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State Administration Council Chairman Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing presents cash awards to traditional dance performers and artistes during yesterday's dinner event.

## SAC Chairman PM Senior General Min Aung Hlaing attends dinner in honour of 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Myanmar Engineering Education, opening of Naypyitaw State Polytechnic University

**C**hairman of the State Administration Council Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing attended the dinner in honour of the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Myanmar Engineering Education and the opening of the Naypyitaw State Polytechnic University at the university yesterday evening.

The dinner was also attended by Council Joint Secretary General Ye Win Oo, council members, Union ministers and Union-level dignitaries, the Nay Pyi Taw Council Chairman, senior Tatmadaw officers from the Office of the Commander-in-Chief, the commander of the Nay Pyi Taw Command, deputy ministers,

rectors and pro-rectors from universities, engineering professionals, guests, faculty members and officials.

The Senior General was welcomed by Union Minister for Science and Technology Dr Myo Thein Kyaw at the ceremony and the Senior General had dinner together with attendees.

Before and during the dinner, students from the Fine Arts Department, Myanma Radio and Television and Myawady Entertainment Troupe performed songs and traditional dances.

The Senior General presented the flower basket and cash awards to those students and artistes. — MNA/TTA

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## Literature: A Source of Knowledge to Enrich Lives and Guide Society

THE knowledge gained from individuals' reading of literature will be able to provide significant support to improve their lives. They can provide guidance and clear direction to their families and society in their workplaces.

*(Excerpt from the speech given by Chairman of the State Administration Council Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing at the meeting with tutors, teachers and trainees at Mandalay Education Degree College on 26 August 2024.)*

## 19<sup>th</sup> plenary meeting of 8<sup>th</sup> 47-member State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee held

THE first session of the 19<sup>th</sup> plenary meeting of the Eighth 47-member State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee was administrated at the Maha Pasana Cave on Thiri Mingala Kaba Aye Hill in Yangon yesterday.

Present on the occasion were members of the State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee led by Presiding Nayaka Sayadaw of Thanlyin Min Kyaung Pahtamapyan Buddhism Learning Aggamaha Pandita Aggamaha Saddhammajotikadhaja Dr

Bhaddanta Candima Bhivamsa, Union Minister for Religious Affairs and Culture U Tin Oo Lwin and relevant officials.

State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee Chairman Dr Bhaddanta Candima Bhivamsa presided over the event, and Joint Secretary Sayadaw Aggamaha Pandita Bhaddanta Sihanada acted as the master of ceremonies.

The State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee Chairman recited Saraniya Ovada,

and Union Minister U Tin Oo Lwin reported on religious affairs-related matters.

Then, Sayadaws reported on Vinicchaya, religious affairs and educational matters. The Sayadaws discussed religious and Vinicchaya affairs and concluded the first session.

The Vinicchaya affairs and religious-related matters were discussed by Sayadaws in the second session at 1 pm.

Afterwards, the Union minister of

ferred Atthakatha treatises, Pali-English translation books and dictionaries to Sayadaws.

Saddhamma Jotikadhaja Daw Pyone Wai Thi offered breakfast alms meals and Senior General Than Shwe (Rtd) and his wife Daw Kyaing Kyaing and other donors offered day alms meals to the State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee member Sayadaws, who attended the ceremony yesterday. — MNA/KTZH

## Chief of General Staff attends 25<sup>th</sup> ACAMM



Chief of the General Staff (Army, Navy, and Air) General Maung Maung Aye speaks on the occasion of the 25<sup>th</sup> ASEAN Chiefs of Army Multilateral Meeting in the Philippines on 21 November 2024.

ON behalf of State Administration Council Vice-Chairman Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services

Commander-in-Chief (Army) Vice-Senior General Soe Win, a delegation led by General Maung Maung Aye, Chief of

the General Staff (Army, Navy, and Air), attended the 25<sup>th</sup> ASEAN Chiefs of Army Multilateral Meeting (25<sup>th</sup> ACAMM) at

Hilton Clark Sun Valley Resort in Mabalacat, the Philippines, on 21 November.

During the meeting, Lt-Gen Roy M Galido, Commander-in-Chief (Army) of the Philippines, delivered the opening speech. ASEAN Army chiefs discussed "Strengthening Partnership and Camaraderie Towards Regional Stability". The meeting concluded in the afternoon, followed by a joint press conference.

General Maung Maung Aye also held separate meetings with military leaders from Cambodia, Thailand, the Philippines, Laos, and Brunei, discussing bilateral cooperation and friendship. They exchanged souvenirs at the end of the discussions.

In the evening, General Maung Maung Aye and his wife, along with other ASEAN Chiefs of the Army and their spouses, attended a dinner hosted by Lt-Gen Roy M Galido and his wife, where they exchanged insignia of the Philippine Army. — MNA/TS

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## DPM MoFA Union Minister meets trainees from BDS Course 46/2024

DEPUTY Prime Minister and Union Minister for Foreign Affairs U Than Swe receives 140 trainees from the Certificate Course in Basic Diplomatic Skills BDS No 46/2024, both from the Yangon and Nay Pyi Taw batches, at Lawkanat Hall of the Ministry in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday. The deputy ministers, officials, and trainees were present at the meeting.

At the ceremony, he delivered a wel-

come address to the trainees. Subsequently, Deputy Minister U Lwin Oo discussed the subjects taught in the course. Representatives from both the Yangon and Nay Pyi Taw branches of BDS No 46/2024 expressed their gratitude.

Moreover, the trainees visited notable sites in Nay Pyi Taw, including the Maraviya Buddha Image, Uppatasanti Pagoda, Martyrs' Mausoleum, National Museum,

and Ngalaik Dam Elephant Camp.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs has been systematically organizing BDS course batches in Nay Pyi Taw and Yangon to develop human resources. The course is designed to equip government officials, as well as private individuals interested in international relations, with the fundamental knowledge and skills needed to engage in diplomacy. — MNA/TRKM

# 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)*

Vice-Senior General Soe Win stressed that traditional medicine practitioners have to act systematically and in accordance with the code of conduct, following the Traditional Medicine Council Law and the Traditional Medicine Law to maintain discipline and organization.

A ceremony to open the 23<sup>rd</sup> Myanmar Traditional Medicine Practitioners' Conference and Seminar took place at the Myanmar International Convention Centre II in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday morning.

Patron of the Leading Committee for Organizing the Conference and Seminar Vice-Chairman of the State Administration Council Deputy Prime Minister Vice-Senior General Soe Win pressed the button to kick off the conference and seminar.

Chairman of the Leading Committee for Organizing the Conference and Seminar Union Minister for Health Dr Thet Khaing Win, Deputy Minister Dr Aye Tun, Nay Pyi Taw Council member Col Ye Moe, Director-General of the Traditional Medicine Department Dr Su Su Dwe, President of Myanmar Traditional Medicine Council U Myint Oo, Chairman of the Advisory Board Dr U Meik and Chairman of Myanmar Traditional Medicine Practitioners Association U Thein Win formally cut the ribbon to launch the conference and seminar.

At the ceremony, a video message was sent by SAC Chairman Prime Minister Senior



State Administration Council Vice-Chair Deputy Prime Minister Vice-Senior General Soe Win tours the booth and exhibition at yesterday's event.

ance with the code of conduct, following the Traditional Medicine Council Law and the Traditional Medicine Law to maintain discipline and organization.

The Vice-Senior General disclosed that the Traditional Medicine University is currently turning out practitioners, offering courses from diploma level to master's degree in traditional medicine. With the support and encouragement of the government, it will be possible to offer doctoral degrees in traditional medicine starting in the academic year 2025.

To modernize and develop Myanmar's traditional medicine, he highlighted that it is necessary to further integrate and collaborate with the traditional medicine sectors of other countries.

## Students to obtain doctoral degrees in traditional medicine in 2025 AY

It is necessary to further integrate and collaborate with the traditional medicine sectors of other countries to modernize and develop Myanmar's traditional medicine.

General Min Aung Hlaing to the conference and seminar. (The video message is reported on page 4)

Speaking on the occasion, the Vice-Senior General urged

the practitioners to work together with international organizations such as the Shanghai Cooperation Organization, ASEAN, BIMSTEC, and Mekong to develop traditional medicines and

therapies with full quality.

He spotted that the government is encouraging the traditional medicine sector. As the Traditional Medicine Department was formed on 3 August 1989, it manages development of traditional medicine education, he added.

He continued that the government is continuously working to improve the health sector to ensure long-term health for the entire nation, with ongoing efforts to enhance the health standards of the national people.

He stressed the need to act systematically and in accord-

During the time when the COVID-19 pandemic, he recounted that research was successfully conducted on the effectiveness of traditional medicine, particularly the indigenous herbal medicine (Visama fever medicine), for prevention and treatment, and such a drug is distributed at traditional medicine hospitals free of charge.

He underscored that this year's conference and seminar will be held with the objectives of: Achieving quality recognition in traditional medicine education; advancing the development of traditional medicine and ensuring the production of traditional medicines in line with modern standards; turning out more highly qualified traditional medicine practitioners; and promoting respect and appreciation for Myanmar's traditional medicine heritage and cultural legacy.

