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## 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.

## Film Arts Sector Essential for Complete Development

Filmmakers and artistes are responsible not only for entertaining the public but also for using their works to promote national spirit, ethnic and national pride, the advancement of public knowledge, and the realization of the State's objectives.



Acting President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar and State Security and Peace Commission Chairman Senior General Min Aung Hlaing warmly greets attendees to the 2025 Myanmar Academy Awards Ceremony at the Myanmar International Convention Centre I (MICC I) in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

**A**cting President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar and State Security and Peace Commission Chairman Senior General Min Aung Hlaing attended the 2025 Myanmar motion pictures outstanding award presentation ceremony at

the Myanmar International Convention Centre I (MICC I) in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday evening and presented outstanding awards to the winners.

The Senior General inaugurated the 2025 Myanmar Academy Awards ceremony by placing the Academy Star figurine

on the digital podium.

Artistes from the Myanmar Motion Pictures Organization and Fine Arts Department under the Ministry of Religious Affairs and Culture performed the song presentation. A video clip on "Brighter Tomorrows" was screened.

On the occasion, the Senior General delivered a speech. He said: Since art can vividly express the thoughts, spirit, and values of a nation and its people, any development that excludes the film and cultural sectors cannot be considered fully complete. **SEE PAGE 3**

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# NATIONAL



## National Objectives for 79<sup>th</sup> Union Day 2026

1. To work together among all ethnic nationals to achieve the country's prosperity and food security, the national goal of the country.
2. To cooperate hand-in-hand with the government, Tatmadaw and all ethnic nationals in successfully implementing the measures for stability and rule of law.
3. To strive together with ethnic armed groups to establish a lasting peace, while propagating justice, freedom and equality within the country.
4. To build a Union based on democracy and federalism, practising a genuine and disciplined multiparty democratic system through the friendship, trust, unity and collaboration of ethnic people.
5. To cooperate, ensuring the development of education, health and socioeconomic status of ethnic nationals and the emergence of a developing country.

- 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.

## Mottos for 79<sup>th</sup> Union Day 2026

1. Unity is strength, Unity is power,  
Peace is beauty.
2. Let's build lasting peace  
for the Union's development
3. National brethren, let's unite  
and join hands for the Union
4. Unity boosts friendship  
Harmony brings peace

# Workshop on Upgrading Digital Deed Registration Systems held

UNDER the Registration of Deeds Law and the Farmland Law, offices carry out deed registration services and record them digitally using the FDM and DDMS software systems. A workshop on upgrading these software systems and providing technical support was held at 9 am yesterday at the meeting hall of the Department of Irrigation and Water Utilization Management in Yankin Township, Yangon.

At the opening session, Director U Kyaw Nyein from the Yangon Region Land Records Department said that the department has been providing registration services in accordance with the Farmland Law and Rules, as well as the Registration of Deeds Law and Rules. Previously, these services were handled under a manual system. To keep pace with modern practices, the department digitized deed registration services in 2016 and transitioned farmland-related deed registration services to a digital system in 2021.

He added that offices now record deed registration and farmland-related data digitally and maintain online data backups from township offices to the



The workshop on upgrading the FDM and DDMS software systems and providing technical support in progress at the meeting hall of the Department of Irrigation and Water Utilization Management in Yankin Township, Yangon, yesterday. **PHOTO: KANU**



head office to enable interconnected work processes. The department will develop new software to support these functions. The selected company will demonstrate, in practice, how to carry out data backups, connect via a virtual private network, log in to the file server, upload backup folders, install Windows, install the new FDM and DDMS sys-

tems, and operate the systems. He urged participants to study and learn the procedures together during the workshop.

Afterwards, Dr Ye Tun, Deputy Director from the Planning and Research Division of the Department of Land Records, provided further explanations about the workshop.

A total of 193 officers and staff

members from the Land Records Departments of Yangon Region, Mon State, Kayin State, Rakhine State and Taninthayi Region attended the workshop. Participants studied methods for developing the new software through hands-on sessions. The workshop will continue from 7 to 10 February. — Nyein Thu(MNA)/ KZL

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.

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## Film Arts Sector Essential for Complete Development

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Myanmar cinema serves as a language that connects Myanmar's cultural traditions and ways of life to the world. It is also a medium through which the languages, cultural customs, and lifestyles of the people can be shared globally. Therefore, the art of filmmaking is not only a source of strength for nation-building but also represents the spirit of the state itself.

The cultural heritage in Myanmar possesses unique depth and significance, just like the cultural heritage found in every other country in the world. Everyone in the film industry is artistes capable of passing on the invaluable cultural heritage left by ancestors to future generations. Therefore, he urged that all tangible and intangible cultural heritage be preserved, protected, and valued as part of the world's cultural heritage for the benefit of all humanity.

At present, the 2025 multiparty democratic general election has been completed, and soon, institutions aligned with democracy will reemerge within the executive, legislative, and judicial branches. He expressed gratitude to all artistes and ethnic citizens who collectively contributed to the successful conduct of this major election.

To reach the stage of democratization, all members of the society must face the actual conditions as they are. Unrealistic mobilizations cannot simply be promoted to gain popular approval, nor can personal desires be imposed at the forefront. It must be recognized that democratization must be carried out firmly based on the social and economic conditions of society, the structures of social groups, and political culture.

The 2008 Constitution serves as the vital framework that must be fully adhered to in Myanmar's democratic transition process, and it is necessary for all political participants and citizens to be aware of this.

The Government is working diligently to prioritize the interests of the nation and all ethnic citizens, striving to bring about a better country and improved social and economic conditions.

At present, the Government is implementing political, economic, and social policies based on these three core



Acting President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar and State Security and Peace Commission Chairman Senior General Min Aung Hlaing poses for the documentary photo with the winners of the Lifetime Awards for Motion Pictures Achievement for 2025 in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

responsibilities. Therefore, all Myanmar citizens were urged to be united with a single national spirit, to work together hand in hand to ensure the peace, stability, and development of the great Union.

The Government has provided appropriate support and assistance to foster development in various fields such as literature, film, music, and performing arts, and we will continue to do so. He also urged filmmakers and artistes not only to entertain the public but to use their work to promote national spirit, love for one's ethnic group and the nation, the growth of public knowledge, and the achievement of the State's goals.

He especially requested that Myanmar's traditional customs and cultural heritage be preserved without being lost or diminished, that outside cultural influences be guarded against, and that the core values remain intact. Artistes were encouraged to adapt harmoniously to the changing times while using their craft to serve the nation and the people, acting with a spirit of patriotism and dedication.

The MMPO Chairman spoke words of honour. Union Minister for Information U Maung Maung Ohn announced the winner list of the Lifetime Award for Motion Pictures Achievement for 2025.

The Senior General presented the Lifetime Award for Motion Pictures Achievement to U Htay Aung (Swe Bamar), Daw Khin Lay Swe and Academy U Kyi Soe Tun and had documentary group photos together with the winners.

Those winners spoke words of thanks. Afterwards, the Best Cinematography Award went to Thar Kyaw for the film "Hnin Pwint Seya", the Best Film Music Award to Han Htu Zin for the film 'Myit Lattat Paymae Yayzee Ka Kyantal', the Best Sound Award to Ko Joe for the film "Nat Win Thel", the Best Film Editing Award to Academy Khun for the film "Myopyahteka Lanma", the Best Film Script Award Thi Lan for the film "Mount Miphaya", the Best Film Award to Hein Film Production for the film "Panmyainglehma Uyhnhmu". Those winners spoke words of thanks.

At the 2025 Myanmar Academy Awards ceremony, the Myanmar Academy Fashion Awards for the best attire were presented to artistes attending the event. The senior Best Male Costume Award was presented to Academy Nay Toe, the Senior Best Female Costume to Academy May Than Nu, Best Male Costume to Kaung Myat San, and another Best Female Costume to Yadana Bo.

Afterwards, the awarding process

continued. Academy Aw Ratha won the Best Film Director Award for the film 'Byaw Than', Khine Hnin Wai the Best Supporting Actress Award for the film 'Mount Miphaya', Nay Myo Aung Best Supporting Actor Award for the film 'Myit Lattat Paymae Yayzee Ka Kyantal', Yadana Bo Best Actress Award for the film 'Mount Miphaya' and Academy Myint Myat Best Actor Award for the film 'Myayza'.

The Union Minister for Information and the veteran film stars presented Academy awards to the winners, who spoke words of thanks.

The Senior General cordially greeted intellectuals and intelligentsia, as well as artistes from various arenas attending the ceremony.

Also present at the ceremony were Daw Kyu Kyu Hla, wife of the Senior General, Commission member Prime Minister U Nyo Saw and his wife, Commission Secretary General Ye Win Oo and his wife, commission members and their wives, Union ministers, Union-level dignitaries and their wives, chief ministers of regions and states, senior Tatmadaw officers from the Office of the Commander-in-Chief and their wives, the commander of the Nay Py Taw Command and deputy ministers. — MNA/TTA

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# NATIONAL

## Residents Urged to Prioritize Public Safety Amid Armed Terrorist Threats

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

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

## Athletes honoured for their victories in uplifting State's prestige

Triumphant athletes strive to raise the State flag and resound with the national anthem on the international stage through utmost efforts in achieving success in sports competitions.

A ceremony to honour victorious athletes who brought prestige to the State by competing in the VIII World Vovinam Championships 2025 and the 16<sup>th</sup> World Bodybuilding and Physique Sports Championships held in Indonesia in 2025, the XXXIII SEA Games 2025 and the 13<sup>th</sup> ASEAN Para Games 2026 in Thailand took place at the Wunna Theikdi Gymnasium 1 in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday morning.

