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State Administration Council Chairman Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing walks along the newly inaugurated Kengtung detour during its commissioning ceremony in Shan State (East) yesterday.

Kengtung detour commissioned into service to reduce traffic congestion in downtown Kengtung

State Administration Council Chairman Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing attends an inauguration ceremony of the Kengtung detour.

Chairman of the State Administration Council Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing attended the ceremony to commission a detour of Kengtung into service in Shan State (East) yesterday morning.

Senior General Min Aung Hlaing and

his wife Daw Kyu Kyu Hla were warmly welcomed by town elders, residents, ethnic traditional cultural troupes and students at the ceremony.

SAC Joint Secretary Lt-Gen Ye Win Oo, Council members General Mya Tun Oo and Lt-Gen Nyo Saw, Union Minis-

ter for Construction U Myo Thant and Shan State Chief Minister U Aung Aung formally opened the detour whereas the Senior General unveiled the stone plaque of the facility.

The Senior General presented cash awards to pom-pom dance troupes, eth-

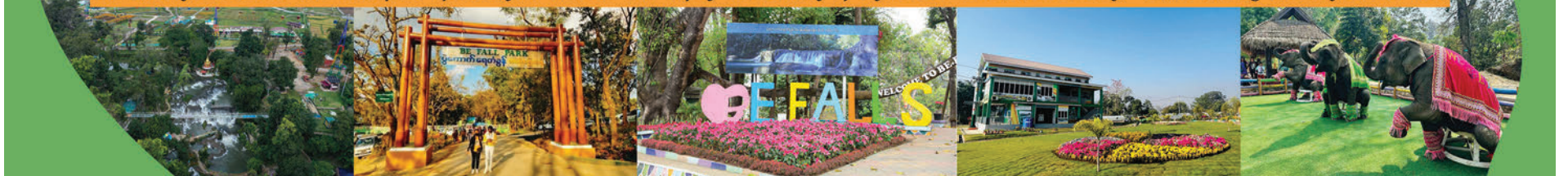
nic traditional dance troupes and ethnic cultural groups. The Senior General and party inspected the detour by car.

The Kengtung detour on Meiktila-Taunggyi-Kengtung-Tachilek road aims to reduce traffic congestion in downtown Kengtung and ensure a swift flow of commodities. Construction of the detour started in 2019. The detour, six miles long and 23 feet wide, is of asphalt concrete.

The opening ceremony was also attended by union ministers and their wives, senior military officers from the Office of the Commander-in-Chief and their wives, the commander of Triangle Region Command and officials. — MNA/TTA

Pwe Gauk (BE.FALLS) Waterfalls Resort

Now, Sky Cable car has been just opened, you can see and enjoy the beauty of Pyin Oo Lwin (Flower City) while riding the Sky Cable car.



NATIONAL



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CHAIRMAN of the State Administration Council Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing and his wife Daw Kyu Kyu Hla, paid homage to Abhaya Razamuni Buddha Image and Thatta Thattaha Maha Bodhi Pagoda in the precinct of Buddha Park in Kengtung of Shan State (East) yesterday morning.

They viewed round Buddhological statues carved in marble stones in the cave of the pagoda.

The Senior General and his wife enjoyed the scenic beauties

of Kengtung from the viewpoint of the Buddha Park and heard reports on the functioning of the Siladhamma free clinic and the construction of Siladhamma Hospital by officials.

At Thatta Thattaha Maha Bodhi Pagoda, they offered flowers, water and joss sticks to the Buddha image. They also donated cash to the fund for the overall renovation of the pagoda to pagoda board of trustees Chairman U Khin Maung Kyi.

The Senior General and

party paid homage to the Buddha image on the upper terrace. They also visited four Samvejaniya holy places of the Lord Buddha.

On arrival at the construction site of Lawka Tharaphu Pagoda in the precinct of Buddha Park, the Senior General viewed the approved site for the pagoda, the functions of the quarry and the small scale of the pagoda. The Senior General sought the advice of Kengtung's Siladhamma Kontha Tawya presiding pa-

tron Agga Maha Saddhamma Jotikadhaja Bhaddanta Kovida Wasipeik Sayadaw and made some supplications and left necessary instructions to officials.

Abhaya Razamuni Buddha Image was built in the precinct of Buddha Park near Pankwe Village, 15 miles southeast of Kengtung, with the aim of forging peace and stability in Shan State (East), strengthening Theravada Buddhism and contributing to regional development through visits of local and

foreign travellers. Led by Wasipeik Sayadaw, Thatta Thattaha Maha Bodhi Pagoda was built with contributions of well-wishers and residents headed by the Senior General for local and foreign travellers and pilgrims to pay homage to a replica of Thatta Thattaha Maha Bodhi Pagoda from Bodh Gaya of India in the region. Currently, efforts are being made to propagate the Sasana in Shan State (East) and the Kengtung region. — MNA/TTA

59th Gems Emporium's Day 9 sells 954 jade lots

THE ninth day of the 59th Myanmar Gems Exhibition took place on 11 May at the Maniyadana Jade Hall in Nay Pyi Taw, attracting local jewellers who inspected the collections of jade stones from Group C exhibited outside the hall. These jade stones are intended to be sold exclusively to local gem traders in Kyat currency.

Out of the total 1,000 jade lots displayed from Group C at the emporium, 954 were sold. The jade lots numbered from 2,751 to 3,750 from Group C were offered to jewellers through an open tender system.

Authorities reviewed and inspected

the proposed price lists of jade lots numbered from 3,751 to 4,550 yesterday, and the sold-out jade lots will be announced on the last day of the event.

The 59th Gems Emporium has been exhibiting in Nay Pyi Taw from 3 to 12 May. Throughout the exhibition, 182 lots of pearls were sold on the second day, followed by 197 lots on the third day, 88 lots of gems on the fourth day, 546 lots of jade on the fifth day, 569 lots of jade on the sixth day and 424 lots on the seventh day and 954 jade lots on the following day. —

MNA/TMT



Gem merchants seen evaluating jade stones yesterday.

NATIONAL

Tatmadaw has to serve State defence duty and enhance itself to have combat power and combat capability, said Senior General Min Aung Hlaing.

Chairman of the State Administration Council Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Min Aung Hlaing met Tatmadaw members and families from Kengtung Station at the hall of Triangle Region Command Headquarters yesterday afternoon.

Speaking on the occasion, the Senior General stressed local military units need to take security measures in relevant areas and carry out regional control measures with preparations based on farsightedness.

He urged all to train all individual Tatmadaw members to be fit for the fight.

The Senior General underscored that leaders of relevant military units have to create good environments for Tatmadaw members and families and manage a fair administration for all.

Moreover, he continued that Tatmadaw is providing the deserved awards and welfare measures for Tatmadaw members and families from the military units, which are serving security and defence duties due



Chairman of the State Administration Council Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Min Aung Hlaing warmly greets Tatmadaw members and families from Kengtung Station at the hall of Triangle Region Command Headquarters yesterday.

Tatmadaw primarily serves State defence duty with combat power and capability

Tatmadaw must be built to be reliable for the people and the State to serve the interest of the people in unity and defend the country.

Salient points from the speech delivered by the Senior General at the meeting with Tatmadaw members and families of Kengtung Station

- Tatmadaw has to serve State defence duty and enhance itself to have combat power and combat capability.
- Local military units need to take security measures in relevant areas and carry out regional control measures with preparations based on farsightedness.
- Leaders of relevant military units have to create suitable environments for Tatmadaw members and families and manage a fair administration for all.
- Tatmadaw is fulfilling the needs of students from Tatmadaw families to improve their education qualifications.

to the current situation of the nation. As such, officials have to manage welfare tasks for Tatmadaw members and families systematically, he added.

He urged all to successfully carry out military-owned and manageable-scale agriculture

and livestock farming tasks.

With regard to the education sector, the Senior General said that as Tatmadaw is fulfilling the needs of students from Tatmadaw families to improve their education qualification, parents need to emphasize the

education of their children.

The Senior General highlighted that students need to read knowledgeable books in addition to subjects of school textbooks, and parents should encourage their offspring to improve their reading habits.