### Salient points from the speech delivered by the Vice-Senior General at the opening of the Traditional Medicine Practitioners' Conference and Seminar

1. The practitioners work together with international organizations, such as the Shanghai Cooperation Organization, ASEAN, BIMSTEC, and Mekong to develop traditional medicines and therapies with full quality.
2. Traditional medicine practitioners have to act systematically and in accordance with the code of conduct, following the Traditional Medicine Council Law and the Traditional Medicine Law to maintain discipline and organization.

# NATIONAL

## Traditional medicine practitioners must preserve and protect cultural heritage of traditional medicines

The following is a speech of video message in honour of the 23<sup>rd</sup> Myanmar Traditional Medicine Practitioners' Conference and Seminar delivered by SAC Chairman Prime Minister Senior General Thadoe Maha Thray Sithu Thadoe Thiri Thudhamma Min Aung Hlaing on 22 November.

### Everybody, Mingalaba!

To all distinguished officials, esteemed traditional medicine practitioners from various regions and states, related professionals, and guests bound for the Myanmar Traditional Medicine Practitioners' Conference and Seminar, I wish you all great blessings and happiness. May you all enjoy good health and peace of mind. May you continue to cherish, preserve, and elevate the cultural heritage of Myanmar's traditional medicine. With these heartfelt wishes, I extend my warm greetings to you all.

The conferences and seminars have been held annually since 2000, and this year's occasion is the 23<sup>rd</sup> time. This year's conference will be held with the objectives of: Achieving quality recognition in traditional medicine education; advancing the development of traditional medicine and ensuring the production of traditional medicines in line with modern standards; turning out more highly qualified traditional medicine practitioners; and promoting respect and appreciation for Myanmar's traditional medicine heritage and cultural legacy. The annual organization of conferences and seminars aims to enhance public health in line with Myanmar's traditional practices of effectively caring for the health of the people through indigenous medicine and remedies. This initiative is intended to further strengthen healthcare for the population using the country's traditional medical knowledge and medicines, continuing the long-standing tradition throughout Myanmar's history.

In this era, the nation's focus is on promoting the healthcare sector to ensure the longevity and well-being of all citizens, aligning with the national objective of fostering a healthy and fit population. In this endeavour, human resources play a pivotal role, as only through knowledgeable, skilled, and experienced professionals in the field of healthcare can the nation achieve greater development. To modernize and elevate the standards of Myanmar traditional medicine, a prestigious Traditional Medicine University dedicated to traditional medicine has been established. This institution produces skilled human



resources annually, contributing to the advancement of Myanmar's traditional medicine.

I would like to urge traditional medicine practitioners and entrepreneurs to actively participate in the traditional medicine sector to help improve the life expectancy of the people and ensure that everyone has access to high-quality, comprehensive healthcare services. The traditional medicine of Myanmar, based on the four pillars of cultural heritage – Desana Naya, Bhesajja Naya, Vijjadhara Naya, and Nakkhatta Naya – has enabled effective treatments and cures. The texts, records, and medical writings passed down through generations, including ancient prescriptions, therapeutic methods, and medical scriptures, hold immense value. Therefore, Myanmar's great traditional medicine practitioners must preserve and protect these cultural heritages of traditional medicines, while also sharing and further developing them for the benefit of future generations.

It is understood that at this year's seminar, thirteen papers will be presented. These papers include traditional medicines and therapies used by ethnic people, and it has been observed that these medicines and therapies are actively used by ethnic communities. It is hoped that everyone will work together to ensure that these traditional medicines and treatments become widely known and accessible to the public.

Furthermore, to ensure that high-quality, safe, and beneficial traditional medicines are accessible to the public, more research on traditional medicine needs to be carried out and documented.

To facilitate the review of these research efforts, an annual paper-reading event has been organized. This year, the 13<sup>th</sup> Traditional Medicine Research Paper-Reading Session was successfully held. Therefore, traditional medicine practitioners, researchers, medical professionals, related experts, and traditional medicine producers must all diligently study and make efforts. I am pleased to see that the proceedings of the 22<sup>nd</sup> Myanmar Traditional Medicine Practitioners' Conference and the Seminar held last year have been compiled into a record book.

Our country is actively collaborating with international organizations and various sectors, including the traditional medicine sector. To modernize and advance traditional medicine, we need to send scholars abroad to learn new technologies, share knowledge, and apply these insights in a way that aligns with the needs of our country for further development. I am pleased to see that on 25 June 2024, the University of Traditional Medicine (Mandalay) of the Department of Traditional Medicine and the Yunnan Traditional Medicine University of China, signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU), marking a step forward in the development of traditional medicine.

The government is providing strong support to integrate traditional medicine into the country's healthcare system. With the government's encouragement, traditional medicine practitioners have continuously cared for the health of the people. Additionally, in the face of natural disasters and epidemics, traditional medicine practitioners have been seen helping and providing care, which is high-

ly appreciated and commendable.

In addition, as part of the country's economic objectives, which include enhancing and driving economic growth, efforts are being made to support and promote MSMEs (Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprises) in the manufacturing sector and the export industry. In this regard, there is ongoing support for the manufacturing of traditional medicine, to ensure their long-term sustainability. Efforts are being made not only to boost the domestic industry but also to elevate these businesses to the local, national, and international levels, aiming for greater production of high-quality traditional medicines. This will contribute significantly to the national economy.

According to Myanmar traditional medicine, to live a long, healthy life and be free from diseases, it is important to follow a system based on four pillars: fate, mind, environment, and nutrition. If one lives and eats in accordance with this system, they will experience the benefits of good health. Traditional medicine practitioners, even in remote rural areas, not only provide herbal treatments but also promote the daily practices of traditional health systems to ensure people are knowledgeable about maintaining proper diet and health. This makes me feel grateful and pleased. I encourage further efforts to continue and expand these initiatives.

In conclusion, the purpose of organizing the annual conference and seminar for Myanmar's traditional medicine practitioners is to ensure the long-term health and well-being of the people through traditional medicine. It is also aimed at fostering greater trust, respect, and reliance on traditional medicine among the people. May representatives from the Ministry of Health, Traditional Medicine Department, Traditional Medicine University, relevant ministries, Myanmar Traditional Medicine Council, Advisory Board for Traditional Medicine, Myanmar Traditional Medicine Practitioners Association, Myanmar Traditional Medicine Entrepreneurs and Medical Entrepreneurs Association, and all traditional medicine practitioners across the nation come together with love and harmony, and be able to discuss and consult in unity. I wish for the development of Myanmar's traditional medicine to be accelerated so that we can further improve the health and well-being of the people with high-quality care. With this, I conclude my remarks, wishing for success and good fortune.

Thank you all.

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The Vice-Senior General presented the first work performance award to Bago Traditional Medicine Hospital (50-bed), the second to Taunggyi Traditional Medicine Hospital (50-bed) and the third to Hpa-an Traditional Medicine Hospital (50-bed) through medical superintendents respectively.

SAC member Deputy Prime Minister Union Minister for Defence Admiral Tin Aung San and SAC member Union Minister for

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Home Affairs Lt-Gen Yar Pyae presented prizes to outstanding traditional medicine hospitals.

A video clip on the development of traditional medicine was screened.

The Vice-Senior General visited the exhibition of traditional medicines and the booth

of the Traditional Medicine Department.

Also present at the ceremony were SAC members, Union ministers, the Nay Pyi Taw Council Chairman, deputy ministers, senior Tatmadaw officers, ambassadors and chargés d'affaires of foreign embas-

sies to Myanmar, and officials.

In the evening, the Vice-Senior General attended dinner in honour of the conference and seminar together with dignitaries.

Currently, throughout Myanmar, there are three traditional medicine hospitals (100-

bed), nine hospitals (50-bed), 13 25-bed hospitals, and 24 16-bed hospitals. Additionally, there are 50 district traditional medicine clinics and 210 township clinics, all of which provide healthcare services to the national people.

— MNA/TTA



Myanmar's Chief Justice of the Union U Tha Htay (R) is pictured during CACJ Meeting in Cebu, the Philippines, on 19-20 November 2024.

## Union Chief Justice attends ASEAN Chief Justices Council's 11th Meeting in Philippines

THE Myanmar delegation, led by U Tha Htay, Union Chief Justice attended the 11th Meeting of the Council of ASEAN Chief Justices in Cebu City, the Philippines, on 19 and 20 November 2024 at the invitation of Chief Justice of the Philippines Alexander G Gesmundo.

The Council of ASEAN Chief Justices Meeting (the CACJ Meeting) has been held yearly since 2013 and is attended by the Chief Justices and the Heads of Judiciaries from ASEAN countries.

On the meeting's first day, the second ASEAN+ Meeting was held in a hybrid format. The Chief Justices and the heads of the delegation from ASEAN countries attended the meeting in person, and the Chief Justices from the Supreme Court of the People's Republic of China, the Supreme Court of Japan, and the Supreme Court of the Republic of Korea joined the meeting online. At the meeting, the use of court technology to enhance access to justice was discussed, and the CACJ working groups shared experiences of regional judicial cooperation through

the CACJ.

