

Four Objectives of the National Defence and Security Council

- 1. To steadfastly strive for emergence of political forces and the people’s representatives who can implement a genuine, disciplined multi-party democratic system while constantly emphasizing on the national interests of the State.
- 2. To persistently strive for promoting the socio-economic life of the people through the development of agro-based industries in improving the agricultural sector, the vital foundation of the economic growth of the State.
- 3. To put emphasis on enhancing the national education and health sectors for sustainable development of the State.
- 4. To implement multi-party democratic system, with the participation of the people, to ensure the success of multi-party democratic general election process and successfully moving towards with the multi-party democratic system aspired by the entire people.

Forest management drives environmental protection and sustainable growth

The Senior General emphasized the importance of continuously creating forests, greening landscapes, and expanding green spaces nationwide in both urban and rural areas.

THE third monsoon tree-growing ceremony of Nay Pyi Taw Union Territory 2025 took place near the precinct of Maravijaya Buddha Image in Dekkhinathiri Township, Nay Pyi Taw Union Territory yesterday morning, attended by Acting President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, Chairman of the State Security and Peace Commission of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar,

Senior General Min Aung Hlaing, who led the ceremony by growing a neem sapling. Speaking on the occasion, the Senior General said that the third tree-growing ceremony specialized in the growing of perennial trees in the precinct of the Maravijaya Buddha Image. He stated that as part of greening the 13-district dry region this year, growing of some 35,000 saplings as the national activity was held in 29 townships of Sagaing, Magway and Mandalay regions for the first time on 11 July this year.

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Acting President and State Security and Peace Commission Chairman Senior General Min Aung Hlaing views around the tree-planting measures during the third tree-growing ceremony in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

Salient points from the speech delivered by the Senior General at the third tree-growing ceremony

- 1. All have to participate in tree-growing activities with goodwill as part of offering scenic beauty and fragrance to the Buddha image forever.
- 2. People have to participate in the establishment of two-acre forest plantations and firewood plantations, growing of manageable shade trees along both sides of the ASEAN Highway, the Union Highway, the Yangon-Mandalay Expressway, as well as railway lines.
- 3. Efforts must be made to implement the reforestation project, the 13-district dry zone greening project and the coastal mangrove forest multiple management project to accomplish the missions.

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General Aung San Declares Firm Stand Against Election Disruption

“Our Government shall not permit any disruption of the forthcoming election. The electoral process shall remain free and fair, and no interference shall be exercised upon those who participate in it. Yet, let it be firmly declared that any attempt to disturb or sabotage the election shall be met with the full weight of authority”.

(An excerpt from the radio address regarding the election, delivered by General Aung San on 13 March 1947)



- Let us encourage production for prosperity of the Nation.
- Let us ensure education sector for the development of the Nation.
- Let us protect our environment for the prosperity of the Nation.

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Head of Service Organization appointed

THE National Defence and Security Council has appointed Daw Myo Pa Pa Tun, Deputy Director-General of the Political Department under the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, as Director-General of the same organization on probation from the date she assumes charge of her duties.

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Republic of the Union of Myanmar Union Election Commission

Announcement on Applications for Election Observation Permits (Domestic & International)

16 September 2025

1. Domestic election observers who wish to monitor the multiparty democratic general election, which will begin in phases on 28 December 2025, may apply for election observation permits at the Union Election Commission (UEC), as well as the relevant Region/State, District, and Township Election Subcommissions from today until 5 December 2025.
2. The Union Election Commission announced on 16 September 2025 that domestic election observers must follow the Code of Conduct for Observers, issued under Notification 68/2025, and adhere to the procedures set out for their observation activities under Notification 69/2025. These notifications are available for viewing and can be downloaded from the Union Election Commission’s official website <https://www.uec.gov.mm>.
3. The Union Election Commission has also announced that international election observers will be allowed to monitor the multiparty democratic general election. Invitations will be extended directly to representatives of relevant countries and international organizations. In addition, through the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, invitations will be sent to representatives of foreign embassies, consulates, and permanent missions that maintain diplomatic relations with the Government of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar.

Union Election Commission

Indian Armed Forces delegates arrive in Nay Pyi Taw

AN Indian Armed Forces (Army, Navy, Air Force) delegation led by Col Shrikant Jethi arrived at Nay Pyi Taw airport yesterday, and Deputy Commander of Nay Pyi Taw Command Col Nay Aung Soe, senior Tatmadaw officials and Indian military attaché to Myanmar Jaswinder Singh Gill welcomed the delegates. The visit intends to enhance friendship between the two armed forces and exchange visits for cul-

tural heritage.

In the evening, the delegation visited the Uppatasanti Pagoda and the white elephant hall.

Col Shrikant Jethi-led delegation comprised of a total of 120 officials and other ranks of Indian Armed Forces (Army, Navy, Air Force), and they will visit famous pagodas and sites in Nay Pyi Taw until 19 September. — MNA/KTZH



This photo shows the Indian Armed Forces Delegation being welcomed upon their arrival at the Nay Pyi Taw Airport.

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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)

Myanmar and China to enhance trade and investment

PRIME Minister U Nyo Saw, who is currently in Nanning of the People's Republic of China, held talks with Vice-President Mr Han Zheng of the People's Republic of China at the Liyuan State Guesthouse in Nanning yesterday afternoon. At the meeting, they frankly discussed bilateral relations and further promotion of efforts to develop the socioeconomic life of people of the two countries, enhancement of trade and investment, which contributes to each other, cooperation in anti-narcotic measures and combating human trafficking, online fraud and transnational crime, and further aid for humanitarian measures by China, including

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Prime Minister U Nyo Saw holds talks with Vice-President Mr Han Zheng of the People's Republic of China in Nanning yesterday.

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He recounted that the second activity took place along the Minbu-Padan road in Minbu Township on 19 August, with the planting of 1,000 saplings of seven species. On the other hand, he added that the Ministry of Natural Resources and Environmental Conservation planted 21.879 million trees across the nation, including the State-owned forests, this monsoon. The Acting President and SSPC Chairman of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar emphasized that trees and forests are identified as the life-supporting system, as these release oxygen,

essential for all living beings, including humans, around the world. He noted that trees and forests help prevent global warming, climate change and natural disasters while contributing to water and soil conservation, and food security as ecosystem services. As such, systematic growing and management of trees is sure to support greening the environment and sustainable development of the nation. He underscored that efforts must be made to implement the reforestation project, the 13-district dry zone greening project and the coastal mangrove forest multiple management project to

accomplish the missions. Likewise, he highlighted that people have to participate in the establishment of two-acre forest plantations and firewood plantations, growing of manageable shade trees along both sides of the ASEAN Highway, the Union Highway, the Yangon-Mandalay Expressway, as well as railway lines. The Senior General urged all to participate in tree-growing activities with goodwill as part of offering scenic beauty and fragrance to the Buddha image forever. The Senior General stressed the need to continuously establish forests, green landscapes

and green spaces in both urban and rural areas across the nation. The Acting President and SSPC Chairman of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar planted a neem sapling at the designated place. Commission Vice-Chairman Vice-Senior General Soe Win, Commission member and Executive Chief U Aung Lin Dwe, Commission Secretary and Joint Executive Chief General Ye Win Oo, Union-level dignitaries, Union ministers, guests, students, departmental personnel and officials also planted saplings. The Senior General viewed the participation of attendees in

tree-growing activities. Also, present at the ceremony were the Nay Pyi Taw Council Chairman, senior Tatmadaw officers from the Office of the Commander-in-Chief, the commander of Nay Pyi Taw Command, deputy ministers and students and teachers from Naypyitaw State Academy, Naypyitaw State Polytechnic University, Government Technical Institute (Nay Pyi Taw), University of Forestry and Environmental Science and basic education schools. At the ceremony, they grew 3,000 saplings of 18 species, including gum-kino, neem, Mesua ferrea, magnolia, and others. — MNA/TTA

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Myanmar opens investment opportunities for Chinese businesses

THE Myanmar-China business matching took place at the Myanmar economic representative office in Nanning of the People's Republic of China yesterday afternoon, with an address by Prime Minister U Nyo Saw.