Also present at the meeting were Commander-in-Chief (Navy) Vice-Admiral Zwe Win Myint and wife, Commander-in-Chief (Air) General Tun Aung and wife, and senior military officers of the Office of the Commander-in-Chief and their wives.

The Senior General presented foodstuffs to Tatmadaw members and families of Kengtung Station through the commander, whereas the wife of the Senior General gave a cash award to the station Maternal and Child Welfare Association through the wife of the commander.

The Senior General inspected the progress of agriculture and livestock breeding farms

at the command headquarters. The commander reported on the cultivation of paddy, maize, sunflower and tissue-cultured banana, the breeding of cattle, chicken and ducks, free distribution of meat, fish, milk, eggs and vegetables to military families and departmental personnel, and sales of these goods to people at reduced prices.

After hearing the reports, the Senior General instructed officials to boost the per-acre yield of paddy and maize and viewed round agriculture and livestock products of the farming zone of the command headquarters.

The Senior General also inspected agriculture and livestock farms of the command. — MNA/TTA

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NATIONAL

SAC member makes inspection tours in Ayeyawady Region

STATE Administration Council Member Mahn Nyein Maung, accompanied by Ayeyawady Region Chief Minister U Tin Maung Win, inspected the healthcare services provided by the specialists of Maubin District General Hospital at Inma Village BEHS in Pantanaw Township yesterday.

He first observed the healthcare services and gave presents to the specialists.

He then proceeded to Global Earth Agro & Aqua Industry Public Co Ltd in Phayachaung village-tract in Pantanaw Township. He inspected the establishment of a paddy husk gasifier engine-operated power station.

At the power station, the

chairman and officials of Global Earth Agro & Aqua Industry Public Co Ltd reported on the processes of a power plant, a plan to establish carbon-based organic NPK fertilizer, installation of steam turbines, fish farming using circular tank (intensive culture) and racking system for automatic cold storage warehouse, and other matters.

Afterwards, the SAC member discussed the power generation, market penetration for value-added products, food sufficiency, import substitutes, plans to increase foreign incomes, fish and prawn farming, animal feed production and ISO labs, and the regional chief minister presented the power generation using gas-



State Administration Council Member Mahn Nyein Maung views round the paddy husk gasifier engine-operated power station in Pantanaw Township, Ayeyawady Region, yesterday.

ifier engine and steam turbine.

The SAC member then stressed the need to complete the installation processes to generate 42 MV using a gasifier engine and steam turbine system in a specific time and to provide raw materials to produce fish feed.

At noon, the SAC member headed to "Wah Wah Win Agriculture and Livestock Company" in the KyunOo village-tract in Nyaungdon township and inspected the grinding processes of the harvested Tun Pu, GW 11, 90-day paddy.

Relevant officials of the company finally reported on the fish farming and paddy harvesting processes.

The SAC member observed the company compound and made proper instructions. — MNA/KTZH

Counter-argument to false information

Circulating fake news: Three citizens died as Tatmadaw attacked with air and naval supporting fire in Thayetchaung

THE subversive Khit Thit media claimed that Tatmadaw attacked Kanatthiri village in Thayetchaung township, Taninthayi Region, not only with two helicopters and one jet fighter but also with navy vessels, without provocation on 10 May, resulting in the deaths of three citizens.

In response to this news, a security official from the area reported that there was no exchange of fire and no heavy weapons attack by Tatmadaw at Kanatthiri village in Thayetchaung on 10 May. The truth is that malicious media outlets are intentionally spreading false news to cover up violent acts of terrorists who attacked villages and towns with heavy weapons and drones. They aim to disrupt local administrative mechanisms and portray a distorted view of the security forces. — MNA/TRKM



The screenshot validates fake news of Khit Thit media.

Tatmadaw performs sixth liver transplant surgery

TATMADAW has achieved significant milestones in the field of liver transplant surgery: the first successful procedure was performed in 2022 with two patients, followed by the second, third, and fourth procedures in 2023 involving nine patients each time. In 2024, the fifth procedure was conducted with three patients. Now, Tatmadaw is preparing for its sixth surgery, which also has three patients. The first day of the liver transplant procedure took place yesterday at the Special Treatment Centre of the No 1 Defence Services General Hospital (1,000-bed) in Mingaladon Township, Yangon.

In this operation, the Tatmadaw surgical team collab-

orated with a team of Indian surgeons to perform surgery on Major Aung Naing Oo from the No 8 Basic Military Training Depot and his niece, Daw Zin Mar Hlaing, who was the donor.

The liver extraction process began at 10:30 am, and the liver transplant surgery was performed on the recipient at 5:30 pm. The entire operation lasted 11 hours. Both the donor and recipient are reported to be in good health post-surgery, under close monitoring by relevant specialists, medical officers, and nurses in the Intensive Care Unit (ICU).

The liver transplant surgery will continue on 12 and 13 May. — MNA/TMT

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9 Chinese, 38 Myanmar citizens arrested for gambling at PAL Hotel



The photo shows 47 suspects including Chinese citizen Yang Jian and gambling-related materials and money.

BASED on a tip-off regarding the operation of a gambling club, combined teams including the Myanmar Police Force and witnesses inspected the PAL Hotel, located at No 8, Thirimon 10th Street, Thirimon Residence, Ward No 1, Mayangon Township, Yangon Region, on 10 May.

On the second floor of the hotel, 47 individuals were reportedly arrested in connection with the operation of the gambling club. They include three Chinese males, one of whom is Mr Yang Jian, who are the organizers and managers of the club; seven male and 24 female Myanmar citizens who are employees of the club; five male and



Documentary photo captures the scene of gambling on the second floor of PAL Hotel, Mayangon Township, Yangon.

one female Chinese citizens; and three male and two female Myanmar citizens who were gambling. The arrests were made in possession of gambling-related materials and money.

Authorities have filed a case at the Bayintnaung Police Station in Mayangon Township and are investigating to determine the appropriate legal action for the individuals who were arrested. — MNA/TRKM



Ma Thein Shwe



Ma Ohnmar Myint PHOTO: THIIHA

Myanmar repatriates two citizens from Saudi Arabia

THE government cares for its citizens residing abroad, assists them if they face hardships, and manages to bring its citizens back home by cooperating with Myanmar embassies and relevant embassies.

The Myanmar Embassy in Saudi Arabia communicated with the authorities of Riyadh to repatriate two Myanmar female citizens who faced hardships in Dammam, Saudi Arabia.

Two Myanmar nationals, Ma Thein Shwe and Ma Ohnmar Myint, who worked in Dammam, arrived back in Yangon by flight yesterday.

On arrival in Myanmar, the returnees shared their experiences they encountered in other countries and thanked the Head of the State and ambassadors for helping them.

— Nyein Thu (MNA)/KTZH

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Joint KNLA-PDF terrorists detonate Kyoneik bridge on Yangon-Mawlamyine

TERRORISTS detonate roads and bridges used by the public with the aim of disrupting the country's stability and the rule of law, thereby suspending the flow of goods in the region and hindering the development of socio-economic life. Additionally, they set fire to office buildings, schools, and public houses and carry out acts of sabotage by entering villages in various ways.

On the morning of 11 May, security forces conducting operations near Kyoneik Bridge on the Yangon-Mawlamyine section of Pyidaungsu Road in Mon State were attacked by

KNLA insurgents, allied with PDF terrorist groups, from approximately 300 metres north of the bridge with dropped bombs.

As a result, clashes occurred between the security forces and the terrorist groups, leading to the terrorists fleeing to the northeast of the bridge and detonating it. Consequently, the northern embankment of the bridge was completely destroyed due to the detonation of the mine by the terrorists.

On 29 June 2023, the bridge was detonated with mines by terrorists, causing difficulties for public transportation and

disrupting the flow of commodities. Consequently, the government repaired the bridge as quickly as possible to facilitate transportation and the movement of goods for local people, only for it to be detonated and destroyed by terrorists a second time.

Terrorists have committed war crimes by blowing up roads and bridges used by the public, which are not related to the military. They aim to disrupt public transportation, induce panic and fear, damage the flow of commodities, and undermine stability.

