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Revocation of Work-from-Home Wednesdays for Government Departments

1. To address fuel consumption issues and mitigate potential shortages resulting from the ongoing conflict in the Middle East, government officials and staff were previously instructed to work from home and hostel every Wednesday, starting 25 March 2026.
2. Effective from today, this directive requiring government officials and staff to work from home on Wednesdays has been revoked.

Information Team
President's Office

Myanmar Avocado & Fruit Festival 2026 set for 24-26 Oct

THE Myanmar Avocado and Fruit Festival 2026 will take place from 24 to 26 October at Myaypade-thakyun (Palae Kyun) in Yangon, according to an announcement from the Myanmar Fruit, Flower and Vegetable Producers and Exporters Association (MFVP).

The three-day festival coincides with the Thadingyut Festival when families and loved ones reunite and create warm memories. The event aims to offer a joyful gathering



Myanmar exports avocados abroad.

space for people to relax and celebrate together.

Festival highlights include direct sales booths from avocado farmers in highland regions, avoca-

do based food products and cosmetics, unique handmade crafts, special avocado menus by chefs, educational avocado

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Bagan to release 3,000 hot-air balloons during Thadingyut

A total of 3,000 hot-air balloons will be released as a special attraction during the upcoming Thadingyut Festival in the Bagan Cultural Heritage Region, home to Myanmar's rich cultural heritage. The original plan to release 30,000 balloons has been scaled down to 3,000, according to reports.

During the Thadingyut Festival, which marks the start of the tourist season in Bagan, the cultural heritage region usually attracts large numbers of domestic and international visitors from across the country and abroad. This year's festival will feature displays and sales of traditional Upper Myanmar foods, handicrafts, souvenir clothing, locally produced goods, a variety of agricultural tools and other consumer products.

Although preparations were initially made to release 30,000 balloons during the festival, the number



This photo shows a balloon ready to soar into the sky.

has been reduced to 3,000 for safety reasons. As the balloons will be released at night, their launch must take into account wind conditions and ensure sufficient distance from villages, pagodas, stupas and temples.

A total of 1,000 balloons will be released each day over three days from three locations. Residents, firefighters, municipal staff and social organisations will work together to carry out the releases. — Thitsa (MNA)/KNN



This image shows a cooling centre set up in Shwebo for the public in April.

Measures called for to safeguard against heat stress

REGARDING elevated temperatures, Bago Region Chief Minister U Myo Swe Win emphasized to prepare heat-stress prevention measures such as cooling

centres and awareness campaigns, in order not to affect humans and animals, in a meeting with district and township administrative committee chairs on 7

October.

This is the rain-fed crops harvest season; however, due to the severe impact of El Niño, the cultivation of winter crops is

needed to start in time before the soil moisture decreases so that expected crop yields can be achieved, and irrigation channels are

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Authentic taste of tea, enjoy

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Reassignment of Deputy Ministers

PURSUANT to Subsections (a) and (d) of Section 234 of the Constitution of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar and Clause (ix) of Subsection (b) of Section 16 of the Union Government Law, the following Deputy Ministers are hereby reassigned to each other's respective Ministries.

- (1)

U Kyaw Htin

Ministry of Finance and Revenue

Ministry of National Planning,
Investment and Foreign
Economic Relations
- (2)

U Han Win Aung

Ministry of National Planning,
Ministry of Finance and Revenue

Investment and Foreign
Economic Relations

Sd/Min Aung Hlaing
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Republic of the Union of Myanmar

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Reassignment of Member of Nay Pyi Taw Council

PURSUANT to Clause (ii) of Subsection (b) of Section 285 of the Constitution of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, Section 22 of the Union Government Law and Section 4 of the Nay Pyi Taw Council Law, Deputy Minister for Labour U Maung Maung Than is hereby reassigned as a Member of the Nay Pyi Taw Council.

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Appointment of Deputy Ministers

PURSUANT to Subsections (a) and (d) of Section 234 of the Constitution of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar and Clause (ix) of Subsection (b) of Section 16 of the Union Government Law, the following individuals have been appointed as Deputy Ministers for the respective ministries listed alongside their names: -

1.

U Win Maung Thein

Ministry of Education
2.

Dr Tin Tun

Ministry of Health
3.

Dr Nay Thwe Kyi

Ministry of Women's Affairs
4.

U Myo Aung

Ministry of Labour
5.

