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State Administration Council Chairman Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing looks into the jade stones at the 59th Myanmar Gems Emporium for 2024 in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

400 pearl, 160 gem, and 4,550 jade lots up for sale

State Administration Council Chairman Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing attends the opening of the 59th Myanmar Gems Emporium for 2024.

Plans are underway to sell 400 lots of pearl, 160 lots of gems and 4,550 lots of jade to local and foreign gem merchants through

an open tender system at the 59th Myanmar Gems Emporium for 2024.

Chairman of the State Administration Council Prime Minister Senior

General Min Aung Hlaing attended the ceremony to open the 59th Myanmar Gems Emporium for 2024 at Maniyadana Jade Hall in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday

morning.

The Senior General and party viewed a video clip on the production of pearls and gems and sales and preparations for holding the 59th emporium for 2024.

After inspecting the display of jade, gems and pearl lots at Maniyadana Jade Hall, the Senior General heard the officials' reports and gave necessary guidance.

The Senior General and party viewed round sales of jewellery items at private shops and display of uncut jade stones outside the hall.

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59th Myanmar gems emporium begins in Nay Pyi Taw

THE first day of the 59th Myanmar Gems Emporium was held at the Mani Yadana Jade Hall in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

A total of 400 pearl lots, 160 gem lots, 1,000 jade lots of Group A, 1,750 jade lots of Group B and 1,800 jade lots of Group C, totalling 4,550 jade lots, will be sold under the open tender system.

Pearl lots were on display on 3 May and will be sold under the open tender system on 4 and 5 May, while the gem lots will be on display from 3 to 5 May, and they will be sold on 6 May through the tender system. The jade lots of groups A and

B will be displayed from 3 to 6 May and will be on sale from 7 to 9 May. The jade lots of Group C will be on display from 3 to 10 May and sold from 11 to 12 May under an open tender system.

Basic prices for pearl lots, gem lots and jade lots of groups A and B will be priced in US dollars, while the jade lots of Group C in Myanmar kyats. The deposits for pearl lots, gem lots and jade lots of groups A and B will be made by the foreign merchants with US dollars and euros, yuan and baht, which is equal to US dollars, while the local merchants can be made with Myanmar kyats. The pay-

ment for jade lots of Group C that are allowed only for local merchants can be made with Myanmar kyats.

Local and foreign jewellers can make payments for Group A in US dollars and euros, yuan and baht, which are equal to US dollars. Foreign jewellers for Group B can pay in US dollars and euros, yuan and baht, which is equal to US dollars, while the local jewellers in Myanmar kyats and the local jewellers for Group C can pay in Myanmar kyats.

The 59th Myanmar Gems Emporium will take place from 3 to 12 May. — MNA/KTZH



Yangon Zoo prioritizes animal welfare amid extreme temperatures



The photo captures health checks on animals at the Yangon Zoo.

THE animals from the Yangon Zoological Gardens are systematically taken care of to prevent them from being harmed by the extreme temperatures, according to U Than Myint Tun, warden of the Yangon Zoo.

The Yangon Zoological Gardens hosts a total number of 1,065 animals of 135 species.

U Than Myint Tun said, “We take care of them to have enough water to drink and use. We fill water, splash water and keep their places cool. For their food, we prepare the solution of BPI oral rehydration salts for the animals, and we feed them juicy fruits like watermelons to prevent

them from experiencing extreme heat. We also check their health conditions with the veterinarians. If an animal suffers from heat, it will be like a human’s illness. But we don’t have that kind of case as we prevent our animals from the heat.”

The entrance fees for the Yangon Zoological Gardens are set at K2,500 for adult, K1,500 for child, K7,000 for foreign adult, and K5,000 for foreign child. Additionally, monks and nuns are granted free entry to the zoo.

The security of the zoo is planned with the projects for the citizens to relax peacefully and safely. — ASH/TRKM

EARTHQUAKE NEWS
(Issued at 21:00 hour M.S.T)

A slight earthquake of magnitude (4.0) Richter Scale with its epicenter inside Myanmar (about (16) miles east-southeast of Thayawady), latitude 17.60 °N, longitude 96.04 °E, depth (10) kilometres, about (52) miles north-northwest of Kaba-Aye seismological observatory was recorded at (20) hr (46) min (56) sec MST on 3 May 2024.

New Minimum Temperature Record

Issued on 3 May 2024

Sr No	Station	Date of New Record	New Minimum Record		Date of Old Record	Old Minimum Record		Past Years of opening station
			(°C)	(°F)		(°C)	(°F)	
1.	Myitkyina	3-5-2024	16.2	61.2	2-5-2024	16.9	62.4	58

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The opening ceremony of the emporium was also attended by SAC Joint Secretary Lt-Gen Ye Win Oo, Council members General Mya Tun Oo, General Maung Maung Aye, Lt-Gen Yar Pyae, Daw Dwe Bu, Mahn Nyein Maung and U Shwe Kyein, union ministers, union-level dignitaries, the Nay Pyi Taw Council chairman, and officials as well as local and foreign gem merchants.

The emporium sets floor prices in US dollars for sales of pearl lots and gem lots, jade lots from A and B groups and jade lots from Group C in Myanmar kyat. Foreign gem merchants can pay deposits for jade lots from A and B groups in US dollars or euros, yuan and baht equal to US dollars. Likewise, local gem merchants can pay deposits in Myanmar kyat. Moreover, local gem merchants can pay a deposit for jade lots from Group C in Myanmar kyat. The jade lots from Group C are set for the purchase of local merchants only.

Local and foreign merchants can pay US dollars or euros, baht and yuan equal to US dollars to buy jade lots of Group A. Moreover, foreign merchants can pay US dollars or euros, baht, and yuan, which are equal to US dollars, to purchase jade lots, pearl lots, and gem lots from Group B. Local merchants can pay Myanmar kyat equal to US dollars for the value of these jade lots. Jade lots from Group C are set for purchase by local gem merchants only in Myanmar kyat. These pearl, gems and jade lots will be sold in an open tender system. The emporium will be held from 3 to 12 May.

Myanmar Gems Emporiums have been held since 1964 to sell gems to earn revenue in foreign currency for the State and make the interests of citizens booming. — MNA/TTA



Russian Ambassador Mr Iskander Azizov calls on Union Minister Dr Thet Khaing Win yesterday.

Union Health Minister receives Russian Ambassador to Myanmar

UNION Minister for Health Dr Thet Khaing Win met Mr Iskander Azizov, Ambassador of Russia to Myanmar, at the Ministry of Health in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday morning.

During the meeting, they discussed various aspects of enhancing cooperation between the two countries in the medical field. Topics included the upgrading of Taunggyi Sao San Tun General Hospital, collaboration in cancer radiation treatment, mutual dispatch of medical experts,

and research cooperation, with a focus on oncology, cardiology, surgery, brain and neuromedical treatment. They also explored collaboration for the mutual recognition of medical degrees, ongoing educational exchanges such as Myanmar paediatricians learning in Russia, the collaboration between Yangon General Hospital and Napalkov Cancer Centre in St Petersburg of Russia, as well as pharmaceutical manufacturing and importation issues.

Following the productive discussion, souvenirs were exchanged between the Union minister and the Russian ambassador.

The meeting was attended by officials from the Ministry of Health, including the deputy minister, director-general of the Food and Drug Administration Department, deputy permanent secretary, and economic attache and diplomatic representatives from the Russian Embassy. — MNA/TS

Myanmar participates in 321st ASEAN Committee meeting in Tokyo

MYANMAR Ambassador to Japan U Soe Han represented the country at the 321st ASEAN Committee (Tokyo) meeting held on 30 April in Tokyo, Japan, according to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MoFA).

