

Visa exemption extended to diplomatic, special passport holders from four more countries

Myanmar expands visa-free entry to 24 nations, including four new additions.



Foreign tourists at Yangon International Airport eagerly exploring Myanmar’s welcoming culture and hospitality.

YANGON International Airport announced on 18 September that diplomatic passport holders and special passport holders from four additional foreign countries are now eligible for visa exemptions. Myanmar has officially granted visa-free entry to individuals holding diplomatic or special passports from Belarus, Morocco, Nepal, and Japan.

This decision comes as part of a reciprocal visa agreement between Myanmar and these nations, allowing diplomats and special passport holders to enjoy stays in the country ranging from 30 to 90 days, in accordance with specific country guidelines.

The Ministry of Immigration and Population has reported that a total of 24 countries, including nine ASEAN nations, now have mutual visa exemptions with Myanmar. Notably, this list includes four newly added countries: Belarus, Morocco, Nepal, and Japan. Among the 24 nations are Bangladesh, Brazil, China, Colombia, India, South Korea, North Korea, Mongolia, Russia, Serbia, Sri Lanka, and nine ASEAN member countries.

This expanded visa exemption scheme aims to foster stronger diplomatic ties and encourage increased tourism between Myanmar and these nations. — TWA/CT

Myanmar to export 60,000 tonnes of corn from Shan State to China in Oct

The corn produced in Shan State is a substitute crop of opium poppies.

MYANMAR will export 60,000 tonnes of corn that are produced as an alternate crop replacing opium poppies in Shan State next month, Myanmar Corn Industrial Association stated.

China has been purchasing Myanmar’s corn through cross-border trade under the opium substitution programme. Legitimate corn trade between Myanmar and China commenced at the end of 2022. A total of 112 Myanmar companies have been given the green light for corn exports.

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Myeik Tsp areca nut growers suffer losses due to price decline

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Yangon market braces for volatility in prices of beans and pulses

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The Eighth World Buddhist Summit in progress in Tokyo, Japan, 14 September 2023.

Representatives from Myanmar attend the Eighth World Buddhist Summit

THE Ambassador of Myanmar to Japan, U Soe Han, and representatives from the Ministry of Religious Affairs and Culture attended the opening ceremony of the Eighth World Buddhist Summit, which took place at The Royal Grand Hall of Buddhism in Tokyo, Japan, on 14 September.

The ceremony was also attended by Venerable

Sayadaw Dr Bhaddanta Sandhima Bhivamsa, Secretary Sayadaw of the State Sangha Maha Nayaka, and Venerable Sayadaw Dr Bhaddanta Dhammasami (Oxford Sayadaw), the rector of Shan State Buddha University (Taunggyi), according to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

Buddhist monks and Buddhist associations from

32 countries, representatives from the United Nations, ambassadors from the embassies based in Japan and representatives also attended the opening ceremony.

The Eighth World Buddhist Summit held 13-15 September was organized by Nenbutsushu Sam Pozan Muryojuji Temple in Kato City, Japan. — ASH/TH

Myanmar set to host Korean Food Festival in March 2024

ACCORDING to the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry (UMFCCI), arrangements are underway for the Korean Food Festival to be jointly held by CMS Korea and UMFCCI in Myanmar in March 2024.

UMFCCI General Secretary Daw Khine Khine Nwe and Joint General Secretary U Ye Myint Maung, Mr Yeom Duk Jong, a representative of CMS Korea and members on 18 September dis-

cussed holding the food festival at the UMFCCI building in Dagon Township, Yangon Region.

Around 200 small and medium-sized Korean businesses will be invited to participate in the Korean Food Festival. At the end of December this year, in Chungju City, representatives from the Chungju government and UMFCCI representatives will meet again to discuss the possibility of hosting the exhibition. — ASH/KZW



A meeting for holding the Korean Food Festival in Myanmar between CMS Korea and UMFCCI in progress on 18 September.

WEATHER REPORT

Myanmar Daily Weather Report

(Issued at 7:00 pm Wednesday 20 September 2023)

BAY INFERENCE: Monsoon is weak to moderate over the Andaman Sea and South Bay and moderate to strong elsewhere over the Bay of Bengal.

FORECAST VALID UNTIL NOON OF THE 21 September 2023: Rain or thundershowers will be scattered in Lower Sagaing, Mandalay, and Taninthayi Regions and Kayah, Kayin, and Mon States, fairly widespread in Magway, and Bago Regions and Northern Shan State and widespread in the remaining Regions and States with likelihood of isolated heavyfalls in Upper Sagaing, Magway, Yangon, and Ayeyawady Regions and Kachin and Rakhine States. Degree of

certainty is (100%).

STATE OF THE SEA: Squalls with moderate to rough seas are likely at times in Deltaic, off and along Rakhine Coast. Surface wind speed in squalls may reach (30-35) mph. Sea will be slight to moderate elsewhere in Myanmar waters. Wave height will be about (7-9) feet in Deltaic, off and along Rakhine Coast and (4-6) feet in Gulf of Mottama, off and along Mon-Taninthayi Coast.

OUTLOOK FOR SUBSEQUENT TWO DAYS: Weak to moderate Monsoon.

FORECAST FOR NAY PYI TAW AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 21 September 2023: One or two rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (100%).

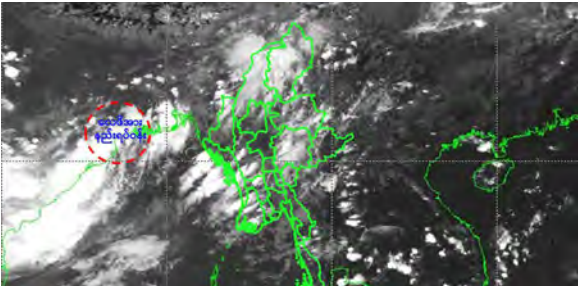
FORECAST FOR YANGON AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 21 September 2023: Some rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (100%).

FORECAST FOR MANDALAY AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 21 September 2023: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Low Pressure Area Condition

(Issued at (14:00) hours MST on 20-9-2023)

ACCORDING to the observations at (13:30) hrs MST today, the low pressure area over the northwest Bay of Bengal and adjoining West Bengal-North Odisha coasts (India) is crossing North Odisha and Southern part of West Bengal, India. It is likely to weaken gradually after crossing Jharkhand, India during next (24) hrs. This is the last news for the Well Marked Low Pressure Area.



COVID-19 report,
20 September
2023

NEW TESTS

5,629

NEW CASES

5

CASUALTIES

0

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.

NATIONAL

MSME entrepreneurs urged to constantly work for economic growth of the State

MEMBERS of the State Administration Council toured ethnic areas to boost businesses through the manufacturing of value-added products based on agriculture and livestock raw materials.

Putao in Kachin State

SAC members Daw Dwe Bu on 19 September inspected the preparation to build a hydro-power plant using water from Namthwam Creek in Putao. While in Putao, she met with departmental officials and town elders at Phonkanrazi Hall. She then presented cash assistance for ethnic literature and culture committees and charity associations.

She also held talks with religious leaders from Christian churches at the hall of the District General Administration Department in the afternoon. SAC member donated 13 bags of rice, six 10-viss jerry cans of cooking oil and K1.3 million to 13



State Administration Council Member Porel Aung Thein views the boosts displayed by MSMEs and state departments yesterday in Loikaw, Kayah State.

Christian churches and attended to their needs.

She attended the final match of the inter-club men's football tournament held for drug eradication in Putao District at

the district sports ground and presented the championship trophy and cash awards to the first prize-winning club. Yesterday morning, she visited the agriculture and livestock farm

(Namtale) and Rawam National Museum in Rawam Manaw Park in Putao and the Government Technical Institute (Putao) and presented cash assistance to the Rawam Literature and Culture

Committee.
Loikaw in Kayah State
Operating MSME businesses based on agriculture and livestock farms can contribute to the economic development of the country, said SAC member Porel Aung Thein at the meeting with MSME businesspersons in Loikaw yesterday morning.

Kayah State Chief Minister U Zaw Myo Tin said that the state government will cooperate with MSME businesses to achieve success for the development of the state through upgrading domestic products based on the One Region-One Product scheme.

