

# The Global **NEW LIGHT** of MYANMAR

## India starts to import Myanmar maize duty-free

**I**NDIA has commenced the import of Myanmar maize with zero tariffs. At least three ships have arrived at VO Chidambaranar Port in Tamil Nadu's Thoothukudi, and more are set to call in July, according to a report citing The Hindu Business Line.

Vangili Subramanian, President of Tamil Nadu Egg Poultry Farmers Marketing Society (PFMS) stated that three ships loaded with maize were docked at India's Port, and ten more vessels were

slated to dock according to an agreement.

The contract revealed that the purchase price was agreed to be US\$268 per tonne. At present, the price has become pretty high. Sanjay Sancheti from Olam Agro India affirmed that we signed an agreement for one shipment.

M Madan Prakash from Rajathi Group, which trades agricultural produce like maize, rejected an offer from Myanmar regarding 10,000 tonnes of maize shipment at \$286 per tonne in July.

According to India's Duty-Free Tariff Scheme for the Least Developed Countries, Myanmar's maize is exempt from Customs duty, according to an anonymous official from a particular trading association.

India levies a 60 per cent customs duty, a five per cent goods and services tax, and a 10 per cent social security tax on maize imported from other countries. However, the Central Government of India granted a 15 per cent tax for maize un-

der Tariff Rate Quota (TRQ), and 500,000 tonnes of maize were imported under TRQ in 2020.

For export starch, approximately 300,000 tonnes of maize are expected to be imported duty-free. The Hindu Business Line cited a government official's remark that the first batch of maize import was designated for starch, and the second one was for Ethanol fuel production.

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The image shows a rare fishing cat captured in camera traps. **PHOTO: KTCG**

## Camera traps capture rare fishing cats in Kyonekapyin Conservation Area

**F**ISHING cats (*Prionailurus viverrinus*), one of the rarest cat species in the world, have been recorded in camera traps in the Kyonekapyin conservation area, according to the Kyonekapyin-Tapseik Community Conservation Group (KTCG). As the species is very rare and many countries are engaged in continuous conservation efforts, Myanmar should adopt the same conservation and research work, according to a statement by the KTCG a few days ago.

Despite research on cat species in

Myanmar, there have been few studies on fishing cats. The Wildlife Conservation Society (WCS) conducted a survey in Maubin Township in 2019 after recording its presence in Mainmahla Island Wildlife Sanctuary in the Ayeyawady Delta. In the meantime, no specific records were found, although Kyonekapyin locals had reported the presence of fishing cats.

In 2023, the presence of fishing cats (*Prionailurus viverrinus*) was confirmed by a camera record, and they were said to be surviving in this area due to the

remaining suitable habitats.

The residents should be enabled to participate in the protection and conservation of fishing cats to ensure their survival and increase their population.

According to the records, rare and diverse bio-species such as Sarus crane (*Grus antigone*), *Emberiza aureola*, *Chrysomma altirostre*, marsh tortoises, *Malayopython reticulatus*, *boa constrictor*, fishing cats and other cat species still exist in the Kyonekapyin-Tapseik area. — MT/ZN

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# NATIONAL

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## Appointment of Heads of Service Organizations

THE State Administration Council has appointed the following persons as Heads of Service Organizations, as shown against each of their names on probation from the date they assume charge of their duties.

| Name  | Appointment  |
|---|--|
| (1) U Zaw Tun Lwin<br>General Manager<br>Myanma Port Authority<br>Ministry of Transport and Communications          | Managing Director<br>Myanma Port Authority<br>Ministry of Transport and Communications             |
| (2) U Myo Than<br>General Manager<br>Myanma Posts and Telecommunication<br>Ministry of Transport and Communications | Managing Director<br>Myanma Post and Telecommunication<br>Ministry of Transport and Communications |



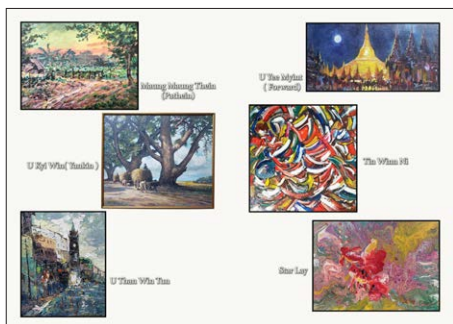
The people are urged to receive vaccination of Covid-19 without fail as full-time vaccination of Covid-19 and receiving booster shots can effectively mitigate infection of the virus, severe suffering from the disease and increase of death rate due to the disease.

## Wathan Art Gallery to showcase monsoon landscapes in 'Wathan Moe' Exhibition

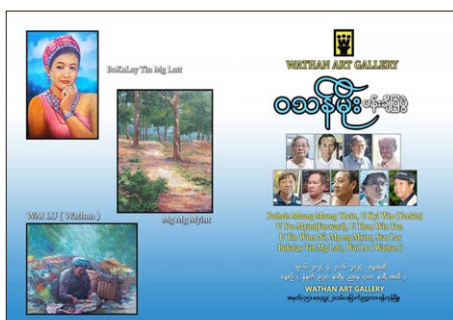
THE group art exhibition named 'Wathan Moe' will be showcased at the Wathan Art Gallery in North Okkalapa Township, Yangon, from 19 to 21 June, according to artist Wai Lu, the organizer of the exhibition.

He said, "We're inviting friends and art lovers to enjoy the diverse creations of monsoon landscapes by nine senior artists at the exhibition."

The exhibition will feature various paintings in watercolour, oil, and acrylic by artists Pathein Maung Maung Thein, U Kyi Win (Yankin), U Yee Myint (Forward), U Than Win Tun, U Tin Win Ni, Maung Maung Myint, Star Lay, Bo Kalay Tin Maung Latt, and Wai Lu (Wathan). — ASH/TRKM



Images showcase some paintings and featured artists of the 'Wathan Moe'.



## Taungthaman Bridge and Lake draw 100,000 daily visitors in rainy season



Photos above and below show boats and visitors in Taungthaman Lake at the time of high water level.

LOCAL and foreign visitors visit the Taungthaman Bridge and Taungthaman Lake daily during the rainy season, with approximately 100,000 visitors coming, especially on holidays, according to U Soe Win, secretary of the Taungthaman Bridge maintenance body.

The lake and bridge are among the most attractive tourist destinations in the Mandalay Region. The report states that

both local and foreign visitor numbers have been increasing since 1 June.

"Since the water level in the Ayeyawady River is rising this season, many visitors come to enjoy boat rides on the lake. Thousands of travellers also visit the Taungthaman resort daily. More visitors are expected next month as the water level continues to rise. Visitors have to pay 20,000 kyat for a round trip

by boat. Each boat can accommodate 11 passengers at a time. We invite you to visit here, as it is safe, secure, and peaceful," said U Soe Win.

Most local tourists come from Mandalay, PyinOoLwin, Taunggyi, and Yangon to the Taungthaman Bridge and Lake, whereas most foreign visitors are Thai, Vietnamese, and Korean. — ASH/TMT



# NATIONAL

## DPM MoFA Union Minister receives Chinese Special Envoy for Asian Affairs



Deputy Prime Minister MoFA Union Minister U Than Swe shakes hands with Mr Deng Xijun, Special Envoy for Asian Affairs of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the People's Republic of China, yesterday.

U Than Swe, Deputy Prime Minister and Union Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar received Mr Deng Xijun, Special Envoy for Asian Affairs of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the People's Republic of Chi-

na, at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Nay Pyi Taw, yesterday. During the meeting, they cordially discussed matters pertaining to the further enhancement of the existing "Pauk-Phaw" relations, the maintenance of peace and sta-

bility along the border between Myanmar and China, the acceleration of Myanmar-China bilateral relations, and the mutually beneficial cooperation in both regional and international arena, especially in ASEAN and United Nations. — MNA

## Myanmar participates in Chile-CPR to ASEAN meeting

THE Ministry of Foreign Affairs has announced that Myanmar's permanent representative to ASEAN, U Aung Myo Myint, participated in a meeting on 13 June at the office of the Permanent Mission of the Philippines to ASEAN in Jakarta, Indonesia. The meeting involved Deputy Minister for International Economic Relations of the Republic of Chile Ms Claudia Sanhueza and the Committee for Permanent Representatives to ASEAN (CPR).

The event, jointly hosted by the Permanent Mission of the Philippines and the Embassy

of Chile in Jakarta, aimed to strengthen relations and promote future cooperation between ASEAN and the Pacific Alliance. Representatives from the embassies of Pacific Alliance member countries, including Chile, Colombia, Mexico, and Peru, also attended the event.