The meeting of the committee, organized by ambassadors from ASEAN member countries based in Tokyo, was held at the residence of Indonesian Ambassador Mr Heri Akhmadi, who serves as the chair of the committee. During the meeting, they discussed Japan's domestic and regional developments, as well as issues related to the exchange of information between ASEAN embassies. Additionally, they explored the establishment



The photo shows attendees closing their hands together at the 321st ASEAN Committee (Tokyo) meeting.

of a team of consular officials for cooperation with the Japanese Ministry of Foreign Affairs to assist citizens of ASEAN member countries in case of emergencies, such as earthquakes.

Furthermore, a dinner talk took place between the ASEAN ambassadors and Mr Ryo Nakamura, Deputy Minister and Director-General of the Southeast and Southwest Asian Affairs Department at the Japanese Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

During the talk, they exchanged views on ASEAN-Japan cooperation, as well as collaboration between ASEAN embassies and the Japanese Ministry of Foreign Affairs in emergencies such as earthquakes. — ASH/TKO

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Myanmar, Thailand to enhance cooperation in air forces

A Tatmadaw (Air) delegation led by Commander-in-Chief (Air) General Tun Aung paid a friendship visit to Thailand on 30 April to promote friendship and cooperation between the air forces of Myanmar and Thailand at the invitation of Thai Air Chief Marshal Punpakdee Pattanakul. On 1 May, the Com-



The meeting between the Commander-in-Chief (Air) and the Thai Air Chief Marshal in progress.



Commander-in-Chief (Air) General Tun Aung alongside Thai Air Chief Marshal Punpakdee Pattanakul inspect the guard of honour on 1 May.

mander-in-Chief (Air) was welcomed by the guard of honour and took a salute. Then, he placed the memorial wreath in front of the statue of Field Marshal Prince Chakrabongse, who first established Thai Air Forces and signed in the guest book. He also met Air Chief Marshal Punpakdee Pattanakul and exchanged the memorial gifts of two air forces. In the conference room, the two parties discussed the enhancement of cooperation between the two air forces. The Commander-in-Chief (Air) then proceeded to Air War College and met with the Commandant. An official of the college explained the history of the college, its formation, missions, curriculum, teaching methods, discussions, academic talks, and trainee qualification for local and foreign trips. He also observed the Practice Negotiating for National Security and visited the Sea Life Paragon Department Store. On 2 May, the Myanmar delegation visited Wat Traimit Wittayaram Worawihan, Wat Arun, Wat Pho and the Royal Barge Museum. The delegation arrived back in Myanmar on 3 May. — MNA/KTZH

Counter-argument to false information

Khit Thit subversive media accuses security forces of arson in Pandaichone village

THE subversive media outlet Khit Thit fabricated stories, accusing the security forces of arson in residential houses in Pandaichone village, Pakokku Township, Magway Region, on 2 May.

According to a security officer in the area, the security forces were ambushed by terrorists while conducting security operations along the routes to Pandaichone village and Pakokku University. As a response, the security forces have intensified security measures, and it has been confirmed that the reported incident of setting fire to residential houses did not occur.

Malicious media networks are purposefully promoting and spreading fake news about incidents, aiming to inten-



The screenshot validates misinformation.

tionally mislead and frighten the public. This misrepresentation also distorts the image of the security forces, who are actively working to maintain peace and security in the area. — MNA/TKO

Early May sparks surge in automobile demand and supply

SALES and purchases in the automobile market have increased since the beginning of May, according to U Kyaw Swa Tun Myint, secretary general of the Myanmar Automobile Manufacturers and Distributors Association.

There were more purchases in the auto market with frequent sales and purchases in early May, and depending on the market conditions, it can be more active in mid and late May, he said.

“It was normal until the end of April after Thingyan with the pur-

chase of some who needed cars and the sales. There was more demand, but not very active. It was more active at the beginning of May. According to the market, it can be more frequently traded in mid-May and late May every year. If there are no other significant changes, such as notifications, announcements and pandemics, the trading will be normal. Especially, it can be more active in the school opening season,” he said.

In June, at the beginning of the school opening season, people buy or

change cars, so car sales and purchases can be more frequent, he said.

“In June, when the schools reopen, some buy or change cars, so car sales and purchases can be more frequent. It is regular every year. This is not the state where no deal is done. Now, there are more sales. With more sales, there are more purchases. If compared to the previous time, it can be said to be more active,” he said.

Cars worth K30-K40 million to more than K100 million are sold regularly in the market. — MT/ZN

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BIO-AMINO liquid organic fertilizer obtained from a concentration of vegetables and made from fish-based marine proteins, which contain amino acids to stimulate the growth of the plants, is locally manufactured and distributed in Myeik, Taninthayi Region under the brand of All in One Plus.

This liquid organic fertilizer improves soil fertility and crop yield, promotes the growth of the plant, protects plants from pesticides without harming nearby ecosystems, supports farmers with eco-friendly technology and gives nutrients to plants by recycling from residues of local raw materials and kitchen waste.

“The liquid fertilizer containing Amino acid and kitchen waste will give nutrients to plants and control plant diseases and pests,” said U Nay Lin Aung, Founder and Director of NG Sun Agriculture Business Biofertilizer Company Limited.

This bio-amino liquid fertilizer is produced by combining amino acids based on marine byproducts from dried fish industries and garden compost, vegetable waste, and kitchen waste.

“The production stage is fermenting Amino acid extracted from fish byproducts (head, intestines and viscera) mixed with nipa palm’s sap and syrup and effective micro-organisms.

The fermented liquid is made from kitchen waste such as onion skin and boiled chilli liquid, plant growth hormone on bananas, neem trees, tobacco plants and vegetables and garden waste. It helps pro-

tect plants from pest invasion. Yet, this liquid will not kill small fish, frogs and spiders that are important to the ecosystem.

“Fermented liquid and amino acid are mixed into nine-one ratios, and kitchen and fish waste turned into liquid organic fertilizer,” he elaborated on production stages.

Organic fertilizer is commercially valued. It helps reduce the use of chemicals as well. I run on a trial basis on some farms as I would like to distribute organic fertilizer and share technology with farmers. The experimentation of organic fertilizer was successful with

good yields and pest control, he added.

“While producing fertilizer and undergoing various testing, I did many on-farm trials where the State and the Fertilizer Committee allowed it. I prioritize plant nutrients, good yields and pest control. I aimed to achieve environmentally friendly fertilizer for farmers. Moreover, I want to ensure food safety for the consumer with toxic-free products.

Biofertilizers can be manufactured using fish byproducts from other regions like the one in Taninthayi Region. Furthermore, bean cake, sesame cake,

and farm waste from arid central Myanmar can be turned into organic fertilizer, such as fish byproducts. It will give similar quality and effective nutrients. I’m willing to share technology with farmers anytime. The growers are encouraged to use this cost-effective and eco-friendly fertilizer on their own,” he emphasized.

The manufacturer of that liquid organic fertilizer is an alumnus of the Agriculture Institute in Hmawby Township. He initiated trials on his rubber farm and other farmlands in Myeik. Under the approval of the fertilizer committee, he carried out fertilizer testing on paddy, watermelon, mustard, mango and green gram farms.

A paddy farmer who utilized that liquid fertilizer on his farms shared his experiences, plant growth and pest control situations.

