

The Global **NEW LIGHT** of MYANMAR

Flood victims evacuated to relief camps, provided with relief supplies

Local authorities inspected flood preventive measures, evacuation of flood-affected people and disaster management activities in regions and states.



Volunteers and those from rescue and relief team perform relief measures for flood victims in Kyaukkyi Township. **PHOTO: TOWNSHIP IPRD**

More than 10-day torrential rains trigger flash flood and overflow of rivers and creeks

in many parts of the nation, inundating some low-lying areas of regions and states.

Volunteers from charity associations, Tatmadaw members, members of auxiliary fire brigades, members of Myanmar Police Force and service personnel from relevant departments carry

out rescue and relief measures under the supervision of relevant

SEE PAGE 2

Gems art painting market active recently



ACCORDING to the information that has been asked, the stone painting market is becoming a business as more and more stone paintings have been hung up in shops, offices, and houses in recent times.

“There has been a lot of interest in gems painting lately, because it is a gift item. It is valued as a painting and as a gift, and there are transactions for hanging at home. Most of them are bought for decoration in shops, houses, and offices. They are sold well. People take the picture they

Some gems paintings found in the market.

want, and some are for the company’s logos. They also give landscape pictures,” according to the Myint Yadanar Gems Painting and Gemstone Company in Chanayethazan township.

In addition, the gems painting is one of the arts that should be preserved, and the price varies depending on the size and type.

“The price varies depending on the design and size of the painting. First, we have to prepare the sketches for pencil drawing on the background sheet. Then, we draw the background with a pencil. Then we place gems on it. It should be preserved,” he said.—Thit Taw/ZN

Article Remedies for trademark infringement

By Kyaw Kyaw
(Dominance Literature)

PAGE 8-9

NATIONAL

PAGE 6



MAJA announces JLPT application schedule

NATIONAL

Flood victims evacuated to relief camps, ...

FROM PAGE 1

disaster management bodies in regions and states while health personnel perform necessary healthcare services and prevention of infectious diseases for the people from flood-ravaged areas.

Taikkyi Township

On 27 July, Chief Minister of Yangon Region U Soe Thein comforted flood-affected people and provided basic foodstuffs and cash assistance in villages of Taikkyi Township. A total of 145 families from villages are accommodated at the relief camp in the precinct of Myathettha Pagoda in Okkan. The Disaster Management Department provided them with 16 kinds of relief items.

The chief minister inspected flood preventive measures at Padonpeik embankment in Aphyauk and overflow of water at mile post 10/6 and 11 on Taikkyi-Aphyauk road near Intaing Village.

Officials also distributed 16 kinds of relief supplies and cash assistance to 140 flood-victim families at monasteries in Phokhaung Village.

Kangyidaunt Township

A total of 3,889 acres of farmlands in 15 village-tracts of Kangyidaunt Township in Ayeyawady Region were flooded due to rising water level in Dhaka River and heavy rains. Officials inspected conditions of Pathein-Kyangin railway which was inundated at mile post 171/6 and 171/8 near Dkaha Village of Kangyidaunt Township.

Thaton Township

The Chairman of Thaton



Volunteers and rescue team members are performing relief measures in flooded areas of Bago Township.



Officials of Thaton Township Disaster Management Committee distribute relief supplies to flood victims.

Township Disaster Management Committee and officials distributed basic foodstuffs to flood victims from Duiyiseik and Zaymathwe villages in Thaton Township of Mon State yesterday.

A total of 701 flood victims are accommodated at relief camps opened at TatU monastery in Duiyiseik Village and Yankinaung Monastery in Zaymathwe

Village as Donthami Creek raises water level in torrential rain. Officials provided rice, cooking oil, eggs, instant noodle and purified drinking water worth some K3.3 million to the victims.

Taninthayi Township

Taninthayi River's water level is rising due to heavy rain starting from the first week of



Authorities inspect rescue and relief measures for flood-affected people in Taikkyi Township.

July. The river's water level exceeds one foot and 10 inches more than the danger level 24 feet of Taninthayi. Overflow of river water floods the urban area of Taninthayi Township. Local authorities and rescue teams evacuated 154 flood victims to the relief camp at Bawdikan Village monastery and 129 more victims to Banthe monastery yesterday. From 25 to 28 July, 1,148 flood victims from 246 households have been accommodated at relief camps and their relatives.

Kyaukkyi Creek. Local administrative body, Tatmadaw members, fire brigade members and Red Cross members provided aid to those victims.

Loikaw Township

Chairperson of the Disaster Management Committee of Kayah State Chief Minister U Zaw Myo Tin met with officials from the relevant departments at the Disaster Management Committee Office in Loikaw yesterday morning for the preparation for rising water level in Balu Creek.

The chief minister and the officials inspected bridges and instructed officials to assign sentry for flooding and release flood warning to the people if necessary. Furthermore, the chief minister and party also inspected the National Race Youth Development school and highlighted the need to open the school as quickly as possible by reconstructing the school campus also destroyed by the terrorists. — Region/State IPRDs/TTA/TRKM



A flooded school in Bago Region.
PHOTO: PHYO KO LINN (NYAUNG WAING)

Pakokku Township

Pakokku Township faces ebbing of water level to 2021cm from 2150cm in Ayeyawady River yesterday. Local authorities and Department of Information and Public Relations release flood warning of Ayeyawady River to the people on a daily basis.

Bago Township

Overflow of water from Bago River affects Yangon-Mandalay Highway in Bago, exceeding 97

NATIONAL

Union Minister for Border Affairs Lt-Gen Tun Tun Naung, Union Minister for Religious Affairs and Culture U Tin Oo Lwin, Union Minister for Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation U Min Naung, and Mandalay Region's Minister for Natural Resources U Shwe Zin inspected the drilling of 8-inch diameter tube-wells and the construction of Kyunkhingyi Reservoir 2 in Kyaukpadaung Township, Mandalay Region, yesterday morning.

During the inspection, the Union ministers stressed the development of a water supply plan for urban area, and the plan for laying pipelines, encouraging residents to take responsibility for their maintenance. They also gave instructions on the construction of a 100,000-gal-

Union Ministers inspect water infrastructure, cultural heritage in Mandalay Region

lon-capacity water tank at the Kyunkhingyi reservoir under construction, the use of solar power to pump up water, and the supply of water to Kyauk-padaung.

Following this, the Union ministers inspected the emerald lake maintenance in NyaungU Township. Officials explained the maintenance of the emerald lake, under the guidance of the Head of State, and growing of 779 trees on 239 patches by the Ministry of Natural Resources and Envi-

ronmental Conservation for the 5-year project of the 2024-2025 financial year.

The officials also described paving of the 1 mile and 4 furlongs long concrete road and related works at Kontangyi Village by the Ministry of Cooperatives and Rural Development, progress of the three furlongs long concrete road at the entrance to Pyaukseikpin Village, and the one mile and 2.3 furlongs long gravel road from the entrance to East Phwasaw Village to Zay-

awayi Lake.

The Union ministers then looked into Pyaukseikpin Lakes 1, 2, and 3, and Kyaukoh Lake, which were restored with funds from the Ministry of Border Affairs. They also toured Zayawayi Lake and Mingalar Lake 3, which were maintained by the Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation. In accord with the Head of State's guidance, they planned to plant tamarind and neem trees in the surrounding areas.

Officials then explained the

status of the gravel road construction leading to Ananda Temple. The Union ministers recommended joint research and maintenance of the Bagan era water management system.

The Union ministers also viewed round dredging of ancient lakes in Bagan.

The Union minister for Religious Affairs and Culture stated that the Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation would create topographic map data of all three waterways from detailed measurements and calculations. This data must be included in the State of Conservation report for the Bagan World Heritage Site.

They also visited the waterway from the northern moat of Bagan City to the Ayeyawady River and dredging of the Wet-kyeein Creek. — MNA/TKO



Union Minister for Industry Dr Charlie Than inspects various production processes such as weaving, cotton sewing thread production at the No 7 Textile Factory branch (Wundwin) on 27 July 2024.

Union Minister for Industry visits textile factories in Mandalay Region

UNION Minister for Industry, Dr Charlie Than, and officials visited No 7 Textile Factory (Myittha) in Kyaukse District, Mandalay Region, on 27 July to observe the production processes.

The Union minister conversed with factory employees, urging them to use 1/40 thread as the pole thread in weaving fabrics, ensure quality control throughout the production process to strengthen each thread, maintain uniform thread size, perform equipment maintenance and adjustments, and increase production to create more job opportunities along

the production chain from cotton to textiles.

Later, the Union minister and his team visited No 2 Textile Factory (Paleik) in Singaing Township, Mandalay Region, where they observed production processes including dyeing and the textile circular economy. He encouraged efforts towards good quality and innovation.

At the home accomplice factory (Minsu) and Pharmaceutical Factory (Inyaung), the Union minister urged employees to produce high-quality products at reasonable prices.

The Union minister also vis-

ited No 7 Textile Factory branch (Wundwin), where he met with textile entrepreneurs for discussions on development of production chain. The entrepreneurs, the managing director of No 3 Heavy Industries Enterprise, and the deputy director-general of the Directorate of Industrial Supervision and Inspection exchanged views.