According to the report, Chile currently holds the Pro Tempore Presidency of the Pacific Alliance for 2024, while the Philippines serves as the ASEAN Country Coordinator for ASEAN-Pacific Alliance Relations. — ASH/TMT



The photo captures attendees at the event.

## Martyr's Day special exhibition to be held at Bogyoke Aung San Museum (Yangon)



Images show some scenes of the Bogyoke Aung San Museum under preparation.

ON the upcoming 77<sup>th</sup> Martyrs' Day, a special exhibition will take place at the Bogyoke Aung San Museum in Bahan Township, Yangon Region, as announced by

the Department of Archaeology and National Museum. The exhibition at Bogyoke Aung San Museum will feature various displays, including boards

along the museum's path as in previous years, a 3D virtual tour of Bogyoke Aung San's house and surroundings using IT technology, architectural designs, photo-

graphs of items from the bureaus in the house via a mobile application, and Bogyoke Aung San's speeches presented through a 3D holographic fan. Photo records of annual special events will be accessible via touch screens.

Preparations for Martyrs' Day include clearing undergrowth and weeds, landscaping, gardening, and arranging health-

care services for visitors to the museum, managed by the Yangon City and Development Committee (YCDC).

The Bogyoke Aung San Museum, built on an oval-shaped 2.423-acre plot in a 20<sup>th</sup>-century European style in 1921, was home to Bogyoke Aung San and his family from May 1945 until 19 July 1947. — ASH/MKKS



# NATIONAL

## Union Information Minister visits iconic sites in Kunming

THE Myanmar delegation led by Union Minister for Information U Maung Maung Ohn on Monday visited famous sites in Kunming of Yunnan Province, China, together with representatives of Lancang-Mekong member countries and South Asian countries after attending the fifth Lancang-Mekong Audiovisual Week.

They visited the Kunming International Flora Auction Trading Centre Co Ltd and Yunnan Digital Flower Industry.

The flower trading centre was established by the China National Development and Reform Commission and People's Government of Yunnan Province in 2001. It became the second-largest fresh-cut flower trading market in the world and the largest one in Asia, exporting the flowers



Union Minister U Maung Maung Ohn and Myanmar's delegation pose for the group documentary photo during their observation tours in Yunnan Province, China.

to over 40 countries daily.

Delegates proceeded to the Yunnan Baiyao Group Co Ltd

and inspected the company's traditional medicine production processes and work procedures.

The Union minister and party also attended the dinner event hosted by Yunnan Daily

Chairman Mr Hwang at Wanda Realm Hotel. They exchanged views on the resumption of the Twin City Forum in Kunming soon by the Yunnan-Myanmar Forum and plans to discuss in Myanmar to promote public participation in agriculture, livestock breeding, economy, social and culture in addition to the media sector.

Moreover, MRTV Director-General U Ye Naing met officials of the Yunnan Media Group and discussed the broadcasting of news photos and videos of Myanmar on the Mekong Look Application and the signing of an MoU between the MRTV and YMG, and the director-general received the sample files and video footages of the YMG. — MNA/KTZH

## Bago River Crossing Bridge toll gate to get QR Code system



Deputy Minister U Win Pe seen inspecting the toll gate of the Thanlyin Bridge 3 yesterday.

DEPUTY Minister for Construction U Win Pe, together with officials, inspected the toll gate at Bago River Crossing Bridge (Thanlyin Bridge 3) on the collection of road usage fees and the staffing status of the toll gate yesterday morning.

The deputy minister and officials attended a business coordination meeting related

to ensuring that road user fees are correctly collected at the bridge toll gate and that there is no waste of money, as well as the installation of the QR Code System and the orderly movement of vehicles.

During the meeting, the deputy minister said that there should be no traffic jams in the passage of large and small ve-

hicles on the bridge and that they could cross the bridge smoothly. He stressed that slide lights should be installed on the bridge, road safety rules when crossing the bridge should be installed with vinyl signs, and the toll collection revenue would not be lost.

Officials discussed the issues related to traffic on the bridge one by one, and the deputy minister coordinated the necessary actions and concluded the meeting.

In the afternoon, the deputy minister inspected the charging of electric vehicles at the EV charging station near the toll gate of the Yangon-Mandalay Expressway No 3 and inspected the land where an EV charging station will be built near the Bonutgyi parking lot.

— MNA/KZL

## New infrastructures of health sector in Yangon opened

A new medical store with cold storage and a two-storied medical ward of Hmawby People's Hospital under the Department of Public Health of Yangon Region were opened on 15 and 16 June respectively.

Union Minister for Health Prof Dr Thet Khaing Win attended the ceremonies.

The medical store is a three-storeyed building and the opening ceremony was held on 15 June. The Union Minister and officials observed the storage system at the new storage.

The Union minister in his address said that there are 14 central-level hospitals in the Yangon Region, 70 hospitals at district and township levels, 14 maternal and child health departments, 26 local health centres, 91 rural health centres and 435 rural health branches have been opened.

He continued that the rate of nationwide vaccination has increased more than double in 2022 and 2023 compared to that of 2021; therefore, infection and diseases in children could be prevented. Penta3, the third dose of pentavalent vaccination, coverage in Yangon Region has been increased to 90 per cent in 2023 from 42 per cent in 2021, he added. It is also projected that the medical store can keep medications for two months.

On 16 June, the two-storied medical ward was commissioned into service at Hmawby Township People's Hospital.

Yangon Region Chief Minister donated 20 air-conditioners for the two-storeyed medical ward.

The Union minister, the Yangon Region Chief Minister, and officials presented cash assistance to the patient. — MNA/TMT

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# NATIONAL

## Myanmar forestry officials to observe ASEAN Heritage Parks in Indonesia

ASEAN countries safeguard ecosystems, biodiversity, culture, and unique traditions through ASEAN Heritage Parks (AHP). Myanmar's forestry officials will visit AHPs in Indonesia during the last week of June to bolster conservation efforts in Myanmar.

Supervisors from Natmataung National Park, Mainmahla Island Wildlife Sanctuary, Moeyungyi Wildlife Sanctuary, Indawgyi Lake Nature Reserve, Inlay Lake Wildlife Sanctuary, Mount Popa National Park, and Tamanthi Wildlife Sanctuary, along with personnel from the Nature and Wildlife Conservation Department, will go on this excursion from 24 to 28 June.

Myanmar hosts eight ASEAN Heritage Sites, including Khakaborazi National Park, Natmataung National Park, Tamanthi Wildlife Sanctuary, Alaungtaw Kassapa National Park, Mainmahla Island Wildlife Sanctuary, Lampi Marine National Park, Inlay Lake Wildlife Sanctuary, and Indawgyi

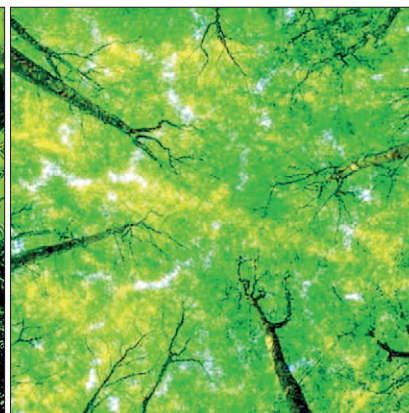
Lake Wildlife Sanctuary.

In Indonesia, Gunung Leuser National Park, Lorentz National Park, and Kerinci Seblat National Park are renowned AHPs. International visitors frequent these ten national parks annually. Across ASEAN, there are 49 AHPs: ten in Vietnam, nine in the Philippines, eight in Myanmar, seven in Indonesia, six in Thailand, three in Malaysia, and two each in Singapore and Cambodia, with one in Brunei and Laos, respectively.

These excursions aim to enhance the conservation ca-

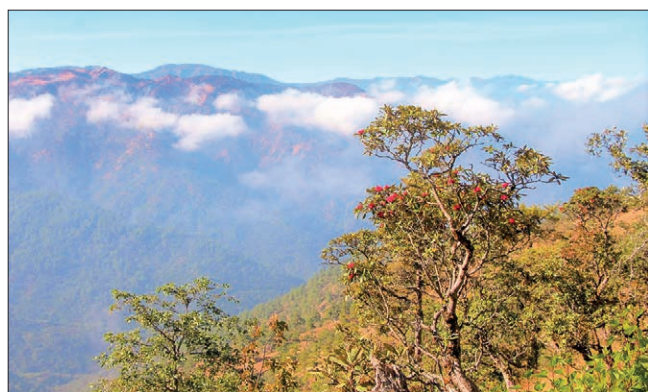


Lampi Marine National Park. PHOTO: KANU



Photos above showcase beauties of Myanmar's rainforest and deciduous forest.