“Utilizing the liquid organic fertilizer is following good agricultural practices as we do not need to use chemical pesticides. It also improves soil health and land treatment. It also boosts paddy growth in ten days. It makes agriculture more sustainable and cost-effective,” U Maung Nge, a paddy farmer from Myeik Township, explained.

Multi-purpose liquid fertilizer is manufactured using

natural products. Therefore, there are no side effects to land and no health hazards for humans. Additionally, it boosts soil fertility and nutrients.

“I utilized pesticide, fungicide and fertilizer in black gram cultivation previously. This multi-purpose liquid fertilizer makes the plant resilient to weather, pests, and plant diseases that fall beyond plant growth. I suggest the growers use this organic fertilizer,” said U Kyaw Win, a black gram grower from Myanaung Township.

The State has been supporting the One Region-One Product programme to enhance micro, small and medium enterprises (MSMEs) and promote local economic growth of the specific products of a particular region. This liquid fertilizer is made of local products.

“To improve value-addition production of MSMEs, input-output balance and market connectivity need to be improved. We took out a K35 million loan from the State Economic Promotion Fund to put capital into the natural fertilizer business with the All in One Plus brand,” U Phyzo Zarni Win, district head of the Directorate of Industrial Supervision and Inspection, said.

Multi-purpose liquid fertilizer can support import substitution, enhance domestic production, generate revenue and improve value-added output in the region. The growers can buy them in instalments under the Emerald Green Project. It will be distributed to domestic markets as one of Myeik’s products. — Khine Htoo (IPRD)/EM

Turning food waste into biofertilizer



U Nay Lin Aung Founder and Director of NG Sun Agriculture Business Bio Fertilizer Company Limited.



Photos showcase workers diligently working along the production line and products they manufacture.

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The photo depicts the Kyaikkhami twenty-eight Buddha statues festival in 2023.

Kyaikkhami to host 28 Buddha statues festival, Kason water-pouring festival

THE Kyaikkhami twenty-eight Buddha statues festival and the festival of pouring water on the banyan tree on Kason full moon day will be held starting from 21 May in Kyaikkhami Town, Mon State.

On 19 May, the twenty-eight Buddha statues of the Kyaikkhami mid-water pagoda will be publicly displayed

at temporary temples in the wards for obeisance. Subsequently, on the evening of 21 May, the Buddha statues will be taken for public obeisance throughout the entire township, as announced by the pagoda festival committee.

The twenty-eight Buddha statues will be ceremoniously returned to the Kyaikkhami

mid-water pagoda. Additionally, the festival, including the tradition of pouring water on the banyan tree, will continue on the full moon day of Kason, which falls on 22 May.

The play and drama stages, as well as the fairgrounds, will be part of the festival. — TWA/TRKM

Bago's historic elephant enclosure to transform new tour destination

THE historic elephant enclosure from the Hanthawady era in Bago Township will be developed as a new tour destination, according to the Bago Region government.

According to reports, the preservation process is underway for the ancient elephant enclosure, dating back to the Hanthawady era, where spikes and thorns have recently been discovered. Preparation for further excavation and research is currently ongoing.

In addition, the Bago Region chief minister instructed the maintenance of the ancient

teak pillars within the elephant paddock and the systematic unearthing of the brick walls and entrance.

He also stressed the construction of an arena around the pachyderm enclosure, utilizing the evidence obtained from the excavation. Additionally, he proposed the creation of a small model museum dedicated to the elephant habitat and suggested designating it as a new tourist destination. He emphasized the need to coordinate with the Directorate of Hotels and Tourism to ensure convenient public access for visits. — TWA/TKO



The photo shows an ancient elephant paddock in the Hanthawady era under excavation near Bago Township.

Yangon Water Dept to irrigate 17,000+ summer paddy acres

THE Yangon Region Irrigation and Water Utilization Management Department (Water Resource) has prepared to supply water for over 17,000 acres of summer paddy in Yangon Region in the financial year 2024-25.

The department successfully irrigated 15,492 acres of summer paddy through river water pumps last year. The paddy fields will be expanded to 17,595 acres this year.

The fields are located in Taikkyi, Hmawby, Hlegu, and Htantabin townships, and water is sourced from the Hline, Kokkowa, and Ngamoeyeik rivers. Additionally, extended paddy fields have been established in Thanlyin, Mingaladon, and Hlegu districts, as well as Mingaladon, Htantabin, and Taikkyi townships for this year. — TWA/NT



Farmers work at a summer paddy field in Yangon Region.



Heat shelters.

Magway govt opens shelters from heat

AS temperatures rise in Magway Region, the regional government has provided shelters from heat for the public, according to Magway Region Social Affairs Minister U Myo Myint.

Magway, Minbu, and Chauk districts got their first shelters on 2 May. The regional government promised to establish more shelters in other districts.

U Myo Myint added: "Yinma Hall at the Magway University in Magway, the Pyinnya Alinyaung Private School in Minbu, the eastern stairway at Zeya Mingala Shweintaung

Pagoda in Taungdwingyi, and the township Sasana Beikman in Kanma are the first ones. They will provide shaded spaces for the public".

The shelters will be open daily from 8 am to 6 pm. Senior citizens will receive ferry services and meals. Healthcare personnel will be available on-site at the shelters.

Yinma Hall can accommodate up to 300 individuals, primarily comprising those over 75 and individuals with chronic illnesses. — ASH/NT



Export rice bags seen being loaded onto the ship at Yangon Port.

Myanmar ships over 110,000 tonnes of rice to external markets in April

MYANMAR'S rice and broken rice exports reached over 110,000 tonnes in April 2024, comprising 111,462 tonnes by seaborne trade and 400 tonnes at the border, statistics released by the Myanmar Rice Federation (MRF) showed.

The federation aims to achieve two million tonnes of rice exports in the 2024-2025 financial year (April-March), bagging one million US dollars.

Myanmar primarily exports rice to European countries. The federation will make efforts to export quality rice to China, Indonesia, and the Philippines at reasonable prices, according to an official of the MRF.

The federation aims to

achieve 2.5 million tonnes of rice export in the FY 2023-2024, generating earnings of one billion dollars. However, rice exports fell short of the target.

The Central Bank of Myanmar's monetary policy to control export earnings impeded rice exports, hurting exporters financially. The El Nino weather condition also hampered rice export, the chairperson of the Myanmar Rice Federation affirmed.

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

Foreign demand drives maize prices up

FOLLOWING a slight increase in foreign demand for maize, the price moved up a bit to K1,090 per viss on 3 May.

The maize price remained unchanged at K1,060 per viss from the last week of March.

Myanmar exports maize to China and Thailand through the border and ships to China, India, Viet Nam, and the Philippines through maritime channels, according to the Myanmar Corn Industrial Association.

Thailand, the leading importer of Myanmar's maize, grants maize imports under zero tariff (with Form-D) be-

tween 1 February and 31 August. However, Thailand imposes a maximum tax rate of 73 per cent on maize imports to protect the rights of their growers if the corn is imported during the corn season of Thailand.

Additionally, China has been purchasing Myanmar's maize through cross-border trade under the opium substitution programme. Legitimate maize trade between Myanmar and China commenced at the end of 2022. A total of 112 Myanmar companies have been permitted to export maize.

Myanmar conveyed over 2 million tonnes of maize to foreign trade partners in the 2022 maize season. The majority of them were sent to Thailand, and the remaining went to China, India, the Philippines and Viet Nam.