Speaking on the occasion, the Prime Minister said that as Myanmar is striving to export new items of products and value-added products to markets at home and abroad, businesspersons from China are invited to do business with technologies and investments. Moreover, since many of the eight priority areas under China's Global Development Initiative align with Myanmar's own needs, there are ample opportunities for entrepreneurs to come and invest. Myanmar is striving to foster a favourable business environment for economic enterprises that are investing with confidence. For those already engaged in business and trade in Myanmar, if any difficulties arise in carry-



Premier U Nyo Saw looks into the display while viewing around the Global R&D Centre of Guangxi Liugong Machinery Co Ltd in Luizhou, China.

ing out cooperation activities, they are encouraged to raise them, and the government will coordinate with relevant ministries to provide support. Through this meeting, it is be-

lieved that the two countries will be able to build a friendly and long-lasting partnership and carry out even better cooperation in the future.

The businesspeople asked about their preferred businesses to be invested in Myanmar, promotion of export and import in accord with the policies, and wish to participate in development undertakings of Myanmar. The Prime Minister gave a supplementary clarification.

Also, present at the matching were Union Ministers Dr Charlie Than, U Chit Swe and Dr Thet Khaing Win, Kachin State Chief Minister U Khet Htein Nan, Myanmar Ambassador to PRC U Tin Maung Swe, Chinese Ambassador to Myanmar Ms Ma Jia, the President of the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of

Commerce and Industry (UM-FCCI) and members, Chinese businesspersons wishing to invest in Myanmar and officials.

In the morning, the Prime Minister and party visited the Global R&D Centre of Guangxi Liugong Machinery Co Ltd in Luizhou where officials of the company explained heavy machinery, EV machinery and parts manufactured by the factory with the modern technology, the booth of using EV loader under the remote-sensing system at the dangerous workplaces, and the booth on service given to major projects across the world with the use of heavy machinery produced by the factory. The Prime Minister discussed some topics he wanted to know. — MNA/TTA



Premier U Nyo Saw addresses the Myanmar China business matching event in Nanning, China, yesterday.

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aid for the rehabilitation in the post-Mandalay earthquake.

Also, present at the meeting were Union Ministers Dr

Charlie Than, U Chit Swe and Dr Thet Khaing Win, Kachin State Chief Minister U Khet Htein Nan, Myanmar Ambassador to the People's Republic of China U Tin Maung

Swe and officials. The Chinese Vice-President was accompanied by Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region CPC Party Secretary Mr Cheng Gang, Governor Mr Wai Tao, Chinese

Ambassador to Myanmar Ms Ma Jia and officials.

In the evening, the Prime Minister attended the dinner to mark the 22nd China-ASEAN Expo (CAEXPO) and the

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Boosting agriculture and livestock key to regional socioeconomic growth

- ❖ With the development of agricultural activities, livestock production will improve, leading to socioeconomic growth in the region.
 - ❖ Therefore, local administrative officials must create opportunities to support the successful implementation of agriculture-based businesses in the region.
- (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)

Myanmar delegates join ASEAN prosecutors in signing declaration

THE Myanmar delegation, led by Union Minister and Attorney-General Dr Thida Oo, attended the signing ceremony of the Sanur Bali Declaration on the establishment of the ASEAN Prosecutors/Attorneys-General Meeting (APAGM) held on 15-16 September in Bali, Indonesia.

The prosecutors-general from ten ASEAN member states, the deputy ASEAN secretary-general, and relevant officials attended the event.

Speaking at the event, the Union minister highlighted the intentions of the establishment of APAGM to enhance prosecutorial cooperation in accordance with the law of the



The group photo session of the ASEAN Prosecutors/Attorneys-General Meeting in place on 15-16 September in Bali, Indonesia.

respective countries, support the international legal cooperation, improve the capacity of government legal officials of ASEAN countries, collaboration in capacity-building for government legal officials to address unconventional crimes and technology-based crimes,

provide support and foster cooperation with the ASEAN ministers of different sectors regarding law enforcement-related matters and implement certain issues related to the exchange of legal frameworks and law enforcement practices among ASEAN member states, saying the signing of declaration opened a new chapter in ASEAN legal cooperation.

The prosecutors-general of ASEAN member states signed the Sanur Bali Declaration.

The APAGM can boost international legal cooperation, capacity building, and information-sharing among ASEAN prosecutors. — MNA/KTZH

Myanmar-China Economic Cooperation-Soul Treasure of Myanmar held in Nanning

THE Myanmar-China Economic Cooperation-Soul Treasure of Myanmar, jointly organized by the Myanmar Trade Promotion Organization of the Ministry of Commerce and the Yangon Region Gems and Jewellery Entrepreneurs Association, took place in Nanning, China, yesterday.

Speaking at the event, Union Minister for Commerce U Chit Swe highlighted Myanmar jade that possesses certain market demand and is famous in China, and added that the ceremony was held to penetrate the Chinese market with ruby and sapphire. He mentioned Myanmar ruby, and the countries such as Sri Lanka, Australia, Kashmir, Myanmar, Thailand, Cambodia and the US that produce ruby, whereas Myanmar ruby is considered second best.

The Union minister continued that



The Myanmar-China Economic Cooperation-Soul Treasure of Myanmar underway yesterday in China, attended by Union Minister U Chit Swe.

the entrepreneurs and representatives from China and other regions with promising markets joined the event, and the Myanmar ruby and sapphire businesspeople could make a market network.

Yangon Region Gems and Jewellery Entrepreneurs Association Chairman U Aung Kyaw Zin briefed on the data to ensure a market for Myanmar ruby and sapphire, and the association and the Myanmar Trade Centre (Hainan) exchanged an MoU on cooperation in the Myanmar gems and jewellery market in China.

The Union minister and party observed the displayed gems and discussed with the businesspeople.

The members of the Myanmar Tea Association attended the event and displayed Myanmar tea and dried tea leaves. — MNA/KTZH

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MoE Deputy Minister joins Guangxi-ASEAN vocational education forum

DEPUTY Minister for Education Dr Zaw Myint led the Myanmar delegation to the 2025 China (Guangxi)-ASEAN Conference on Vocational Education Cooperation and Development, held in Nanning, Guangxi Autonomous Region of the People's Republic of China, from 15 to 16 September 2025.

On the morning of 15 September, the Myanmar delegation, headed by the Deputy Minister, met Ms Lu Xinning, Vice-Governor of the Guangxi Autonomous Region, at Guangxi Polytechnic of Construction and held discussions.

The opening ceremony of the conference followed, where Ms Lu Xinning officially declared the event open. Heads of delegations from ASEAN member states delivered opening remarks and exchanged views on the advancement of vocational education through artificial intelligence (AI).

At the ceremony, Depu-



The 2025 China (Guangxi)-ASEAN Conference on Vocational Education Cooperation and Development in progress on 15-16 September in China, addressed by Deputy Minister Dr Zaw Myint.

ty Minister Dr Zaw Myint addressed the growing impact of AI technology, Myanmar's efforts

to promote agriculture-based industries, small and medium-sized enterprises, "one re-

gion, one product" initiatives, and import-substitute industries. He also discussed opportunities

for growth if AI technology were integrated into these sectors.

Around 400 participants, including deputy ministers and delegates from ASEAN member states and China, attended the opening ceremony.

In the afternoon, the Myanmar delegation visited practical training facilities at Guangxi University of Finance and Economics, including the ASEAN AI laboratory, garment technology exhibition, and digital fashion design classrooms. They discussed possible cooperation in applying AI and digital technology in education before joining a dinner hosted by the Guangxi Education Department.

This morning, the delegation attended a discussion session at Guangxi University of Finance and Economics on the theme "Promoting Digital Economy Development through AI Technology" and toured exhibitions at the Guangxi Skills Master Hub. — MNA/KZL

Tatmadaw (Army, Navy and Air) friendship delegation leaves for India

THE friendship delegation of Myanmar Tatmadaw (Army, Navy and Air) led by Colonel Zar Ni Aung departed for India from Nay Pyi Taw Airport yesterday afternoon to further enhance friendship and cooperation between Myanmar Tatmadaw and the Indian Armed Forces and to conduct reciprocal study tours on cultural heritage.

They were seen off at the Nay Pyi Taw Airport by Colonel

Nay Aung Soe, Deputy Commander of the Nay Pyi Taw Command, senior military officers, and Indian Military Attaché to Myanmar Jaswinder S Gill.

The Myanmar Tatmadaw delegation, comprising a total of 120 personnel from the Myanmar Tatmadaw (Army, Navy and Air), will visit landmarks, training schools, pagodas, and monasteries in Gaya, India, until 19 September. — MNA/MKKS



The Myanmar Tatmadaw delegation begins friendship visit to India.

Donation ceremony held for restoration of quake-hit pagodas in Mandalay

A ceremony was held this morning at the Maha Lawkamarazein or Kuthodaw Pagoda to mark a donation for the restoration of pagodas in Mandalay that were damaged by the powerful earthquake.