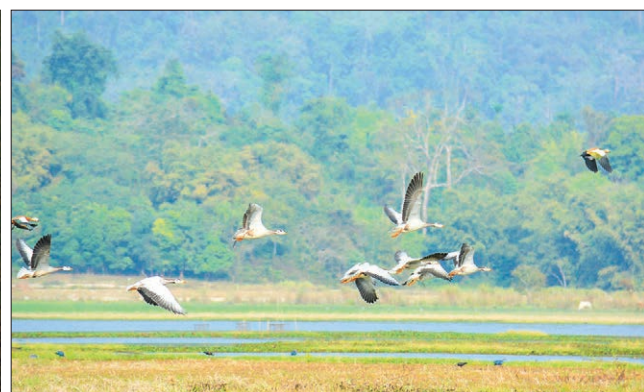
pabilities of ASEAN Heritage National Parks, which are vital for biodiversity preservation. They support human resources and long-term development, improve national park network management, foster collaboration in regional biodiversity conservation, and ensure sustainability for future environmental protection in ASEAN countries. — Nyein Thu (MNA)/TMT



Natmataung National Park.



Lampi Marine National Park.



Indawgyi Lake Nature Reserve.

## Safe Migration: Return licences unless agencies can function properly

IF authorized overseas employment agencies are unable to do their functions, they should return their licences, Safe Migration said in a statement.

A few days ago, Safe Migration released a list of authorized overseas

recruitment agencies which failed to submit monthly reports on sending workers for May 2024.

“It is better to return licences if they can't complete their functions. It is annoying because we have to work

with many agencies,” Safe Migration warned.

It added that agencies made no replies at all when the notification for the fine was issued. A monthly report on sending workers plays a critical role,

so Safe Migration wants agencies to pay attention to it, it stated.

There are 565 authorized overseas job agencies according to data compiled until 9 June, the statement said. — MT/ZS

# NATIONAL

## Myanmar ships 600+ tonnes of shrimp to China in 7 months

THE Fisheries Department stated that Myanmar has conveyed 627 tonnes of saltwater shrimp to China since November 2023, with an estimated earning of \$1.795 million.

The livestock and fisheries products are exported to China under a trade channel regulated by the General Administration of Customs of the People's Republic of China (GACC). Myanmar

sends frozen shrimp to China using refer containers.

According to GACC Decree 248 and 249, GACC registration is mandatory for food exporters.

Myanmar signed with GACC for Sanitary and Phytosanitary Protocol (SPS Protocol) for aquatic product exports on 15 September 2023. The exports are processed with GACC registration. GACC's ap-

proval authorizes four saltwater shrimp farming companies, and more companies are endeavouring to pass the registration process.

Myanmar delivers 300 seafood items under three categories (fish, shrimp and others) to 40 countries, including China, the US, Thailand, Saudi Arabia, Japan, Singapore, Malaysia, the UAE and the UK. — TWA/KK



Workers are seen processing saltwater shrimps at a factory in Myeik Archipelago. **PHOTO BY MYINT OO (MYEIK)**

## MoC to allocate 1,136 flats at Thukha Dagon in July, December

ACCORDING to the Ministry of Construction, efforts are underway to allocate 1,136 flats at Thukha Dagon Public Housing in July and December.

During an inspection tour of the housing on 17 June, the deputy minister for Construction emphasized the importance of ensuring that these

homes are made available to people facing housing difficulties upon completion of construction.

Thukha Dagon Public Housing has been systematically developed to provide affordable housing for those in need. The list of housing applicants must be submitted to the

Yangon Region government for allocation during subsequent phases, with special efforts focused on providing these homes to eligible individuals once construction is finished.

In December 2023, a total of 1,168 flats were allocated, and 810 flats were rented out by June 2024. — ASH/MKKS



The image shows some flats of the Thukha Dagon Public Housing.

## 120 Myanmar nationals repatriated after serving sentences in Thailand

ACCORDING to the Migrant Worker Resource Center (MWRC), 120 Myanmar nationals who had already served their sentences for various reasons were sent back to Kouthoung via Ranong on 17 June.

Among those brought back to Myanmar by the Thai authorities are 20 women and 100 men. They were brought back to Kawthoung on the Myanmar side by boat via Ranong.

The local authorities test-

ed Myanmar nationals arriving in Kawthoung for COVID-19, conducted background checks and education, and found that COVID-19-positive persons would be placed in a quarantine centre.

A total of 120 Myanmar nationals who had already served their sentences were repatriated to Kawthoung via Ranong on 10 June. Thus, 240 Myanmar nationals have returned this month. — TWA/KZL

### Public Notice

THE Anti-Corruption Commission has established corruption prevention units within ministries to curb corruption effectively.

The ACC used SMS on mobile phones to ask the public who sought services at an office of the department of the relevant ministries via short code No "1111" for feedback, including the public feedback programme (PFP).

According to the PFP, the proper replies of the citizens via short code No "1111" will provide the quality of services of each department and the requirements for corruption prevention to be fixed.

Therefore, the public should reply to the questions of the ACC and corruption prevention units of the ministries

via SMS at short code "1111". Such doing is a supportive measure for PFP, and the people are urged to cooperate in the operations.

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## India starts to import Myanmar maize duty-free

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Tamil Nadu has domestic demand for maize for the poultry farming industry. Some farms import maize to meet the domestic market. The PFMS purchased maize at 26,000 rupees per tonne, including a delivery to Namakkal from Bihar. The price is the same as the imported ones. The growing domestic demand prompts traders to import the maize from abroad, Mr Subramanian, President of PFMS.

India's Agricultural Produce Market Committee ensured that the retail price spread does not

reach excessively high levels with a weighted average price of 2,091 rupees per quintal (100 kilogram) while the government's national Minimum Support Price is 2,090 rupees per quintal.

Nonetheless, the maize price peaked at over 2,400 rupees per quintal at some depots in Madhya Pradesh, Tamil Nadu, Telangana, Maharashtra and Karnataka states. The maize price hit only 1,700 rupees per quintal in the corresponding period last year.

Regarding maize import, profit associated with exploita-

tion and domination and preferential tariffs of India might ruin the market structure. S Chandrasekaran, a researcher based in New Delhi, pointed out that maize import might be contemplated with import price limit and port restriction. The farmers of eastern and southern India, where extreme weather was stricken last year, expected high output and good earnings this year.

According to India's Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare's crop output forecast in the first week of June, maize

output was estimated at 35.67 million tonnes for this year's maize season ending in June. Last year's yield rate reached 38.08 million.

India has a steady demand for maize, and even the poultry sector alone has a requirement of one million tonnes to meet increasing demand yearly. The demand from that sector is estimated at 16 million. In addition to the livestock sector, starch and ethanol production industries also have significant demand. After the Central Government of India restricted the use of sugar-

cane for ethanol production, the demand for maize has risen significantly. Maize use for ethanol production is likely to increase to 3.4 million tonnes this year from 0.8 million tonnes last FY.

When ethanol production industries start running operations, Visakhapatnam or Kolkata Port in Bihar State might be the port of arrival for maize, according to international traders. India has been considering the import of genetically modified maize duty-free or with low tariffs, The Hindu Business Line stated. — NN/KK

### Myanmar business delegates invited to 8<sup>th</sup> Indusfood 2025 in New Delhi

THE 8<sup>th</sup> Edition of Indusfood 2025, which will take place on 8-10 January 2025 at India Expo Mart in Greater Noida, New Delhi, India, welcomes the participation of Myanmar business delegates engaged in the beverage and food sector, according to the Ministry of Commerce.

This exhibition will connect buyers and sellers in Asia's beverage and food sector. Officials of Myanmar's related departments, institutions, and traders have been invited to join Indusfood 2025. Those interested individuals can submit the list of participants to the Myanmar Trade Promotion Organization through event.td.myantrade@gmail.com. — NN/KK



### CBM sells US\$5M for exporters, importers via online trading platforms



A glimpse of the general view of the Central Bank of Myanmar (CBM) in Nay Pyi Taw.

THE Central Bank of Myanmar (CBM) sold US\$5 million for exporters and importers on online trading platforms on 17 June.

CBM pumped \$10 million, 30 million baht and 22.5 million yuan into markets in May through online trading platforms.

CBM injected \$3 million, two million yuan and 54 million baht into the financial market in April. It also sold \$18 million, 12 million yuan and

312 million baht in March, \$77.38 million and 850 million baht in February and \$68.33 million, 313.5 million baht and 4.2 million yuan in January 2024, with a view to curbing the instability in the foreign exchange market and stopping the currency devaluation.