On the meeting second day, the 11th CACJ meeting was held. Union Chief Justice U Tha Htay delivered an opening speech together with other Chief Justices and heads of delegation. Then, CACJ Working Groups on ASEAN Judiciaries Portal, Facilitation Service of Civil Processes within ASEAN, Case Management and Court Technology, Judicial Training and Education, Cross-border Disputes Involving Children, Conduct of Video Conferencing Hearings, ASEAN+ Meetings and the Study Group presented their reports regarding the activities carried out, the achievements gained and the working plan to be continued.

During the meeting, Union Chief Justice U Tha Htay discussed matters relating to the Myanmar judiciary.

At the conclusion of the meeting, the Chief Justices and the heads of delegations signed the Cebu Declaration, the result of the 11th CACJ Meeting. Union Chief Justice U Tha Htay attended the meeting along with officials of the Supreme Court of the Union. — MNA

## AEC 2025 Implementation Committees hold second meeting

THE 2/2024 meeting of the ASEAN Economic Community (AEC) 2025 Implementation Committees was held on 22 November 2024 at the Ministry of Investment and Foreign Economic Relations, Office 1, Nay Pyi Taw. The meeting was led by Union Minister for Investment and Foreign Economic Relations Dr Kan Zaw and attended by deputy ministers and officials, who are the chairs of 22 working committees, and directors-general and representatives.

Union Minister Dr Kan Zaw addressed the opening remarks in the meeting. The Union minister shared the experiences of the 56th ASEAN Economic Ministers' (AEM) Meeting and Related Meetings, which were held in September 2024, and the 24th ASEAN Economic Community Council (AECC) Meeting, which was held on October 2024 in Vientiane, Lao PDR.

The Union minister urged the working committees to cooperate in the implementation of this year's Priority Economic Deliverables (PEDs), which was set by Lao PDR under her ASEAN chairmanship, and Annual Priorities to be implemented in 2024 together with other ASEAN Member States in a timely manner.

He highlighted the importance of the ASEAN Centrality and urged the working committee to maintain the ASEAN Cen-

trality in the discussion with the dialogue partners of ASEAN. Furthermore, he also tasked the work committed to intensify the efforts to implement the AEC activities in the coming year to support the achievement of AEC 2025, and the work to develop the strategic schedule of AEC post-2025.

Afterwards, Dr Marlar Myo Nyunt, Director-General of the Department of Foreign Economic Relations, the Ministry of Investment and Foreign Economic Relations, and the lead of the ASEAN Senior Economic Official Meeting explained the discussions and outcomes of the 56th ASEAN Economic Ministers' (AEM) Meeting and Related Meetings, and the 24th ASEAN Economic Community Council (AECC) Meeting, and the activities to be carried out in 2024.

Then, chairs of the working committees, deputy ministers, permanent secretaries, and directors-general reported on the implementation of the AEC measures and the challenges of the implementation especially the need for capacity building. The Union minister provided instructions on the report of the working committees.

Twenty-two working committees were established for the effective implementation of the ASEAN Economic Community (AEC) 2025, which was led by deputy ministers and permanent secretaries from the relevant ministries. — MIFER



The 2/2024 meeting of the ASEAN Economic Community (AEC) 2025 Implementation Committees in progress, led by Union Minister Dr Kan Zaw.

# NATIONAL

## 2020 election fraud findings released online and via app



The ceremony to unveil the website and mobile application in progress yesterday.

THE ceremony to launch the website and mobile application presenting findings on fraud and illegal practices from the 2020 Multiparty Democracy

General Election took place yesterday morning at the Union Election Commission (UEC) office meeting hall.

During the event, UEC

Chairman U Ko Ko highlighted that the 2020 election was marred by significant voter list discrepancies, fraud, and illegal activities. He stated that

the election did not comply with the Constitution, UEC laws, or election-related laws and regulations. As a result, the election results were annulled. To disseminate these findings to the public, the commission published books in five languages: Myanmar, English, Chinese, Russian, and Japanese.

To prevent similar incidents in future elections and to provide accessible information for both domestic and international audiences, a multilingual website and mobile application were developed. The project involved representatives from the UEC, the Ministry of Transport and Communications, the Ministry of Information, the Ministry of Education, and the Ministry of Science and Technology, under the guidance of a committee established by the State Administration Council.

This initiative, which included seven key stages, was implemented from the second week of July to the second week of November 2024. The website and application, now fully operational, allow users to access the findings with ease.

Following the opening speech, UEC Member U Khin Maung Oo detailed the development process of the website and application. A video clip showcasing the process was also presented. The UEC Chairman officially launched the website by pressing a digital touch screen, marking the culmination of the ceremony.

Attendees included UEC members, officials from the UEC office, representatives from the relevant ministries involved in the project, members of the defence ministry, and other staff members. — MNA/KZL

## 23<sup>rd</sup> Myanmar Traditional Medicine Practitioners' Conference held

THE 23<sup>rd</sup> Myanmar Traditional Medicine Practitioners' Conference and Myanmar Traditional Medicine Seminar, held at the Myanmar International Convention Centre II (MICC II) in Nay Pyi Taw, continued yesterday.

The conference was chaired by Union Minister for Health Dr Thet Khaing Win in the morning and by Deputy Minister Dr Aye Tun in the afternoon.

Dr Thet Khaing Win urged the delegates, traditional medicine practitioners, and related experts attending the conference to cooperate, discuss, and collaborate to provide valuable support for the new generation of professionals in the development of Myanmar's traditional medicine.

Delegates from states and regions presented proposals on various aspects of traditional medicine, with fellow delegates seconding the motions.

Next, the video message of State Administration Council Chairman Prime Minister Sen-

ior General Min Aung Hlaing and the opening speech of State Administration Council Vice-Chairman Deputy Prime Minister Vice-Senior General Soe Win at the 23<sup>rd</sup> Myanmar Traditional Medicine Practitioners' Conference and Seminar were recorded and adopted as working guidelines by the conference.

Afterwards, 13 papers on traditional medicine, treatment methods, and medicines were presented. The seminar attendees asked questions, discussed the papers, and made suggestions, exchanging knowledge in the process.

In discussing the papers, the chairman emphasized that this seminar is very important as it provides an opportunity to reveal the traditional therapies of various ethnic groups. He also noted that it is crucial to document these practices to ensure they are passed on to future generations and do not disappear. — MNA/TKO

## Myanmar Engineering Education centennial jubilee enters second day

THE second-day programme of the Myanmar Engineering Education centennial celebration took place yesterday at Naypyitaw State Polytechnic University.

The event featured five parallel fora, organized by the Myanmar Engineering Council, Myanmar Engineering Society, Myanmar Computer Federation, and Myanmar Architects Council. Chairpersons, vice-chairpersons, and senior officials from these organizations, as well as professors, associate professors, and faculty members from the Department of Advanced Science and Technology, served as chairs and co-chairs for the sessions.

In the morning, Dr Myo Thein Kyaw, Union Minister for the Ministry of Science and Technology and Chairman of the Engineering Education Centennial Celebration Steering Committee, observed the ongoing Engineering Battle Competition alongside officials, students,



The second-day programme in action at Naypyitaw State Polytechnic University yesterday.

and guests. The contest involved nine teams of students from technology and computer universities, showcasing their knowledge in various disciplines through performances.

Following this, the Union minister and officials attended a quiz competition, offering encouragement and awarding prizes to the winning teams.

The day also included talk shows addressing topics, such as technology transfer, satellite technology develop-

ment and applications, augmented reality (AR), virtual reality (VR), extended reality (XR), and the metaverse in engineering. Experts delivered presentations on patenting research findings, while students shared their experiences from competitions held domestically and internationally.

Additionally, the event hosted hackathons and e-sport competitions, providing diverse platforms for showcasing talent and innovation. — MNA/KZL

# NATIONAL

## Bagan draws over 400,000 visitors by mid-Nov

ACCORDING to the Directorate of Hotels and Tourism (Bagan Branch), more than 400,000 local and foreign travellers flocked to the World Heritage Site, Bagan Ancient Cultural Zone until the third week of November 2024.

There are 86 hotels and guesthouses in Bagan, and a total of 410,122 visitors — 397,329 local travellers and 12,793 tourists visited Bagan from January to 19 November. The site was crowded with visitors to Thadingyut and Tazaungdine festivals, and there were about 500,000 visitors including day trippers and those who stayed at

other places.

There were 2.19 million visitors to Shwezigon Pagoda and 932,424 visitors to Bu Pagoda in 2023. There were 2.77 million visitors to Shwezigon Pagoda and 973,779 visitors to Bu Pagoda between 1 January to 19 November 2024. Therefore, these digits show an increase in traveller arrivals this year.

During the four-day Tazaungdine Festival, 353,323 local and foreign visitors travelled to Shwezigon Pagoda and 170,586 visitors to Bu Pagoda.

Bagan region hosts a higher number of visitors year by year, and the

Directorate of Hotels and Tourism (Bagan Branch) and departmental officials cooperate to ensure the sustainability of the ancient cultural zone, cleanliness, reputation, peaceful pilgrimage and systematic disposal of litter. Moreover, they created vendors and baggers-free zones before the Tazaungdine festival, so the local and foreign visitors enjoyed peaceful pilgrimages.