The SAC member viewed round SME products, forest products, cooperative products, fishery products, goods produced by border region ethnic vocational training school, industrial products and weaving products displayed by relevant departments at the hall. — MNA/TTA

Qatari Charge d'affaires calls on MoFA Union Minister



Deputy Prime Minister and Union Minister for Foreign Affairs U Than Swe meets Dr Rashid Abdulla M A Al-Kuwari, Chargé d'affaires of Qatar in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

DEPUTY Prime Minister and Union Minister for Foreign Affairs U Than Swe received Dr Rashid Abdulla M A Al-Kuwari, Chargé d'affaires of Qatar, in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

They cordially exchanged views on matters pertaining to promoting the existing friendly relations and bilateral cooperation, including the areas of trade, investment, and cul-

tural exchanges, accelerating ongoing negotiations of bilateral agreements, repatriating the verified displaced persons from Rakhine State, and enhancing collaboration in the regional and international arenas, particularly under the frameworks of ASEAN-Gulf Cooperation Council (ASEAN-GCC) and the United Nations. — MNA

China-Myanmar BRI Cooperation Seminar held

A Seminar on the theme of “China-Myanmar Cooperation on Promoting the Belt and Road Initiative and Community with a Shared Future”, jointly organized by the Myanmar Institute of Strategic and International Studies and the Institute of Myanmar Studies at the Yunnan University, was held on 20 September 2023 at Lotte Hotel in Yangon.

Union Minister for Union Government Office 2 U Ko Ko Hlaing delivered an opening remark. Then, 18 scholars and research fellows from Myanmar and China presented the papers which they researched on various sectors of the Belt and Road Initiatives. Members of the Myanmar Institute of Strategic and International Studies, officials from

the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, professors and post-graduate students from the University of Yangon and the Yangon University of Foreign Languages, officials from the Institute of Myanmar Studies, Yunnan University, professors and research fellows from the Peking University and Xiamen University China were present on the occasion. — MNA



The Seminar jointly organized by the Myanmar Institute of Strategic and International Studies and the Institute of Myanmar Studies at the Yunnan University in progress on 20 September 2023 in Yangon.

NATIONAL

MOI Union Minister attends MNA's Diamond Jubilee dinner

UNION Minister for Information U Maung Maung Ohn attended a dinner to mark the 75th Anniversary (Diamond Jubilee) celebration of Myanmar National Airlines (MNA) under the Ministry of Transport and Communications in Yangon yesterday.

Ministers from the Yangon Region government including Chief Minister U Soe Thein, the staff of MNA and invitees were also present at the dinner served at Novotel Hotel Yangon.

Before the dinner, the MNA CEO made a keynote speech and provided a presentation about airline operations. He

also explained matters relating to the selection of agent awards and commercial matters.

A video clip of the MNA's Diamond Jubilee celebration was also shown, and the best seller agent award for 2023 and awards for outstanding staff were presented. The Union minister and officials of the MNA management committee extended well-wishes dedicated to the MNA's Diamond Jubilee.

Myanmar National Airlines, the state-owned business, was originally founded as Union of Burma Airways (UBA) in 1948. Presently, MNA which marks its Diamond Jubilee on 16 September, offers scheduled



Union Minister U Maung Maung Ohn and MNA officials are pictured cutting the commemorative cake on its Diamond Jubilee occasion yesterday.

flight services to Thailand, Singapore, China, Korea, and India, along with charter flights for pilgrimage to Gaya since early 2015. The airline also schedules flights to areas that are hard to reach and no other private airlines have flights to there. On 19 September, MNA debuted its cargo flight to Thailand using a Boeing 737-400 and similar schedules are also planned for China, Singapore, Malaysia and India. — MNA/TH

India Technical and Economic Cooperation Day 2023 celebrated



The India Technical and Economic Cooperation Day 2023 celebration in progress on 19 September in Nay Pyi Taw.

THE ceremony to commemorate the India Technical and Economic Cooperation (ITEC) Day 2023 was held at Park Royal Hotel in Nay Pyi Taw on Tuesday.

Union Minister for Electric Power U Nyan Tun, Indian Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Vinay Kumar, departmental officials, former ITEC trainees and invitees attended the event.

Speaking at the event, the Indian ambassador said the Indian government has been providing short and long-term capacity-building training courses under ITEC since 1996 and more than 20,000 Myanmar trainees have completed

training sessions so far.

“It is kind of proud to see the ITEC trainees in their respective workplaces applying the knowledge they have learnt during training sessions. It will also conduct suitable training in Myanmar,” he added.

The Union minister continued to say the Indian government provides necessary training courses for the staff to develop human resources, and a total of 137 trainees from the power sector have been sent to India for training between 1998 to May 2023. Moreover, it also sent 126 trainees to the ITEC-related training programmes.

He also called for an in-

crease in the number of trainees and extension of the training period.

He proposed to launch training courses for solar, wind and hydropower generating and power transmission through the transnational grid.

ITEC's previous trainees exchanged their experiences and a documentary video clip about ITEC was screened.

The second secretary of the Indian Embassy in Myanmar then expressed words of thanks. The Union minister had a documentary photo taken together with the Indian ambassador and attendees before having dinner with them. — MNA/KTZH



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MoALI Union Minister receives Indian Ambassador

UNION Minister for Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation U Min Naung received Indian Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Vinay Kumar in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

They discussed agricultural mechanization services, irrigation projects in Myanmar, cooperation in the agricultural sector between the two countries, availability from India of onion quality seeds, beans and pulses

and cotton resistant to pests and climatic change, cooperation in agriculture between Myanmar and Indian researchers, the sending of students to Assam University of Agriculture, dissemination of technical know-how on farming milch cows and upgrading the quality of dairy products and proper and sufficient use of sunflower quality seeds in domestic production of sunflower. — MNA/MKKS



Union Minister for Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation U Min Naung hosts the meeting with Indian Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Vinay Kumar for agricultural cooperation yesterday in Nay Pyi Taw.

Union Minister for Commerce receives JMFA Vice-President



Union Minister for Commerce U Aung Naing Oo meets a delegation led by Mr Watanabe, Vice-President of the Japan-Myanmar Friendship Association in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

UNION Minister for Commerce U Aung Naing Oo received a delegation led by Mr Watanabe Yusuke, Vice-President of the Japan-Myanmar Friendship Association, at the ministry in Nay

Pyi Taw yesterday.

They discussed matters related to the Japan-Myanmar friendship and economic cooperation in detail. — MNA/MKKS

National Day of Nepal: Embassy of Nepal holds reception in Yangon

UNION Minister for Sports and Youth Affairs U Min Thein Zan attended a reception to mark the ninth anniversary of the drafting of the Constitution of Nepal and National Day, held at the Wyndham Grand Hotel in Yangon yesterday evening.

The ceremony was opened with the National Anthem of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar and the National Anthem of Nepal, followed by Mr Harishchandra Ghimire, Ambassador of Nepal to Myanmar, delivering a welcoming speech.

Union Minister U Min Thein Zan, the Nepali ambassador and guests cut the cake commemorating the ninth anniversary of the drafting of the Constitution of Nepal and its National Day.

The Union minister and the ambassador and attendees had a group photo taken and the ambassador hosted a dinner for those who attended the celebration. Traditional cultural dances of Nepal were performed during the dinner. — MNA/KZL



Union Minister U Min Thein Zan, the Nepali ambassador and guests cut the cake commemorating the ninth anniversary of the Constitution Day and National Day of Nepal yesterday.

Electric vehicles, motorcycles arrive at Yangon Port



Officials from Yangon Port check the Neta U electric vehicles.

NETA U electric vehicles, imported by Grand Sirius Co Ltd, and Yadea electric motorcycles, brought in by Myanmar Arr Thit Man Motor Co Ltd, have arrived at Yangon Port recently. These imports were approved by the Steering Committee on National-Level Development of Electric Vehicles and Related Industries. The vehicles were claimed yesterday in compliance with the rules and regulations. Electric vehicles (EVs) and electric motorcycles are exempt from Customs tariffs. — MNA/KZW

NATIONAL

Union Minister explores Chinese technology firm



Union Minister for Immigration and Population U Myint Kyaing observes the technology-based immigration inspection systems during his study tour in China.