According to CBM's notification on 15 March, it has been joining hands with law enforcement agencies to combat and prosecute those who attempt to manipulate the cur-

rency market under the existing laws. CBM allowed authorized dealers (private banks) to operate online foreign exchange trading freely as per the market rate depending on supply and demand, starting from 5 December 2023. Additionally, the outward remittance procedures must adhere to the rules and regulations stipulated by the Foreign Exchange Supervisory Committee. — NN/KK

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# OPINION

## Preserve natural resources for future generations

**T**HE rising global population and booming tourism industry have become significant contributors to pollution in beaches and oceanic waters. As a result, many renowned beaches are now facing various forms of pollution. It is crucial for all nations with coastlines to protect the natural resources of their coastal areas and marine ecosystems.

Coastal resources, including coral reefs, mangrove forests, and coastal forests, play a vital role in absorbing large volumes of carbon dioxide, thereby mitigating climate change. The degradation and depletion of these resources can exacerbate climate change and harm the ecosystems of coral reefs, mangrove forests, seagrass, archipelagos, and deltaic regions. This, in turn, threatens the fish and prawn populations and the

fisheries industry.

Coral reefs, in particular, are habitats for a diverse array of marine life, housing more than 1,500 different species. They also play a crucial role in mitigating tsunami waves triggered by strong earthquakes, thus helping to protect coastal areas.

Unfortunately, climate change and harmful fishing practices, such as netting, poisoning, and mine explosions, are gradually degrading these valuable coral reefs. A survey conducted three years ago reported that approximately 14 per cent of the world's coral reefs were destroyed by mine blasts, air pollution, and global warming between 2009 and 2018.

Myanmar is home to significant coral reefs, mangrove forests, and seagrass. However, its mangrove forests are rapidly being defor-

ested for various reasons. Coastal residents and beachgoers contribute to this problem by disposing of tons of plastic waste into rivers and creeks annually. Additionally, some irresponsible picnickers leave behind plastic products on the beaches, and unscrupulous individuals illegally harvest and smuggle coral reefs.

These actions violate a universal responsibility towards all living beings and humans globally. Destroying our planet's natural resources is unacceptable. Instead, it is imperative to protect these invaluable resources. Governments and relevant authorities must take responsibility for safeguarding marine resources. Protecting coral reefs and mangrove forests is essential for food security, socioeconomic development, and natural disaster prevention.

As Myanmar is rich in natural resources along off and onshore coastal areas above water and underwater, everyone must join hands with the local authorities in the protection of marine resources to ensure a sustainable legacy for future generations. Preserving these natural resources is not just a duty but a necessity for the well-being of our planet and the prosperity of future generations.

# Appreciation for the Establishment of the Myanmar National Centre for Disease Control and Medical Training Centre (Nay Pyi Taw)

By Dr Than Lwin Tun, Ministry of Health

**A**CCORDING to one of the objectives of the Social Affairs of State Administration Council (SAC), "To elevate the Health and Sports sectors inclusive of all the people, improving the longevity and health of the nation", the Ministry of Health (MOH), Myanmar, laid down the two objectives, to enable every citizen to attain total life expectancy and enjoy longevity of life, and to ensure that every citizen is free from diseases.

The opening ceremony of the Myanmar National Centre for Disease Control and the Medical Training Centre (Nay Pyi Taw) was organized in Naypyitaw on 13 June 2024. The event was attended by State Administration Council Secretary Lt-Gen Aung Lin Dwe on behalf of the Chairman of the State Administration Council Prime Minister, SAC members, Union Ministers, the Nay Pyi Taw Council Chairman,

cil Secretary Lt-Gen Aung Lin Dwe, on behalf of the Chairman of the State Administration Council Prime Minister, mentioned that "the world countries faced natural disasters and pandemics, and Myanmar also encountered the COVID-19 pandemic that started in December 2019 and Cyclone Mocha in May 2023". He also highlighted the need to prepare for zoonotic diseases, including new diseases and existing diseases, to enhance the capacity of health workers to conduct preventive measures and responses and to apply modern techniques. He continued that the Centres for Disease Control and Prevention were established in the world countries. In Myanmar, the Chinese government assisted in establishing the Centre for Conducting international-standard disease control, research and human resources development activities as a symbol of bilateral relations.



Public Health Museum.

departmental officials, rectors and professors, Central-level medical superintendents, medical experts, the Ambassadors from the Embassy of the Peoples' Republic of China, the Embassy of the People's Republic of Bangladesh, and the Embassy of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka, Charge d' Affairs from Embassy of the Republic of the Philippines, representatives from Embassy from India and ASEAN countries, officials of China and Yunnan CDC, and invitees.

Speaking at the opening ceremony, State Administration Coun-

The Myanmar National Centre for Disease Control and Medical Training Centre project was undertaken using 330 million yuan in Nay Pyi Taw. The establishment of this Centre can upgrade the health standard of the country, keep abreast with other countries, and implement international health regulations and global health security more effectively. He then talked about the benefits of the China-aided CDC and medical training centre, including the application of GIS and GPS as central public health emergency response unit



Myanmar National Centre for Disease Control and the Medical Training Centre (Nay Pyi Taw).

based on that CDC and medical training centre, research on food security, nutrition, occupational and environmental health and development activities. He continued that this centre is accompanied by medical training so that qualified human resources can be produced.

The officials of the Ministry of Health made observation trips to the Jiangsu Provincial Centre for Disease Control and Prevention to be able to establish this centre that includes biosafety level 1, 2 and 3 laboratories, international standard laboratories, disease prevention and control systems, and a facility that can accommodate about 200 trainees, while another one training hall that can accommodate 200 trainees, one training hall that has capacity for 100 trainees and four halls for 50 trainees each. Moreover, 35 lab experts were also sent to Jiangsu CDC for six months for theoretical and practical sessions. Practical sessions will also be held with Chinese experts after the opening of this centre. The centre will showcase historical records of Myanmar's health sector for the health workers, people and students so as to know historical

evidence. Then, he expressed gratitude to the Chinese government and its people, officials of the China Communications Construction Company - Third Harbour Engineering Co Ltd, experts of Jiangsu CDC and officials of the Ministry of Health for their support and assistance in establishing this centre on behalf of the government and the people."

Chinese Ambassador Mr Chen Hai clarified this Centre and played a video clip of the

centre. The Chinese ambassador handed over the documents for the Centre to the Union Minister, and the latter gave a certificate of gratitude and appreciation in return. The construction of this Centre started in 2021 as a symbol of Myanmar-China friendship. It was completed in May 2024 and inaugurated on 13 June 2024.

Establishing the Myanmar National Centre for Disease Control and the Medical Training Centre (Nay Pyi Taw) represents a

significant milestone in the country's healthcare development. This institution will play a crucial role in enhancing Myanmar's capacity to manage and prevent diseases, milestones of public health success (Public Health Museum), improve public health infrastructure, and also provide advanced medical training.

This Myanmar National Centre for Disease Control and Medical Training Centre is designed to accomplish several critical

functions within the public health domain; Disease Surveillance and Monitoring, Outbreak response and preparedness, Public Health Research, Training and Capacity building.

The support of the People's Republic of China (PRC) to this Centre has been essential in strengthening Myanmar's public health infrastructure and capacity to manage infectious diseases. This support is to enhance health cooperation with Myanmar and its neighbors and contribute to regional health security. The PRC has provided specialized training for Myanmar's healthcare professionals. These programmes focus on disease surveillance, outbreak response, laboratory techniques, and public health management. The Chinese public health experts have visited Myanmar to share their knowledge and expertise. These exchanges help in building local capacity and fostering collaboration between the two countries' health sectors.

The Myanmar National Centre for Disease Control and Medical Training Centre is composed to be the backbone of the country's efforts to combat infectious diseases and respond to public health emergencies. It will enable better surveillance, research, and response mechanisms, ensuring that outbreaks are quickly identified and contained. This Centre's establishment reflects

a commitment to strengthening the nation's health security and protecting its population from health threats.