The maize is cultivated in Shan, Kachin, Kayah, and Kayin states as well as Mandalay, Sagaing, and Magway regions. Myanmar has three maize seasons: winter, summer, and monsoon season. Myanmar's annual maize output is estimated at 2.5-3 million tonnes. — NN/EM



A thriving corn plantation.

CBM injects US\$166.71M, 18.2M yuan, and 1.529B baht into financial markets in last 4 months

THE Central Bank of Myanmar (CBM) sold US\$166.71 million, 18.2 million yuan, and 1.529 billion Thai baht for exporters and importers in the past four months (January-April) 2024, with a view to curbing the volatile exchange rate in the local forex market.

According to CBM notification on 15 March, it joined hands with law enforcement agencies to combat and prosecute those who attempted to manipulate the currency market under the existing laws.

The reference exchange rate set by CBM is K2,100

against a dollar, while it peaked at some K3,960 in the over-the-counter market at present. The exchange rates currently stand at K107 per baht and K538 per yuan.

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.

Additionally, the outward remittance procedures must adhere to the rules and regulations stipulated by the Foreign Exchange Supervisory Committee. — NN/EM



The emblem in the signage of the Central Bank of Myanmar.

MGMA to conduct Supervisor Level IE Course Batch 80

MYANMAR Garment Manufacturers Association (MGMA) will offer a Supervisor Level Industrial Engineering (IE) Course (Batch 80) from 13 to 25 May 2024 at Myanmar Garment Human Resources Development Training Centre (MGHRDC).

The experts will share the economic climate of global garment businesses, the importance of line balance, roles of administrator, designs, production analysis, operation rate and practical knowledge about clothing materials.

Those who wish to attend the training can enrol through phone numbers 09 940858350, 09 450723262, 09 9403912570, 09 784085794 and 09 952802635. — NN/EM

OPINION

Take care of counterfeit cosmetic products for beauties

THE Department of Food and Drug Administration in Myanmar issued an announcement on 10 April 2024, listing 30 inappropriate cosmetics found in ASEAN countries. It is because these cosmetics contain prohibited chemicals that can be harmful to users and have not been registered with the FDA.

The announcement warned that these prohibited chemicals can cause skin itching, swelling of body organs, white and red blotches, numbness, muscle tremors, fatigue, headaches, depression, and more. Prolonged use of these cosmetics may lead to kidney degradation and other health issues.

Counterfeit cosmetic products aim to imitate the best brands and top-selling products in the domestic and international markets in global countries, constituting a significant industry worldwide.

Relevant departments and authorities periodically announce inappropriate cosmetic products and take action against importers and violators of existing laws. However, consumers must also take responsibility by checking the cosmetics labels to ensure they are registered, valid, and not counterfeit before making a purchase. By doing so, they can avoid the harmful effects of inappropriate and dangerous cosmetics and choose products that enhance their beauty while safeguarding their health.

Despite efforts by authorities to seize counterfeit cosmetics, the industry continues to thrive.

According to the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development-OECD, the global trade in counterfeit cosmetic products has been increasing since 2013, reaching an estimated value of US\$5.4 billion in 2016. Such data showed the booming counterfeit cosmetic business across the nation.

Cosmetics are popular among women of all ages, and they are used to enhance their facial and body features and attract others. While effective in charming audiences and friends on various occasions, it is crucial for users to choose the best and most appropriate cosmetics for their skin type and needs. Otherwise, they may suffer significant losses not only in terms of their appearance but also in their health and well-being.

Whenever departmental officials check a variety of cosmetic products in the domestic market, they find smuggled cosmetic products, products with prohibited chemicals, invalid ones, and low-quality products.

A variety of cosmetic brands enter Myanmar through legal and illegal channels, with many produced by neighbouring countries. While some of these products are safe and suitable for users, unscrupulous businesses import counterfeit and invalid cosmetic products into the domestic market without regard for the health and safety of Myanmar citizens.

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EVERYONE has heard a Myanmar proverb our elders repeat to encourage the pursuit of knowledge: Knowledge is a golden urn which no thief can steal. This proverb is much more than right. Secular and religious well-being can be achieved only on the basis of knowledge in this world. Myanmar scholars compare knowledge and learning to a light that provides guidance in life. They have said that the bright light of knowledge drives away the darkness of ignorance and folly, bringing rich rewards. The Buddha said that the light of knowledge gives a unique, unparalleled power, surpassing the light of fire, the moon and the sun. Loka Niti's compiler explains that wealth or material possessions are not equal in value to knowledge. Knowledge cannot be stolen by thieves. Knowledge is your good friend in this world and the bearer of happiness in the afterlife.

It is only the gem of knowledge (Pinna Yadana) that is exempt from destruction at the hands of the five kinds of foes: flood, fire, ruler, thief, and one whom you don't love or like. Material possessions, on the other hand, are vulnerable to the five kinds of foes. So, knowledge is the greatest and the most trustworthy.

Loka Niti's admonishment states that one should acquire complete mastery of any vocational skill as a means of livelihood. One should learn verbal and manual skills to perfection at the first stage of age. When discovered, one becomes well-known in society and higher in dignity.

The light of knowledge is brighter than the lustre of precious gems. Knowledge is the guiding light in life which dispels and disperses the darkness of ignorance. It can carry the one who is on the wrong track to the right track. A poverty-stricken person can become a prosperous one living in the lap of luxury through knowledge. Knowledge provides the power of reasoning, with which one can differentiate

Knowledge: the guiding light in life

By Aung Kyaw Lin

right from wrong. Even the Buddha attained the blissful peace of Nibbana (the cessation of all suffering) by the light of knowledge.

So, knowledge is a ladder for those who are keen to achieve success in life. The night without the bright moon is not graceful, nor is the ocean without great waves.

Similarly, if a person is deficient in knowledge, although he is good-looking, his life is unworthy, like the scentless Pauk flower; as it only has a good appearance. The one who lacks knowledge has to do inferior jobs as a labourer in his life and live a life of great hardship. The one without knowledge will become another person's servant; no matter how much wealth a person possesses, he is graceless in any formal gathering, like an egret among Brahming ducks (Hintha)

if he is uneducated. In the admonitory poem of Puttovada, Sar-tone Sayadaw wrote: A foolish son of a Millionaire in Baranasi who had eighty crores of money was uneducated in youth. So, he had no power of reasoning to know right from wrong. He cannot distinguish between what is morally good and what is not. He squandered all of the money inherited from his parents on silly things by gambling, drinking, etc, and finally, all was lost. He died a tragic death and was thrown away onto a rubbish heap. The tragic story of such a foolish son serves as an example of an undesirable consequence of the lack of knowledge. So, one

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Loka Niti's admonishment advises individuals to attain mastery in a vocational skill for their livelihood. It underscores the significance of honing both verbal and manual skills from a young age, as mastery in these areas leads to recognition and elevated status within society.
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THE maturity of a person is dealing with his growing age to some degree. In most cases, as a person advances in years, he will mature for his age. Exceptionally, some children are precociously mature due to the fact that their real-life situations can wax and wane. Some people tend to get mature owing to their literature study. If you ask me, there should be found three

After Getting Well Matured

Mature individuals have a unique way of handling life's uncertainties. Unlike many, they can endure and face unexpected challenges with courage and calmness.

By Hu Wo (Cuckoo's Song)



Mature individuals have a unique way of handling life's uncertainties. ILLUSTRATION: PIX FOR VISUAL PURPOSE/PIXABAY

kinds of personal maturity: physical, mental, and emotional. The fact of the matter is that no one can reach any of these well-matured states very quickly.

