institutions Forum in Timor-Leste.

ber National Human Rights Institutions in promoting and protecting human rights since the 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of SEANF, the matter included the implementation of the five priority areas outlined in the SEANF Strategic Plan (2022-2026), proposed amendments to the Forum's Rules of Procedure (RoP), activities by the Malaysian Human Rights Commission related to the international transfer of prisoners (ITOP), the invitation to the "RightCon" conference by Chinese Taipei National Human Rights Commission, the rights of older persons and stateless

persons in Sabah, Malaysia, and cooperative efforts between SEANF, the Asia-Pacific Forum of National Human Rights Institutions (APF), and Association of the Prevention of Torture (APT).

At the Conference, U Paw Lwin Sein, Chairman of the Myanmar National Human Rights Commission, presented updates on the Commission's activities and major developments in promoting and protecting human rights since the 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference. Dr Khine Khine Win, Deputy Director-General of the Commission Office, provided details on the Commission's im-

plementation of human rights in business activities, which is Priority 2 of the SEANF Strategic Plan (2022-2026).

At the Conference, the Human Rights Commission of Timor-Leste handed over the Forum's rotating chairmanship for 2025 to the National Human Rights Commission of Indonesia.

On 20 November, the Forum held a side event entitled "International Seminar on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (ESCR) in Southeast Asia's Border (Sharing Best Practice and Cases)". The event featured

an opening speech by Dr José Ramos-Horta, President of Timor-Leste.

The event was attended by the Chairpersons, Vice-Chairpersons, and members of the National Human Rights Commissions that are part of the Forum, along with representatives from Timor-Leste's Ministry of Foreign Affairs, civil society organizations, and experts in the field. Dr Tin Maung Maung Than, a Commissioner of the Myanmar National Human Rights Commission, participated in discussions on the event's topics.— MNHRC

## K27.5B worth of drugs seized in major Sagaing and Mandalay smuggling ring

IN a series of successful operations, authorities have seized drugs valued at over K27.5 billion in Sagaing and Mandalay Regions. According to Myanmar Police Force reports the operations were conducted under the supervision of the Drug Enforcement Division.

At approximately 5 am on 5 November, the combined team, acting on a tip-off, searched a Fuso 12-wheel vehicle, travelling from Kalewa to Kalay, driven by Sein Lwin accompanied by Chit San Ko. Police captured heroin weighing 50.6 kilogrammes that were hidden by the goods in Kalay Township in Sagaing Region. The combined team also arrested Myint Naing Oo (aka) Maung Soe and Zaw Win Htun (aka) Naing Win Htun (aka) Nah Kah on the same day from a house in Chanmyathazi Township of Mandalay Region,

Bayran Mon (aka) Zaw Tan and Yan Naing in Mahaangmyay Township, who trafficked the psychotropic substances from Mandalay to Kalay.

Further investigations led to the seizure of Lah Thang Pwiya with smuggled prohibited chemical caffeine weighing three tonnes in Kalay Township. The individual, Thauk Ne Lwel (aka) Pu Thauk was arrested, and 5.51 million stimulant tablets, 412 kilogrammes of Ice and 0.43 kilogramme of heroin were found along with him at 10 am on 5 November. Another arrest was made in Pyigyidagun Township on 6 November. Win Htay Aung, a drug trafficker who transported the drugs from Mandalay to Kalay, was apprehended.

Afterwards, police arrested Hla Moe (aka) San Lwin with 13.2 kilogrammes of heroin at

the delivery place in Hlaingthaya Ward of Kalay Township. Police arrested Yaw Kyein Yan (aka) Ah Hyate and his wife who were involved in the trafficking of drugs in Mandalay, Ye Zaw Aung (aka) Ah Pha with 89.8 kilogrammes of heroin from a house in Chanmyathazi Township.

Overall, the operations resulted in the seizure of psychotropic substances worth over K27.5 billion. The seized drugs were being transported from Shan State (South) to Mandalay. The seized drugs were stored in Kalay Township and were sold at the Myanmar-India border to drug traffickers from abroad. Legal action has been taken against the offenders, and investigations are ongoing to identify further accomplices involved in drug trafficking. — MNA/MKKS

### Counter-argument to false information

## Authorities deny false claims of arbitrary arrests for military service, clarify procedures

FALSE reports spread by subversive media claimed that nearly 20 young people had been arrested in Mawlamyinegyun Township in Ayeyawady Region and Aunglan Township in Magway Region for being forced into military service.