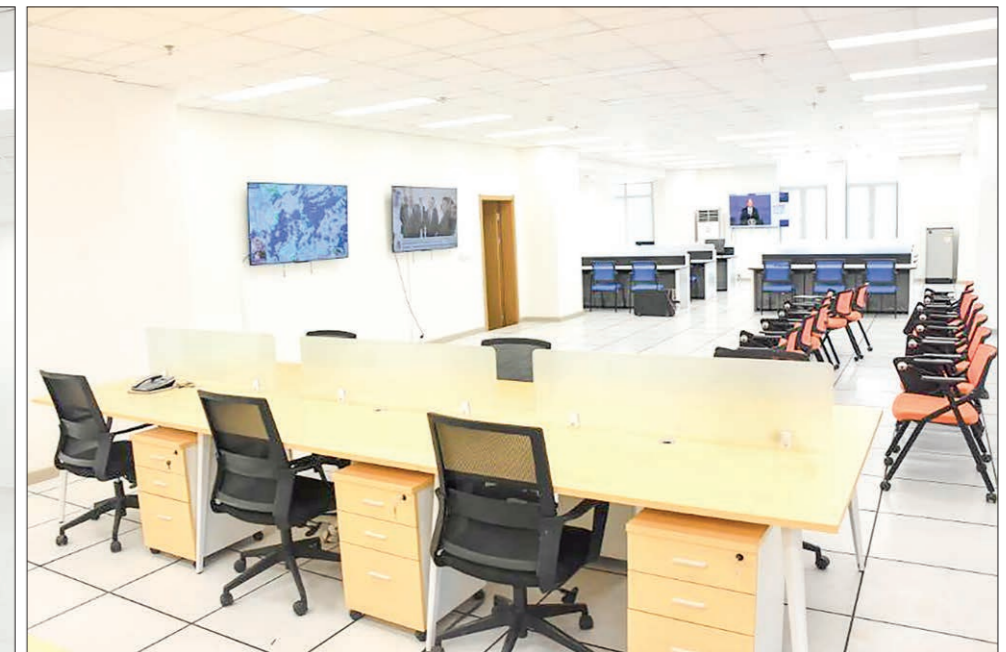
This Centre will be instrumental in building a skilled healthcare workforce. By offering specialized training and continuous professional development, this centre will help bridge the gap in healthcare expertise and ensure that medical professionals are well-equipped with the latest knowledge and techniques. This will not only improve patient care but also contribute to the overall advancement of the healthcare system in Myanmar.

Myanmar National Centre for Disease Control and Medical Training Centre will foster a more robust public health infrastructure, capable of addressing both current and future health challenges. It symbolizes a proactive approach to healthcare, emphasizing prevention, preparedness, and education. The investment in these facilities demonstrates a forward-thinking strategy that prioritizes the well-being of Myanmar's citizens and puts the groundwork for a healthier future.

In addition, the establishment of the Myanmar National Centre for Disease Control and Medical Training Centre is a creditable initiative that will significantly enhance the country's public health landscape.



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# NATIONAL

## Crackdown on illicit trading in Hlinethaya, Kyaikmaraw yields K132M seizure



Photos show confiscated illegal items and a vehicle.

SUPERVISED by the Illegal Trade Eradication Steering Committee, legal action is being taken against illicit trading nationwide.

On 16 June, teams under the Yangon Region Illegal Trade Eradication Task Force seized an unregistered Honda Insight (worth approximately K4 million) near traffic lights on No 5 Road in the Industrial Zone of Hlinethaya (East)

Township. This action was carried out under the Export and Import Law.

On the same day, teams coordinated by the Mon State Illegal Trade Eradication Task Force intercepted three Toyota Hilux Vigo vehicles (estimated value of K105 million) travelling from Phayathonsu to Kyaikmaraw. The cars were transporting goods valued at K23.77 million, including 915

kilograms of seaweed from China and 23 bags of frozen chicken sausage without official documents in Kyaikmaraw Township. This enforcement action was conducted under Customs procedures.

Consequently, seven individuals were arrested on 16 June, with goods valued at K132 million seized, according to the committee. — MNA/MKKS

## Leeches bought in Ayeyawady for export to China

TRADING of leeches has recently developed in Ayeyawady Region, and it is said to be exported to China.

“Apparently, leeches are bought from farmers to export to China. The price is still unclear. Leeches are found in paddy fields, riverbanks and ponds. We didn’t know about it in previous years. But this year, we’ve heard that there are purchases of leech to export to China,” said a resident.

He said he heard uncon-

firmed news of leech buyers offering high prices a few days ago.

Leeches inhabit paddy fields, riverbanks, and ponds. Fertilizers and pesticides cause them to die; therefore, they have become scarce in cultivated fields in recent years. Leeches attach to the human body, as do animals in paddy fields and ponds.

Except for the dry zone, leeches are found plentifully in highlands, lowlands, and delta regions. — MT/ZS



The image shows a farmer showing collected leeches.



## K1.74B worth of drugs seized in Padaung township bound for Rakhine

THE Myanmar Police Force has announced the seizure of 1.16 million stimulant tablets valued at K1.74 billion in Padaung Township, Bago Region.

Acting on a tip-off, a com-

bined team, including members of the Anti-Drug Police Force, conducted a search of a farmhouse owned by Htun Kyaw in Padaung Township, Bago Region, at 1 am on 16 June. During the operation, the police arrested 10 suspects, including Htun Kyaw, and seized the stimulant tablets.

The suspects confessed that

the drugs were intended to be transported from Padaung to Ann. Police have filed charges against 12 suspects, including Myat Thu Win (aka) Naung Naung and Thein Soe, who were involved in ordering the transport of the stimulant tablets. Investigations are ongoing to uncover others involved in the case. — MNA/MKKS

Offenders are seen along with seized drugs.

### Myanmar Daily Weather Report

(Issued at 7:00 pm Tuesday 18 June 2024)

**BAY INFERENCE:** Monsoon is moderate over the Andaman Sea and Bay of Bengal.

**FORECAST VALID UNTIL NOON OF THE 19 June 2024:** Rain or thundershowers will be isolated in Mandalay, Magway Regions and Kayah State, scattered in Lower Sagaing Region and Southern Shan, Chin States, fairly widespread in Nay Pyi Taw and (Northern and Eastern)Shan State and

widespread in the remaining Regions and States with likelihood of isolated heavyfalls in Nay Pyi Taw, Upper Sagaing, Bago, Yangon, Ayeyawady Regions and Kachin, Rakhine, Kayin, Mon States. Degree of certainty is 100%.

**THE CONDITION OF CUMULONIMBUS CLOUD:** The Cumulonimbus clouds are developing in Nay Pyi Taw, Upper Sagaing, Taninthayi Regions and

Kachin, (Southern and Eastern)Shan, Chin, Kayin, Mon States.

**STATE OF THE SEA:** Sea will be moderate in Myanmar Waters. Wave height will be about 6-8 feet in off and along Myanmar Coasts.

**OUTLOOK FOR SUBSEQUENT TWO DAYS:** Increase of rain in Upper Sagaing, Bago, Taninthayi Regions and Kachin, Kayin, Mon States.

## Chinese team holds heritage protection class for Afghan students

AN outdoor class aimed at promoting cultural relics protection for Afghan primary school students kicked off Sunday in central Afghanistan's Bamiyan province.

The class was organized by a six-member team made of Chinese archaeologists and cultural heritage experts, along with Afghan experts and officials, respectively at the giant Buddhas site and Shahr-e Gholghola, both part of the UNESCO-listed world heritage in the Bamiyan Valley.

During the class, Afghan pupils were taught about the status quo of cultural relics

protection in Bamiyan, practical skills needed for heritage protection, and the history of cultural exchanges between Afghanistan and China on the ancient Silk Road.

"I want to contribute to the future development of my country and work in the field of history and archaeology in the future," said Mohammad Zaid, a sixth grader in the class, who received a certificate for his good performance.

Bamiyan boasts several cultural relics sites, including two Buddha statues dating back more than 1,400 years. — Xinhua



This photo taken on 16 June 2024 shows an outdoor class aimed at promoting cultural relics protection for Afghan primary school students in Bamiyan Province, central Afghanistan. PHOTO: XINHUA

## 'Outsiders', 'Stereophonic' top Tony Awards

COMING-OF-AGE musical 'The Outsiders' and 'Stereophonic,' a play about a 1970s band putting together an album, earned top honours Sunday at the Tony Awards, the highest accolades in American theatre.

The Broadway community celebrated its best and brightest at New York's Lincoln Centre, hosted by Oscar winner Ariana DeBose for the third year running. 'The Outsiders,' a stage adaptation of the SE Hinton novel about class conflict between two high school gangs in Oklahoma in the 1960s, took home the award for best musical — its fourth on the night, after best director, lighting and sound design.

"Society changes but the experience of being an outsider is universal," said one of the show's producers, Angelina Jolie, as she introduced the cast's performance, which includes a gritty fight scene. "To any young person, any person feeling on the outside, you are not wrong to see what is unfair, you are not wrong to wish to find your own path."

'Stereophonic', written by



US actress Angelina Jolie and her daughter Vivienne Jolie-Pitt arrive for the 77th Tony Awards at Lincoln Centre in New York on 16 June 2024. PHOTO: AFP

David Adjmi, took the award for best play. It tells the story of the making of an album by a fictional rock band and features original music from former Arcade Fire member Will Butler.

It won five awards on the night, including best featured actor and best director, after making history as the most nominated play ever with 13 nods.

Stephen Sondheim's 'Merrily We Roll Along' — about the complicated relationship of three friends, told in reverse — was a flop

when it originally opened in 1981, but earned redemption by taking four awards including best revival of a musical.