UNION Minister for Immigration and Population U Myint Kyaing visited Hisign Technology Co Ltd in Beijing on 18 September. During the visit, the company's Chairman, Mr Liu Xiaochun, provided insights into the company's technical products and their performance. He also explained the utilization of technology for collecting biographic and biometric information from individuals.

Following this, the company's officials briefed the Union minister and his delegation on the company's profile and the distribution of biometric

technology products in collaboration with the Chinese government, particularly in the context of the e-ID system implementation. Discussions also covered the capacity for producing ID cards.

On 19 September, the Union minister together with Myanmar's Ambassador to China U Tin Maung Swe, and Mr Hu Xiaoming, Director-General of the Immigration Department at the Ministry of Public Security of the People's Republic of China, visited the Daxing International Airport in Beijing, where technology-driven passport checks

and the collection of passenger information were discussed. The implementation of technology-based immigration inspection systems for e-passport holders was also examined.

Additionally, the delegation visited the Daxing Entry/Exit and Foreigners Management Department in Beijing, where various entry visas for foreigners, residence permits, and passport issuance for Chinese citizens were discussed. The group also explored the 24-hour service provision for these projects using advanced technology. — MNA/TS

MNHRC pays field visit to Training School for Girls

THE inspection team, led by Commissioners U Kyaw Myint and Dr Myint Thu Myaing from the Myanmar National Human Rights Commission, inspected the Training School for Girls in Mingaladon Township, Yangon Region on 20 September 2023.

The inspection team inspected the Training School for Girls under the MNHRC Law and procedures whether the girls who are detained in the Training School can get fundamental rights including the status of Covid-19 vaccination

and healthcare services, food supply, adequate dormitories, availability status of Citizenship Scrutiny Card, provision of purified drinking water, a support programme for physical and mental development, as well as right to education, learn, vocational training, communicate with their families, reintegration, and freedom of religion.

MNHRC will send recommendations to the relevant development on the findings during the inspection visits. — MNHRC



Myanmar National Human Rights Commission Commissioners U Kyaw Myint and Dr Myint Thu Myaing inspect at the Training School for Girls in Mingaladon Township, Yangon Region, yesterday.

CRIME NEWS

Illegal consumer goods, foodstuffs, industrial materials, auto parts and vehicles confiscated

THE combined team under the management of the Yangon Region Illegal Trade Eradication Task Force nabbed a Nissan diesel truck (estimated value of K45 million), travelling from Myawady to Yangon, carrying 21 sets of MI 55" TV worth K14.7 million that were not declared in the Import Declaration (ID) near the Hlegu tollgate on 14 September. The action was taken under Customs procedures.

The combined on-duty

teams under the supervision of the Mandalay Region Illegal Trade Eradication Task Force conducted inspections on 17 September and seized a Mitsubishi Fuso bus, a Sun Long bus and a Nissan Diesel truck (approximately worth K93 million), headed to Mandalay from Muse, carrying 22 kinds of goods worth K63.793 million, including 1,100 T-shirts and 855 kilogrammes of Candy sweets without official documents, at the Milepost

24/5 and 25/3 on Muse-Mandalay road. The action was taken under Customs procedures.

The combined team impounded 12 Lifan tripper vehicles (approximately worth K204 million), headed to Kyeinchaung village from Popepi village, carrying 670 bags of dried areca nut without official documents in Maungtau township on 17 September. The action was taken under Customs procedures.

A customs on-duty team at the Mayanchaung permanent checkpoint captured a Hyundai Starex and a Toyota Hilux car (estimated value of K37 million), travelling from Myawady to Yangon, carrying 184 kilogrammes of Nylon lace and 810 litres of Prawn Hornet palm oil on 18 September. The action was taken under Customs procedures.

An on-duty team at the Kawkareik (Tadakyoe) com-

bined checkpoint impounded two kinds of goods worth K3.75 million including 150 Easy motorcycle batteries without official documents from a vehicle, headed to Yangon from Myawady. The action was taken under Customs procedures.

A total of 43 arrests were made on 14, 17 and 18 September with an estimated value of K526,990,000, as reported by the Illegal Trade Eradication Steering Committee. — MNA/ MKKS

LOCAL BUSINESS

Myeik Tsp areca nut growers suffer losses due to price decline

THE price of areca nuts continued to plunge this year in Myeik Township, Taninthayi Region, making the growers suffer huge losses, a farm owner stressed.

Price of areca nut fetched K30-40 per piece last year. The price this year plummeted to K10 per piece. Therefore, the market is about to collapse.

“The demand is pretty low this monsoon season. High input cost including labour wages and fuel prices poses a burden on growers. The market comes close to collapse”, said a farm owner from Myeik Township.

Earlier, the depot owners made advanced purchases of areca nuts. This year, they do not

provide upfront payment.

“There is a possibility of no demand for dried areca nuts in summer. So, the growers are holding a last straw as the market is close to downfall. They are hoping for a market recovery in 2024,” a farm owner from Tonbyaw village in Myeik Township elaborated.

The areca nut growers in the Taninthayi Region are anticipated for market return in the upcoming year. The areca nuts are produced in Launglon, Yephyu, Kaleinaung, Thayetchaung, Palauk, Palaw, Myeik, Bokpyin and Kawthoung townships. Of them, Taninthayi is the leading producer — Myint Oo (Myeik)/EM



Areca nuts are seen being dried under the sun in Myeik, Taninthya Region. PHOTO: MYINT OO (MYEIK)

Palm oil reference price plummets by K84 per viss



People are seen queuing up to buy palm oil from a retail outlet.

FROM 18 to 24 September, the basic reference price of palm oil is K4,440 per viss, dropping by K84 per viss compared to the previous week.

Although the wholesale reference price of palm oil rose above K4,500 per viss from 11 to 17 September, the price fell back to below K4,500 per viss this week.

Rather than selling to consumers queuing in line, the selling of palm oil to retail outlets and small businesses after receiving a signed pledge to resell and documentary evidence began to be seen in the Bayintnaung Market.

According to a person who is allowed to buy palm oil, daily sales lists must be filled out on the prescribed list forms and sent to relevant parties.

In September, direct sales by

companies and oil distribution by NGO associations increased in areas like Yangon, and retailers are said to be selling more palm oil to consumers at a fixed price.

Related actions have also been reportedly taken against the false sale of peanut oil and the chemical refining of used cooking oil.

Consumers can see the availability of palm oil at fixed retail prices in most small retail outlets this month, compared to previous months. A resident of Lanmadaw Township said that one person could only buy 50 ticals by standing in line before, but now they can buy up to one or two visses. As imports of palm oil from abroad are increasing this month, direct sales by companies to the regions may also increase. — TWA/CT

CBM revokes money changer licences of 166 companies during seven months

A total of 166 money changers have had their money changer licences revoked in the past seven months (from March to September) as they failed to comply with the rules and directives issued by the Central Bank of Myanmar (CBM).

Non-compliance with the rules invalidated licences of 123 companies on 19 September, following the revocation of licences from 13 companies on 14 August.

On 12 July, 10 money

changers also got their forex licences revoked as they violated the rules and directives issued by the CBM.

Moreover, 20 money changers also got their forex licences cancelled as they did not abide by the rules and directives issued by the CBM.

The CBM set the reference exchange rate at K2,100, while a US dollar was exchanged at K3,400 in the grey market.

There is a large price difference between the reference rate of the CBM and the unauthorized market rate. However, there is no way to set the new price, as per the notification released on 26 May.

In August, a dollar value hit an all-time high of over K4,500 in the grey market. Consequently, the CBM sold dollars at its auction market for the sectors in need, to control the soaring dollar, injecting a total of \$443.8 million in the markets in 2021. — NN/EM

Myanmar to export 60,000 tonnes ...

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Myanmar sends corn to China and Thailand through the border and also exports corn to China, India, Viet Nam and the Philippines by sea at present, according to the Myanmar Corn Industrial Association.

Thailand gives the go-ahead to corn imports under zero tariff (with Form D), between 1 February and 31 August. However, Thailand imposed a maximum tax rate of 73 per cent on corn imports to protect the rights of their

growers if the corn is imported during the corn season of Thailand.