Acting President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar and State Security and Peace Commission Chairman Senior General Min Aung Hlaing delivered a speech and awarded those athletes.

Speaking at the ceremony, the Senior General said that winning medals for the nation in international sports competitions not only enhances national pride through sports but also reflects the efforts and dedication of those who have strived to raise the State flag of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar and have the national anthem resound on the international stage.

For Myanmar to be able

to compete effectively and win medals at an appropriate standard, he added that it is necessary to undertake advanced preparation and systematic training. In doing so, sports disciplines that can yield immediate gold medals should be distinguished from those that may not yet produce gold medals but require long-term development, and well-structured plans should be implemented accordingly. It will also be necessary to conduct reviews and make adjustments to progress on a bi-monthly or quarterly basis.

In line with the present era of science and artificial intelligence, the Senior General noted that it is necessary to make concerted efforts to emphasize the emergence of sports researchers, including specialists such as sports scientists, sports nutritionists, and sports psychologists. Sports federations have to continue facilitating opportunities for domestic coaches to attend sports training programmes in partner countries, as well as to promote reciprocal participation in bilateral friendship sporting events between the two countries.



Acting President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar and State Security and Peace Commission Chairman Senior General Min Aung Hlaing presents cash awards to the winners in the VIII World Vovinam Championships 2025 at the Wunna Theikdi Gymnasium 1 in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

He recounted that at the VIII World Vovinam Championship, held in Bali, Indonesia, from 1 to 8 November 2025, Myanmar competed in 16 events and won a total of 14 medals, comprising two gold medals, five silver medals, and seven bronze medals.

Similarly, he retold that at the XVI World Bodybuilding and Physique Sports Championships, organized by the International Federation of Bodybuilding and Physique and held on Bintan Island, Indonesia, from 11 to 17 November 2025, Myanmar won a total of five medals, comprising one gold medal, two silver medals, and two bronze medals.

At the XXXIII South-East Asian Games, held in December 2025, the Senior General highlighted that Myanmar won

a total of 72 medals, including three gold medals, and achieved seventh place in the overall national rankings.

At the XIII ASEAN Para Games, held in Thailand in January 2026, he also retold that Myanmar won a total of 59 medals, comprising 20 golds, 19 silvers, and 20 bronzes, and achieved sixth place among the 11 participating countries. In recognition of such efforts, competitive spirit, and achievements, the State provided immediate monetary awards during the competition period: US\$300 for each gold medal, US\$200 for each silver medal, and US\$100 for each bronze medal.

He noted that the gold, silver, and bronze medals won by the Paralympic sports federation

were in Olympic disciplines such as athletics, swimming, and volleyball. Therefore, in order for the country to progress to the next level, all relevant stakeholders are urged to place renewed and sustained emphasis on developing Olympic sports, particularly athletics and swimming.

Therefore, in preparation for the XXXIV South-East Asian Games and the XIV ASEAN Para Games to be held in Malaysia in 2027, the Senior General stressed that it is necessary for the Ministry and the relevant sports federations to clearly identify and delineate their respective areas of responsibility, and to submit promptly those areas that require the State's support and intervention.

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Furthermore, he urged sustained efforts be made to ensure the continuous emergence of a new generation of young athletes through domestic sport competitions, to enable coaches, referees, and jury members to attend up-to-date training programmes in line with modern standards, and for Myanmar's sports federations to consistently work

toward gaining representation and participation, by sector, in international sports organizations, including Southeast Asian sports federations.

On the occasion, the Senior General presented cash awards to the winners in the VIII World Vovinam Championships 2025, the 16<sup>th</sup> World Bodybuilding and Physique Sports Championships, the XXXIII SEA Games 2025 and

the 13<sup>th</sup> ASEAN Para Games 2026, respectively.

Commission member Prime Minister U Nyo Saw also awarded the victorious athletes. Likewise, Commission Secretary General Ye Win Oo, commission members, Union ministers, and senior Tatmadaw officers from the Office of the Commander-in-Chief honoured the victorious athletes and sports teams

with cash awards.

The State awarded K30 million each to gold medallists, K20 million each to silver medallists and K10 million each to bronze medallists; K10 million each to members of the gold medallist team, K7 million each to members of the silver medallist team and K3.5 million each to members of the silver medallist team; K10 million each to gold

medallist coach, K5 million to silver medallist coach and K3 million to bronze medallist; and K10 million each to gold medallist management team, K5 million to the silver medallist and K3 million to the bronze medallist, respectively. On the occasion, the State awarded K3,669 million to medal-winning individuals and teams for their outstanding performances. — MNA/TTA

## SSPC Member, Union Ministers attend 79<sup>th</sup> Shan State Day ceremony

THE 79<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Shan State Day Ceremony was held at the Awayyar Balloon Field in Taunggyi at 8 am yesterday. The ceremony was attended by Member of the State Security and Peace Commission and Union Minister for Border Affairs and for Ethnic Affairs Lt-Gen Yar Pyae, Union Minister for Religious Affairs and Culture U Tin Oo Lwin, Union Minister for Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation U Min Naung, Union Minister for Science and Technology Dr Myo Thein Kyaw, Union Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement Dr Soe Win, Shan State Chief Minister U Aung Aung, the commander of the Eastern Command, the chief justice of the State High Court, state ministers, the State advocate-general, the secretary of the Shan State government, officials from state, district and township-level departments, social organizations, ethnic literary and cultural groups, ward administrators, and residents.

At the ceremony, a message sent by Senior General Thadoe Maha Thray Sithu Thadoe Thiri Thudamma Min Aung Hlaing, Acting President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar and Chairman of the State Security and Peace Commission, on the 79<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Shan State Day was read out by Member of the State Security and Peace Commission and Union Minister for Border Affairs and for Ethnic Affairs Lt-Gen Thiri Pyanchi Sithu Yar Pyae. The Shan State chief minister, Zeya Kyaw Htin Sithu U Aung Aung, also deliv-



Member of the State Security and Peace Commission and Union Minister Lt-Gen Yar Pyae warmly greets the attendees of the 79<sup>th</sup> Shan State Day Ceremony Field in Taunggyi yesterday. PHOTO: STATE (IPRD)

ered a speech.

Following this, the opening ceremony of the 79<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Shan State Day Exhibition was held and officially inaugurated with a ribbon-cutting by Member of the State Security and Peace Commission and Union Minister Lt-Gen Yar Pyae, Union Ministers U Tin Oo Lwin, U Min Naung, Dr Myo Thein Kyaw and Dr Soe Win, Shan State Chief Minister U Aung Aung, and Commander of the Eastern Command Brig-Gen Kyaw Naing Oo.

Afterwards, Member of the State Security and Peace Commission and Union Minister Lt-Gen Yar Pyae, together with officials, presented awards to the Shan Cultural Troupe, the Silae ethnic group, the Nationality Literature and Culture troupe,

and the ribbon-cutting and tray-holding groups. He then toured ethnic traditional food booths, departmental booths, company booths, MSME booths, and ethnic traditional clothing booths.

Later, the Shan State chief minister delivered an opening speech at the 79<sup>th</sup> Shan State Day Commemoration and Award-Giving Ceremony held at the Taunggyi City Hall.

Certificates and awards were then presented to individuals, organizations and civil servants who had contributed to development and administration in Shan State. Union ministers presented awards to one Panglong Gonyi Award recipient, 41 Management Excellence Award winners (first, second and third classes), and eight Security and

Law Enforcement Excellence Award winners (second and third classes).

The Shan State chief minister and the commander of the Eastern Command presented certificates and awards to Security and Law Enforcement Excellence Award (third class) recipients. The chief justice of the State High Court, state ministers, the State advocate-general and the secretary of the Shan State government presented awards to Social Excellence Award recipients (first and second classes).

At the Training School for Development of Nationalities Youth from Border Areas in Saikkhaung, Pa-O Self-Administered Zone, Shan State (South), the Union minister addressed the school's needs after receiv-

ing clarifications from the principals of the training school and the Vocational Training Centre for the Women.

The Union minister stated that the Ministry is implementing policies to ensure peace and stability in border areas, improve the socioeconomic conditions of ethnic communities, and develop human resources among ethnic youth. He emphasized that, as youth are vital to the nation's future, they must be trained to manage their time effectively, develop good health habits, and grow into reliable citizens for their regions, states and the country. He added that students should be trained to build physical strength, intelligence and reasoning skills.

He then inspected the dormitories, dining hall, library, cleanliness and landscaping of the school compound, as well as the cultivation of seasonal crops.

Subsequently, he inspected students at the Vocational Training Centre for the Women in Saikkhaung, observing practical sewing of modern fashionable shirts, and inspected the dormitory, dining hall, seasonal crop cultivation, and the raising of layers to meet daily needs.

In the evening, Union Minister Lt-Gen Yar Pyae and his delegation attended the 79<sup>th</sup> Shan State Day dinner held at the Awayyar Balloon Field in Taunggyi. The Shan State chief minister delivered a speech of thanks, and attendees enjoyed performances by ethnic traditional dance groups. — State (IPRD)/MKKS

# NATIONAL

## Republic of the Union of Myanmar Union Election Commission Announcement 32/2026

6<sup>th</sup> Waning of Tabodwe 1387 ME  
7 February 2026

### List of Defence Services Representatives for Pyithu Hluttaw

IN the multiparty democratic general election held in phases starting 28 December 2025, the Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services submitted the names of the following Defence Services representatives for the Pyithu Hluttaw in pursuit of the provisions contained in Chapter VIII of the Pyithu Hluttaw Election Law, and the Union Election Commission has scrutinized and announced them as Defence Services representatives for Pyithu Hluttaw under Section 31 of the Pyithu Hluttaw Election Law.