Similarly, on 20 November, some malicious outlets falsely claimed that around 70 men and women were arrested in Kyaukse Township in Mandalay Region.

In response to these false reports, security officials clarified that all actions were being carried out according to the law and proper procedures and that there had been no arbitrary arrests of residents. A significant number of people had voluntar-

ily enrolled in the People's Military Service training courses, with six batches completed to date. Those who finished their training are now serving in national defence and security roles in their respective units. The authorities also stated that no women have been called up for military service yet, and there have been no arbitrary detentions of young people or passers-by. All operations are being conducted in full compliance with the People's Military Service Law.

Malicious media outlets spread these fabricated stories and propaganda intending to create panic among the public and lead young people astray. — MNA/TRKM

# ECONOMY WORLD

## AI to generate US\$680 billion for telecom sector



The Light of Internet Expo kicked off on Tuesday during the 2024 World Internet Conference (WIC) Wuzhen Summit in the water-town of Wuzhen, showcasing the latest technological achievements, especially those made in the artificial intelligence (AI) area. **PHOTO: LI HE/XINHUA**

OVER the next 15 to 20 years, artificial intelligence (AI) is estimated to generate up to US\$680 billion for the telecommunications industry, said John Hoffman, CEO of the Global System for Mobile Communications Association (GSMA) Ltd on Wednesday.

Hoffman was citing a McKinsey report when making the remarks in a speech that he delivered at the opening ceremony of the 2024 World Internet Conference Wuzhen Summit, which is being held in Zhejiang Province, east China.

He said AI is emerging as a powerful force with the potential to transform business and society on an unprecedented scale.

About 81 per cent of telecom operators around the

world are testing generative AI solutions, and “Chinese operators are one of the leaders in the space, with big investments, strong government support and a booming tech landscape,” Hoffman said.

“China Mobile, China Telecom and China Unicom have already made huge strides in AI research and applications, with solutions that are transforming public services, supply chains and healthcare,” he said.

For instance, an intelligent computing service platform has been launched in northwest China to assist local flood control efforts, while an AI database in the country’s southwest is committed to the protection and development of cultural diversity. — Xinhua

### NEWS IN BRIEF

#### Ryanair threatens to drop 10 French airports over tax hike

LOW-COST airline Ryanair threatened Wednesday to stop serving 10 French regional airports if the government goes forward with a proposed tax hike.

The French government is scrambling to plug a larger-than-expected budget deficit, and a tripling of a tax on airline tickets, as well as private jets, is one of the measures currently under consideration.

“Ryanair is now reviewing its French schedules and expects to cut capacity to/from regional French airports by up to 50 per cent from January 2025 if the French government proceeds with its short-sighted plan to triple passenger taxes,” Ryanair’s chief commercial officer Jason McGuinness said in a statement.

Ryanair currently operates flights at 22 smaller French regional airports. The two closest to Paris are not among those where Ryanair might cut services, but the airline did not indicate which are threatened. — AFP

#### Slovakia records lowest unemployment rate since 1993

SLOVAKIA registered an unemployment rate of 5.88 per cent in October, the lowest of its kind since 1993, Slovak Labour Minister Erik Tomas said Tuesday. Some 163,841 people were unemployed in the country last month, and in no district did unemployment exceed 10 per cent, Tomas said at a press conference.

Tomas said that the Labour Ministry has rolled out several employment-support programmes, which have helped create 7,791 new jobs and contributed to the lower unemployment rate.

According to him, the lowest unemployment figures were partially attributable to the new unemployment assessment criteria, which have been applied since January 2021. — Xinhua

## Sri Lanka to import 70,000MT of rice to address shortages

SRI Lanka’s cabinet has approved a proposal to import 70,000 metric tons of rice as a short-term solution to address the current rice shortages, a minister said on Wednesday.

Wasantha Samarasinghe, minister of trade, commerce, food security and cooperative development, told the media that the rice will be imported through two state-owned trading companies, Lanka Sathosa and Sri Lanka State Trading (General) Corporation.