The FOB prices are US\$270-290 per tonne of corn at present. The corn fetches K1,150-1,170 per viss in the domestic market, according to the Yangon Region Chamber of Commerce and Industry (Bayintnaung Commodity Centre).

Myanmar exported more than 2 million tonnes of corn to foreign trade in the 2022 corn season. The majority of them were sent to Thailand and the remaining went to China, India,

the Philippines and Viet Nam.

More than two million tonnes of corn are expected to be shipped to foreign trade partners in the 2023 corn season, said U Min Khaing, chair of the Myanmar Corn Industrial Association.

The corn is cultivated in Shan, Kachin, Kayah and Kayin states and Mandalay, Sagaing and Magway regions. Myanmar has three corn seasons — winter, summer and monsoon. The country produces 2.5-3 million tonnes of corn every year. — NN/EM

OPINION

Promote enduring peace: A global endeavour for all citizens

THE theme for this year’s International Day of Peace, “Actions for Peace: Our Ambition for the Global Goals”, serves as a global call to action. Its resonance extends far beyond symbolic observance; it encapsulates the urgent need for perpetual and robust peace, not just for individuals but for entire nations.

Nations around the world commemorate the International Day of Peace on 21 September every year. This day holds immense significance, as it reinforces the fundamental ideals of peace through a commitment to 24 hours of non-violence and ceasefire,

Myanmar has been suffering the impacts of armed insurgencies and terrorism due to a myriad of factors such as racism, political ideologies, localism, and personal cults. Regardless of the causes, it is essential for all stakeholders, including the people, successive governments, ethnic armed organizations, and various armed groups within the nation, to be regarded as brethren sharing the same future on the same soil.

António Guterres, the United Nations Secretary-General, aptly states, “Peace is needed today more than ever. War and conflict unleash devastation, poverty, and hunger; displacing tens of millions of people from their homes. Climate chaos abounds, even in peaceful nations gripped by stark inequalities and political polarization.”

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Setting aside animosity and divisive sentiments is the first step towards restoring perpetual and durable peace, for the sake of the entire nation and its people. The fruits of peace can be enjoyed by every member of society. Everybody has to set hate and controversial things aside so as to restore perpetual peace for the whole nation and entire people. Only when the whole country is peaceful and stable, should they all have to negotiate the things set aside and seek the best solutions for all. If so, all citizens will have the chance to enjoy the fruit of peace.



as declared by the UN General Assembly. In fact, peace is not a passive aspiration but an active endeavour.

For countless regions plagued by insurgencies and terrorism, the restoration of perpetual and durable peace is a shared dream. This aspiration transcends borders and is universally cherished by nations. Governments and opposing armed groups have to exhibit foresight, placing the well-being of their citizens and the future of their nations above all else.

This call to action underscores our collective responsibility to cultivate a lasting peace that fosters an environment conducive to achieving the Sustainable Development Goals outlined by the United Nations. Peaceful nations can redefine and enhance the socioeconomic conditions of their citizens, offering them a brighter future.

IN THE tapestry of life, there are moments when our hearts find their rhythm, resonating in perfect harmony with something external. It could be a piece of music that moves us to tears, a book that grips us from the first page, or a hobby that becomes a lifelong passion. These are the moments when we experience a profound connection, and here, let’s explore the fascinating phenomenon of how and why our hearts go well with something.

The Dance of Emotions

Emotions are the threads that weave the fabric of our existence. They colour our experiences, from the joyful highs of love and laughter to the melancholic lows of sorrow and loss. When we encounter something that resonates deeply with our emotions, it sparks a unique dance within our hearts.

Consider the last time you listened to a piece of music that touched your soul. As the notes filled the air, you might have felt a rush of emotions — nostalgia, happiness, or perhaps even sadness. This emotional connection to music is a testament to the power of art and its ability to evoke feelings that often lie dormant within us.

The Power of Art and Expression

Art, in all its forms, serves as a universal language that transcends barriers of culture, language, and time. Whether it’s a masterpiece hanging in a museum or a street performer’s heartfelt melody, art has the power to move us profoundly.

Visual art, for example, can speak to our souls through colours, shapes, and textures. A painting might transport us to a distant landscape, evoke memories of a loved one, or awaken our sense of wonder and curiosity. The canvas becomes a portal through which we connect with the artist’s vision and, in turn, with our own emotions.

Similarly, literature has a unique ability to transport us to different worlds and eras, to inhabit the minds of characters, and to explore the intricacies of human nature. When we read a novel that resonates with us, we form an intimate bond with the author and the story’s characters, sharing their triumphs and tribulations.

The Science of Connection

But why do some pieces of art, music, or literature resonate so

When Our Hearts Go Well with Something ...

By Yin Nwe Ko

deeply with us while others leave us indifferent? The answer lies in the intricate workings of our brains.

Neuroscience has unveiled the fascinating mechanisms that underlie our emotional responses to art and the world around us. When we encounter something that resonates with our emotions,

a profound sense of nostalgia and happiness. Similarly, a book that reflects our own life experiences and challenges can feel like a lifeline, offering solace and understanding.

Our backgrounds, cultural heritage, and life journeys influence our perceptions of art and what resonates with us. What

passion. Whether it’s the thrill of scoring a goal, the camaraderie of a team, or the discipline of solo training, sports provide a deep sense of fulfilment and connection for many.

The Transformative Power of Connection

When our hearts go well

Nurturing Connection and Passion

So, how can we nurture and cultivate these moments when our hearts go well with something? It begins with curiosity and openness. Be willing to explore various forms of art, literature, and hob-

Recently, a remarkable event unfolded in the YouTube world, captivating millions’ attention. A young artist, known simply as “Anonimus”, not to be confused with “Anonymous”, achieved a staggering 11 million views on one of his videos. His meteoric rise has sent shockwaves through Myanmar’s art scene. What makes this even more extraordinary is that Anonimus is just a 9th-grade student residing alongside his mother in Hlinethaya Township, Yangon Region.

Despite his humble background as an ordinary worker with a passion for music, Anonimus defied the odds. He lacked the financial means to produce a song of his own, a costly endeavour by any measure. However, his creation, titled “Leave it” or “ငွေငွေငွေငွေ” in Myanmar, unexpectedly became a sensation. This song, although deceptively simple, defied categorization. It wasn’t hip-hop, jazz, rap, heavy metal, R&B, rock, country, or pop — yet it resonated deeply with audiences.

Myanmar has seen its fair share of famous singers and idols, but none has managed to capture the international music and video platform of YouTube like this young man. The question arises: What sets Anonimus apart? Finding a definitive answer to this query proves elusive. Initially, I, too, was puzzled. However, I later realized that Anonimus was an ordinary young man who managed to deliver what music enthusiasts worldwide had been craving for quite some time. In essence, he met the hunger for artistic creation that transcended conventional genres like hip-hop, jazz, rap, and the rest. Anonimus had tapped into a universal yearning for music that speaks to the hearts of the masses.

The remarkable journey of Anonimus serves as a valuable lesson for our local musicians and singers.

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The Closest Example and Experience In Myanmar



Stay open to art and creativity in life. Appreciate various forms of art, like paintings, songs, and books. Anonimus tapped into a universal desire for music that touches people’s hearts all over the world. PHOTO CREDIT: TIKTOK

our brains release neurotransmitters like dopamine, which are associated with pleasure and reward. This neurochemical response reinforces our connection to the object of our affection, creating a sense of joy and fulfilment.

Moreover, our brains are hardwired to seek patterns and meaning in the world. When we encounter a piece of art or music that resonates with us, it often aligns with our existing beliefs, values, or experiences. This alignment fosters a sense of validation and connection, reinforcing our emotional response.

The Impact of Personal Experience

Personal experiences play a pivotal role in shaping our preferences and emotional responses. A song that reminds us of a cherished childhood memory or a place we once visited can evoke

touches the heart of one person might leave another cold. This diversity of experiences enriches our collective tapestry of human expression and reminds us of the beauty of subjectivity.

Finding Connection in Hobbies and Passions

Beyond the realm of traditional art forms, our daily lives are enriched by hobbies and passions that ignite our souls. These pursuits provide a unique avenue for self-expression and connection with like-minded individuals.

Consider the avid gardener who meticulously tends to their plants, nurturing life and witnessing the ever-changing beauty of nature. Gardening becomes a profound source of joy and connection with the natural world.