After a person has matured well, he likes to take notice of his physical appearance and activity. More care is taken to his health than before for the simple reason that nothing can be done without good health. While a person is still as fit as a fiddle, he knows that he had better attend his related social events as well as go for a short trip or a long journey more

as and when. On clothes and cosmetics is spent as little money as possible, also getting aware that it saves materials and energy to lead a frugal life. A labour-saving life apparently reduces physical fatigue as well. Besides this, a person looks nice only in the clothes that he is wearing that fit his age or physical condition. After all, a mature person's daily routines – food and drink, living standards, and manner altogether – are given to direct towards the best of his health only.

Everybody is living with



The concept of "Pinna Yadana" or the gem of knowledge being exempt from destruction by various foes such as flood, fire, ruler, thief, and even someone disliked, highlights the enduring value and resilience of knowledge compared to material possessions. ILLUSTRATION: PIX FOR VISUAL PURPOSE/PIXABAY

should strive for knowledge from childhood.

The light of the moon differs from that of a firefly. Likewise, there is a significant difference between the condition of the educated person's life and that of the uneducated person's life. It

can be found that in this world, people who reach the apex of their goals are full of knowledge and well-educated.

Knowledge is the leading light for the future. Only knowledge leads to riches and blessings. One can do good for society and his

uncertainty, of course. All of a sudden, something unexpected, whether good or bad, comes to crop up to anyone. Most people, except mature ones, are not able to endure such life suffering. Not only do well-matured persons get life sufferings well, but they also face and resolve them bravely as well as calmly, sometimes taking a risk. That is why they have had a wide variety of life experiences or effective and efficient literature study experience. The mature do not believe in potentially broken promises at all, even though they put a bold face on these words.

Conversely, they do not make a promise unconcernedly but keep their promises like their very life. Similarly, they learn to share duties and responsibilities with their colleagues in charge rather than they do that matter on their own terms, without having a finger in every pie. Their decision-making is willingly clear-cut and free from any regret to come. Most importantly, mature people are in a win-win situation in which they, too, know to forgive themselves and

others, seeing that everything in the garden is rosy.

Emotional maturity is as important as the above-mentioned physical and mental maturity. Those who are mature can feel the loveliness, which is defined from different perspectives, quite well. This means that they have no negative feelings about the love-ship with anyone, such as depression, inferiority, anger, revenge, or even hatred. Every loveliness naturally comes and goes to anybody for no apparent reason. A thing with some reason will be merely a love-hate relationship or a pleasant feeling. As a person is getting older, dissipation and drinking should be reduced or given up if possible. Mature people enjoy seeking happiness in work, job satisfaction, and interpersonal or intrapersonal peace instead of fun and games. They like passing through everyday life by taking up the religion of their belief, studying literature or language, having pets, domestic farming, and gardening. They show no tremble of fear in the face of life's hardships and

own country only through knowledge. Therefore, you should light the oil lamp of knowledge for your own and other people's interests. Only then will your life be a bed of roses.

difficulties. Not getting involved in anything, not responding immediately, neglecting undesirable feelings, and doubt-friendly living are other characteristic traits of emotional maturity.

Mature people are on good terms with immature ones. A person cannot be said to have been mature unless he gets well with an immature one. Those, who are mature, live together with immature people by putting up with them, laying down strict rules but establishing a give-and-take relationship sometimes, and not losing any personal identity achievement. Often, the immature's manner gets on mature people's nerves. At this time, the mature should not fly into a violent temper like the immature. Instead of losing their temper, they philosophically respond to the persons who are not yet as mature as them. Above all, each and every mature individual knows about himself and is also used to treating immature people with consideration – they are nothing to him anymore.

NATIONAL

Myanmar records sighting of critically endangered white-bellied heron

WHITE-BELLIED heron, a critically endangered bird rarer than leopard with a total number of about 40 in Myanmar, has been recorded by the NSCI group, a young Myanmar research team.

One of the rarest species in the world, it is found only in northern Myanmar, and there are only about 40 birds in Myanmar.

"White-bellied heron is found only in Kachin State and Sagaing Region. It is mainly found in Bhutan, Myanmar, and India, which are east of the Himalayan ranges. Some say it is also found in Bangladesh, but it's not sure," an NSCI official told The Global New Light of Myanmar (GNLM).

Phong San Dakaw, a member of NSCI, recorded a white-bellied heron in Kachin State, where it is hunted for food by locals and is in urgent need of protection and preservation.

"Local poachers hunt this bird and sell it for meat. It is not exported like other wildlife.

Some shoot it with pellet guns. There used to be many, but U Thet Zaw Naing of NSCI said there are only about 40 left now," he said.

Like egrets, this heron lives near rivers, streams and waterfalls and sleeps on trees. It can be seen coming down to the stream and is easy to catch and kill, he said.

It is rarer than the Irrawaddy dolphin, leopard and red panda, and without protection, it could become extinct in the next five years.

"This heron needs to be protected like tigers and leopards. In other countries, they are kept in camps for breeding. First of all, we must educate locals about its endangered status and significance so that they do not kill it. Some locals may hunt it out of ignorance. Without protection, all herons could become extinct in the next five years. Its population is smaller than that of red panda, leopard and Irrawaddy dolphin," he added. — MT/ZN



Critically endangered white-bellied heron recorded by the NSCI group, young Myanmar research team.

Eugenia stem sales surge amid summer heat

THE long-lasting Eugenia stem (Thabyay) sale has soared in this hot summer, according to Eugenia growers.

"We distribute Eugenia stems across the country, including Yangon and Mandalay, but we exclude areas such as Rakhine, which can't be reached directly from Nay Pyi Taw. In Anya (central Myanmar), such as Pakokku, Kyaukpadaung, NyaungU, Chauk and Magway, the Eugenia has been sold well. It is the best seller in Pyay and Shwetaung," Ma Yati Moe Oo, Eugenia grower from Chaung-sauk village, Pobbathiri township in Nay Pyi Taw told the Global New Light of Myanmar (GNLM).

Despite a slight increase in price, there is no sharp difference.

"Eugenia stem sale has

been pretty fine in summer. It has been better in summer than in February and March. Recently, the price has gone up slightly but not much differed," she said.

Depending on size and variety, Eugenia stem prices range from a minimum of K100 to K3,000 to a maximum per one, according to Nay Pyi Taw Eugenia growers. It is expected that the Eugenia stem trade will continue better without a decline in demand.

Among the many flowers that are used for offerings to Buddha, the Eugenia stem is more durable than others, which is why it is one of the best-selling flowers in Myanmar. Eugenia stems can last three months by changing water, and even low-grade varieties can last at least two weeks.

— Thit Taw/ZS



Eugenia stems are displayed for sale in the market.

Yangon to host agriculture, livestock, hotel, restaurant, and electronics expo

A three-day agriculture and livestock, hotel, restaurant and electronic expo will be held in Yangon, according to Silver Sea Company.

It is initially scheduled to take place from 28 June to 30 June for three days at Yangon Convention Centre (YCC) in Inya Lake Hotel, Mayangon township and admission is free.

"We have planned to host an exhibition from 28 June to 30 June. The main theme is for agriculture and livestock sector and hotel, restaurant and café industry, along with electronic show which will feature rice milling machine, oil refining machine, generator and solar-powered devices," said an official from Silver Sea, which will organize the event.

It aims to exhibit basic food product manufacturing in the agriculture and livestock sector, provide knowledge about



Organized by Silver Sea, Construction, Property, Solar, Electric, and EV Expo took place in March 2024.

electronic equipment, and help benefit hotels, restaurants, and cafes.