“We can see an increase in number of visitors to Bagan than previous years. We keep conducting educational programmes regarding restaurants, hotels, motels, guesthouses, sellers

and other relevant people in different sectors. If we have supervisory and responsibility, accountability and create trips full of responsibility, the number of visitors might keep growing. The visitor arrivals are still high until the third week of November this year is such a pride for Bagan region,” said U Myo Myint Aung, assistant director of the department.

The Bagan Ancient Cultural Zone is now ready with the festivals of Nadaw and Pyatho expecting a surge in the arrivals of local and foreign travellers. — Nyein Thu (MNA)/KTZH



Travellers flock to Bagan Ancient Cultural Heritage Zone in November. PHOTO:KANU



## Mid-Year Gems Emporium Day 5 sells 613 jade lots

THE 2024 Mid-Year Myanmar Gems Emporium continued on its fifth day yesterday morning at the Maniyadana Jade Hall in Nay Pyi Taw, attracting both local and international gem traders. The traders explored the displayed jade sets in the designated areas of the hall.

Jade sets numbered 1 to 850 were sold through open tender to the gem traders, and 613 lots had been sold.

In the afternoon, Union Minister for Natural Resources and Environmental Conservation U Khin Maung Yi observed the activities at the emporium and expressed his support.

Additionally, local and international gem traders inspected jade lots numbered 851 to 1,700, which will be sold on the sixth day, and submitted their prices into the tender boxes. In the evening, officials reviewed the tenders, and the sold lots will be announced on the morning of 23 November.

The 2024 Mid-Year Myanmar Gems Emporium is scheduled to run from 18 to 27 November. A total of 208 pearl lots, 62 gem sets,



Gem merchants evaluate jade stones at yesterday's emporium.

and 613 jade lots have been sold to local and international merchants. The remaining jade lots will be sold through the open tender system. A total of 2,240 jade lots from Group C are being sold through the open tender system to promote MSME entrepreneurs, and only local gem traders are allowed to purchase using Myanmar currency. — MNA/TRKM



The new WFP Country Director and Representative to Myanmar calls on Union Minister Dr Kan Zaw yesterday.

## MIFER Union Minister receives new WFP Country Director and Representative

UNION Minister for Investment and Foreign Economic Relations Dr Kan Zaw received Mr Michael John Dunford, new Country Director and Representative of the WFP to Myanmar, at the Ministry of Investment and Foreign Economic Relations, Nay Pyi Taw, yesterday.

They cordially discussed matters relating to the WFP's ongoing programmes and future work plans to be carried out in Myanmar.

Officials from the Ministry of Investment and Foreign Economic Relations, and representatives from WFP's Office to Myanmar were also present at the meeting. — MIFER

# OPINION

## Protect the health and longevity of living beings from air pollution

**B**REATHING clean air is of utmost importance. Without inhaling clean air, living beings could die, and if they breathe in polluted air, it can shorten their lifespan and lead to death. In Myanmar, during the open season, awareness talks are held at township, neighbourhood, and village levels to prevent burning in open fields. Hence, efforts are made to prevent the burning of household and agricultural waste, to ensure proper disposal, and to regulate burning through incineration systems.

Currently, air quality measurements are conducted by the relevant department regularly. South Asian countries such as India, Pakistan, Nepal, and Bangladesh are experiencing the highest level of air pollution. In some Southeast Asian countries, including Myanmar, forest fires have led to smoke and haze issues, which are actively being addressed.

Oxygen is a vital gas present in the atmosphere and is essential for all living organisms. It is extremely useful and fascinating as a chemical substance for sustaining life. Generally, humans engage in activities that release carbon dioxide, degrading oxygen in the atmosphere. As a result, the oxygen in the surrounding environment is gradually becoming more polluted.

Air pollution refers to the excessive presence of smoke, various gases, dust particles, smog, odours, and water vapour in an otherwise clean atmosphere. Such conditions can adversely affect human health in various ways. Since everyone needs to breathe, inhaling unclean, polluted air instead of fresh air can harm not only health but also endanger life.

It has been found that some 60 per cent of air pollution is caused by the combustion of fossil fuels like petroleum. Around 16 per cent is due to wildfires, haze, and sea salt evaporation, while 22 per cent is caused by human activities. Small particles that cause air pollution can easily enter the lungs through the respiratory tract leading to potential long-term damage to internal organs like the lungs, heart, liver, and brain. Air pollution can cause diseases such as cancer and other chronic illnesses.

The primary health issues include respiratory problems, cardiovascular diseases, chronic bronchitis, pneumonia, lung diseases, and eye irritation. Additionally, pregnant women may face complications in childbirth, including low birth weight, premature birth, congenital disabilities, asthma, diabetes, and neurological disorders in their children.

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# The Significance of Research in National Development Perspective

By Dr Than Lwin Tun

**R**ESearch is a systematic and organized investigation conducted to expand knowledge, gain a deeper understanding, and generate new insights in a specific field. It involves rigorous and organized data collection, analysis, and interpretation to address research questions or hypotheses. The pursuit of new information drives research, the validation of existing theories, or the exploration of new perspectives. It employs various methodologies to gather and analyze data, including empirical studies, experiments, surveys, interviews, or theoretical analyses. The ultimate goal of the research is to contribute to the existing body of knowledge, advance understanding, and inform decision-making processes across academic, scientific, and professional domains.

Kasi (2009) defines "Research as a method for investigating and collecting information aimed at the discovery of new facts or interpretation of existing information, to discover or revise facts, theories, and applications." The research objectives can vary depending on the specific field of study, the

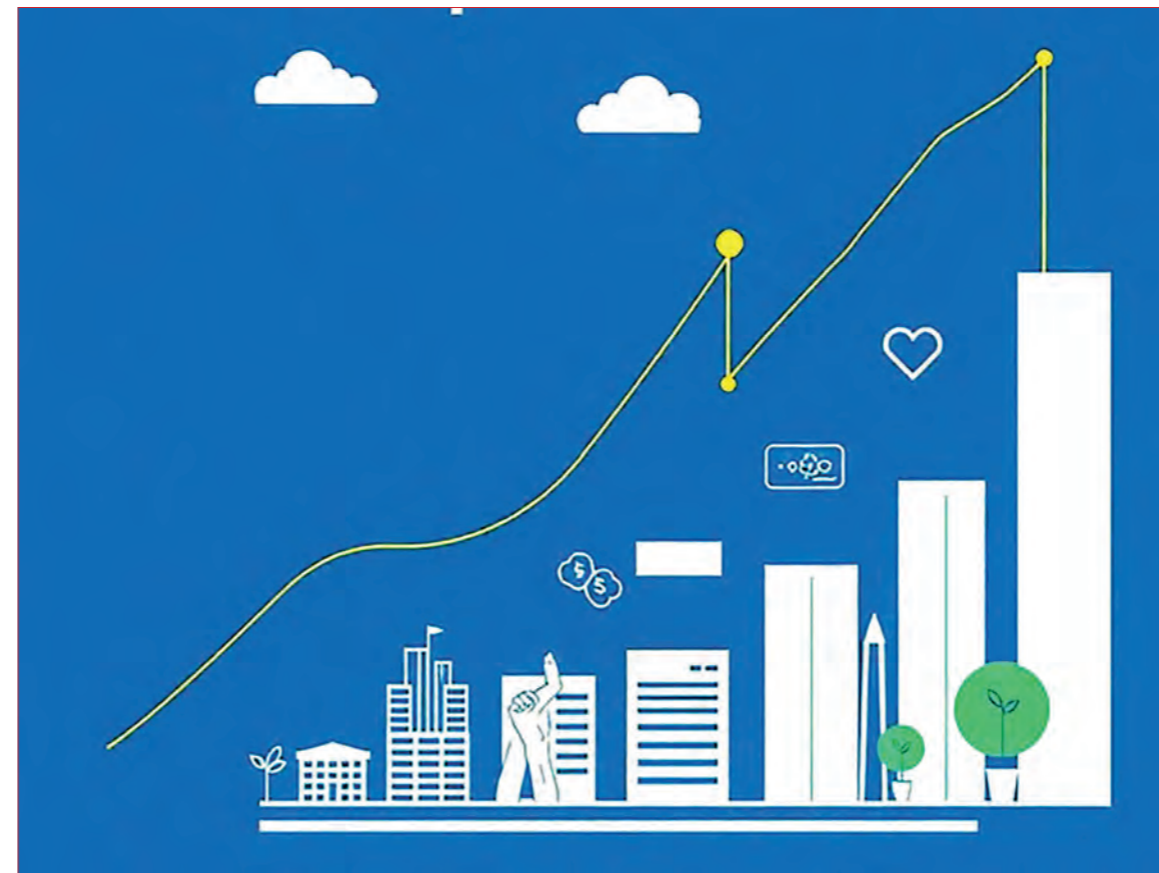
nature of the research, and the researcher's goals. The common purposes of the research include:

- ▶ **Answer questions:** Research aims to provide answers to specific questions or hypotheses. It seeks to investigate and uncover information, data, or insights about a particular topic or issue.
- ▶ **Solve problems:** Research is often conducted to address real-world issues or challenges. It aims to identify innovative solutions, strategies, or approaches that can help overcome obstacles and improve existing systems or practices.
- ▶ **Generate new knowledge:** Research endeavours to contribute to the existing body of knowledge by uncovering new information, theories, or perspectives. It involves exploring uncharted territory or expanding upon existing knowledge in various fields of study.
- ▶ **Improve understanding:** Research aims to deepen our understanding of complex phenomena, processes, or concepts. It seeks to clarify

misconceptions, explore underlying mechanisms, or uncover relationships between variables, leading to a more

comprehensive and accurate understanding of the subject. ▶ **Add value:** Research brings value by providing practical

or theoretical benefits. It can lead to technological advancements, policies or practices, enhanced decision-making



Research fosters innovation, driving new technologies, products, and processes, boosting productivity, opening markets, and enhancing economic competitiveness and growth. ILLUSTRATION: PEXELS

processes, or the development of new products, services, or theories.