Attendees at the ceremony included Minister for Social Affairs of the Mandalay Region U Aung Kyaw Moe, Consul-General of the Mandalay-based Chinese Consulate-General Ms Gao Ping and her team, the Head of the Department of Religious Affairs of Mandalay Region, the chairman of the Mandalay branch of the Myanmar-China Friendship Association (Central), the chairman and members of the Aungmyethazan District Administration and Management Committee, and the chairman, the secretary and members of the Kuthodaw



Mandalay Region Minister for Social Affairs U Aung Kyaw Moe accepts the donaton from Consul-General Ms Gao Ping of the Mandalay-based Chinese Consulate-General.

Pagoda Board of Trustees.

During the ceremony, the consul-general and officials presented a donation of K103,500,000 for the repair of the pagodas damaged by the major Mandalay earthquake. The donation was accepted by

the region minister, the district administrator, and the chairman and secretary of the Board of Trustees, who, in turn, presented a certificate of honour and a commemorative gemstone painting. — Myint Maw Tun (Aung San/IPRD) /MKKS

MRF urges members to keep buying rice

THE Myanmar Rice Federation (MRF) asked member exporting companies to continue buying rice and paddy and to send a weekly inventory list to the MRF.

The harvest season of early matured paddy has started this year. Yet, demand for rice and paddy is declining, raising farmers' concerns. The statement of the federation analyzed possible farm income losses. MRF's report indicated that about 200,000 tonnes of rice are exported monthly during the April-August period of the current financial year 2025-2026. The federation aims to convey 200,000 tonnes of rice to international markets in September. Starting from October, MRF is endeavouring to boost export volume to 300,000 tonnes per month until March 2026.

MRF has been striving to prioritize neighbouring countries like Bangladesh and China.

Professionals provide critical insights that rice prices are not unlikely to fall despite a significant drop in global rice prices last month.

MRF requested exporting companies to continue linking with brokers and traders in different regions and procuring rice. They can contact MRF for any inconvenience in freight forwarding, rice milling, and export markets promptly, make a business performance report and send an inventory list to the MRF every Friday through export@mif.com.mm, according to the MRF notification. — NN/KK



Myanmar exports over 3,700 tonnes of shrimp in five months

THE Department of Fisheries stated that over 3,700 metric tonnes of shrimp worth US\$10.485 million were delivered to foreign markets in the past five months (April-August) of the current financial year 2025-2026.

Myanmar sent over 3,350 metric tonnes of shrimp worth \$8.37 million by sea in the past five months, while 384.54 metric tonnes of shrimp valued at \$2.114 million were exported

to neighbouring countries at the border, totalling 3,740.553 tonnes worth \$10.485 million.

Myanmar exported over 9,000 tonnes of shrimp in the last FY 2024-2025, bagging \$30 million, the department stated. Myanmar steadily exports seafood to 40 countries, including China, Thailand, Bangladesh and Japan through maritime and border trade channels. — NN/KK



The image discloses shrimp being processed meticulously at a cold storage facility.

CBM sells US\$1.2M to edible oil importers



Cooking oil bottles are neatly organized for sale at the supermarket.

THE Central Bank of Myanmar (CBM) sold US\$1.25 million to edible oil importing companies on 15 September after sales of \$1,488 to CMP companies.

CBM sold over \$2.76 million to the edible oil-importing companies on 12 September, in addition to selling \$30,000 to fuel oil-importing

companies and \$83,805 to CMP companies and those who made non-trade payments.

CBM sold over \$1.79 million to the edible oil-importing companies and over \$353,900 to the fuel oil-importing companies on 11 September.

CBM also injected over

\$372,000 into the market, after sales of over \$241,000 to CMP companies and those who made non-trade payments.

CBM announced on 10 September that it would sell \$22 million to fuel oil entrepreneurs. CBM also sold over \$1.17 million to edible oil-importing companies on that day.

CBM sold \$1.5 million to edible oil-importing companies and over \$350,000 to fuel oil-importing companies on 9 September.

Additionally, CBM injected \$560,000 and 306,000 yuan into the financial market. CBM sold \$11,350 to those who made non-trade payments on that day.

CBM sold over \$1 million, 11 million yuan and four

million baht in August. Furthermore, CBM also pumped over \$32 million, purchased from the companies working on a Cut, Make and Pack basis, into the financial market. CBM aims to curb the instability in the foreign exchange market and currency devaluation. According to CBM's notification on 15 March 2024, it has been collaborating with law enforcement agencies to combat and prosecute those who attempt to manipulate the currency market under the existing laws. CBM allowed authorized dealers (private banks) to operate online foreign exchange trading freely as per the market rate, depending on supply and demand, starting from 5 December 2023. — NN/KK

Efforts to improve farming sectors in western Bago Region

DEPUTY Minister for Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation Dr Aung Gyi inspected the operations of Khittayar Hintha Company Limited at the Pyayjute factory leased by the Department of Agriculture, on the afternoon of 13 September in Pyithaya Ward, Pyay, Bago Region.

The company is working with farmers through contract farming to distribute and sell certified rice seeds, operate seed sorting, run a showroom for agricultural machinery, trade rice and broken rice, and sell fertilizers. The

deputy minister observed these operations and discussed requirements with those responsible.

At the Thayawady Township Department of Fisheries, he checked on the progress at the fish station, where freshwater fingerling species such as tilapia, rohu, silver barb, common carp, mrigal, grass carp, catla, and striped catfish are being distributed.

In the afternoon, he visited the Agriculture and Livestock Institute (Thayawady), where the principal explained

ongoing studies on raising layers, breeding Myanmar pigs with commercial feed to compare growth rates, rearing goats with roughage and concentrate feed to compare growth, producing quality Thai rice seeds, and studying the growth of various vegetables.

The deputy minister stressed the importance of training students to have skilled human resources, to promote agricultural and livestock development and to increase production of quality goods. — MNA/KZL



Deputy Minister Dr Aung Gyi is pictured during his inspection tours at the Agriculture and Livestock Institute (Thayawady) on 13 September.

Trustfully invest in Myanmar to grasp opportunities

FOLLOWING the conclusion of the elections in Myanmar, peace and stability are expected to improve. The two countries are warm and harmonious neighbours, sharing kinship ties and a strategic partnership. Just as Myanmar is a reliable and trustworthy friend to China, China should likewise engage with Myanmar as a dependable and trustworthy partner, fostering close and steadfast investment and cooperation.

Myanmar is rich in natural resources, including those aboveground, underground, and in its waters. Geographically, it occupies a strategic and advantageous location. The country also has an abundance of labour resources. Through cross-border trade, both countries have significant opportunities to exchange goods, creating strong potential for mutual economic benefits.

At present, there are prospects for economic conditions in Myanmar to improve and flourish. Thanks to the country’s leadership—its vision, careful planning, decisive and clear decision-making, strong commitment to national progress, sense of responsibility, and prioritization of national interests—favourable conditions have emerged for increased investment and collaboration. Previous concerns and uncertainties regarding investment in Myanmar have lessened, creating a conducive environment for reliable partner countries to engage and cooperate confidently.

Among the countries investing in Myanmar, China is the second-largest investor. In particular, cross-border trade has been actively facilitated through border gates in the long, thousands-of-miles shared border areas. However, the activities of armed ethnic groups, which have disrupted stability in these border regions, have negatively affected cross-border trade. Therefore, maintaining peace and stability in the border areas is being prioritized, and all parties must work together collaboratively.

Regarding import restrictions and the blocking of Myanmar’s financial resources, Chinese business partners have implemented a system of direct payment in yuan and kyat to facilitate the smooth operation of their businesses in Myanmar, including trade, cross-border financial transfers, and investments. Myanmar’s natural resources are not allowed to be exported as raw materials; they can only be exported as processed goods, either fully or partially processed. Permissions are granted for importing necessary raw materials for Chinese-owned manufacturing businesses in Myanmar, for upgrading existing investments, and for providing security protection during investment operations.

Therefore, following the completion of the elections, Myanmar’s stability and peace are expected to improve. Various measures will be provided to support foreign investors in Myanmar, including security, guarantees, and facilitation of smooth operations. This will create favourable conditions for investors to confidently carry out business in Myanmar, while the host country will also make efforts to cooperate and support them, allowing Myanmar to be envisioned as a developing and prospering nation.

SOMETIMES life takes us to places we never expect. A small health problem can grow into something much bigger; and before we know it, we are facing challenges we never imagined. That is what happened to me. What began as a stomach illness turned into a fight with depression, and through that journey, I learned how fragile and strong we can be at the same time.