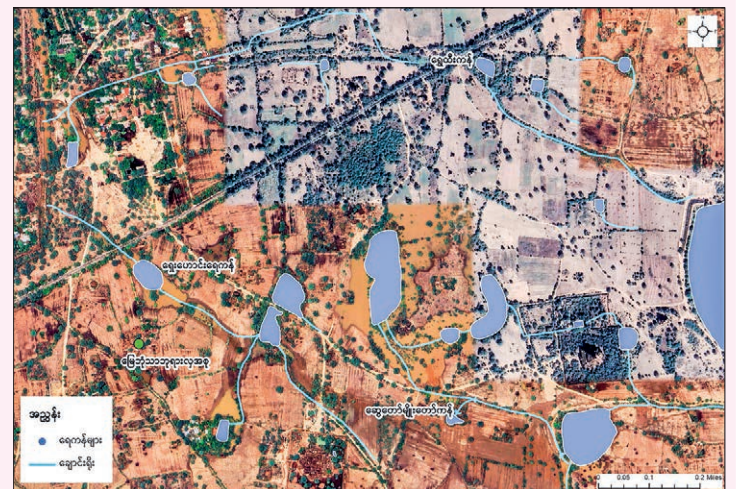
The Union ministers also viewed round various production processes such as weaving, cotton sewing thread production, and dyeing at Leaders Textile Public Co Ltd, and Poe Pyone Cho Company. — MNA/TMT

Restoration efforts for Bagan's ancient lakes underway and donations sought for

THE Ministry of Religious Affairs and Culture released a statement that arrangements are being made to restore 91 ancient lakes in the cultural area of Bagan. So far, 22 lakes have been restored, and work on seven more is ongoing.

Donations are welcome from those interested in supporting this project. Contributions of any amount are appreciated.

Donors can seek more information and make donations. They can contact Director of the Department of Archaeology and National Museum (Planning and Finance Branch), Nay



The map of ancient water reservoirs vital in the Bagan-era water distribution system.

Pyi Taw: Tel: 067-3408418, Director of the Department of Archaeology and National Museum (Yangon Branch): 09-5061832 and 01-7513897, Director of the Department of Archaeology and National Museum (Mandalay Branch): 09-2002195 and 02-4060061, Director of the Department of Archaeology and National Museum (Bagan branch): 09-2001906 and 061-2460269, and donate cash to NyaungU Branch of KBZ Bank, Account No 06713906701442701. — MNA/TRKM

NATIONAL

DPM MoFA Union Minister to attend Swearing-in Ceremony of new President-Elect of Islamic Republic of Iran



Deputy Prime Minister Union Minister for Foreign Affairs U Than Swe being seen off at Mandalay International Airport before his departure for Tehran, Iran, yesterday.

AT the official invitation of Mr Mohammad Bagher Galibaf, the Speaker of the Islamic Consultative Assembly of Iran, a Myanmar delegation led by Deputy Prime Minister and Union Minister for Foreign Affairs U Than Swe left Mandalay by air for Islamic Republic of Iran on the morning of

28 July 2024 to attend the Swearing-in Ceremony of Mr Masoud Pezeshkian, the new Elected President of the Islamic Republic of Iran which will be held in Tehran. The delegation was seen off at the Mandalay International Airport by officials of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. — MNA

Myanmar Daily Weather Report

Issued at 7:00 pm Sunday 28 June 2024

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

FORECAST VALID UNTIL NOON OF THE 29 July 2024: Rain or thundershowers will be scattered in Lower Sagaing, Mandalay and Magway regions and Kayah State, fairly widespread in (Northern and Eastern) Shan State and widespread in the remaining regions and states with likelihood of regionally heavyfalls in Yangon, Ayeyawady and Taninthayi regions and Rakhine, Kayin and Mon states and isolated heavyfalls in Bago Region. Degree of certainty is 100%.

THE CONDITION OF CUMULONIMBUS CLOUD: The Cumulonimbus clouds are developing in Ayeyawady and Taninthayi regions and Kachin, Rakhine, Kayin and Mon states.

STATE OF THE SEA: Occasional squalls with rough seas will be experienced in off and along Myanmar Coasts. Surface wind speed in squalls may reach 40 mph. Wave height will be about 9-12 feet in off and along Myanmar Coasts.

OUTLOOK FOR SUBSEQUENT TWO DAYS: Increase of rain in Upper Sagaing, Bago and Taninthayi regions and Kachin, Shan, Rakhine, Kayin and Mon states.

FORECAST FOR NAY PYI TAW AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 29 July 2024: One or two rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is 100%.

FORECAST FOR YANGON AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 29 July 2024: Some rain or thundershowers which may be heavyfalls at time. Degree of certainty is 100%.

Illegal timbers, foodstuffs, including vehicles confiscated

UNDER the supervision and control of the Illegal Trade Eradication Steering Committee, illegal trade is being effectively prevented and prosecuted in accordance with the law.

On 25 July, the Mandalay Region Illegal Trade Eradication Special Task Force inspected three vehicles near the BOC gas station and seized the following items: 635 bags of garlic from China (each bag weighing either 20 kilogrammes or 25 kilogrammes); 750 bags of potatoes (each weighing 20 kilogrammes) that were not accompanied by legal documents (estimated value of K163,800,000); three SHACMAN tractor heads; and three trailers carrying these items (estimated value of K258,000,000). The total estimated value of the seized items is K421,800,000. The action was carried out in line with Customs procedures.

Similarly, on 26 July, the Yangon Region Illegal Trade Eradication Special Task Force conducted inspections in Dagon Myothit (North) and Dagon Myothit (South) townships, seizing an unregistered Honda Fit and a Toyota Mark II (estimated value

of K7,000,000). The action was taken under the Export and Import Law.

On 27 July, the Bago Region Illegal Trade Eradication Special Task Force carried out inspections and seized illegal timbers, including 8.654 tonnes of teak, 4.062 tonnes of hardwood, and 2.833 tonnes of other wood (estimated value of K5,745,220) in Toungoo and Pyay districts.

They also seized one unregistered Honda Airwave and a mini tractor in Bago and Thayawady districts (estimated value of K10,000,000). The total estimated value of these seized items is K15,745,220, and offenders were prosecuted under the Export and Import Law. On the same day, the Sagaing Region Illegal Trade Eradication Special Task Force inspected and seized one unregistered Toyota Land Cruiser (estimated value of K10,000,000) on Industrial Zone Road, Ward 10, in Shwebo Township.

In summary, from 25 to 27 July, 12 cases were reported, with an estimated value of K454,545,220, according to the Illegal Trade Eradication Steering Committee. — MNA/TKO



Confiscated illegal timbers in Bago Region above and garlic in Mandalay Region.

Global NEW LIGHT of MYANMAR

www.gnlm.com.mm



CIRCULATION & DISTRIBUTION

(+95) (01) 8604532,
Hotline - 09 255597511

ADVERTISING & MARKETING

(+95) (01) 8604530,
Hotline - 09 251022355
marketing@gnlm.com.mm
subscription@gnlm.com.mm

Printed and published at the Global New Light of Myanmar Printing Factory at No.150, Nga Htat Kyee Pagoda Road, Bahan Township, Yangon, by the Global New Light of Myanmar Daily under Printing Permit No. 00510 and Publishing Permit No. 00629.
gnlmnews@gmail.com,
newsroom@gnlm.com.mm
www.gnlm.com.mm

Write for us

We appreciate your feedback and contributions. If you have any comments or would like to submit editorials, analyses or reports please email aungthuya@gnlm.com.mm with your name and title.

Due to limitation of space we are only able to publish "Letter to the Editor" that do not exceed 500 words. Should you submit a text longer than 500 words please be aware that your letter will be edited.

NATIONAL

Knowledge sharing seminar on AML/CFT held



This photo shows the AML/CFT-related seminar in progress.

THE knowledge-sharing seminar on Anti-Money Laundering and Counter Financing of Terrorism Policy and Comprehensive Internal Safeguards was held at the Office of the Union Judiciary Supervision in Nay Pyi Taw on 27 July.

Director-General of the Office of the Union Judiciary Supervision Daw Tin Nwe Soe

remarked at the seminar.

The event focused on AML/CFT-related matters to be followed by the lawyers, Myanmar's AML/CFT sector, risk assessment and information on suspicious transactions, and cooperation to inform reporting entities of their obligations related to AML/CFT.

The event was attended

by a total of 118 legal officers and lawyers, including the deputy director-general, directors, deputy directors of the Office of the Union Judiciary Supervision, the Anti-Money Laundering Work Committee of the Union Supreme Court and other relevant organizations. — TWA/KTZH

Supreme Court Supervisory Authority inspects law firms for AML/CFT Compliance

THE Supervisory Authority of the Supreme Court of the Union conducted field inspections of eight law firms in the Yangon Region on 27 and 28 July to ensure compliance with AML/CFT (Anti-Money Laundering and Counter Financing of Terrorism) policies and comprehensive internal safeguards.

The field inspection aims to monitor functions of reporting bodies mentioned in the national level strategic vision-3 of anti-money laundering and counter financing of terrorism and improve record keeping systems.

The inspection team was led by U Kyaw Kyaw, Yangon Region

Judicial Officer, along with Advocates Council members U Soe Thein and Daw Khin Nu Thar, and financial investigation division members Police Major Ko Ko Lay and Police IP Aung Ko Oo.