Stars Jonathan Groff and Daniel Radcliffe of 'Harry Potter' fame earned trophies for their performances in the show.

The best musical win for 'The Outsiders' was a bit of an upset over 'Hell's Kitchen,' a jukebox musical loosely based on the life of pop singer Alicia Keys, which won prizes for lead actress Maleah Joi Moon and featured actress Kecia Lewis. — AFP

## Over 50% in Japan uneasy about seeking satisfaction in shortest time

MORE than half of people in Japan are not comfortable with the recent trend of emphasizing "time performance" in leisure and other daily activities, such as watching movies at double speed, a recent survey by watchmaker Seiko Group Corp showed.

In the online survey of 1,200 people aged 15 to 69, conducted in April, 52.9 per cent gave the thumbs down to the idea of seeking satisfaction in the shortest time possible, while 40 per cent felt they were being forced to do so themselves, Seiko said.

Sixty per cent, meanwhile, felt the trend has already taken root in society. "Taipa", a contraction of the English words "time" and "performance", became a buzzword in Japan in 2022.

While 71.5 per cent said they want to avoid wasting time as far as possible, 73.8 per cent said they sometimes preferred to take time to focus on a particular thing. In answering a multiple response question on situations in which they like to seek satisfaction in the shortest possible time, 37.8 per cent cited household cleaning, 36.6 per cent cooking and 36.5 per cent doing the laundry. — Kyodo



File photo shows a user of a video streaming service watching content on a smartphone in Tokyo in November 2021. PHOTO: KYODO

# ECONOMY WORLD



Lumbini hosts numerous stupas that represent various nations, making it a hub of Buddhist studies.  
**PHOTO: ANI**

## Nepal: Buddha's birthplace Lumbini throng with tourists again after Covid pandemic hiatus

TOURISTS have once again started to throng the Maya Devi Temple in Lumbini considered the birthplace of Gautam Buddha, after two silent years prompted by the Covid pandemic.

The UNESCO World Heritage Site, nestled in the Southern Plains of Nepal, is gradually regaining its allure as religious tourism seems to have gained traction again has returned.

"It was going great until 2019 when the COVID-19 pandemic struck. There were about 1.6 million visitors annually, with a strong presence of domestic visitors followed by Indians and visitors from many Buddhist countries - Thailand, Sri Lanka, Myanmar, and China. During the COVID-19 pandemic, there were few visitors; sometimes it was countable," Gyanin Rai, Senior

Director-Administration at the Lumbini Development Trust (LDT) to ANI.

"Currently, we have a rapidly increasing number of visitors. In 2023, we had about 1.2 million visitors. Especially from India, we have exceptional guests these days," he added.

Lumbini welcomed approximately 70,000 Indian tourists in the first quarter of this year. — ANI

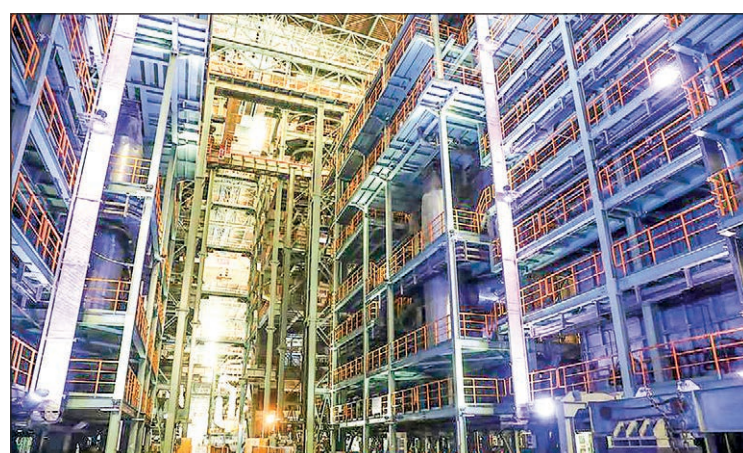
## China's industrial output maintains stable growth as innovation shift quickens

CHINA'S industrial output continued to see stable growth in May with faster transformation and growing new quality productive forces.

The value-added industrial output, an important economic indicator, went up 5.6 per cent year on year in May, data from the National Bureau of Statistics (NBS) showed Monday.

The official data said the equipment and high-tech manufacturing sectors in particular posted strong growth last month, with their output up 7.5 per cent and 10 per cent from a year ago, respectively.

On a monthly basis, the entire industrial output edged up 0.3 per cent in May from the previous month. During the January-May period, it rose 6.2 per



This photo taken on 22 May 2024 shows a "light-out" factory of Baosteel in east China's Shanghai. **PHOTO: XINHUA**

cent year on year. The industrial output measures the activity of enterprises each with an annual main business turnover of at least 20 million yuan (about US\$2.81 million).

Commenting on the data,

NBS spokesperson Liu Aihua told a press conference Monday that "90 per cent of regions, 80 per cent of industries and nearly 60 per cent of products registered increases [in output] from a year ago". — Xinhua

## NEWS IN BRIEF

### Sri Lankan economy grows by 5.3% in Q1: official

SRI Lanka recorded an economic growth rate of 5.3 per cent during the first quarter of 2024, State Minister of Finance Ranjith Siyambalapitiya said on Monday.

Quoting reports from the Department of Census and Statistics, Siyambalapitiya said in a statement that the industrial sector alone had grown by 11.8 per cent.

He said Sri Lanka recorded a negative growth earlier and the current achievement raised hopes for the country.

He said the World Bank had projected an overall growth rate of 2.2 per cent for Sri Lanka this year.

The International Monetary Fund recently completed the second review of its program with Sri Lanka to unlock US\$336 million for Sri Lanka. — Xinhua

### S Korea's ICT export rises for 7<sup>th</sup> month in May

SOUTH Korea's export of the information and communication technology (ICT) products rose for the seventh straight month, government data showed Monday.

The ICT products shipment surged 31.8 per cent from a year earlier to US\$19.05 billion in May, continuing to grow since November last year, according to the Ministry of Trade, Industry and Energy.

Semiconductor export jumped 52.4 per cent to \$11.39 billion last month, keeping a double-digit expansion for the seventh consecutive month.

Display panel shipment expanded 15.3 per cent to \$1.85 billion on solid demand for panels used for TVs and computers, while mobile phone export gained 10.8 per cent to \$1.02 billion.

Shipment for computers and peripherals soared 42.5 per cent to \$1.18 billion, but communications equipment export declined 10.7 per cent to \$180 million.

Import for ICT products gained 2.4 per cent over the year to \$11.48 billion in May, sending the trade surplus in the ICT industry to \$7.57 billion. — Xinhua

### Vietnam has golden opportunities to develop silver economy: expert

THE ageing population and unique characteristics of the elderly group in Vietnam pose many economic and social challenges, but there are also golden opportunities for the country to develop a silver economy, Vietnam News Agency reported Monday, citing Doan Van Binh, vice-president of the Vietnam Real Estate Association.

He said the rise of the silver economy reflected a societal re-evaluation of the elderly, which no longer views them as an economic burden, but recognizes their contribution to society and their consumption potential.

Based on Vietnam's actual conditions and the experience of some countries, Vietnam should immediately begin researching, creating a vision, building policies and laws, and setting up specific strategies and action plans to activate and develop the silver economy, he said.

The older generation in Vietnam currently accounts for 8.3 per cent of the total population, or 8.16 million, according to the country's Ministry of Labour, Invalids and Social Affairs.

It is forecast that the number will increase to 16.8 million by 2039 and 25.2 million by 2069. — Xinhua

# China's express delivery sector sees robust growth in May

CHINA'S express delivery sector registered rapid expansion in both business volume and revenue in May, amid a steady recovery of the Chinese economy and faster consumption growth in particular, data from the State Post Bureau showed on Monday.

The sector handled a total of 14.78 billion parcels last month, reaching a historic high for monthly business volume and jumping 23.8 per cent year on year. The growth rate accelerated from the 22.7-per cent increase registered in April.

Earlier data showed that the country's courier companies had handled 50 billion parcels as of 29 April, a milestone achieved 32 days quicker than in 2023.

The combined business revenue of China's express delivery companies reached nearly 116 billion yuan (about US\$16.3 billion) last month, higher than the April revenue and marking a year-on-year increase of 15.6 per cent.

In the first five months, the sector's business volume hit 65.59 billion parcels, rising 24.4 per cent from the same period a

year earlier. It raked in 537.11 billion yuan in business revenue during the period, up 16.6 per cent year on year.

The Chinese economy extended an upward recovery trend in May as indicated by the steady expansion of industrial output and a consumption rebound supported by the May Day holiday, the latest statistics showed on Monday.

