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Myanmar-Sino association donates school supplies to 7 monasteries

A team led by the chairman of the Myanmar-China Friendship Association (Central) donated stationery and an educational fund to seven monasteries as a donation for early Waso.

Yesterday morning, the association visited the Tipitaka Yaw Sayadaw to donate stationery and an educational fund worth K3.5 million to 117 student monks residing at the Maha Visuddhayon monastery in Bahan Township, Yangon, during the Buddhist Lent.

Similarly, a team led by the secretary of the Myanmar-China Friendship Association (Central) donated stationery and an educational fund to the Pansanikaya Sasana monastery in Yankin Township on 11 July. — MNA/MKKS

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Images showcase activities inviting to the Hlawga Park.

Experience three thrilling nature adventures at Hlawga Park

The park welcomes everyone – from individuals to families and friends – to enjoy its fun activities, open daily from 8 am to 5 pm.

The Hlawga Park invites the public to immerse themselves in nature by experiencing three exciting activities.

For those who want to enjoy the peaceful beauty of nature, Hlawga Park is located near the centre of Yangon and is filled with scenic, lush green sites during the rainy season. The park has developed three activities: Trekking Activity, which allows nature lovers to enjoy the closest experience to the beautiful landscapes, Biking Activity, which is a group activity that young people can enjoy, and SUP Activity, where people can ride a paddle boat and play on the vast open water of the lake.

The park also offers a bird watching programme for bird lovers, and there are already regular bird watchers, according to the park's Activity Manager.

The park invites the public to come and enjoy its fun and exciting activities, from the individual to the family and friends in the park, and is open daily from 8 am to 5 pm. — MT/ZN

NATIONAL

Agricultural targets set according to production potential, emphasizing yield analysis

- ❖ In agriculture, targets are set based on actual production potential.
- ❖ Since yields vary depending on the variety, soil, water, and planting methods, it is essential to analyze crop yields when they fall short of the target.

(An excerpt from the speech delivered by Chairman of the State Administration Council, Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing at a meeting with district and township level department officials and micro, small and medium enterprise (MSME) entrepreneurs in Meiktila District on 10 January 2025 to discuss regional development issues)

Registration opens for 41st JGM Championship



An awarding ceremony for the 40th JGM is in progress.

THE 41st Junior Golf Myanmar Championship (JGM) will be held for three days, said Junior Golf Myanmar. Jointly organized by Myanmar Golf Federation and JGM and mainly sponsored by Myanmar Max Purified

Drinking Water Co Ltd, it will take place from 30 July until 1 August 2025 at Dagon Golf City in Yangon.

The championship will include under-12, under-14, and under-18 men's matches and U18 and U14 women's matches, and will be following R&G and USGA's Rules of Golf 2023 and local golf rules.

Junior golfers across Myanmar can register by 28 July before 4 pm to U Tun Kyaw's phone 09 5193423.

The 40th JGM took place from 27 to 29 June 2025, and the awarding ceremony was concluded on 29 June at the Yangon Golf Club in Danyingon. — MT/ZS

Weather Myanmar Daily Weather Report

(Issued at 4 pm Monday 14 July 2025)

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

SPECIAL WEATHER: According to the observations at 3:30 pm MST today, the well-marked low-pressure area over Southeast of Gangetic West Bengal (India) and adjoining Bangladesh and intensified into a Depression now lies over the same region. It is likely continue to cross Gangetic West Bengal (India) during may next 24 hours.

FORECAST VALID UNTIL MORNING OF 15 JULY 2025: Rain or thundershowers will be scattered in lower Sagaing Region and Kayah State, fairly widespread in Nay Pyi Taw, Mandalay and, Magway Regions and Kayin State and widespread in the remaining Regions and States with likelihood of isolated heavy falls in Bago, Upper Sagaing and, Taninthayi Regions and Kachin and, Rakhine States. Degree of certainty is 100 per cent.

THE CONDITION OF CUMULONIMBUS CLOUD: The cumulonimbus clouds are developing in Bago, Magway, Upper Sagaing and, Taninythayi Regions and Kachin, Chin, Rakhine and, Shan States. The area along the cumulonimbus clouds movement, the weather phenomena such as strong winds accompanied with rain, thunder, lightning and hail may occur and therefore it is recommended to be aware in advance of these phenomena.

STATE OF THE SEA: Squalls with moderate to rough seas are likely at times off and along the Myanmar Coasts. Surface wind speed in squalls may reach 25-30 miles per hour. Wave height will be about 7-9 feet in off and along the Myanmar Coasts.

OUTLOOK FOR SUBSEQUENT TWO DAYS: Likelihood of increase of rain in Upper Sagaing Region and Kachin, (northern and eastern) Shan States.

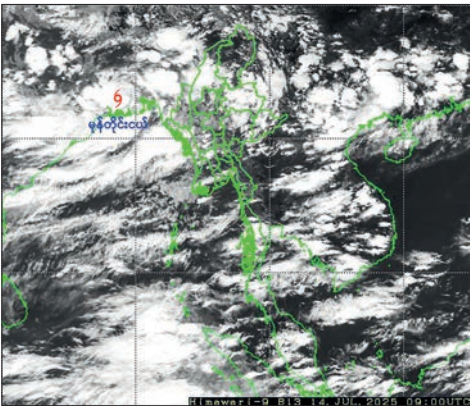
FORECAST FOR NAY PYI TAW AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 15 JULY 2025: One or two times of rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is 100 per cent.

FORECAST FOR YANGON AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 15 JULY 2025: One or two times of rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is 100 per cent.

FORECAST FOR MANDALAY AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 15 JULY 2025: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is 100 per cent. — DMH

Land Depression News

Issued at 4:30 pm MST on 14 July 2025



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Top websites and web portals to access Military Service Rules

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| 1. Office of the State Administration Council
https://sacoffice.gov.mm | 4. Ministry of Information
https://www.moi.gov.mm |
| 2. Ministry of Defence
https://www.mod.gov.mm | 5. Myawady Webportal
https://myawady.net.mm |
| 3. Ministry of Legal Affairs
https://www.mlis.gov.mm | 6. Myanmar National Portal
https://myanmar.gov.mm |

Flood Bulletin

(Issued at 7 pm MST on 14 July 2025)

ACCORDING to the 6:30 pm MST observation today, the water level of Ayeyawady River at NyaungU has reached its danger level. It may rise about three inches during the next one day and may remain above its danger level.

It is especially alert to the people who settle near the river banks and low lying areas in NyaungU to stay away from the flood-prone areas. — DMH

NATIONAL

Residents Urged to Prioritize Public Safety Amid Armed Terrorist Threats

ARMED terrorists have been launching attacks by using residential homes and administrative buildings in towns and villages as cover, where they have forcibly settled. They aim to shield themselves from Tatmadaw counterattacks while also persuading temporarily displaced persons to return to their native areas and recruiting new members. That enables terrorists to use civilians as human shields. Tatmadaw is committed to safeguarding the sovereignty of the State and will respond to these threats based on intelligence and prevailing conditions. Therefore, residents in areas where terrorists have taken control must prioritize their safety and protect themselves from being exploited by these groups.

(An excerpt from guidance given by Chairman of the State Administration Council, Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing to Shan State cabinet members and state-level departmental officials on 3 September 2024)

DPM MoTC Union Minister receives Russian delegation

STATE Administration Council Member, Deputy Prime Minister and Union Minister for Transport and Communications General Mya Tun Oo received the Russian delegation led by Director Alexander Sergeevich Shatirov of the Fund RC-Investments in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

The two sides exchanged views on expanding the trade route from Mumbai, India, to Yangon, Myanmar, facilitated

by Russia, the construction of a solar-powered plant developed through cooperation with the Fund RC-Investments, quality fertilizer import, promotion of electronic trading, sharing of quake-resistant construction methods and further work plans.

Union Minister for Investment and Foreign Economic Relations Dr Kan Zaw, Union Minister for Electric Power U Nyan Tun, Union Minister for Commerce U Tun Ohn, Union



State Administration Council Member Deputy Prime Minister Union Transport & Communications Minister General Mya Tun Oo meets the Russian delegation in Nay Pyi Taw.

Minister for Construction U Myo Thant, the deputy minister for Transport and Communications and other departmental officials were also present on the occasion. — MNA/KTZH

Myanmar attends JSC 6th Meeting on Myanmar-India Cooperation in Power Sector in India

A Myanmar delegation led by Deputy Minister for Electric Power U Aye Kyaw attended the sixth meeting of the Joint Steering Committee (JSC) on Myanmar-India Cooperation in the electric power sector held on 10 and 11 July in India.