Sri Lanka has seen rice shortages for the past few weeks.

Rice is the staple food



The main dietary staple in Sri Lanka is rice, and the country’s residents eat around 200,000 metric tons of it every month. **PHOTO: PIXABAY**

of Sri Lanka and its citizens consume about 200,000 metric tons of rice monthly, the minister said. — Xinhua

## Japan Cabinet to OK 39 tril yen economic package to ease price pain

PRIME Minister Shigeru Ishiba’s Cabinet is set to approve a 39 trillion yen (\$252 billion) economic package to support consumer spending as disposable incomes continue to be whittled away by resurgent prices, sources familiar with the matter said Thursday.

The economic stimulus will include subsidies to offset high electricity, gas and gasoline

prices and deliver cash handouts to low-income households.

A plan to raise the tax-free income threshold will also be part of the package, ceding to a demand from an opposition party — whose votes are needed for the ruling coalition, which lost its majority in last month’s general election — to pass the measures. — Kyodo

## Bangladesh to import nearly 190 mln eggs to rein in prices

BANGLADESH'S Ministry of Commerce on Tuesday approved 42 firms to import 188 million eggs to stabilize prices and ensure the availability of the essential commodity.

According to the ministry's statement, the import permission will expire on 31 January 2025.

With the latest decision of the ministry, some 50 companies so far got ap-

proval for bringing around 300 million eggs from abroad since October.

In recent days, Bangladeshi people reportedly cut consumption of eggs as the price of eggs rose to 180 to 190 taka per dozen in October due to a supply crisis at local markets. According to the Bangladesh Egg Producers Association, the country requires between 35 and 40 million eggs per day to meet demand, and a majority of the eggs are sourced from domestic producers. (1 US dollar equals about 120 taka). — Xinhua



A majority of the eggs are sourced from domestic producers. **PHOTO: PIXABAY**

## Top-selling daily French daily Ouest-France stops posting on X

FRENCH regional daily Ouest-France, the top-selling paper in the country, announced Tuesday it was joining several other European publications by suspending posts on X following the takeover of the site formerly known as Twitter by billionaire Elon Musk.

"We are not against social networks, we are simply asking for the application of the law" on X, Francois-Xavier Lefranc, chairman of the board of Ouest-France, told AFP.

He added that the decision was taken "fairly unanimously internally". — AFP

### Notice for manufacturer company name change

Notice is hereby given that manufacturer company name of the following product has been changed from the previous old name – UPL Limited to new name – Superform Chemistries Limited. In future, Superform Chemistries Limited name will be used in terms of the following product which was registered in Pesticide Registration Board.

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Auto giant Ford has announced another 4,000 job cuts, concentrated in Germany and Britain. **PHOTO: AFP/FILE**

## Ford to cut 4,000 jobs in Europe

*Ford announced 4,000 job cuts in Europe, citing losses due to the shift to electric vehicles and increased competition, with most layoffs in Germany and the UK, alongside production adjustments at its Cologne plant.*

US car giant Ford on Wednesday announced 4,000 more job cuts in Europe, mostly in Germany and Britain, in the latest blow to the continent's beleaguered car industry.

"The company has incurred significant losses in recent years," Ford said in a statement, blaming "the industry shift to electrified vehicles and new competition".

The move will affect 2,900 jobs in Germany, 800 in the UK and 300 in western Europe by the end of 2027, a Ford spokesman told AFP.

"It is critical to take difficult but decisive action to ensure Ford's future competitiveness in Europe," said Dave Johnston, Ford's European vice-president in the statement.

The company also said it was adjusting the production of its Explorer and Capri

models, resulting in reduced hours at its Cologne plant in the first quarter of 2025.

Europe's car industry has been plunged into crisis by high manufacturing costs, a stuttering switch to electric vehicles and increased competition in key market China.

Germany's Volkswagen has been among those hardest hit, announcing in September that it was considering the unprecedented move of closing some factories in Germany.

"The European automotive industry is in a very demanding and serious situation," Volkswagen CEO Oliver Blume said at the time.