In Myanmar, food products manufacturing, as well as the agricultural and livestock industry, produces raw materials. They are manufactured and sold into finished products

at factories and wholesale trading centres. All stages require electronic equipment, which is why they included an electronic show in the event, the organizer said. Myanmar Electrical Power and Green Energy Expo 2024 was held from 29 to 31 March at YCC. — Thit Taw/ZS

The people are urged to receive vaccination of Covid-19 without fail as full-time vaccination of Covid-19 and receiving booster shots can effectively mitigate infection of the virus, severe suffering from the disease and increase of death rate due to the disease.

Surging restaurant prices in Türkiye make eating out a luxury

SOARING cafe and restaurant prices in Türkiye's inflation-hit economic landscape are deterring discontent consumers from eating out as it has become a luxury for most.

"I cannot afford to buy myself a lunch every day, the prices in cafes and restaurants have skyrocketed," Yazgi Seckin, a university student, said in front of a cafe in Kizilay district.

Filled with numerous cafes and restaurants, Kizilay is a budget-friendly neighborhood that caters especially to students, although consumers still complain about high prices.

The average cost of a lunch meal in cafes, restaurants, or kebab shops is around 400 Turkish lira per person, while fine

dining can cost more than triple this price.

Runaway inflation has had a devastating impact on the low and middle-income groups in Türkiye, causing a decline in their purchasing power in recent years.

Annual inflation stands currently at 68.5 per cent and is expected to climb even further until June before dropping in the second half of this year, according to the government's disinflation programme launched last year.

As inflation remains considerably high despite government measures, price-sensitive consumers have balked at higher prices and cut back on eating out. — Xinhua



People have lunch at a restaurant in Ankara, Türkiye, on 29 April 2024. Soaring cafe and restaurant prices in Türkiye's inflation-hit economic landscape are deterring discontent consumers from eating out as it has become a luxury for most. PHOTO: MUSTAFA KAYA/HANDOUT VIA XINHUA



Kami Rita Sherpa plans to break his own record with this ascent and possibly set another record. PHOTO: ANI

Nepal's mountaineer Kami Rita Sherpa to ascend Everest for 29th time

The 54-year-old Sherpa climber already holds the record for 28 ascents of the world's tallest peak.

NEPAL'S record-holding climber Kami Rita Sherpa aka the Everest Man is eyeing on 29th summit of the tallest peak in the world this season.

The 54-year-old Sherpa climber and Sherpa guide already hold a record of 28 ascends of 8,848.86 metres tall Mount Everest. This season he aims to break his record with 29th ascend which could be followed by another record summit.

"This year, I have set out

to climb Sagarmatha for the 29th time. I have no plan of climbing Sagarmatha for any specified number of times. Let me ascend the summit," the record-holding climber told state news agency Rastriya Samachar Samiti (RSS) who has reached the Everest Base Camp via Lukla and Namche.

Sherpa had set out for the expedition from Kathmandu a week back as part of the Spring Season Everest expedition. He is accompanying a moun-

taineering expedition team comprising about 28 climbers. The expedition is managed by Seven Summit Treks Pvt Ltd.

Mingma Sherpa, a chairperson of Seven Summit Treks, said that Kami Rita has reached Everest Base Camp for his 29th ascent on Sagarmatha through his company. According to Mingma, most of the climbers have reached the base camp and are waiting for an appropriate time to climb Sagarmatha. — ANI

NEWS ROUNDUP: LIFESTYLE

Educational institutions in India's Kerala close amid heat wave

THE local government of southern Indian state of Kerala Thursday ordered the closure of educational institutions until 6 May amid sweltering heat, officials said.

Officials have directed people to minimize exposure to the direct sun and urged authorities to monitor situations to avoid fires.

India Meteorological Department has forecast that heatwave will continue to pre-

vail over Alappuzha, Palakkad, Thrissur and Kozhikode districts until Friday. A yellow alert has been issued in these four districts.

The maximum temperature in Palakkad district is likely to rise to 40 degrees Celsius, and in Kollam, Thrissur and Kozhikode districts, it is likely to rise to 39 degrees Celsius.

According to local media reports, two people died earlier this week in Kerala due to the ongoing heat wave. — Xinhua

French ballet to present two classic works in Shanghai

THE Ballet of the Bordeaux National Opera will perform for audiences in Shanghai to mark the 60th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic ties between China and France, as well as the China-France Year of Culture and Tourism.

As part of their tour across China, the renowned French ballet company will showcase two timeless classics — "La Sylphide" and "Don Quixote" (Act III) — at the Shanghai Oriental Art Center from 10 to 12 May. Liu Aihua, the centre's deputy general manager, said that these productions highlight the rich diversity and enduring allure of French ballet. "In this significant year for both nations, marked by a multitude of cultural events, we aim to strengthen cultural ties, foster mutual appreciation between China and France, and deepen our friendship," Liu said. — Xinhua

ECONOMY WORLD

Indian govt says record goods and services tax collected in April



Big bazaar is a chain of shopping malls in India. This mall is at the Esplanade, Kolkata. **PHOTO: REPRESENTATIVE IMAGE/ WIKIMEDIA COMMONS**

India's finance ministry announced a record gross goods and services tax (GST) collection of \$25.16 billion in April, marking a significant 12.4 per cent year-on-year growth, driven by robust domestic transactions and imports.

INDIA'S finance ministry Wednesday said a record 25.16 billion US dollars were collected as gross goods and services tax (GST) in April.

"This represents a significant 12.4 per cent year-on-year growth, driven by a strong increase in domestic transactions (up 13.4 per cent) and imports (up 8.3 per cent)," the ministry said in a statement.

After accounting for refunds, the net GST revenue for April 2024 stands at 1.92 trillion rupees (23 billion dollars), reflecting an impressive 15.5 per cent growth compared to the same period last year, it said.

According to the ministry, it is the first time the GST collections breached a landmark milestone of two trillion rupees (23.9 billion dollars). — Xinhua

Stadium eyed in \$6 bln Tsukiji fish market site redevelopment

COMPANIES tasked with redeveloping the site of the iconic Tsukiji fish market in Tokyo said Wednesday they plan to invest 900 billion yen (\$5.7 billion) in the project, which includes building a multi-purpose stadium.

The consortium, including real estate developer Mitsui Fudosan Co, said it aimed to turn the location into a "gateway to Tokyo" that would draw people worldwide for sporting events and international conferences.

"We will promote urban development by valuing elements such as the excitement brought by sports and Japan's world-renowned cuisine," Mitsui Fudosan President Takashi Ueda said, while also noting that he hopes the project will help "enhance the international competitiveness" of the Japanese capital.

The redevelopment area is roughly 19 hectares of land owned by the Tokyo metropolitan government. Located just two kilometres from JR Tokyo Station, the area has often been described as "the last prime spot in the heart of the capital".

The planned stadium, with

a capacity of 50,000, is scheduled to be completed by March 2033, with a layout also able to accommodate music events and exhibitions.

With The Yomiuri Shimbun Holdings one of the 11 companies involved in the project, there is speculation that the stadium could become the new ballpark of its professional baseball team, Yomiuri Giants, currently based at the aging Tokyo Dome.

Toshikazu Yamaguchi, the media conglomerate's president, has only commented, "We are not considering relocating (the team) as a premise."

