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Myanmar ready to work closely with regional and international partners



Vice-President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Nyo Saw attends and delivers a speech at the plenary session of the 11th Eastern Economic Forum in Vladivostok, the Russian Federation.

Vice-President U Nyo Saw delivered an address at the plenary session of the 11th Eastern Economic Forum at the building

on the campus of the Far Eastern Federal University in Vladivostok, the Russian Federation, at 4 pm local standard time yesterday.

In his speech, the Vice-President said that the Eastern Economic Forum enhances economic cooperation, investment, technological innovation

and integration in the Asia-Pacific region, and the forum is important for seeking opportunities to strengthen partner relations and sustainable development.

He added that through the recent meeting between President of the Russian Federation Mr Vladimir Putin and President of Myanmar U Min Aung Hlaing, efforts are being made to further implement mutual trust, friendship and cooperation to achieve success. He noted that digital transformation, Artificial Intelligence, Innovation and Modern Infrastructure can create opportunities for businesses as well as contribute to improving public services and socio-economic life.

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900,000 Myanma pearls produced in 1st 5 months of FY 2026-2027



This image showcases high quality pearls produced in Myanmar.

MYANMA Pearl Enterprise stated that more than 900,000 pearls were produced between April and August of the 2026-2027 financial year.

Pearl cultivation is carried out across the marine area spanning Kawthoung, Myeik, and Kyunsu townships in Taninthayi Region. There are 13 pearl-culturing camps, including state-owned Pearl Island.

This FY, the enterprise targets holding two international auctions and two domestic sales events.

Myanmar primarily produces the South Sea pearl. Each pearl farm is managed with a target of 100,000 pearls per production cycle. Private pearl cultivation companies are being expanded to increase output. — ASH/KK

YU Hosts China-Myanmar Youth Exchange, Media Tea Party

THE China-Myanmar Youth Exchange Event and the Third Quarter 2026 China-Myanmar Media Tea Party took place at the Centre for Research and Innovation of Yangon University yesterday.

An introductory video about China was first screened. This was followed by welcome remarks

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The China-Myanmar Youth Exchange and the Third Quarter 2026 China-Myanmar Media Tea Party are underway in Yangon.

9 Myanmar firms join 2026 ASEAN Panorama Expo in Seoul

REPRESENTATIVES from nine Myanmar companies attended the Business Forum and Business-to-Business (B2B) business-matching programmes held as part of the 2026 ASEAN Panorama exhibition in Seoul, Republic of Korea, according to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

The exhibition runs

from 7 May to 30 September, featuring rotating exhibitions from two ASEAN member nations each month. In August 2026, pavilions from Myanmar and Thailand were showcased from 1 to 27 August. The Myanmar pavilion displayed traditional arts and handicrafts, textiles and food products manufactured by 10 Myanmar

companies, along with promotional videos highlighting Myanmar tourism.

On 26 and 27 August, 16 representatives from nine of the 10 participating Myanmar companies attended the Business Forum and B2B business-matching sessions with South Korean business owners.

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Duty Assignment of Permanent Secretary/Director-General

THE Union Government has assigned U Myo Zarni Win, Director-General of the Union Minister’s Office of the Ministry of Industry and MSME Development, to the duties of Permanent Secretary and Director-General of the same organization.

Objectives of 27th Traditional Myanmar Cultural Performing Arts Competition 2026

- (a) To enhance national prestige, integrity, and preserve the traditional cultural heritage of ethnic people
- (b) To preserve national characteristics and promote the national spirit, cherishing traditional culture among the younger generation
- (c) To explore, preserve and promote the sustainable development of traditional Myanmar arts
- (d) To function as a cultural and artistic institution that contributes to nation-building

Bamboo expert to conduct online class

AN online class on bamboo cultivation, regeneration and commercial bamboo production will be conducted in September, according to the Forest Resource Environment Development and Conservation Association (FREDA).

Dr San Win, a bamboo expert, will give lectures based on his experience and research work acquired over 25 years.

It will provide opportunities to learn practical lectures based on farms of 20 kinds of mature bamboo species established since 2003. Bamboo ecological functions, soil selection, and step-by-step cultivation and regeneration methods will be covered. Relocation techniques that do not affect bamboo plants, land preparation, fertilization, moisture maintenance of dried leaves, pest and disease prevention and control, and growing techniques for bamboo windbreaks will be featured.

In addition, techniques for cutting, and producing value-added products, such as bamboo charcoal and bamboo vinegar, as well as good techniques currently practised in China for bamboo sector development, will be shared.



This image captures young bamboo plants, with those conserving them.

Date and time will announcement, and the fee is K150,000. — MT/ZS

Weather

Myanmar Daily Weather Report

Issued at 7 pm Thursday 3 September 2026

BAY INFERENCE: Monsoon is moderate over the Andaman Sea and the Bay of Bengal. Weather will be a few cloud to partly cloudy over the North Andaman Sea and the Central Bay of Bengal and partly cloudy to cloudy over the South Andaman Sea and elsewhere over the Bay of Bengal.

FORECAST VALID UNTIL NOON OF 4 September 2026: Rain or thundershowers will be scattered in Upper Sagaing Region and Kachin and northern Shan States, fairly widespread in Nay Pyi Taw, Mandalay, Magway and Lower Sagaing Regions and Kayah State and widespread in the remaining Regions and States with likelihood isolated heavy falls in Yangon, Mandalay, Lower Sagaing and Ayeyawady Regions and southern Shan state. The degree of certainty is 100 per cent.

THE CONDITION OF CUMULONIMBUS CLOUD: The cumulonimbus clouds are developing in Yangon, Bago, Ayeyawady and Taninthayi Regions and Kayin, Mon and Shan States. In areas along the cumulonimbus clouds movement, the weather phenomena such as strong winds accompanied by rain, thunder, lightning and hails may occur and therefore it is recommended to be aware in advance of these phenomena.

STATE OF THE SEA: Squalls with rough seas are likely at times off and along the Myanmar Coasts. Surface wind speed in squalls may reach 30 mile per hour. Wave height will be about 9-11 feet off and along the Myanmar Coasts.

OUTLOOK FOR THE SUBSEQUENT TWO DAYS: Moderate monsoon.

FORECAST FOR NAY PYI TAW AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 4 September 2026: One or two times of rain or thundershowers. The degree of certainty is 100 per cent.

FORECAST FOR YANGON AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 4 September 2026: One or two times of rain or thundershowers. The degree of certainty is 100 per cent.

FORECAST FOR MANDALAY AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 4 September 2026: One or two times of rain or thundershowers. The degree of certainty is 100 per cent. — DMH

Heavy Rainfall Warning No 65

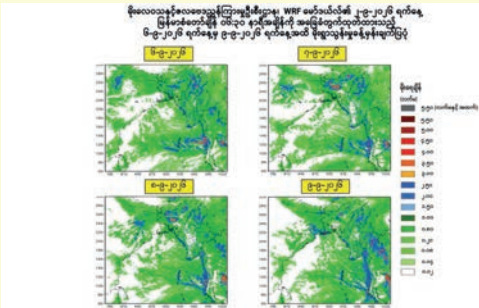
Issued at 8 pm MST on 3 September 2026

ACCORDING to the observations at 6:30 pm MST today, due to the strong monsoon over the Andaman Sea and the South Bay of Bengal and the strong development of the convective clouds such as rain or thundershowers are likely to be fairly widespread to widespread in Nay Pyi Taw, Yangon, Mandalay, Bago, Upper Sagaing, Ayeyawady and Taninthayi Regions and Kachin, Kayin, Chin, Mon, Rakhine and Shan States with likelihood of isolated heavy falls in Upper Sagaing, Taninthayi Regions and Kachin, Kayin and Mon States from 6 to 9 September 2026.

Squalls with rough seas are likely at time off and along the Myanmar Coasts. Surface wind speed in squalls may reach 30 miles per hour. Wave height will be about 10-12 feet off and along the Myanmar Coasts.

Advisory

People should be aware of the strong monsoon over the Andaman Sea and the South Bay of Bengal and the strong development of the convective clouds such as the heavy rainfall with strong wind, flash floods and landslides in the hilly areas and near small rivers and inland water transport and domestic flights. — DMH



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Myanmar ready to work closely with regional ...

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The Vice-President revealed that Myanmar is striving to improve digital development by applying modern technologies in the digital expertise, innovation, agriculture, industry, education, health and public management sectors.

He underlined that Myanmar is located in a strategic area in Asia and is important as an inland bridge to link India, China and the ASEAN market. Being a member of the ASEAN, Lancang-Mekong and BIMSTEC groups, Myanmar can create opportunities to boost regional trade and economic linkages.

Furthermore, the Vice-President highlighted that Myanmar is cooperating with the international community in developing the agriculture and livestock sectors for regional food security, as well as in the development of renewable energy and electrici-

ty, while capitalizing on its strategic location at the crossroads of the India-Myanmar-Thailand Trilateral Highway, the ASEAN Highway Network, the East-West Economic Corridor and the China-Myanmar Economic Corridor.