Due to the mining attacks,



The photo depicts the Kyoneik Bridge, which is connecting between Yangon and Mawlamyine in Thaton Township, Mon State, was exploded by KNLA insurgents and PDF terrorist groups on 11 May 2024.

there are currently difficulties for both the public and vehicles of all sizes to pass through. Therefore, employees and officials of the relevant Highways/Bridges Department are con-

tinuing the process of repairing the damage as soon as possible while security forces continue to carry out the necessary counter-terrorism operations. — MNA/TKO

NATIONAL

Yangon Zoological Gardens to host Happy Monsoon and Back to School Festival for 3 days

A three-day festival of Happy Monsoon and Back to School will be held at Yangon Zoological Gardens.

The festival will last three consecutive days from 17 to 19 May, with programmes: Baby Talent Show and entertainment of magic show, Joy Band performances and photo-taking programme with tame birds.

In addition, the Yangon Zoo (Education Department) will organize a Talk Show programme on exciting features

and general knowledge of the animals. The Keeper Talks



Programme will talk about the animals. Moreover, the programmes include a photo booth, game programmes and entertainment programmes, according to the zoo. During the festival, stalls and shops at the Yangon Zoological Gardens will sell school supplies, consumer goods and food to the visitors. — TWA/TKO

A poster bearing the Happy Monsoon and Back to School festival to be hosted at Yangon Zoological Gardens.

YU to open aquatic animal husbandry and integrated insect science diploma courses

THE University of Yangon will offer diploma courses in aquatic animal husbandry and integrated insect science starting in June, with applications admitted at the relevant departments in person from 8 to 24 May.

The University of Yangon's Centre for Research and Innovation, located at No 307 of Fisheny Education Office near

the convocation hall, will accept applications from 50 participants interested in the aquatic animal husbandry course. Additionally, the Department of Zoology at Yangon University will admit 30 applications for the integrated insect science course.

Individuals wishing to enrol in the nine-month diploma

courses must hold a degree from any university and be required to prepare a project paper for their diploma.

The participants will be required to pay the full course fee of K400,000 at a rate of K200,000 per semester. The course will begin on 1 June and will be scheduled on Saturdays and Sundays from 9 am to 4 pm. — TWA/TKO

Yangonites welcome first scattered heavy rains amid sweltering heat

THE first scattered heavy rains have finally fallen on many townships in the scorching Yangon region yesterday. Although only a few townships had received rain in the past few days, the downpour on 11 May was heavier and carried more water.

"There is no strange reason for the rain. It rains after cumulonimbus clouds move upwards. These clouds seemed to be moving from the east," said U Hla Tun, spokesperson for the Department of Meteorology and Hydrology (DMH).

The heavy rains resembled a very wet day in the rainy season, and the areas where the first cold showers hit included townships such as Insein and Bahan, as well as those in the Yangon Metro. "It gets cool after the rain. The heat stress has



abated. Thunder rolled, and lightning flashed. The heavy rain lasted for at least more than an hour. There has been no such rain for a long time. People in Yangon have been expecting rain," said Ko Pyae Sone from Pazundaung township.

Rain is also forecast for 12 May, and as the monsoon hasn't arrived yet, the rain pattern

wasn't regular and could be described as scattered heavy rain, said meteorologist U Win Naing. According to the DMH's weather forecast statement for 11 to 21 May, a low-pressure area may form over the Southeast Bay of Bengal and adjoining South Andaman Sea, and it may intensify into a depression. — Thit Taw/ZN

NEWS In BRIEF

Senior General warns against toxic online info, recommends books beneficial for life

STATE Administration Council Chairman Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing has warned against toxic information on online media and advised choosing books that are beneficial for life at the Library Development and Reading Improvement Movement Ceremony in Nay Pyi Taw on 9 May.

Additionally, he added that the SAC has worked towards making Nay Pyi Taw a green, clean and smart city as well as an education centre. The SAC has tried to establish smokeless industries, expanded universities, and aspired to make the capital a model city for other states and regions. He encouraged the responsible officials to put up their efforts for the development of libraries and improved readership.

Gem Emporium sells 1,500+ jade lots in 3 days

THE 59th Myanmar Gem Emporium has sold 1,500 jade lots in three days. Officials said that 546 lots were sold on the fifth day, marking the debut of the jade lots, 569 on the sixth, and 424 on the seventh, totalling 1,539 lots. The committee has announced that the remaining jade lots will be sold through open tender in the upcoming days. The emporium is scheduled from 3 to 12 May at the Maniyadana Jade Hall in Nay Pyi Taw.

1,000+ flats to be rented to civil servants, retirees and low-incomers

THE Ministry of Construction has allocated over 1,000 flats to rent in the Thuka Dagon Public Rental Housing project in South Dagon Township, Yangon Region, this year. The number of flats that will be rented is 810 in June, 864 in July, and 272 in December. The government rented 1,168 flats for civil servants, retirees and low-incomers in December 2023.

Fuel bowser overturns in Thilawa

A fuel bowser overturned in Thilawa, Yangon Region, on 10 May, according to the Fire Services Department. Fire engines rushed to the scene and successfully cooled down the area, averting any potential fire hazards.

Myanmar maize finds new market in India

MYANMAR has planned to increase maize exports to India due to new demands. Currently, the exporters have shipped maize in four 2,000 to 3,000-tonne ships, according to the Myanmar Maize Industrial Association.

Myanmar realty body to hold nationwide meeting

MYANMAR Real Estate Services Association Chairperson U Khin Maung Than announced a nationwide meeting for June 2023-24 at the preliminary coordinating meeting on 10 May. The association was established on 28 June 2012 and operates offices in 15 states and regions. — Htun Htun/NT

DICA report: 2,000 companies fail to file AR in April 2024

TWO thousand companies were struck off the register in April 2024 as they failed to submit annual returns (AR) on the online registry system, MyCO, according to the Directorate of Investment and Company Administration (DICA).

The DICA notified any registered company that fails to file its AR on the MyCO that it is to be struck off the register from the date of the directive under 430 (F) of the Myanmar Companies Law, according to the DICA's notification.

The DICA's statistics showed that 750 companies in January 2024, 600 in February and 1,650 in March did not file the AR. A total of 6,400 companies also failed to submit the AR in 2023.

The registration and re-registration of companies on the MyCO website commenced on 1



Front view of the DICA office in Yangon.

August 2018, in keeping with the Myanmar Companies Law 2017.

All registered companies need to submit AR on the MyCO registry system within two months of incorporation and at least once every year (not later than one month after the anni-

versary of the incorporation), according to Section 97 of the law.

Under Section 266 (A) of the Myanmar Companies Law 2017, public companies must submit annual returns and financial statements (G-5) simultaneously. All overseas corporations

must submit ARs in the prescribed format on MyCO within 28 days of the financial year ending under Section 53 (A-1) of the Myanmar Companies Law 2017.

As per DICA's report, thousands of companies were suspended for failing to submit AR

forms before the due date. Newly established companies are required to submit ARs within two months of incorporation or face a fine of K100,000 for filing late returns.

The DICA has notified that any company which fails to submit its AR within 13 months will be notified of its suspension (I-9A). If it fails to submit the AR within 28 days of receiving the notice, the system will show the company's status as suspended. Companies can restore their status only after shelling out a fine of K50,000 for the AR fee, K100,000 for restoration of the company on the register, and K100,000 for late filing of documents, totalling K250,000. If a company fails to restore its status within six months of suspension, the registrar will strike its name off the register, according to the DICA notice. — NN/EM

Commerce Ministry holds meeting to seek GACC pact for black cardamom

MYANMAR Trade Promotion Organization under the Ministry of Commerce held a hybrid meeting on 6 May with the participation of stakeholders concerned to seek an agreement with the General Administration of Customs of the People's Republic of China to penetrate

China's market.

The officials of the departments concerned, Myanmar commercial attaches from Beijing and Kunming, the secretary of the Myanmar Fruit, Flower and Vegetable Producer and Exporter Association, exporters of black cardamom

and representatives of some companies attended the hybrid meeting.