On 9 July, the deputy minister-led delegation met Indian Minister of Power and Minister of Housing and Urban Affairs Shri Manohar Lal and discussed the bilateral cooperation in the power sector.

The delegation attended the seventh meeting of joint working group and sixth meeting of joint steering committee and signed the Agreement for preparation of Detailed Project Report (DPR) on Myanmar-India transnational high-voltage



The sixth meeting of the Joint Steering Committee on Myanmar-India Cooperation in the electric power sector in progress on 10-11 July in India, participated by Deputy Minister U Aye Kyaw.

power grid project.

On 10 July, the delegates visited the National Control Centre of Power Grid Cooperation in New Delhi, the Technical Research and Training Centre and Solar Hybrid Farm

of National Thermal Power Corporation in Noida on 11 July and the 800 kV High Voltage Direct Current (HVDC) plant of Power Grid Cooperation in Argara on 12 July. — MNA/KTZH



No new COVID-19 cases

THE Ministry of Health tested 735 samples from 8 pm on 6 July 2025 to 8 pm on 13 July 2025, and no new case was found. Therefore, no new casualties were reported.

Currently, there is no need to worry about infection and deaths from COVID-19, but all need to follow personal hygiene methods, and the high-risk groups.

- Elderly people (aged 60 and above)
- People with diabetes, chronic respiratory diseases, and cancer
- Pregnant women (especially those beyond the third month of pregnancy) are prioritized to receive COVID-19 booster shots.

More detailed COVID-19 information can be found on the website of the Ministry of Health, moh.gov.mm.

Myanmar CDC
Public Health Department, Ministry of Health

NATIONAL

People’s Military Service Training 15 begins across various commands



The opening event of the People's Military Service Training 15 is underway yesterday.

THE opening ceremonies for the People’s Military Service Training 15 were held at various military commands yesterday. Eligible citizens attended the military training in their respective regions. The commanders of training depots gave opening speeches.

Chief ministers of regions and states, commanders, and relevant officials attended the ceremonies, met the trainees of the People’s Military Service Training 15, and presented them with cash awards, food items, and essential supplies. They also greeted and encouraged the trainees.

The People’s Military Ser-

vice Law was enacted as every citizen is under a duty to safeguard Our Three Main National Causes: Non-disintegration of the Union, Non-disintegration of national solidarity and Perpetuation of sovereignty. The People’s Military Service Law came into effect on 10 February 2024, aiming to conduct military training courses.

The first intake commenced on 8 April 2024, and those who have completed the People’s Military Training are currently serving in various military units, fulfilling their responsibilities for national defence and security. — MNA/KTZH

Taking drones to the Martyrs’ Mausoleum, the Bogyoke Aung San Museum and the Secretariat (formerly the Ministers’ Office) and flying them around these areas is strictly prohibited.

“Notice for those who come to Martyr’s Mausoleum”
You are respectfully requested not to carry along the following items into the Martyr’s Mausoleum, the Bogyoke Aung San Museum and the Secretariat (formerly the Ministers’ Office).

Mobile Phones	Flower bouquets, Flower Wreaths and flower baskets
Various kinds of Flags	Vinyl
Various kinds of Bags	Bottles and Cans
Cameras	PVC and Steelpipes used as Poles for Flags
Matches / Matchboxes	Ballpoint Pens

Job offers for second batch EPS-TOPIK manufacturing passers

FOR finalists of the second batch of manufacturing in the 16th th EPS-TOPIK exam, job applications will be offered starting from 21 July, said the Public Overseas Employment Agency (POEA-EPS).

Job applications will be issued between 9 am and 3 pm from 21 to 25 July, and the acceptance of applications will begin from 28 July to 1 August according to the seating.

Applications shall be taken out in person by showing their passport and test voucher, and the photo in the passport and exam form shall be the same as that of the job application. A health test shall be made at the prescribed clinic, and only those who pass the health test are eligible for the job application.

Copy of colour-printed passport, three passport photos, original health test record,



Myanmar workers are at the airport to leave for Korea.

copy of National Citizenship Scrutiny Card and copy of passbook of own account opened at a state-owned or a private bank, copy of household list and copy of educational certificates are required.

If the applicant has worked in the Republic of Korea, the type of work and work location

and date of return will need to be filled out completely.

Personal information and contacts, and documents will need to be accurate, and any dishonest act is up to the applicant. Passport PV or PJ must have validity for at least a year, and PJ is required if a job offer is received. — MT/ZS

NATIONAL

Unity in its real essence

Unity must have a common interest, a common sense of working together and a common objective, for the independence of the whole country and the interests of the whole populace. Unity must work for the people so that they can enjoy shared well-being and shared cause in working together. It is not enough just to say that we want to be united. Labour must be shared, and interests must be shared. Our objective must be the same. Only this kind of effort is worth calling "Unity".

(Excerpt from the speech addressed by Bogyoke Aung San at the AFPFL Conference on 23 January 1946)



Opening ceremony held for 31st C-in-C (Air) Boxing Championship



The launch of the 31st Commander-in-Chief (Air) Boxing Championship in action yesterday.

SENIOR air force officers, Tatmadaw members and family members of Tatmadaw (Air), representatives from the Myanmar Boxing Federation, competing athletes, and sports fans attended the 31st Commander-in-Chief (Air) boxing cham-

pionship opening ceremony yesterday morning at the Mingaladon Airbase Headquarters' gymnasium.

Commander Brig-Gen Maung Maung Soe of the Southern Air Force Command, on behalf of the Commander-in-Chief

(Air), first delivered the opening speech. The Commander and attendees then watched the first day of the competition.

The boxing competition will be held with 12 competing teams until 18 July. — MNA/MKKS

Green Challenge works to obtain national registration for nationwide tree planting

THE chairman of the Green Challenge Association, U Aung Myo Paing, said that efforts are being made to obtain a national registration for the planting of trees in areas of need across the country.

With the rising temperature, the Green Challenge Association is focusing on greening the environment.

"What we're trying to do right now is to get a national registration so that we can plant trees in places across the country where they are needed. We mainly want to plant trees in the dry zone. We are going to work on this," he said.

In addition to planting of shade trees, fruits and edible plants in conventional ways, the Green Challenge Association is currently working on a project to throw seed balls, and will continue to plant trees in the areas where necessary. Since its founding in 2017, the association currently with 160 members has been carrying out conventional planting by digging holes and has commenced seed ball throwing since 2019.

The members of the association plant by themselves as well as donate seedlings together with other individual donors. — MT/ZN



Green Challenge Association Logo.

Public notice for those coming to Secretariat (formerly the Ministers' Office)

1. Any kind of ballpoint pens, mobile phones, flags, handbags, cameras, lighters, flower wreaths/flower bouquets/flower baskets, vinyl, bottles, sticks and pipes that are used in carrying flags are not allowed to be brought into the Secretariat (formerly the Ministers' Office).

2. All the visitors are required to wear masks systematically without fail.

3. All must enter after washing their hands thoroughly at the designated places and using the hand sanitizers provided there.

4. The inspection will be conducted not to bring ten prohibited items at the junction of Maha Bandoola Road and the junction of Theinbyu and Anawrahta Roads in Botahtaung Township,
- and it is required to bring Citizenship Scrutiny Cards or employee cards or student ID cards or certain cards to identify the personal data while mentioning the personal information including name, ID card number, address and phone number for temperature screening and medical checkups at the entrance of the Secretariat (formerly the Ministers' Office).

5. Visitors will have to queue at least six feet apart from each other to follow the social/physical distancing set by the Ministry of Health.

6. If any suspicious symptoms, including high body temperatures (38 degrees Celsius or 100.4 degrees Fahrenheit), cough, difficulty breathing, or fatigue, are detected, visitors have to follow
- the recommendations of the relevant authority.

7. They have to follow the arrangements of those serving duties at the Secretariat (formerly the Ministers' Office).

8. All the visitors will have to queue at least six feet apart from each other in line with the set numbers, and stay at least six feet apart from each other while inside.

9. All the visitors have to strictly follow the COVID-19 health notices and information released by the Ministry of Health in a timely manner.

10. Elderly people and those with chronic illnesses are not allowed to visit.

11. Those suffering from fever, cough, difficulty breathing or fatigue are not allowed to visit.

NATIONAL

‘Past Deeds of Merit Won’t Meet Sometimes’ to air on 25 July

THE drama ‘Past Deeds of Merit Don’t Meet Sometimes’ will be streamed on 25 July, according to Naw Phaw Eh Htar, who plays the leading role in the drama.

The drama is a series based on the novel by writer La Min Mo Mo, the script is written by Soul of Stars and directed by Pyae Phyo Naing.