Participants in the field inspection included Advocate and Notary Public Daw Yi Yi Tin, U Kyi Nyein Chan of Nishimura & Asahi Myanmar Limited, Daw Myint Thanda Tun of May Hnin Legal Services Limited, Daw Yin May Thein of Yin May Thein & Associates Legal Services Co Ltd, and advocates U Maung Maung Kyaw Linn, U Myint Oo, U Lwin Aung Oo, and Daw Yu Yu Nwe. — TWA/KZL



An official gives a certificate of completion of the field inspection.

Over 5,000 Hpa-an residents relocated due to rising Thanlwin river

AS the Thanlwin River's water level rose to 900 cm, surpassing the critical flood stage of 750

cm, more than 5,000 residents of Hpa-an Township were relocated to flood relief camps.

The Kayin State government reported the establishment of six temporary relief camps and

ongoing efforts by relevant departments to address the flood disaster and increase the number of temporary shelters.

With the water level exceeding the critical threshold, floodwaters inundated low-lying areas of Hpa-an City. Consequently, Tatmadaw, district and township disaster management committees, the state disaster management department, and social assistance associations evacuated 2,544 flood-affected men and 2,769 women from 1,134 households, totalling 5,313, according to the Social Relief Organization (Hpa-an Township).

On the morning of 27 July, the Chief Minister oversaw the temporary relocation of residents to Shwe Yinmyaw Pyitaway Pagoda, the Cyclone Shel-

ter in Ward 3, the gymnasium in Ward 1, No 3 Basic Education High School, and the Cyclone Shelter in Ward 5. Efforts were made to ensure adequate water supply, fire safety, sanitation, and prevention of infectious diseases such as diarrhoea. Relevant authorities, administrative organizations, and social associations were assigned to provide necessary support and close administration where necessary.

Additionally, to support farmers affected by the flooding of rain-fed paddy and crops, the Regional Department of Agriculture continued to monitor and inspect the storage conditions of rice seeds, natural fertilizers, and chemical fertilizers at the fertilizer warehouse. — TWA/TKO



As water flows into low-lying area and houses, people are being evacuated to flood relief camps.

NATIONAL

MAJA announces JLPT application schedule

JAPANESE-LANGUAGE Proficiency Test (JLPT) is scheduled to take place on 1 December 2024 in Yangon and Mandalay, and the JLPT organizing committee of the Myanmar Association of Japan Alumni (MAJA) has announced a schedule for accepting application forms.

The exam fee and application fee are K50,000 each for Level N1, Level N2 and Level N3 and K45,000 each for Level N4 and Level N5.

The duration for online applications is 14,15, and 26 August for Level N1 and Level N2; 16,19 and 27 August for Level N3; 20, 21 and 28 August for Level N4; and 22 and 23 August for Level N5.

In order to control bulk entering into the system, the time for accepting online applications won't make it public in advance, and submission can be made at noon with the duration of the period that online applications are accepted.

Training schools will need to register from 2 August through 5 August via Google Form, and a maximum of 100



Candidates are seen taking the JLPT exam in previous years.

applications will be sold per school in Yangon, and a maximum of 50 applications will be sold per school in Mandalay.

Training schools will need to show the licence page, including the owner's name and expiration date, in Google Form submission and in-person buying, and those who have company licences will also need to follow this

rule. Incomplete or expired permits won't be considered.

Application forms will be sold on 12, 13 and 14 August for the Yangon exam centre and on 12 and 13 August for the Mandalay exam centre. Applications will be accepted at the Yangon exam station on 14 August through 20 August and 14-15 August at the Mandalay exam centre. — MT/ZS



Novices are receiving medical treatment at Pynmana Sangha Hospital.

Pynmana Sangha Hospital treats 2,084 monks, nuns for free over 3 months

OVER the last three months, needy monks and nuns, totalling 2,084, were given free medical treatments at Pynmana Sangha Hospital, according to the medical superintendent Dr Than Min Htut.

According to monthly statistics, the hospital provided free medical services for monks and nuns, 584 in April, 713 in May and 787 in June.

"The profit alone that the hospital received from giving medical treatments to in-patient laypeople isn't sufficient to cover the expense of free medical treatment for more than 700 monks a month. But we need to cure laypeople by charge so that we are able to cure monks free of charge," he wrote on his Facebook page.

The hospital provides surgery, X-ray, ultrasound, 3D echo, blood test, stroke rehabilitation, medical treatment for out-patients and in-patients, Caesarean, oesophageal manometry, ear, nose and throat exam, eye surgery and kidney dialysis.

With receipts from this business, it provides free medical services for monks and nuns, but monthly donations worth at least K35 million are necessary, he said.

As a New Year donation, 154 donors across the country contributed more than K26 million on Myanmar New Year Day in April, and donors are also welcome to this early Waso as the hospital needs medical funding for monks and nuns, he urged. — MT/ZS

Six vehicles trapped by monastery wall collapse in Sangyoung

SIX vehicles were trapped when the brick wall of a monastery compound collapsed in Sangyoung Township, Yangon Region, according to the Myanmar Fire Brigade.

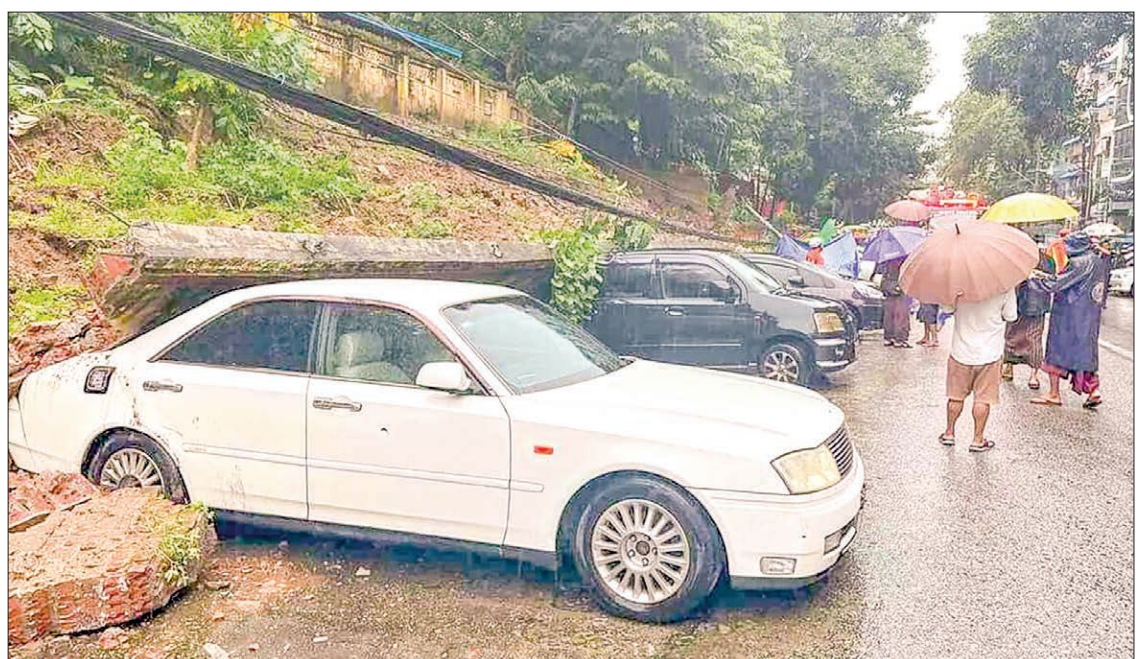
The incident happened at about 11:20 am on 27 July, and the wall of the Bilin Monastery on Kyuntaw Street in Montletsang Kone (South) ward, Sangyoung, collapsed.

"When it rained, the retaining brick wall collapsed, and vehicles got stuck. The cars got stuck in the back. It rained heavily in Yangon this morning.

The collapsed wall was about eight feet high. No one was hurt. The cars and a roadside food stall nearby were trapped," said an official from a social aid association.

Officials from social aid groups, including members of the Myanmar Fire Brigade, came to help clear the scene.

"The cars were stuck in the back. Not a whole car was trapped. People said they made a narrow escape in no time. The fire brigade and teams went to help. Fortunately, no one died," said a local from Sangyoung



The picture captures a collapsed retaining wall with landslides and fire brigade members clearing and removing the debris.

Township.

Another wall also collapsed near the site, but no damage was reported.

Since the morning of 27 July, heavy rains and strong winds have hit townships in Yangon Region, causing fallen

trees, downed electricity poles, flooded streets and blocked traffic in some areas. — Htet Oo Maung/ZN

NATIONAL

Consumption of seasonal Mawlamyine pomelo increasing and its sales strong in market

ACCORDING to the information gathered from the fruit market, sales of seasonal Mawlamyine pomelo fruit are strong due to increased consumption.

The sales are good as this is the beginning of its season and the supply will rise in coming months.

“Its production started in June. From this July to coming months, the whole farm can be harvested. It will be abundant in next months and stop yielding in Tagu. Pomelo consumption is rising as people like it,” said an official from the Lin Pwint San Pomelo (Main) in Kyaikto township.

The Mon state is a pomelo-producing region and Kyaikto, Bilin, Thaton, Mawlamyine, Mudon, Ye and Khawza are the top locations among the 10 townships in Mon state. There are two kinds of pomelo — white and pink — and the yield and sales of those produced in Mon state are good.

“This is Mawlamyine pomelo. There is also Thai pomelo which has a thicker skin, but the taste is not very good. The colour is not fine. People prefer Mawlamyine pomelo to Thai pomelo. Thai pomelo is expensive. We usually sell in kilograms. Mawlamyine pomelo has various colours,” he said. — Thit Taw/ZN



A Mawlamyine pomelo farm and fruits produced from it.