No	Gazette No	Rank	Name
1	BC 24904	Maj-Gen	Ye Kyaw Thu
2	BC 25070	Brig-Gen	Soe Nyunt
3	BC 21879	Brig-Gen	Aung Soe
4	BC 22770	Brig-Gen	Nyi Nyi Aung
5	BC 23955	Brig-Gen	Myat Ko
6	BC 24143	Brig-Gen	Zaw Min Aung
7	BC 28380	Brig-Gen	Min Kyi
8	BC 28702	Brig-Gen	Win Myaing
9	BC 29578	Brig-Gen	Myo Min Aung
10	BC 33466	Brig-Gen	Nyan Thein Oo
11	MN 3470	Commodore	Ye Lwin
12	MAF 2423	Col	Khant Nay Thway
13	BC 20683	Col	Aung Kyaw Oo
14	BC 23353	Col	Win Ko Ko
15	BC 23676	Col	Daw Soe Moe Khine
16	BC 26069	Col	Daw Khin Soe Win
17	BC 26081	Col	Daw Ohnma Saw
18	BC 26087	Col	Aung Naing
19	BC 26130	Col	Nay Myo Wai
20	BC 27485	Col	Myint Zaw
21	BC 28265	Col	Thant Sin Aung
22	BC 28300	Col	Aye Win
23	BC 31178	Col	Tun Naing Min
24	BC 33147	Col	Myo Min Tun
25	BC 34009	Col	Win Ko Oo
26	BC 34165	Col	Myint Ko
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28	MN 3972	Captain	Min Wai
29	MAF 2326	Col	Aung Kyaw Oo
30	BC 36755	Lt-Col	Win Zaw
31	MAF 2822	Lt-Col	Aung Ko Myint
32	BC 22462	Lt-Col	Tun Lin Oo
33	BC 23136	Lt-Col	Daw Win Lin Cho
34	BC 23675	Lt-Col	Daw Khin Ohnmar Kyaing
35	BC 24091	Lt-Col	Aung Min Swe
36	BC 24230	Lt-Col	Hla Naing
37	BC 25257	Lt-Col	Myo Htet Win
38	BC 25515	Lt-Col	Daw Khine Khine Su
39	BC 27066	Lt-Col	Kyaw Kyaw Lin
40	BC 27273	Lt-Col	Kyaw Thu Oo
41	BC 27349	Lt-Col	Aye Khine
42	BC 27409	Lt-Col	Naing Win
43	BC 27439	Lt-Col	Thant Zin
44	BC 28207	Lt-Col	Zeyar Min
45	BC 28280	Lt-Col	Zaw Myint Thu
46	BC 28286	Lt-Col	Zaw Min Oo
47	BC 28451	Lt-Col	Aung Ni

No	Gazette No	Rank	Name
48	BC 28521	Lt-Col	Maw Thurain
49	BC 29392	Lt-Col	Kyaw Thu Htet
50	BC 29663	Lt-Col	Zaw Myo Htet
51	BC 30064	Lt-Col	Zaw Myo Tun
52	BC 30551	Lt-Col	Mya San
53	BC 31228	Lt-Col	Kyaw Thura
54	BC 31257	Lt-Col	Maung Wai
55	BC 31372	Lt-Col	Tin Thaug Lin
56	BC 31376	Lt-Col	Htein Lin
57	BC 31644	Lt-Col	Nay Lin Aung
58	BC 31827	Lt-Col	Naing Lin
59	BC 32364	Lt-Col	Myo Thu Aung
60	BC 33504	Lt-Col	Min Zaw Lin
61	BC 33531	Lt-Col	Naing Win Htay
62	BC 35597	Lt-Col	Tun Lin Naing
63	BC 35650	Lt-Col	Nyan Wai Phyto
64	BC 37153	Lt-Col	Zarni Maw Win
65	BC 37463	Lt-Col	Lwin Maung Soe
66	BC 39000	Lt-Col	Nyan Min Maung
67	BC 39051	Lt-Col	Kyaw Zin Latt
68	BC 39582	Lt-Col	Tun Lin Maung
69	BC 42524	Lt-Col	Kyaw Swa Win
70	BC 42577	Lt-Col	Nyan Htut Swe
71	N 665	Lt-Col	Daw Lin Lin Ko
72	BC 25295	Major	Zaw Zaw Moe
73	BC 29791	Major	Tin Lin
74	BC 33121	Major	Nyan Myo Kyaw
75	BC 34752	Major	Saw Kyaw Aung
76	BC 34765	Major	Thet Soe Aung
77	BC 36443	Major	Myo Thant
78	BC 37701	Major	Win Han
79	BC 38102	Major	Tin Naing Win
80	BC 43673	Major	Wai Yan Aung
81	BC 45303	Major	Lin Aung Thet
82	BC 45398	Major	Ye Lin Htet
83	BC 46643	Major	Lin Htike Aung
84	BC 46707	Major	Phyo Thu Khant
85	BC 46777	Major	Aung Myo Win
86	BC 48752	Major	Ye Naung Zaw
87	BC 49886	Major	Zin Min Ko
88	BC 51849	Major	Nay Lwin Htoo
89	BC 52548	Major	Zaw Phyto Aung
90	BC 52690	Major	Aung Phyto Wai
91	MAF 2599	Major	Soe Min Aye
92	MAF 2741	Major	Moe Oo Kyaw
93	N 628	Major	Daw Thuzar Shwe
94	N 637	Major	Daw Khin Thuzar
95	N 645	Major	Daw Phyu Phyu Phway Myint
96	N 748	Major	Daw Khin Min Min Myat
97	N 782	Major	Daw Nwe Nilar Aye
98	N 802	Major	Daw Sanda Than
99	N 850	Captain	Daw Than Than Win
100	BC 60883	Captain	Tun Lin Han
101	BC 63108	Captain	Daw Theint Theingi Htwe Aung
102	BC 67496	Captain	Daw Yamin Aung
103	BC 67499	Captain	Daw Ei Ei Tun
104	BC 67500	Captain	Daw Ei Nanda Oo
105	BC 67517	Captain	Daw Khin Nyein Chan

## Construction Sector Development Law

### (National Defence and Security Council Law 5/2026)

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- (g) Issuing regulations regarding the registration and certification of advisory experts or expert groups, project management teams, third-party organizations, quality inspection teams, and constructors, and issuing registration certificates with the approval of the Ministry.
  - (h) Compiling and maintaining records of lists of issued registration certificates, organized according to the type of registration and the respective professional field.
  - (i) Cooperating with the National Standards Council to establish and prescribe standards for construction products and building materials.
  - (j) Testing construction materials used in the construction sector at laboratories of the responsible departments that have received accreditation under the law from the National Standards Council, and issuing certificates of quality confirmation if they meet the prescribed standards, or refusing to issue such certificates.
  - (k) Maintaining records and detailed information of construction materials that have received quality certification.
  - (l) Carrying out the tasks assigned by the Central Committee.
16. The Department may, when necessary, hire external experts to perform work in the following areas:
- (a) examining urban planning projects, architecture, structural design, water supply, electricity, and basic building design patterns for compliance with prescribed standards;
  - (b) drafting rules, regulations, procedures, and construction guidelines related to construction sector development;
  - (c) preparing professional guides and manuals for construction technology, construction project management, and fulfilling construction project requirements;
  - (d) conducting research and carrying out human resource development activities.

#### Chapter VI Contractor

17. A company or organization that wishes to operate as a contractor under this Law and meets the following qualifications shall apply to the Department for a registration certificate as per the prescribed requirements: -
- (a) it must include at least one person holding a Registered Engineer Certificate or a Registered Senior Engineer Certificate in a construction relevant to the field of work;
  - (b) it must include at least one site supervisor in the relevant field of work;
  - (c) it must meet other qualification requirements as prescribed from time to time by the Ministry.
18. Upon receipt of an application under Section 17, the Department shall:
- (a) examine whether the application has been submitted in accordance with the prescribed requirements and, if complete, assess whether the applicant is eligible for a registration certificate and whether the applicant meets the prescribed qualifications, and submit the application along with its comments and recommendations to the Registration Certificate Scrutiny and Issuance Committee;
  - (b) if the application does not comply with the prescribed requirements, notify the applicant in writing, together with the application, to make the necessary corrections and resubmit.
19. (a) After receiving a submission under Subsection (a) of Section 18, if the Registration Certificate Scrutiny and Issuance Committee recommends that the applicant meets the required qualifications for issuance of a registration certificate, it shall obtain approval from the Ministry and, upon approval, issue the registration certificate. If it is reported that the applicant does not meet the required qualifications, the application shall be rejected and returned to the Department along with the Committee's decision.
- (b) Upon receipt of confirmation of approval under Subsection (a), the Department shall require the applicant to pay the prescribed registration fee and issue the registration certificate.
  - (c) Upon receipt of notification of rejection under Subsection (a), the Department shall inform the applicant of the rejection.
  - (d) The Department shall systematically record and maintain all applications

- that are approved or rejected.
20. Contractor shall abide by the following disciplines -
- (a) Contractor shall follow bylaws, rules, disciplines, procedures, orders and directives issued under this Law.
  - (b) Contractor shall maintain prestige and morality in accord with relevant subjects.
  - (c) Implementation of construction projects must be safe and quality.
  - (d) Contractor shall follow the Myanmar Building Standards Guidelines, criteria, guidelines and manuals of relevant arenas.
  - (e) Approved designs and standards must be followed.
21. Contractor must be eligible to receive the set payment from the project owner by signing the contracts and implementing the construction project.
22. (a) A person wishing to continue serving as a contractor after the expiry of a registration certificate shall apply to the Department for renewal at least 60 days before the date of expiry.
- (b) If a renewal application is not submitted within the prescribed time limit under subsection (a), the registration certificate shall be deemed invalid on the date of expiry.
  - (c) The Department may, with the approval of the Registration Certificate Scrutiny and Issuance Committee, approve or reject a renewal application submitted under Subsection (a).