Similarly, the world of sports offers a space where enthusiasts can channel their energy and

with something, it’s more than a fleeting moment of pleasure; it’s a transformative experience. These connections have the power to shape our identities, values, and even our life paths.

Consider the aspiring musician who discovers their love for playing the guitar. As they pour hours into practice and creative exploration, they find not only a source of joy but also a profound sense of purpose. This connection to music becomes a driving force in their life, leading to opportunities for self-expression and personal growth.

Likewise, the avid reader who devours books with insatiable curiosity may find themselves inspired to become a writer, sharing their own stories and perspectives with the world. The connection they forged with literature becomes a catalyst for their creative journey.

bies. Attend concerts, visit museums, read widely, and try new activities.

Additionally, it’s essential to pay attention to your emotional responses. Take note of the music that makes you feel alive, the books that resonate with your soul, and the activities that fill you with joy. These are the clues that lead you to your sources of connection and passion.

Moreover, seek out communities and individuals who share your interests. Engaging with like-minded people can deepen your connection and provide a sense of belonging. Whether it’s joining a book club, attending a painting class, or participating in a sports league, the bonds formed with others who share your passion can be profoundly enriching.

Meat, milk alternatives could slash food system emissions a third: study

The research underscores the potential benefits of transitioning to more sustainable and plant-based food choices to mitigate the environmental challenges associated with animal agriculture.

REPLACING half of the pork, chicken, beef and milk products we consume with plant-based alternatives could reduce global greenhouse gas emissions from agriculture and related land use by nearly a third, and virtually halt forest loss, according to research published on Tuesday.

Population growth and higher incomes are on track to increase global demand for these key animal products, which can bring damaging environmental consequences.

Forests are cleared to make way for cattle and the grain needed to feed them, while cows belch methane, a potent greenhouse gas whose warming effect is much more powerful than carbon dioxide.

The study, published in the journal Nature Communications, used modelling to analyze the impact of a worldwide dietary shift towards plant-based alternatives to pork, beef, chicken and milk with the same nutritional value.

It suggested that greenhouse gas emissions connected to agriculture and land use could be cut by 31 per cent in 2050 compared to 2020 levels if consumption were reduced by half.

In that scenario, the amount of land dedicated to agricultural uses falls by 12 per cent instead of continuing to expand.

The extent of forests and other natural land area would remain nearly the same as in 2020, as land earmarked for livestock and production of feed is spared rather than burned or cleared.

The increased use of nitrogen for crops is almost half of what it would otherwise be on expected trends, while water use drops 10 per cent.

‘Critical opportunity’

A massive shift to plant-based foods would also improve global food security, with the number of undernourished people falling by 31 million by 2050, the researchers said.

In addition, it would boost biodiversity. Restored land area could contribute between 13 and 25 per cent of the estimated land restoration needed by 2030 under a target set in a global treaty hammered out at the end of last year.

The decline of life-sustaining ecosystems on current trajectories would be more than halved by 2050, the study suggested.—AFP



Cows belch methane, a potent greenhouse gas whose warming effect is much stronger than carbon dioxide. Cleaning cows after milking is vital for cow health, milk quality, and food safety. PHOTO: PIX FOR VISUAL PURPOSE/AFP

CURRENT AFFAIRS

YIA introduces new measure for accompanying passengers

YANGON International Airport has introduced a new policy allowing individuals accompanying passengers to obtain temporary access cards for the airport's public area.

People seeing off passengers can obtain these temporary access cards by presenting their citizenship scrutiny cards (CSCs), and no fees will be imposed. Holders of these access cards can enter the airport through Gate No 2 and exit through Gate No 6.

It's essential to wear the temporary access card at all times while in the airport terminal's public area and adhere to the airport's security and safety regulations. Any misuse of the temporary access card will result in its revocation, and appropriate actions will be taken. — TWA/CT



The undated photo shows passengers and their families are seen at Yangon International Airport. **PHOTO: XINHUA**

Yangon market braces for volatility in prices of beans and pulses

BOTH the sellers and traders who keep the stocks are closely observing the market and monitoring price changes over time amid the price volatility in the Yangon market so that they do not make losses, pulses traders said.

The prices stood at K2.538 million per tonne of black gram (FAQ/RC), K2.778 million per tonne of black gram (SQ/RC) and K4 million per tonne of pigeon pea (red gram) on 20 September.

The price of black gram (FAQ) was above K2.5 million per tonne on 4-9 September. Then, the prices dipped below K2.5 million on 11-16 September. The price increased again to above K2.5 million on 18 and 19 September.

Similarly, the pigeon pea price hit a record high of K4.15 million per tonne on 8-13 September. The price decreased to K3.95 million on 18 and 19 September. Also, the price regained to above K4 million per tonne on 20 September.

The green gram from the Pakokku area was priced at K2,915-3,085 per viss between 31 August and 13 September. The price rose to K3.080-3,250 per viss on 14-20 September.

Myanmar shipped more than 720,900 tonnes of pulses, with an estimated value of over US\$586 million, to foreign countries over the past five months of the 2023-2024 financial year beginning 1 April, including 279,300 tonnes of black gram worth \$214 million



The picture shows a shop displaying various pulses for sale.

and 222,600 tonnes of green gram worth \$149 million, according to the Ministry of Commerce.

The FOB prices stood at \$945-965 per tonne of black gram (FAQ), \$1,045 per tonne of black gram (SQ) and \$1,290-1,310 per tonne of pigeon pea on 20 September.

The main buyer India is likely to have low pulses output in 2023 as they reduced the cultivation acreage of monsoon pulses to 12 million hectares from 13.1 million hectares due to the low rainfall.

This being so, India has a requirement to meet the growing demand. The prices are therefore likely to move up on the back of strong demand by foreign countries. Consequently, Myanmar growers might ramp up production this year, a market observer shared his opinion. — TWA/EM

Cervical cancer vaccine (HPV) rollout set for Yangon Region

ACCORDING to the Public Health Department of Yangon Region, the Human Papillomavirus (HPV) vaccine will be administered to students aged 9 to 12.

The Chief Minister of Yangon Region stated during the Yangon Region Human Papillomavirus (HPV) Vaccination Ceremony for girls aged 9 to 12, held on 18 September, that the cervical cancer vaccine (HPV) aims to prevent and control the spread of cervical cancer. It is given to girls aged 9 to 12 before they are exposed to the virus to prevent cervical cancer development.

According to HPV data published by the World Health Organization (WHO) in March 2023, the most common age group for cervical cancer in Myanmar is



The Human Papillomavirus-HPV Vaccination Programme for girls between ages 9 and 12 is seen being conducted in Wakema, Myaungmya District in Ayeyawady Region, on 18 September.

15 to 44 years old. Therefore, all girls aged 9 to 12, both in school and out of school, will receive the vaccination.

The vaccination will be carried out in two phases: school-based vaccination in September and community-based vaccination in October, as there were no vaccinations conducted for three years from 2021 to 2023.

The vaccine can prevent up to 95 per cent of cervical cancer spread and also prevent the occurrence of rectal and genital warts.

The Public Health Department and the Basic Education Department of Yangon Region will collaborate in conducting vaccination activities. — TWA/CT

When Our Hearts Go Well with Something ...

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While some may raise eyebrows at this suggestion, I welcome any differing opinions. The debate on whether art is a personal expression of feelings or meant to touch the hearts of others is an ongoing one. Yet, it is undeniable that when there's a deep resonance between what we create and what others feel, the results can be nothing short of extraordinary and awe-inspiring.

In the tapestry of life, those moments when our hearts go well with something are the threads that create the most vibrant and beautiful patterns. They remind us of the profound power of emotions, art, and connection in shaping our experiences and identities.

As we continue on our life journeys, let us remain open to the world's rich tapestry of art and expression. Let us seek those moments when our hearts resonate in harmony with something beautiful, for it is in those moments that we discover the true essence of our souls. Whether through the stroke of a brush, the notes of a song, or the pages of a book, let us cherish the connections that light up our lives and make each day more extraordinary.

Reference: Based on my own experience

Tyre maker honoured for tackling electric car pollution

ELECTRIC cars are widely hailed as the future of transport, but even though they eliminate the issue of fuel emissions from tailpipes, the problem of particle pollution as a result of tyre wear hasn't been resolved.