“This drama has been filmed for two years. The next one, Kyin Phaw (Couple), was allowed to air first. This drama is a three-part love drama. You can watch the beautiful ladies on the beach. Since it is a successful novel by writer La Min Mo Mo, the story doesn’t need to be told in detail. They tried their best as Phway Nu Nel,” said Naw Phaw Eh Htar.



The drama is available on the HEY Play Application. The HEY Play YouTube Channel will air at 7 pm every Monday to Friday, and the cast includes Academy Nay Toe, Academy Aye Myat Thu, Naw Phaw Eh Htar and many others. — ASH/MKKS

The three main characters of the series.

Only 2M people insured out of 52M; just 200K of 600K cars covered



Managing Director Daw Sandar Oo of the Myanma Insurance speaking at an insurance awareness seminar.

MYANMAR has only about two million people with life insurance out of 52 million populations as only 200,000 are insured out of 600,000 cars nationwide. The protection can be obtained from insurance is lost, according to Managing Director Dr Sandar Oo of Myanma Insurance.

“We should have insurance to safeguard ourselves in the event of a disaster. 52 million people live in Myanmar, according to the country’s most recent census. The primary finding is that out of the 52 million people, only two million had insurance at the time of data collection. The Department of Road Transport and Administration reports that 400,000 of the 600,000 private vehicles do not have auto insurance. They don’t have insurance. Many people in our nation do not have health insurance. They are therefore powerless to stop natural disasters and suffer as a result,” Daw Sandar Oo stated.

The Myanma Insurance is working to promote public awareness of insurance, develop insurance types to meet the needs of the public, modernize the services of insurance companies, produce insurance professionals, and build public trust in the insurance system. There are a total of 17 life insurance companies and nine general insurance companies in Myanmar, offering 48 types of life insurance, 22 types of general insurance, and six types of life and general insurance. — ASH/MKKS

Public notice for those coming to Martyrs’ Mausoleum on Martyrs’ Day

- Any kind of ballpoint pens, mobile phones, flags, handbags, cameras, lighters, flower wreaths/ flower bouquets/flower baskets, vinyl, bottles, sticks, and pipes that are used in carrying flags are not allowed to be brought into the compound of the Martyrs’ Mausoleum.
- All the visitors are required to wear masks systematically without fail.
- All must enter after washing their hands thoroughly at the designated places and using the hand sanitizers provided there.
- It is required to bring Citizenship Scrutiny Cards, or employee card or student ID card or any other card to identify the personal data while mentioning the personal information, including name, ID card number, address and phone number for temperature screening and medical checkups at Link Road in Bahan Township.
- Visitors will have to queue at least six feet apart from each other to follow the social/physical distancing set by the Ministry of Health.
- If any suspicious symptoms, including high body temperatures (38 degrees Celsius or 100.4 degrees Fahrenheit), cough, difficulty breathing, or fatigue, are detected, visitors have to follow the recommendations of the relevant authority.
- They have to follow the arrangements of those serving duties at the mausoleum.
- Those paying tributes will have to queue at least six feet apart from each other, and only 10 persons will be allowed to pay tributes to the martyrs each time, and they also must keep six feet apart while inside.
- All the visitors must strictly follow the COVID-19 health notices and information released by the Ministry of Health.
- Elderly people and those with chronic illnesses are not allowed to visit.
- Those suffering from fever, cough, difficulty breathing or fatigue are not allowed to visit.
- For group tributes, a time limit of no more than ten minutes is recommended.

Daily newspapers available online

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Yangon palm oil
reference price
remains unchanged
this week

THE wholesale reference rate of palm oil set for the Yangon market was set the same at K6,030 per viss for a week ending 20 July, like that of the previous week, according to the Supervisory Committee on Edible Oil Import and Distribution.

The Supervisory Committee on Edible Oil Import and Distribution under the Ministry of Commerce has been closely observing the FOB prices in Malaysia and Indonesia, adding transport costs, tariffs and banking services to decide the wholesale market reference rate for edible oil weekly.

Despite the reference price, the market price is way too high. To control overcharging, the Consumer Affairs Department under the Ministry of Commerce informed consumers of lodging complaints for overcharging through the call centre hotline in late August. The department urges consumers not to buy palm oil at high prices.

The Committee notified that any person who is involved in price gouging and oil storage to attempt market manipulation will face legal action under the Essential Goods and Services Law.

The department is working together with the Myanmar Oil Dealers' Association and the cooking oil importing companies to offer affordable rates of imported palm oil for consumers.

The complaints for overcharging can be lodged over hotline 1535 of the call centre of the Consumers Affairs Department, or sent to the Facebook page of the department and the region and state departments concerned.

The domestic consumption of palm oil is estimated at one million tonnes per year. The local palm oil production is just about 400,000 tonnes. About 700,000 tonnes of palm oil are yearly imported through Malaysia and Indonesia to meet domestic demands. — NN/KK



Vendors prepare cooking oil for sale.

1,777 companies, factories seek
GACC certification

A total of 1,777 Myanmar food processing companies and factories have submitted 3,704 applications to the General Administration of Customs of the People's Republic of China (GACC) as of 11 July 2025, according to the Domestic Trade Division (GACC team) of the Myanmar Trade Promotion Organization under the Ministry of Commerce.

According to GACC Decrees 248 and 249, GACC registration is mandatory for food exporters starting from 1 January 2022.

Those individuals executing edible oil, oilseeds, stuffed pastry products, edible bird's nest and related products, edible grains, grains milling industrial products and malt, fresh and dehydrated vegetables, dried beans, plant species, nuts and seeds, dried fruits, unroasted coffee and cocoa bean, special dietary food excluding milk-based formula, functional foods, bee products, aquatic products including farm products, animal products and animal feed and livestock animal businesses need to apply for GACC license to place their goods in China's market.

The relevant authorities for the registration with GACC are the Agriculture Department, the Livestock Breeding and Veterinary Department, the Fisheries Department and the Food and Drug Administration Department.

Exporters can directly access the China International Trade Single Window through <https://cifer.singlewindow.cn> by creating accounts for those food groups which are not listed on the aforementioned 18 groups.

Between 1 December 2021 and 11



Workers diligently operate the fishery production line at the cold storage facility.

July 2025, 3,704 applications by 1,777 factories have been forwarded to the GACC through the Agriculture Department (3,529 applications), the Fisheries Department (152), the Livestock Breeding and Veterinary Department (14) and the Food and Drug Administration Department (nine).

Regarding the registration of the importing companies, the Department of Animal and Plant Quarantine under the GACC will check quarantine access for the imported grains (unroasted coffee bean, cocoa beans, fresh and dehydrated vegetables, plant seasonings (plant spices), edible grain, dried beans, oil seeds (oil plant) and herbal animal products and plant for their origins.

The companies cannot directly proceed with registration, and they need to

carry out this step through competent authorities and departments concerned by sending an email via dapq@customs.gov.cn or submitting a letter to the Chinese Embassy in Myanmar or the Myanmar Embassy in China.

As of 11 July 2025, a total of 1,126 applications have been successful in registering with the GACC with the approval of the competent authority. Additionally, a manual registration list of overseas manufacturers of imported foods with the GACC as of 25 September 2024 has been uploaded on <http://dzs.customs.gov.cn/>. Individuals can enquire further information through the contact numbers of the Myanmar Trade Promotion Organization at 067 3408605, 067 3408617 and email myantrade.domestic@gmail.com. — NN/KK

Myanmar businesspeople invited to join AYUSH UTSAV 2025



THE AYUSH UTSAV 2025 which will be held at the Bharat Madapam Convention Centre, New Delhi, on 4-6 September 2025, welcomes the participation of Myanmar business entities, organized by the Ministry of Commerce and Industry, India, and trade promotion organizations,

according to the Myanmar Trade Promotion Organization.

The event aims to spotlight India's expertise in Ayurveda, Yoga, Naturopathy, Unani, Siddha, Homoeopathy and herbal products, facilitating global trade opportunities through the convergence

of leading Ayush manufacturers, international buyers, regulatory bodies and policymakers.

The AYUSH UTSAV 2025 is simultaneously held with the Bharat Health Global Expo 2025. Products of iPHEX, India MedTech, Ayush Utsav, Pharma Mach Tech, Lab Next Expo, Sanjeevani and Neutraverse will be showcased.

It provides a platform for forums, Government-to-Government (G2G) and Government-to-Business (G2B) matchings, bringing government officials, industry leaders, sellers and buyers together. Those interested can register through the Myanmar Trade Promotion Organization at 067 408623 and email event.td.myantrade@gmail.com. — NN/KK

Oversee the production and sales of food safety for consumers

THE food products that are produced and consumed daily must be safe and free from danger for consumers. To ensure such food is available in the market, the relevant authorities must regulate and monitor the situation, and it is necessary to take legal action against producers of harmful food in accordance with the law.