The redevelopment project will also include constructing multiple high-rise buildings to house hotels and offices. It will also establish a transport hub for autonomous vehicles and the integration of flying cars, seen as an emerging technology. — Kyodo



File photo taken 19 October 2023, shows the former Tsukiji fish market site (C) in Tokyo's Chuo Ward. **PHOTO: KYODO**

NEWS IN BRIEF: ECON

Arabian Travel Market 2024

DUBAI Department of Economy and Tourism (DET) will showcase the emirate's innovative and diverse destination offering by bringing together 129 key partners and stakeholders to demonstrate the city's collaborative spirit at the 31st edition of the Arabian Travel Market (ATM), taking place from 6-9 May 2024 at the Dubai World Trade Centre.

With this year's ATM taking place under the forward-looking theme of 'Empowering Innovation Transforming Travel Through Entrepreneurship', DET will highlight how Dubai's tourism industry has cultivated innovation, entrepreneurship and sustainability to create new pathways for growth beyond traditional tourism.

This strategic approach is inspired by the ambitious goals of the Dubai Economic Agenda D33 to further consolidate Dubai's position as one of the top three global cities for business and leisure, and the best city to visit, live and work in. — ANI

Farmers are concerned about the snowfall

DIFFERENT parts of districts of Bamyan province have witnessed snowfall in recent days, resulting in damage to fields and crops, the farmers said, as they raised concerns regarding the damage caused by snowfall, TOLONews reported.

Some farmers claimed that the wheat and potato seeds they have sown in their fields may perish due to the growing cold.

"The weather has become very cold, and there is a possibility of frost affecting those who have planted potatoes," Qorban, a farmer, said. However, Zabihullah Rabbani, the Taliban minister of Agriculture, Irrigation, and Livestock in Bamyan, said that the precipitation levels in the centre and districts of this province are beneficial for the water resources. — ANI

China's software industry logs steady growth in Q1

Total profits surged 13.8 per cent year on year to 318.8 billion yuan, while combined revenue climbed 11.9 per cent to 2.8 trillion yuan, according to official data from the Ministry of Industry and Information Technology.



Visitors learn about a smart city governance system during the China International Big Data Industry Expo 2021 in Guiyang, southwest China's Guizhou Province, 26 May 2021. PHOTO: XINHUA/FILE

CHINA'S software and information technology service industry logged strong expansion in the first quarter (Q1) of this year, reporting double-digit growth in terms of revenue and profits, official data shows.

The total profits of the sector soared 13.8 per cent year on year to 318.8 billion yuan (about 44.86 billion US dollars) during the period, while the combined revenue climbed 11.9 per cent to 2.8 trillion yuan, accord-

ing to the Ministry of Industry and Information Technology.

The sub-sector of information technology services raked in 1.84 trillion yuan of revenue in Q1, up 12.9 per cent year on year and accounting for 65.7 per cent of the whole industry.

Specifically, the combined revenue of cloud computing and big data services rose 11.9 per cent year on year to 304.7 billion yuan. — Xinhua

Toyota opens vehicle assembly factory in Cambodia

AN assembly plant to produce Toyota Motor Corp vehicles opened in the Phnom Penh Special Economic Zone on Thursday.

At an opening ceremony for the factory, Cambodian Prime Minister Hun Manet said, "Toyota is a giant company...When the

giant comes to Cambodia with trust, many other companies will follow suit."

"Cambodia needs this kind of investment," he added. The factory, operated by a Cambodian arm of Toyota Tsusho Corp, a group company under the Japanese automaker, will

produce Toyota's Hilux pickup trucks and Fortuner SUVs.

Toyota Tsusho CEO Ichiro Kashitani said his company "will continue to promote its business in Cambodia, aiming to contribute to the happiness of the Cambodian people by

realizing carbon neutrality and fostering human resources". Toyota Tsusho Manufacturing (Cambodia) Co is 90 per cent owned by Toyota Tsusho, with local Cambodian partner Kong Nuon Group Co holding the remaining 10 per cent. — Kyodo

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ROLLING UPDATES

WORLD

UN General Assembly declares 2026 as intl year of women farmers

The UN General Assembly has passed a resolution declaring 2026 as the International Year of the Woman Farmer. This initiative aims to raise awareness of the challenges faced by women in agriculture and promote policies and actions for gender equality and empowerment in farming.

THE UN General Assembly on Thursday adopted a resolution to declare 2026 as the International Year of the Woman Farmer.

The resolution invites worldwide observation of the International Year, through activities aimed at raising awareness of and directing policy attention to the barriers and challenges that women farmers face across agri-food systems, as well as the initia-

tives, policies and actions that can and are being taken to address these issues and achieve gender equality and the empowerment of all women in agriculture.

It invites the Food and Agriculture Organization, in collaboration with the other Rome-based UN agencies, to facilitate the implementation of the resolution and observe the International Year. — Xinhua



A farmer harvests rice at a farm in Didpig, Ilocos Norte, a province in the northern Philippines. **PHOTO: TED ALJIBE/ AFP/ FILE**

Japan beef brand faces marketing mess as kanji creates confusion

The government of Ibaraki Prefecture has hit a marketing snag in the promotion of its local Hitachiwagyu Beef specialty after a survey showed a significant percentage of young Japanese adults cannot read the kanji characters in its name.

JAPAN boasts numerous wagyu luxury beef variants, most famously the Kobe Beef from Hyogo Prefecture in the country's west. The Hitachiwagyu name refers to Hitachi

Province, the pre-1875 name for Ibaraki Prefecture.

The meat is sourced from Japanese Black cattle raised in the prefecture just north of Tokyo for 30 months.

But a national online survey conducted with 300 participants in December showed some 57 per cent of people in their 20s and 43 per cent in their 30s were unable to correctly identify the kanji characters for "Hitachi".

Older respondents fared better, with 33 per cent of those in their 40s, 35 per cent of people in their 50s and just 22 per cent of individuals in their 60s offering the wrong answer.

"It brought home to me that customers aren't reading the name properly," said Mitsuru Iijima, president of butchery and meat selling company Nikunoiijima based in the prefectural capital Mito.

"Thinking about distribution outside the prefecture, it makes you worry if people can't remember the name," he added. —Kyodo



Photo shows cuts of meat for sale at Nikunoiijima in Mito, Ibaraki Prefecture, on 29 March 2024. The curtain above the counter shows the kanji characters for Hitachiwagyu Beef. **PHOTO: KYODO**

BRIEFS: WORLD

Over 2,000 arrested so far in protests on US campuses amid growing domestic discontent

THE anti-war protests at over 30 American universities and colleges were going on Thursday, with further discontent sparked by the police's heavy-handed enforcement.

According to the latest tally by The Associated Press, over 2,000 people have been arrested nationwide.

On Thursday, more than 200 people were arrested at a pro-Palestinian protest camp on campus, after refusing to leave the area as requested, according to the police at the University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA).

At 6 pm on Wednesday (0100 GMT Thursday), authorities declared the camp an unlawful assembly and ordered demonstrators to leave. The university said that any students remaining in the camp could face disciplinary actions, up to expulsion, while university staff could face termination. After a standoff of about nine hours, hundreds of riot police began making arrests. — Xinhua

29 killed in southern Brazil's worst storms

THE worst storms killed 29 people and left 60 others missing after four consecutive days of intense rainfall, floods and mudslides hit Brazil's southern state of Rio Grande do Sul, Governor Eduardo Leite said on Thursday.

"Unfortunately, we know that these numbers will rise," said Leite, describing the storms as the worst natural disaster in the history of the state, a top agricultural and livestock producer.