The meeting highlighted procedures for Myanmar's black cardamom to register with the GACC, rules and regulations, listing Myanmar's agricultural produce on the GACC registration, and further activities of the associations.

The attendees also put forward ideas to register with the GACC, according to the Myanmar Trade Promotion Organization. — NN/KK

Korea Import Fair invites participation of Myanmar businesspeople

MYANMAR entrepreneurs are invited to participate in the Korea Import Fair-KIF 2024 that will be held on 4-6 July at the Convention and Exhibition Centre-COEX in Seoul, according to the Myanmar Trade Promotion Organization.

The KIF 2024 is organized by the Korea Importers Association (KOIMA) with the aim of building a platform for foreign companies to meet domestic importers and distributors.

The KIF 2024 marks its 21st edition this year. It will be funded by the Ministry of Trade, Industry and Energy, Korea. The products from various countries and diverse cultures can be showcased in one place. The B2B matching and meetings will be included as well. They welcome the participation of the Myanmar businesspeople. The exhibition will cost approximately US\$2,400 per booth. The countries that have

embassies in South Korea will have one booth for free. Those who want to book more than one booth can contact the Myanmar Embassy in Seoul and enjoy a 20 per cent discount.

For further details of the fair, businesspeople can contact the Myanmar Trade Promotion Organization through email: event.td.myantrade@gmail.com or contact numbers 067 408622 and 067 408623. — NN/KK

Duck egg farming thrives ahead of monsoon season

WITH the monsoon season approaching, the trading of duck farming for eggs has been better this May, according to duck farms.

The increase in demand and supply is because poultry farms usually choose ducks for farming in May, depending on their calculations on the weather.

"The trade has been better these months. The sale has been better, too. Because this is duck farming season, and monsoon is drawing near, too. Both demand and supply have been good. Duck egg price has been stable this period, so farm owners prefer to farm more ducks," said an official from Kyaw Swa duck farming for egg trading in Maubin township, Ayeyawady Region.

In 2023, duck farming for the egg market was just regular, but it has begun better this year. It is expected that duck farming for the egg market will be fine until the end of

June, but it will be slightly sluggish in the early monsoon season and will be good again in December and January.

"When compared to the previous year, we have regular customers, so the demand and supply have increased, but there is no loss. We trade good pedigree ducks, so we have long-term customers. The trade will continue better until the end of June. The farming of ducks slightly decreases in the early monsoon season. Poultry farms repurchase duck in December and January when young ducks will be produced again," he said.

With an excellent daily hatching rate, farming ducks for eggs is a reliable business that generates daily income in local communities.

It is commercially viable, and if one starts with small-scale farming, it can become a regular income-generating business within two to three years. — Thit Taw/ZS

OPINION

Honour the sacrifices of nurses and midwives

THE International Council of Nurses (ICN) has set International Nurses Day since 1974 in honour of the birthday of renowned Florence Nightingale, which falls on 12 May as part of recognizing the efforts of nurses and midwives in serving the interests of the entire people. In 1991, the International Confederation of Midwives (ICM) designated the International Day of the Midwives on 5 May every year.

As such, relevant societies set themes for both commemorative days yearly to enhance the capacity of nurses and midwives. The theme of the 2024 International Day of the Midwife has been set as “Midwives: A Vital Climate Solution”, and the relevant theme of International Nurses Day is “Our Nurses. Our future. The Economy and Power of Care”.

The Ministry of Health of Myanmar marked the International Day of the Midwife and International Nurses Day at the Nursing and Midwifery Training School in Nay Pyi Taw on 10 May morning in honour of the endeavours of nurses and midwives in serving their assignments for providing healthcare services and control of diseases and pandemics with sacrifices of life and limbs in all situations.

In fact, nurses and midwives play a crucial role in implementing universal health coverage for all people by nurturing ailing persons, preventing illness, providing healthcare services for patients and assisting in the rehabilitation of already-recovered patients.

The statistics of the World Health Organization state that the forces of nurses and midwives account for some 50 per cent of all human resources for health. As such, their strength is in taking a high role in providing qualified healthcare services to the people. On the other hand, nurses and midwives have to follow the relevant ethics and behaviours as well as adore nursing and midwifery professions and ethics while serving the interests of the State.

In fact, noble persons can disperse loving-kindness, empathy and sympathy to living beings, but they never focus on their interests. Only when compassion spreads across the universe will all societies be prosperous and peaceful.

At the time of the State Administration Council, the Wunna Kyaw Htin title was conferred on Florence Nightingale award winners Major Daw Khin Ohn Mya, Daw M Yaw Nam (Assistant Director-Retired), Daw Thein Yi (Female Health Staff-Retired) and U Sa Naing Naing Tun (Senior Nurse). Moreover, the Ye Bala medal was presented to six nurses and midwives for their sacrifice of life and limb in terror attacks.

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“Rain and Padauk flowers”

Mya Thae (Research)

Rain is essential for Padauk buds to bloom, faithful Padauk buds, wait for full rain soon.

Rain splash to Padauk buds, Padauk buds bloom with joyous hearts.

Now golden, fragrant Padauk flowers, Can adorn the neighbour with a beautiful yellowish colour.



Reading ‘What is to be’

By Zaw Htein Translated by Myint Zan

ah, as certain as the leaves that are seen before me will fall [to the ground] it is possible that the small mango seed which touches the foot may become a mango forest

a small piece of paper has the opportunity to become a small piece of paper

the empty beer can has a ‘seal’ to become an empty beer can again

it is said there’s a mark that one can become a human again?

when I search for myself nothing but nothing is certain



ပြဋ္ဌာန်းချက်များဖတ်ခြင်း

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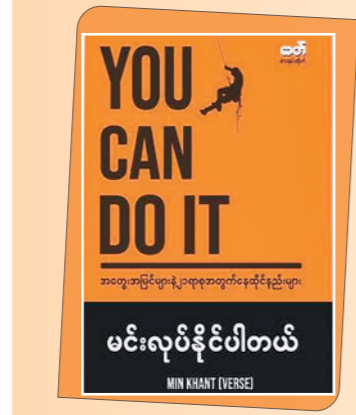
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ဇော်ထိန်

စက္ကလေးတစ်စဟာ စက္ကလေးတစ်စ ဖြစ်ခွင့်ရှိပြီး

စတိုင်သစ်ဖေဖေငါနို့ ၂၀၀၃ ကြယ်များနဲ့အတူ ခေတ်ပေါ်ကဗျာစာအုပ်မှ

The poem first appeared in Sataing Thit (New Style) magazine in February 2003 and also in the collection of ‘With the Stars’ modern poems.



- Book Title - Minn Lote Naing Bardai (You can do it)
- Writer - Minn Khant (Verse)
- Publishing House - Khit Sarpay
- Publication Date - March 2024 (1st Edition)
- Price - K6,500

Minn Lote Naing Bardai (You can do it)

THIS book under review was written by Min Khant and published by Mingalaba Company, which has also published the book titled, ‘You Can Change’. Minn Lote Naing Bardai is You Can Do It in English. Both books are aimed at enhancing the morale of the people in their despair.

Regarding the first product of Saya Minn Khant, there are good comments on Facebook. A reader commented, “You Can Change is a very good book, reflecting the thinking of the people. Reading this book will uplift the morale of the readers. The writer has reminded us not to

take things for granted because nothing is certain in this world. After reading his book, I could have changed my attitude.” You Can Change sold fairly well in the market.

You Can Do It is divided into two parts. The first part is about philosophy, whereas the second part deals with the best ways to survive in this competitive world, which people find difficult to find happiness in in the 21st century. True, it is extremely difficult to be able to lead a peaceful and prosperous life these days, especially in the aftermath of COVID-19, the terrible pandemic.