To ensure that the public can consume safe and hazard-free food, relevant departments across the food supply chain are carrying out their responsibilities according to their respective sectors. Primarily, six key areas are being implemented: controlling the illegal import of food across borders; monitoring food safety practices at university cafeterias and catering services; ensuring food safety at roadside eateries and rest stops along highways; inspecting food safety in restaurants within

hotels and motels; overseeing the safety of wild animal meat, insects, and pests being sold in markets; and formulating food safety standards and regulations.

The National Food Safety Policy is not only aimed at protecting consumers from potential hazards for the sake of public health, but also aspires to promote the development of internationally aligned standards across sectors, encourage good agricultural and livestock practices, and enhance foreign exchange earnings for the country through export activities.

stage of raw material production to the point where food reaches the consumer’s table. By implementing proper methods of cultivation, livestock raising, handling, storage, and preparation as per good practices, it is possible to provide consumers with food products that are safe, healthy, and free from hazards.

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Just as relevant government departments are responsible for implementing their respective roles throughout the food supply chain that the public relies on daily, food producers, storage providers, processors and packagers, distributors and retailers, as well as consumers themselves, must also actively participate according to their respective roles. Only through the collective efforts of all stakeholders can the objectives of the National Food Safety Policy be fully achieved.

AS MYANMAR continues its integration into the regional and global economy, the protection and enforcement of rights, both personal and commercial, have become increasingly significant. The emergence of new IP laws, along with reforms in the civil litigation framework, signals a progressive shift towards a more robust legal environment. These developments reflect the country’s commitment to upholding the rule of law, promoting innovation, and ensuring fair access to justice.

Intellectual Property litigation

Intellectual property Litigation is essentially the enforcement of exclusive rights in inventions, brand identifiers, and creative works. Intellectual property Litigation is governed by specialized statutes and international Agreements (eg, TRIPs Agreement) and Treaties.

Civil litigation generally enforces private obligations (Breach of Contracts, Performance of Contracts, Property Rights, Partitions, Administrative Suits, Declaration Suits, Cancellation Suits and Commercial Disputes) recognized under civil or commercial law.

The Supreme Court of the Union of Myanmar has established specialized Intellectual Property Courts and issued a Procedure for Adjudicating Cases under the Trademark Law, and notifications outlining procedures for handling trademark infringement cases. These procedures are essential provisions for effective intellectual property protection.

This paper will focus on trademark law, even though intellectual property laws are a broader field, because trademark law provides specific protection for brands and unique identifiers, which is a crucial aspect of business and commercial activity. While other areas of intellectual property law, such as patents and copyrights, and industrial design protect different types of creations, trademarks are particularly relevant for distinguishing goods and services and preventing unfair competition.

The IPR courts in Myanmar can, under Section 81, issue various orders in cases of trademark infringement, while also emphasizing the need for proportionality and consideration of other stakeholders’ interests. In detail,

Intellectual Property Litigation and Civil Litigation in Myanmar

an IPR Court has the authority to issue one or more of the following orders, keeping in mind that these orders do not supersede any civil-related laws or the Code of Civil Procedure in suits under subsection 77(b) of Myanmar Trademark Law.

Provisional Measures Order: (Section 79)

(a) The Intellectual Property Court may order

(i) an order as it thinks fit to prevent the infringement of the mark and to prevent the entry into the channels of commerce of the State of mark-infringing goods;

(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.

ex parte order (Section 80)

(a) The Intellectual Property Court may make an ex parte order of the provisional measures.

(i) where any delay is likely to cause irreparable harm to the rights holder;

(ii) where there is a demonstrable risk of evidence being destroyed.

Compensation for false claims (Section 82 of TML)

Orders requiring the other party to submit evidence (Section 83 of TML)

(1) Institution of Civil regular suits under the Trademark Law

A Civil regular suit may be instituted according to section 2(d) of the Trademark Law either by the right holder himself or by a person who is authorized to act on his behalf under any law in force. (Article 8 of The Procedures for Adjudicating Cases under TML)

In relation to applications to declare a mark registration invalid and cancel it, the provisions of Chapters 15 and 19 shall be carried out. (Article 10 of The Procedures for Adjudicating

Cases under TML)

The plaintiff shall be written under the Code of Civil Procedure. In addition, the reason for the mark rights infringement, the amount of money claimed, and the calculation thereof shall be fully presented. (Article 11 of The Procedures for Adjudicating Cases under TML)

The intellectual property rights court shall open and maintain a separate civil case registration book for lawsuits alleging intellectual property rights infringements under the intellectual property rights laws, including the Trademark Law. This registration book shall be named “Civil Case Registration Book Related to Intellectual Property Laws”. The case numbering shall follow the format “Civil Case No. - .../2023 (Intellectual Property Rights)”. (Article 12 of The Procedures for Adjudicating Cases)

Plaintiff includes any person from or through whom a plaintiff derives their right to sue. (The Limitation Act Section 2(8))

Defendant includes any person from or through whom a defendant derives his liability to be sued. (The Limitation Act Section 2(4))

Applicant includes any person from or through whom an applicant derives their right to apply. (The Limitation Act Section 2(1))

The plaintiff or applicant

Right holder means any natural person or legal entity who has the right to 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. (The Trademark Law Section 2(s))

The copy of the certificate of a registered mark and documents certified and sealed by the Registrar may be presented as evidence in the relevant Intellectual Property Court. (The Trademark Law Section 96)

The defendant

In cases brought under the Trademark Law, the person who infringes any of the trademark right, copyright right, patent right or industrial design right provided for in the Law may be sued as a defendant. The person who infringes the rights relating to a trademark, registered or unregistered well-known mark and trade name, registered regional indication, and the person who is in possession of the infringing goods for commercial purposes, such as manufacturing, importing, or selling, may also be sued as a defendant. (Article 13 of the Q & A relating to the Trademark Law)

Issue and Service of Summons

Upon receipt of the complaint, the Intellectual Property Rights Court shall instruct the plaintiff to immediately serve the writ of summons on the defendant. The plaintiff shall serve the writ of summons on the defendant at his own costs, and shall also send a copy of the complaint to the defendant along with the writ of summons. (Article 13 of The Procedures for Adjudicating Cases under TML)

The plaintiff shall submit an affidavit to the intellectual property rights Court stating that he served the writ of summons on the defendant on or before the date set by the intellectual property rights Court. If he fails to do so, the intellectual property rights Court may dismiss the complaint or set a new suitable date. If the plaintiff fails again to do so on the newly set date, the intellectual property rights Court may close the case. (Article 14 of The Procedures for Adjudicating Cases under TML)

Evidence to be presented by the plaintiff when suing for damages

16. If the plaintiff sues for damages, he has to present evidence showing the following:

(a) That he is a rights holder



under the Trademark Law;

(b) that the defendant used the mark and that such use harmed the interests of the right holder;

(c) that the right holder’s mark is identical or similar;

(d) that the public or consumers are being misled;

(e) Other evidence required to verify the occurrence of damages and the amount of the damages. (Article 16 of The Procedures for Adjudicating Cases under TML)

When claiming a famous mark, evidence has to be provided that the mark is famous, irrespective of whether it is registered or unregistered, and that the claimant owns it. (Article 17 of The Procedures for Adjudicating Cases under TML)

If a lawsuit is filed in an intellectual property rights Court regarding an infringement of mark rights and the defendant argues that the intellectual property right obtained by the plaintiff is invalid and the case between the same parties is pending at an intellectual property rights court vested with jurisdiction under section 66,

the original court that is hearing the infringement case may suspend proceedings until the other court has finished its examination. (Article 18 of The Procedures for Adjudicating Cases under TML)

A person who wants to show that a mark has been registered shall submit the original or a certified copy of the mark registration certificate. (Article 19 of The Procedures for Adjudicating Cases under TML)

Taking action against goods that infringe mark rights

In lawsuits filed for mark infringement, appropriate orders may be made to prevent infringing goods from entering commercial channels under section 81(a)(1) of the Law, remove them from commercial circulation or destroy them under section 81(a)(3) of the Law, and remove from commercial circulation or destroy the equipment used for manufacturing these goods. (Intellectual Property Right Form-1) (Article 20 of The Procedures for Adjudicating Cases under TML)

By Kyaw Kyaw
(Dominance Literature)

Institutions of civil regular suits, provisional measures and Judicial review

The right holder may file a civil miscellaneous case for their 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)

The Intellectual Property Court shall presume that a mark protected under this Law is infringed where any other third party exercises any right contained in section 38 in the State without the consent of the owner of a mark. (Section 78(a) of the Trademark Law)

The Intellectual Property Court shall presume that 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 likely to cause confusion to the public. (Section 78(b) of the Trademark Law)

A framework used by the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) and courts to assess the likelihood of confusion between two trademarks. The analysis involves considering a set of factors, often referred to as the DuPont factors, to make a comprehensive evaluation. These factors help in determining whether the use and registration of a later-filed mark are likely to confuse with an earlier existing mark.