Chinese Culture Centre Yangon hosts expert discussion on China-Myanmar cooperation opportunities



Participants are seen at the discussion on China-Myanmar cooperation opportunities organized by China Media Group on 27 July in Yangon.

AN expert discussion on China-Myanmar cooperation opportunities, organized by China Media Group, was held on 27 July at the Chinese Culture Centre Yangon in Ahlon Township, Yangon Region, according to the centre.

U Khin Maung Soe, a member of the Global Research Network Belt and Road Initiative (GRN-BRI), U Khin Maung Zaw, joint secretary of the Myanmar Institute

of Strategic and International Studies (MISIS), and Dr Naing Swe Oo, the founder and executive director of the ThayNinGa Institute for Strategic Studies, participated in the discussion.

In the discussion, they explored how China’s reforms will create new opportunities for China-Myanmar Belt and Road cooperation, enhance China-Myanmar economic ties, and strengthen the deep

friendship between the people of China and Myanmar, as well as their shared future.

In addition, the third plenary session of the 20th Central Committee of the Communist Party of China has outlined the direction for China’s development and is expected to pave the way for China-Myanmar bilateral development and cooperation, according to the conversation. — ASH/TH

Magway Region approves new investment in July, creating 11 jobs

ACCORDING to the Magway Region Government, a new Myanmar citizen-owned investment was approved in July 2024, leading to the creation of 11 new jobs.

“At the Magway Region Investment Committee meeting 6/2024 held on 26 July, an investment by a Myanmar citizen in the industrial production sector was approved. The capital for this new investment is US\$1.3 million and K5,833.814 million. It will generate 11 job opportunities,” said a member of the Magway Region Government Committee.

The report highlights an



increase in both existing and new investment amounts, as well as a rise in the workforce during this period. The Magway Region Investment Committee reviews and approves new Myanmar citizen and foreign investments monthly, in accordance with laws, rules, and regulations, to foster job creation within the region. — ASH/ TMT

Magway Region Investment Committee’s 6/2024 meeting in progress.

OPINION

Turn out technologists for the development of the nation

IMPLEMENTING the e-government process as a priority in government strategic plans can significantly enhance technology's role in nation-building, management, and administration, leading to swift and effective results. Currently, Myanmar is emphasizing the realization of the e-government process to drive its digital economy, a crucial factor for the country's economic development. Successfully shaping the e-government process is essential for facilitating a smooth and swift digital reform.

To systematically develop information and communication technology (ICT) in Myanmar, the government formulated the Myanmar ICT Development Master Plan in 2005 and updated it in 2010. Additionally, the Myanmar e-Governance Master Plan (2016-2020) was established in 2016 to bolster the e-Government process. Relevant government departments and organizations are now working on implementing these e-government initiatives as outlined in the master plans.

In line with new state policies and the rapid advancement of digital technologies, the government has drafted the Myanmar e-Governance Master Plan 2030, revising the 2016-2020 plan. Currently, government organizations provide information and services to the public through the Myanmar National Portal, Myanmar National Trade Portal, and various ministry websites. Additionally, citizens can access government services via mobile communication, as ICT infrastructure has rapidly developed due to the communication sector's reform process.

Hence, it is necessary to note that turning out new generation technologists and technicians should not be interrupted in any situation for various reasons. If so, despite the changing of any administrative systems, those technicians and technologists can smoothly continue their relevant technological development processes so as to develop the nation sustainably.

Successful ICT operations in any country require skilled technicians. In Myanmar, technological universities, colleges, and institutes, along with computer universities under the Ministry of Science and Technology, are producing the human resources needed for the ICT sector. Moreover, other relevant ministries are also generating technologists from various technologically related universities, specializing in fields such as cyber technology, maritime technology, and aerospace engineering technology.

Myanmar's emphasis on the e-government process and ICT development is crucial for the nation's economic and technological progress. The government's strategic plans and action plans, including the Myanmar ICT Development Master Plans and the Myanmar e-Governance Master Plans, aim to enhance digital infrastructure and services. Furthermore, the continuous production of skilled technicians and technologists from educational institutions ensures a steady supply of human resources capable of supporting and advancing the country's ICT sector. Through these concerted efforts, Myanmar is paving the way for a more digitally integrated and economically prosperous future.

Hence, it is necessary to note that turning out new generation technologists and technicians should not be interrupted in any situation for various reasons. If so, despite the changing of any administrative systems, those technicians and technologists can smoothly continue their relevant technological development processes so as to develop the nation sustainably.

REMEDY means enforcing a right or preventing or redressing a wrong, legal or equitable relief.

A judicial remedy is a remedy granted by a court, mainly a tort remedy that is either ordinary (as in an action for damages) or extraordinary (as in an equitable suit for an injunction).

The right holder may file a civil miscellaneous case for his grievance in the Intellectual Property Court to order provisional measures under sections 79 and 80. (Section 77 (a) of the Trademark Law)

The right holder may file a criminal or civil case in the Intellectual Property Court. (Section 77 (b) of the Trademark Law)

Right holder means any natural person or legal entity who has the right for a registered mark that is to be regarded as the owner of a mark or a well-known mark or a geographical indication or a trade name or a transferee or a licensee of the registered mark. (Section 2 (s) of the Trademark Law)

Under the Myanmar Trademark Law, the following can be protected as marks: Mark means any visually perceptible sign in particular words, including personal names, letters, numerals, figurative elements and combinations of colours, as well as any combination of such signs capable of distinguishing the goods or services of one undertaking from those of other undertakings. This expression includes the trademark, service mark, collective mark and certification mark. (Section 2 (j) of the Trademark Law)

Infringement refers to the act of violating or transgressing upon someone else's rights, typically intellectual property rights. That can include unauthorized use, reproduction, distribution, or performance of copyrighted works, trademarks, patents, or trade secrets. Infringement often involves the unauthorized use or implementation of someone else's original creation without obtaining permission or proper licensing. It is considered a legal violation and can result in legal consequences, such as injunctions, damages, or removal of the infringing material or product from the market.

The Intellectual Property Court shall presume that: (a) a mark protected under this Law is infringed where any other third

Remedies for trademark infringement

By Kyaw Kyaw (Dominance Literature)



In trademark infringement disputes, the right to sue for infringement lies with the right holder of the trademark.

PHOTO: IMAGE USED FOR ILLUSTRATIVE PURPOSE /ADOBE

party exercises any right contained in section 38 in the State without the consent of the owner of a mark; (b) the use of a sign which is identical with or similar to an unregistered well-known mark in relation to goods or services which are identical with or similar to those, without the consent, is likelihood of confusion to the public. (Section 78 of the Trademark Law)

The registered trademark owner can claim the following remedies under the Myanmar Trademark Law.

Suspension order: The right holder who has absolute grounds for suspecting that the importation of alleged counterfeit mark goods into the territory of the State has taken place, is taking place or will take place may submit an application in accordance with the stipulations to the Director General of the Customs Department to issue the suspension order of the release of such goods into free circulation. (Section 68 of the Trademark Law)

May file a civil miscellaneous case

The right holder may file a civil miscellaneous case for his grievance in the Intellectual Property Court to order provisional measures under sections 79 and 80. The right holder may file a criminal or civil case in the Intellectual Property Court. (Section 77 of the Trademark Law)

Provisional Measures

The Intellectual Property Court may order the following one or more provisional measures for civil remedies upon the application under subsection (a) of section 77 in respect of the infringements of mark: (i) an order as it thinks fit to prevent the infringement of mark and to prevent the entry into the channels of commerce of the State of mark infringing goods including imported goods after paying leviable duties to the Customs Department and customs clearance; (ii) an order as it thinks fit to preserve relevant evidence in regard to the alleged mark infringing goods; (iii) an order to modify, revoke or confirm the order of suspension issued by the relevant Customs

Department. (Section 79 (a) of the Trademark Law)

The Intellectual Property Court may direct the applicant to provide the following to take provisional measures: (i) valid evidence that the applicant is the right holder and that the applicant's right is being infringed or that such infringement is imminent; (ii) sufficient assurance to prevent abuse of provisional measures. (Section 79 (b) of the Trademark Law)

The Intellectual Property Court may further direct the applicant to supply additional information necessary for the

identification of the alleged infringing goods when ordering the provisional measures under subsection (a). (Section 79 (c) of the Trademark Law)

Civil proceeding: The Intellectual Property Court shall revoke or cease to have effect the provisional measures ordered under subsection (a) of section 79 and subsection (a) of section 80 upon request of the respondent without prejudice to subsection (b) of section 80, if civil proceeding is not initiated within the reasonable period determined by the Intellectual Property Court or

in the absence of such determination, within 30 days from the date of ordering the provisional measures, to decide on merits of the case for the injury commencing from the date of execution of the requested provisional measures. (Section 79 (d) of the Trademark Law)

An ex parte order of the provisional measures: The Intellectual Property Court may make an ex parte order of the provisional measures in any of the following conditions: (i) where any delay is likely to cause irreparable harm to the right holder; (ii) where there

is a demonstrable risk of evidence being destroyed. (Section 80 (a) of the Trademark Law)

An injunction: The Intellectual Property Court may, in case of the infringement of mark, pass any one or more of the following orders without prejudice to the Civil Law and the Code of Civil Procedure in the proceedings under subsection (b) of section 77: (i) an injunction against the infringement of mark, including the prevention of the entry into the channels of the commerce of the State of imported mark

infringing goods after paying leviable duties to the Customs Department and customs clearance. (Section 81 (a) (i) of the Trademark Law)

Injunction: The trademark owner can seek an injunction from the court to prevent the infringing party from using the trademark in question. An injunction can be temporary or permanent, depending on the circumstances of the case.