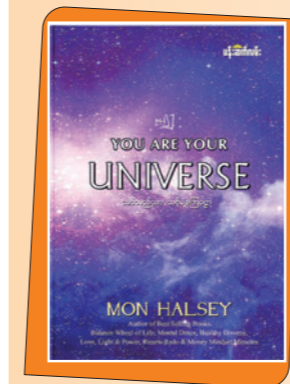
The writer has shared his

own experiences of how he could have survived the woes and sorrows and how he could have overcome the challenges he was faced with so that the younger generation could imitate him. The writer explained, “Oh, my boys and girls. You are the only one who knows how you have struggled hard to overcome the hardships and how much pressure you have been under. Your friends and family won’t know these things because you have never told them to prevent them from being worried. You would only want to share your happy experiences. So, they will never know that you have

had the sleepless nights. Your friends may envy you, thinking that you are leading a pacific and prosperous life. As a matter of fact, they can do nothing from abroad to help you solve your problems. So, you have to be self-dependent, self-reliant and self-motivated. You are the master of your fate and captain of your soul. You have to shape your own destiny. Life is what you make of it. You can make it or mar it. How you write your own story depends solely on you. Although there will be no one who will know your full story, you must leave a good story behind so that you can become a person who holds high esteem for yourself.”

The writer trod on the wrong path when he was left blue by a woman. Depression has led him to go astray. He has disclosed his shameful stories to enable the younger generation to learn lessons from his wrongdoings caused by incorrect attitudes.

This book is not a collection of success stories in which the writers provide tips for get-rich-quick methods. This book provides experience-based tips by which the writer has overcome hardships and difficulties.



- Book Title - Thin The Tha Thin Ei Sekkyawalar (You Are Your Universe)
- Writer - Mon Halsey
- Publishing House - Pann Sett Lann
- Publication Date - March 2024 (1st Edition)
- Price - K9,000

Thin The Tha Thin Ei Sekkyawalar (You Are Your Universe)

THIS is the latest publication by the best-selling writer Mon Halsey. The book under review this week is about philosophy. There are 55 articles in the book.

Concerning the book, she said on her Facebook, “While I was writing this book and as I was making preparations for publishing it, I always wished the book would bring prosperity to my community and my readers in particular. I wrote the articles in dedication to the people around me and the readers in particular. I disseminated loving kindness while writing and preparing for the publishing of this book. Upon completion of the first draft, I read the proof four times to correct and modify

my writing. Whenever I read the proof, I felt I was overwhelmed with enlightenment and peace. I am happy with this book, and if a person gets lost in the wilderness, read this book, and he will find the path he ought to tread on, I believe.”

The book opens with the following sentence, “Thank you, the universe, for supporting my purpose and loving me beyond measure.” In the foreword, she said, “Before dealing with the universe, I need to, I think, talk about spirituality first. Matter-of-factly, spirituality is not a religious faith: it is finding the truth by oneself, seeking oneself, seeking inner peace, and humanity-oriented philosophy. As a Bud-

dhist, I have trodden on the path to humanity based on Buddhism. This being so, my personal value rests in Buddhist philosophy. For those who profess other religious faiths, their individual value will be gauged by the yardstick of their respective religions. At this juncture, it is worth mentioning that we need to have regard for the teachings of other faiths. In other words, we need to possess a universal outlook. Then, we will have a more comprehensive outlook of the world.

“We are required to have love and compassion for all people equally, and we ought to try to be happy with the success of other people. Last but not least, we also needed to have equanim-

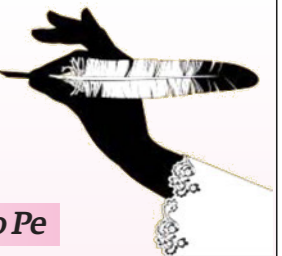
ity for all beings. In Buddhism, we call it four-point Brahmacariya dhamma – i.e., the Dhamma practised by the saintly Brahmins.

“Most of my articles are written on the basis of consciousness map. At home, I have stuck these maps in all the rooms so that they can remind me wherever I am. This map can always help me uplift my morale whenever I feel I lack energy.”

The word Lokadhamma has two semantic components – Loka and Dhamma, with the former suggesting the world, while in this world, we cannot avoid natural phenomena. In fact, we all have the energy to face hardship, woes, and misery. In this universe, we can overcome everything if we have a strong desire. What counts is that we need to believe in our ability to overcome all the challenges. We have to draw or absorb the energy from the universe in the face of difficulties. We have done a host of meritorious deeds. We need to believe in our future. We fail because of others, which prevents us from exerting the utmost effort to reach the goal. That is a blunder. We must imagine that the universe is ourselves. All we want can be found in ourselves.

Mum

By Chit Ko Pe



A mankind starts with being breastfed having diet for strength and health.

Let mozzies and flies be kept at bay, to get any hazards shied away.

Let the infant be pacified so as not to cry but laugh out over a tale told at bedtime.

It is mum who gets coziness supplied.

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ရင်နို့ချို အာဟာရနဲ့ အစပြု လူ့အသွင် ကျန်းခံသာရွှင်။ မသနားစေ ခြင်္သေ့ ဖယ်စင်ဘေးကင်းစွာ။ မငိုစေ ရယ်မောဖို့ ပုံပြောဆို ချောသိပ်ကာ အေးရိပ်ဝေဇ္ဇာ။

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(In honour of Mother's Day, 12 May 2024)

NATIONAL Entertainment

Debut ceremony for mini-series 'Poisonless Thorn'

THE staging ceremony of offerings (coconut and three bunches of bananas in a basket) for the 'Asate Mae Hsui' (poisonless thorn) mini-series was made at Botahtaung Pagoda on 6 May.

"If you miss a scene, you will not get the idea without watching it together with another episode," said director Nay Htet Zan.

The story and script were created by Alpha and Danoke Ko Ko Zaw for Htet Video Production.

"I created the story into a mini-series. Like the title 'Poisonless Thorn', a thorn without poison, can

destroy the lives of youths and the expectations of older adults. I decided to create depending on the favourite of fans," the director said.

The filming process for the mini-series, which contains 14 episodes, will begin in Yangon on 9 May. The cast will be Zar Ti, John Naing Aung, Phyo Mon, Min Thu and other artistes. – ASH/KTZH

The photo shows artistes participating in the staging event of offerings (coconut and three bunches of bananas in a basket) at Botahtaung Pagoda.



Celebrity Brief



'Prince of Spear' San Tin

Officials of the Myanmar Motion Pictures Organization and Ko Lu Chaw team provided 86-year-old 'Prince of Spear' San Tin with K400,000. He established the Ko Lu Chaw team and received the 'Prince of Spear' title for the 'Nyaungyan Nyinaung' movie. He learnt spear skills from Sayagyi U Pyay Thein.

May Mie Ko Ko

Actress May Mie Ko Ko released her new MV song written on her own, 'Yone Kyi Nay Mae Chit Chin' on 4 May. It is a duet song, and she sang it with Khant Min Myat Thar. Director Aung Nay Yell directs it. The actress also encourages her fans to keep supporting her.



Khin Yadana Soe

Singer Khin Yadana Soe clarified the criticism regarding K4 million for playing Myanmar traditional orchestra. She explained that playing the orchestra is not her main career, but singing is. She entertained at the receptions due to her mother's desire and for her members. It is K1 million for materials and transport costs. After paying fees for members, it makes a little money for her.



Sitt Loon Wadi Htet

Sitt Loon Wadi Htet celebrated her mother's birthday - Academy Htet Htet Moe Oo - on 8 May. Hteik Tan Shwe Bayin jewellery shop in Mandalay also organized a surprise birthday party for Htet Htet Moe Oo and presented her K5 million and a gold purse as birthday gifts.

Phyo Ngwe Soe

Actor Phyo Ngwe Soe entered monkhood together with his 23 friends, including his son, at the monastery of Thit Taka Sayadaw on 28 April, marking his birthday. He donated food for 1,000 people. The actor also stars in the 'Ar Pay Tue Nae Ja Lay Bi' movie, which will be broadcast on 3 June on Canal +.



Ni Ni Khin Zaw

Singer Ni Ni Khin Zaw will organize her unique classic event soon. The event, called Up-close 360 Degree Concert, will feature classical music, innovative performances, and musical arrangements. It will be at 7 pm on 23 May in the ballroom of the Sky Star Hotel. It is a limited show, and the people can refresh their emotions at the concert, said the singer. – Htun Htun/KTZH

NATIONAL

Ayeyawady outperforms last year's production with 149,500 tonnes of salt in 4 months

OVER more than four months, 149,500 tonnes of sun-dried salt have been yielded in Ayeyawady Region, exceeding last year's production, said a salt farmer from Ayeyawady Region.