About seven months ago, I was diagnosed with H. pylori, a bacterial infection in the stomach. At first, I thought it would go away after some medicine and rest. But the recovery was slow and painful. I lived with stomach discomfort for almost five months before I started to feel better. Those months were some of the hardest in my life. Every meal made me nervous, and every night I wondered if the pain would return.

When the stomach issue finally healed, I thought the worst was behind me. But then something else happened, something I didn’t see coming. I started feeling unusually low. At first, it was just a lack

The Silent Battle I Didn’t Expect

of energy. Then it grew heavier. I couldn’t enjoy the things I used to. I felt trapped inside myself. I couldn’t go outside without panic rising in me. Crowded places made me feel suffocated. I couldn’t even stay in the dark because the moment the lights went out, I struggled to breathe. Sometimes fear came from nowhere, rushing into me without any reason.

That’s when I realized this wasn’t just tiredness; it was depression.

To be honest, I never thought depression would happen to me. I had always believed it was something far away, something other people experienced. I had no financial worries. I had the full support of my family. I had good friends and no broken relationships. From the outside, everything in my life looked stable. But depression doesn’t care about those things.

It doesn’t choose based on money, status, or how loved you are. It depends on our mental health and how strong our resistance is when life gets difficult.

In my case, my body had already been weakened by months of illness, and my mind couldn’t handle the extra pressure. That’s when depression found its way in.

What many people don’t realize is that depression is one of the most common mental health conditions in the world. The World Health Organization estimates that more than 280 million people live with it globally. It can affect anyone – young or old, wealthy or poor, confident or quiet. And yet, despite being so widespread, it remains one of the most misunderstood illnesses. Too often, people confuse it with sadness or think it can be solved by simply “cheering up”. But depression is far deeper

than that. It alters the way your brain processes emotions, sleep, appetite, and even physical health.

Admitting I needed help was not easy. It felt like confessing that I wasn’t strong enough. But I knew I couldn’t continue living like that – unable to go outside, unable to stay alone, and constantly afraid. So, I went to see a psychiatrist and a psychotherapist. That decision changed everything.

They listened. They explained what was happening to me. They gave me strategies to deal with the fear. And most importantly, they reminded me that recovery takes time. Some days I felt like I was improving. I could stay calm in a crowded place a little longer. I could fall asleep without panicking. I could be alone in a quiet room for a short while without fear. But other days felt like setbacks, when the anxiety and sadness returned

without warning. Still, slowly, step by step, I started to feel like myself again.

One of the most important lessons I learned is that depression is not the same as sadness. It’s not something we can “cheer up” from or solve by thinking positively. Depression affects our mind, body, and emotions all at once. It makes us lose interest in life, drains our energy, and fills us with fear or emptiness. It is invisible, but very real. And just like any illness, it needs treatment, care, and patience.

There are many reasons people develop depression. For some, it is linked to life events such as grief, trauma, or stress. For others, it may be related to chemical imbalances in the brain or even physical illnesses, like mine. Sometimes it’s a combination of both. What matters most is recognizing

it early and seeking help before it becomes overwhelming.

Today, I feel grateful to say I am recovered. Not only has my stomach healed, but my mental health is stronger, too. I no longer panic when the lights go off. I no longer feel trapped when I am alone. I can go outside again without fear. It didn’t happen overnight – it was a slow process – but it was real progress.

I could not have done it without the people around me. My family stayed close when I needed them most, sitting by my side so I didn’t feel alone. My doctors and therapists gave me the tools I needed to fight. And within myself, I discovered strength I didn’t know I had. Depression tried to break me, but in the end, I learned that healing is possible.

Looking back, I realize depression changed the way I see

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life. It taught me that resilience is not about never falling. It is about finding the courage to stand up again and again. I didn’t choose depression, but I chose to keep going. I chose recovery. And that choice has made me stronger.

I know many people are going through their own battles with depression or anxiety. Some might be silent about it, afraid to admit it. Depression is not a failure. It is an illness, and it deserves care just like any physical sickness. We don’t need to fight it alone. Talk to someone. Ask for help. Healing often begins with that first step of opening up.

Recovery is not always steady. There will be good days and bad days. But every little victory matters. Spending a few minutes outside, laughing after a long time, or sleeping peacefully for a night – these are signs of progress. And

with time, those small victories become bigger ones.

Now, I see my depression not only as a painful chapter but also as a lesson. It taught me compassion for others because I now understand the weight they might be carrying in silence. It taught me kindness toward myself, because being human means sometimes struggling. And it taught me that strength is not pretending everything is fine, but admitting when it’s not and seeking light again.

As I write this, I feel like I have returned to myself. Maybe I am not the same as before, but I am someone stronger and more aware. I know now that shadows don’t last forever. With time, with help, and with hope, they fade.

Depression is real. Healing is real. And hope is real too. If my story can remind even one person of that truth, then sharing it is worth it.

Because no matter how dark the night feels, the morning always comes.



I Say What I See: Idealist and Realist - Two Words, One Civic Soul

In this reflection, I explore how the words idealist and realist shape not only our language but the lived experience of civic life, where dreams and truths walk side by side.

By @Editor

carry subtle cultural inflexions. A commonly used English-Myanmar dictionary translates *idealist* as အကောင်းမြင်သူ, အတွေးအမြင် ဝရံခံဝါဒီ, which literally means “one who sees the good”. This translation suggests a moral optimism, a belief in the inherent possibility of goodness. *Realist*, on the other hand, is rendered as အမှန်တကယ် အရှိကိုအရှိအတိုင်း လက်ခံသူ, ယထာဘူတ ဝါဒီ (အနုပညာရှင်), meaning “one who accepts the truth”. Here, the emphasis is on sober acceptance – a willingness to confront reality without embellishment.

To deepen our understanding, we turn to the Latin roots of these words. *Idealist* traces back to *idea*, a Latin term borrowed from the Greek ἰδέα (*idea*), meaning “form” or “pattern”. This

lineage evokes Plato’s theory of Forms, where abstract ideals are considered more real than the physical world. The idealist, then, is one who sees beyond the surface, who believes that truth lies in perfection, not in imperfection. *Realist*, by contrast, derives from the Latin *realis*, meaning “actual” or “genuine”, itself rooted in *res*, meaning “thing” or “matter”. This is the language of Aristotle, who rejected Plato’s ideal Forms and insisted that truth must be grounded in observable phenomena.

Thus, idealism and realism are not merely linguistic opposites; they are philosophical archetypes. They represent two ways of seeing, two modes of being. The idealist imagines what ought to be; the realist accepts

what is. And yet, neither is complete without the other. Idealism without realism risks delusion; realism without idealism risks despair.

In Myanmar’s current moment, this duality is especially poignant. Are we a nation of idealists, dreaming of reform and renewal? Or are we realists, navigating hardship with resilience and pragmatism? Perhaps we are both – idealists in vision, realists in method. And perhaps that is where our strength lies.

Between Vision and Reality: A Civic Reflection on Idealism and Realism

I must confess to my readers – those who have followed this column with patience and curiosity – that I am neither a politician

nor a linguistic scholar. I do not write from the ivory tower of academia, nor from the corridors of power. I write from the street corner, the tea shop, the crowded bus, and the quiet room where ordinary lives unfold. My lens is civic, not institutional. I say what I see, and what I see is a society constantly negotiating between the ideal and the real.

In civic life, idealism often appears as hope for justice, for dignity, and for a better tomorrow. It is the voice that says, “We deserve more,” even when the odds say otherwise. Realism, meanwhile, is the quiet endurance of daily life. It is the neighbour who queues for water without complaint, the vendor who adjusts prices to survive, the citizen who votes knowing

change may be slow. These are not abstract philosophies; they are lived truths.

Our country, like many others, has seen both forces at play. Without naming names, we have witnessed moments when idealism surged – when people believed in transformation, in unity, in the power of collective dreams. And we have also seen realism assert itself – when survival demanded compromise, when expectations were tempered by experience. These moments are not contradictions; they are complements. They show us that civic life is not a choice between dreaming and coping, but a dance between the two.

Globally, this tension is universal. Every society wrestles with the balance between what it hopes for and what it must endure. Idealists push the world forward; realists keep it grounded. And in the civic sphere, where policies meet people, where laws meet lives, this balance is not just philosophical – it is personal.

Conclusion: The Pulse of Two Words in Our Social Fabric

In the end, *idealists* and *realists* are more than dictionary entries. They are living forces

– lexical twins with divergent hearts – each vital to the rhythm of civic life. Lexicographically, the idealist is defined by aspiration, by the belief in what could be. The realist, by contrast, is defined by acceptance, by the clarity of what is. These definitions, drawn from Oxford, Merriam-Webster, and our own Myanmar translations, offer more than linguistic clarity – they offer a mirror to our collective psyche.