In May, retail sales of consumer goods expanded 3.7 per cent year on year, 1.4 percentage points higher compared to the previous month. — Xinhua



Staff members sort parcels at the transfer centre of the Ezhou Huahu Airport in Ezhou, central China's Hubei Province, 25 May 2024. PHOTO: XINHUA

# Toyota shareholders reappoint chairman Toyoda amid testing scandals

TOYOTA Motor Corp shareholders on Tuesday approved a proposal to reelect Chairman Akio Toyoda to the board despite investment advisories urging a vote against him following a recent series of safety test scandals at the leading Japanese automaker group.

At the annual shareholders' meeting at its headquarters in Aichi Prefecture, nine other board members, including President Koji Sato and Vice Chairman Shigeru Hayakawa, were also reappointed.

At the meeting, Sato pledged the world's biggest auto group would improve compliance as he was grilled by shareholders over its vehicle



Shareholders of Toyota Motor Corp arrive at the venue of a general shareholders meeting in Toyota in Aichi Prefecture, central Japan, on 18 June 2024. PHOTO: KYODO

test fraud in Japan.

"We are trying to reform the foundation of our corporate culture," the president said.

Prior to the meeting,

US proxy advisory firm Institutional Shareholder Services recommended that shareholders oppose a company proposal to reappoint Toyoda, a scion of the founding family, saying he was responsible for recent safety data rigging at group companies.

Another US proxy adviser, Glass Lewis, also recommended rejecting the reappointment of the chairman for the same reason, as well as Hayakawa, questioning his performance as chair of a meeting that decides executive personnel appointments. — Kyodo

# World Economic Forum's meeting in Dalian to forge unified vision for development

THE World Economic Forum's 15th Annual Meeting of the New Champions to be held from 25 to 27 June in Dalian, northeast China's Liaoning Province, aims to forge a unified vision for development, an official said at a

press conference in Beijing on Tuesday. Pan Jiang, director of the international cooperation department of the National Development and Reform Commission, said that under the theme "Next Frontiers for Growth", the Annu-

al Meeting of the New Champions 2024 will convene global leaders from diverse sectors to collectively delve into innovative drivers and paths for global economic advancement.

"Through robust dialogue and collabo-

ration, the conference aims to forge a unified vision for development," said Pan, adding that the meeting will also present the international community with the opportunities arising from China's modernization journey. — Xinhua

## NEWS IN BRIEF

### Singapore's key exports see marginal decline in May

THE non-oil domestic exports (NODX) in Singapore contracted 0.1 per cent year-on-year in May, following the 9.6 per cent decline in April, the government agency Enterprise Singapore said Tuesday.

The figure marked the mildest drop in 20 months, it added.

Non-electronic NODX declined six per cent year-on-year in May, while the exports of electronic products expanded 21.9 per cent. — Xinhua

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## CLAIMS DAY NOTICE

M.V HANSA BITBURG VOY.NO. (422W)

Consignees of cargo carried on M.V HANSA BITBURG VOY.NO. (422W) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 19-6-2024 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of MITT/MIP where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

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

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

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# ROLLING UPDATES

## WORLD

## US envoy says diplomacy 'urgent' to stop Israel-Lebanon border clashes

US envoy Amos Hochstein Tuesday called for the "urgent" de-escalation of cross-border exchanges of fire between Lebanon's Hezbollah and Israeli forces raging since the start of the Gaza war.

"The conflict... between Israel and Hezbollah has gone on for long enough," the presidential envoy said on a visit to Beirut.

"It's in everyone's interest to resolve it quickly and diplomatically -- that is both achievable and it is urgent." The powerful Iran-backed armed group, an ally of the Palestinian militant movement Hamas, stepped up attacks on northern Israel last week after an Israeli strike killed one of its senior commanders.

But since Saturday after-

noon, Hezbollah has not claimed any attacks against Israel, despite Israeli strikes on the border area in Lebanon's south including one on Monday that killed a fighter.

Hochstein met Lebanese parliament speaker Nabih Berri, a day after holding talks in Jerusalem with Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu.

"Speaker Berri and I had a very a good discussion," Hochstein said.

"We discussed the current security and political situation in Lebanon as well as the deal on the table right now with respect to Gaza, which also presents an opportunity to end the conflict across the Blue Line", the demarcation line between Israel and Lebanon. — AFP



US special envoy Amos Hochstein addresses the media after meeting with Lebanon's parliament speaker in Beirut on 18 June 2024 amid continuing tensions on the Lebanese-Israeli border. **PHOTO: AFP**

## Filipino sailor killed in Huthi attack on cargo ship: White House



Christian Domarique (R), a Filipino crew member of the MV Tutor ship, arrives at the airport in Pasay, Metro Manila, on 17 June 2024. **PHOTO: AFP**

A Filipino sailor was killed when Yemen's Huthi rebels attacked a bulk cargo carrier last week, the White House said Monday, condemning their actions as terrorism.

The Iran-backed Huthis have launched dozens of drone and missile strikes in the vital shipping zones of the Red Sea and the Gulf of Aden since November, describing them as retaliation for the Israel-Hamas war.

But National Security Council spokesman John Kirby said the Filipino seaman killed was on the M/V Tutor, a Liberian-flagged, Greek-owned ship that had "nothing to do with the conflict in Gaza".

The vessel suffered serious flooding and was abandoned after it was struck by a sea drone off rebel-held Hodeida on Wednesday, according to a security agency operated by the British navy. — AFP

## Iran condemns E3 statement on Tehran's nuclear programme

IRANIAN Foreign Ministry Spokesman Nasser Kanaani on Monday condemned a recent statement by France, Britain and Germany on the country's nuclear programme as "absurd and invalid".

His remarks were in response to a statement released by the E3 group on Saturday, which "condemned Iran's latest steps, as reported by the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA), to further expand its nuclear programme", according to a statement published on the website of the Iranian Foreign Ministry on

Monday.

Kanaani refuted the E3's claims as "untrue" and reiterated that Iran's nuclear programme had a "completely peaceful nature" and "nuclear weapons have no place in the country's military and defence doctrine".

He noted that it was a "bitter irony" that those countries who had adopted a "political and unconstructive" approach and were among the main parties responsible for the current situation regarding the implementation of a 2015 nuclear deal between Tehran and

world powers accused Iran of "hollowing out" the agreement, formally known as the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action (JCPOA).

Kanaani reaffirmed Iran's commitment to continuing its "constructive" interaction and technical cooperation with the IAEA, adding the country would continue its "peaceful nuclear activities" in accordance with the country's national plan for the development of its nuclear industry and within the framework of its international rights and obligations. — Xinhua

### NEWS IN BRIEF

#### Heavy rain hits wide areas of Japan, disrupts bullet train services

HEAVY rain battered wide areas of Japan on Tuesday, disrupting bullet train services between Tokyo and Osaka and prompting the weather agency to urge caution for landslides and floods.

An eastward-moving front and a low-pressure system on the Pacific Ocean side of the Japanese archipelago brought heavy rainfall of over

50 millimetres per hour in areas such as Kochi and Shizuoka prefectures, the Japan Meteorological Agency said.

Rain intensified in many areas as atmospheric conditions became increasingly unstable due to warm, moist air flowing towards the front and the low-pressure system, the agency said. — Kyodo

# SPORTS



The Myanmar U-16 team seen competing in a friendly match. **PHOTO: MFF**

## Myanmar finalizes squad for AFC U-16 Championship

THE Myanmar Football Federation has already selected the final squad of the Myanmar U-16 boys' team ahead of the 2024 AFC U-16 Championship to be held in Indonesia from 21 June to 4 July.

The finalized team, led by Japanese head coach Mitami, consists of 23 players, including keeper Htet Wai Yan Zaw, defender Aung Thiha, midfielder Thaw Zin Ko, striker Khant Win Aung and skilful youth players.

All 12 member countries of the ASEAN Football Federation will compete in the AFC U-16 Championship, which is divided into three groups of four teams. Group A sees Indonesia (host), Laos, the Philippines and Singapore, while Group B features Vietnam, Myanmar, Cambodia and Brunei. Group C showcases Thailand, Malaysia, Timor-Leste and Australia.

Team Myanmar will play group matches against Cambodia on 22 June, Brunei on 25 June, and Vietnam on 28 June.