He recounted that President U Min Aung Hlaing has recently made official visits to several countries, including the Russian Federation, India, China, Laos, Belarus, and Thailand, which not only strengthened existing friendly ties and positive mutual relations, but also enhanced practical cooperation for mutual benefit.

The Vice-President highlighted that although Myanmar and Russia are geographically distant, the two countries maintain solid and close bilateral relations characterized by multi-sectoral cooperation as well as mutual support in regional and international arenas.

Myanmar stands ready to continue working closely with all regional and international partners to foster greater connectivity and build a strong, comprehensively developed region.

Russian President Mr Vladimir Putin, Indonesian President Mr Prabowo Subianto, Mongolian Prime Minister Mr Uchral Nyam-Osor and Vice Premier of the People's Republic of China Mr Ding Xuexiang also delivered speeches.

The ceremony was also attended by diplomats, delegates, business leaders, economists, and guests from the Russian Federation and partner countries in attendance.

The Vice-President was accompanied by Union Minister for Electricity and Energy U Ko Ko Lwin, deputy ministers, the Myanmar Ambassador to the Russian Federation and officials. — MNA/TTA

Myanmar Invites Russian Investors at Eastern Economic Forum



Deputy Minister U Ko Ko Kyaw participates in the Eastern Economic Forum in Vladivostok, the Russian Federation.

DEPUTY Minister for Foreign Affairs U Ko Ko Kyaw has invited Russian businesses and investors to explore investment opportunities in Myanmar during the 11th Eastern Economic Forum in Vladivostok, the Russian Federation.

U Ko Ko Kyaw, who is attending the forum as part of the Myanmar delegation, spoke at a discussion titled “The Business Environment of the Future: Global Experience and New Solutions” at the Far Eastern Federal University in Vladivostok yesterday.

The session was moderated by Mr Mikhail Khomich, head of the Strategy Department at Russia's VEB.RF investment and development institution. Russian Economic Development Minister Mr Maxim Reshetnikov and senior representatives from the Russian Presidential Administration, ROSATOM, Sberbank and the Agency for Strategic Initiatives, as well as the heads of the Korea-Russia and Thailand-Russia Business Councils, also took part.

Participants dis-

cussed global economic and investment trends, including successful experiences in Russia's Far East, as well as possible solutions to challenges facing businesses and investors.

U Ko Ko Kyaw highlighted Myanmar's Investment Law and Special Economic Zone Law, which he said had been established in line with international legal standards to protect investors' interests.

He also outlined efforts to create a stable and sustainable investment environment for international businesses, while identifying MSMEs and Special Economic Zone (SEZ) projects as priority areas for investment.

The deputy foreign minister called on Russian entrepreneurs and investors to consider investing in Myanmar and discussed potential areas for expanded economic cooperation. — MNA/ST

MoFA Deputy Minister signs condolence book for flash flood victims in Nepal

ON behalf of the Government of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs U Naing Min Kyaw visited the Embassy of Nepal in Myanmar, located at No 16, Natmauk Yeiktha Lane, Tamway Township, Yangon, at 2 pm yesterday to sign the condolence book following the flash floods in Nepal on 26 August, which resulted in the tragic loss of numerous lives and extensive property damage.

Upon arrival, the deputy minister greeted the Ambassador of Nepal to Myanmar and other embassy officials in the



Deputy Minister U Naing Min Kyaw signs the condolence book following the flash floods in Nepal.

reception hall. He conveyed condolences and sympathy from the Government of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar over the devastating flash

floods that claimed many lives and caused extensive property damage in Nepal, and subsequently signed the condolence book. — MNA/TH

208 partially damaged buildings in terrorist attacks repaired in Falam

REPAIR works are being carried out on 208 partially damaged buildings of 39 district- and township-level departments in Falam District that were damaged due to terrorist incidents, using K9,601.26827 million of the National Disaster Management Fund. These repair works, being undertaken by 148 companies, commenced on 3 August, said Deputy Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement Dr Thant Zaw Lwin during a meeting with departmental officials at the City Hall in Falam yesterday morning.

Moreover, the repair works on the remaining 50 partially damaged buildings and 72 completely damaged buildings will be carried out under the



Deputy Minister Dr Thant Zaw Lwin and officials are pictured during their inspection of recovery efforts.

arrangements of the respective departments.

After the meeting, the deputy minister and relevant officials inspected the repair works on office buildings of Falam district and township development department, Falam township fire services department, the No 1

BEHS school building and building of district road department and cleanliness activities in the compound of Falam general hospital.

They also met relevant officials of the temporary hospital at City Hall and observed the health-care services. — MNA/KTZH

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Letpadan's farm-to-market road construction inspected

OFFICIALS from the Department of Rural Development, under the Ministry of Cooperatives and Rural Development, conducted a field inspection yesterday for the planned construction and laterite stone surfacing of the farm-to-market road in Tawkwe Village, Letpadan Township, Bago Region.

The project aims to

enable local agricultural produce and crops to be transported to markets throughout the year at reduced transport costs.

District Head U Nyunt Zaw of the Department of Rural Development, Thawaddy District, together with the township head and responsible officials, inspected the existing road conditions and the feasi-

bility of transporting construction materials to the project site, accompanied by members of the Farm-to-Market Road Construction Committee.

The planned works include upgrading the 7,300-foot-long and 18-foot-wide road with a one-foot-nine-inch laterite stone surfacing, as well as constructing 11 pipe culverts

along the road. The district head coordinated the necessary measures for the smooth implementation of the project.

The construction of the Tawkwe Village farm-to-market road and related works will be undertaken by Thuta Phyto Company with a budget of K276.323 million from the Union Fund for the 2026-2027 financial year.

Upon completion, the project is expected to enable year-round transport of various locally produced crops from approximately 500 acres of farmland in Tawkwe, Kyaungsu and Kyogon villages to markets. The road will benefit approximately 419 households and 1,817 people in the three villages, according to the Department of Rural Development, Thawaddy District. — Moe Moe (DRD)



Officials inspect a farm-to-market road construction project in Letpadan Township.

Yenangyoung's earth embankment and laterite paving works inspected

ON the morning of 2 September, officials conducted a field inspection to examine the progress of earth embankment construction and laterite paving works on the Thoneseitchauk-Chaungmagyi-Pinwa Road, implemented by the Yenangyoung Township Department of Rural Road Development, Magway Region, under the Ministry of Cooperatives and Rural Development, using Union (Capital) funds for the 2026-2027 financial year, according to reports.

U Khine Min Soe, person-in-charge of the Quality Control (QC) and Project Inspection Team of the Magway Region De-

partment of Rural Road Development, Daw Thiri Phyto Wai Wint, Township Engineer-in-Charge (Civil) of the Yenangyoung Township Department of Rural Road Development, and responsible officials inspected the status of the laterite paving works on the Thoneseitchauk-Chaungmagyi-Pinwa Road, where QC Person-in-Charge U Khine Min Soe provided necessary discussions and instructions.

The earth embankment construction and laterite paving works, measuring six furlongs in length, 18 feet in width, and eight inches in thickness, on the Tho-



Officials oversee the road construction project in Yenangyoung Township on 2 September 2026.

neseitchauk-Chaungmagyi-Pinwa Road have been carried out by the Township Department of Rural Road Development starting from 1 August this year, utilizing Union (Capital) funds of K118.5 million for the 2026-2027

financial year. It is reported that 50 per cent of the work has been completed so far. Upon 100 per cent completion of the project, the socioeconomic lives of residents will be improved. — Naw Lu (DRD)

MMPO, CAN ARTT Academy sign MoU



This image displays the Youth Resource Development Committee from MMPO and CAN ARTT Academy meeting after signing an MoU.

THE Youth Resource Development Committee of the Myanmar Motion Pictures Organization (MMPO) and CAN ARTT Academy signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) on cooperation in youth development and other beneficial activities in the film industry at the MMPO's Golden Jubilee Hall on 2 September.

The MoU aims to promote transparency in youth development programmes in the film industry and put them into practice to support the emergence of a new generation of filmmakers.

"We at CAN ARTT began considering what we could do for young people interested in film through the MMPO's Youth Resource Development

Committee, which aims to provide opportunities for young people. The Digital Pictures Organization (MMPO) and CAN ARTT Academy signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) on cooperation in youth development and other beneficial activities in the film industry at the MMPO's Golden Jubilee Hall on 2 September. The MoU aims to promote transparency in youth development programmes in the film industry and put them into practice to support the emergence of a new generation of filmmakers.

The ceremony was attended by MMPO Chairman U Kyi Soe Tun, Vice-Chairman U Aye Kyu Lay, Academy members Zaw Myint Oo, Chan Thar Kyi Soe and Khant Sithu, actor Nay Min of CAN ARTT Academy, and screenwriter Aung Gyi. — ASH/MKKS

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Yangon to Host 3rd Baby & Kids Fair



This image displays a poster for the Yangon Baby and Kids Fair.