But words do not live in books alone. They breathe in our streets, in our conversations, in our decisions. In our social fabric, the idealist is the voice that dares to dream aloud, even when the room falls silent. The realist is the hand that steadies the wheel when the road turns rough. One sketches the horizon; the other walks the terrain.

We, as citizens – not as scholars or statesmen – live between these two poles. We have seen idealism rise like a tide, lifting hopes and hearts. We have seen realism anchor us when storms come. And we have learned, sometimes painfully, that neither can stand alone. Idealism without realism is a kite without a string. Realism without idealism is a map without a destination.

Globally, this balance is no less essential. Societies that lean too far into idealism may lose their footing; those that cling only to realism may lose their soul. The vitality of these two words lies not in their opposition but in their interplay. They are not rivals; they are partners in the human endeavour.

So let us not ask which is better. Let us ask how we, as individuals and as a society, can hold both in our hands. To dream with eyes open. To act with hearts awake.

This is why I say what I see: two words – *idealist* and *realist* – walking side by side in the fabric of our civic life. One carries the torch; the other lays the stones. One dreams aloud; the other listens to the wind. And in the quiet spaces between them, we find ourselves – citizens of a world that needs both vision and grounding. I am not here to define the future, nor to dissect the past. I am here to observe, to reflect, and to remind us that language is not just a tool; it is a compass. And these two words, vital and vivid, point us towards the kind of society we dare to build, and the kind we must sustain.

NATIONAL

Donations support Myanmar Film Day and tribute to industry veterans

ARTISTES from the film industry are actively donating funds for the upcoming 105th Myanmar Motion Pictures Day Ceremony and the 48th Film Industry Elders' Honouring Ceremony, scheduled to be held on 13 October.

On 15 September, Aung Khit Min Film Production donated K1.1 million, according to Vice-Chair U Aye Kyu Lay of the Myanmar Motion Pictures Organization (MMPO).

The 105th Myanmar Motion Pictures Day and the 48th Film Industry Elders' Honouring Ceremony will take place on 13 October 2025 at the Myanmar Motion Pictures Organization (Head Office), located on Wingaba Road, Bo Cho Ward, Bahan Township, Yangon Region. Film industry professionals and generous donors are making contributions for this occasion.

"As we will be holding the

event as usual on 13 October, artists and professionals are coming forward to donate," stated U Aye Kyu Lay. "On 15 September, Aung Khit Min Production donated K1.1 million, Bo Bo Film donated K1 million, and Maha Production donated K1 million. We are currently finalizing the exact number of elders to be honoured. Some have sadly passed away, while new individuals have been added." — ASH/KZL



Contributors donating to the Myanmar Motion Pictures Organization for the 105th Myanmar Motion Pictures Day and the 48th Film Industry Elders' Honouring Ceremony.

MMPO holds graduation ceremony for Acting Training Course 1/2025

THE graduation ceremony for the Acting Training Course 1/2025 was held on 15 September at Shwe Yadana Hall, the Myanmar Motion Pictures Organization (MMPO), according to Academy Khant Si Thu, secretary of the organization.

Opening remarks were delivered by MMPO Chairman Academy U Kyi Soe Tun, senior film director Alinka Kyawswa Maung Hnin Moe, Secretary Khant Si Thu and veteran actor U Aung Lwin.

"I was once a trainee myself in Course 1/78, organized by the

organization. Many of my fellow trainees from that time are still working as artistes today. My presence here is to support the young people now completing the course and to encourage the new generation of artistes," said Khant Si Thu.

During the ceremony, 36 graduates received certificates, with additional awards for perfect attendance. The top five performers in the artistic examinations were honoured, and ten trainees who excelled in the photo beauty contest also received prizes. — ASH/KNN



This photo displays the graduation ceremony of the Myanmar Motion Pictures Organization's Acting Training Course 1/2025.

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.

Solo concert set for 21 Sept at Transporter Bar

SINGER Yoon Myat Thu will give a solo concert at Transporter Bar in South Okkalapa Township, Yangon Region, on 21 September.

"I'll be performing my very best on stage at Transporter that evening. With me, DJs will deliver powerful beats, and talented dancers will add unique performances. It's a night not to be missed," Yoon Myat Thu said.

The show will be backed by the Transporter Music Band, with the venue's resident vocalists also supporting the performance.

— ASH/MKKS



This image reveals an advert for Yoon Myat Thu's solo concert.

'Ashayko Shaukpaloh' supernatural TV series to premiere on 20 Sep on SkyNet

THE Myanmar television series 'Ashayko Shaukpaloh' (Walking to the East) will begin airing on 20 September, according to actor Min Taw Win, who plays one of the main roles in the series.

The story of the series was written by Ella and Min Taw Win, with the script penned by Min Taw Win and Paing Soe Thu Maung, and directed by Than Lwin Oo.



This photo showcases one of the scenes from the

Ashayko Shaukpaloh is a supernatural and spiritual series. It tells the story of a man who committed suicide. The drama explores the struggles and pain that drove him to such a decision. Just as he was about to die, the cry of his young child gave him a final desire to live, but it was too late, and he be-

came a spirit bound by worldly attachments. The series portrays the experiences of a spirit trapped between hatred, grudges, compassion, fear, sorrow, and longing. Viewers will feel a mix of pity, fear, and sadness," said actor Min Taw Win.

The cast includes Kyaw Htet Aung, Min Taw Win, Bhone

Thiri Kyaw, Hla Nu Tun, Ella, Albert Paing, Kaung Set, Gwun Pon Gyi, Aye Thida, Chris Win, Khine Su, and many others. The series will air on the SkyNet pay-TV channel SKYPREMIER HD at 8:00 pm every Friday, Saturday and Sunday, starting from 20 September. — ASH/KZL

NATIONAL

Shwedagon holds Sabbath ceremony for Lent

THE Shwedagon Pagoda Board of Trustees held the Sabbath-keeping ritual during Buddhist Lent for Myanmar Era 1387 at the Buddha Images open building at 9:30 am on 14 September, in the presence of rotating Ovadacariya Sayadaws.

It was organized by the board in order to allow the devotees to observe moral precepts on the Sabbath days during Lent.

The ceremony was attended by the board members, the staff of the board, religious service groups, donors and pilgrims, and they observed nine precepts under the guidance of Agga Maha Pandita Agga Maha Ganda Vasaka Pandita Bhadanta Gunha Linkara

(Sayadaw of Maha Theindawgyi Pariyatti Monastery, Pabedan Township).

Following the precept observance, the attendees donated robes and offertories to the Sayadaws, who preached a meritorious discourse, and shared their good deeds with all creatures by symbolically pouring drops of water.

After the ceremony, the board offered lunch to the Sayadaws, monks and participating devotees. — Htun Htun/ZN

The ritual of observing nine precepts during Buddhist Lent under the monks' guidance.



Wethteekan hosts training on consumer product making

THE training course for making consumer products has been opened at the No 2 Police Training Centre in Wethteekan, Pyay District, on 15 September morning.

It was jointly organized by the Ministry of Cooperatives and Rural Development and the district MSME department, aiming to help local job opportunity growth.



This photo captures the MSME product-making training course. PHOTO-MCRD

The duration is from 15 to 26 September, and with practical tutorials, the training

curriculum will teach 15 trainees how to produce MSME products, such as liquid soap, glass cleaner, softener, hand gel, body scrub, soap cream, shower gel, shampoo, and

soap, enabling them to set up their own business.

The opening ceremony of the training course was attended by the principal of the police training centre, the district MSME department head, respective officials, trainers and trainees. The police training centre principal and the district MSME department head gave opening speeches and explained the objective and advantages of the training course. — Htun Htun/ZS

Over 120 Japanese firms hire 600 Myanmar workers

ACCORDING to the list of job offers published by the Myanmar Embassy in Tokyo, about 600 Myanmar workers will be recruited from more than 120 Japanese companies.

The embassy is in the process of verifying the demand letters sent by the Ministry of Labour through the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, including the confirmation of the actual establishment of Japanese firms with the Japanese Labour Inspectorate and their documents. Afterwards, it delivers the findings and forwards comments to the Ministry of Labour through the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

The embassy is currently processing the demand Letters in the order of the date of receipt of the response from the Japanese companies. As of 12 September, the information on 123 job postings has been reviewed and forwarded to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. According to the list of job offers, more than 90 men and 490 women, more than 500 workers in total, would be recruited by 123 Japanese companies.