Ford had already announced in February 2023 that it was planning to cut 3,800 jobs in Europe, including 2,300 in Germany and 1,300 in Britain. — AFP

### CLAIMS DAY NOTICE

M.V XO LUCKY VOY.NO. (24008E)

Consignees of cargo carried on **M.V XO LUCKY VOY.NO. (24008E)** are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on **22-11-2024** and cargo will be discharged into the premises of **MIP** where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

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

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

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# ROLLING UPDATES

## WORLD

## North Korea, Russia sign document on trade, technical cooperation: State Media

Russia and North Korea signed a protocol to enhance cooperation in energy, agriculture, science, education, healthcare, and tourism, as reported by KCNA.



Russian President Vladimir Putin and North Korean leader Kim Jong Un visit the Vostochny cosmodrome in Amur region, Russia. **PHOTO: SPUTNIK/FILE**

RUSSIA and North Korea signed a protocol on the 11<sup>th</sup> meeting of the intergovernmental commission on trade, economic, scientific and technical cooperation, during which

cooperation in the fields of energy, agriculture, science, education, healthcare and tourism was discussed, news agency KCNA reported on Thursday.

The ceremony was attend-

ed by North Korean Minister of External Economic Relations Yun Jong Ho and Russian Minister of Natural Resources Alexander Kozlov, as well as Russian — SPUTNIK

### NEWS IN BRIEF

#### US vetoes Security Council resolution demanding ceasefire in Gaza

THE United States on Wednesday vetoed a UN Security Council draft resolution that called for an immediate ceasefire in Gaza, drawing harsh criticism from most of the UN members.

The draft, put forward by the council's 10 non-permanent members, demanded an immediate, unconditional and permanent ceasefire, as well as the immediate and unconditional release of all hostages. The 15-member council voted 14-1 in favour of the resolution, and the United States used its veto as a permanent council member to block it.

Speaking after the vote, Robert Wood, deputy US ambassador to the United Nations, said that Washington had made clear it would only support a resolution that explicitly calls for the immediate release of hostages as part of a ceasefire. — Xinhua

#### Air pollution in Mongolian capital sparks public alarm

DETERIORATING air quality mostly driven by processed fuel-based heating has sparked growing public concerns in Ulan Bator, the capital of Mongolia, as residents embrace usually harsh winter conditions.

The city's air quality index showed that as of 10 am local time on Thursday, PM2.5 levels in the city's ger districts exceeded 500 microgrammes per cubic metre, while central areas recorded levels of 200 microgrammes per cubic metre, both significantly surpassing the World Health Organization's recommended safety limits, local media reported. PM2.5 particles, which measure 2.5 microns or below in diameter, pose serious health risks as they can penetrate deep into the respiratory system, reaching lungs and entering the bloodstream, medical experts warn.

Air pollution has been a persistent issue in Ulan Bator, home to nearly half of Mongolia's population of 3.5 million. Over half of the capital's population reside in ger districts with a lack of basic infrastructure such as running water, central heating, and sewage systems. To stay warm and cook during winters, residents rely on processed fuels and other flammable materials, contributing significantly to the city's air pollution. — Xinhua

## Hezbollah says Israel 'cannot impose conditions' for truce

HEZBOLLAH'S leader delivered a defiant speech on Wednesday, saying Israel cannot impose conditions for a truce in Lebanon, as visiting US envoy Amos Hochstein headed to Israel to try to negotiate an end to the war.

Israeli Foreign Minister Gideon Saar, in a near-simultaneous statement, said any ceasefire deal must ensure Israel still has the "freedom to act" against Hezbollah.

Hochstein said in Beirut that he would head to Israel on Wednesday to try to seal a ceasefire agreement in the war in Lebanon, which escalated in late September after nearly a year of deadly exchanges of fire

across Israel's northern border.

Israel has vowed to secure the north and allow tens of thousands of people displaced by the cross-border hostilities to return home. Israel has also sent ground troops into southern Lebanon, where it said Wednesday three soldiers had been killed—bringing the total fallen to 52 since the start of ground operations.