#### Chapter VII

##### Adviser or Advisory Group

23. An individual who meets the following qualifications and wishes to serve as an advisor, or a company or organization that meets the following qualifications and wishes to serve as an advisory group, shall apply to the Department for a registration certificate in accordance with the prescribed requirements: -
- (a) A person wishing to serve as an adviser shall hold a Registered Engineer Certificate in construction or structural design.
  - (b) If applying to serve as an advisory group, the group shall include at least one person who holds a Registered Engineer Certificate in construction or structural design relevant to the respective field of work, and, for each related field of work to be undertaken, shall include at least one person who holds either a Registered Engineer Certificate or a Registered Senior Engineer Certificate.
  - (c) A Registered Engineer shall have a minimum of five years of professional experience as a Registered Engineer, and a Registered Senior Engineer shall have a minimum of five years of professional experience as a Registered Senior Engineer.
  - (d) Other qualification requirements as prescribed from time to time by the Ministry shall be met.
24. Upon receipt of an application submitted under Section 23, the Department shall:
- (a) examine whether the application has been submitted in accordance with the prescribed requirements and, if complete, assess whether a registration certificate should be issued and whether the applicant meets the prescribed qualifications, and submit the application together with its opinions and remarks to the Registration Certificate Scrutiny and Issuance Committee; and
  - (b) notify the applicant in writing, together with the application, to make the necessary corrections and resubmit if the application does not comply with the prescribed requirements.
25. (a) After receiving a submission made under Subsection (a) of Section 24, if the Registration Certificate Scrutiny and Issuance Committee recommends that the applicant meets the required qualifications for the issuance of a registration certificate, it shall seek approval from the Ministry and, upon approval, issue the registration certificate. If it is submitted that the applicant does not meet the required qualifications, the application shall be rejected and returned to the Department together with the Committee's decision.
- (b) Upon receipt of confirmation of approval under subsection (a), the Department shall require the applicant to pay the prescribed registration fee and shall issue the registration certificate.
  - (c) Upon receipt of notification of rejection under Subsection (a), the Department shall inform the applicant of the rejection.
  - (d) The Department shall systematically record and maintain all applications that are approved or rejected.

**TO BE CONTINUED**

# OPINION

# BOOKRACK POEM

## Conduct research activities to help build a developed nation

**AS** MYANMAR is a developing country, it is especially necessary to carry out research activities across all fields and sectors in order to achieve modern development and advance national interests. Only when every undertaking includes review, research, and innovation can progress and success be attained. The intellectual creativity and capabilities of researchers constitute a genuine source of strength that can greatly contribute to nation-building and development.

For the nation to develop, all fields of the arts and sciences must be strengthened in a balanced manner. Therefore, if all scholars and experts in the arts and sciences work together in cooperation, they will be able to effectively support the development of national interests within a short period of time. Accordingly, it is necessary to nurture high-quality, research-based, skilled workers for technology, vocational education, and training.

Based on the evidence-based research outcomes that will emerge from the 25<sup>th</sup> Silver Jubilee Research Conference and Science Festival, the State will be able to implement policies that generate tangible benefits by sector and by region, thereby contributing to national development and national unity. From an economic perspective as well, science and innovation can benefit the manufacturing sector, create employment opportunities, and support the country's sustainable economic development.

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Researchers have to conduct research activities and evaluate the outcomes of research by other researchers without any bias or corruption. All outcomes of the research process must be reliable for the society of Myanmar so as to serve the interests of the State and the people. On the other hand, relevant authorities need to nurture and support researchers not only from the academic field but from governmental and private organizations to beef up research activities. If so, Myanmar's research society will have more improvement in the future.

Research activities do not come to an end after producing results once; only by building on initial findings and carrying out continuous, step-by-step research can accurate and reliable discoveries be achieved. Through research outcomes, it is possible to shape and create a better and more complete society. It is widely recognized that countries which invest effectively in research generate the greatest long-term benefits and continue to grow and prosper. Researchers have to strive to project a positive image of their country on the international stage, to contribute actively to various sectors of the State by applying their knowledge and expertise, and to work together in unity to help build a peaceful, modern, and developed nation through the strength of science and technology.



Book Title	-	Nuclear Chemist's Adventures Adventures in the Atomic Age By Glenn T Seaborg
Translator	-	Bo Hlaing
Publishing House	-	Dream City
Publication Date	-	November 2025 (2 <sup>nd</sup> Edition)
Price	-	K13,000

### Nuclear Chemist's Adventures

Adventures in the Atomic Age By Glenn T Seaborg

THIS is the second edition of the book translated into Myanmar by Saya Bo Hlaing. The title of the book is "Nuclear Chemist's Adventures." It is the autobiography of Nobel Prize-winning chemist Glenn T Seaborg, who played a leading role in establishing the Atomic Age of the 20<sup>th</sup> century.

Born to a family that immigrated from Sweden to the United States, Glenn Seaborg grew up in poverty and relied on his own efforts to pursue higher education. He was a distinguished scientist who pioneered the study and discovery of transuranium chemistry, including the large-scale production of plutonium. Since the term of President Kennedy, he served as Chairman of the US Atomic Energy Commission under three consecutive presidents. He was also a successful university chancellor. After completing his ministerial-level duties, he returned to the university as a professor and even taught first-year students, devoting himself to the advancement of chemistry throughout his life. This book highlights his life and nuclear adventures.

Translator Saya Bo Hlaing writes in the preface... Glenn T Seaborg was one of the leading figures in shaping the Atomic Age of the 20<sup>th</sup> century. He was a Nobel Prize-winning chemist. The man-made atomic elements heavier than uranium (atomic number 93 and above), which did not previously exist in nature, are called "Transuranium elements." Up to now, about 26 new elements have been created by humans. Among them, the most important is plutonium (atomic number 94). Glenn Seaborg, who led the research and discovery of transuranium chemistry, including the mass production of plutonium, was not only an outstanding scientist but also a member of President Kennedy's administration. He was a successful university leader as well. After finishing his ministerial-level post, he returned to the university and taught even first-year classes as a professor."

This is the translation of his autobiography, "Adventures in the Atomic Age". Rising from a life of hardship to become a renowned scientist, rector, and minister,

he is someone remarkable and worthy of admiration," he states in the introduction.

In Chapter I, A Michigan Boyhood, it begins, "In a hearing of the United States Congress, the arrangement and setting resemble a courtroom. The congressmen sit in a row on large chairs placed on an elevated platform. The witnesses being questioned and the audience sit below in lower seats. In such a chamber, there is no need to ask who is the most important. On a day in the early 1960s, I was summoned to testify before a congressional committee as Chairman of the United States Atomic Energy Commission (AEC). It remains a memorable experience for me, and I often recall it.

The subject they questioned concerned the reduction of staff at the Oak Ridge National Laboratory. "Due to budget cuts to the AEC, there was an urgent need to lay off maintenance mechanics at the Oak Ridge laboratory. The laboratory is located in the state of Tennessee. Oak Ridge employed a large number of residents of Tennessee."



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Author	-	Htin Aung Aung
Publishing House	-	Pann Satt Lann
Publication Date	-	October 2025 (1 <sup>st</sup> Edition)
Price	-	K15,000

### American Democracy, Federalism and the Three Branches

THIS book analyzes a critical review, visions, actions and political philosophies of America's founding fathers\_ James Madison, Alexander Hamilton, Thomas Jefferson and Benjamin Franklin.

Therefore, this book encompasses the historical development of the American federal union, diverse political perspectives and visions of the founders, the conflicts, the interest of the State, emergence of civil rights resulted from the strategic resolution of severe societal interest conflicts, illustrations how to check and balance the three branches of the government (legislative, executive and judicial), lessons on the US institutional design evolved into what it is today and models for building a democratic federal union. This is a must-read for politicians, Hluttaw representatives, administrative bodies, judicial institutions and observers of political science.

First of all, the author showed appreciation in the preface. This is because reading is not an easy task amid natural disasters, livelihood challenges and various struggles of their own. Furthermore, he expressed his genuine respect for the publishing house for continuously issuing books. That motivates me to keep writing on subjects that I am passionate about. The digital age revolutionized the book publishing industry, enabling self-publishing platforms and shifting the industry towards a model of e-books, audiobooks, pdf copies. People tend to avoid lengthy books, and technology offers greater accessibility and global reach for authors. Therefore, publishers do not dare to issue the books without immense courage.

Nevertheless, the author urges people to read substantial books for nation-building and democratic federal reform.