U Myo Kyaw Thu

Ministry of Sports

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Reassignment of Members of Myanmar National
Human Rights Commission

PURSUANT to Section 19 of the Myanmar National Human Rights Commission Law, the following individuals are hereby reassigned to members of the Myanmar National Human Rights Commission.

- (1)

U Nyi Nyi

Deputy Minister

Ministry of Sports
- (2)

U Tun Tun Win

Member

Union Civil Service Board

Sd/Min Aung Hlaing
President
Republic of the Union of Myanmar

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Appointment of Minister of Sagaing Region

PURSUANT to Subsections (e) and (f) of Section 262 and Subsection (c) of Section 264 of the Constitution of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar and Subsection (c) of Section 19 and Subsection (c) of Section 82 of the Union Government Law and Subsection (g) of Section 8 and Subsection (a) of Section 56 of the Region or State Government Law, U Saw Yan Aung is hereby appointed as Minister of Development Affairs of the Sagaing Region Government.

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Reassignment of Union Civil Service Board Member

PURSUANT to Subsection (b) of Section 246 of the Constitution of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar and Clause (xii) of Subsection (b) of Section 16 of the Union Government Law and Section 5 of the Union Civil Service Board Law, Deputy Minister for Women's Affairs Daw San San Nwe is hereby reassigned as a Member of the Union Civil Service Board.

Sd/Min Aung Hlaing
President
Republic of the Union of Myanmar

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President's Office
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10 October 2026

Appointment of Judge for Shan State High Court

PURSUANT to Clause (iv), Subsection (b) of Section 308 of the Constitution of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar and Subsection (d) of Section 82 of the Union Government Law, Section 45 of the Union Judiciary Law and Subsection (d) of Section 18 of the Region or State Government Law, Daw Aye Aye Hlaing is hereby appointed as Judge for the Shan State High Court.

Sd/Min Aung Hlaing
President
Republic of the Union of Myanmar

Gold Market Rate as of 10 October 2026

THE price of one tical (16.329325 grammes) of gold with density of 19.25 grammes per cubic centimetre and above is K7,100,000, as established by the Mineral (Gold) Reference Price Determination Committee.

Seventh Amendment to Amyotha
Hluttaw Election Law
(2026 Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Law No 4)

14th Waning of Tawthalin 1388 ME
10 October 2026

The Pyidaungsu Hluttaw hereby enacts this Law.

- This Law shall be called the “**Seventh Amendment to the Amyotha Hluttaw Election Law**”.
- The following subsections (m) and (n) shall be inserted after subsection (l) of Section 11 of the Amyotha Hluttaw Election Law: -
“(m) A person who has been declared disqualified by an Election Tribunal for failure to submit an election expense statement as prescribed;
(n) A Hluttaw representative elected as a party representative from a constituency designated under Subsection (c) of Section 4, who resigns from membership of the relevant political party in accordance with the party’s rules and constitution, or who is expelled from membership of that party.”
- The following Section 11-a shall be inserted after Section 11 of the Amyotha Hluttaw Election Law: -
“11-a. A person elected as a Hluttaw representative -
(a) If the registration of the political party that the person represents is cancelled under sub-section (b) because the party has committed any of the acts specified in clauses 4, 5, 6, 7 and 11 of Subsection (a) of Section 12 of the Political Parties Registration Law, the person shall be deemed to have automatically ceased to be elected as a Hluttaw representative.
(b) If the political party that the person represents is dissolved, or if its registration as a political party is cancelled under sub-section (b) on the grounds that the party has committed any of the acts specified in clauses 1, 2, 3, 8, 9 and 10 of subsection (a) of Section 12 of the Political Parties Registration Law, or if its registration as a political party is cancelled under subsection (e) of Section 24 -
(1) If the person is a Hluttaw representative elected from a constituency under the First-Past-the-Post system, the person shall apply to the Commission within 60 days from the date of dissolution of the party or the date on which its registration is cancelled, submitting conclusive evidence of membership in another political party, in order to be permitted to continue serving as a Hluttaw representative representing that other party. If no such application is submitted, the person shall be deemed to have automatically ceased to be elected as a Hluttaw representative.
Exception: If the person wishes to continue serving solely as an independent Hluttaw representative, the person may notify the Commission of that intention within 60 days.
(2) If the person is a Hluttaw representative elected from a constituency

under the Proportional Representation system, the person shall be deemed to have automatically ceased to be elected as a Hluttaw representative.”