Compensation and legal costs: The Intellectual Property Court may order the applicant to pay the respondent compensation and legal costs, including attorney's fees and other expenses of the respondent who has been wrongfully restrained by the complaint where the complaint about infringement of mark appears incorrect and dishonest. (Section 82 of the Trademark Law)

Damages: The trademark owner is entitled to claim damages from the infringing party for any losses suffered as a result of the infringement. The court will assess the damages based on factors such as the duration of the infringement, the nature of the infringement, and any profits made by the infringing party.

Confidential information: The Intellectual Property Court may order the adverse party to produce evidence by ensuring the protection of confidential information in appropriate cases, without prejudice to the provisions of existing laws, for the following conditions: (i) when the right holder has produced valid evidence to support his claims sufficiently; (ii) when the right holder has specified that the valid evidence relevant to his claims is in the hands of the adverse party. (Section 83 (a) of the Trademark Law)

If the Intellectual Property Court has imposed a fine for any offence prosecuted under this Law, it may order the aggrieved person to pay the whole or part of such fine as damages. (Section 84 of the Trademark Law)

If both criminal and civil cases are filed on the basis of the same

matter, the Intellectual Property Court shall set off the money given as damages from the fine imposed under section 84 when passing the judgment, order and decree to pay damages for injury in the civil case. (Section 85 of the Trademark Law)

The owner of a registered trademark is granted the exclusive rights to use the mark in connection with the goods or services that it causes.

If someone else violates the trademark rights by using a similar or identical mark on similar or related goods or services without permission, the right holder can institute a regular suit against the infringer.

To successfully institute a trademark infringement suit, the right holder must prove (1) the ownership of a valid trademark, (2) the likelihood of confusion, and (3) the use of the mark in commerce.

1. Ownership of a valid trademark: The owner must demonstrate that they have a legally recognized trademark, which can be either a registered or an unregistered mark (although registration provides certain advantages).

2. Likelihood of confusion: The trademark owner must show that the infringer's use of a similar or identical mark is likely to cause confusion among consumers. This confusion can include confusion about the source of the goods or services, affiliation with the trademark owner, or endorsement by the trademark owner.

3. Use of the mark in commerce: The trademark owner needs to establish that the infringer is using the mark in commerce without authorization. This can include using the mark on products, in advertising, or in any manner that is likely to cause confusion.

In trademark infringement disputes, the right to sue for infringement lies with the right holder of the trademark. The owner of a registered trademark is granted the exclusive right to sue the mark in correction with the goods or services it covers.

Someone else infringing upon this right by using similar or identical marks on similar or related goods or services without permission can lead the trademark owner to file a lawsuit against the infringer and can claim the above-mentioned remedies.

SCI/ENVIRON WORLD

China establishes world's largest quake early warning network

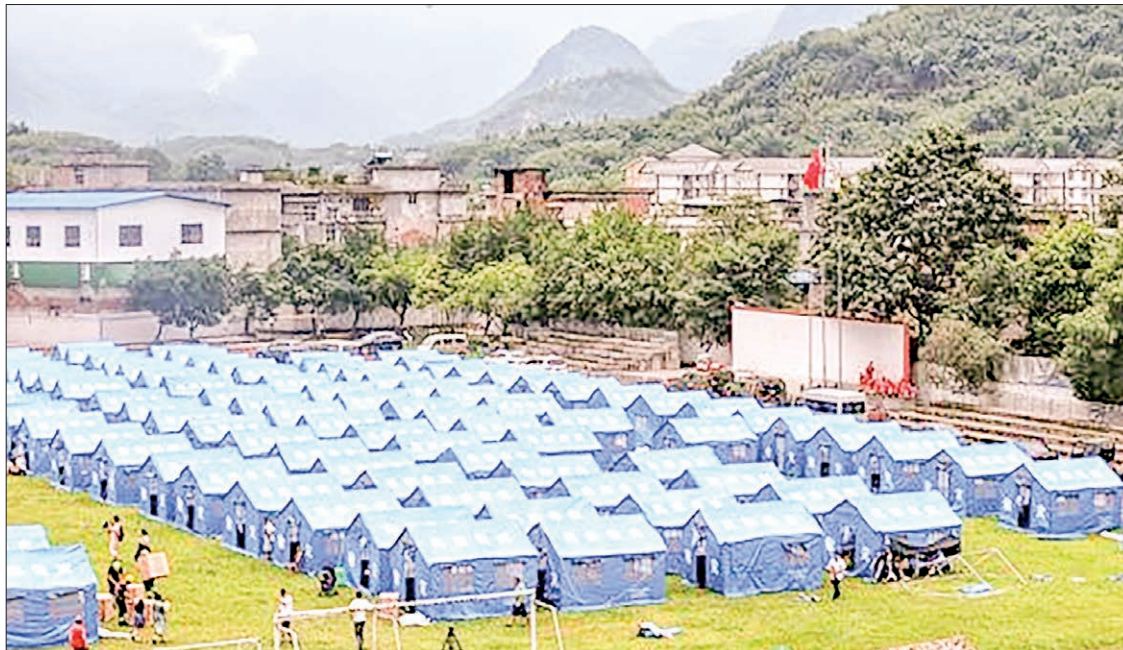
CHINA has successfully completed its National Earthquake Early Warning Project, unveiling the world's largest earthquake early warning network, the China Earthquake Administration (CEA) said on Friday.

The project, through the deployment of 15,899 monitoring stations across the country, will provide the public with earthquake early warning service and rapid earthquake intensity reporting service, Yin Chaomin, vice head of the administration, said at a press conference.

Earlier warnings issued by the project can reach the public through TV, IPTV, mobile APPs such as WeChat and Alipay, as well as loudspeakers in villages, according to Yin.

Earthquake early warning relies on a dense network of seismic monitoring stations to issue alerts before destructive seismic

China has launched the world's largest earthquake early warning network with 15,899 stations nationwide, offering public alerts through various media, the China Earthquake Administration announced.



Residents are sheltered in tents at a school in Changning county, Southwest China's Sichuan Province, after an earthquake struck. **PHOTO: VCG/GLOBAL TIMES/FILE**

waves arrive. It takes advantage of the fact that seismic waves travel significantly slower than electromagnetic waves.

The public can take precautionary measures to reduce casualties, after receiving warnings a few seconds to tens of seconds before the arrival of the seismic waves. According to Yin, through the project, China made significant breakthroughs in the core technologies of earthquake early warning and rapid intensity reporting, and the overall performance of the system is comparable to international advanced standard. For the five critical zones including north China and coast areas of southeast China, the project can issue early warning signals within seconds of an earthquake. It can also report the intensity of any earthquake that occurred in any part of China within minutes. — Xinhua

Trump offers tech sector policy flips ahead of election

FIERCELY against social media platform TikTok, cryptocurrency bitcoin and electric cars during his presidency, Republican presidential nominee Donald Trump has recently flip-flopped on several issues that are dear to Silicon Valley.

The presidential hopeful has, however, remained steadfast in some areas that are likely to be of concern to major US tech companies. Electric vehi-

cles

"I love Elon Musk, I love him," Trump shouted Saturday during a campaign rally in Grand Rapids, Michigan, a state that is home to many US automakers. That statement came after reports that Musk had pledged to donate \$45 million monthly to the Republican after he narrowly survived an assassination attempt — reports Musk later denied. — AFP



The change probably won't negatively impact Tesla, as some of its models don't qualify for the rebates, but it will affect its American rivals. Tesla's Model Y was the top-selling car in Europe last year. **PHOTO: POOL/AFP/FILE**

Philippine coast guard says oil leaking from sunken tanker

SOME of the 1.4 million litres of industrial fuel oil inside a sunken Philippine tanker has started to leak into Manila Bay, the coast guard said Saturday, as they raced to avoid an environmental catastrophe.

The MT Terra Nova sank in bad weather off Manila early Thursday, killing one crew member and leaving the country potentially facing its worst oil spill disaster.

The oil slick has more than tripled in size and is now estimated to stretch 12-14 kilometres (7.5-8.7 miles) across the bay, which thousands of fishermen and tourism operators rely on for their livelihoods.

Divers inspected the hull of the vessel on Saturday and saw a "minimal leak" from the valves, coast guard spokesman Rear Admiral Armando Balilo said, adding it was "not alarming yet".



The coast guard has warned that if the entire cargo leaked it would be an 'environmental catastrophe' and the worst oil spill in the Philippine history. **PHOTO: AFP**

"It's just a small volume flowing out," Balilo said, adding "the tanks are intact".

"We're hoping that tomorrow we will be able to start syphoning the oil from the motor tanker," he said.

The ship that will carry the recovered oil is on its way to the area, he said. The coast guard has warned that if the entire cargo leaked it would be an "environmental catastrophe". — AFP

New Japan film camera aimed at 'nostalgic' young fans

Retro-style photos fuel a trend that has inspired a leading Japanese camera brand to launch its first new film model in twenty years.