Research plays a vital role in national development by driving innovation, improving public policy, and fostering economic growth. The following are key ways in which research contributes to a nation's progress;

- ▶ **Economic Growth and Competitiveness:** Research leads to the development of new technologies, products, and processes, which can increase productivity, open new markets, and enhance the competitiveness of industries. Countries that invest heavily in research and development (R&D) often experience higher rates of economic growth.
- ▶ **Improved Public Policy and Decision-Making:** Research provides evidence-based insights that inform government policies. From health care to education, infrastructure to environmental conservation, effective research helps policymakers make in-

formed decisions that address societal needs and challenges.

▶ **Sustainable Development:** Research on environmental conservation, renewable energy, and sustainable agriculture helps nations tackle pressing global challenges such as climate change, food security, and natural resource management. These efforts promote long-term sustainability and resilience.

▶ **Social and Human Capital Development:** In fields such as health, education, and social sciences, research helps improve the quality of life by identifying effective interventions for public health, literacy, and social welfare programmes. So we need to strengthen human capital, which is a critical asset for national progress.

▶ **Innovation and Technological Advancement:** Research fosters innovation, leading to the development of cutting-edge technologies in areas like information

technology, biotechnology, and materials science. This can significantly improve infrastructure, communication, healthcare, and other critical sectors.

▶ **Cultural and Knowledge Preservation:** In the humanities and social sciences, research helps preserve national history, languages, and cultural heritage. This contributes to a sense of national identity and pride, as well as international recognition and collaboration.

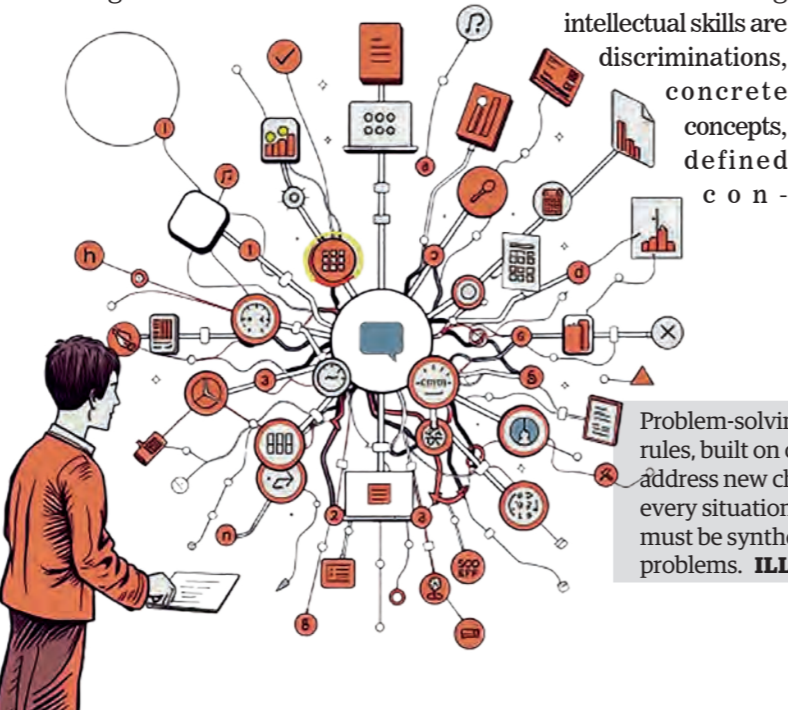
▶ **Global Collaboration and Competitiveness:** Research encourages collaboration between nations, institutions, and industries, allowing countries to tackle global challenges together, share knowledge, and strengthen diplomatic and trade relations.

In summary, research is a cornerstone of national development, influencing every sector from the economy to health and the environment. Investing in research is essential to creating innovative solutions, promoting inclusive growth, and ensuring sustainable development.

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**W**HEN one begins to think about the application of learning principles to instruction, there is always one worthwhile question to be asked. What is to be learned? The responses to that question may fall into one of three general classes: intellectual skills, cognitive strategies, information, behavioural patterns, or attitudes. Of course, learning intellectual skills is of

central importance to school learning. An intellectual skill makes it possible for an individual to respond to his environment through symbols, in which language and numerals represent real objects of the environment. In other words, individuals communicate aspects of their experience to others by using such symbols. For most instructional purposes, the useful distinctions among



intellectual skills are discriminations, concrete concepts, defined concepts.

Problem-solving involves forming higher-order rules, built on concepts and discriminations, to address new challenges. Acquiring all rules for every situation is impossible, so concepts and rules must be synthesized into complex forms to tackle problems. ILLUSTRATION: CANVA

## Parts of Intellectual Skill

By Hu Wo (Cuckoo's Song)

cepts, rules, and problem-solving.

Discrimination is the capability of making different responses to stimuli that differ from each other between one or more physical dimensions. Most simply, a person indicates by responding that two stimuli are the same or different, for instance, in art, music, foreign language, and science. In fact, discrimination is absolutely essential to intellectual skills. As far as most school learning is concerned, relevant discriminations are usually supposed to have been learnt early in life. In describing the characteristics of discrimination as well as other types of intellectual skill

to follow, it is necessary to account for three components of a learning situation: the performance that is required, the internal conditions present for learning to occur, and the external conditions which provide stimulation to a learner.

A concept is a capability that makes it possible for an individual to identify a stimulus as a member of a class having some characteristics in common even though differing from each other markedly. A concrete concept expresses an object property or object attribute such as colour and shape in that the human performance these concepts call for is recognition of a concrete object. The marked difference between discrimination and concept is that the former means responding to a difference whereas the latter refers to describing something by name or

otherwise. To be said better, acquiring a concrete concept has the meaning that the individual is capable of showing the class of object characteristics.

The acquisition of concepts by definition requires that the learner be able to verify the referents of words used in the definition. An individual is deemed to have learned a defined concept when he can demonstrate the meaning of some particular class of objects, events or relations. The demonstration may include verbal reference to the definition and demonstration of the meaning distinguishes a kind of mental processing from that involved in memorized verbal information. Only by assuring that the individual is capable of proving the referents of words can one be confident that the meaning of a defined concept has been learned.

In practice, the procedure of obtaining verbal answers to oral questions is often used, but such a procedure is always subject to the ambiguity that the learner may be repeating a verbalization, not knowing the meaning of the concept after all. Hence, a learner had better get a genuine understanding of a defined concept instead of the superficial acquaintance indicated by reciting a string of words.

As regards rules, the learner's performance has a kind of regularity over a variety of specific situations. The learner is able to respond with a class of relationships among classes of objects and events. There are many common examples of rule-governed behaviour. Most behaviour of human beings comes into this category. Obviously enough, possessing the capability called a rule does not mean being able to state it verbally. If a rule is a defined concept, it is not actually formally different from a rule and is learned in much

the same way. Rules, however, contain many other categories apart from classifying. What I want to mean is that they deal with such relationships as equal to, similar to, greater than, less than, before, after and many others.

Sometimes, the rules we have learned are complex combinations of simpler rules. These higher-ordered rules are invented to solve a practical problem in the real world. The capability of problem-solving is naturally a major aim of educational processes; most educators agree that the school should give priority to teaching students how to think clearly. When students work out the solution to a problem of authentic events, they will be engaging in the behaviour of thinking. Thus, various kinds of problems may have as many solutions as possible. However, attaining a workable solution to the problem is a new capability of student achievement. They will be able to

learn something that can be generalized to other problems of similar formal characteristics. This also means that they will have acquired a new rule or perhaps a new set of rules.

In summary, problem-solving consists of the formation of higher-ordered rules which could do with rules, defined concepts, concrete concepts and discriminations as prerequisites in order or vice versa. Rules play an essential part in problem-solving. For a learner, acquiring all the rules needed for every situation is always impossible in one way or another. Concepts and rules must be synthesized into new complex forms for the learner to cope with new problematic situations by adding to a student's repertoire of intellectual skills relevant to those tasks. Briefly speaking, problem-solving is a human activity of previously acquired concepts and rules, not a genetic skill at all.



# NATIONAL

## MoIP Union Minister meets Chinese Public Security Vice-Minister in Kunming



The meeting between Union Minister U Myint Kyaing and Chinese Vice-Minister Public Security Mr Xu Ganlu in progress on 21 November.

UNION Minister for Immigration and Population U Myint Kyaing, accompanied by Myanmar Consul-General U Thwin Htet Lin, received Mr Xu Ganlu, Vice-Minister of the Ministry of Public Security of China, at Shang Shui Ballroom of Double Tree Hilton Hotel in Kunming, Yunnan Province, on 21 November.