THE 3rd Yangon Baby and Kids Fair will be held from 4 to 6 September at the Myanmar Expo Hall in Thakayta Township, from 9 am to 7 pm, with free entry. Every purchase of K50,000 earns a Vitashine Golden Ticket, redeemable for rewards at the information counter. Golden Ticket holders will also be entered into a special draw on 4 September for couple photo shoots, games, and snack sessions with Vitashine. Shoppers can enjoy exclusive discounts, while playgrounds and food courts will be set up to add to the festive atmosphere. — TWA/ZS

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During the sessions, Myanmar enterprises engaged in B2B discussions and site visits with executives from South Korean companies. Ambassador U Myo Myint Maung, Chargé d’Affaires ai of the Embassy of Myanmar in Seoul, visited the ASEAN-Korea Centre to encourage the Myanmar companies during their B2B discussions with South Korean business partners. The Embassy of Myanmar in Seoul facilitated the platform through the business forum and B2B business-matching sessions to assist local MSMEs in entering the South Korean market, identifying export opportunities and fostering stronger trade and economic cooperation between Myanmar and the Republic of Korea. — ASH/TH



This photo captures visitors exploring the Myanmar pavilion at the 2026 ASEAN Panorama Exhibition in Seoul.

Flood Danger Shuts 14 Bago Schools

THE Bago River water level has exceeded the danger mark by about 1.5 feet in Bago, overflowing onto some main roads, and 14 basic education schools have had to be temporarily closed.

This was according to measurements taken by the Department of Meteorology and Hydrology at 6:30 am on 3 September. Within the next day, it may drop by about six inches, remaining above the danger mark.

Due to continuous rainfall and rising river levels, water is overflowing across some main roads in Bago as well as parts of the Yangon-Mandalay highway.

Because floodwaters entered four feet deep



Floodwaters are entering some schools due to the rising Bago River.

across compounds, 14 schools, including BEHS 4, BEHS 10, middle school branches, and primary schools, have had to be temporarily closed starting from 2 September. There are 3,838 students and 149 teachers in these schools. “Once the water re-

cedes, we will make up for the closed days by conducting classes on Sundays so that the students’ education is not affected,” said an official. The DMH has announced that scattered to widespread thundershowers are likely to occur in

Bago between 6 and 9 September. Additionally, water was overflowing by about two feet and three inches from the spillway of the Ngamoeyeik Dam in Hlegu on 3 September, rising about one inch higher than yesterday. — TWA/ZN

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national Studies under delivered by Dr Zheng Zhihong, Minister Counsellor of the Embassy of the People’s Republic of China in Myanmar, Dr Thaung Htike, Rector of the University of Yangon, MP U Aye Chan, a member of the International Relations Committee of the Pyithu Hluttaw and Dr Naing Swe Oo, Senior Advisory Board Member of Myanmar Institute of Strategic and Inter-

a platform for exchanging views and ideas aimed at further deepening and strengthening constructive cooperation between Myanmar and China, enhancing friendship among the younger generations of the two countries, and promoting people-to-people contact. Discussions also focused on future exchanges and cooperation between the two countries, particularly

in the fields of economy, trade, culture and media. The event also provided an opportunity for university students to gain a better understanding of China’s culture and development, while promoting greater cooperation among students and young people and between the media sectors of Myanmar and China. — Thitsa (MNA)/KTZH

Floods May Ease as Rains Recede

ACCORDING to the 3 September release by Meteoroblu (ICON Model) and the Thai Meteorological Department, the monsoon across Myanmar is expected to weaken from 3 to 9 September. Meteorologist U Win Naing said that rainfall in Bago and Yangon is likely to decrease significantly after 6 September. From 3 to 5 September, moderate to heavy rainfall is forecast in Mon, Kayin, Taninthayi, Rakhine, and upper Sagaing. However, from 6 to 9 September, the amount and frequency of rainfall may decrease in Ayeyawady, Yangon, Bago, Magway, Mandalay, and lower

Sagaing. Water inflow into the Bago River, Ngamoeyeik Creek, and Sittoung River may decrease, and flooding conditions occurring in urban and low-lying areas will also gradually ease. However, due to upstream water discharge flowing down from upper

Sagaing, the water levels of the Ngawun River and the Ayeyawady River will remain high, and the recession may be slow. In Mon, Kayin, and Taninthayi, continued caution is required for the risks of sudden creek water rises, flooding, and landslides in foothill areas. — MT/ZN

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MFSPEA announces fertilizer reference prices until 30 Sept

THE Myanmar Fertilizer, Seed and Pesticide Entrepreneurs Association (MFSPEA) announced the reference prices set for Yangon Region until 30 September: K120,000 per 50-kilogramme bag of urea fertilizer (large granular) and K138,000 per bag of diammonium phosphate, according to the Myanmar Fertilizer, Seed and Pesticide Entrepreneurs Association (MFSPEA).



Fertilizers and pesticides are displayed at a shop in DaikU Township.

Under the supervision of the Urea Fertilizer Purchase, Distribution and Sales Steering Committee, MFSPEA has already asked member companies to stick to reference prices.

The MFSPEA has not confirmed the refer-

ence price for Complex 15 fertilizer. The prices will vary a bit depending on transport charges in other regions and states, as the aforementioned prices are set for the Yangon Region.

For overcharging, consumers can complain to the committee through contact numbers 067 410035 and 09 988539360, MFSPEA stated. — NN/KK

Jivitadana Sangha Hospital Yangon to organize 25th mass blood donation drive

THE Jivitadana Sangha Hospital (Yangon) will host a mass blood donation event on 17 October 2026 to mark the 25th (silver jubilee) blood donation drive, ahead of the end of the Buddhist Lent.

The event will be held at 8 am at the hospital's donation hall in Bahan Township, Yangon, aiming to help patients in urgent

need of blood. Monks, nuns, and laypeople are invited to participate. The National Blood Centre of Yangon General Hospital will oversee the blood collection.

Those wishing to donate blood can register in person or by contacting the Social Relations Department at 01 541795 or 09 683817970 until 16 October. — NN/KK

Trading Amount and Forex Rate in the Market on 3 September 2026

	US\$	Chinese yuan	Thai baht	Indian rupee
Exchange rates	3,648.00~3669.00	557.00~558.70	125.30~125.70	43.60
Trading amount in the market	18,530,953.73	1,564,043.60	130,978,676.00	-

Cooperative & lacquerware tech colleges open 1st-year admissions for 2026

THE Ministry of Cooperatives and Rural Development announced first-year admissions for Cooperative Colleges (Mandalay and Phaunggyi) and the Lacquerware Technology College (Bagan) for the 2026 academic year.

The colleges offer two-year diploma programmes: Diploma in Social Enterprise Management (Dip SEM), Regional Development (Dip RD), Business Accounting (Dip BAacct), Marketing Management (Dip

MM), and Applied Statistics (Dip AS) at the Cooperative College (Mandalay and Phaunggyi), and Diploma in Lacquerware Technology (Dip LT) at Lacquerware Technology College (Bagan).

Upon successful completion, diploma graduates are entitled to advance to the third year of corresponding specialized programmes at the University of Cooperative and Management (Thanlyin) or the University of Cooperative and Management (Sagaing).

Applicants must have passed the 2026 matriculation examination. Selection will be based on exam scores and the intake capacity of each college.

Applications must be submitted along with copies of the matriculation certificate or a verification of pass, the matriculation exam marksheet and a copy of the citizenship scrutiny card by 30 October. Forms can be downloaded from the ministry's website www.mcrd.gov.mm, the Cooperative

Department's Facebook page, or the Small-Scale Industries Department website www.ssid.gov.mm. Completed applications may be submitted through regional/state offices or directly to the respective colleges.

Admitted students will be announced at the colleges and on the ministry's online platforms. Interested individuals can enquire for further details by dialling 067 3410343, 067 3410273, 09 683067695, 01 8626074, or 061 2460267. — NN/KK

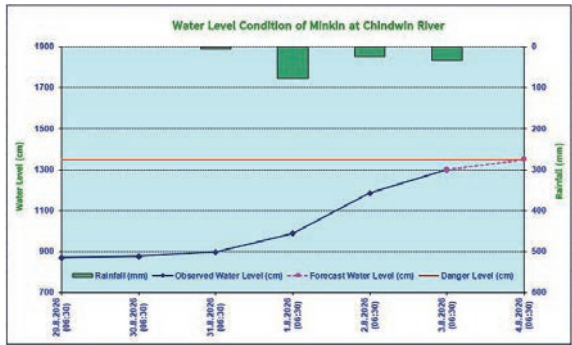
Flood Warning

Issued at 8 am MST on 3 September 2026

ACCORDING to the 6:30 am MST observation today, the water level of the Chindwin River at Minkin is observed as about one foot eight inches below its danger level. It may reach its danger level during the next day.

According to the 6:30 am MST observation today, the water level of the Chindwin River at Monywa is observed as about one foot four inches below its danger level. It may reach its danger level during the next day.

It is especially alert to the people who settle near the river banks and low lying areas in Minkin and Monywa townships, to take precaution measure and to stay away from the flood-prone areas in time if the water level will rise. — DMH



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Thai prime minister courts investors to “build with Thailand” ahead of IMF, World Bank meetings

Thai Prime Minister Anutin urged delegates to build with Thailand collaboratively.