The question of how each estate of government (legislative, executive and judicial) provides checks and balances is crucial. This book is described as not being comprehensive. Yet, the author wants the readers to compare with other examples, as it presents a basic model of building a democratic federal system. Separation of powers by ensuring checks and balances of each branch, bicameralism (legislature divided into two separate houses or chambers), division of power between central government and regional government, and structuring government into a federal state to enhance democracy for national development. Nonetheless, national building codes and regulatory frameworks cannot be copied exactly for implementation due to variations, as they are designed to be adapted rather than replicated.

In Chapter I, the Prologue

to the US Administration and Politics revealed that five fundamental and essential principles of American politics serve as the analytical tools to assist scholars and observers in their study. Politics is characterized as interconnectedness. It is highly complex and continuously evolving. The most fundamental principles are as follows: -

1. All political behaviour is goal-oriented, instrumental and designed to achieve a specific outcome.
  2. Politics is a comprehensive field.
  3. Political institutions constantly address inclusive operational hurdles.
  4. Political outcomes are the products of individual preferences and institutional procedures.
  5. Politics and history are deeply interdependent.
- The book contains eight chapters: (1) the US Administration and Politics, (2) Formation of Government, (3) Federalism and Distribution of Powers, (4) Civil Liberties and Civil Rights, (5) Congress (the first branch of the administration-legislative), (6) the Presidency as an Institution (role and evolution of the executive), (7) The Administrative Branch (Bureaucracy in a democracy) and (8) Federal courts (constitution and strategies - judiciary's role).

### Guard Against the Nipah Threat

By Min Min Zan

From bat and beast the virus came,  
A deadly foe with a fearful name,  
It spreads through touch, through breath and food,  
And turns good health to suffering mood.

Avoid the fruit that bats have bitten,  
Drink no raw sap where germs are hidden,  
Keep your distance, wash your hands,  
Stay alert in borderlands.

No cure exists, no vaccine sure,  
So careful ways are still the cure,  
Trust true news, not words of fear,  
Prevention keeps our future clear.

(Being aware of Nipah, a deadly enemy...)

### Myanmar - Our Jewel's Land

By Mya Thae (Research)

Myanmar, our lovely land.  
We citizens living together hand in hand.  
Natural Resources are abundant in our Jewel's land.  
It has plentiful lovely views and seaside sand.  
Myanmar are unity, and they are so brave, courageous, and treat one another as joyous friends.  
Myanmar siblings encountered many difficulties and efforted to pass over with might and main.  
We are Myanmar, and love our Jewel's land the same.  
So, we strove for Myanmar, the Jewel of nations it became.

### The Appropriate Attitude

By Nay Shan Khine, Translated by Myint Zan

the past is history  
the future is vague, uncertain  
only when one focuses on the present with right attitude  
there can be a sense of ease in one's mind

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Translated on 5 February 2026  
Translator's note: The translator is reminded of two (random) quotes regarding the past and future: "The past is not dead, it is not even past" by William Faulkner made in 1961 and "I never think of the future. It comes soon enough, attributed to Albert Einstein, who apparently commented in 1930.

# NATIONAL Entertainment

## FILM ACADEMY AWARDS FOR 2025

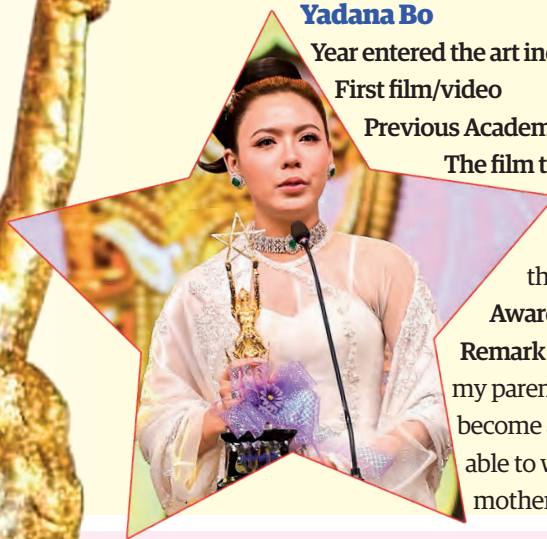
### Myint Myat

**Year entered the art industry** : June 2006  
**First film/video** : 'Mi Dway'  
**Previous Academy Awards** : 2017 - Best Supporting Actor Award for 'Kyun',  
 2019 - Best Actor Award for 'Yoma Paw Kyatae Myetyay'  
**The film that won the award this time:** 'Myayza'  
**Character** : Played the character Phoe Htaung, an eldest brother who worked hard as a municipal staff and endured hardships to support and raise his younger brother and sister like a father figure after the death of their parents  
**Award received** : Best Actor Award for 2025  
**Remark** : This Academy Award represents all the municipal workers across the country. I will always remember it.



### Yadana Bo

**Year entered the art industry** : July 2018  
**First film/video** : Carbon Dioxide  
**Previous Academy Awards** : Nil  
**The film that won the award this time:** 'Mount Miphaya'  
**Character** : Portrayed the character Lily, featuring a woman who abandoned her poor mother in search of wealth and success herself, vividly transforming her character throughout the story  
**Award received** : Best Actress Award for 2025  
**Remark** : While doing this job, whenever I felt discouraged or wanted to give up, I told my parents I didn't want to continue. My father always told me I must keep going and that I would become an Academy-winning actress. At that time, I was even upset with him. I had never been able to win any award for my parents before. Now, I can finally dedicate this award to my father and mother.



### Nay Myo Aung

**Previous Academy Awards** : Nil  
**The film that won the award this time:** 'Myit Lattat Paymae Yayzee Ka Kyantal'  
**Character** : U Myat Saung, an aggressive, drunkard uncle who bullies and oppresses his nephew, Ah Thein  
**Award received** : Best Supporting Actor for 2025  
**Remark** : I would like to thank my friend Nay Toe, who wished me to win this award. I have now achieved it as my friend wished. I also thank all the fans who love Nay Myo Aung.



### Khine Hnin Wai

**Year entered the art industry** : 1999, Talent & Model Agency  
**First film/video** : 'Hsan Yay'  
**Previous Academy Awards:** Nil  
**The film that won the award this time:** 'Mount Miphaya'  
**Character** : Daw Mya Nyo, a poor but self-sacrificing and loving Mom devoted to her children.  
**Award received** : Best Supporting Actress for 2025  
**Remark** : I have 140 children. Since their mother acts in films, I am very happy to be able to show them this award and bring it home to them.



### Aw Ratha

**Previous Academy Awards** : Best Director Award for the 'Mone Swel' film  
**The film that won the award this time** : 'Byaw Than'  
**Type of film** : Love and family drama  
**Award received** : Best Director Award for 2025  
**Remark** : The journey in film-making is challenging. I would like to thank my entire team who walked this path together with me. I also extend my special thanks to my mentor, Director U Nyi Nyi Tun Lwin, who guided me onto this path. – Htun Htun/KTZH



## Weekly Roundup

### 4 February

#### Head of State holds talks with Russian Security Council Secretary

Acting President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar and State Security and Peace Commission Chairman Senior General Min Aung Hlaing received a delegation led by Mr Sergey Shoigu, Secretary of the Security Council of the Russian Federation, at the Credentials Hall of the Office of the National Defence and Security Council.

#### NDSC issues Laws 3/2026 and 4/2026

The National Defence and Security Council enacted the Union Consultative Council Law as the NDSC Law 3/2026 and the Amendment to the Law Protecting the Privacy and Security of the Citizen as the NDSC Law 4/2026 under Section 427 of the Constitution of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar on 3 February.

#### Senior General Min Aung Hlaing gives guidance to NDC trainees

Acting President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar and Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Min Aung Hlaing gave guidance to senior officer instructors and senior officer trainees of the National Defence College through video conferencing.

### 5 February

#### Construction Sector Development Law enacted

The National Defence and Security Council of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar enacted the Construction Sector Development Law as the NDSC Law 5/2026 on 4 February.

### 6 February

#### Head of State awarded honorary doctorate

A special convocation ceremony to confer the Honorary Doctor of Public Administration (DPA honoris causa) upon Acting President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar and State Security and Peace Commission Chairman Senior General Min Aung Hlaing took place at the Convocation Hall of the

University of Yangon.

#### Head of State attends opening of research conference

Acting President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar and State Security and Peace Commission Chairman Senior General Min Aung Hlaing attended the opening ceremony of the 25<sup>th</sup> Arts and Science Research Conference of the Myanmar Academy of Arts and Science and Science Fair (2026) held at the University of Yangon.

#### National Development Hinges on Citizens' Education Quality

Acting President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar and State Security and Peace Commission Chairman Senior General Min Aung Hlaing delivered a commemorative speech at the ceremony to confer Honorary Doctor of Public Administration (DPA honoris causa) on him at the University of Yangon.

### 7 February

#### Myanmar-Korea Friendship (Dala) Bridge commissioned

Acting President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar and State Security and Peace Commission Chairman Senior General Min Aung Hlaing joined the inauguration ceremony of Myanmar-Korea Friendship (Dala) Bridge in Yangon.

#### Head of State sends message to 79<sup>th</sup> Shan State Day

Acting President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar and State Security and Peace Commission Chairman Senior General Thadoe Maha Thray Sithu Thadoe Thiri Thudamma Min Aung Hlaing sent a message to the ceremony to mark the 79<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Shan State Day, which falls on 7 February 2026.