The two parties exchanged views on Myanmar's peace processes, inspection to allow entry and exit at border areas of the two countries, strict security measures at border posts in armed organizations-controlled areas, systematic checking plans on entry and exit of border posts in shared borders with Myan-

mar, proper technical assistance and capacity building activities for enumeration process of the population and household census of Myanmar, proper cooperation for immigration processes at border entries and exits, support in the implementation of projects conducted by China, reopening of border posts as usual and further cooperation to ensure state stability under the existing Pauk-Phaw friendship.

After the meeting, the Chinese vice-minister hosted lunch for the Myanmar delegation.

Union Minister U Myint Kyaing-led delegation arrived back in Yangon in the same afternoon. — MNA/KTZH

## NUG-linked university issues fake degrees for Thai university admission

TERRORIST groups CRPH, NUG, and their affiliated groups and individuals, designated as terrorists by the State Government, have reportedly issued counterfeit medical degrees to undermine Myanmar's official education system. These fake degrees, allegedly issued by the illegal NUG-controlled Mandalay Medical University, falsely claim to allow students to apply for further studies at overseas universities. However, these universities have rejected such applications due to the illegitimacy of the documents, leaving affected students unable to pursue their education abroad.

University of Medicine (Mandalay) reportedly opened Final Part II courses on 6 January 2022, 8 February 2022, and 16 January 2023. Despite these opportunities, two individuals repeatedly failed to attend classes and violated regulations. One of them, Su Pyae Myo Thwet from Mahaangmyay Township, Mandalay Region, missed three notifications to attend training. Similarly, Thin Zar Htet from Monywa Township, Sagaing Region, exhibited the same behaviour by missing training sessions held on 8 February 2022, 16 January 2023, and 6 May 2024. As a result, both individuals were expelled from the University.

The two of them were found to have used counterfeit temporary medical degrees issued by the illegal NUG-controlled Mandalay Medical University. These degrees were reportedly authorized by Khin Maung Lwin, a former rector of Mandalay Medical University and a disloyal civil servant (DCS) affiliated with

the terrorist NUG group. Counterfeit degrees were used in an attempt to gain admission to Chulalongkorn University in Thailand.

On 19 November 2024, Chulalongkorn University flagged suspicions about the authenticity of the documents and requested verification from University of Medicine (Mandalay) in Myanmar. Upon review on 20 November 2024, University of Medicine (Mandalay) confirmed that the submitted degrees were counterfeit and not issued by the institution. Consequently, Chulalongkorn University denied admission to both individuals due to the fraudulent nature of their applications.

The counterfeit temporary medical degrees were created by Thein Chan (aka) Thein Win (BA, HGP, RL), a Notary Public operating out of an office at No 35, 35<sup>th</sup> Street, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, Kyauktada Township, Yangon Region. Thane Chan provided fraudulent notary services for the degrees. On 21 November, authorities apprehended Thane Chan and another individual, Thet Htet Oo (aka) Win Htet Myat, both of whom were involved in the illegal certification process. They were arrested at Thane Chan's office while in possession of the fraudulent documents and other related evidence.

Additionally, according to Thein Chan's statement, the counterfeit degrees were translated and certified by Myat Min Thu, the owner of a notary translation service in Kyauktada Township. Myat Min Thu was also apprehended along with the evidence used in the illegal activity. Both individuals were



Forger Thane Chan used the fake seal and cell phone (in the picture).

involved in facilitating the fraudulent processes linked to the NUG-controlled Mandalay Medical University.

As a result, the two individuals, Su Pyae Myo Thwet and Thinzar Htet, who applied for admission to Chulalongkorn University in Thailand using the counterfeit temporary medical degrees issued by the illegal Mandalay Medical University and signed by disloyal civil servant and former rector of the university, Khin Maung Lwin, will be added to the block list. They will be investigated and apprehended, with legal action taken according to the law.

Moreover, those involved in the illegal issuance of counterfeit medical degrees, including Thane Chan (aka) Thein Win, Thet Htet Oo (aka) Win Htet Myat and Myat Min Thu, will also face appropriate legal action.

Citizens are urged to ensure that their children only attend government-recognized universities officially opened by the State, and not engage with or participate in any education provided by illegal institutions. In the event of any information regarding the NUG-controlled illegal universities or related institutions, the public is encouraged to report it discreetly to the relevant authorities. — MNA/KZL

## Counter-argument to false information

### Security forces deny reports of arson in YeU and Taze

SECURITY forces have denied claims made by malicious news media that they set fire to villages in YeU and Taze townships, destroying 170 homes. According to a statement from a local security official, between 16 and 19 November, security personnel were conducting necessary security operations in line with prescribed guidelines and regulations. However, there was no arson or destruction of villages.

The official confirmed that security forces were committed to protecting civilian lives, homes, and property. The real threat came from terrorists who had taken refuge in the villages, obstructing peace efforts and stability. These insurgents have reportedly been attacking civilian structures like schools and homes to disrupt peace and security in the region. Malicious media outlets, the statement added, are spreading false information to cover up the terrorists violent activities and mislead the public regarding the actions of security forces. — MNA/KZL



This screenshot validates misinformation.

# NATIONAL

## Yangon Arts & Culture students to perform at Fifth National Sports Festival 2024

THE National University of Arts and Culture (Yangon) will perform dances from the Inwa and Konbaung eras at the Fifth National Sports Festival 2024, which will be held in Nay Pyi Taw, according to the university.

A hundred students will perform the dances.

“At the Fifth National Sports Festival, dances from six eras will be performed by the National University of Arts and Culture in Yangon and Mandalay, as well as the Yangon and Mandalay State Schools of Fine Arts, under the Ministry of Religious Affairs and Culture. The National University of Arts and Culture (Yangon) will perform dances from the Inwa and Konbaung eras, with 50 students performing the Inwa-era dance and 50 performing the Konbaung-era dance. Each dance is being practised under the close supervision of five instructors,” said Daw Win Pa Pa, the professor and head of the theatrical department at the National University of Arts and Culture (Yangon).

Students from the music, theatrical, painting, sculpture, film, and drama departments of the National University of Arts and Culture (Yangon) will also participate to entertain at the event.

— ASH/MKKS



This photo showcases students from the National University of Arts and Culture (Yangon) practising dance for the Fifth National Sports Festival 2024.



This photo showcases Myanmar's four beauty pageants, national representatives of Miss Grand International from 2021 to 2024 and National Director Htoo Ant Lwin.

## New national director to charge Miss World Myanmar 2025

HTOO Ant Lwin, who was the national director of Miss Grand Myanmar, will once again take charge as the national director for the Miss World Myanmar 2025 pageant.

Htoo Ant Lwin stated that the successes achieved in Miss Grand Myanmar will also be reflected in Miss World Myanmar.

“I'll take charge as the national director of Miss World Myanmar 2025, which will be hosted in December. I know that everyone will

be interested in finding out who will be crowned Miss World Myanmar 2025,” Htoo Ant Lwin said.

During his tenure as the national director of Miss Grand Myanmar, Htoo Ant Lwin led the country's top beauty pageant contestants, such as Ni Ni Lin Eain, who won the First Runner-Up title at Miss Grand International 2023, and Thae Su Nyein, who won the Second Runner-Up title at Miss Grand International 2024. — ASH/TKO



This photo depicts the press show of the TV series 'Atta Lun'.

## New Myanmar TV series' press show held

THE press show for Myanmar's new television series titled 'Atta Lun' was held at the Rangoon Cineplex in the Kanthaya Shopping Centre, North Okkalapa Township, on 21 November, according to actress Phoo Sone.

The storyline was created by Aggaman and Yone Lay (TMK), with Yone Lay writing the script and Aggaman directing the series for Malar Myaing Film Production. The series will also be broadcast on Fortune TV. Starting from 25 November, it

will air at 7 pm every Saturday and Sunday.

“This is a horror series based on the story of a family that makes mistakes because of an egocentric person,” said actress Phoo Sone.

The cast includes Academy Tun Tun, Tin Maung San Min Win, Ye Yint Maung Maung, Phoo Sone, Yadanar Bo, Aye Thandar, Htet Yamin Eain, Myo Kyi, Phone Myat Lin, Wadi Tun, Pyi Lin Kyaw, Yoon Wut Hlwar Phyu, and others. — ASH/TRKM

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# NATIONAL BUSINESS

## Sagaing Region aims for 327,000 acres of sunflower plantations this winter

SAGAING Region's Agriculture Department planned to reach 327,000 acres of sunflower plantation this year's winter growing season across 14 districts including the Naga Self-Administered Zone.

The cultivation of winter sunflower plantation started in the first week of October this year and 120,238 acres have been cultivated so far, according to Sagaing Region's Agriculture Department.

In a bid to ensure edible oil self-sufficiency and increase the income of growers, sunflower varieties (hybrid-1, Sinshwekya 2,3, Sanphola sunflower varieties) are cultivated in model

farming plots to produce pedigree sunflowers. Officials from the Agriculture Department are providing technical assistance, pedigree seeds and some inputs. They are also joining hands with the department concerned to prevent pest and disease problems.