THAI Prime Minister Anutin Charnvirakul urged global investors on Thursday to treat Thailand as a partner rather than a production site or sales market, previewing the pitch his government will carry into the International Monetary Fund (IMF) and World Bank Group Annual Meetings here next month.

In his keynote address at the Bangkok Business Summit, Anutin said Thai-

land’s competitive advantage rested on a combination of industrial depth, regional connectivity, and the ability to link different sectors together, as well as being a country where global talent can thrive.

“Do not simply build in Thailand. Build with Thailand,” he told delegates at the summit.

The prime minister said his government’s responsibility was to make

the country easier and more predictable for long-term investors through clearer rules, faster decisions, reliable infrastructure, and access to clean energy and digital capacity.

To that end, he said, the administration is reviewing more than 7,000 subordinate rules and regulations that may impose unnecessary burdens on people and businesses. — Xinhua



This photo taken on 8 December 2022 shows the floating solar farm at the Sirindhorn dam in Ubon Ratchatani, Thailand. PHOTO: XINHUA/FILE

Govt sides with OpenAI in lawsuit

US President Donald Trump’s administration sided with OpenAI in a lawsuit brought by the New York Times, defending training AI models on copyrighted works, according to a court document filed Tuesday.

In late 2023, the New York Times sued ChatGPT-maker OpenAI and Microsoft, its main investor, alleging that the companies’ powerful artificial intelligence models used millions of articles for training without permission.



United States Justice Department backs artificial intelligence development against copyright lawsuit. PHOTO: AFP

Copyright has been a major battleground for the generative AI sector, with publishers, musicians and artists lawyering up or cutting deals to get paid for

technology that is being built with their content.

The Justice Department said in a 20-page document that the “creative possibilities and public benefits that (large language model) training advances far outweigh any competitive harm”. “Constraining LLM development under a misunderstanding of fair use doctrine would thwart such creative and scientific progress while hindering American prosperity and economic mobility,” the document read. — AFP

NEWS IN BRIEF

Japan to make driving tests harder for some older motorists

JAPAN will make driving tests harder for some older motorists to curb the number of accidents caused by elderly people mistaking the accelerator for the brake, police said on Thursday.

Deadly traffic accidents caused by drivers over 75 are on the rise in Japan despite a general downward trend, reflecting the increasing proportion of older people in the population.

Around 18 per cent of fatal accidents last year were caused by drivers in that age group, according to the National Police Agency (NPA).

The agency said it would implement “necessary measures” in response to recommendations by an expert panel that some drivers be required to perform additional manoeuvres during their practical tests. — AFP

Singapore funds built environment innovation

SINGAPORE has committed 112 million Singapore dollars (US\$88.28 million) over the next five years in research and innovation for the built environment, the Building and Construction Authority said on Wednesday.

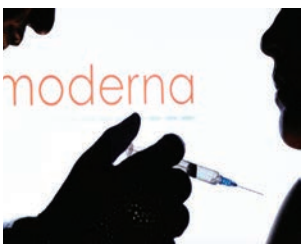
The funding, under Singapore’s Research, Innovation and Enterprise 2030 plan, is part of a package of measures announced by Minister for National Development Chee Hong Tat to transform the sector, the authority said in a statement.

The funding will focus on safer and more productive demolition, improving building lifespan modelling and maintenance, reducing embodied carbon and improving energy efficiency toward net-zero emissions by 2050, and translating research and innovation outcomes into industry adoption. — Xinhua

DR Congo Ebola vaccine trials

TRIALS for three potential vaccines against the Ebola strain that has killed thousands in the DR Congo should begin by October or November, the World Health Organization said Wednesday.

The official death toll from the Democratic Republic of Congo’s deadliest-ever Ebola outbreak passed more than 3,000 people on Wednesday, out of over 6,000 infected.



One is being developed by the US-based Moderna group using mRNA technology and another by the University of Oxford. PHOTO: AFP/FILE

The vast central African country’s 17th Ebola

outbreak was declared on 15 May. But the WHO believes the deadly virus began spreading under the radar as early as late January.

Responders have been playing catch-up and scrambling for ways to halt the spread as a result, in the restive east of the country plagued by a litany of armed groups. Among the many challenges facing the response is

the lack of any approved vaccines or treatments for the Bundibugyo species of Ebola behind the outbreak.

The WHO said efficacy trials for three potential vaccines were drawing closer. “Two new vaccines against Bundibugyo virus are now in safety trials in the UK and Canada,” WHO chief Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus told reporters in Geneva. — AFP

Introduce library science to student youth

The development of the Five Physical and Mental Strengths in youth means equipping them with the essential qualities and abilities they need to stand on their own feet throughout their future lives and to become good citizens for their country.

Beyond just providing school education, it is essential to conduct sports and physical exercises during physical education classes to ensure physical fitness, while also offering training to broaden general knowledge, improve social skills, and foster an understanding of civic duties. Although Myanmar is a small developing country with many national needs, we must do everything possible to support the all-around development of young students. For this reason, school libraries are established for students to read. In fact, a school and its library are inseparable, and the library is an integral part of the school.

School libraries must be stocked with reading materials tailored to students' respective grade levels, and arrangements should be made to ensure they actively read literature that expands their general knowledge during designated library periods. Furthermore, in schools that face challenges managing full library duties, homeroom teachers should use library periods to give talks that go beyond standard school lessons—sharing knowledge gathered from books about Myanmar's history, prominent leaders, and geography. Only then will students develop the curiosity to explore and read about the subjects in their textbooks, sparking a lifelong passion for learning and reading.

ing between the Ministry of Health and the Ministry of Education to digitize student health record cards; developing programmes to teach digital English and the use of AI; improving Grade-12 pass rates; ensuring school heads and teachers adhere to professional ethics and regulations; and mentoring and disciplining students with loving-kindness and compassion.

It is essential to cultivate students' reading habits and library usage skills, guiding them to independently seek out information from libraries for whatever they wish to learn in the future. It is necessary to instruct students in modern techniques to help them understand and master the internationally practised library-based teaching and learning system. Furthermore, everyone must share modern library technologies to ensure they are familiar with up-to-date practices, and train them to integrate library resources seamlessly with their academic studies.

Modern life surrounds us with numbers. We check the time, weather, bank balances, and even the number of steps we take each day. Yet two numbers that can have a profound influence on our future health – blood pressure and blood glucose – are often overlooked until illness develops. High blood pressure and diabetes are major noncommunicable diseases, and both can progress quietly for years. Regular checking is therefore not about becoming anxious over every reading; it is about recognizing risk early enough to act.

The danger of silent disease

Hypertension is often described as a “silent killer” because many people with high blood pressure have no obvious symptoms. Persistently raised pressure can gradually damage blood vessels and increase the workload of the heart, contributing to heart attack, heart failure, stroke, kidney disease and other complications. Blood pressure is written as two numbers: systolic pressure, when the heart contracts, and diastolic pressure, when the heart relaxes. A proper diagnosis should be based on correctly performed measurements and clinical assessment rather than on a single isolated reading.

Diabetes can be similarly silent, especially type 2 diabetes. Some people experience thirst, frequent urination, tiredness or unexplained weight loss, but others may remain unaware for a considerable period. Persistently high blood glucose can damage blood vessels and nerves and contribute to cardiovascular disease, kidney disease, visual impairment and lower-limb complications. The value of screening lies in finding risk before irreversible damage occurs.

Beyond the Numbers: Why Regular Blood Pressure and Blood Sugar Checks Matter

What Myanmar's STEPS Survey 2024 tells us

The Ministry of Health's STEPS Survey Myanmar 2024 provides important current national evidence. Among adults aged 18-69 years, 24.4 per cent had raised blood pressure, defined in the report as systolic blood pressure of at least 140 mmHg and/or diastolic blood pressure of at least 90 mmHg, or currently taking medication for raised blood pressure. The prevalence was 27.3 per cent among men and 21.1 per cent among women.

The survey also reveals an important gap between having a condition and having it adequately controlled. Among adults with raised blood pressure, 58.1 per cent had been previously diagnosed, 43.6 per cent were receiving medication, and only 21.6 per cent were controlled. These figures show why measuring blood pressure regularly remains important even when a person feels well.

The blood glucose findings carry a similar message. Raised fasting blood glucose, defined as fasting blood glucose of at least 126 mg/dl or current medication for diabetes, was present in 7.9 per cent of adults aged 18-69 years – 6.5 per cent of men and 9.6 per cent of women. Prevalence increased markedly with age and reached 21.9 per cent among those aged 60-69 years.

In addition, 12.3 per cent of adults had impaired fasting glycaemia. Among those with raised



blood glucose or currently taking diabetes medication, 56.5 per cent had been diagnosed, and 50.4 per cent were currently receiving treatment. The figures underline a simple public-health lesson: many people can benefit from earlier detection, appropriate confirmation of diagnosis and continuing care.

Why blood pressure and blood sugar should be considered together

Blood pressure and blood glucose should not be viewed as completely separate health issues. Hypertension and type 2 diabetes frequently share risk factors such as increasing age, excess body weight, physical inactivity and unhealthy dietary patterns. When they coexist, cardiovascular and kidney risks become especially important.