#### Head of State meets rectors, principals in Yangon Region

Acting President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar and State Security and Peace Commission Chairman Senior General Min Aung Hlaing held a meeting with rectors, principals, professors, and teachers from universities and degree colleges in Yangon Region at the Arts Hall of the Yangon University. — GNLM/TTA

## Repatriation continues for Myanmar citizens tied to online fraud

MYANMAR nationals who became involved in online fraud and gambling activities in Cambodia for various reasons and subsequently reported in person to the Embassy of Myanmar to Cambodia, as well as those Myanmar nationals handed over by Cambodian police forces and relevant authorities, are being repatriated to Myanmar.

As part of these efforts, Myanmar nationals currently at the Embassy of Myanmar to Cambodia were repatriated again yesterday in the fifth batch. A total of 90 Myanmar nationals arrived back in Yangon yesterday afternoon by Tatmadaw aircraft. The Government of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar has been repatriating Myanmar nationals who were staying at the Embassy of Myanmar to Cambodia by Myanmar Airways International



Repatriation process is underway at Yangon International Airport yesterday for Myanmar nationals linked to telecom fraud and online gambling in Cambodia for various reasons.

(MAD) and Tatmadaw aircraft. A total of 1,086 Myanmar nationals have been successfully brought back to Myanmar.

Upon arrival in Yangon yesterday, the returning Myanmar nationals were received by responsible officials from Mingaladon District and Township, along with departmental officials, who provided them with food and refreshments. They were then transported to des-

ignated assembly points in Yangon by vehicles arranged by the Yangon Region Government.

The returning Myanmar nationals from Cambodia will undergo the collection of necessary personal information and records, as well as required checks by the relevant authorities, and further procedures will be carried out in accordance with established procedures. — MNA/KZL

## MNHRC inspects Mother's Love Ageing Home

AN inspection team led by U Kyaw Soe and Dr Than Myint, members of the Myanmar National Human Rights Commission, conducted an inspection visit to Mother's Love Ageing Home in Hlegu Township, Yangon Region, yesterday. During the visit, the inspection team examined whether the elderly are



Myanmar National Human Rights Commission Members visit Mother's Love Ageing Home in Hlegu Township, Yangon.

accepted in accordance with the rules and regulations of the facility. The team inspected the conditions of the provision of healthcare services, food and nutrition supplement, clean drinking water and household water, freedom of religion, and the overall hygiene and sanitation of dormitories, bathrooms, toilets, and kitchens.

The team also inquired about arrangements to ensure barrier-free movements in the buildings, and arrangements for recreation and relaxation for the elderly, the accessibility of the Citizenship Scrutiny Card for the elderly, the availability of social pension support, and the accessibility of pension payments for eligible residents, as well as the measures taken for meeting with family members and friends. The inspection team will send its findings and recommendations to the relevant department for the necessary action under the Commission's law. — MNHRC

# NATIONAL BUSINESS

## CBM sells over US\$1.36M, THB2.5M on 6 Feb

THE Central Bank of Myanmar (CBM) sold over US\$1.366 million to edible oil-importing companies on 6 February, along with an injection of \$24,287 and over 2.54 million baht into the market.

CBM pumped \$100,000, 500,000 yuan, and over 2.2 million baht into the market on 5 February, in addition to an injection of over \$2 million into the edible oil-importing companies.

CBM injected over 1.939 million baht, purchased from CMP companies, into the market after selling over \$2.089 million to the edible oil-importing companies on 4 February.

CBM announced on 3 February that it would inject \$28 million into the fuel import sector. Furthermore, CBM sold over \$691,600 to edible oil-importing companies on that day after selling 500,000 baht in the market.



The facade of the Central Bank of Myanmar in Nay Pyi Taw.

CBM sold over \$1.8 million to edible oil-importing companies, along with an injection of 2.3 million baht into the market on 2 February.

CBM sold over \$43 million, 65 million baht, and over four million yuan in January 2026.

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

## PPP key to facilitating GACC registration

PUBLIC-PRIVATE Partnership and close cooperation between government departments and industry players are crucial for facilitating registration with the General Administration of Customs of the People's Republic of China (GACC), said Dr Htein Lin, Director-General of the Myanmar Trade Promotion Organization (MyanTrade).

MyanTrade, under the Ministry of Commerce, hosted a hybrid meeting related to the GACC registration process for legitimate food export to China on 5 February. Dr Htein Lin addressed the

meeting that Myanmar's agricultural and fishery products manufacturers, processors and storage facilities register with the GACC to export seafood and agricultural products to the largest trading partner, China, under Decrees 248 and 249. The process has lasted over five years since 2021. Some companies and businesses are experiencing challenges in extending the validity period of the registration. He said that awareness of the registration process is pivotal to all the stakeholders in the supply chain, including farmers, brokers, millers, ex-

porters and related associations to deal with difficulties in registration, advantages and drawbacks.

Facilitation of GACC registration will help boost exports, enhance the socio-economic status of the farmers, exporters and rural communities. He encouraged public-private partnerships.

Officials of the department concerned, the Myanmar Economic Attache in Beijing, chairs of the institutions, MSMEs and representatives of the companies attended the meeting, MyanTrade stated. — NN/KK

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110	N 928	Captain	Daw Thazin Hlaing

Sd/ Than Soe  
Chairman  
Union Election Commission

## DRRD calls for tender to construct Monghsat-Tachilek Road

THE Department of Rural Road Development (DRRD) under the Ministry of Cooperatives and Rural Development invited Myanmar business entities to invest in the construction of a 7.796-kilometre-long Monghsat-Tachilek Road in Tachilek District in the eastern Shan State.

Interested investors are invited to submit an Expression of Interest (EOI) to put a 100 per cent investment, along with project proposals outlining structured action plans.

Interested companies need to submit road designs and project details in PowerPoint format to the EOI evaluation committee. The EOI form must be submitted by 4 pm on 27 February 2026 to the Department of Rural Road Development in Kengtung. Late submission will not be considered anyhow.

Only selected proposals will be evaluated in line with tender rules and regulations. Interested individuals can enquire details through 084 2021676. — NN/KK

## DUHD seeks bids for 5-storey car parking construction at Yadana Hninsi Housing

THE Department of Urban and Housing Development, Ministry of Construction, called for interested Myanmar business entities to construct Phase I of the five-storey car parking at Yadana Hninsi Housing Complex in Dagon Myothit (Seikkan) Township, according to the Tender Accept-

ance and Evaluation Committee.

Tender applications will be sold by 19 February. Tenders can be submitted to the DUHD in Nay Pyi Taw by 3 pm on 20 February. Individuals can enquire about details by dialling 067 3407701 and 067 3407527. — NN/KK

# US trade deal to enhance export competitiveness for auto component manufacturers: ACMA

THE Automotive Component Manufacturers Association of India (ACMA) welcomes the announcement of the Interim Trade Agreement framework between India and the United States, reflecting a shared commitment to strengthen bilateral trade, manufacturing cooperation, and resilient supply chains between the two economies.

The US and India announced in a joint statement that they have reached a framework for an Interim Agreement on reciprocal, mutually ben-

eficial trade (the Interim Agreement) and have agreed on its terms.

Commenting on the announcement, Vikrampati Singhania, President, ACMA and Vice Chairman & MD, JK Fenner (India), said, "ACMA welcomes the India-US Interim Trade Agreement framework and the parallel announcements by the US Administration, which signal a clear intent to strengthen bilateral manufacturing and supply-chain partnerships.

For the Indian auto component industry, the

commitment to preferential tariff rate quotas for automotive parts, removal of Section 232 tariffs on select inputs, and a pathway for further tariff rationalization under the proposed Bilateral Trade Agreement are indeed positive steps."

As per the data shared by the ACMA, trade in auto components between India and the United States has continued to expand over the past five financial years, reflecting strengthening industrial ties between the two countries. — ANI



The new India-US Interim Trade Agreement will significantly boost export competitiveness for Indian auto part makers. PHOTO: REPRESENTATIVE IMAGE/ANI

## Toyota CFO Kon to replace Sato as CEO, Sato to become vice-chairman

TOYOTA Motor Corp said Friday that its Chief Financial Officer Kenta Kon will succeed Koji Sato as

chief executive officer, who will become vice chairman and be given the newly established title

of chief industry officer, effective 1 April.

Sato said at a news conference the change was made to improve Toyota's "earning power" and that he wanted to focus on his role as head of the Japan Automobile Manufacturers Association.

Having served as president for just three years, Sato described his term as "short", but said auto manufacturing is a fast-moving industry and his company's management team needs a "change of formation" to address the challenges

it faces.

Toyota Chairman Akio Toyoda was not involved in the decision-making process, he added.

Kon said at the press conference that he would draw on his experience as CFO to "focus on money, profits and numbers".

The company the same day said its net profit for the nine months through December dropped 26.1 per cent to 3.03 trillion yen (\$19.3 billion), its first fall in three years, while operating profit sank 13.1 per cent to 3.20 trillion yen. — Kyodo



Kenta Kon (R), the chief financial officer of Toyota Motor Corp who is set to become chief executive officer, and Koji Sato, who will become vice-chairman, attend a press conference in Tokyo on 6 February 2026. PHOTO: KYODO

## Danone expands recall of infant formula batches in Europe

FRENCH food giant Danone recalled batches of infant formula in Britain, Spain, Croatia and Slovenia over the possible presence of a toxin, food safety authorities said on Friday, expanding the measure across Europe.