Brazilian President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva on Thursday visited Santa Maria, one of the state's worst-hit cities, and met Leite. Lula offered federal funding and aid to address the emergency in the state bordering Uruguay and Argentina. — Xinhua

SPORTS

Title, Europe, relegation intertwined in dramatic Premier League weekend

THREE teams are still involved in the race to win the Premier League this weekend, while three more continue their struggle to avoid relegation in a round of games that also has a lot to say about who will play in European competition next season.

Arsenal and Manchester City are the two favorites for the title race, with Liverpool five points behind Arsenal and four behind City.

League leaders Arsenal are at home on Saturday lunchtime to Andoni Iraola's Bournemouth, who have already beaten their record Premier League points tally.

Bournemouth press high and like to attack in numbers, which could leave them exposed to Arsenal's mobility in attack, and with Bukayo Saka and Kai Havertz in excellent form, a home win looks the



Manchester City's Josko Gvardiol (centre right) celebrates with teammates after scoring the opening goal 28 April. PHOTO: AFP/FILE

most likely result. Three points for Arsenal would put pressure on Manchester City in their Saturday evening match at home to Wolves. Gary O'Neil has done

an excellent job with Wolves this season, but their campaign looks to be ending in mid-table after a brief flirtation with European qualification. Wolves beat City

2-1 in September, but Pep Guardiola's side was without the suspended Rodri for that game, and he will be in the engine room on Saturday. — Xinhua

“Arsenal and Manchester City lead the title race, with Liverpool trailing by five and four points, respectively. Arsenal faces Bournemouth, who have impressed this season, but Arsenal's attacking prowess may secure them a victory.”

Real Madrid's Courtois to return after nine-month injury layoff

REAL Madrid goalkeeper Thibaut Courtois will play his first match for the Spanish club after a nine-month injury layoff against Cadiz this weekend, coach Carlo Ancelotti confirmed Friday.

Belgian international Courtois, 31, has missed the entire season with a knee ligament injury and suffered a further setback in March which required another knee operation.

“Yes, Thibaut is fine. He will play tomorrow (Saturday) after a long period of absence,” said Ancelotti.

“He's looking forward to playing. We're delighted to see him return.”

La Liga leaders Real Madrid have their first chance to be crowned champions this weekend, although they need a helping hand from this season's shock title challengers Girona.

Madrid host Cadiz on Saturday and if they win and Girona take any points off defending champions Barcelona immediately afterwards, Los Blancos will earn a record-extending 36th Spanish title.

Courtois has been back in team training for several weeks, and was part of the Madrid group to travel to Germany this week to face Bayern Munich in the Champions League semi-final first leg 2-2 draw. — AFP



Real Madrid's Brazilian forward (7) Vinicius Junior (down) falls down next to Real Sociedad's Spanish defender (6) Aritz Elustondo during the Spanish league football match between Real Sociedad and Real Madrid CF at the Anoeta stadium in San Sebastian on 26 April 2024. PHOTO: ANDER GILLENIA / AFP



Indian golfers Shubhankar Sharma and Gaganjeet Bhullar are poised to make their Olympic debut at Paris 2024, ranked 47th and 52nd, respectively, on the Olympic Golf Rankings. PHOTO: ANI

Shubhankar, Gaganjeet seek golfing bromance on Paris Olympics debut

LEADING Indian golfers Shubhankar Sharma and Gaganjeet Bhullar are set to make their Olympic debut in Paris 2024. Shubhankar and Gaganjeet are ranked 47 and 52, respectively, on the Olympic Golf Rankings (OGR) as of 29 April and are expected to be among the 60 professionals teeing off on 1 August at the Le Golf National.

Bolstered by support from the Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports' Target Olympic Podium Scheme (TOPS), the Chandigarh-based pros are confident of holding their rankings high

enough to make the grade. Shubhankar was recently upgraded to the TOPS Core group from the Development group while Gaganjeet was inducted directly into the Core group.

“TOPS is a great initiative by the government and supports deserving sportspersons who represent the nation at the highest level. Few will know that golf is different in many aspects especially as far as expenses are concerned. So, any support by the government is always welcome,” Shubhankar Sharma told SAI Media. — ANI



REPRESENTATIVES from member countries of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) are meeting here Friday on improving the management of construction materials and buildings, as well as coordinating response to challenges.

They gathered in Lao capital Vientiane for the 10th meeting of the Building and Construction Working Group (BCWG) on 2-3 May, according to the Lao Ministry of Industry and Commerce.

The meeting serves as an effective platform for ASEAN countries to promote cooperation in the area of industrial standards and conformity assessment for the building and construction sector within ASEAN, facilitating the exchange of ideas and information and increasing linkages.

Participants discussed risk assessment guidelines for buildings and construction materials.

The meeting is also intended to continue the research and discussions in resolving outstanding issues identified at the previous BCWG meeting and to make plans for future work.

At the meeting, participants also reported on the progress in the development of industrial standards and the assessment of conformity in ASEAN countries. — Xinhua

ASEAN countries work to enhance cooperation in construction sector

The meeting aims to foster cooperation in industrial standards and conformity assessment within ASEAN. Discussions include risk assessment guidelines for buildings and construction materials.



The 10th meeting of the Building and Construction Working Group (BCWG) is held on 2-3 May. **PHOTO: PIX FOR VISUAL PURPOSE/PEXELS**

Israel builds 'cyber dome' against Iran's hackers

ISRAEL is bolstering its cyber security defences by constructing a "cyber dome" to protect against escalating attacks from Iran and other adversaries, paralleling the existing Iron Dome missile defence system.

Israel's Iron Dome de-

fence system has long shielded it from incoming rockets. Now it is building a "cyber dome" to defend against online attacks, especially from arch foe Iran.

"It is a silent war, one which is not visible," said Aviram Atzaba, the Israeli Nation-

al Cyber Directorate's head of international cooperation.

While Israel has fought Hamas in Gaza since the 7 October attack, it has also faced a significant increase in cyberattacks from Iran and its allies, Atzaba said. "They are trying to hack everything they can," he told AFP, pointing to Hamas and Lebanon's Hezbollah movement but adding that so far "they have not succeeded in causing any real damage". He said around 800 significant attacks had been thwarted since the war erupted. Among the targets were government organizations, the military and civil infrastructure.

Some attacks could not be foiled, including against hospitals in the cities of Haifa and Safed in which patient data was stolen. — AFP



Israel wants something like its Iron Dome defence system to ward off cyber attacks. **PHOTO: AFP/FILE**

A QUALITATIVE CHANGE

Argentina given roadmap for OECD accession

ARGENTINA on Thursday came one step closer to joining the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD), the Foreign Ministry said in a statement.

At a ceremony held during the opening session of the OECD Ministerial Council Meeting in Paris, OECD Secretary-General Mathias Cormann formally delivered the OECD Accession Roadmap to Argentine Foreign Minister Diana Mondino.

In a speech to the OECD Ministerial Council Meeting, Mondino expressed the South American country's "gratitude and satisfaction" at embarking on the process.

Argentina wants to "focus on a system based on rules, not only for the greater well-being of our citizens, but to consolidate the agenda for freedom that Argentina is carrying out at the moment," she said. The South American nation aspires to "carry out rigorous coordination as requested by the OECD in this process and we hope to have a qualitative change in better public policies that our country needs," she added. "The Ministerial Council Meeting is the highest level forum organized by the OECD, with the attendance of the ministers of finance, economy, foreign affairs, trade and other government departments of member and associated countries, as well as representatives of other international organizations," said the ministry. — Xinhua