On 15 August, over 360 Japanese companies recruited over 310 male and 1100 female workers, and on 30 August, about 370 Japanese companies employed over 1,500 workers from Myanmar, according to the lists released by the embassy. — MT/ZN

JGM to host 43rd Junior Golf Championship

THE 43rd Junior Golf Myanmar Championship (JGM) is set to take place in Myanmar, according to Junior Golf Myanmar.

Under the supervision of the Myanmar Golf Federation, the 43rd edition of the Junior Golf Myanmar (JGM) will be held from 8 to 10 October 2025 at the Myanmar Golf Club 9 Mile in Yangon.

Events will include under-12, under-14, and under-18 in the men's tournament, while under-18 and under-14 in the women's tournament.

It will be regulated according to the R&A and USGA's Rules of Golf 2023, as well as local rules. Junior golfers from all over Myanmar who will be participating in the tournament can contact U Tun Kyaw, 09 5193423, to request details and register by 4 pm on 6 October 2025. — MT/ZN

MAJA offers advanced training for Japanese language teachers

JOINTLY organized by the Japan Foundation in Yangon and the Myanmar Association of Japan Alumni (MAJA), an advanced teacher training course for Myanmar teachers who teach the Japanese language.

At the training, enhancement of speaking skills for Japanese language learners and how they should reform the teaching methods according to different levels will be introduced, said MAJA.

The face-to-face offline course has been scheduled from 9 am to noon on 28 September, and Japanese language teachers are

eligible to join for free.

All Japanese language teachers are urged to join it at the MAJA Education Centre located in South Okkalapa Township, and Japanese language students above JLPT N3 are ineligible, it said.

All interested persons will need to register, and the number of trainees is limited to 35, so the application period might be shorter than the deadline. Through <https://forms.gle/fm1zS4APouZR4RiT6>, applications can be sent until 4 pm on 22 September. — MT/ZS

ECONOMY WORLD

Trump's lowered 15% tariff on Japanese autos goes into effect



File photo taken in April 2025 shows vehicles parked at a port in Yokohama, Kanagawa Prefecture. **PHOTO: KYODO**

US President Donald Trump's lowered 15 per cent tariff on automobiles from Japan took effect Tuesday about five months after his aggressive trade approach began to take a toll on the industrial backbone of one of Washington's key allies.

After Trump imposed an additional auto tariff on national security grounds in April, the US tariff rate for foreign-origin cars rose from 2.5 per cent to 27.5 per cent, squeezing the margins of Japanese automakers and other manufacturers.

The reduced tariff is part of a trade deal the Trump administration struck on 22 July with Japan, which in return has committed to investing massively in the United States and increasing imports of American agricultural products during the president's nonconsecutive second term. Although implementing the lowered tariff will ease the impact on Japan's automotive sector, the 15 per cent rate is still much higher than before and continues to burden carmakers and related industries.

As agreed upon by the two countries, the additional 25 per cent tariff imposed by Trump in May on major auto parts, including engines and transmissions, was cut to 15 per cent for parts coming from Japan.

In 2024, Japan exported around six trillion yen (\$41 billion) worth of vehicles to the United States. Together with auto-parts exports, they accounted for one-third of Japan's total shipments to the world's largest economy, according to Japanese trade data. — Kyodo

Sri Lanka's Aug employment rises as services, manufacturing grow

EMPLOYMENT in Sri Lanka continued to increase in August as services and manufacturing sectors continued recruiting, according to the latest Sri Lanka Purchasing Managers' Index (PMI) compiled by the Central Bank of Sri Lanka.

The PMI for services recorded an index value of 68.9 in August, indicating an expansion in services activities.

The expansion was supported by strong performance in wholesale and retail trade,

other personal services, and accommodation, food and beverage services, which increased amid high tourist arrivals. Business activities related to financial services also continued to improve, driven by an increase in lending activities.

The PMI for manufacturing recorded an index value of 55.2 in August, indicating an expansion in manufacturing activities, albeit at a slower rate compared to the previous month.

Expansions in new orders and production were largely attributed to the performance of the food and beverages manufacturing sector, while the stock of purchases also expanded in line with new orders and production, data shows.

Expectations for manufacturing activities over the next three months remain positive, largely underpinned by anticipated seasonal demand towards the end of the year, PMI data showed. — Xinhua

Tokyo stocks end at new all-time highs for 4th straight day

TOKYO stocks ended at new all-time highs for a fourth straight trading day on Tuesday, with the Nikkei index briefly rising above the 45,000 line for the first time, boosted by semiconductor-related shares amid hopes for robust demand.

The 225-issue Nikkei Stock Average advanced 134.15 points, or 0.30 per cent, from Friday at 44,902.27. The broader Topix index finished 7.87 points, or 0.25 per cent, higher at 3,168.36.

Japanese markets were closed Monday for a public holiday.

On the top-tier Prime Market, the main gainers were oil and coal product, transport equipment and farm and fishery issues.

The US dollar weakened to the upper 146 yen level in Tokyo

as expectations for an interest rate cut by the Federal Reserve grew after the US Senate confirmed Stephen Miran, one of President Donald Trump's close aides, to serve on the central bank board, dealers said.

Stocks climbed as some key US stock indexes finished at all-time highs Monday on hopes that the Fed will ease monetary policy after data showed a slowing labour market, while chip shares were bought on prospects for solid demand for artificial intelligence.

The market was also lifted after the United States and China reached a deal to keep TikTok operational in the United States, helping to fuel expectations for progress in bilateral trade talks, brokers said. — Kyodo

China remains Singapore's top source of visitors in Aug

MORE than 398,000 visitor arrivals from China were recorded in Singapore in August, making it the city-state's top source market, the Singapore Tourism Board said on Monday.

Singapore recorded a total of 1.6 million international visitor arrivals last month, up 4.5 per cent from the same month in 2024.

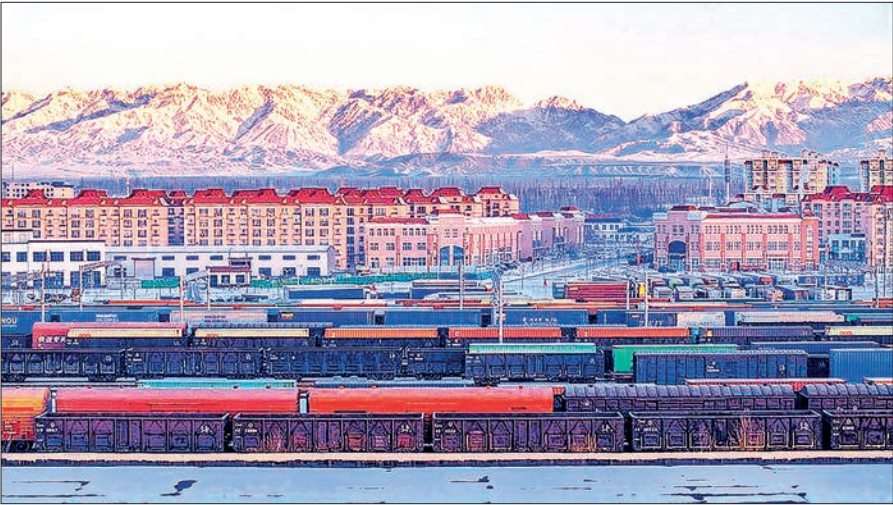
For the first eight months of 2025, China continued to lead as Singapore's main source market with 2.3 million arrivals, followed by Indonesia and India.

Overall, international arrivals from January to August reached 11.6 million, a 2.7 per cent increase from the same period last year. — Xinhua



Tourists shop at the souvenir shop of Singapore's Night Safari in Singapore, 23 June 2025. **PHOTO: XINHUA**

Major Xinjiang port handles over 7,000 China-Europe freight train trips this year



An aerial drone photo taken on 25 December 2024 shows a view of the standard-gage yard of Horgos railway port in Horgos, northwest China's Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Region. **PHOTO: XINHUA**

HORGOS Port, a major railway hub in northwest China's Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Region, has handled over 7,000 China-Europe (Central Asia) freight train trips since the beginning of this year, according to railway sources on Tuesday.

The railway port processes freight train trips along 90 operational routes linking 46 cities and regions across 18 countries, as stated by a staff member of the China Railway Urumqi Group Co Ltd.

Cargoes transported via these routes include more than 200 categories, such as auto parts, electrical and electronic products, construction materials, steel, cultural and sports products, and daily necessities.