The region's salt production was just 142,000 tonnes during the previous salt season, which concluded at the end of May last year. However, according to statistics from January to 6 May this year, 512 salt farmers have operated salt farming on 21,111.05 acres, and so far, the production has reached 149,500 tonnes.

"Even before this year's salt season ends, the production has exceeded the last year's. There is still sun so that we can harvest salt. Due to the impact of El Nino, it may not rain, so

maybe we will go on. However, the capability to harvest may decline after 15 May because the sea will rise, and workers may be unable to harvest due to the sweltering weather. In previous El Nino-affected years, the monsoon arrived after 25 May," he said.

Harvesting continues as the temperature is still high; therefore, salt production is expected to be more than 160,000-170,000 tonnes by 15 May, he said.

Ayeyawady-produced salt can still not be exported to overseas markets; it can just be sold in the domestic market. Despite the fact that there are rising transport charges and other expenditures, the surplus in production can offset these costs, he said.



Some salt farms in Ayeyawady Region.

Salt farming starts in October, and harvesting begins in January. The production is the

highest in April and May, and if the weather is fine, the salt production in April alone can

be larger than the three-month production — January, February and March. — MT/ZS



Myanmar MoU workers were sent to Thailand by air for the first time.

Daily aviation transport of MoU workers continues

AT the end of last month, MoU workers were sent to Thailand by air as the first batch, and the conveyance continued on a daily basis, according to an official from Myanmar Overseas Employment Agencies Federation (MOEAF).

In the past, the conveyance of workers was made through the Myawady and Kawthoung borders, but now air travel has been used to

shorten the journey.

"MoU workers have been sent daily to Thailand by air. Around 200 workers have been sent by one or two planeloads a day. In the past, we dispatched about 700-800 workers through Myawady, but now we're just able to send about 200, which makes it a little difficult. Royal Thai Embassy has made some restrictions on visas, so we could send a lot if they make

some relaxation," he said.

Myanmar agencies- Hein Myint Myat Company Limited, Human Wave Company Limited, Moon Bean Services Company Limited, Yun Nadi Oo Company Limited, Htoo Thit Zae Company Limited, An Emissary for Myanmar Employer Agency Company Limited and Pwint Phoo Aung Company Limited provided the first batch sending of new Myanmar MoU workers by air.

The first batch sent on 29 April included 116 male workers and 130 female workers, totalling 246, and they arrived at Don Mueang Airport from Yangon Airport by MAI and Air Asia Airlines.

"Since the first batch on 29 April, the worker conveyance has been made on a regular basis," he added.

In the past, Myanmar workers were despatched to Thailand through the Yangon-Myawady route and Yangon-Kawthoung-Ranong route, which made them tired, and because of it, officials of the two countries made an agreement on using air travel through negotiations, an official from MOEAF told The Global New Light of Myanmar (GNLM). — MT/ZS

East Yangon University sees surge in distance learning enrolment this year

MORE distance learning students, including those who didn't attend day classes for various reasons, have enrolled in distance education courses at the University of East Yangon this year, a lecturer from the university told The Global New Light of Myanmar (GNLM).

Although there were thousands of enrolled students last year, according to the situation on the ground, the number of both new and returning students has increased this year.

"There are more students this year. Despite the extension of the registration deadline from month-to-month last year, there were only a few more registrations. This year, we have not been able to close the list yet. The number is quite high.

"It used to be about one thousand. Now, it is more than a thousand and can be about tens of thousands," he

said.

Some students who dropped out for many reasons have returned to the university to resume their studies, while some day students have switched to distance learning, leading to a surge in the number of distance learners.

"There are some returning pupils who dropped out in previous years. Someday, students were employed and could no longer attend day classes, so they switched to distance learning," said the lecturer.

When a student moves from a day course to a distance course, they can continue their studies in the same year and semester they attended in day classes, without having to start from the first year as before, and this could be a reason for the increase in enrolments, he suggested. — Thit Taw/ZN

ECONOMY WORLD



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Panama president-elect pledges to deport migrants who cross Darien Gap

Venezuelans escaping economic crisis lead migrants through Darien Gap, with Africans and Asians also seeking US entry.

PANAMA will deport US-bound migrants who enter the country through the notoriously dangerous stretch of jungle known as the Darien Gap, president-elect Jose Raul Mulino said Thursday.

“In order to do away with the odyssey that is the Darien Gap ... with international aid we will begin a process of repatriation, in full compliance with the human rights of all the people there,” Mulino said in a speech to the election body that

formally declared him president after last Sunday’s polls.

The 165-mile (265-kilometre) Darien Gap, which lies on the border with Colombia to the south, has become a key corridor for migrants heading from South America through Central America and Mexico in hopes of reaching the United States and a chance at a better life there.

They face dense jungle, treacherous terrain, wild animals and violent criminal

gangs that extort, kidnap and abuse them.

In 2023, a record 520,000 people — most of them Venezuelans — crossed through the gap. About 120,000 of them were children. In 2022, 62 people died on the trek. The provisional count for 2023 stands at 34. So many people come through the Darien Gap that the Panamanian government has set up facilities and earmarked resources to aid them. — AFP

Israel sees drop in car imports, rise in electrical goods in April

From January to April 2024, a total of 63,520 vehicles were imported into Israel, reflecting a 28.0 per cent decrease compared to the same period in 2023.

THE Israel Tax Authority reported that in April 2024, 11,474 private vehicles were imported into the country, compared to 17,999 in April 2023, a decrease of 36.3 per cent. Imports of commercial vehicles amounted to 603 vehicles compared to 725 in April 2023, a decrease of 16.8 per cent.

The Authority attributed the drop in vehicle imports in April 2024 partly to what it called a “massive advance” of vehicle imports in December 2023, on the eve of the increase in the purchase tax on electric vehicles in January 2024.

In the period January — April 2024, the import of vehicles amounted to 63,520 vehicles compared to 88,175, in the same period last year, a decrease of 28.0 per cent.

In April 2024, compared to April 2023, imports of white electrical goods and entertainment electronics increased.

In refrigerators, washing machines, clothes dryers and dishwashers, imports increased by 13.6 per cent, 68.3 per cent, 85.1 per cent and 23.3 per cent respectively. — ANI



The decrease in vehicle imports in April 2024 is partly attributed to a surge in imports in December 2023, preceding an increase in the purchase tax on electric vehicles in January 2024. **PHOTO: IMAGE USED FOR ILLUSTRATIVE PURPOSE/SONIGO INTERNATIONAL**

BRIEF: ECON

Sci-tech innovation boosts value of Ningxia's goji berries

IN a scene previously unimaginable, sliding rain shelters, artificial rainfall systems, and state-of-the-art weather stations now dot the landscape of the Xizan ecological goji berry plantation in northwest China's Ningxia Hui Autonomous Region.

This transformation is emblematic of the region's commitment to modernizing its goji berry industry through innovative technological solutions. Spearheaded by a collaboration between the Ningxia goji berry meteorological service centre and local enterprises, the Xizan plantation serves as a pioneering meteorological experimental base for goji berry.

Here, researchers study and address various meteorological challenges encountered during the different developmental stages of goji berry cultivation. — Xinhua

British economy grows 0.6% in Q1

BRITAIN'S gross domestic product (GDP) posted a 0.6-per-cent growth in the first quarter of 2024, showed the data published by the Office for National Statistics (ONS) on Friday.

After two quarters of contraction, the country's economy returned to positive growth in the first three months, said ONS Director of Economic Statistics Liz McKeown.

In output terms, services grew by 0.7 per cent and the production sector by 0.8 per cent, while the construction sector fell by 0.9 per cent.

“There was broad-based strength across the service industries with retail, public transport and haulage, and health all performing well. Car manufacturers also had a good quarter. These were only a little offset by another weak quarter for construction,” said McKeown. — Xinhua

Less domestic travellers seen in Japan's Golden Week amid inflation

This decline was attributed to increased accommodation fees, driven by a rise in inbound tourism supported by a weaker yen.