KEITA Suzuki leads a group of young analogue photography fans around a coastal city in Japan, stopping to snap pastel hydrangea blooms with bulky vintage film cameras.

The participants later share their lush retro-looking snaps online — a trend a top Japanese camera brand wants to capture with its first new film model in two decades.

Instead of pressing a smartphone button, more and more young people “want to experience the original act of taking a photograph: winding the film up, looking through the viewfinder and releasing the shutter”, Suzuki told AFP.

Film photography encourages careful selection of shots due to limited film rolls. Suzuki, promoting his tours on social media, has attracted young people eager to experience 35mm film.

Yuriko Yamada, 34, prefers the nostalgic, soft colors of film over digital clarity and enjoys the delayed gratification of seeing developed photos.

Although Japan's major camera brands ceased analogue production in the 2000s, refurbished film cameras are gaining popularity. Despite the trend, many enthusiasts struggle with camera repairs due to discontinued parts. — AFP



To meet rising demand from new film fans, the \$500 Pentax 17 — the brand's first analogue model in 21 years — was launched in Europe and the United States in June, and Japan this month. **PHOTO: AFP**

NASA astronauts play “Out-of-the-world” Olympic sports

NASA astronauts on the International Space Station have been having fun playing Olympic sports in zero gravity, sharing their experiences in a video where they express admiration for the athletes competing on Earth.



NASA astronauts posted a message on X celebrating the start of the 2024 Olympics and reflecting on the challenges of being an athlete in gravity. **PHOTO: ANI**

FROM beyond the horizon, NASA astronauts from the space were seen playing various Olympic sports in zero gravity conditions.

In a video, the NASA astronauts said that they “had a blast” while they pretended to be Olympic athletes.

The astronauts are seen carrying an “Olympic torch” and montage of them training shows them “getting into the Olympic spirit”.

In a post on X, they posted a video and said, “Let the games begin! Athletes from across the world are gathering today to kick off the 2024 #Olympics — pushing bounda-

ries and inspiring generations. If you were an Olympic athlete, which sport would you play?”

In the video a crew member said, “Over the past few days on the International Space Station, we’ve had an absolute blast pretending to be Olympic athletes. We, of course, have had the benefit of weightlessness. We can’t imagine how hard this must be to be such a world class athlete doing your sports under actual gravity. So from all of us aboard the International Space Station to every single athlete in the Olympic Games, Godspeed.”

As the Paris Olympics 2024 finally kicked off with a

glittering and unique opening ceremony on Friday, the Ambassador of France to India Thierry Mathou extended his best wishes to the Indian contingent, noting that the games are a good opportunity to develop a fine cooperation between both nations in sports.

After the first-of-its-kind opening ceremony on the Seine River, the highly anticipated Paris Olympics 2024 were declared open in the French capital on Friday.

For the first time in the history of the Summer Games, the opening ceremony of the Olympics was held outside the stadium. — ANI

Lady Gaga adds sparkle to star-studded Olympic show

LADY Gaga and French-Malian singer Aya Nakamura joined dancers, an opera diva and even a heavy metal band in an opening ceremony for the Paris Olympics that sought to proudly showcase French culture with a modern twist.

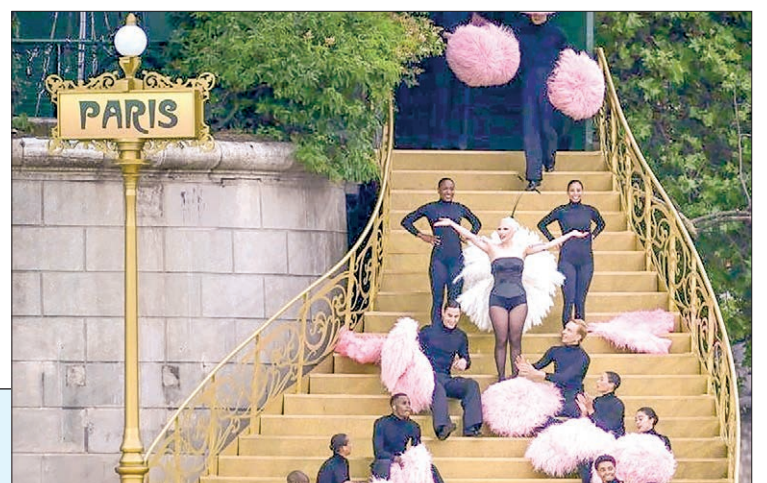
The first-ever opening ceremony held outside a stadium — on the River Seine — had to

battle driving rain that cast a pallid gloom over the City of Light.

The fast-moving and multi-location ceremony masterminded by acclaimed French theatre director Thomas Jolly was aimed at impressing the global TV audience as much as those who braved the weather and intense security to watch live.

“It is now. The world is watching us. Let’s open the Games in style!” French President Emmanuel Macron, who watched the ceremony in a VIP stand with other leaders, wrote on X. — AFP

Lady Gaga brought a special French touch. **PHOTO: AFP**



ECONOMY

WORLD

Economic, trade ties expand through coffee at China-South Asia Expo



An Ethiopian exhibitor makes coffee at the pavilion dedicated to the coffee industry during the 8th China-South Asia Expo in Kunming, southwest China's Yunnan Province, 24 July 2024. **PHOTO: HU CHAO/XINHUA**

DANIEL Yilak Bezabeh has been drinking coffee for years, but just recently he had his first experience of drinking a cup of espresso made by a robot. The Ethiopian businessman had this impressive experience during his second visit to the

This expo, which has grown to include 82 countries and regions, highlights China's expanding coffee industry and global trade connections.

China-South Asia Expo, which opened on Tuesday in Kunming, capital of southwest China's Yunnan Province, the largest coffee-producing region in the country.

Hosted by the Ministry of Commerce and the provincial government, the six-day event features 15 exhibition halls and attracts over 2,000 exhibitors.

First held in 2013, the expo was once primarily a trade fair between China and South Asian countries. After more than a decade of development, it has expanded to an event with 82

countries, regions and international organizations participating, including countries from South Asia, Southeast Asia, East Asia and even Africa.

During Bezabeh's first visit to the expo in 2019, the booth of his coffee export company was grouped with other industries. This year, a pavilion dedicated to the coffee industry has been established at the expo for the first time, with over 160 companies showcasing their products in this pavilion.

The coffee pavilion showcases an entire coffee industrial

chain, ranging from roasting and processing to packaging, in 11 exhibition zones. It also features activities such as Yunnan coffee workshops and coffee brewing competitions, attracting over 400 professional buyers for trade and business negotiations.

Bezabeh said that the pavilion has effectively connected buyers and exhibitors in the coffee sector. He has reached a preliminary agreement with Yunnan State Farms Group Co., Ltd to sign a contract worth over 100,000 US dollars for coffee beans. — Xinhua

Türkiye promises billions more for e-vehicle ambitions

TÜRKIYE announced Friday a plan for billions of dollars in new subsidies to encourage the development and production of electric vehicle batteries, aiming to become the regional leader in the industry.

President Recep Tayyip Erdogan unveiled a \$4.5 billion incentive programme for battery producers while attending a high-tech fair in Istanbul.

The country will also offer \$5 billion for carmakers to build EVs in Turkey, with a goal of producing at least one million vehicles a year, he said.

"We have made battery production a priority area for our automobile industry in order to stay competitive," Erdogan said.

The new public money comes on top of a \$5 billion subsidy programme for computer chips, bringing Turkey's total spending on EV development to \$15 billion.

"Our goal is to attract investments in next-generation vehicles, as well as R&D and engineering activities, to our country," Erdogan said.

He also announced subsidies totalling \$4.2 billion to develop solar and wind energy technologies.

Türkiye plans to draw on its geographical position and an EU customs deal to entice Chinese investors looking to access European markets tariff-free, as it did in early July with EV giant BYD.

Five other Chinese car makers are considering investing in the country, at the crossroads between Europe, the Middle East and Central Asia, according to the state-owned agency Anadolu. — AFP

G20 finance chiefs call for early signing of digital tax treaty

The G20 finance chiefs pledged Friday to swiftly finalize a digital tax treaty and emphasized creating a fairer tax system for the super-rich.



Digital taxes can apply to various digital activities, such as online advertising, digital sales, and data services, ensuring that these companies contribute fairly to the tax revenues of the countries where their users and customers are located.

THE finance chiefs of the Group of 20 economies agreed Friday to advance talks to sign an envisaged digital tax treaty "as soon as possible," while underscoring the need for a fairer and progressive taxation system with the super-rich in mind.

Wrapping up two days of

talks in Rio de Janeiro, the G20 economies also reiterated their commitment to ensuring stability in the foreign exchange market, on the view that excessive and disorderly fluctuations would negatively impact their financial systems at a time of a strong dollar.

Brazil, chair of the G20 this

year, has placed importance on addressing inequality and proposed taxing the super-rich as part of efforts to make taxation fairer. Many countries are currently engaged in finalizing the text of a digital tax treaty for fairer taxation. The objective is to require companies to pay a fair share of tax in countries where they do not have a physical presence but generate profits by offering services.