In May, the port implemented a reform to expedite customs clearance, reducing the passage time for imported goods from two to three days to under 16 hours, a decrease of 70 per cent. The processing time for local export goods was

cut from six hours to just one, a decrease of 80 per cent. The real-time data-sharing between customs and railway authorities enables live tracking of logistics and train information, boosting overall customs clearance efficiency for trains by more than 50 per cent.

Situated on the China-Kazakhstan border, Horgos Port and Alashankou Port, also known as Alataw Pass, are Xinjiang's two primary rail gateways. — Xinhua

Suzuki Motor's 1st EV to be released in Japan in Jan

SUZUKI Motor Corp said on Monday its first battery-electric vehicle will be released in Japan on 16 January, as it strives to gain ground in the EV market led by its competitors. The "e Vitara" SUV, which will be exported from India to over 100 countries, starts at 3.99 million yen (\$27,000). It can travel over 430 kilometres on a single charge. The automaker did not release a sales target, either domestic or global.

"We will enter the cut-throat EV market with the e Vitara and hope to keep releasing EVs best suited



Suzuki Motor Corp President Toshihiro Suzuki stands next to the company's first EV, the e Vitara, in Tokyo on 16 September 2025. **PHOTO: KYODO**

for each market by understanding how vehicles are being used among our customers," Suzuki President Toshihiro Suzuki said at a press conference. The new SUV was first unveiled in Italy in November 2024, with pre-orders already beginning in Europe. — Kyodo

JACCS Microfinance (Myanmar) Company Limited in Liquidation (Registration No. 114679542)

Notice of Final Meeting Before Dissolution pursuant Section 211(a) of Insolvency Law 2020

With respect to JACCS Microfinance (Myanmar) Company Limited *in liquidation* (Registration No. 114679542) (the "Company") which is located at Level UG2, Unit C, Central Tower 1, Corner of Kabar Aye Pagoda Road and Kanbe Road, Yankin Township, Yangon Region, Myanmar, it is hereby noticed that the final meeting of the shareholders of the Company will be called on October 20, 2025 (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.

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Liquidator

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New Zealand food prices jump 5% driven by dairy products

New Zealand's food prices surged five per cent in the 12 months to August 2025, maintaining the pace set in July, the statistics department Stats NZ reported Tuesday.

The increase was largely driven by the grocery food group, particularly dairy products, which saw steep rises, Stats NZ said.

The average price for 2 litres of milk jumped 16.3 per cent to 4.72 NZ dollars (US\$2.81) for the cheapest available options, with cheese soaring 26.2 per cent and butter climbing 31.8 per cent, it said.

"Dairy products continue to be the main driver for the higher annual food prices," Stats NZ prices and deflators spokesperson Nicola Growden said. — Xinhua

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE M.V ISEACO WISDOM VOY.NO. (158N)

Consignees of cargo carried on **M.V ISEACO WISDOM VOY.NO. (158N)** are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on **17-9-2025** and cargo will be discharged into the premises of **AWPT/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:

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ROLLING UPDATES
WORLD

IAEA conference urges protection of nuclear non-proliferation scheme



Photo taken on 10 September 2025 shows a view of the Board of Governors meeting of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) in Vienna, Austria. **PHOTO: CHINESE PERMANENT MISSION TO UN AND OTHER INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS IN VIENNA/HANDOUT VIA XINHUA**

THE 69th General Conference of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) opened Monday in Vienna, focusing on the peaceful use of nuclear energy and technology and the urgent need to protect the global nuclear non-proliferation regime.

In a message delivered by Ghada Waly, director-general of the United Nations (UN) Office at Vienna, UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres said the IAEA plays a

vital role in ensuring nuclear science and technology are used solely for peaceful purposes. “Together, we can ensure that these tools advance development and safeguard humanity,” the message said, urging continued efforts to eliminate the threat of nuclear proliferation.

IAEA Director-General Rafael Grossi told the conference it is convening at a pivotal moment, citing terrorism, armed conflicts and the

erosion of nuclear norms amid widening global inequality. He said he had informed the UN Security Council that the global nuclear non-proliferation regime is under significant strain and requires protection.

More than 2,500 participants, including representatives of IAEA member states, international organizations and non-governmental organizations, are attending the meeting, which runs through 19 September. — Xinhua

Japan’s LDP leadership race gathers pace as candidates enter fray

THE contest to choose a successor to Japanese Prime Minister Shigeru Ishiba as leader of the ruling Liberal Democratic Party (LDP) was gaining momentum, with multiple candidates officially entering the race this week.

Former Economic Security Minister Takayuki Kobayashi held a press conference on Tuesday to outline his vision for party unity and economic growth, declaring his candidacy in the LDP leadership election. Chief Cabinet Secretary Yoshimasa Hayashi also confirmed his intention to run, telling reporters at the National Diet that he felt compelled to lead the party.

Agriculture minister Shinjiro Koizumi expressed his intention

to run earlier on Tuesday, stressing the need for party unity to tackle challenges such as rising prices.

Former Economic Security Minister Sanae Takaichi was expected to announce her candidacy later this week.

Meanwhile, former Foreign Minister Toshimitsu Motegi declared his candidacy last week.

The LDP leadership race, now less than a week from its formal announcement, was shaping up to be a crowded and competitive contest. The LDP has decided to hold its leadership election in a full-scale format, including votes from both lawmakers and rank-and-file party members, on 4 October. — Xinhua

11 killed in landslides in Malaysia’s Sabah state

AT least 11 people have been confirmed dead and several more were missing on Monday following a series of landslides triggered by continuous heavy rain across Malaysia’s northern Borneo state of Sabah.

The accident took place in a village near the state capital of Kota Kinabalu. Meanwhile, flooding has displaced over 1,788 people in the state, with the victims

being housed in 12 relief centres, according to the country’s social welfare department.

Separately, Prime Minister Anwar Ibrahim on Monday announced an additional allocation of 10 million ringgit (US\$2.38 million) in aid to be channelled to victims, on top of the 11 million ringgit previously allocated, urging Malaysians to come together to help those in need. — Xinhua

Arab-Islamic summit condemns Israeli attack on Qatar, vows full solidarity

AN emergency Arab-Islamic summit held in Doha on Monday strongly condemned Israel’s recent attack on Qatar and declared full solidarity with the Gulf state.

In its final communique, the summit, chaired by Qatari Emir Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad Al Thani, described the Israeli strike on a residential area in Doha as a “flagrant act of aggression” that violated international law and posed a grave threat to regional and global peace.

Arab and Islamic leaders reaffirmed their absolute support for Qatar’s sovereignty, security and stability, and backed all measures it may take in response to the attack. They stressed that targeting a neutral mediator undermined ongoing ceasefire talks on Gaza and broader peace efforts. The statement also denounced Israel’s “crimes of genocide, ethnic cleansing, starvation and siege, as well as settlement activities and expansionist policies”, warning they jeopardize prospects for peace. The leaders called for urgent international action to hold Israel accountable, including sanctions, halting arms supplies and reviewing diplomatic and economic ties with Israel.

The summit further urged the Organization of Islamic Cooperation to coordinate efforts to suspend Israel’s UN membership, citing its persistent “violations” of international law and UN resolutions. — Xinhua



Qatari Foreign Ministry spokesman Majed Al Ansari, Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) Secretary-General Jassim al-Budaiwi, OIC Assistant Secretary-General Ambassador Youssef Al-Dobeay and Arab League Deputy Secretary-General Hossam Zaki (from L to R) attend a press conference after the emergency Arab-Islamic summit in Doha, Qatar, 15 September 2025. **PHOTO: XINHUA**

SPORTS

ISPE FC edge Shan United in Myanmar Women’s League

REIGNING champions ISPE FC defeated Shan United 1-0 in the 2025-2026 Myanmar Women’s League Matchday 7 kicked off on 16 September at Padonma Stadium.

ISPE FC, coming off a four-week league hiatus, maintained their winning momentum and exerted pressure on top-of-the-table rivals to defend its championship. Shan United, showing improved attacking strength this season,

responded well but ultimately conceded a single decisive goal in the second half.

Both teams fielded full squads, engaging in competitive and evenly matched play. The only goal came in 51 minutes, scored by Shwe Yi Htun for ISPE FC.

Matchday 7 continues this evening at 3:30 pm at Padonma Stadium, featuring YREO FC versus Yangon United. — Shine Htet Zaw/KZL



ISPE FC and Shan United in action during the match. PHOTO: MWL



This photo shows the competition scene from the Compound Mixed Team event.