THE number of domestic travellers decreased during this year's Golden Week holiday period as many residents of Japan refrained from travelling far from home amid rising prices, private sector data showed Saturday.

Based on an analysis of data collected in the vicinity of 60 major train stations across Japan, 53 locations saw the number of domestic travellers drop during the holiday period when compared with a year earlier. This coincided with a surge in accommodation fees due

to an increase in inbound tourism backed by the weaker yen.

It was the first Golden Week, a period from late April to early May that contains a number of national holidays, since Japan downgraded the legal status of the coronavirus to the same category as seasonal flu.

The holidays came as real wages decreased in March for the 24th consecutive month, the longest decline since comparable data became available in 1991. — Kyodo



File photo taken on 5 May 2024, shows Shibuya's scramble crossing in Tokyo crowded with people during the Golden Week holiday period. PHOTO: KYODO

China's auto exports surge 34% in April

The cumulative export numbers for the first four months of the year were equally impressive, totalling 1.827 million units, representing a year-on-year rise of 33.4 per cent.

CHINA exported a total of 504,000 automobiles in April, marking a significant year-on-year growth of 34 per cent, data from the China Association of Automobile Manufacturers showed Saturday.

In terms of vehicle type, passenger cars accounted for the lion's share of the exports, with 429,000 units shipped internationally, marking a 1.2 per cent increase from the previous month and a substantial year-on-year surge of 35.9 per cent.

On the other hand, commercial vehicle exports exhibited a slight dip



Visitors are seen at the exhibition area of Chinese NEV manufacturer BYD during the 2024 Beijing International Automotive Exhibition in Beijing, capital of China, 4 May 2024.

PHOTO: YIN DONGXUN/XINHUA

of 4.2 per cent from the previous month but managed

to achieve a commendable year-on-year increase of 24 per cent, with 74,000 units exported. — Xinhua

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(the "Company")

Notice under Section 147, 152 (a) of the Insolvency Law and Rule 9 and 15 of the Insolvency Rules
(Members' Voluntary Winding Up)

As per special resolution duly passed in writing on 8 May 2024 by all of the members of the company:

- The process of members' voluntary winding up will proceed and take effect from 8 May 2024.
- Daw Cho Thandar Soe (CPA No. 498 and MAIP Membership No.00225) shall be and is hereby appointed as liquidator of the Company for the purpose of such members' voluntary winding up and is authorized to carry out the Company's affairs in respect of such winding up; and
- All of the creditors (if any) of the Company are required to contact the liquidator before 30 May 2024 with detailed particulars of their claim attached with complete supporting documents. The Company shall not take any responsibility for or settle any debts that are claimed and submitted after such date.

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Date: 12 May 2024

BRIEF:BIZ

Agreement to construct UAE-Oman railway network enhances bilateral relations

SHEIKH Theyab bin Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan, Deputy Chairman of the Presidential Court for Development and Fallen Heroes' Affairs, and Chairman of Etihad Rail, said the agreements signed during the recent state visit of His Majesty Sultan Haitham bin Tarik to the UAE were in line with the wise directives of the leadership of the two neighbouring countries, enhancing the longstanding historical relations between them, supporting economic and commercial integration, and strengthening their social and cultural ties. — ANI

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Consignees of cargo carried on **M.V ISEACO FORTUNE VOY.NO. (0UV7EE1NC)** are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on **12-5-2024** and cargo will be discharged into the premises of **MITT/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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Shipping Agency Department
Myanma Port Authority

Agent For:
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ROLLING UPDATES: WORLD

Putin signs decree to appoint Mishustin as prime minister, Kremlin states

The appointment follows the State Duma's approval of Mishustin during a plenary session earlier in the day.



In this photo released by the Russian Parliament Press Service, acting Prime Minister Mikhail Mishustin addresses the State Duma, lower house of the Russian Parliament, in Moscow, Russia, 10 May 2024.

HANDOUT VIA CHINA DAILY

EARLIER on Friday, Russian President Vladimir Putin submitted a proposal to the State Duma, the lower house of the Russian parliament, on the appointment of Mikhail Mishustin as the country's prime minister. Russian President Vladimir

Putin has signed a decree to appoint Mikhail Mishustin as the country's prime minister, the Kremlin said on Friday.

"Russian President Putin signed a decree 'on the Chairman of the Government of the Russian Federation' (...) In ac-

cordance with paragraph 'a' of Article 83 of the Constitution of the Russian Federation, to appoint Mikhail Vladimirovich Mishustin as Chairman of the Government of the Russian Federation," the Kremlin said in a statement.

Prior to that, the State Duma approved Mishustin as the prime minister during a plenary session on Friday.

"The State Duma [the lower house] of the Federal Assembly [the parliament] of the Russian Federation decides: 1. To approve Mikhail Vladimirovich Mishustin as the chairman of the government of the Russian Federation. 2. To forward this resolution to the president of the Russian Federation. 3. This resolution comes into force from the date of its adoption," the State Duma's draft resolution read. — SPUTNIK

NEWS SUMMARIES: WORLD

India-France to hold 7th edition of Exercise 'Shakti' on 13-26 May

IN a bid to strengthen defence ties, India and France will conduct the 7th edition of the Joint Military Exercise 'Shakti' on 13-26 May in the Umroi region of Meghalaya.

The exercise aims to enhance the joint military capacity of both sides to undertake Multi-Domain Operations in a Sub Conventional scenario, the Indian Army said.

Additionally, the joint exercise will facilitate the development of interoperability bonhomie, and camaraderie between the Armed Forces of both nations. Indian Army shared details of the upcoming exercise saying, "Exercise Shakti 2024 The 7th Edition of Joint Military Exercise between India and France will be conducted from 13 to 26 May 2024 in Umroi, Meghalaya. — ANI

Israeli population stands at 9.9 million as Independence Day approaches

AHEAD of Israel's Independence Day on Tuesday, the Central Bureau of Statistics reported that the country's population grew to 9.9 million people on Thursday.

This includes 7.4 million Jews (73.2 per cent of the population), 2.08 million Arabs (21.1 per cent), and 564,000 others, such as Druze, Circassians, Armenians and others (5.7 per cent)

Since last year's Independence Day, the population grew by 189,000, an increase of 1.9 per cent.

According to the CBS, this included about 196,000 births, the arrival of about 37,000 immigrants, and the deaths of around 60,000 citizens. — ANI

Philippine agriculture loses over US\$103 mln due to El Nino

Marcos emphasized the country's experience of extreme weather, with extreme heat presently and heavy rainfall anticipated in the coming months, during his visit to Zamboanga City in the southern Philippines.

THE El Nino dry spell and drought damage to Philippine agriculture has reached 5.9 billion pesos (103 million US dollars), Philippine President Ferdinand Romualdez Marcos said Thurs-

day. Marcos added that at least 3.6 million Filipinos across the country have been affected by the El Nino phenomenon.

While the Philippines copes with the sweltering weather, the

Southeast Asian country also braces for La Nina's arrival.

"We are in the midst of extreme weather; extreme heat now and heavy rain in the coming months," Marcos said during his

visit to Zamboanga City in the southern Philippines.

Marcos flew to the region to distribute aid to the farmers and fisherfolks who have been severely affected by El Nino.

El Nino occurs when seawater is warmer than usual, while La Nina is a large-scale cooling of sea surface temperatures in the central and equatorial Pacific Ocean. — Xinhua



President Ferdinand "Bongbong" Marcos Jr. distributed millions worth of aid to local officials in a bid to help Mindaoan farmers and fisherfolks reeling from the effects of the devastating El Niño. PHOTO: PIX FOR VISUAL PURPOSE/ FAO/FILE

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Myanmar Lethwei star Myo Myat Aung to take on Muay Thai fighter Petchphalan Chai

MYANMAR Lethwei champion Myo Myat Aung (aka) Saw Phyo Wai will fight against Muay Thai fighter Petchphalan Chai in the Super Fight event of the Thai Fight, according to the Thai Fight fixtures.