The army announced two soldiers were killed in the same incident including 70-year-old reservist Ze'ev 'Jabo' Hanoch Erlich, after it had said earlier Wednesday that a 22-year-old soldier from Jerusalem "fell during combat in southern Lebanon". — AFP

## Europeans prefer greater independence from US: survey



People visit the Pariser Platz at the east side of the Brandenburg Gate in Berlin, capital of Germany, 28 April 2022. **PHOTO: REN PENGFEI/XINHUA/FILE**

THE majority of Europeans believe that the continent should pursue a more independent path in the current geopolitical climate, rather than relying on

the United States, according to a survey released Wednesday by the German think-tank Bertelsmann Stiftung.

The survey, conducted

across all 27 European Union (EU) member states and the US, found that 63 per cent of participants believe it is time for the EU to chart its own course, a significant increase from just 25 per cent in 2017.

Also, 73 per cent of Europeans want the EU to take a more active role in global affairs to protect its interests amid a shifting world order, according to the survey, which shows that Europeans are re-evaluating the EU's role, as well as the transatlantic relationship.

Despite the shift, Europeans value their partnership with the US, particularly with regard to security. — Xinhua

# SPORTS

## Vieira appointed Genoa head coach



Patrick Vieira has taken over as coach of Genoa. **PHOTO: AFP/FILE**

FORMER Arsenal midfielder and France international Patrick Vieira has been appointed head coach of Genoa, the Italian Serie A side confirmed on Wednesday.

Genoa has struggled since the start of this season, only amassing 10 points after 12 rounds under former coach Alberto Gilardino, one point above the relegation zone, prompting the Grifone to show the exit door to the 2006 World Cup winner.

Starting his professional career in Cannes, Vieira had a short stint at AC Milan before moving to Arsenal where he shot

to fame in a nine-year spell. The midfielder also played for Juventus, Inter Milan and Manchester City, before hanging up his boots in 2011.

After his retirement, the Frenchman took on a role as a youth coach at Manchester City. The 48-year-old also had spells with New York City FC, Nice, Crystal Palace and Strasbourg.

According to Italian outlets, Vieira has penned a deal which runs until 2026.

Vieira's first match in charge of Genoa will be Saturday's home tie against Cagliari. — Xinhua

## Netflix sued over Tyson-Paul fight streaming issues

A Netflix subscriber filed a class-action lawsuit against the streaming giant over technical issues during the Mike Tyson-Jake Paul fight, the Hollywood Reporter said on Wednesday.

The lawsuit was filed by subscriber Ronald "Blue" Denton in Florida state court early this week. It alleged Netflix was unprepared for the enormous audience and failed to deliver the promised service while continuing to charge customers.

Citing issues such as freezing, buffering lags, and inaccessibility, the suit seeks unspecified damages for breach of contract and violations of Florida's con-

sumer protection and trade practice laws.

The boxing event, held on 15 November at AT&T Stadium in Arlington, Texas, was billed as a major sporting milestone. With an estimated 108 million global viewers tuning in, Netflix declared it the most-watched live sporting event ever on the platform.

The legal complaint criticized Netflix for failing to anticipate and manage the high demand, calling it "woefully ill-prepared". Denton's lawsuit also alleged that the streaming issues began at the very start of the event, rendering it "unwatchable" for many. — Xinhua



Jake Paul lands a punch on Mike Tyson during their fight at AT&T Stadium in Arlington, Texas. **PHOTO: AFP**

## Myanmar misses 3<sup>rd</sup> place but claims best goal scorer award



Chaw Sandi Aung (Myanmar) accepts the Best Goal Scorer award at the ceremony. **PHOTO: MFF**

IN the 2024 ASEAN Women's Futsal Championship held on 21 November in the Philippines, the Myanmar team missed third place award and, despite the defeat, also won the Best Goal Scorer award, which went to Chaw Sandi Aung.

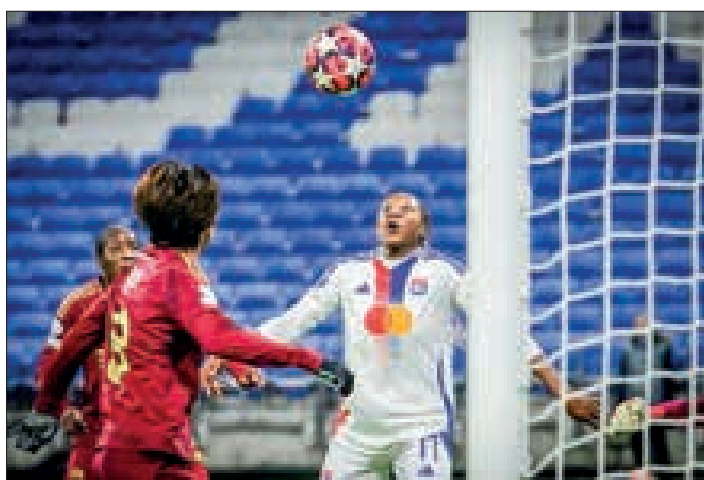
In the third-place match, Indonesia defeated Myanmar