The department aims to achieve 500 acres of sunflower in Homalin District, 150 in Kani, 200 in Naga, 8,000 in Mawlaik, 3,300 in Tamu, 71,570 in Kalay, 31,300 in Monywa, 83,650 in Yinmabin, 6,500 in Shwebo, 15,250 in YeU, 4,280 in Kanbalu, 61,500 in Sagaing, 27,700 in Katha and 13,100 in Kawlin, totalling 327,000 acres. — District (IPRD)/KK



The staff from the township agriculture department is conducting awareness activities for the sunflower growers to improve sunflower yield and cultivate good quality sunflower seeds under the GAP farming system.

## Myanmar exports 300,000MT of fisheries in Apr-Oct

ACCORDING to the Fisheries Department, Myanmar bagged US\$385 million from about 300,000 metric tonnes of fishery products exports in the past seven months of the current financial year 2024-2025 beginning 1 April.

The figures indicated a sharp increase of over \$10 million year-on-year.

Myanmar steadily exports seafood to 40 countries including China, Thailand, Bangladesh and Japan through maritime and border trade channels. Myanmar Fisheries Federation and Fisheries Department joined hands to bolster fisheries ex-



Workers diligently process fisheries products.

ports.

More than 20 fish species including hilsa, rohu, river catfish, and seabass are con-

veyed to foreign markets, according to the Myanmar Fisheries Federation. — NN/KK

## Shan soybean sales surge during harvest season

SOYBEANS from Shan State are flowing into the bustling Mandalay market, fetching a good price, said U Soe Win Myint, a depot owner from Mandalay city.

Soybeans from Mohnyin and Moemeik, Shan State are being supplied to the Mandalay market. There are two varieties of soybeans (Shan soybean and Bamar Soybean) in the domestic market. Those soybeans produced from central Myanmar are priced higher than the Shan ones.

"Mandalay market sees supply of newly harvested soybeans. Soybean is processed into milk and tofu with value addition. They are also one of the main

ingredients in Chinese cuisine. Shan soybeans are flooding the domestic market. This year, there is a good yield of soybeans as they are free from pests. Shan soybeans are also sent to mills to be produced as soybean oil. The by-product soybean cake is highly demanded as feedstuff," he said.

Bamar soybean is mostly cultivated in central Myanmar regions (Magway, Mandalay and Sagaing). Shan soybean is commonly found in southern and eastern Shan State, Kalay, Tamu, and some areas in Kachin State. The soybean cultivation business is thriving for now. — Min Htet Aung (Sub-printing House)/KK

## CBM sells 50M Thai baht on 21 Nov

THE Central Bank of Myanmar (CBM) announced to inject 50 million Thai baht into the financial market through the foreign exchange trading platform on 21 November.

CBM sold over US\$3,900 on 21 November, \$24 million on 20 November \$20 million and 100 million baht on 19 November and over \$12,000 on 18 November as well.

CBM announced on 16 November the sale of \$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 to sell 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 the sale of 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 devalu-

ation. 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

## BP announces \$7 bln gas project investment in Indonesia

UK oil giant BP on Thursday unveiled a \$7-billion joint project aiming to unlock around three trillion cubic feet of additional gas resources at its Tangguh site in Indonesia's West Papua province.

BP chief executive Murray Auchincloss sealed the investment deal during a meeting with Indonesian President Prabowo Subianto, who was in London at the tail end of a global tour.

The new leader of the southeast Asian archipelago nation also met UK Prime Minister

Keir Starmer in Downing Street.

BP said in a statement the "major investment" highlights its "strong confidence in Indonesia's investment climate".

The project involves the development of a new gas field, Ubadari, as well as enhanced gas recovery through carbon capture, utilization and storage (CCUS) and onshore compression.

It expands and utilizes existing infrastructure at the Tangguh liquefied natural gas (LNG) facility in Papua Barat in Indone-

sia, with production at the new field expected to start in 2028.

The new venture will be the first CCUS project developed at scale in Indonesia, with potential for sequestering around 15 million tonnes of CO2 from Tangguh's emissions in its initial phase, according to BP.

"This project not only unlocks a fantastic gas resource, it also represents an Indonesian first through the use of CCUS to maximize gas recovery," Auchincloss said. — AFP



BP has pledged to achieve net-zero emissions by 2050. PHOTO: PIX FOR VISUAL PURPOSE/AFP/FILE

## EV battery maker Northvolt seeks bankruptcy protection in US

SWEDEN'S beleaguered electric car battery maker Northvolt on Thursday said it had applied for bankruptcy protection in the United States to enable it to restructure its debt and reorganize its business.

The company said its operations would continue as normal during the reorganisation.

"By enabling the company to restructure its debt, appropriately scale the business to current customer needs and secure a sustainable foundation for continued operation, these Chapter 11 filings will help Northvolt to implement the decisions made as part



Northvolt said in September it was slashing 1,600 jobs — a quarter of its staff — and suspending the expansion of its site, as it struggled with strained finances and a slowdown in demand. PHOTO: AFP/FILE

of its strategic review to rescope the business and prioritize commitments to customers," the compa-

ny said. Northvolt said in September it was slashing 1,600 jobs — a quarter of its staff — and suspending

the expansion of its site, as it struggled with strained finances and a slowdown in demand. — AFP

## Over 6,000 Volkswagen employees protest in Germany against layoffs

MORE than 6,000 employees of the Volkswagen auto concern staged a demonstration in the city of Wolfsburg on Thursday against layoffs and plans to close some production sites, the largest German trade union, IG Metall, said.

"Employees from all Volkswagen plants in Germany went to Wolfsburg on Thursday, where the third round of collective negotiations between IG Metall and Volkswagen was held at the Volkswagen Arena.

More than 6,000 workers came to the eastern part of Lower Saxony to express their dissatisfaction with the actions of the Volkswagen board at a high-profile rally," the union said in a statement. The union noted that larger protests could begin in December. During the negotiations, the union proposed a plan for saving 1.5 billion euros (\$1.57 billion), which does not imply plant closures, mass layoffs or salary cuts, the statement read. — SPUTNIK

## China Construction Bank opens branch in South Australia

THE opening of a branch of China Construction Bank (CCB), one of the four largest banks in China, in Adelaide, will further boost financial cooperation between China and South Australia, said government and business representatives.

Chinese Consul-General in Adelaide Li Dong spoke highly of the important role played by financial institutions in promoting bilateral economic and trade cooperation.

Li told the branch's opening ceremony this week that he hoped the

CCB Adelaide Branch would give full play to its advantages and make more contributions to the practical cooperation between China and South Australia through high-quality and professional financial services. South Australia Minister

for Trade and Investment Joe Szakacs said there are unlimited business opportunities in China, and cooperation with China has brought real benefits. He hopes to further promote economic and trade exchanges between the two sides. — Xinhua

### CLAIMS DAY NOTICE

M.V METHI BHUM VOY.NO. (441N)

Consignees of cargo carried on M.V METHI BHUM VOY.NO. (441N) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 23-11-2024 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of AWPT where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

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

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## WORLD



Sakhalin-2 is a major liquefied natural gas (LNG) project located on Sakhalin Island in the Russian Far East. It involves the extraction of natural gas and oil from offshore fields and the liquefaction of this gas for export. **PHOTO: KYODO/FILE**

## Japan prioritizes energy security as Sakhalin-2 avoids sanctions impact

*US sanctions will not impact Sakhalin-2, crucial for Japan's energy security, says Yoshimasa Hayashi.*

THE new US sanctions will not affect Sakhalin-2, the oil and gas project is important for Japan's energy security, Japanese Chief Cabinet Secretary Yoshimasa Hayashi told reporters.

"We are aware of the sanctions announced by the US against financial institutions, including Gazprombank.

According to the US statement, Gazprombank's operations on Sakhalin-2 and Sakhalin Energy are not subject to sanctions. Thus, we believe that the Sakhalin-2 project will not be affected. The Sakhalin-2 project is important from the point of view of Japan's energy security. We will make every effort to ensure that there are

no obstacles to ensuring stable energy supplies to Japan," Hayashi said. On Thursday, the US Treasury Department's Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC) announced a new package of sanctions against Russia that includes 118 individuals and entities, including Gazprombank and six of its foreign subsidiaries. — SPUTNIK

### NEWS IN BRIEF

#### Trump taps loyalist Pam Bondi for attorney-general after Gaetz withdraws

PRESIDENT-ELECT Donald Trump has named Pam Bondi, a close ally and member of his impeachment defence team, as US attorney-general following Matt Gaetz's withdrawal amid sexual misconduct allegations.

US President-elect Donald Trump tapped Pam Bondi, a staunch ally who helped defend the ex-leader against impeachment, as US attorney-general on Thursday following firebrand Matt Gaetz's withdrawal from the running.

Gaetz's retreat amid sexual misconduct allegations signalled limits to Trump's power, even as the president-elect prepares to retake the White House with his Republican Party also in control of both chambers of Congress. — AFP

#### Heavy snowfall causes outage, traffic disruptions in western France

AROUND 170,000 households in western France have lost electricity due to heavy snowfall brought by Storm Caetano, French Minister of Energy Transition Agnes Pannier-Runacher announced on Thursday afternoon.