Both fighters will stay under the 63-kilogramme category and will battle for the winner on

12 May. Myo Myat Aung took the golden belt championship belt of Myanma Lethwei in 2012 and also conducted Lethwei training for his trainees. Myo Myat Aung lost to Cambodian Khun Khmer icon Son in Cambodia on 20 April.

Likewise, another Myanmar fighter, Hla Win, will also

take on Thai fighter Dejsongwut in another event of the Thai Fight. — TWA/KZL

Myanmar's Lethwei star Myo Myat Aung (aka) Saw Phyo Wai versus Thai Fighter Petchphalan Chai.



Neymar out of Brazil squad for Copa America

NEYMAR has been left out of Brazil's squad for the Copa America as he continues his recovery from a serious knee injury, the country's football confederation said on Friday.

Neymar has not played since suffering a ruptured anterior cruciate ligament and meniscus of his left knee in October and the 32-year-old was given little chance of being fit for the tournament in the United States, which begins on 20 June.

Manchester United midfielder Casemiro and Tottenham Hotspur forward Richarlison also missed out, having struggled with poor form and injuries at their respective clubs. As expected, manager Dorival Junior named Real Madrid-bound Palmeiras teenager Endrick in his 23-man squad. — Xinhua

Myanmar team to compete in Sepak Takraw World Cup 2024 Championship

TEAM Myanmar will compete in the Sepak Takraw World Cup Championship, named ISTAF World Cup 2024, in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, from 21 to 26 May, as stated by the Myanmar Sepak Takraw Sports Federation.

Team Administrator U Aung Myo San Myint and coach U Aung Cho Myint will be heading the team during the tourney.

The tourney is divided into Premier and Division classes under the Regu, Team and Double events. Teams from Myanmar, Thailand, Malaysia, and Indonesia compete in the Premier classes.

Like the previous competitions, they must compete in all events without having the right to choose their favourite event.



The photo shows the delegates of the Myanmar Sepak Takraw team.

In addition, the World Cup 2024 tournament that will be held now is different from previous tournaments in that it will be

a tournament that will rank countries based on the results of the participating teams and the quality of the players.

Teams from Thailand, Viet Nam, Indonesia, Japan, Brunei, Malaysia, Singapore, China, India, South Korea, the Philippines, Myanmar, Germany, France, Nepal, Iran, Bangladesh, Sri Lanka, Pakistan, Chinese (Taipei) and Saudi Arabia are participating in the tourney as it was divided into two classes named Premier and Division.

With the rank, team Myanmar will compete under the Premier class, placing in the same group as India and Japan in Group D of the Regu Event, in Group C with the Philippines and Indonesia for the Double Event and in another Group D with the Philippines and South Korea for the Team Event. — TWA/KZL

Mbappe announces PSG departure at end of season

KYLIAN Mbappe confirmed on Friday that he will leave French Ligue 1 club Paris Saint-Germain at the end of the season, without revealing his next destination.

But according to multiple media reports, he will join the La Liga powerhouse Real Madrid after the season ends.

"I wanted to announce to you all that it's my last year at Paris Saint-Germain. I will not extend and the adventure will come to an end in a few weeks," Mbappe

said in a video posted on social media.

"I will play my last game at the Parc des Princes on Sunday."

The French international joined PSG on loan from Monaco in 2017 and officially signed with the capital-based side after the season ended for a transfer fee of 180 million euros. During his seven years with the team, Mbappe helped the club claim six league titles and three French Cup victories, making 306 appearances

and scoring 255 goals, becoming the top scorer in the team's history.

"It's a lot of emotions, many years where I had the chance and the great honour to be a member of the biggest French club, one of the best in the world," said the 26-year-old. — Xinhua

Mbappe attends a presentation as new player of Paris Saint-Germain at Parc des Princes in Paris, France, on 6 September 2017. PHOTO: JACK CHAN/FILE





This photo taken on 9 April 2024 shows students using virtual reality headsets in a class at the Hong Kong University of Science and Technology (HKUST), in Hong Kong. **PHOTO: PETER PARKS / AFP**

Einstein and anime: Hong Kong university tests AI professors

Students at Hong Kong University of Science and Technology (HKUST) are using virtual reality headsets to attend lectures given by AI-generated instructors, such as an AI version of Albert Einstein explaining game theory from a pavilion above the clouds.

Using virtual reality headsets, students at a Hong Kong university travel to a pavilion above the clouds to watch an AI-generated Albert Einstein explain game theory. The students are part of a course at the Hong Kong University of Science and Technology (HKUST) that is testing the use of “AI lecturers” as the artificial intelligence revolution hits campuses around the world.

The mass availability of tools such as ChatGPT has sparked optimism about new leaps in productivity and teaching, but also fears over cheating, plagiarism and the replacement of human instructors. Professor Pan Hui, the project lead for HKUST’s AI project, is not worried about being replaced by the tech and believes it can

actually help ease what he described as a global shortage of teachers. “AI teachers can bring in diversity, bring in an interesting aspect, and even immersive storytelling,” Hui told AFP.

In his “Social Media for Creatives” course, AI-generated instructors teach 30 post-graduate students about immersive technologies and the impact of digital platforms. These instructors are generated after presentation slides are fed into a programme. The looks, voices and gestures of the avatars can be customized, and they can be displayed on a screen or VR headsets. This is mixed with in-person teaching by Hui, who says the system frees human lecturers from the “more tedious” parts of their job. For student Lerry Yang, whose

PhD research focuses on the metaverse, the advantage of AI lecturers was in the ability to tailor them to individual preferences and boost learning. If the AI teacher “makes me feel more mentally receptive, or if it feels approachable and friendly, that erases the feeling of distance between me and the professor”, she told AFP.

Everybody’s doing it

Educators around the world are grappling with the growing use of generative AI, from trying to reliably detect plagiarism to setting the boundaries for the use of such tools. While initially hesitant, most Hong Kong universities last year allowed students to use AI to degrees that vary from course to course. — AFP

Oscars Academy, at pivotal point, launches \$500 mln fundraising drive

THE Academy of Motion Pictures Arts and Sciences on Friday launched a \$500 million fundraising drive, pegged to the upcoming centenary of the Oscars.

Named Academy100 — ahead of the 100th Oscars ceremony, set for 2028 — the drive is intended to diversify finances for the group, which plays a key role in fostering new filmmakers and preserving movies, as well as handing out the annual Academy Awards. It comes at a time when viewership of the Oscars has drastically shrunk, and as the Academy’s lucrative, long-standing broadcast deal with ABC for the ceremony telecast is nearing



Some 20 million people tuned in to the 2024 edition of the Oscars to see ‘Oppenheimer’ fend off rivals such as ‘Barbie’ — whose star Margot Robbie is seen here — and win the coveted best-picture award. **PHOTO: AFP/FILE**

its end. “The Academy will soon enter its second century, and we want to ensure that we continue to be the preeminent leader of our international film community,” said Academy CEO Bill Kramer, in a statement. “Like all healthy organizations, the Academy needs a sustainable and diverse base of support,” he added.

Sponsors have already committed more than \$100 million to the campaign, the Academy said. The Academy’s members — there are around 10,000 — are invited to join based on their filmmaking achievements. They range from directors and producers to A-list actors and visual effects artists.—AFP

Australian govt to set up enquiry to examine impact of social media

This enquiry aims to examine the spread of illegal and harmful content, the impact of algorithms on what Australians see, and the effects of social media on mental health.



The committee will have the authority to compel witnesses, including executives from social media companies, to attend hearings. **ILLUSTRATION: IMAGE USED FOR ILLUSTRATIVE PURPOSE/ PIXABAY**

The Australian government will set up an enquiry into the influence of social media. Michelle Rowland, the minister for communications, and Stephen Jones, assistant treasurer and minister for financial

services, on Friday announced plans to establish a joint parliamentary committee to examine and report on the impacts of social media in Australia.

The government expects the new committee to conduct inquiries into the spread of illegal and harmful content on social media, how algorithms influence what Australians see and the impacts of that content on mental health and the decision by Meta to stop paying Australian media companies for news content.

The committee will have the power to compel witnesses, including social media company executives, to attend hearings. Rowland said that the committee would hold social media companies more accountable and transparent. — Xinhua