4-1, while Vietnam smashed Thailand 2-1 in the final. Myanmar faced Indonesia again, a team they had previously struggled with in group stages and failed to recover from their earlier loss. Myanmar conceded two goals in the first half and another two in the second half, with a consolation goal seen

from Wutt Yee Lwin.

Following the competition, an award ceremony was held, where Vietnam took first place, Thailand secured second, and Indonesia came third. The Best Goal Scorer award for the tournament was given to Myanmar's Chaw Sandi Aung. — Ko Nyi Lay/KZL

## Chelsea, Lyon, Real Madrid reach Women's Champions League quarters



Kadidiatou Diani (R) came off the bench and scored twice for Lyon against Roma. **PHOTO: AFP**

CHELSEA eased into the Women's Champions League quarter-finals on Wednesday with a 3-0 win over Celtic, while Lyon and Real Madrid also booked their places in the knockout phase.

England international

Lucy Bronze struck with a volley in the second minute at Stamford Bridge and Dutch midfielder Wieke Kaptein's header doubled Chelsea's lead midway through the first half.

Eve Perisset added a third from the penalty spot in

second-half stoppage time as Women's Super League leaders Chelsea made it four wins from four in Group B to guarantee their passage to the next round.

"A great result. Really happy with the win, the three points, we are top of the table. It was really important to score the first goal especially really early in the game," Chelsea manager Sonia Bompastor told UEFA.com.

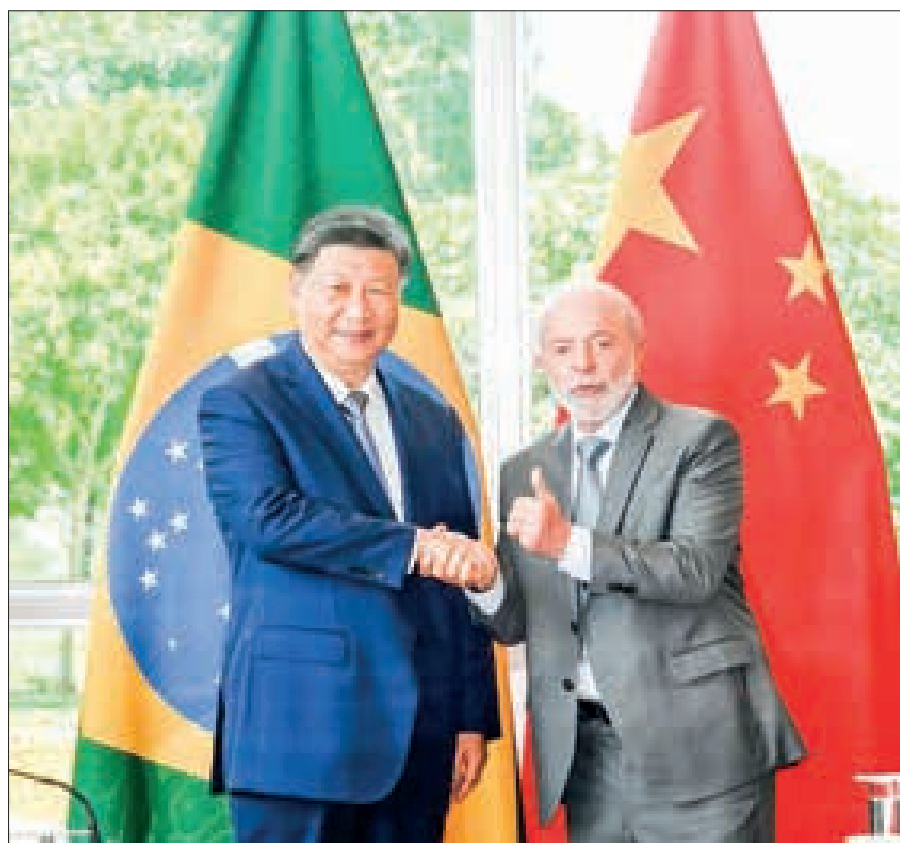
"We scored three goals, clean sheet, so a perfect night again".