Speaking at a press conference, Pannier-Runacher stated that over 1,400 workers have been deployed to repair the damaged power network. However, the number of affected households is expected to continue to rise amid the ongoing storm, which made landfall in western France on Thursday morning.

The minister warned that snowfall would persist into Thursday night, with temperatures expected to drop below freezing. She urged residents to exercise caution, particularly regarding the increased risk of black ice. — Xinhua

## China, Australia seek extensive film cooperation

CHINESE and Australian filmmakers upgraded their cooperation during the Australia China International Film Festival, which closed on Thursday in Adelaide, saying they will "make their storytelling intertwined better". "To be even stronger, we have the potential to grow our industry enormously by working with China," Tony Coombs, CEO of Australia's Harvest Pictures Group, who has been engaged in film and television exchanges between the two countries for more than 10 years, told Xinhua on Thursday.

Chinese Consul-General in Adelaide Li Dong told the film festival's opening ceremony last Thursday that it is gratifying to see the strengthening of people-to-people exchanges and cooperation between China and Australia, and this film festival is a useful attempt to promote mutual understanding between civilizations. — Xinhua

## Moscow to host cultural, traditional festival of BRICS countries for schoolchildren

MOSCOW will host a festival dedicated to the culture and tradition of BRICS countries for schoolchildren on 20 November, TV BRICS reported.

As per TV BRICS, the event is being organized by the Moscow State Institute of International Relations of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation (MGIMO) and the TV BRICS International Media Network.

The cultural and traditional festival is set to bring together around 300 students from grades 8-11, where the participating students will learn about the history of BRICS countries, the cultural identity of various peoples, linguistic diversity, and international cooperation in the field of mass communications.

TV BRICS noted that the student community activists from MGIMO will assist in preparing for the event. — ANI



In Brazil, school children showcased a vibrant cultural performance, celebrating the country's rich traditions and heritage. **PHOTO: PIX FOR VISUAL PURPOSE/WIKIMEDIA COMMONS**

## Coe says new Ultimate Championship will be athletics 'gamechanger'

WORLD Athletics President Sebastian Coe said on Friday the new Ultimate Championship team event, officially unveiled by the sport's governing body, would be a "gamechanger" for track and field.

The inaugural event will be held in Budapest on 11-13 September 2026, and will be staged every two years to fulfil World Athletics' ambition of holding a global championship every year.

The federation said the event would provide "a spectacular conclusion to the summer athletics season, in the years where there is no World Athletics Championships".

The event boasts a "record-setting" prize pot of \$10 million (9.6 million euros). World Athletics said it was "the largest ever offered in track and field", with champions set to receive \$150,000.

Each session will last three hours and athletes will represent both themselves and their national teams, wearing national kit.

Coe, who gave a press conference at the stadium in the Hungarian capital where the 2023 World Championships were held, said: "This new global event will be a gamechanger for our sport and for our athletes.

"We want to bring our fans athletics like they have never seen it before — with the best of the best athletes in our sport competing head-to-head in a passion-fuelled, high octane, festival of sport, with sound, light and innovation." — AFP



World Athletics President Sebastian Coe says the Ultimate Championship will be 'high-octane' entertainment. PHOTO: AFP



Zahidi strikes an elbow attack over Tun Min Aung at the ONE Friday Fights 88 event. PHOTO: ONE CHAMPIONSHIP

## Tun Min Aung suffers defeat at ONE Friday Fights 88

IN the ONE Friday Fights 88 event held on 22 November in Bangkok, Thailand, Myanmar fighter Tun Min Aung faced a tough defeat. He competed against Moroccan fighter Zahidi and lost in the second round via a knockout.

Both fighters had similar physical attributes, with no significant difference in height or

reach. In the first round, they exchanged strikes evenly. However, in the second round, Zahidi gained the upper hand, landing a decisive kick to Tun Min Aung's neck at 2 minutes 40 seconds, which led to his victory by knockout. This marks Tun Min Aung's second defeat in his career with ONE Championship. — Shine Htet Zaw/KZL

## Guardiola says he will stay even if Man City relegated

PEP Guardiola said on Friday he would remain at Manchester City even if the club were to face relegation from the Premier League over alleged breaches of financial rules.

Guardiola, who has won six Premier League titles in the past seven years with City, signed a two-year contract extension on Thursday, committing him to the English cham-

pions till 2027.

A hearing into the Premier League's 115 charges against City has been ongoing for several weeks, with a verdict expected before the end of the season.

The club have strongly denied any financial wrongdoing, but could face a severe points penalty if found guilty of some or all the charges.

"I said that six months ago,

one year ago when all the clubs accuse us of doing something wrong. If we get relegated, I will be here," Guardiola said at his pre-match press conference ahead of Tottenham's visit on Saturday.

"If they send us to the Conference (fifth tier) we will come up and up and come back to the Premier League. I knew it then and I feel it now." — AFP

## Holdings Spain to face Netherlands in Nations League quarters

EUROPEAN champions Spain will play the Netherlands in the quarterfinals of the Nations League, while Friday's draw pitted Germany against Italy in another last-eight clash.

Spain won the last edition of the Nations League after beating Croatia on penalties in the final. They also finished runners-up in the 2020-21 tournament.

In the other quarter-finals, France take on Croatia in a repeat of the 2018 World Cup final and Portugal go up against Denmark.

The winners of the Spain-Netherlands tie will advance to a semifinal against either France or Croatia. Cristiano Ronaldo's Portugal could await Germany or Italy in the other last-four encounter.

Portugal won the inaugural edition in 2019 before France won the title two years later.

The quarterfinal ties will be played over two legs from 20-23 March next year. The semifinals are scheduled for 4-5 June with the final set for 8 June at a venue yet to be



decided.

Belgium must beat Ukraine in their play-off to stay in League A, while Scotland take on Euro 2004 champions Greece. The other League A/B play-offs are Turkey against Hungary, and Austria facing Serbia. The Republic of Ireland will play Bulgaria in their attempt to remain in League B. — AFP

Spain finished unbeaten and top of Group A4 after winning five of six matches. PHOTO: AFP



## Iran will launch lot of new advanced centrifuges in response to IAEA resolution

*Tehran plans to activate advanced centrifuges in response to the IAEA Board of Governors' resolution.*

TEHRAN will launch a significant number of new advanced centrifuges in response to the resolution of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) Board of Governors on Iran, the Iranian Foreign Ministry said on Friday.

"The Islamic Republic of Iran has consistently emphasized, at all levels, that taking confrontational measures and any misuse of the IAEA Board of Governors to pursue political and illegitimate objectives would elicit a reciprocal response.

The details of Iran's potential course of action had already been communicated to the Director-General in advance. In alignment with this position, the President of the Atomic Energy Organization of Iran has issued directives to initiate the operation of a substantial number of advanced centrifuges of various models," the ministry said in a statement.

On Thursday, media reported, citing sources, that the IAEA Board of Governors had adopted a resolution criticizing Iran for its lack of cooperation on the nuclear issue. — SPUTNIK



A handout picture provided by Iran's Atomic Energy Organization in December 2019 shows the nuclear water reactor of Arak, south of capital Tehran. **PHOTO: ATOMIC ENERGY ORGANIZATION OF IRAN/AFP/FILE**



Visitors admire robots on display at the China International Industry Fair in Shanghai. **PHOTO: CHEN MENGZE/FOR CHINA DAILY**

## China emerges as global frontrunner in industrial robot density: report

*China surpassed Germany to rank third in global industrial robot density, with 470 robots per 10,000 employees in 2023, reflecting significant investments and growth in manufacturing automation.*

CHINA has made significant strides in manufacturing automation, surpassing Germany to claim third place in global industrial robot density rankings in 2023, according to a report by the International Federation of Robotics (IFR) on Wednesday.

China's robot density reached 470 units per 10,000 employees in 2023, a

sharp rise from 402 units in the previous year. This figure also more than doubled compared to 2019, the report noted.

"China has made significant investments in automation technology," said IFR president Takayuki Ito, highlighting that the country's rise is notable. According to the report, China

only entered the global top 10 in 2019.

Robot density, a key indicator of automation levels in manufacturing, was led by South Korea with 1,012 robots per 10,000 employees in 2023. Singapore ranked second, while Germany was fourth with 429 such automated machines among each 10,000 workers, the report said. — Xinhua

### THE MAIN MESSAGE

## Oreshnik missile shows Russia's retaliatory power to Western arms supplies

RUSSIA'S further actions if the West does not take its concerns into account have been outlined, Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov said on Friday, commenting on a statement made by President Vladimir Putin about a brand-new medium-range missile, Oreshnik.

Putin said in a televised speech on Thursday that Ukraine fired US-supplied

ATACMS missiles and the UK's Storm Shadows at facilities in the Kursk and Bryansk regions on 19 November. Russia responded by launching a combined strike against a defense industry complex in Dnepropetrovsk, also known as Dnipro, on Thursday using the Oreshnik missile.

The main message of Putin's

statement is that the West's reckless decisions on the supply of missiles to Ukraine cannot remain unanswered, the official said.

"Further retaliatory actions in the event that our concerns are not taken into account are also quite clearly outlined," Peskov told reporters. — SPUTNIK