E.I. DuPont de Nemours & Co., 476 F.2d 1357 (C.C.P.A. 1973) held that

Similarity or Dissimilarity of the Marks: Examines the visual, phonetic, and conceptual similarities between the marks in their entirety. Similarity or Dissimilarity of the Goods or Services: Fame of the Prior Mark: Considers the level of recognition and reputation of the earlier mark. A famous mark is afforded greater protection against similar

marks. Similarity or Dissimilarity of Trade Channels: Looks at the distribution channels and marketing channels used for the goods or services. Conditions and Degree of Purchaser Care. Strengths or Weaknesses of the Marks. Evidence of Actual Confusion.

Joined Cases C-449/18 P & C-474/18 P, CJEU, Sept. 2020 held that Facts/Issue: Footballer Lionel Messi applied for an EU figurative mark “MESSI” (for clothing, sports gear, etc). This was opposed by J.M.-E.V. on prior marks “MASSI” (for similar goods). The EUIPO Opposition Division and Board found “MESSI” and “MASSI” visually/aurally similar and likely confusing. The General Court annulled those decisions, citing Messi’s fame. The CJEU was asked whether the GC correctly allowed Messi’s mark by treating his celebrity as a differentiating factor. EUIPO v Messi Cucitini

(2) Applications for a provisional measures order

The intellectual property rights court shall open miscellaneous civil proceedings for a right holder to apply for the imposition of a provisional measures order under section 79 of the Law and a unilateral provisional measure order under section 80 of the Law. (Article 21 of The Procedures for Adjudicating Cases under TML)

Applications for a provisional measures order under the intellectual property laws against the infringement of rights (including applications for a unilateral provisional measures order) shall be entered into the registration book for miscellaneous intellectual property cases of the Intellectual Property Rights Court. The case numbering shall follow the format “Miscellaneous Civil Case No. - .../2023 (Intellectual Property Rights)”. (Article 22 of The Procedures for Adjudicating Cases under TML)

The applicant:

(a) Shall, when applying for provisional measures orders under section 79 of the Law, present evidence that he is a rights holder and that the respondent infringes or is likely to infringe his rights, and in addition, any other evidence that the intellectual property rights court instructs him to present.

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(b) Shall, when applying for a unilateral provisional measures order under section 80 of the Law, state that a delay will cause irreparable harm to the right holder, or that there is an actual risk of evidence being destroyed.

(c) Shall present these elements together with an affidavit or affidavits. The affidavit shall state that the facts presented in the application are true. The applicant shall submit the required documents to the intellectual property rights court at the time determined by the intellectual property rights court. (Article 23 of The Procedures for Adjudicating Cases under TML)

The intellectual property rights court shall instruct the applicant to immediately serve the writ of summons on the respondent, except in cases where a unilateral provisional measures order under section 80 of the Law may be made (Intellectual Property Rights Form-2). The applicant shall serve the writ of summons on the respondent at his own costs, and together with it, he shall send copies of the application and the affidavits in support of the application to the respondent. (Article 24 of The Procedures for Adjudicating Cases under TML)

The applicant shall submit an affidavit to the intellectual

property rights court stating that he served the writ of summons on the respondent on or before the date set by the intellectual property rights court. If he fails to do so, the intellectual property rights court may reject the application or set a new suitable date. If the respondent fails again to do so on the newly set date, the intellectual property rights court shall reject the application. (Article 25 of The Procedures for Adjudicating Cases under TML)

The respondent shall file a rebuttal of the application within 15 days from the receipt of the writ of summons or until the date determined by the intellectual property rights court. Together with it, the respondent shall submit an affidavit that he believes all elements in the rebuttal to be true to his knowledge. He may enclose documents and evidence that he wants to submit. If the respondent fails to file a rebuttal until the date set by the intellectual property rights court, he may be treated as if no defence was made in his absence. (Article 26 of The Procedures for Adjudicating Cases under TML)

With regard to an application for a provisional measures order or a unilateral provisional measures order, the intellectual property rights court may instruct the applicant to deposit sufficient security in cash or a guarantee

on such terms as it may deem fit. (Intellectual Property Rights Form-3) (Article 27(a) of The Procedures for Adjudicating Cases under TML)

If the applicant does not comply with the instructions of the intellectual property rights court to deposit cash security or a guarantee within the determined time period, the intellectual property rights court shall reject the application. (Article 27(b) of The Procedures for Adjudicating Cases under TML)

The Intellectual Property Rights Court:

(a) Shall make issue such order as it may deem fit under section 79(a) of the Law with regard to an application.

(b) Shall notify the provisional measures order to the respondent. (Intellectual Property Rights form-4)

(c) Shall act in accordance with section 94(c), Rule 2 Order 39 Code of Civil Procedure if the provisional measures order is not complied with. (Article 28 of The Procedures for Adjudicating Cases under TML)

If the intellectual property rights court made a unilateral provisional measures order, it shall notify the respondent without delay.

(b) The unilateral provisional order shall be enforced according

to section 80(b)(2) of the Law if the respondent does not comply with the order within the time determined by the intellectual property rights court or within 30 days from the date of issuance of the notice if there is no such determination.

(c) If the respondent applies for the unilateral provisional measures order to be amended or cancelled, the intellectual property rights court shall hear the parties within a reasonable period and issue an order amending, cancelling or confirming the unilateral provisional order according to section 80(c) of the Law.

(d) If the respondent does not comply with the order amending or confirming the unilateral provisional measures order, the intellectual property rights court shall act in accordance with section 94(c), Rule 2 Order 39 Code of Civil Procedure.

30. If the applicant does not file a lawsuit for damages within the period determined by the intellectual property rights court or within 30 days if there is no such determination, the intellectual property rights court shall, without prejudice to section 80(b) of the Law, at the request of the respondent lift or terminate the effect of provisional measures orders imposed under section 79(a) or section 80(a) of the Law. (Article 29(a) of The Procedures

for Adjudicating Cases under TML)

If the provisional order is lifted or terminated, or if it is found that there is no infringement of mark rights or that no infringement is likely, the intellectual property rights court may, at the request of the respondent and after hearing both parties, order the applicant to pay appropriate compensation to the respondent for the damages caused by the applicant's acts. (Article 31 of The Procedures for Adjudicating Cases under TML)

The intellectual property rights court may order the compensation to be paid from the security deposit submitted by the applicant to the court. (Article 32 of The Procedures for Adjudicating Cases under TML)

Effect of the provisional measures order

A provisional measures order is effective only until a judgment is passed in the lawsuit filed for infringement of an intellectual property right under the Trademark Law, unless the relevant intellectual property rights court issues an order at the request of the respondent lifting it or terminating its effect. Chapter 6 (Article 33 of The Procedures for Adjudicating Cases under TML)

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China, EU hold high-level environment, climate dialogue

CHINESE Vice-Premier Ding Xuexiang held the sixth China-EU High-Level Environment and Climate Dialogue jointly with Teresa Ribera, Executive Vice-President of the European Commission, on Monday in Beijing.

Ding, also a member of the Standing Committee of the Political Bureau of the Communist Party of China Central Committee, urged both sides, under the strategic guidance of their leaders, to strengthen practical cooperation on the environment and climate and make greater contributions to sustainable development in China, the EU and the world.

He said that China attaches great importance to ecological and environmental protection and responding to climate change, has formulated and implemented a series of practical measures, and has achieved remarkable results in the comprehensive green transformation of its economic and social development.



Chinese Vice-Premier Ding Xuexiang (front row centre R), EU Executive Vice-President for a Clean, Just and Competitive Transition, Teresa Ribera (front row centre L) and EU Commissioner for Climate, Net Zero and Clean Growth Wopke Hoekstra (front row 3rd L) pose for a group photo with other members of the delegation during the China-EU Sixth High Level Environment and Climate Dialogue (HECD) at the Diaoyutai State Guesthouse in Beijing on 14 July 2025. PHOTO: FLORENCE LO / POOL / AFP

ures, and has achieved remarkable results in the comprehensive green transformation of its economic and social development.

China will firmly promote green and low-carbon development and take effective measures to participate in global environmental and climate governance, Ding said, adding that China is willing to work with the EU to maintain high-level dialogue and exchanges, build greater consensus and deepen the green partnership.