Chelsea have won all 11 games under Bompastor, who moved to London in May after three years in charge of Lyon.

Joining Chelsea in the quarter-finals from the same section will be Real Madrid after their battling 3-2 victory away to Twente. — AFP



## China, Brazil decide to elevate ties in Xi, Lula meeting



Chinese President Xi Jinping holds talks with his Brazilian counterpart Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva in Brasilia, Brazil, 20 November 2024. **PHOTO: LI XUEREN/XINHUA**

CHINA and Brazil decided on Wednesday to elevate their ties to the community with a shared future for a more just world and a more sustainable planet.

The decision was made during a

meeting between Chinese President Xi Jinping and his Brazilian counterpart, Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva. Xi is paying a state visit to the country after he attended the 19<sup>th</sup> G20 Summit in Rio de Janeiro.

China and Brazil are two major developing countries in their respective hemispheres, he said, noting that in the past 50 years, they enjoyed a relationship that transcends mountains and seas, and found a right way for major developing countries to get along with each other, one that is based on mutual respect, mutual benefit and amity. Brazil, Xi said, is the first country to establish a strategic partnership with China, and the first Latin American country to establish a comprehensive strategic partnership with China. In recent years, under the joint strategic guidance of two heads of state, the two countries are increasingly becoming reliable friends with a shared future and positive forces for peace, he said.

The China-Brazil relationship is at its best in history, which has not only improved the well-being of the people of the two countries, but also defended the common interests of developing countries, enhanced the strength and voice of the Global South, and made outstanding contributions to world peace and stability, Xi added. Xi noted that China and Brazil have also decided to establish synergies between the Belt and Road Initiative (BRI) and Brazil's development strategies. — Xinhua

### EUROPEAN GAS IMPORTS

#### Russia becomes EU's largest gas exporter for 1<sup>st</sup> time since May 2022: Statistics

RUSSIA became the EU's largest gas exporter for the first time since spring 2022 in September, with its share reaching 23.7 per cent, Sputnik calculated on Thursday based on data from the European Statistical Office (Eurostat).

In September, European companies purchased \$1.48 billion worth of gas from Russia, which is around 30 per cent more than in the same month a year ago. Liquefied natural gas accounted for 40 per cent of the purchases, with the remaining 60 per cent being pipeline gas.

The increase made Russia the EU's largest gas exporter, with its share growing to 23.74 per cent from August's 16.54 per cent. This happened for the first time since May 2022, when Russia's share in the EU's gas imports was at 22.9 per cent.

Algeria went one place down with the share of 15 per cent, which accounts for \$1.16 billion. The US increased its gas sales to the EU by 21 per cent to just over \$1 billion, going up to third place from fifth. — SPUTNIK

## Laos seeks to promote high-quality tourism

LAO authorities gathered in Lao capital Vientiane to develop a plan for Lao tourism from 2026 to 2030, aiming to ensure that the sector's development promotes high-quality tourism and aligns with international standards.

The meeting, held from Tuesday to Thursday, aimed to identify the future direction of tourism, with business operators and government officials from the Lao capital Vientiane and provinces sharing ideas on industry standards, according to a report from Laos' Ministry of Information, Culture and Tourism.

Speaking at the meeting, Lao Deputy Minister of Information, Culture and Tourism Darany Phommavongsa said tourism stimulates the development of other sectors of the economy by creating jobs and incomes, and is a main driver of economic and social development, helping to ease poverty across the country. The quality of tourism in Laos has gradually improved, especially through the seven ASEAN Tourism Standards and the ASEAN Sustainable Tourism Awards. — Xinhua



Staff members pose for photos beside the Lane Xang EMU train of the China-Laos Railway at the Vientiane railway station in Vientiane, capital of Laos, 2 December 2021. **PHOTO: KAIKEO SAIYASANE/XINHUA/FILE**