"It is important for all taxpayers, including ultra-high-net-worth individuals, to contribute their fair share in taxes," the G20 said in its outcome document on international tax cooperation. "Aggressive tax avoidance or tax evasion of ultra-high-net-worth individuals can undermine the fairness of tax systems, which comes along with a reduced effectiveness of progressive taxation," it said. — Kyodo



Tuk Tuk drivers gather at Galle Face Green in Colombo, Sri Lanka, 30 July 2018. PHOTO: TANG LU/XINHUA/FILE

Sri Lanka expects significant increase in tourists visiting nature reserves in 2024

The proportion of foreign tourists has nearly doubled, reaching 40% compared to 19.8% in 2022.

COMPARED to the last two years, Sri Lanka expects to see a significant increase in the number of local and foreign tourists visiting destinations managed by the Department of Forest Conservation this year, a minister said on Sunday.

Addressing a press conference at the Presidential Media Centre, Pavithra Wanniarachchi, minister of wildlife, forest resources conservation, and irrigation, said 289,405 tourists visited these destinations in 2022, and in 2023, the number rose to 444,053.

A total of 364,521 tourists have visited these destinations in the first six months of 2024 alone, she said.

Wanniarachchi said 19.8 per cent of these visitors were foreigners in 2022, and the figure has reached 40 per cent so far

in 2024, she said.

The minister said dedicated sanitary facilities have been established exclusively for foreign passport holders at several popular tourist destinations.

Additionally, an online ticket reservation system is now available for Yala, Udawalawe, Horton Plains, Kaudulla, Minneriya, and Wilpattu national parks, she said. —Xinhua

C Spire withdraws Olympic advertising

ONE of the largest US telecommunications companies, C Spire, has announced the decision to withdraw its advertising from the Summer Olympic Games in Paris after the controversial parody of the Last Supper during the opening ceremony, saying that its employees were shocked by the performance.

“We were shocked by the mockery of the Last Supper during the opening ceremonies of the Paris Olympics. C Spire



C Spire, has announced the decision to withdraw its advertising from the Summer Olympic Games in Paris after the controversial parody of the Last Supper during the opening ceremony. PHOTO: SPUTNIK

will be pulling our advertising from the Olympics,” the company said

in a statement on X late Saturday.

The opening ceremo-

ny took place on Friday and many social media users expressed their outrage at the parody of “The Last Supper,” which featured representatives of the LGBT movement. US billionaire entrepreneur Elon Musk said on X that the scene was extremely disrespectful to Christians.

European observer ‘would love to work for Sputnik’, move to Russia after freak show Olympics opening ceremony in France. — SPUTNIK

NEWS IN BRIEF

Local SOEs in China report 10.4% rise in R&D spending in H1

STATE-OWNED enterprises supervised and administered by local governments in China reported a 10.4 per cent rise in R&D spending that amounted to 249.57 billion yuan (35 billion US dollars) in the first half of 2024, according to the State-owned Assets Supervision and Administration Commission of the State Council.

The increased spending came amid efforts by state-owned enterprises to accelerate scientific and technological innovation capabilities, said Zhang Yuzhuo, chairman of the commission.

Zhang said earlier this week that since the beginning of this year, state-owned assets supervision and administration commissions of local governments have launched a series of policy measures to support scientific and technological innovation. — Xinhua

Mitsubishi Motors in talks to take part in Honda-Nissan alliance

MITSUBISHI Motors Corp. is in talks to join the Nissan Motor Co-Honda Motor Co alliance to play catch-up with foreign rivals in the development of electric vehicles and advanced technology for next-generation vehicles, sources familiar with the matter said Sunday.

The three Japanese automakers are considering teaming up to standardize in-vehicle software and for other joint operations, the sources said.

As Toyota Motor Corp. is expanding its tie-ups with other local peers in developing vehicle electrification technology, the Honda-Nissan-Mitsubishi alliance will create two major groups in the Japanese auto industry.

Honda and Nissan said in March that they would consider cooperation in the EV segment. Mitsubishi is part of the three-way alliance with Renault SA and Nissan, which holds a 34.01 per cent stake in Mitsubishi Motors.

Toyota is in partnership with Suzuki Motor Corp., Mazda Motor Corp and Subaru Corp for the development of electrification technology. —Kyodo

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE M.V SITC QIUMING VOY.NO. (2410S)

Consignees of cargo carried on M.V SITC QIUMING VOY.NO. (2410S) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 29-7-2024 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of AWPT where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

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

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

Phone No: 2301185

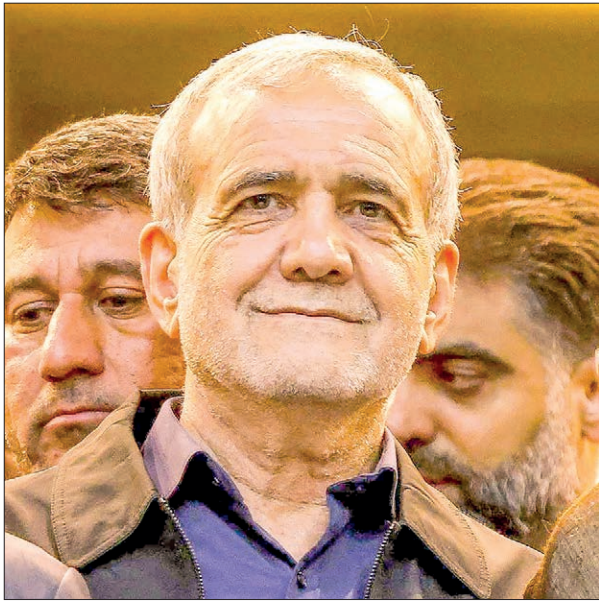
Shipping Agency Department
Myanma Port Authority

Agent For:

M/S SITC CONTAINER LINE CO., LTD

ROLLING UPDATES: WORLD

Iran's Khamenei formally grants Pezeshkian presidential powers



Masoud Pezeshkian is set to become Iran's first reformist president in two decades. **PHOTO: ATTA KENARE/ AFP/FILE**

IRAN'S supreme leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei gave Sunday his official endorsement of Masoud Pezeshkian as the Islamic republic's ninth president, following snap elections won by the reformist camp's candidate.

In a message read by the director of Khamenei's office, he said: "I endorse the vote (for) the wise, honest, popular and scholarly Mr Pezeshkian, and I

am appointing him as the president of the Islamic Republic of Iran".

The new reformist president is due to be sworn in before parliament on Tuesday.

The endorsement ceremony was held in the capital Tehran in the presence of senior Iranian officials and foreign diplomats, and broadcast on state TV. It took place as banks and most government offices were ordered shut nationwide on Sunday to tackle an extreme heatwave.

Following the event, acting president Mohammad Mokhber handed over official responsibilities to 69-year-old Pezeshkian.

Later Sunday, Pezeshkian appointed reformist Mohammad Reza Aref, 72, as his first vice president, according to an announcement carried by state TV.

Aref has represented Tehran in parliament and served as first vice president and communications minister under Iran's last reformist president Mohammad Khatami, who held office from 1997 to 2005.

Pezeshkian, a heart surgeon and parliament member for the northwestern city of Tabriz since 2008, was Khatami's health minister.

On 5 July the reformist candidate won a runoff race against the ultraconservative Saeed Jalili to replace president Ebrahim Raisi who died in a helicopter crash in May.

Pezeshkian secured more than 16 million votes, or about 54 per cent of the roughly 30 million ballots cast. — AFP

WORLD: TOP HEADLINES

Czech Republic boosts security

THE Czech Republic plans to spend over 3.6 billion Czech crowns (US\$154 million) in the next three years to boost social security following last year's Charles University shooting. According to a government document revealed by local media on Saturday, the government has outlined 21 security measures.

These include enhancing police and firefighters' equipment, increasing virtual reality training, and promoting apps to alert the public to emergencies.

The Czech News Agency (CTK) reported that a significant portion of the funding will be dedicated to improving police capabilities over the next three years. This includes spending six million crowns to purchase weapons such as sniper rifles, and 60 million crowns on ballistic protection sets such as bulletproof vests and helmets. — Xinhua

Massive California wildfire erupts

A fire raging out of control in northern California has rapidly become among the biggest ever in the western US state, authorities said Saturday.

The so-called Park Fire burned more than 350,000 acres (142,000 hectares) as of Saturday evening, making it the seventh-largest ever recorded in California history, the state agency Cal Fire said.

The fire, which prompted orders for more than 4,000 people to flee their homes, was burning through a largely rural, mountainous area near the city of Chico, about 90 miles (145 kilometres) north of state capital Sacramento. — AFP

Lavrov discusses Putin's proposal on Eurasian security



Nuclear weapons. **PHOTO: PIX FOR VISUAL PURPOSE/ SHUTTERSTOCK**

RUSSIAN Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov said on Sunday he had discussed the proposals of Russian President Vladimir Putin on Eurasian security with the Malaysian leadership.

Earlier in the day, Lavrov met with his Malaysian counterpart, as well as with the country's prime minister.

"Yes, we have discussed this. Our line was laid out in President Putin's speech a

month ago, when he was at the foreign ministry, met with the leadership of the ministry," Lavrov said.

The Eurasian continent is the most promising, the fastest developing continent in the world, the minister recalled.

"Of course, when in addition to the need to develop the economy, to capitalize on these comparative advantages, when confrontational approaches, including the militarization of this region, are being tried to be brought to the Asia Pacific, the eastern part of Eurasia, it is certainly very important to look at how to provide security in a way that minimizes the risks," he added.