A British company selected as a finalist for Prince William's Earthshot Prize now promises more durable tyres that increase vehicle range and decrease the emission of toxic chemicals.

"We have here a very harmful and hidden pollution," Gun-
nlaugur Erlendsson, founder and CEO of ENSO, which caters specifically to electric vehicles, told AFP. "We're exposed to it whenever we breathe."

Because of decades of regulations that brought about



An electric car charges at a charging point reserved for Tesla cars. PHOTO: AFP

improvements to internal combustion engines, tyre and brake wear are today responsible for significantly more small particle pollution than vehicle exhausts, studies show. Tyre wear parti-

cles are also microplastics, with emerging evidence linking them to a range of impacts on heart and lung health, as well as cancers, in addition to widespread environmental harm. — AFP

Most species of 'world's largest flower' risk extinction: study

MOST species of the famously large Rafflesia flower, which has long captured the imagination with its enormous speckled red petals, are now at risk of extinction, new research warned Wednesday. Rafflesia is actually a parasite, and lives on tropical vines across parts of Southeast Asia, producing blooms that are among the largest in the world.

It is something of an enigma, with its flowers emerging unpredictably, and botanists have had

limited success propagating it outside its natural environment.

One species of the flower is currently classed as "critically endangered", according to the International Union for Conservation of Nature. To better understand the plant and its conservation status, an international group of botanists examined 42 known Rafflesia species and their habitats – primarily Brunei, Indonesia, Malaysia, the Philippines and Thailand. — AFP



The research highlights some bright spots in existing conservation efforts. PHOTO: WEST SUMATRA BKSDA/AFP/FILE



Buildings damaged by a tornado that hit China's eastern Jiangsu province, killing five people. PHOTO: AFP

5 killed, 4 severely injured after tornado hits east China's Jiangsu

FIVE people were killed and four others were severely injured after a tornado hit two townships in east China's Jiangsu Province on Tuesday, local authorities said on Wednesday.

The accident occurred around 5 pm in Daxing Town-

ship and Nancai Township in the city of Suqian. An initial investigation showed that 5,512 people were affected, homes of 1,646 households were generally damaged, and homes of 137 households collapsed. A total of 41.8 hectares of crops were damaged, and 405 people were

temporarily relocated to safe places, according to the city's emergency management department.

Local government departments had rushed to the site of the accident to deal with the aftermath. The injured are being treated in hospital. — Xinhua

ECONOMY WORLD

Italy opens probe over Ryanair market dominance



The regulator has raised concerns that Ryanair may hinder travel agencies from directly purchasing airline tickets from its website. **PHOTO: AFP/FILE**

The Italian Competition Authority has accused Ryanair of attempting to expand its market influence by providing additional tourist services like hotel and car rental bookings.

ITALY'S antitrust watchdog said Wednesday it has opened an investigation into Ryanair over allegations the Irish low-cost airline is abusing its dominant market position.

The Italian Competition Authority accused Ryanair of trying to "extend its market power" by offering other tourist services such as hotel and car rental reservations.

Ryanair, which offers national flights along with services to and from Italy, "appears to impede travel agencies from directly acquiring airline tickets" from its website, the regulator said. Instead, travel agencies have to buy tickets via a reservation platform that subjects them to "considerably less favourable conditions" in terms of prices and services, it said.

"The carrier's conduct would harm travel agencies and consumers by attempting to extend its market power into the provision of other tourist services," the authority said. Ryanair is already at odds with Rome over a price cap on flights to and from Italian islands that was approved by Prime Minister Giorgia Meloni's right-wing government last month. — AFP

High-rises sweep Sao Paulo, but boom casts shadows

WORRIED by the surge of skyscrapers fast replacing the houses and historic buildings in her Sao Paulo neighborhood, Rosanne Brancatelli put up a sign on her street: "Don't take away our sun."

Brancatelli, 60, lives in the last group of houses in the upscale Pinheiros neighborhood, in the shadows of the high-rises popping up at a dizzying pace in the Brazilian mega-city of 11 million people.

"Every day, (developers) call us saying, 'Your neighbours have all sold. Aren't you going to sell? You're going to end up surrounded by tall

buildings,'" she says.

Sao Paulo, the biggest city in the southern hemisphere, is already famous for its towering skyline, a true urban jungle of concrete and glass.

But Brazil's economic capital has grown even taller since a controversial urban planning law relaxed limits on skyscrapers in 2014, unleashing a wave of high-rise projects -- but failing, critics say, in its aim of creating lower-income housing with easy access to public transportation.

Fed up with what she calls the "exacerbated verticalization" and "loss of heritage"

in her neighbourhood, Brancatelli joined together with neighbours in 2021 to launch an association called Pro-Pinheiros, which fights to protect local neighbourhoods and the environment.

She says she has counted no less than 80 simultaneous high-rise projects in the 20 or so blocks around her house.

That is a lot even for Sao Paulo, a cosmopolitan city built on waves of immigration throughout the 20th century that grew at breakneck pace into the sprawling, traffic-snarled, bubbling metropolis it is today. — AFP



An aerial view of houses surrounded by high-rise buildings in the Pinheiros neighbourhood of São Paulo, Brazil, is seen 5 September 2023. **PHOTO: AFP**

Building boom spells success for Somali women engineers



Somalia's construction industry is breaking gender barriers in the traditionally conservative country. **PHOTO: AFP**

AS Somalia's capital witnesses a construction boom following improvements in security, civil engineer Faduma Mohamed Ali is hard at work, supervising male labourers twice her age and breaking barriers in the conservative country.

The 22-year-old has battled social stigma, family opposition and workplace harassment, but told AFP she never doubted her choice of career.

"I always liked buildings," she said.

When she enrolled in a civil engineering degree programme -- the only woman in her class -- her relatives were quick to cast aspersions.

"They said, how can a girl waste time to study civil engineering?... this is work for men."

The jibes continued even after she graduated and found a job in Mogadishu.

"They used to ask -- are you crazy?"

In a country where women account for less than a third of the workforce, according to the World Bank, many parents frown on the prospect of their daughters working in close quarters with men.

"I would not have (wanted)... my daughter to work at a construction site with men, this is not for women. I would rather she chose... a female-dominated profession," said Abdikafi Hassan Duale, a father of six.

"This is for their safety and protection from social harassment," he told AFP.

But attitudes are changing.

Fathi Mohamed Abdi told AFP that her parents were "very happy" and supportive of her decision to become the first civil engineer in their extended family. — AFP



A cruise ship is seen at No 9 dock of Yichang Port on the Yangtze River in Hubei province on 2 May. PHOTO: CHINA DAILY

China announces full resumption of international cruise ship transport

CHINA'S Ministry of Transport announced on Tuesday full resumption of international cruise ship transport to and from ports in the country. Trials on the resumption of international cruise transportation start-

ed early this year at ports in Shanghai and Shenzhen. In its notice issued on Tuesday, the ministry said that local transport authorities at the ports where cruise ships dock should formulate plans

for restoring international cruise transportation and proceed with the resumption work after obtaining approval from local governments. Local transport authorities are also required

to strengthen emergency response and epidemic prevention and control, enhance the management of the cruise transportation market, and swiftly resolve any issues that arise, to promote the stable and healthy development of the international cruise transportation market, according to the notice. — Xinhua

Stocks diverge as oil hits 10-month high

STOCK markets moved in different directions Tuesday as oil's push towards \$100 fuels worries about persistently-high inflation. Brent North Sea crude oil traded above \$95 per barrel Tuesday for the first time since November last year, supported by tight supplies and robust demand. "The rising oil price, which has so far risen by more than 16 per cent in less than a month, creates concerns that rates might have to remain higher for longer," said Axel Rudolph at online trading platform IG. The Federal Reserve is seen keeping interest rates on hold Wednesday but is expected to be cautious over the outlook as crude pushes higher. — AFP

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE
M.V NEGAR VOY.NO. (SCY1157)

Consignees of cargo carried on **M.V NEGAR VOY. NO. (SCY1157)** are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on **21-9-2023** and cargo will be discharged into the premises of **MITT** 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 LAND AND SEA INTERMODAL LOGISTICS SDN BHD LINE**