The 2024 STEPS findings reinforce this broader risk picture. More than one quarter of surveyed

be checked. The central message is that feeling well does not guarantee that blood pressure or blood glucose is normal.

Home blood pressure monitoring – useful when done correctly

Home blood pressure monitoring can be valuable, particularly for people already diagnosed with hypertension. Repeated measurements taken under standardized conditions can provide a better picture than an occasional reading taken when a person is hurried, anxious or unwell.

Technique matters. A validated upper-arm monitor with a correctly fitting cuff is preferable. Before measurement, the person should rest quietly, sit with the back supported and feet on the floor; and support the arm at heart level. The cuff should be placed on bare skin. Talking during the measurement should be avoided. When advised, taking two readings separated by about a minute and recording the results can help clinicians interpret the pattern.

Home monitoring complements professional care; it does not replace it. People should not stop, start or change prescribed medication solely because of one home reading.

Understanding blood glucose checks

Home glucose meters are indispensable for many people living with diabetes, but the purpose and frequency of testing

vary according to treatment and individual circumstances. A single home glucose value should not be treated as a complete diagnosis. Laboratory assessment, including fasting plasma glucose and, when appropriate, HbA1c, may be used by health professionals to confirm and monitor diabetes.

Correct technique is also important: hands should be clean, strips should be stored properly and used within their expiry period, and the manufacturer's instructions should be followed. The value of a reading comes from interpreting it in context — meals, activity, medication and illness can all influence blood glucose.

From measurement to prevention

Knowing the number is only the first step. The goal is to turn information into action. Regular physical activity helps prevent and manage cardiovascular disease, hypertension and type 2 diabetes. WHO recommends that adults undertake 150-300 minutes of moderate-intensity aerobic activity each week, or 75-150 minutes of vigorous activity, or an equivalent combination, together with muscle-strengthening activity on two or more days where appropriate.

Diet is equally important. Reducing excessive salt intake, eating more fruit and vegetables, maintaining a healthy body weight, avoiding tobacco, and avoiding harmful alcohol use all contribute to cardiovascular health. For people already diagnosed with hyper-

By Dr Aung Tun

Beyond the numbers

A blood pressure or blood glucose reading may look like nothing more than a number on a monitor or laboratory report. In reality, it can be an early warning about future health. A blood pressure check may identify hypertension before a stroke occurs. A glucose test may reveal diabetes before serious kidney, eye, nerve or cardiovascular complications develop.

Regular checking should therefore be understood as a form of prevention, not a reason for fear. The aim is not to chase perfect numbers from hour to hour, but to identify persistent risk and respond appropriately.

The message is simple: do not wait for symptoms to discover a silent disease. Know your blood pressure. Have your blood glucose checked when appropriate. Understand what the results mean, and work with health professionals to keep risk under control. Behind every number is something far more valuable – the possibility of a longer, healthier, and more productive life.

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Branches of Linguistics and Their Importance for English Specialization Students

By Maung Maung Aye

The field of linguistics, which is the systematic study of language, can be divided into some subfields according to the point of view adopted, the particular emphasis given, and the assumptions underlying the study of language. These subfields are mainly organized through four im-

portant distinctions: general and descriptive linguistics, historical and synchronic linguistics, theoretical and applied linguistics, and microlinguistics and macrolinguistics. Understanding these branches provides students with a broad knowledge of how language is structured, developed,

used, and related to society and human thought.

The first distinction distinguishes between general and descriptive linguistics. General linguistics studies language in general and addresses fundamental questions such as: What is language? How is it structured? How does it function? It provides the concepts, principles, and categories needed to analyze different

languages. Descriptive linguistics, on the other hand, focuses on describing particular languages systematically. It provides the empirical data that can be used to support, modify, or reject theories proposed by general linguistics. Therefore, the two branches complement each other by connecting general principles with the actual features of individual languages.

The second distinction is

between historical or diachronic linguistics and non-historical or synchronic linguistics. Historical linguistics examines how languages develop and change over time. It investigates changes in sounds, vocabulary, grammar, and meaning across different periods. Synchronic linguistics, in contrast, studies a language as it exists at a particular point in time without primarily considering its historical



development. For example, studying the structure of present-day English is a synchronic approach, whereas examining how English developed from Old English to Modern English is a diachronic approach.

The third distinction distinguishes between theoretical and applied linguistics. Theoretical linguistics studies language with the aim of developing theories that explain its structure, organization, and functions.

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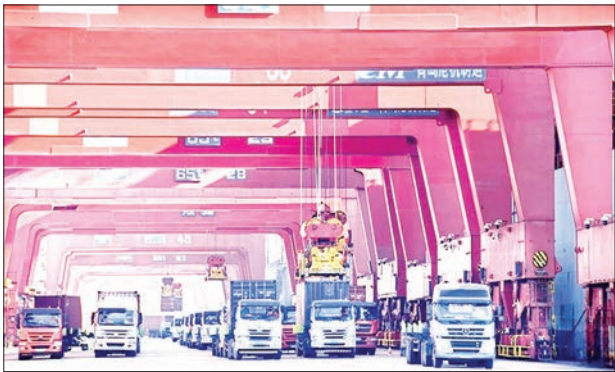
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China, Portugal deepen cooperation in marine science, engineering

Experts discussed technological development and prospects in marine engineering and renewable energy.

THE CAE-PAE Forum on Marine Technology and Ocean Engineering was held here on Wednesday, bringing together experts and scholars from the Chinese Academy of Engineering (CAE), the Portuguese Academy of Engineering (PAE) and the marine sector to discuss China-Portugal cooperation in marine technology and ocean engineering.

The forum featured discussions on marine engineering, maritime trans-



Participants exchanged views on technological cooperation in marine engineering and shipping. PHOTO: XINHUA

port, shipbuilding and port engineering, with a focus on technological innova-

tion in marine engineering and the sustainable use of marine resources. Parti-

cipants exchanged views on technological development and cooperation prospects in areas including marine engineering equipment, intelligent shipping, green ships, smart ports and marine renewable energy.

Experts and scholars from the two countries shared research findings and practical experience and explored ways to strengthen joint research and the commercialization of technological achievements. — Xinhua

Spacecraft bound for Mercury faces tricky arrival

A spacecraft carrying European and Japanese probes will complete an eight-year journey to arrive at Mercury on Thursday, while still facing high-risk manoeuvres to study the Sun-scorched planet. The BepiColombo mission set off from Earth in 2018 on a winding path to study the smallest and least understood planet in our Solar System with the aim of releasing the two probes into its orbit.

But first the spacecraft must begin the months-long arrival phase, described by the European Space Agency (ESA) as its “most operationally challenging plan-

etary arrival sequences ever attempted”.

“It’s a very ambitious mission. Mercury is a challenging destination... because of the extreme environment so close to the Sun,” Santa Martinez, the mission manager at ESA, told a press conference ahead of its arrival.

Mercury’s relatively tiny mass — it is only slightly bigger than the Moon — means its gravitational pull is extremely weak compared to the Sun, making it complex for spacecraft to approach the planet without ending up incinerated or lost in space. — AFP

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It is mainly concerned with understanding how language works. Applied linguistics, however, applies linguistic theories and findings to practical problems involving language. These include language teaching and learning, translation, interpreting, language assessment, curriculum development, and language-related communication. Thus, theoretical linguistics provides language knowledge, while applied linguistics uses that knowledge to solve practical language problems.

The fourth distinction is between microlinguistics and macrolinguistics. Microlinguistics focuses mainly on the internal structure of language systems. It includes areas such as phonetics, phonology, morphology, syntax, and semantics. These branches examine sounds, sound systems, word formation, sentence structure, and

meaning. Macrolinguistics takes a broader view of language and considers its relationship with psychological, social, cultural, and communicative factors. It includes interdisciplinary fields such as sociolinguistics, psycholinguistics, ethnolinguistics, and stylistics. While microlinguistics concentrates on the internal organization of language, macrolinguistics examines language in relation to human beings and the wider world.

Studying linguistics provides many benefits because it helps learners understand language systematically and scientifically. First, it develops a deeper understanding of how languages are structured and how different linguistic components work together. Students can understand why words and sentences are formed in particular ways instead of simply memorizing grammatical rules. Second, studying the different branches of

linguistics develops analytical and critical-thinking skills. Learners learn to observe language, identify patterns, analyze linguistic problems, and provide evidence-based explanations. These skills are useful not only in language studies but also in academic research. Third, linguistics helps students understand language variation and change. Through historical linguistics, students can recognize how languages develop over time, while sociolinguistics helps them understand how language varies according to factors such as social relationships, context, and culture. This encourages learners to appreciate linguistic diversity rather than viewing differences as simply correct or incorrect. Fourth, linguistics has important practical applications. Knowledge of applied linguistics can help students understand effective approaches to language teaching, learning, translation, assessment,

and curriculum development. It can therefore provide a strong foundation for careers related to education and other language-based professions. Finally, studying linguistics encourages students to become more aware of their own use of language. They can improve their ability to analyze vocabulary, grammar, pronunciation, meaning, discourse, and communication. As a result, linguistics contributes to both academic development and practical language proficiency.