He said China stands ready to work with the EU to uphold mutual benefit and win-win outcomes, continuously expand cooperation in key areas such as energy and the circular economy, and jointly support the green and low-carbon development of other developing countries. — Xinhua

Malaysia’s forest park listed as UNESCO World Heritage Site

THE Forest Research Institute Malaysia (FRIM) Forest Park Selangor, located 16 kilometres northwest of Kuala Lumpur, has been officially listed as a UNESCO World Heritage Site, the Tourism, Arts and Culture Ministry has said. The listing was made during the UNESCO’s 47th session of the World Heritage Committee held from 6 to 16 July at the Paris headquarters, the ministry said in a statement.

According to the statement, the listing was decided by the World Heritage Committee, following a nomination process that began in 2013. “The forest park is a unique site and represents one of the earliest large-scale tropical forest ecosystem restoration efforts through the replanting of trees in a former tin mining area,” it said. “This initiative has set an international benchmark by successfully creating an ecosystem that closely resembles a natural tropical rainforest, rich in tree species diversity and overall biodiversity,” the statement added.

According to the UNESCO, the site represents a pioneering reforestation effort, successfully transforming barren land into a mature lowland tropical forest, showcasing early ecological restoration and sustainable land rehabilitation practices.

With the latest listing, Malaysia now has six UNESCO World Heritage Sites. — Xinhua

Intl string competition opens in China’s Harbin

THE 2025 Schoenfeld International String Competition opened in Harbin, capital city of northeast China’s Heilongjiang Province on Sunday, drawing over 100 top international contestants from 22 countries.

Xue Suli, president of the competition and the Schoenfeld International Music Society, said that the event helps promote global music culture and discover talented artists.

Harbin boasts a century-old musical heritage, noted Wang Bo, vice-mayor of the city, who added that the competition, which has been permanently held in Harbin since 2020, is a signature event of the long-running national Harbin Summer Music Concert, boosting string music and cultural exchanges.

Founded in 2013 to honour musicians Alice and Eleonore Schoenfeld, the competition was introduced to Harbin in 2014 and has since held four editions. Admitted to the World Federation of International Music Competitions (WFIMC) in 2017, it became the first Chinese member of the WFIMC Board of Directors in 2021. — Xinhua



Conductor Tang Muhai conducts at the opening concert of the 2025 Schoenfeld International String Competition in Harbin, northeast China’s Heilongjiang Province, on 13 July 2025. **PHOTO: HARBIN CONCERT HALL/HANDOUT VIA XINHUA**



This photo taken on 9 July 2025 shows restoration site of the ninth dilapidated brick tower of Bakong temple in Siem Reap province, Cambodia. **PHOTO: ANA/HANDOUT VIA XINHUA**

Archaeologists restoring 9th brick tower of Bakong temple in Cambodia’s famed Angkor park

ARCHAEOLOGISTS have been restoring the ninth dilapidated brick tower of Bakong temple in Cambodia’s famed Angkor Archaeological Park, the APSARA National Authority (ANA) said in a news release on Monday.

Archaeologist Saray Kimhual, head of the ANA’s Rolous Conservation Team, said the condition of the ninth tower suffered significant damage to its structure, including cracked foundations and walls, which posed a considerable risk to visitors.

“The tower has suffered extensive deterioration, with its walls split into four large sections,” he said. “Factors contributing to this decay include age, environmental exposure, and the effects of climate change.”

Kimhual said that to address these issues, experts are focusing on reinforcing the western and northern walls, as well as the interior structure with steel supports.

He said the restoration process includes repairing the foundation and walls that have become cracked and decayed.

“Damaged bricks are being replaced with high-quality new bricks capable of providing adequate support for the structure,” he said. “As of now, the restoration work is approximately 35 per cent complete.”

Kimhual said the restoration work commenced in May 2025 and is expected to be completed by the end of this year. — Xinhua

“Superman” tops N American box office in opening weekend

WARNER Bros and DC Studios’ Superman debuted at the top of the North American box office this weekend, grossing US\$122 million, according to data released Sunday by Comscore.

Directed by James Gunn, the newly rebooted superhero film, based on the iconic DC Comics character, stars David Corenswet in the dual role of Superman/Clark Kent.

Overseas, the film earned \$95 million, bringing its global weekend total to \$217 million.

Superman currently holds an 82 per cent approval rating on the review aggregator Rotten Tomatoes, based on 352 reviews. Additionally, it received an “A-” grade from CinemaScore, which polls audiences on a scale from A+ to F.

In second place, Universal and Amblin’s Jurassic World Rebirth brought in \$40 million in its second weekend, bringing its North American total to \$232.1 million and its global total to \$529.5 million.

Rounding out the top three, “F1 The Movie”, presented by Warner Bros and Apple Original Films, earned \$13 million in its third weekend, bringing its North American total to \$136.2 million. — Xinhua

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Fishing vessels cruise at Victoria Harbour in Hong Kong, south China, 1 July 2025. PHOTO: XINHUA

Hong Kong’s financial ties
with ROK strengthened amid
enhanced regional connectivity

PAUL Chan, financial secretary of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR) government, on Sunday highlighted the growing significance of regional cooperation amid changing global dynamics and affirmed Hong Kong’s commitment to foster multi-layered interactions with various economies in the region to solidify the foundation for collaboration.

In a blog post, Chan spoke of his recent trip to the Republic of Korea (ROK) to explore new opportunities for cooperation.

He noted that Hong Kong’s financial market and initial public offerings (IPOs) have performed robustly since Sep-

tember 2024, with significant interest from ROK investors in both Hong Kong and the Chinese mainland markets.

In the first five months of this year, the total trading volume of licensed securities firms from the ROK based in Hong Kong surpassed 1.5 trillion HK dollars, marking a 2.8-fold increase compared to the total for 2024, he said.

Chan also underscored the rapid growth of Exchange Traded Funds (ETFs) in Hong Kong, describing them as a convenient mechanism for enhancing market connectivity. More products were being cross-listed between the two markets,

whether through ETFs investing in South Korean stocks being listed in Hong Kong or those tracking Hong Kong indices being listed in the ROK, he said, adding that such interconnection boosts market liquidity and expands the investor base. In fact, Hong Kong serves as a hub for both Chinese mainland and international capital, Chan said. Mechanisms that enhance financial market connectivity can attract more domestic and foreign investments in companies listed in both Hong Kong and South Korea, while also creating new opportunities and asset allocation options for investors, he added. — Xinhua

India’s wholesale inflation turns
negative in June at -0.13%

INDIA’S wholesale price index (WPI) declined to -0.13 per cent in June, data released by the federal Ministry of Commerce and Industry said on Monday.

The WPI inflation dropped to a 21-month low of -0.13 per cent in June, marking the first negative reading since October 2023.

“The annual rate of infla-

tion based on All India WPI number is -0.13 per cent (provisional) for the month of June 2025 (over June 2024),” reads a statement issued by the ministry.

Negative rate of inflation in June 2025 is primarily due to a decrease in prices of food articles, mineral oils, manufacture of basic metals, crude

petroleum and natural gas, etc., according to the statement.

WPI inflation rate was 0.39 per cent in May and 0.85 per cent (final) in April.

WPI inflation, an indicator of prices in the wholesale market, rises or falls mainly due to a steep increase or decrease in commodity prices globally. — Xinhua

Namibia eyes tobacco,
alcohol tax reforms to
combat public health crisis

NAMIBIA is considering major tax reforms for tobacco and alcohol products to curb rising substance abuse and safeguard public health, Minister of Health and Social Services (MOHSS) Esperance Luvindao said Monday.

She highlighted this when opening a four-day workshop on tobacco and alcohol control policies in the capital, Windhoek.

Luvindao said Namibia is committed to the World Health Organization (WHO)’s MPOWER policy package, a comprehensive strategy for tobacco control that includes monitoring use, protecting from smoke, offering cessation help, warning about dangers, enforcing advertising bans, and raising taxes.

She said Namibia enacted the Tobacco Product Control Act in 2010 and its regulations in 2014. “Within this policy and legislative framework, Namibia has made commendable progress in advancing tobacco control, guided by the WHO MPOWER Strategy.”

Luvindao said the harmful use of tobacco and alcohol continues to burden the health system, and it is among the contributing factors to preventable illness and deaths.

“It is clear that further de-

terrent actions are required, particularly in the area of tax reforms, to discourage consumption of these products,” she said.

According to Luvindao, the MoHSS, with the support of the WHO, has developed a national strategic plan and is in the process of reviewing the Tobacco Act for amendment to regulate the new, emerging tobacco and nicotine products, including but not limited to hookah, e-cigarettes, and vapes.

“Equally, we are constantly revising national alcohol policies to combat alcohol abuse in the country,” she added.

Meanwhile, WHO Representative Richard Banda, in a statement delivered on his behalf, noted that in Namibia, non-communicable diseases (NCDs) account for an estimated 41 per cent of all deaths.