The possible deployment of US nuclear weapons in Southeast Asia will increase security risks in the region, Minister Lavrov noted. — SPUTNIK

French cybercrimes team called in on Israeli athletes data leak



Athletes of Israel including flagbearers Andrea Murez and Peter Paltchik are seen aboard a boat in the floating parade on the river Seine during the opening ceremony. **PHOTO: NIR ELIAS/POOL/ AFP**

FRANCE'S cybercrime unit (OFAC) is pushing to get private data on several Israeli athletes competing in the Paris Olympic Games removed from social media, police sources said Saturday.

Data including blood test

results and login credentials were published on Telegram on Friday in an apparent doxing cyberattack, the sources said. Doxing is the malicious publication of private details online.

Hackers also leaked per-

sonal information revealing Israeli athletes' military status on social media Thursday.

The doxing activity was reported to Pharos, which is part of France's Anti-Cybercrime Office (OFAC).

That led OFAC to start action to get the relevant platforms to remove the data, said a source close to the case.

"There are those who seek to harm the festivities of this joyous event," Foreign Minister Israel Katz told his French counterpart in a letter, copies of which were released to the media.

France has mounted a vast security operation to ensure the Olympics — which began Friday and end on August 11—are safe.

Around 18,000 French troops have been deployed to secure the Games in addition to regular police. —AFP

SPORTS



A Shan United player (red) attempts for the pass against rival during the Myanmar National League match played at Thuwunna YTC in Yangon on 28 July 2024. **PHOTO:MNL**

MNL: Shan beat Thitsar Arman for 4 straight win

SHAN United thrashed Thitsar Arman FC 4-1 to catch a four-consecutive win of Myanmar National League at the Thuwunna Youth Training Centre in Yangon yesterday.

Defending champion Shan team defeated promoted Thitsar Arman FC by a significant number of goals and won four consecutive games to start the new season and reached 60 games unbeaten record in the

MNL championship since the 2020 season. Shan United's win keeps them two points ahead of their rivals at the top of the table.

Shan played with attacking style from the start, and Sa Aung Pyae Ko broke the deadlock in the ninth minute. The Shan United, which scored an early goal, was able to control the game and scored one more goal in the first half and two more goals in the second half.

The further winning goals for Shan were scored by Thet

Wai Moe at 35th and 73rd minute and Zwe Khant Min at 42nd minute. Thitsar Arman's Min Maw Oo produced lone equalizer at 89th minute.

The best player award for this match went to Thet Wai Moe from Shan United. After this match, Shan United team has scored 12 points in four games, and Thitsar Arman team has lost all four games and still has no points. Myawady FC will take on Rakhine United at Thuwunna YTC in Yangon today. — Ko Nyi Lay/KZL



TWO-METRE high waves made for an ideal start to the Olympic surfing competition 16,000 kilometres away from 2024 Games city Paris in Tahiti, home of the towering Teahupo'o.

When the French Pacific island was first chosen it sparked controversy over the construction of an aluminium judges' tower at the paradisiacal venue.

But after the fears of local

Olympic surfers deal with towering Teahupo'o

French medal hope Vahine Fierro tackling Teahupo'o on Saturday. **PHOTO: POOL/AFP**

environmentalists that the coral reef would be damaged were allayed, surfing royalty pulled on their wet suits on Saturday with a mixture of fear and excitement.

For good reason because they are facing the majestic Southern Ocean waves, which when they explode on the reef produce the fearsome Teahupo'o. — AFP

Olympics: Myanmar star Thet Htar Thuza loses battle of Japanese icon



Myanmar's Thet Htar Thuza hits a shot against Japan's Akane Yamaguchi in their women's singles badminton group stage match during the Paris 2024 Olympic Games at Porte de la Chapelle Arena in Paris on 27 July 2024. **PHOTO: AFP**

Biles dazzles in Paris Olympics debut despite injury scare

SIMONE Biles, returning to the Olympic stage after a two-year hiatus, captivated audiences with a flawless balance beam routine.

Simone Biles made a stunning return to Olympic competition on Sunday, powering through left calf pain to get her multiple-medal bid off to a rousing start. The US superstar, aiming to add to the four gold medals she won in Rio de Janeiro in 2016, tweaked her left calf warming up for her

second apparatus, the floor exercise.

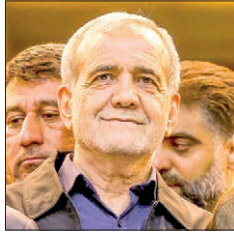
It didn't stop her from soaring through her signature Yurchenko double pike vault — now known as the Biles II — which even with a big step back on landing earned a 9.4 for execution for a massive total of 15.800 points.

She had another step back landing her second vault, but laughed as she crawled back towards her teammates on her hands and knees. — AFP

MYANMAR'S Thet Htar Thuza lost in the first round of the women's singles Badminton at the Paris Olympics yesterday, after defeating at 21-12, 21-10 by Japan's Akane Yamaguchi, ranked fifth in the world, on La Chapelle Arena Court 2.

Thet Htar Thuza posted on her social media to her fans that she thanked to those who came and applauded to her at the court and apologized to them, saying that she did not meet them after her competition against Akane Yamaguchi as she was undergone doping control to ensure fair competition.

The Myanmar badminton icon will take on Li Michelle from Canada at La Chapelle Arena Court 2, in Paris at midnight of 30 July Myanmar Standard Time (7:30 pm on 29 July 2024 French Standard Time in Paris). — Shine Htet Zaw/KZL



Gandhi is a global icon," Jaishankar unveils Gandhi's bust in Tokyo

Jaishankar highlighted that this gesture symbolizes Japan's intent to strengthen ties with India, with the park being renamed in Gandhi's honour.



External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar unveiled a bust of Mahatma Gandhi at Freedom Plaza in Edogawa, Tokyo, during the Quad Foreign Ministers meeting. **PHOTO: ANI**

INDIAN External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar on Sunday unveiled the bust of Mahatma Gandhi at Freedom Plaza in Edogawa, Tokyo on the sidelines of the Quad Foreign Ministers meeting.

Jaishankar attended the ceremony in the presence of Edogawa Mayor, Takeshi Saito, Sibi George, the Ambassador of India to Japan and other ministers, with a group of schoolchildren singing Gandhi's favourite prayer, "Raghupati

Raghav Raja Ram."

Jaishankar said that through this gesture, Japan wishes to deepen its ties with India. "We have gathered here today because Edogawa ward and Mayor Takeshi Saito have decided that they will build a relationship with India by having this wonderful statue of the father of our nation, Mahatma Gandhi. At this venue and at this park, which they will be naming after him."

Jaishankar said that Gandhi is a global icon as his messages through his life are timeless.

"We have to ask ourselves today, why is it important to have this statue here... the achievements of Gandhi have far outlived his times, with the passage of time, they have become more important. What he taught us, was important then as well as now. I was told that this place is called 'Little India'. I hope it becomes bigger!"

The venue is a place where the Indian community in Tokyo gathers in large numbers.

Jaishankar said that without Gandhi, Indian independence struggle would have taken "much longer" or could have gone to a "different direction".

"Indian independence was the beginning of a very momentous event as it began a cycle of decolonization of the world. When India became free, other parts of Asia, Africa and Latin America became free. Today as we say India is the 5th largest economy in the world, the world is heading towards multipolarity and when the G7 becomes G20, in a way, all this started as a result of what Gandhi did in his life," he said. — ANI

THE HEAT INDEX

Sweltering heat raging across Mideast, further straining power system

INTENSE heatwaves have continued to rage across the Middle East, with temperatures exceeding 50 degrees Celsius in some places, jeopardizing the health of the local population and straining the region's already overwhelmed power systems.

In Iran, a heatwave arriving a few days ago raised temperatures in most cities to near and above 40 degrees Celsius.

During the past 48 hours, the temperature in the Iranian capital Tehran rose to 40 degrees Celsius during the warmest hours.

In southern Iranian provinces, temperatures have approached 50 degrees Celsius since mid-July, with the southwestern Khuzestan Province reaching a staggering 54 degrees Celsius on Saturday.

The heat index, also known as the apparent temperature, is what the temperature feels like to the human body when relative humidity is combined with the air temperature.

Some locations in the Gulf have seen the heat index reach 60 to 65 degrees Celsius. — Xinhua

V IETNAM'S port system is now equipped to handle the largest ships in the world, attracting operations from 40 major international shipping lines, Vietnam News Agency reported, citing the Vietnam Maritime Administration.

Out of the country's 34 ports, 30 are capable of accommodating large-tonnage vessels. Vietnam's three ports, Ho Chi Minh City, Hai Phong and Cai Mep-Thi Vai, are among the top 50 container ports globally by throughput, said the administration.

Le Do Muoi, the administration's director, was quoted as saying that accommodating large ships had significantly enhanced operational efficiency for shipping companies. This has reduced transport costs and increased the competitiveness of Vietnamese ports, thereby contributing to local and regional economic and social development.

Vietnam saw more than 427.64 million tonnes of cargo handled at ports in the

Vietnam's port system able to handle world's largest ships



Vietnam's port system can now handle the world's largest ships, with 30 of its 34 ports accommodating large-tonnage vessels and three ports ranking among the top 50 globally by throughput. **PHOTO: HAI PHONG PORT**

first half of 2024, up 18 per cent year-on-year. Vietnam's cargo output through seaports is set to reach 1.2-1.4 billion tons by 2030, according to the Ministry of Transport. — Xinhua