Linguistics is particularly important for English specialization students because it provides the theoretical foundation for understanding and using English effectively. Students who study English at university level need more than vocabulary and grammatical knowledge; they also need to understand the principles underlying the English language.

Knowledge of phonet-

ics and phonology helps students understand English pronunciation, stress, rhythm, and intonation. Morphology helps them analyze word formation and recognize how prefixes, suffixes, and other elements contribute to meaning. Syntax can understand how English words are organized into phrases and sentences. Meanwhile, semantics helps them examine meaning and relationships between meanings.

Moreover, sociolinguistics helps English specialization students understand different varieties of English and the influence of social and cultural factors on language use. Psycholinguistics provides insight into language acquisition, comprehension, and production. Stylistics helps students analyze how writers and speakers use linguistic choices to create particular effects in literary and non-literary texts. Applied linguistics is especially valuable for students who intend to become English teachers because it connects linguistic knowledge

with language teaching, learning, testing, and curriculum development.

In addition, the study of historical and descriptive linguistics helps English specialization students understand both the development and the present structure of English. Theoretical linguistics strengthens their academic foundation. By means of applied linguistics, linguistic knowledge can be used in real-life situations.

To conclude, the branches of linguistics offer different but complementary perspectives on language. A study of these branches benefits learners by developing their linguistic awareness, analytical skills, research abilities, and practical competence. For English specialization students, linguistics is especially important because it provides a comprehensive foundation for understanding English, conducting language-related research, and applying linguistic knowledge to teaching and other professional activities.

Trump ‘happy’ Prince Harry and Meghan have left US

The royal couple settles in Britain after six years in California.



Donald Trump reacts to Prince Harry and Meghan Markle leaving America. **PHOTO: AFP/FILE**

PRESIDENT Donald Trump said Wednesday he was glad Prince Harry and his wife Meghan Markle had left the United States — while adding that if he were part of the British royal family, he would not have taken them back. Trump accused Meghan, 45, of being “terribly disrespectful” to the late Queen Elizabeth II, in his first reaction since the prince and his American wife moved back to Britain from California. The A-list celebrity

couple is now settling in back in Harry’s homeland, six years after they stepped down as working royals and left for the United States amid bitter acrimony with his family. “I’m happy about it. I was not a fan,” Trump told reporters in the Oval Office when asked what he thought about Harry and Meghan’s departure. “I thought they treated the royal family with great disrespect. I didn’t like it. I didn’t like the way she acted. I thought she was terribly disrespectful to the Queen, to King Charles.”

Harry, 41, appeared to have mended relations with his father, King Charles III, who is battling cancer, during more recent UK visits. — AFP

Harry Potter series unveils magical first trailer

THE gates of Hogwarts have finally reopened! The first official trailer for the much-awaited ‘Harry Potter’ series has finally been unveiled, bringing audiences back to a mesmerizing new chapter of wizardry and dark arts. The 2-minute-37-second-long trailer opens with the arrival of students at Hogwarts, with Professor McGonagall taking students inside the main hall. The clip cuts to first glimpses of Harry, Ron, and Hermione on the train to Hogwarts. The trailer also features the iconic house-allotting scene from the Sorting Ceremony. Harry goes on to meet the Hogwarts staff, including Dumbledore, McGonagall, Snape, and Hagrid, while also attending his magical classes on

herbology and potions. He also tries the high-flying sport of Quidditch. The trailer also explores the mystery of the Philosopher’s Stone, aka the Sorcerer’s Stone, putting the trio in front of the infamous mountain troll in the bathroom. — ANI

Medieval theatre thrives in Sao Tome

A carved bamboo flute trills before the percussion picks up the pace as the performers on Sao Tome bring a medieval European tragedy to life on the island off Africa’s west coast. Brought to the Gulf of Guinea archipelago nation more than 500 years ago by Portuguese colonialists, the UNESCO-listed tradition of open-air



Centuries-old open-air theatre tradition brings medieval justice drama to life. **PHOTO: INSTAGRAM**

Tchiloli theatre continues to conquer the Sao Tome and Principe public to this day. “People love this culture because it speaks to something very real: justice,” said Marco Carvalho, who plays the traditional Pitu flute for the Formiguinha da Boa Morte troupe, among the most venerable Tchiloli acts around. — AFP

NEWS IN BRIEF

George Lucas unveils new art museum

GEORGE Lucas, the legendary creator of the “Star Wars” saga, on Wednesday showcased his long-awaited Museum of Narrative Art, the culmination of nearly two decades of work and numerous obstacles. “I’m used to doing the impossible. This one almost broke my will,” Lucas said as he offered reporters a first glimpse inside, ahead of the museum’s official opening on 22 September. Lucas, 82, has described the complex built with his wife and business partner, Mellody Hobson, as the “people’s temple of art”. “Part of the problem is I’m a contrarian. I don’t like to do things that people think can be done,” he added. “I’m fascinated by doing things that people say can’t be done.” — AFP

Brunei holds student career fair

NEARLY 50 Bruneian companies and organizations are participating in the 11th Universiti Brunei Darussalam (UBD) Career Fair, which runs from Wednesday to Thursday. The event, held at UBD near the capital, provides students and graduates with opportunities to enhance their skills, expand their professional networks and build confidence in navigating the rapidly changing career landscape. Discussions also focus on the skills and capabilities students need to develop to remain relevant in an increasingly artificial intelligence- driven workplace and contribute to Brunei’s future workforce needs. — Xinhua

Emily Blunt receives Kirk Douglas Award



Hollywood star Emily Blunt receives prestigious Kirk Douglas film excellence honour. **PHOTO: BRITANNICA**

19th annual Kirk Douglas Award for Excellence in Film from the Santa Barbara International Film Festival. The honour will be presented on 10 December 2026, at a black-tie dinner in Santa Barbara. Notably, the award benefits the festival’s year-round educational programmes. Speaking on her honour, Michael Douglas, in a statement, hailed Emily Blunt’s capability as an actor. “Emily Blunt takes risks most actors wouldn’t dare — moving between drama, comedy and blockbuster spectacle with the same precision and commitment. — ANI

WITH the awards season arriving, Hollywood star Emily Blunt is in line for a tribute. As per a Variety report, the Academy Award nominee will receive the

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India needs major shift to electric vehicles, critical manufacturing in next 5 years

Rising energy security concerns accelerate transition towards sustainable electric mobility systems.

INDIA needs to accelerate its transition towards electric mobility, particularly in trucks and buses, and build domestic capacity in critical technologies and components to reduce vulnerabilities to global supply disruptions, Tarun Kapoor, Advisor to the Prime Minister said at the 66th Society of Indian Automobile Manufacturers (SIAM) Annual Convention.

Kapoor said the next five years would be critical for the automobile industry, with incremental changes insufficient to meet India's energy security and technology



Senior Indian government official emphasizes urgent shift towards electric commercial vehicles.
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goals. "If we want to set then we should see very a timeline for ourselves major transition in the

next five years we want that the whole landscape should change and those incremental changes will not really help us," he said.

He said the transition towards electric mobility would have to accelerate amid rising concerns over energy security and dependence on imported crude. "The main change which is happening is that everyone is moving towards sustainability, towards energy efficiency, towards electric, towards fuels which are more environment friendly and we also have to do that," Kapoor said. — ANI

NEWS IN BRIEF

China opposes economic imbalances hype

CHINA'S Ministry of Commerce on Thursday voiced strong opposition to the use of multilateral platforms such as the G20 to hype so-called "economic imbalances" and "overcapacity."

Spokesperson Huang Ling made the remarks in response to a question about recent comments by US Treasury Secretary Scott Bessent concerning China.

Such rhetoric is essentially a cover for protectionism and an excuse to pressure and restrain China, Huang said.

"This will only disrupt global trade and economic order and undermine the sound development of the world economy," she added. — Xinhua

South Korea reserves grow

SOUTH Korea's foreign exchange reserves grew for a third successive month due to higher foreign currency deposits at financial institutions and valuation gains from non-US dollar assets, central bank data showed Thursday.

The foreign reserves advanced US\$14.33 billion from a month earlier to US\$442.28 billion at the end of August, keeping upward momentum since June, according to the Bank of Korea (BOK).

The consecutive increase was attributed to the large influx of foreign currency deposits at financial institutions, solid investment returns and the weakening US dollar that expanded the conversion value of non-dollar assets. — Xinhua

Singapore defers sustainable aviation fuel levy on air cargo by 1 year

THE Civil Aviation Authority of Singapore (CAAS) said Thursday it will defer the implementation of its Sustainable Aviation Fuel (SAF) levy for air cargo shipments by one year to allow more time to develop a robust collection mechanism for the sector.

The levy for air cargo will apply to services sold from 1 October 2027, for flights departing Singapore from 1 January 2028, the authority said in a statement.

The deferment follows industry feedback and reflects the more complex nature of cargo operations, which involve a wider range of stakeholders, including airlines, air express companies, freight

forwarders and shippers, as well as varying commercial arrangements, CAAS said.