“Tobacco use and alcohol consumption are the key risk factors leading to the development of NCDs,” he said.

According to Banda, the workshop is part of a program that aims to strengthen tobacco control measures and strategies to reduce harmful use of alcohol, resulting in better health outcomes at the population level.

— Xinhua

Singapore’s economy
grows 4.3% in Q2 amid global
trade uncertainty

SINGAPORE’S gross domestic product (GDP) expanded by 4.3 per cent year-on-year in the second quarter of 2025, slightly higher than the 4.1 per cent growth recorded in the first quarter, according to advance estimates released by the Ministry of Trade and Industry on Monday.

On a quarter-on-quarter seasonally adjusted basis, the economy grew by 1.4 per cent, rebounding from a 0.5 per cent contraction in the previous quarter.

For the first half of 2025 as

a whole, GDP growth averaged 4.2 per cent year-on-year.

Despite the stronger performance, the ministry cautioned that “significant uncertainty and downside risks” remain in the global economy in the second half of 2025, citing ongoing ambiguity over US tariff policies.

By sector, manufacturing led growth with a 5.5 per cent year-on-year increase in the second quarter, supported by output expansions across all clusters except for chemicals and general manufacturing. — Xinhua

China reports surge of foreign tourists as summer vacation begins

CHINA is witnessing a surge in foreign tourist arrivals as the summer vacation season kicks off, with more international travellers drawn to the country's unique blend of ancient culture and modern vitality.

According to official data, Beijing's ports of entry handled over 640,000 inbound and outbound travellers between 1 and 10 July, including 171,000 foreign tourists, marking a 22.1 per cent year-on-year increase. A total of 2.56 million foreign travellers entered China through Shanghai's Pudong and Hongqiao international airports in the first half of this year, marking a 44.7 per cent year-on-year increase.

To meet the growing demand, immigration authorities at major border checkpoints have introduced a range of measures



An aerial drone photo taken on early 13 July 2025 shows a view of the Hongshankou Great Wall in Zunhua City, north China's Hebei Province. **PHOTO: XINHUA**

to reduce waiting times and improve the travel experience. The surge has been driven by China's continued easing of entry policies for foreign visitors. — Xinhua

S Korea's ICT export rises for 5th month in June

SOUTH Korea's export of information and communications technology (ICT) products rose for the fifth straight month due to strong semiconductor demand, government data showed Monday. The ICT products shipment swelled 4.7 per cent from a year earlier to US\$22.03 billion in June, maintaining an upward trend since February, according to the Ministry of Trade, Industry and Energy. Chip export spiked 11.5 per cent to hit a record high of \$14.98 billion on robust demand for high-end products such as double data rate 5 (DDR5) and high bandwidth memory (HBM) used in generative artificial intelligence (AI) chipsets. Shipment for computers and peripherals soared 12.7 per cent to \$1.45 billion, but communications equipment export shrank 0.7 per cent to \$200 million. — Xinhua

Than & Kyaw

Marriage Announcement

With immense joy and heartfelt gratitude, we are delighted to announce the marriage of daughter of the late U Aung Kyaw Tun and Daw Hla May Sein

Than Dar Tun

Age : 42 Years (21.12.1982)/Passport No : 641168453

Race, Religion : Burma, Buddhist/ Nationality : United States of America

Occupation : Sushi shop

Address : 4304 Ivey Vista Way Ocean Side CA 92507.

and

son of Mr. U Tin Shwe, Ms. Daw Sein Tin Nu

Kyaw Hla Win

Age : 40 years (14.4.1985)/Registration No. 12/OuKa Ma (N) 300156,

Passport No : MJ 962311/ Race, Religion : Rakhine, Buddhist,

Occupation : Merchant

Address : Nga/8, Thudhamma Road, North Okkalapa Tonwnship.

This Certificate of Marriage is made an 30th June 2025 at Yangon by mutual consent as follows:

Regitation No : No. 247/2025 the above statement are verified correct and signed on (30. 6. 2025)

PESTICIDE TRADE NAME CHANGE ADVERTISING

The following three pesticides distributed by **Y Agro Solution Co.,Ltd** and here we would like to pesticide trade name change advertising. Anyone who would like to object or inquiry about new trade name contact within 14 days to Joint-Secretary, Pesticide Registration Board, Plant Protection Division, Bayint Naung Road, West Gyogone, Insein Township, Yangon. **Y Agro Solution Co.,Ltd** Tel:09-401573814

Sr.	Old Trade Name	New Trade Name	Active Ingredients	Registration No.
1.	TH-Shine 80 WG	Htauk Lat Thee	Pymetrozine 50% + Thiamethoxam 30% WG	P2023-5005
2.	TH-Yan Kinn 37.5 SC	Hmaw Win Dar	Thiodicarb 37.5% SC	P2020-5020

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE

M.V SINAR BANDA VOY.NO. (370N)

Consignees of cargo carried on **M.V SINAR BANDA VOY.NO. (370N)** are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on **15-7-2025** 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 SAMUDERA SHIPPING LINES

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE

M.V ISEACO WISDOM VOY.NO. (155N)

Consignees of cargo carried on **M.V ISEACO WISDOM VOY.NO. (155N)** are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on **15-7-2025** and cargo will be discharged into the premises of **MITT/AWPT** where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

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

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 NEW GOLDEN SEA LINES

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE

M.V SEA PLAIN 8 VOY.NO. (2505A)

Consignees of cargo carried on **M.V SEA PLAIN 8 VOY.NO. (2505A)** are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on **16-7-2025** and cargo will be discharged into the premises of **MITT-5** 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 ELDER TRIUMPHANT SHIPPING LINES
PTE., LTD

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China urges precautions as prolonged heatwave sweeps multiple regions

A prolonged heatwave is forecast to affect multiple regions across China from 14 to 22 July, with some areas expected to approach or exceed historical temperature records, according to China's National Meteorological Centre (NMC).

"With the subtropical high-pressure system extending further north, heatwave conditions have intensified over recent days in North China and the Yellow-Huaihe river basin," said Zhang Bo, a forecaster with NMC. "The areas seeing daily maximum temperatures above 37 degrees Celsius are expanding, and the humid heat is becoming increasingly pronounced."

According to forecasts, the heatwave will continue to spread in the coming days, with 15 to 16 July anticipated to be the peak



Tourists visit Qianjiang New City in Hangzhou, east China's Zhejiang Province, 3 July 2025. PHOTO: XINHUA

period for both coverage and intensity. In response, multiple provinces across China have issued or upgraded heat alerts to mitigate potential risks.

In northwest China's Shaanxi Province, most areas are expected to see prolonged and widespread heat from 14 to 19 July due to the influence of

continental high pressure, according to the provincial meteorological bureau. The Guanzhong Plain is set to endure six consecutive days of high temperatures,

with some areas likely to exceed 40 degrees Celsius and potentially approach or break historical records.

In central China's Henan Province, the local meteorological centre issued a red alert for extreme heat at noon on Monday, upgrading from the orange alert issued a day earlier. Temperatures are forecast to exceed 40 degrees Celsius in many counties and districts, including Xinxiang, Jiaozuo and Zhengzhou, among others.

The meteorological centre of Chengdu, capital of southwest China's Sichuan Province, issued an orange heat alert at 10 am on Monday, forecasting daily highs above 38 degrees Celsius, particularly between noon and 7 pm. The heatwave is expected to continue for the next four days. — Xinhua

111 monsoon-related deaths in Pakistan since late June: disaster agency

MONSOON rains in Pakistan have been linked to more than 110 deaths including dozens of children since they arrived in late June, according to government figures released Monday.

Data from the national disaster agency between 26 June and 14 July showed that electrocution was the leading cause of fatalities, followed by flash floods.

In late June, at least 13 tourists were swept to their deaths while sheltering from flash floods on a raised river bank.

In its latest report, the disaster agency said 111 people including 53 children have been killed, with the highest number of deaths in the most populous province of Punjab.

Meanwhile, the national meteorological service has issued a warning for further heavy rainfall in the northern and eastern regions of the country, with the potential for urban flooding, landslides, and infrastructure damage due to



Commuters make their way through a flooded road during heavy monsoon rains in Hyderabad, Sindh province, on 14 July 2025. PHOTO: AFP

strong winds.

Monsoon season brings South Asia 70 to 80 per cent of its annual rainfall, arriving in early June in India and late June in Pakistan, and lasting through until September.

The annual rains are vital for agriculture and food security, and the livelihoods of millions of farmers.

But it brings with it flooding, landslides and causes buildings to collapse.

South Asia is getting hotter and in recent years has seen shifting weather patterns, but scientists are unclear on how exactly a warming planet is affecting the highly complex monsoon.