Several manufacturers have issued recalls in more than 60 countries since December of infant formula that could be contaminated by the cereulide toxin which can cause nausea, vomiting and diarrhoea. Danone had al-

ready issued recalls of its infant formula to Austria, France, Germany, Hungary, Poland, Romania and Switzerland on Thursday, the company and national health authorities confirmed. On Friday, the UK Food Standards Agency

(FSA) said "Danone is recalling several Aptamil and Cow & Gate First Infant Milk and Follow on Milk formula products because cereulide toxin may be present in some batches of the products." — AFP

## Trump reinstates commercial fishing in protected Atlantic waters

US President Donald Trump on Friday issued a proclamation reopening commercial fishing in protected waters off the Atlantic coast, in a region renowned for its rich biodiversity. The Northeast Canyons and Seamounts Marine National Monument spans nearly 5,000 square miles — larger than Yellowstone National Park.

Long a focus of scientific interest, the monument lies about 130 miles southeast of Cape Cod, Massachusetts, and was established in 2016 by former Democratic president Barack Obama, who warned it was threatened by overfishing and climate change. In a familiar political yo-yo, Republican Trump reopened the monument to commercial fishing during his first term, only for the decision to be reversed by Democratic successor Joe Biden.

Biden's administration cited the monument as part of its pledge to conserve 30 per cent of US land and waters by 2030. — AFP

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# WEEKLY WORLD NEWS DIGEST

FEBRUARY 7

## Canada, France open consulates in Greenland

CANADA and France, which both oppose US President Donald Trump's claim to Greenland, opened consulates in the Danish autonomous territory's capital on Friday, in a show of support for the local government.

Since returning to the White House last year, Trump has insisted that Washington needs to control the strategic, mineral-rich Arctic island for security reasons.

He last month backed off threats to seize Greenland after striking a "framework" deal

with NATO chief Mark Rutte to ensure greater US influence.

A US-Denmark-Greenland working group has been established to discuss Washington's security concerns in the Arctic, but details have not been made public.

Greenland sovereignty is a "red line" despite US concerns.

It's a victory for Greenlanders to see two allies opening diplomatic representations in Nuuk. — AFP



People raise Canadian flag during the opening ceremony of Canada's new consulate in Nuuk, the capital of Greenland, Denmark, 6 February 2026. PHOTO: LI YING/XINHUA

FEBRUARY 6

## Sri Lanka extends state of emergency by 1 month

SRI LANKA'S Parliament on Friday approved a one-month extension of the state of emergency. A total of 106 lawmakers voted in favour of the proposal, while two voted against and 117 absent when the vote was taken.

The emergency was first declared by Sri Lankan President Anura Kumara Dissanayake on 28 November 2025, following Cyclone Ditwah. The measure aims to ensure public security, maintain law and order, and guarantee the continuous supply of essential services.

Addressing the parliament, Prime Minister Harini Amarasuriya said the cyclone caused widespread damage, requiring rapid mobilization of personnel and resources. The emergency measures aim to ensure the uninterrupted delivery of essential services and enable the appointment of an essential service commissioner-general to speed up recovery efforts. — Xinhua

FEBRUARY 4

## Germany looks to diversify trade ties

GERMAN Chancellor Friedrich Merz headed to Saudi Arabia on Wednesday to kick off a Gulf tour as the biggest EU economy seeks to diversify its key trade and energy partnerships.

In a turbulent world where US President Donald Trump has rocked long-standing transatlantic security and economic ties, Germany is racing to cement alternative relationships worldwide.

Joined by a business delegation, the conservative leader will meet with Saudi Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman, then travel to Qatar and the United Arab Emirates on his whistlestop tour until Friday. "In the geopolitical environment in which we operate, we must intensify our partnerships with important and influential states in the world. The Gulf states are among them," a senior German official said ahead of Merz's trip.

A second official said Germany wanted to "strengthen trade and export opportunities, increase and incentivise foreign investment" and "diversify our supply chains... especially in the energy sector". — AFP

FEBRUARY 2

## S Korea celebrates K-pop Grammy win

CRITICS and fans welcomed South Korea's first major Grammy win for the song "Golden", from the hit animated film "KPop Demon Hunters", describing it on Monday as a breakthrough for the genre.

The track, performed by Ejae, Audrey Nuna and Rei Ami as the fictional girl group Huntrix in the film, won Best Song Written for Visual Media to claim an accolade that had long eluded the industry despite its global popularity.

K-pop megagroups BTS has been nominated multiple times in different categories since 2021 but has yet to be recognised at the music industry's biggest night.

Neither BTS nor Blackpink had been able to score a Grammy and a path had now been forced open. — AFP

FEBRUARY 5

## India denies halting Russian oil imports

AMID US President Donald Trump's claim that India has agreed to halt purchases of Russian oil, the Ministry of External Affairs on Thursday reiterated that ensuring energy security for its 1.4 billion people remains the top priority for the Government of India, especially amid evolving global energy dynamics.

Addressing a press conference in the national capital, MEA spokesperson Randhir Jaiswal said India's energy decisions are guided by national interest.

"In so far as India's energy security or sourcing is confirmed, the government has publicly on several occasions, including me here, stated that ensuring the energy security of 1.4 billion is the supreme priority of the government," Jaiswal said.

Trump made the remarks following the announcement of the India-US trade deal. — ANI

FEBRUARY 3

## Bill, Hillary Clinton to testify in Epstein probe

BILL and Hillary Clinton will testify in a US House investigation surrounding deceased sex offender Jeffrey Epstein, a spokesman for the ex-president said, heading off a potential vote to hold the couple in contempt.

They had originally refused to appear before lawmakers examining how authorities handled earlier investigations into the disgraced financier, who had connections and correspondence with the world's business and political elite.

"The former President and former Secretary of State will be there. They look forward to setting a precedent that applies to everyone," Clinton spokesman Angel Urena said on X.

The House Rules Committee had advanced resolutions accusing the Clintons of defying subpoenas to appear in person to explain their links to Epstein, who died in custody in 2019.

The Epstein affair continues to cast a long shadow over Washington, entangling some of the most prominent names in US politics. — AFP

FEBRUARY 1

## Capgemini sells US unit after row over ICE links

FRENCH IT giant Capgemini said it was selling its subsidiary working for the US Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) agency amid international controversy over the deaths of two people in ICE operations.

Capgemini, which operates in about 50 countries and is one of France's largest listed companies, held an extraordinary board meeting after being the subject of questions in parliament and calls for transparency from the government.

The company has been in the spotlight for days over the deal its American subsidiary signed with ICE to identify foreigners on US soil and track their locations.

The killings of two people by ICE and border patrol (CBP) agents in Minneapolis have made world headlines. — AFP

# SPORTS

## Ayeyawady players loaned to Stallion Laguna for AFC quarterfinals



San Thaw Thaw and Nang Phyu Phway, who have moved to the Philippine club Stallion Laguna on loan.

TWO women footballers from Myanmar's Ayeyawady FC have completed loan moves to the Philippine club Stallion Laguna, which will compete in the AFC Women's Champions League quarterfinals, according to the Ayeyawady FC women's team.

The two players are forward San Thaw Thaw and defender Nang Phyu Phway. They will feature for Stallion Laguna in the upcoming Philippine Women's League matches as well as the AFC Women's Champions League knockout stage.

Officials from Stallion Laguna visited Yangon in recent weeks and held final negotiations with Ayeyawady FC and the two players, reaching a mutual agreement on the loan deal.

The Myanmar players departed Yangon for Manila on 3 February, travelling together with Stallion Laguna midfielders Ubay and Kira, who had previously joined Ayeyawady FC on loan for the season. Upon arrival, San Thaw Thaw and Nang Phyu Phway completed the required medical examinations to register with their new club.

The two players have now begun training with Stallion Laguna and are expected to make their competitive appearances in upcoming matches. — ASH/KZL

## Real Madrid heads to hostile Mestalla depleted by injuries and suspension

REAL Madrid faces a difficult trip to Valencia's Mestalla Stadium on Sunday night and will do so without several key players.

Jude Bellingham is out with a hamstring in-

jury that will keep him sidelined for around a month, while Rodrygo also has a leg issue that makes him a doubt for this weekend and next.

Vinicius Junior is suspended, limiting Alvaro

Arbeloa's options in attack.

Trent Alexander-Arnold is available for the first time in 2026, but Antonio Rudiger, Eder Militao and Ferland Mendy are all sidelined.

Raul Asencio is also a doubt with a calf issue. This has been a rare week without a midweek game for the Real Madrid squad after its early exit from the Copa del Rey. — Xinhua

### OBITUARY

#### Asleep in Jesus

#### Mrs. Annie Joseph (85 Years)

(Coconut Rope Factory Retired)

WITH deep sorrow, we announce the peaceful passing of our beloved mother, Mrs. Annie Joseph, daughter of Mr. A.M. Doss and Mrs. Mary Doss, loving wife of the late A. Joseph. She was a devoted and caring mother to Patricia Mi Mi Maw + Saw Johnny, Hilda Hla Hla Maw, Neville + Sandar Hlaing, June Rose Sandar Maw, Angela Thandar Maw + the late Min Zaw; and a cherished grandmother to the late Fabian, Marie Christine and James Aung Ye Min.

She fell asleep in Jesus on 6 February, 2026, surrounded by love and prayers. The funeral service will be held at 1:00 pm on 8 February 2026 at Yayway Christian Cemetery.