Archery trials held ahead of XXXIII SEA Games

A trial archery competition for Myanmar athletes training for the XXXIII Southeast Asian Games took place yesterday morning at the Kyaikkasan Archery Ground in Tamway Township, Yangon.

The trial event featured practice shooting and knockout matches. On behalf of the director-general of the Department of Sports and Physical Education, the deputy director-general, along with officials from the Myanmar Archery

Federation, awarded the winners.

In the Recurve individual knockout event, Thiha Htet Zaw won first prize, Kaung Khant Maw took second, and Pyae Sone Hnin placed third. In the Compound individual knockout, Zinn Thu Rain Hmu won first prize, Aung Ko Oo came second, and Su Su Hlaing secured third.

In the Recurve Mixed Team competition, Thiha Htet Zaw and Pyae Sone Hnin won

first prize, while Kaung Khant Maw and Thida Nwe took second. In the Compound Mixed Team event, Su Su Hlaing and Aung Ko Oo claimed first prize. Officials presented prizes to the winners and posed for a group photo.

Myanmar archers will compete in the Recurve individual, Compound individual, Recurve Mixed Team, and Compound Mixed Team events at the XXXIII Southeast Asian Games. — Arkar Linn/KZL

Isak set for Liverpool debut in Atletico Madrid Champions League clash

LIVERPOOL manager Arne Slot has revealed Alexander Isak could make his highly anticipated debut in Wednesday’s Champions League clash against Atletico Madrid.

Isak joined the Premier League champions in a British-record £125 million (\$169 million) move from Newcastle on transfer deadline day.

The 25-year-old did not feature in Sunday’s 1-0 win at Burnley -- Liverpool’s first match since his blockbuster transfer -- because he is still short of full fitness after missing much of the pre-season. Isak had trained alone in a bid to force through his switch, leaving him in need of extra work to get up to speed.

“Definitely a chance be-



Liverpool’s Egyptian striker (11) Mohamed Salah (C) and Liverpool’s Swedish striker (9) Alexander Isak (R) attends a training session at the team’s training ground in Kirkby, north of Liverpool in northwest England, on 16 September 2025, on the eve of their UEFA Champions League football match against Atletico Madrid. PHOTO: AFP

cause he’s in the squad, so then there’s a chance to play. I would usually say 99.9 per cent sure, but I can say 100 per cent sure he will not play 90 minutes,” Slot

told reporters on Tuesday.

Asked if there was a chance of Isak starting at Anfield, Slot said: “The only thing we’re sure of is he will not play 90”. — AFP

Inoue 3rd in pound-for-pound rankings as Crawford reaches top

JAPAN’S undisputed super bantamweight world champion Naoya Inoue was ranked third in the Ring magazine’s latest pound-for-pound rankings announced Monday.

Terence Crawford of the United States rose from third to top after becoming the first boxer in history to conquer all four belts in three different divisions Saturday, beating Mexican Canelo Alvarez by a unanimous decision to become the undisputed super-middleweight champion.

Oleksandr Usyk of Ukraine, the undisputed heavyweight world champion, is second in the rankings.

Inoue beat Murodjon Akhmadaliev of Uzbekistan by a unanimous decision on Sunday for his fifth defence of his four



Japan’s undisputed super bantamweight world champion Naoya Inoue. PHOTO: KYODO

super bantamweight belts. His compatriot and WBC and IBF bantamweight champion Junto Nakatani, in verbal agreement with Inoue on a fight next year, was ranked seventh. — Kyodo



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Japan confirms first case of Clade 1b mpox virus in Kobe

A woman in her 20s with recent travel history to Africa has been confirmed with mpox in Japan's Kobe, the health ministry said Tuesday. Genetic testing showed she was infected with the Clade 1b strain, marking the first detection of the virus type in Japan.

The strain was known to circulate in parts of Central Africa.

The patient developed fever and skin rashes and visited a Kobe medical facility on 12 September. Officials said her condition was stable. Authorities said there was no indication of community transmission in Japan at the time. — Xinhua

Russia, Iran, China & allies want to ban attacks on nuclear sites

Iran, Russia, Belarus, China, Venezuela, and Nicaragua have submitted a draft resolution to the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) calling for a ban on any attacks or threats against safeguarded nuclear sites.

The initiative of the six countries, titled Prohibition of all forms of attack and threats of attack against nuclear sites and facilities under IAEA safeguards, is meant to defend the integrity of the NPT, Iran's Foreign Ministry spokesman Esmail Baqaei stated on X, in a reference to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons. — SPUTNIK

China, ASEAN trade thrives with closer agricultural, manufacturing cooperation



A woman chooses durians imported from Thailand at a supermarket in Nanning, south China's Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region, 7 September 2023. PHOTO: XINHUA

TRADE between China and ASEAN has seen robust growth in the first eight months of the year, boosted by deepened cooperation in the agricultural and manufacturing sectors, data from the General Administration of Customs (GAC) showed on Tuesday.

China and ASEAN have been each other's largest trading partners for five consecutive years, with ASEAN maintaining its position as China's largest trading partner in agricultural products for eight consecutive years, GAC said. In the first eight months of

2025, China's imports and exports with ASEAN rose 9.7 per cent year on year to 4.93 trillion yuan (about US\$694 billion), hitting a historic high for the period, according to the data.

From January to August, China's imports and exports of agricultural products with ASEAN amounted to 290.6 billion yuan — an increase of 9.7 per cent year on year and accounting for 20.1 per cent of China's total agricultural trade volume.

ASEAN was China's largest source of imports for several

agricultural products during the January-August period, including both fresh and dried fruits, edible oils, and cassava, while China's exports of specialty agricultural products to ASEAN, including down and feathers, and animal feed, achieved double-digit growth, GAC said.

It said that closer bilateral cooperation in manufacturing has also driven rapid growth in related trade in goods, adding that manufactured products accounted for over 90 per cent of China's trade with ASEAN in the

first eight months.

During the period, China's exports of machine tools and automobile parts to ASEAN grew 56.1 per cent and 22 per cent year on year, respectively, while the country's imports of computer components from ASEAN rose 47.4 per cent year on year.

The GAC data also revealed that trade between China and ASEAN increased to nearly 7 trillion yuan in 2024 — up from over 870 billion yuan in 2004, when the first China-ASEAN Expo was held. — Xinhua

UK's RAF jets to Poland: NATO escalation amid anti-Russia hysteria

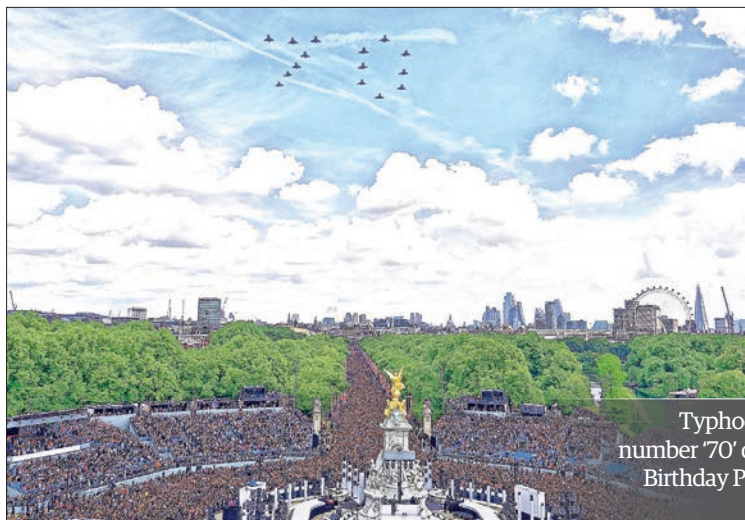
THE United Kingdom is sending RAF Typhoon fighter jets to Poland under NATO's Operation Eastern Sentry. Prime Minister Sir Keir Starmer said Typhoons joining the mission was "vital in securing NATO airspace".

Britain's Typhoons will operate out of RAF Coningsby in Lincolnshire, and will be supported by Voyager tankers, according to UK Defence Secretary John Healey.

The jets will fly missions

alongside Danish F-16s, French Rafales, and German Eurofighters. NATO's Operation Eastern Sentry is billed as a response to the recent drone incident in Poland.

No convincing evidence was presented to Russia that the UAVs that violated Poland's airspace earlier in the month were Russian. — SPUTNIK



Typhoon Fighter jets from Britain's RAF (Royal Air Force) fly in formation to form the number '70' during a special flypast from Buckingham Palace balcony following the Queen's Birthday Parade, the Trooping the Colour, as part of Queen Elizabeth II's platinum jubilee celebrations, in London on 2 June 2022. PHOTO: PAUL ELLIS / POOL / AFP