Meanwhile, the levy for Origin-Destination passengers and general and business aviation flights

departing Singapore remains on schedule to take effect from 1 January 2027, for tickets or services sold from 1 October 2026, as announced previously in November 2025. — Xinhua



Singapore aviation authority postpones cargo sustainable aviation fuel levy collection timeline.
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Japan inspects shinkin banks over bond losses

JAPAN'S financial regulator will inspect the government bond holdings of community-focused shinkin banks amid concerns that rising long-term interest rates could deepen unrealized losses and weaken their financial health, sources familiar with the matter said Thursday.

The Financial Services Agency aims to complete the inspections by March. The yield on benchmark Japanese government bonds topped three per cent earlier this week, reaching levels not seen in 30 years.

Bond prices fall when rates rise and the decline is reflected as unrealized losses on financial institutions' books. The losses do not become real as long



Japanese financial watchdog launches comprehensive inspections examining regional bank bond holdings.
PHOTO: SHINKIN CENTRAL BANK

as the bonds are held, but can reduce fund management efficiency. Selling the bonds to raise cash would lock in the losses and put additional pressure on the institutions' finances.

The inspections are

expected to cover about 400 regional financial institutions, including shinkin banks and credit cooperatives, with lenders holding larger amounts of government bonds examined first. — Kyodo

Mitsubishi Motors unveils revived Pajero model after 7 yr hiatus in Japan

MITSUBISHI Motors Corp unveiled Wednesday a new Pajero, reviving the iconic model line after a seven-year hiatus in Japan and relaunching it as the company's flagship sport-utility vehicle.

The company plans to launch the new model first in Thailand, followed by Japan and Australia by March 2027, before releasing the SUV in about 100 countries, including those in South East Asia, Latin America and the Middle East, from the next fiscal year.

Mitsubishi Motors has produced more than 3.29 million Pajeros



Mitsubishi Motors unveils revived Pajero SUV model targeting global markets worldwide. **PHOTO: KYODO**

worldwide since the first generation debuted in 1982. The SUV gained a reputation as a reliable cross-country SUV after securing a class victory

in a major rally competition the following year.

“We have brought together the very best of Mitsubishi Motors’ technology and poured

everything we have into this,” President Keisuke Kishiura said at a press conference. “It has evolved dramatically in every aspect.” — Kyodo

Britain launches 10 mln-pound hospitality support scheme

BRITAIN has launched a 10 million-pound (US\$13.5 million) three-year hospitality grant scheme to support qualified firms in the sector; a statement from the government's official website showed Wednesday.

Recognizing the vital role hospitality plays in supporting local economies and communities across the country, the grant scheme is aimed at boosting the businesses of village pubs, family-run restaurants and neighbourhood cafes, said the statement.

The fund will be invested into projects that help get new hospitality ventures off the ground,

bring vacant premises back into use, or support training programmes that help people develop the skills, confidence and work ethic to open doors to future careers, it said.

The scheme comes as part of the government's commitment to promoting economic growth across the country and enabling more communities to benefit from it. It follows on from the announcement in late July that pubs, clubs and live music venues are set to receive a 20-per-cent cut to their business rates bills from April 2027, saving a typical pub around 1,000 pounds (\$1,350) next year. — Xinhua

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CLAIMS DAY NOTICE

M.V MCL 9 VOY.NO. (32N)

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ROLLING UPDATES

WORLD

Farming experts tout ‘conscious’ food systems to fix agriculture woes

Current food production systems are causing massive global environmental problems worldwide.

FARMERS around the world are struggling with the impact of climate change, financial pressures and depleted soil — and industry experts say bringing consumers closer to the people who produce their food could provide a solution.

A group of farmers, scientists and development specialists are pushing for “conscious food systems”, arguing that many of the problems in today’s food production are the result of people being “alienated” from nature and each other. Current food production



Current food production systems are “not really fit for purpose,” said Andrew Bovarnick, head of food systems at the United Nations Development Programme. **PHOTO: AFP**

systems are “not really fit for purpose”, said Andrew Bovarnick, head of food systems at the United Nations Development

Programme. “It’s causing huge environmental problems... we have more food

in the world, but there are more than ever people who are malnourished and starving,” he said.

Bovarnick spent years looking at technical solutions to food production challenges, but believes technology alone cannot solve the problem.

Instead, he and other members of the Global Conscious Food Systems Alliance, meeting in Bhutan this week, want more “mindful” food production focused on protecting the environment, farmers and consumers, rather than maximising profit or output. — AFP

Thailand fossil discoveries reveal key dinosaur evolution

RESEARCHERS have found a trove of dinosaur fossils across northeastern Thailand, which holds the country’s richest deposits, offering insight

into the creatures that roamed the planet millions of years ago. Pre-historic specimens from the region’s sun-baked soil were identified this

year as two new species — South East Asia’s largest dinosaur Nagatitan chaiyaphumensis and the long-necked Uragasaurus kalasinensis. They are the

latest discoveries in a series that researchers at Mahasarakham University hope will result in Thailand’s 16th species within months. — AFP

Vietnam receives 6.5 mln visitors during 5-day holiday

VIETNAM welcomed an estimated 6.5 million tourist arrivals during the five-day National Day holiday from 29 August to 2 September, up 18 per cent year on year, Vietnam News Agency reported Thursday, citing the Vietnam National Authority of Tourism.

Southern hub Ho Chi Minh City led in visitor numbers, welcoming an estimated 1.71 million arrivals during the period, up 17.8 per cent year on



Vietnam welcomes millions of holiday tourists boosting nationwide tourism revenue significantly. **PHOTO: VIETNAM TOURISM**

year.

The city’s total tourism revenue reached about 4.9 trillion Vietnamese dong (about US\$191.3 million), up 18.36 per cent, the report said.

Ten localities generated tourism revenue exceeding 1 trillion Vietnamese dong (about US\$39 million). Capital Hanoi, Ho Chi Minh City and central Da Nang city topped the list with each recording tourism revenue of over three trillion Vietnamese dong (about US\$117 million), local daily VnExpress reported. — Xinhua

NEWS IN BRIEF

Nepal tunnel rescuers face difficult dead ends

NEPALI rescuers searched Wednesday for survivors feared trapped inside hydropower tunnels a week after devastating floods, but hopes were fading as teams hit dead ends and no one was confirmed alive.

The government had said initially it believed that more than 100 workers could be alive inside multiple tunnels.

“The search and rescue operation is still underway, and foreign teams are also supporting it at the hydropower tunnels,” said Shanti Mahat, spokeswoman of the National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Authority (NDRRMA).

“They are continuing to work despite difficulties. There is a heavy volume of mud and debris and sludge.” Those feared trapped are among 639 hydropower workers missing since a wall of mud and debris swept down on 26 August, according to NDRRMA figures. — AFP

Kuwait’s Iranians face wartime pressure

A Persian restaurant in Kuwait has removed any mention of Iran from its name, a sign of the pressure the Iranian community in the Gulf country has faced since the Middle East war erupted.

Following weeks of calm, Iran resumed strikes on Kuwait as the Islamic republic and the United States returned to open conflict in a war that has rattled the region and the global economy.

Earlier this year, one Iranian restaurant in Kuwait City dropped the words “Iranian cuisine” from its title — a visible manifestation of the precarious line Iranians must now tread. — AFP

Chemistry Nobel laureate Shirakawa dies

JAPAN’S Hideki Shirakawa, a 2000 Nobel laureate in chemistry known for his discovery and development of conductive polymers, died in late August, his family said Thursday. He was 90.

Shirakawa, a professor emeritus at the University of Tsukuba, was the ninth Japanese to win a Nobel prize and the second from the country to be awarded the Nobel Prize in Chemistry after Kenichi Fukui in 1981.

He shared the Nobel Prize for Chemistry in 2000 with American scientists Alan Heeger and Alan MacDiarmid. — Kyodo

Kenya relocates problem crocodiles

KENYA’S wildlife officers are trapping crocodiles on the shores of Lake Baringo in a bid to curb growing human-wildlife conflict as rising waters push the reptiles towards homes. Lakes in Kenya’s Rift Valley have risen to levels not seen in at least half a century, with scientists attributing the surge to extreme rainfall linked to climate change. Tens of thousands of people have been displaced to higher ground, according to official data, and wildlife has been brought into dangerously close proximity with humans. — AFP

SPORTS
LOCAL

Inter-Ministry Sepak Takraw
Tourney group matches begin

THE 2026 Inter-Ministry Sepak Takraw Tournament began yesterday at Gymnasium A of the Wunna Theikdhi Sports Complex in Nay Pyi Taw, with the men’s regu team group-stage matches getting underway.

Organized by the Ministry of Sports in co-operation with the Myanmar Sepak Takraw Federation, the tournament features teams from various ministries



Players from both sides in action at the Inter Ministry Sepak Takraw Tournament.

competing in a series of group matches. Several teams secured 2-0 victories, while the teams

representing the Ministry of Construction, the Ministry of Finance and Revenue, and the Ministry of Cooperatives and Rural Development recorded 2-1 wins in their respective matches.

The final group-stage matches and first-round knockout matches of the men’s regu team event will continue from 9 am on 4 September, according to the organizers. — MNA/KZL

MFF to expand regional training centre
programme to 8 centres



A uniform presentation ceremony at a Regional Training Centre.