According to the format of the competition, the top team from each group and the best second-placed team will advance to the next round, resulting in a total of four semifinalists. — Ko Nyi Lay/KZL

## Kyaw Ko Ko to play for Shan United in MNL League Cup 2024 final

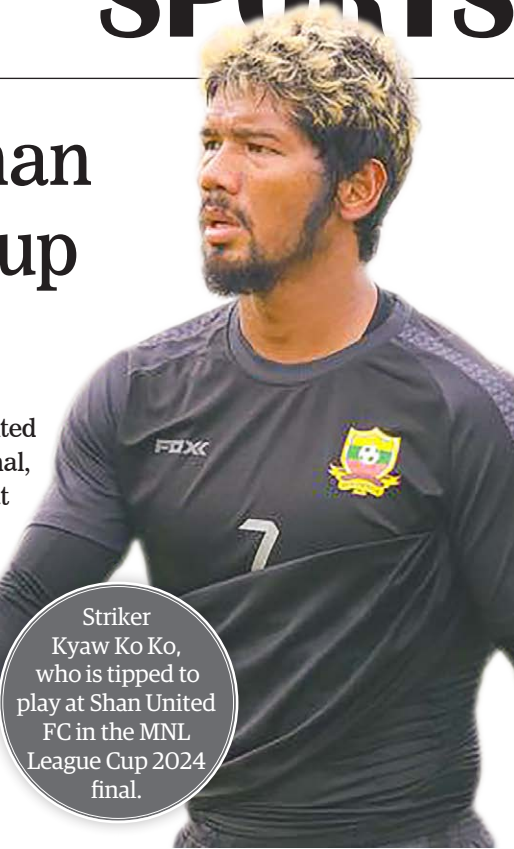
WELL-KNOWN striker Kyaw Ko Ko, who has performed at his best recently, will likely play as a Shan United FC's striker in the MNL League Cup 2024 final.

Kyaw Ko Ko teamed up first with Rakhine United FC in the MNL League Cup and was listed as the top scorer. However, his team was defeated in the group stage. Rakhine United FC released a statement that allowed Kyaw Ko Ko to leave, and both parties annulled the contract. Later, unconfirmed news came out that Kyaw Ko Ko had done training with Shan United FC.

Kyaw Ko Ko played at Shan United in a qualifier with Dagon Port FC, which is

why he is tipped to play at Shan United in the MNL League Cup 2024 final, which will take place on 19 June at 5:30 pm at Thuwana Stadium versus Yangon United.

According to the rules and regulations of the MNL League Cup 2024, which was launched as pre-Myanmar National League 2024-2025, with the aim of supporting preparations of football clubs, a player is permitted to move to a club he prefers during the transfer window



Striker Kyaw Ko Ko, who is tipped to play at Shan United FC in the MNL League Cup 2024 final.

opens from 1 April to 28 June for the Myanmar National League 2024-2025. — Thuta Kyaw/ZS



Kylian Mbappe of France reacts after being injured during the UEFA Euro 2024 Group D match between Austria and France in Dusseldorf, Germany, on 17 June 2024. **PHOTO: XINHUA**

## Slovakia upset Belgium, France down unfortunate Austria in Euro 2024

SLOVAKIA flabbergasted Belgium 1-0 in Group E after Ivan Schranz's early opener was enough to snatch all three points while Austria lost 1-0 to France due to Maximilian Wober's own goal at the Euro 2024 on Monday.

The Red Devils took the reins from the start and should have broken the deadlock with three minutes played but Romelu Lukaku couldn't beat Slovakia goalkeeper Martin Dubravka from very close range.

Slovakia punished the Belgians for their wastefulness and took the lead moments later after Schranz tapped home a rebound from tight angle past Belgium goalkeeper Koen Casteels in the seventh minute.

Domenico Tedesco's side pressed for the equalizer, but Slovakia still looked dangerous on counterattacks as Lukas Haraslin's 15-meter volley tested Casteels with 39 minutes gone.

Belgium thought they had levelled but Lukaku's goal was ruled offside by the VAR at the hour mark.

The Red Devils couldn't fend off the opening game defeat as Lukaku got another goal disallowed by the VAR due to a foregone handball by Lois Openda.

"It's a huge win, but we must keep working. We are looking at the next games. We must score in those games as well to meet our target and to advance," said Slovakia head coach Francesco Calzona.

In an earlier game, Romania staged a faultless performance and trashed Ukraine 3-0 thanks to the goals from Nicolae Stanciu, Razvan Marin and Denis Dragus. With the result, Romania top Group E followed by Slovakia, Belgium and Ukraine.

In Group D, France secured a hard-earned opening game victory as Austria never recovered from Wober's own goal.

The Frenchmen came agonizingly close to open the scoring with seven minutes played when Austria custodian Patrick Prentz palmed away Kylian Mbappe's shot from close range. — Xinhua

## Paris prepares epic Olympics dance show

MUSIC pounds through an empty hangar on the outskirts of Paris as dancers perform a few snatches of a top-secret routine in front of giant mirrors.

Audiences will get to see the fruits of their labour on 26 July when the opening ceremony of the Olympic Games is held in Paris.

The organizers promise something "spectacular" but their lips are

sealed on the details.

A handful of journalists, including AFP, were able to attend just a few minutes of a rehearsal this month.

Neon lights and disco balls contrasted with the industrial chaos of the decrepit but immense hangar. Such a huge space was necessary because — for the first time in Olympics history — the opening

ceremony is not taking place in a stadium.

Instead, it will stretch across seven kilometres of the River Seine with more than 3,000 dancers performing 10 different routines on the day. The section that AFP partly witnessed will include some 400, but nowhere is big enough for them to rehearse all at once so they work in smaller groups of around 50. — AFP



Dancers perform a choreography during a rehearsal for the opening ceremony of the Paris 2024 Olympic Games in Saint Denis, north of Paris, on 7 June 2024. **PHOTO: AFP**

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## Chinese premier says sound, stable China-Australia relations in common interests of two peoples

**F**ACTS have proven that sound and stable China-Australia relations serve the common interests of the two peoples and meet the common expectations of regional countries, Chinese Premier Li Qiang said here Tuesday.

Li made the remarks while attending a welcome banquet by the Chinese community in Australia with Australian Prime Minister Anthony Albanese.

Li extended sincere greetings and best wishes to the Chinese community in Australia. In 2014, Chinese President Xi Jinping paid a state visit to Australia and the two countries established a comprehensive strategic partnership, Li noted, saying bilateral relations have made re-

markable progress over the past 10 years.

Li noted that, during his visit to Australia this time, he has had extensive contact with Australian leaders and people from all walks of life, and has felt that people from all societies in Australia share the common aspirations and sincere expectations for the sound development and maintenance of China-Australia relations.

The two sides agreed to stay committed to their comprehensive strategic partnership, act in the common interests of the two peoples, expand and deepen practical cooperation in various fields, and push forward the continuous development of China-Australia relations, said the Chinese premier. Against the backdrop



Chinese Premier Li Qiang and Australian Prime Minister Anthony Albanese hold the ninth China-Australia Annual Leaders' Meeting in Canberra, Australia, 17 June 2024. **PHOTO: XINHUA**

of sluggish global economic growth, China's economy has continued to rebound

and improve, with its new growth drivers gaining momentum, he said. — Xinhua

## Gaza rescuers report deadly strikes although clashes slow for Eid

ISRAELI strikes on Tuesday killed at least 13 people in central Gaza, the civil defence agency in the Hamas-run terri-

tory said, although fighting has largely subsided as Muslims mark Eid al-Adha.

An Israeli announcement at the

weekend of a daily "pause" of military activity to facilitate aid flows coincided with the Muslim holiday and has brought relative calm to parts of the besieged Gaza Strip after more than eight months of war.

In Jerusalem on Monday, thousands of Israelis protested against Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's government over its failure to negotiate the release of scores of hostages still held in the Palestinian territory since Hamas's 7 October attack. Demonstrators rallied outside the parliament and near Netanyahu's residence, demanding early elections and chanting "All of them! Now!" calling for the hostages release, as US, Qatari and Egyptian mediation efforts towards a truce deal have stalled for months.

"We need to shut down the country in order to make the government fall," said Yaacov Godo, whose son Tom was killed during the Hamas attack, at the start of what activists describe as a week of anti-government action across the country. — AFP



Palestinians salvage items from the rubble of the al-Madhoun family home following overnight Israeli strikes in the Nuseirat refugee camp in the central Gaza Strip, on 18 June 2024, amid the ongoing conflict between Israel and the Palestinian militant Hamas movement. **PHOTO: AFP**

## Russia, North Korea to sign strategic partnership agreement

RUSSIA President Vladimir Putin has accepted the proposal of the Russian Foreign Ministry to sign a strategic partnership agreement with North Korea, according to the relevant decree published on the official legal information portal on Tuesday.

"To accept the proposal of the Russian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, agreed with interested federal government bodies and organizations, to sign a Comprehensive Strategic Partnership Agreement between Russia and North Korea. To allow the Russian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, during negotiations on the signing of the said treaty, to make changes to its draft that are not of a fundamental nature," the document read. On Monday, the Kremlin said that Russian President Vladimir Putin will pay a state visit to North Korea on 18-19 June. — SPUTNIK