## China's Gu Ailing shakes off crash to reach slopestyle final

CHINA'S freestyle skiing star Gu Ailing recovered from an early fall to advance to the women's slopestyle final here on Saturday at the Milan-Cortina 2026 Winter Olympics. The 22-year-old Olympic champion crashed early on the rail section of her first qualifying run and finished with 1.26 points, despite completing the remainder of the course.

"The Olympics always come with this kind of pressure. It's really different from any other competition," Gu said after qualifying. "But mental adjustment is part of competing. You have to trust yourself".

After regrouping, and sharing an embrace with her mother, Gu returned for her second run. Wearing an outfit featuring a Chinese dragon, which she called "a symbol of strength, courage and power," she delivered a composed and technically sound performance for 75.30 points, the second-highest score, to secure a place in the final. — Xinhua

## Milan Cortina Winter Games open with lighting of dual cauldrons

THE Milan Cortina Winter Olympics began in northern Italy on Friday, marked by the simultaneous lighting of two Olympic cauldrons for the first time in games history.

The identical Olympic cauldrons were sparked to life around 250 kilometres apart, one at the landmark Arco della Pace in Milan and another at Piazza Angelo Dibona in Cortina d'Ampezzo, heralding the start of the sporting spectacle that runs through 22 February. Bearing the names of two cities for the first time, the games will feature some 2,900 athletes representing 92 national Olympic committees, competing in 116 medal events. Venues are spread across four clusters — in Milan, Valtellina,

Cortina d'Ampezzo and Val di Fiemme — with the opening ceremony athletes' parade held in each.

After only a limited number of spectators were permitted to attend live events at the COVID-19-hit 2022 Games in Beijing, the crowds are being welcomed back as Italy plays host to the Winter Games for the third time, following the 1956 Games in Cortina and the 2006 Games in Turin. — Kyodo

Dancers perform under fireworks set off at the Olympic rings during the opening ceremony of the Milan Cortina Winter Games at the San Siro stadium in Milan on 6 February 2026. PHOTO: KYODO



## Yumai's Rise: From solitary three to vibrant Himalayan village

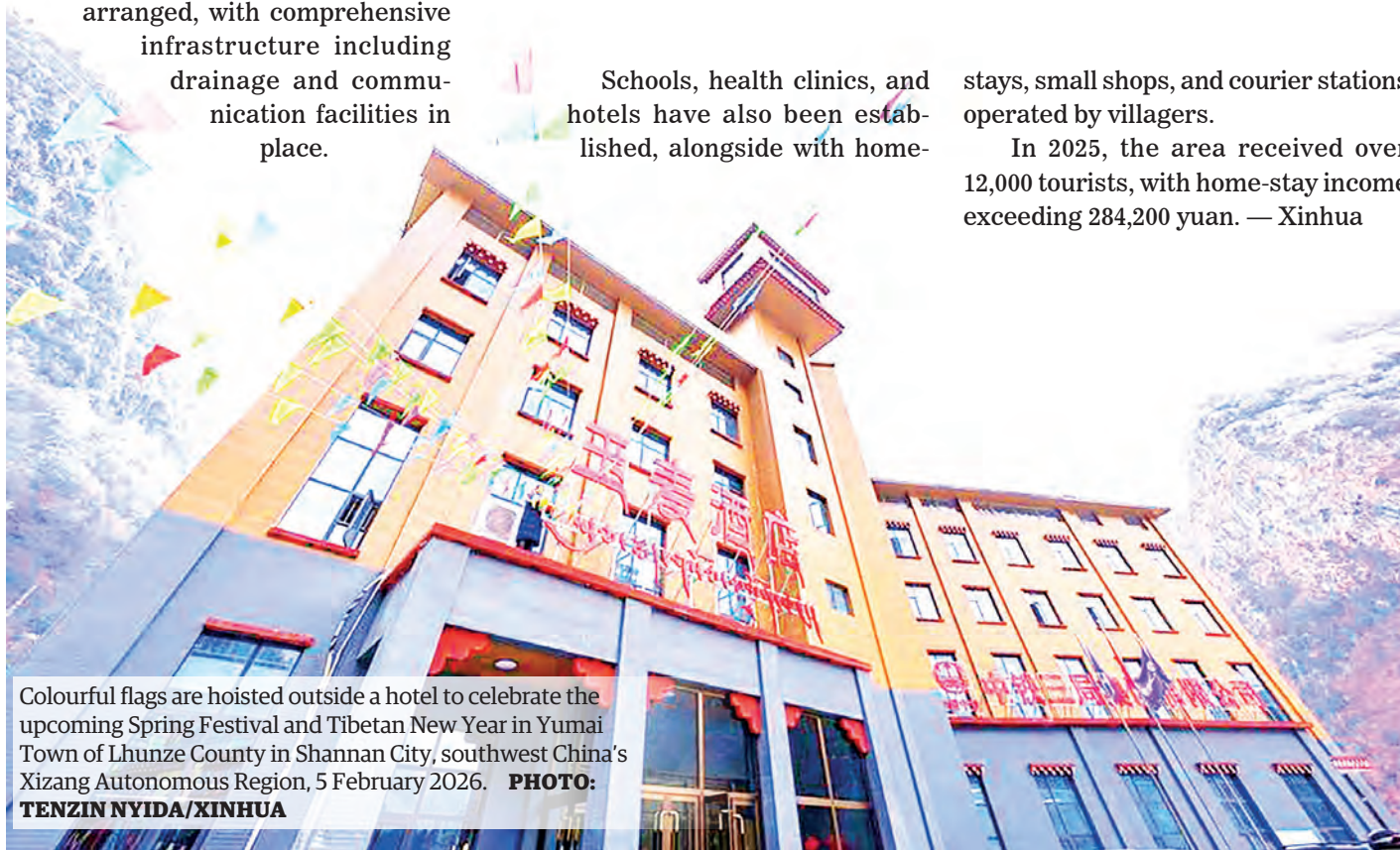
YUMAI TOWN, located on the southern foot of the Himalayas, was once home to merely three permanent residents due to its harsh and rugged terrain. Today, residential houses here are neatly arranged, with comprehensive infrastructure including drainage and communication facilities in place.

*Once isolated Himalaya village, Yumai now thrives with schools, clinics, shops, tourism, modern infrastructure, welcoming thousands of visitors annually.*

Schools, health clinics, and hotels have also been established, alongside with home-

stays, small shops, and courier stations operated by villagers.

In 2025, the area received over 12,000 tourists, with home-stay income exceeding 284,200 yuan. — Xinhua



Colourful flags are hoisted outside a hotel to celebrate the upcoming Spring Festival and Tibetan New Year in Yumai Town of Lhunze County in Shannan City, southwest China's Xizang Autonomous Region, 5 February 2026. PHOTO: TENZIN NYIDA/XINHUA

A professor at a university in Hokkaido has put artificial intelligence to work in support of Japan's women's curling team, hoping insights derived from play data can help the players gain an advantage in their quest for Olympic glory. Masahito Yamamoto, a professor at Hokkaido University's Graduate School of Information Science and Technology, has tasked AI with analyzing approximately 100 matches played by Fortius, the team that won the right to represent Japan via a September 2025 domestic qualifier, to create a database of tactics.

Fortius players and coaches use an AI-powered database that categorizes data by game situations, such as which team performs best with the opening stone or the "hammer" advantage in curling. Yamamoto explained that seeing successful examples aids visualization training. Last fall, Fortius struggled, conceding multiple points despite holding the hammer. AI analysis revealed flaws in stone placement and missed opportunities to disrupt opponents' stones. With these insights, the team improved dramatically, surrendering only two stolen ends across eight matches at December's Olympic

## Japanese professor harnessing AI in pursuit of curling gold

*Fortius coaches and players rely on AI-driven curling insights.*

qualifying tournament. Yuna Kotani, the team's second, emphasized the confidence gained from data-driven decisions. The

project also applies AI to studying ice conditions, further enhancing strategic preparation and performance. — Kyodo



Members of Japan women's curling team celebrate after defeating Norway to earn an Olympic berth in the qualifying event for the Milan-Cortina Winter Games in Kelowna, Canada, on 10 December 2025. PHOTO: KYODO/FILE



Many Italians experience winter sports in more modest resorts such as Roccaraso. PHOTO: AFP

## Italy ski resorts grapple with crowds, climate pressure

EVERY winter, buses from Naples bring thousands of day-trippers to Roccaraso, a small mountain town in central Italy. Visitors, often dressed in colorful ski gear, come for sledding, fresh air, and mountain views rather than skiing, which many find too expensive. While Roccaraso offers modest slopes and chair lifts, the nearby Alto Sangro resort attracts half a million skiers annually with over 100 kilometres of runs. The influx of non-skiing tourists has sparked tensions with locals and

*Rising costs of ski passes, unpredictable snowfall, and reliance on artificial snowmaking highlight broader challenges facing Italy's ski industry.*

skiers, who complain that crowds strain infrastructure and disrupt the environment. The issue gained global attention when a TikTok influencer encouraged Neapolitans to visit, resulting in 250 buses and more than 12,000 arrivals in a single day. Authorities have since capped bus numbers and deployed wardens to manage crowds. Rising costs of ski passes, unpredictable snowfall, and reliance on artificial snowmaking highlight broader challenges facing Italy's ski industry. Experts warn that climate change is shortening seasons and argue resorts must diversify with hiking, cycling, and cultural tourism. Despite these pressures, Italy's ski sector remains resilient, recording strong seasons in recent years. Meanwhile, destinations like Mount Etna in Sicily offer unique alternatives, combining snow sports with volcanic landscapes and Mediterranean views. — AFP