Pakistan is one of the world's most vulnerable countries to the effects of climate change, and its 240 million residents are facing extreme weather events with increasing frequency. — AFP

China firmly supports establishing Southeast Asia nuclear weapon-free zone: defence ministry

CHINA firmly supports the establishment of a Southeast Asia nuclear weapon-free zone, a Chinese defence spokesperson said on Monday.

Jiang Bin, a spokesperson for China's Ministry of National Defence, said the establishment of a nuclear weapon-free zone in Southeast Asia is significant for promoting regional peace and stability, and is conducive to the fundamental security interests of ASEAN countries.

China has made clear its willingness to take the lead in signing the Protocol to the Treaty on the Southeast Asia Nuclear Weapon-Free Zone, he said. Jiang made the remarks in response to recent comments by the Philippine Defence Secretary, who claimed that China's willingness to sign the protocol was merely symbolic, and that it should first denuclearize to show sincerity. — Xinhua

EU still seeks trade deal after new Trump tariff threat

THE EU still hopes to strike a deal with the United States despite President Donald Trump's ramped-up threat of 30-per-cent tariffs, the bloc's trade chief said Monday, with pressure on Brussels to toughen its stance.

The US leader threw months of painstaking talks into disarray on Saturday by announcing he would hammer the bloc with the sweeping tariffs if no agreement is reached by 1 August.

Heading into Brussels talks with EU trade ministers, the bloc's trade chief Maros Sefcovic said despite Trump's latest threat he "felt" Washington was ready to continue negotiating — and he planned to speak with his US counterparts later in the day. — AFP

SPORTS

Myanmar U23
squad heads to
Indonesia for ASEAN
Championship

MYANMAR'S U23 football team left for Indonesia yesterday morning to take part in the ASEAN U23 Championship 2025. The Myanmar team is formed with 23 players and nine administrative and coaching officials.

The championship will take place in two cities in Indonesia from 15 to 29 July. Group A comprises Indonesia, Malaysia, the Philippines, and Brunei, while Group B consists of Vietnam,

Cambodia and Laos. Group C includes Thailand, Myanmar and Timor-Leste.

The Myanmar team will play the group match with Timor-Leste on 16 July and with Thailand on 22 July.

The top teams from all groups and the best second-positioned team will have the chance to advance to the semifinals.

Myanmar youth squad is



Myanmar U23 squad seen with officials at the lounge of Yangon International Airport. PHOTO: MFF

formed with three players from Ayeyawady United, five from Thitsa Arman, four from Dagon Star United, two from ISPE, two from Mahar United, one from Yadanabon, four from Yangon United and two from Hanthawady United. — Shine Htet Zaw/TTA

Palmer shines as Chelsea crushes PSG
to win FIFA Club World Cup

COLE Palmer scored twice and provided an assist in the first half to lead Chelsea to a 3-0 victory over 10-man Paris Saint-Germain on Sunday, clinching the title in the inaugural edition of the revamped FIFA Club World Cup.

The English midfielder struck two precise left-footed curlers in the 22nd and 30th minutes, then set up Joao Pedro to add a third just before halftime.

PSG, the reigning Euro-

pean champion and 4-0 winner over Real Madrid in the semi-final, entered as the favourite. But Chelsea seized control early, in front of a tournament-record crowd of 81,118 spectators.

Palmer opened the scoring with a curling shot into the bottom corner from just outside the box, capitalizing on a loose ball after Malo Gusto's initial effort was blocked. Eight minutes later, Levi Colwill fed Palmer, who cut inside and found the same

corner again.

Palmer capped his brilliant half in the 43rd minute, carrying the ball through midfield before threading a pinpoint pass behind the defence for Pedro, who calmly finished to make it 3-0.

PSG pushed for a response in the second half, but Chelsea goalkeeper Robert Sanchez denied several attempts, including a close-range effort from Ousmane Dembele in the 53rd minute. — Xinhua



Players of Chelsea FC celebrate with trophy during the award ceremony after their final win over Paris Saint-Germain at the FIFA Club World Cup 2025 at the MetLife Stadium, New Jersey, the United States, 13 July 2025. PHOTO: XINHUA

Sinner beats Alcaraz to win
maiden Wimbledon title



Jannik Sinner celebrates scoring during the men's singles final against Carlos Alcaraz of Spain at the Wimbledon Tennis Championships in London, Britain, 13 July 2025. PHOTO: XINHUA

WORLD No 1 Jannik Sinner held off defending champion Carlos Alcaraz 4-6, 6-4, 6-4, 6-4 to win his first Wimbledon title on Sunday.

The top seed avenged his heartbreaking French Open loss to Alcaraz five weeks ago with a commanding performance, breaking the second-seeded Spaniard once in each set to secure his fourth Grand Slam title.

After failing to convert three championship points in the fourth set of the French Open final, Sinner made no mistake this time. Facing a similar scenario at Wimbledon, he sealed the match on his second championship point with a thunderous serve.

The Italian downplayed his win, saying he had benefited from fine margins. "The differences are

very small, and the margins are very tiny. Today I felt like that I got lucky couple of times. I know hitting some lines. The things what went his way in Paris went my way this time," he said.

Sinner acknowledged the difficulty of bouncing back from his Paris defeat.

"Only me and the people who are close to me know exactly what we have been through on and off the court, and it has been everything except easy," he said.

"I did a lot of intensity in every practice because I felt like that I could play very good. That's why I also said after Roland Garros that it's not the time to put me down, because another Grand Slam is coming up, and I did great here," he added. — Xinhua

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Chinese, US athletes mark 54th anniversary of “Ping-Pong diplomacy” in Las Vegas



This photo taken on 13 July 2025 shows a view of an event commemorating the 54th anniversary of “Ping-Pong diplomacy” in Las Vegas, the United States. PHOTO: XINHUA

CHINESE and US table tennis athletes and local enthusiasts gathered in Las Vegas on Sunday to commemorate the 54th anniversary of

“Ping-Pong diplomacy”, highlighting the lasting friendship between the two peoples through sport exchanges. The friendly exchange event was joint-

ly organized by the Chinese Table Tennis Association (CTTA) and USA Table Tennis (USATT), with support from the Chinese Consulate General in San Francisco and

the Nevada US-China Cultural Association.

Throughout the event, players from both countries, including some world champions from China who attended the WTT US Smash held in Las Vegas on 3-13 July, exchanged techniques, while local community members and young enthusiasts also took part in friendly matches with their idols.

Fifty-four years on, the spirit of “Ping-Pong diplomacy” continues to inspire both nations today, Chinese Consul General in San Francisco Zhang Jianmin said during the event.

“It reminds us how powerful people-to-people connections can be,” he said.

Moreover, “Ping-Pong diplomacy” also “showed us that engagement and communication hold the key to improving mutual understanding,” and that “win-win cooperation is the right path to common development”, said Zhang.

Wang Liqin, president of CTTA and a two-time Olympic gold medalist, said that the CTTA is willing to deepen cooperation with the US table tennis community through competitions, youth training interactions and other exchanges.

“We sincerely invite young friends from the United States to visit China for exchanges, to engage in friendly games with Chinese players, and to strengthen our bonds of friendship,” he said. — Xinhua

Iran vows fitting response to E3 threat of nuclear sanctions snapback

IRAN will deliver “a proportionate and appropriate response” if France, Britain and Germany, collectively known as the E3, trigger sanctions snapback mechanisms, Foreign Ministry spokesman Esmail Baghaei warned here Monday.

The warning, made by Baghaei at a weekly press conference, came after the E3 threatened to reinstate international sanctions over Iran’s nuclear activities.

Denouncing the E3 threat as politically motivated and lacking legal and moral standing, Baghaei said Iran still considers itself a member of the 2015 nuclear deal, formally known as the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action (JCPOA), and Iran’s reduced compliance resulted from “flagrant violations” by the United States and certain other signatories.

The E3 have violated their own JCPOA obligations, he said, adding that using the mechanism has no topicality given the recent Israeli-US attacks on Iranian nuclear facilities. — Xinhua

Chinese vice-president meets Indian FM

CHINESE Vice-President Han Zheng on Monday met Indian External Affairs Minister Subrahmanyam Jaishankar in Beijing.

Han said, last October, Chinese President Xi Jinping had a successful meeting with Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi in Kazan, leading China-India relations to a new starting point.

Noting that China and India are both major developing countries and important members of the Global South, Han said it is the right choice for both sides to be partners contributing to each other’s success. — Xinhua



Chinese Vice-President Han Zheng meets Indian External Affairs Minister Subrahmanyam Jaishankar in Beijing, capital of China, 14 July 2025. PHOTO: XINHUA