THE Myanmar Football Federation (MFF), in cooperation with FIFA, will expand its FIFA/MFF

Regional Training Centre programme to eight centres to develop talented young footballers.

The programme was launched last year in Mawlamyine, Nay Pyi Taw, Kachin State, Mandalay Region, Taunggyi and Ayeyawady Region. Bago and Hpa-an will be added this year.

Selection trials are currently being held for boys and girls under the age of 14, with selected players to receive systematic training at the respective regional centres.

Most of the selected players have already been announced. The selection processes for boys in Mandalay and girls in Kachin and Mon are still ongoing, with the final lists to be released upon completion, according to the MFF. — TWA/KZL

Myanmar U20 team
thrash Brunei 7-0 in
AFC qualifiers

MYANMAR’S men’s U20 football team began their AFC U20 Asian Cup China 2027 Qualifiers Group K campaign with a 7-0 victory over Brunei at Thuwunna Stadium in Yangon yesterday evening.

The match was attended by Yangon Region

government officials, representatives from the Department of Sports and Physical Education and other departments, AFC Senior Vice-President and Myanmar Football Federation President U Zaw Zaw, invitees and football fans.

Myanmar, who are



Players from both sides vying for the ball at yesterday’s event.

grouped with Sri Lanka, Brunei and the Maldives, have won both of their matches to collect six points. They will face the Maldives’ U20 team on 6 September 2026. — Zwe Htet Ko (IPRD)/KZL

Royal-D Golden Belt
Championship to give
away 100 free tickets for
semifinals

ORGANIZERS for the Royal-D Golden Belt Championship 2026 will hold a “Share & Win Free Ticket” campaign, offering fans the chance to watch the semi-final bouts free of charge on 6 September.

To take part, participants must share the designated promotional post publicly on Facebook and post a screenshot of their shared post in the comments section.



This image displays a promotional poster for the Royal-D Golden Belt Championship semifinals.

A total of 100 tickets, each worth K5,000, will be distributed through a random draw among eligible participants. Those wishing to take part must complete the required steps by

9 am on 4 September. Myanmar Lethwei fans who want to attend the semi-final bouts in person and experience the excitement of the event are invited to participate. — TWA/KZL

Grand Royal M-League
Matchweek 2 set for 4 to
7 Sept

MATCHWEEK 2 of the 2026-2027 Grand Royal M-League will be held from 4 to 7 September, with some matches moved to different venues. Yangon City will face Yadana-bon on 4 September, while Chinland will meet Yangon United at Sunset Field, Star City Sport Club.

On 5 September, Myawady will play defending champions Shan United, while Thitsa Arman will face Hanthawady United. Ayeyawady Unit-

ed will meet Dagon Star United on 6 September, followed by a match between Sports and Physical Education Institute and Sagaing United on 7 September.

The Yangon City-Yadana-bon clash is expected to attract the most attention, while Shan United will seek their first win against newly promoted Myawady. The other fixtures are also expected to be closely contested. — Nyi Myat Thawda/KZL



Sunset Field at Star City Sport Club, which will host several M-League matches. PHOTO: ML

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WORLD

G20 ministers adopt tech innovation statement

MINISTERS from the Group of 20 countries ended a two-day meeting in North Carolina on Wednesday after adopting a statement expressing their resolve to advance technological innovation. The event's host, US Commerce Secretary Howard Lutnick, told a news conference that the statement reflects the determination of the countries to advance investment and economic growth as well as tech innovation through their economies as a whole. The meeting in Chapel Hill also drew tech leaders such as Nvidia CEO Jensen Huang and OpenAI CEO Sam Altman. Among the government officials in attendance was Japanese trade and industry minister Ryosei Akazawa. — Kyodo

Russia's Far East to turn into full-fledged Asian-Pacific industrial hub: experts

INTENSIFYING the development of the Russian Far East remains a top priority for the government, economist Nikita Maslennikov of the independent Center for Political Technologies told Sputnik commenting on President Putin's speech at the 2026 EEF in Vladivostok. The 2026 Eastern Economic Forum marks a pivotal starting point for this next phase—with investment support, regulatory reform, and long-term development strategy taking center stage on the agenda, Maslennikov stressed. He was echoed by economist Kazi Sohag from Saint Petersburg University, who touted the Russian Far East as a region which is "moving beyond a resource extraction model by combining vast energy and mineral reserves with strategic geography, modern infrastructure, and access to Asian markets". — SPUTNIK

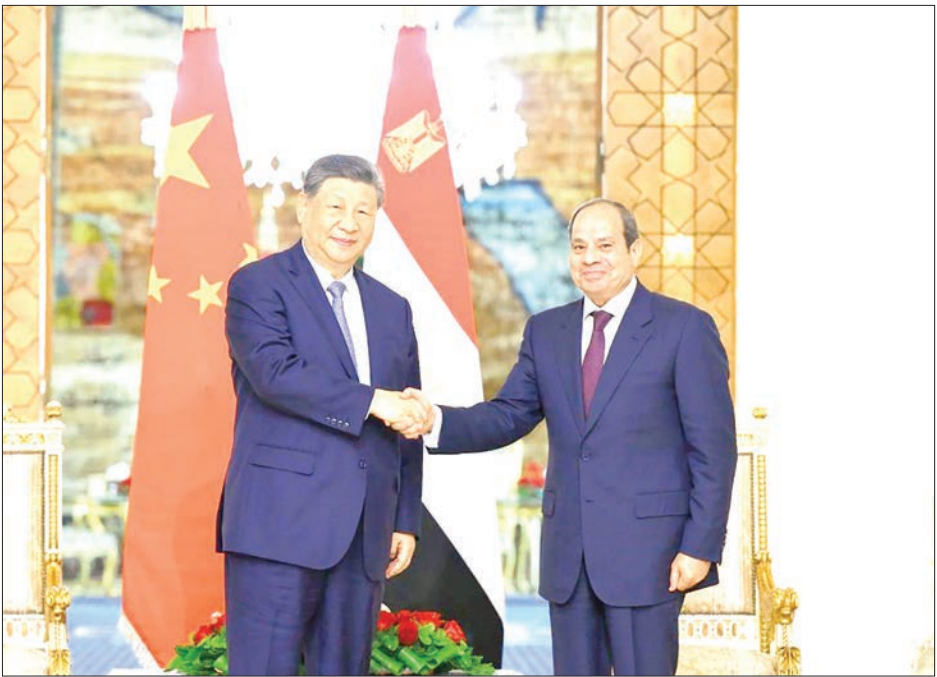


Russian economic forum highlights major industrial transformation across Far Eastern territories. PHOTO: SPUTNIK

Xi raises four-point proposal on new security architecture for Middle East

IN A meeting with Egyptian President Abdel Fattah El-Sisi on Wednesday, Chinese President Xi Jinping raised a four-point proposal on building a new security architecture in the Middle East via upholding a vision of common, comprehensive, cooperative and sustainable security. President Xi Jinping raises four-point proposal on building a new security architecture in Mideast. — Foster the internal driving force for common security — Adopt a comprehensive approach — Strengthen the foundation for security through development — Enhance international coordination Xinhua

Fostering common security drives essential progress toward sustainable Middle East peace.



Chinese President Xi Jinping holds talks with Egyptian President Abdel Fattah El-Sisi in Cairo, Egypt, 2 September 2026. PHOTO: XINHUA

Pacific hurricanes fuelled by strong El Nino

A rare trio of hurricanes were churning through the Pacific Ocean on Thursday, which scientists attributed to waters warmed by a historically strong El Nino phenomenon. Tropical Storm Marie strengthened into a hurricane late Wednesday off the coast of Baja California, lining up behind Hurricanes Karina and Lowell — both rated Category 4 — which were making their way westward across the Pacific. Three hurricanes are "definitely rare to see," Julia Cole, a climate scientist at the University of Michigan, told AFP. "El Nino warming sets the stage for these storms, which are fueled in large part by warm waters — when the tropical Pacific is warmer than normal we see an increase in strong storms," Cole said. Lowell was about 440 miles (710 kilometres) south of Hilo, Hawaii and "is expected to remain a major hurricane for the next several days" as it moves west, according to the National Hurricane Centre (NHC). — AFP

Dutch shift gold from US, Canada to UK

THE Dutch central bank said Wednesday it had moved 86 tonnes of its gold reserves out of the United States and Canada to London, citing "increasing geopolitical unrest". The DNB bank said gold reserves held in London could be traded more easily than those held in New York and Ottawa. "This makes it the quickest for DNB to deploy in a crisis situation," said the bank in a statement. "With this step, we have improved the deployability of the gold reserves. We assume that we will never need to deploy the gold, but it is nevertheless necessary to strengthen our resilience and preparedness," said DNB President Olaf Sleijpen. The total Dutch gold stock amounted to 612.4 tonnes and was valued at 72.2 billion euros at the end of 2025, said the DNB. Before the deployment, the Dutch bank held 31.3 per cent of its gold in New York and 19.7 per cent in Ottawa. After the move, each country accounted for 18.5 per cent of the Dutch gold reserve. — AFP