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE
M.V NEWSUN BLUE VOY.NO. (202307)

Consignees of cargo carried on **M.V NEWSUN BLUE VOY.NO. (202307)** are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on **22-9-2023** and cargo will be discharged into the premises of **AIPT** 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: **2301928** Shipping Agency Department
Myanma Port Authority
Agent For: **M/S BEN LINE AGENCIES (S'PORE) PTE LTD**

Myanma Port Authority

Open Tender Invitation for M.T VIET TIN LUCKY

- The **M.T VIET TIN LUCKY**, registered in Vietnam and at the present controlled by the Myanma Port Authority due to the Port Act 1908, will be auctioned through an open tender system.
- Ship's Particulars are as follows:

(a) IMO Number	-	9147916
(b) LOA	-	109.09M
(c) Breadth	-	18.2M
(d) Max. Draft	-	6.71M
(e) Max. High	-	32.4M
(f) Gross Tonnage	-	4573 GT
(g) Net Tonnage	-	2146 NT
- The tender process will be taken place in accord with Paragraphs 23/24 of Directive No.(1/2017).
- The companies (both local and international) those are interested in are invited to inter this tender. The vessel can be checked at The Myanmar Terminal(TMT).
- The tender applications forms can be purchased and submitted in accordance with the following date, time, place; (Remark: International companies need to submit an endorsement by the Myanmar embassy in the respective country.)

a) Address (to purchase)	: Store Department, Botataung township
b) Date & Time (to purchase)	: 21-9-2023 to 20-10-2023 (formal day &time)
c) Address (to submit)	: Myanmar Port Authority (Tender Room)
d) Date & Time (to submit)	: 20-10-2023 (13:00)
e) Date & Time (tender opening)	: 20-10-2023 (14:00)
- Since the vessel will be auctioned in account with the Port Act 1908, the Myanma Port Authority has right to cancel either partially or as a whole of this tender at any time, if it is needed to do so for some applicable reasons.
- For detailed information, please contact the following contact points:

a) Marine Department	-	018246380, 018387117 (ex) 211
b) Store Department	-	018610230

Myanma Port Authority
Tender Acceptance and Evaluation Committee

Myanmar Fujita Kanko Limited in Liquidation (Registration No. 110701160)
Notice of Final Meeting Before Dissolution pursuant Section 211(a) of Insolvency Law 2020

With respect to Myanmar Fujita Kanko Limited in liquidation (Registration No. 110701160) (the "**Company**") which is located at #14-12, Level 14 Sule Square, No. 221, Sule Pagoda Road, Kyaktada, Yangon Region, Myanmar, it is hereby noticed that the final meeting of the shareholders of the Company will be called on October 20, 2023 (the "**Meeting**").
The purpose of the Meeting will be:
1. Receiving an account in which showing how the winding up of the Company has been conducted and how the property of the Company has been disposed of; and
2. Hearing any explanation that may be given by the liquidator.
Daw Nilar Thwin
Liquidator
Global United Myanmar Ltd./Managing Director
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Ministry of Cooperatives and Rural Development
Department of Rural Development
Myanmar: Mekong-Lancang Cooperation Project
CALL FOR PROPOSALS FOR SOLAR MINI-GRID ELECTRICITY PROJECTS
The Department of Rural Development, Ministry of Cooperatives and Rural Development is inviting interested companies to submit mini-grid proposals for the following projects,
(i) Kyein Mae Taung Solar Mini-grid Electricity Supply and Cold Storage for Fishery Products Projects (Solar- 165.68kW) at Kyein Mae Taung village, Boke Pyin Township in Tanintharyi Region
(ii) Kan Seik Solar Mini-grid Electricity Supply and Water Supply Distribution Project (Solar- 81kW) at Kan Seik village, Dedaye Township in Ayeyarwady Region
Submission Deadline: Proposals must be delivered to the address below at 10:00 AM Local Time on 4th Oct 2023
Interested companies should visit the DRD Website (<https://drdmyanmar.org/>) or directly contact the following address for further information:
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Tel./Fax+ 95 673 418635, 418636
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ROLLING UPDATES

WORLD

UN General Assembly begins general debate



UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres (at the podium and on the screens) speaks at the opening of the General Debate of the 78th session of the UN General Assembly at the UN headquarters in New York, on 19 September 2023. **PHOTO: LI RUI/XINHUA**

The primary focus of this debate is centred on the critical need to restore global trust and solidarity, particularly during challenging times.

THE General Debate of the 78th session of the United Nations General Assembly opened at the UN headquarters in New York on Tuesday, focusing on restoring global trust and solidarity in current challenging time.

Dennis Francis, president of the 78th session of the UN General Assembly, presided over the opening of the debate, which is themed “Rebuilding trust and reigniting global solidarity: Accelerating action on the 2030 Agenda and its Sustainable Development Goals towards peace, prosperity, progress and

sustainability for all.”

In his opening speech, Francis stressed the importance of uniting nations to tackle global challenges.

“This year, our imperative is clear: to unite the nations, to be united in conviction of common purpose and in solidarity of joint action,” he said.

He said the world has the capacity to effect change if there is the will to act.

“Despite the many and complex challenges we face, we do have the capacity to effect change, consequential change

... What we lack is the will to act,” said Francis. “By putting aside our differences and bridging divides, we can deliver, we must deliver peace, progress, prosperity, and sustainability to everyone, everywhere. So let us step up and take action now.”

A common coordinated approach is needed now, as much as at any point in history. War, climate change, debt, energy and food crises, poverty and famine. These crises are directly impacting the lives and well-being of billions of people around the world. — Xinhua

ONGOING UPDATE

Son of former Singapore PM Goh charged with false trading

THE son of Singapore’s former prime minister Goh Chok Tong has been charged with market rigging offences, police said on Wednesday.

Goh Jin Hian, the former CEO of New Silkroutes Group, a Singapore-listed investment holding company, was charged in court along with two other former executives of the company, police said in a statement.

Another man, the director of a commercial market maker engaged by New Silkroutes Group at the time, was also charged with similar offences.

The four men were each charged with 31 counts of false trading for manipulating the price of New Silkroutes Group securities in 2018.

They allegedly engaged in “a conspiracy to create a misleading appearance with respect to the price of NSG securities”, the statement said.

If convicted they could face a jail term of up to seven years, or a fine of up to S\$250,000 (\$183,200), or both for each charge. — AFP

Azerbaijan halts Karabakh operation as separatists lay down arms

AZERBAIJAN on Wednesday announced it had halted its military operation in the disputed region of Nagorno-Karabakh, after separatist Armenian forces agreed to lay down their arms and hold reintegration talks.

Baku and the ethnic-Armenian authorities in Karabakh said a deal was brokered by Russian peacekeepers to stop the fighting a day after Azerbaijan launched an “anti-terrorist operation”. The separatists said they had committed to a “full dismantlement” of their forces and the withdrawal of Armenian army units from the region, at the centre of two wars between Armenia and Azerbaijan since the collapse of the Soviet Union.

Azerbaijan’s defence min-



A video grab taken on 20 September 2023, from footage released by the Nagorno-Karabakh Foreign Ministry, shows wreckages littering a street around damaged cars in Stepanakert, on the first day of Azerbaijan’s renewed offensive on the region. **PHOTO: AFP**

istry said in addition that “all weapons and heavy armaments are to be surrendered” under the supervision of Russia’s 2,000-strong peacekeeping force on the ground. — AFP



Local authorities promptly responded to the incident, mobilizing over 6,600 people to assist in the capture effort. **PHOTO: IMAGE USED FOR REPRESENTATIONAL PURPOSE/PIXABAY**

Escaped crocodiles in south Chinese city captured

ALL 69 crocodiles that escaped a flooded farm in south China’s Guangdong Province have been captured and no crocodile attacks have been reported so far, local authorities said Wednesday.

The crocodiles escaped from a commercial crocodile

farm in the city of Maoming after Typhoon Haikui triggered flooding in the area earlier this month. The local government mobilized more than 6,600 people in response to the incident.

By Saturday, 40 crocodiles had been found on the farm, while 29 others had been re-

trieved from neighbouring ponds or flooded fields.

The farm owner told police that 71 Siamese crocodiles, including two juveniles, used to live on the farm. The owner said two crocodiles had died before the escape occurred. — Xinhua

SPORTS

Myanmar women’s squad arrives in China for Asian Games

MYANMAR women’s football team has arrived in China to compete in the XIX Asian Games, as stated by the Myanmar Football Federation.

Team Myanmar left Thailand for China in the early morning of 19 September.

As a final preparation for the Asian Games, the Myanmar team trained in Thailand for more than a week, and after playing two friendly matches, went directly to China.

The Myanmar women’s squad is the first to compete in the Asian Games, falling in the

same group as the Philippines, Hong Kong and South Korea.

Myanmar will play against South Korea on 22 September, the Hong Kong team on 25 September and the Philippines on 28 September.

Japanese head coach Uki Tetsuro will handle the team Myanmar which is composed of star players including goalie May Zin Nwe, defenders: Zune Yuya Oo and Phyu Phyu Win, midfielders: Khin Mo Mo Tun and Naw Htet Htet Wai and strikers: Win Theingi Tun and San Thaw Thaw. — Ko Nyi Lay/KZL



Myanmar women footballers are seen listening to the guidance of the coach ahead of the Asian Games. PHOTO: MFF



Shan United players are pictured celebrating the victory during a Myanmar National League football match. PHOTO: SUFC

Shan United to take on Australian Club MacArthur today

REPRESENTING Myanmar, Shan United will play an opening match of the AFC Cup Championship at Thuwunna Stadium in Yangon today.

The Shan United team is competing in the AFC Cup for the fourth time and is trying to erase the bad results in the last three times.

The Shan team has been leading the table for a long time with an undefeated record in the domestic league competition, the MNL championship, and is in a good position to defend the championship, so they are also prepared to get good results in the AFC Cup competition where they represent Myanmar.

“This year, our team will compete in the domestic league as well as the AFC Cup, so we prepared better than last year. As well as recruiting new players, four foreign players have also been recruited.

“The team we will face in the opening game of the group is not an ASEAN team, but an Australian club, so we will have to work harder. However, I am satisfied with the team’s position, so I believe that we will be able to get a good result. But we have played friendly matches and prepared.

“The hotel where we are staying has made sure that the players can fully focus on

the tournament, including accommodation and food. As our team will represent the country, we will try our best to compete in each match, and we believe that we will be able to get good results. I would like to tell the fans to support Shan United unanimously,” said Shan United Vice-President U Htaik Khun Naung Myint. Shan United is the only team allowed to compete in the final round of the AFC Cup this season, and Yangon United won’t be allowed to compete in the final round as they failed to qualify. Today’s Shan United match will start at 6:30 pm Myanmar Standard Time. — Ko Nyi Lay/KZL

China looks for another diving clean sweep at Hangzhou Asian Games

AS a diving powerhouse, China is looking forward to extending its winning streak at the upcoming Asian Games. However, divers from Malaysia, Japan, and South Korea also stand an excellent chance to bring home medals from Hangzhou.

Chinese divers have participated in the Asian Games since 1974 and won all four gold medals on offer on their debut. The team has since competed in all subsequent Asian Games, sweeping all 80 gold medals from diving events.

Spearheaded by Tokyo Olympic champions Quan Hongchan, Chen Yuxi and Wang Zongyuan, as well as world champions Chen Yiwen, Chang Yani, and Yang Hao,

China is sending a 14-member squad to compete in 10 events in Hangzhou from 30 September to 4 October.

17-year-old Chen Yuxi became the first diver to win the women’s 10-metre platform ti-

tle at three consecutive world championships after she triumphed in Fukuoka, Japan, in late July. Chen later retained her title at the World Aquatics World Cup Super Final in Berlin, Germany. — Xinhua



Chen Yuxi of China competes during the women’s 10-metre platform final at the World Aquatics Diving World Cup 2023 Super Final in Berlin, Germany, 5 August 2023. PHOTO: XINHUA/FILE

Brighton relish ‘incredible’ rise from exile to Europa League

BRIGHTON’S “incredible” journey from homeless exiles facing oblivion to their current status as Premier League trendsetters will reach a memorable climax when they host AEK Athens in their first-ever European match on Thursday.

For a generation of Brighton fans, AEK’s visit to the Amex Stadium in the Europa League group stage is the kind of occasion that would have been unthinkable in the dark days, when the club appeared set to implode.

Once as decrepit as the fire-ruined West Pier on the south-coast city’s pebble beach, Brighton now possess one of the most admired business models in world football.

Clubs seek to emulate

Brighton’s ability to scour the globe for obscure youngsters such as Moises Caicedo, Alexis Mac Allister and Marc Cucurella, all developed into assets that commanded huge transfer fees in relation to their initial cost.

The innovative formula helped the Seagulls defy the odds with a sixth-place finish in the Premier League last season.

They have made another a strong start this term, including Saturday’s 3-1 embarrassment of Manchester United at Old Trafford. “This has been an incredible project. There is definitely a broader awareness of Brighton now,” said Albion chief executive Paul Barber. — AFP



Japan’s crown prince, princess arrive in Viet Nam

JAPAN’S Crown Prince Fumihito and his wife Princess Kiko arrived in Hanoi on Wednesday for an official visit to Viet Nam to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations between the countries.

It is the couple’s first official visit to Viet Nam since 1999, when they also travelled to Laos and Thailand. Viet Nam extended a formal invitation in early August.

During their six-day visit, the couple is scheduled to meet the families of former Japanese soldiers who stayed on after World War II to fight for Vietnamese independence.

They will attend a welcome ceremony hosted by Vietnamese Vice-President Vo Thi Anh Xuan and an event to mark the anniversary on Thursday before meeting with Vietnamese people who have studied in Japan the next day.

On Saturday, the couple will visit Da Nang in central Viet Nam and travel to Hoi An, a historic city that used to have a Japanese settlement. They will also visit My Son Sanctuary, a World Heritage site, the following day before returning to Japan on Monday.

It is the couple’s third official overseas trip since the May 2019 ascension of Emperor Naruhito, which made Crown Prince Fumihito — the emperor’s younger brother — next in line to the throne. — Kyodo



Japan’s Crown Prince Fumihito and his wife Crown Princess Kiko leave for Viet Nam from Tokyo’s Haneda airport on 20 September 2023, to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations between the countries. **PHOTO: KYODO**

Germany bearing brunt of global slump - West’s trade body

Reduced global demand for German industrial products is exacerbating the risk of a recession.



German Chancellor Olaf Scholz during a visit to the Neapco Europe plant in Düren, Germany, on 22 August 2023. **PHOTO: INA FASSBENDER / AFP**

GERMANY’S energy security has been undermined by the sabotage of the Nord Stream 1 and 2 gas pipelines and by broader economic sanctions on

Russia. Now reduced global demand for its industrial products threatens to deepen the recession.

The West’s international trade organization has predicted Germany will suffer the worst amid a world economic downturn this winter.

The Paris-based Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) said Germany would be the only G20 country apart from Argentina to go into recession this year.

The intergovernmental organization, whose members include the 27 European Union states, the UK, US, Canada, Mexico, Japan, South Korea, Australia, and New Zealand, said Germany’s heavy industry-dominated economy would be hit hardest by a global decline in demand and rampant inflation.

The OECD predicted worldwide economic growth of three per cent this year, falling to 2.7 per cent in 2024. — SPUTNIK

Five Americans freed by Iran

FIVE Americans freed by Iran in a high-stakes prisoner swap landed back in the United States on Tuesday to a joyous reunion with family members.

The five arrived aboard an executive jet at a military airfield in Fort Belvoir southwest of Washington.

Relatives waved US flags and hugged the freed prisoners as they disembarked from the aircraft, then posed for a group photograph, grinning widely. “Welcome home,” National Security Advisor Jake Sullivan posted on X, formerly Twitter.

The former prisoners, including one held for eight years, were part of a rare prisoner exchange between Washington and Tehran, a deal that included the unfreezing of \$6 billion in funds frozen by US ally South Korea. The swap marked a slight thaw in relations between the two countries over a host of issues, including Iran’s advances in its nuclear programme, although some observers urged caution in viewing the release as a sign of change. — AFP