- Section 28 of the Amyotha Hluttaw Election Law shall be substituted with the following: -
“28. (a) For constituencies prescribed under Subsections (a) and (b) of Section 4, the respective candidate for Hluttaw representative may withdraw the nomination paper in accordance with the prescribed procedures. For constituencies prescribed under Subsection (c) of Section 4, the political party may withdraw the nomination paper of its candidate for Hluttaw representative in accordance with the prescribed procedures.
(b) After the list of candidates for Hluttaw representative has been officially announced, a candidate shall have the right to withdraw from candidacy in accordance with the prescribed procedures.”
- In the introductory paragraph of Section 30-a of the Amyotha Hluttaw Election Law, the expression “political parties” shall be substituted with the expression “Central Executive Committee members of political parties”.
- In Section 42 of the Amyotha Hluttaw Election Law, the expression “6 am” shall be substituted with “7 am”, and the expression “4 pm” shall be substituted with “5 pm”.
- In Subsection (b) of Section 48 of the Amyotha Hluttaw Election Law, the expression “two days in advance” shall be substituted with “three days in advance”, and the expression “before 4 pm” shall be substituted with “before 9 am”.
- In Subsection (d) of Section 88 of the Amyotha Hluttaw Election Law, the expression “a Hluttaw representative or an election agent” shall be substituted with the expression “a Hluttaw representative, a candidate for Hluttaw representative, or an election agent”.
- The following shall be inserted after Section 88-a of the Amyotha Hluttaw Election Law as Section 88-b:-
“88-b. The Commission shall -
(a) annul the votes obtained by a political party under Clause 2 of Subsection (b) of Section 49 if the political party is dissolved voluntarily or its registration is cancelled under the Political Parties Registration Law;
(b) for constituencies designated under Subsection (c) of Section 4, exclude the annulled votes specified in subsection (a), recalculate the remaining valid votes in accordance with the prescribed procedures, and announce the list of elected Hluttaw representatives.”

I hereby sign this law under the Constitution of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar

Sd/ Min Aung Hlaing
President
Republic of the Union of Myanmar

Seventh Amendment to Region or
State Hluttaw Election Law
(2026 Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Law No 5)

14th Waning of Tawthalin 1388 ME
10 October 2026

Pyidaungsu Hluttaw hereby enacts this Law.

- This Law shall be called the **Seventh Amendment to Region or State Hluttaw Election Law**.
- After Section 11 (l) of the Region or State Hluttaw Election Law, subsection (m) and (n) shall be added as follows;
“(m) A person who has been disqualified by a decision of the Election Tribunal for failing to submit an election expense statement as prescribed.
(n) A Region or State Hluttaw representative representing a political party in a constituency designated under, Subsection (b) of Section 4 who resigns from the party or is expelled from the party in accordance with its rules and constitution.”
- After Section 11(a) of Section 11 shall be added as follows:
“11-a. A person elected as a Hluttaw representative shall;

- If the registration of the political party represented by that person is cancelled under Sub-section (b) due to any of the matters specified in clauses (4), (5), (6), (7) and (11) of Subsection (a) of Section 12 of the Political Parties Registration Law, the person’s election as a Hluttaw representative shall be deemed automatically void.
- If the political party represented by that person is dissolved, or its registration as a political party is cancelled under Sub-section (b) due to any of the matters specified in clauses (1), (2), (3), (8), (9) and (10) of Subsection (a) of Section 12 of the Political Parties Registration Law, or if its registration is cancelled under Subsection (e) of Section 24-
(1) If the representative was elected from a constituency under the First-Past-the-Post (FPTP) system, the representative shall apply to the Commission within 60 days from the date of the party’s dissolution or cancellation of its registration, providing valid evidence of membership in another political party, to continue serving as a Hluttaw representative of that party. If no application is submitted within this period, the person’s election as a Hluttaw representative shall be deemed automatically void.
Exception: If the representative wishes to continue serving as an independent Hluttaw representative, the representative may notify the Commission of this intention within 60 days.

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196 pearl lots sold on third day of 61st Myanma Gems Emporium

THE third day of the 61st Myanma Gems Emporium continued yesterday at the Maniyadana Jade Hall in Nay Pyi Taw, attracting local and foreign gem merchants to inspect and bid on pearls, gemstones and jade.

Throughout the morning, merchants inspected pearl, gemstone and jade lots displayed inside the hall, as well as jade lots arranged in designated outdoor areas. Buyers selected their preferred items and deposited their bid slips into designated tender boxes.

A total of 196 pearl lots were sold through the open tender system



Gem merchants evaluate the exhibits at the 61st Myanma Gems Emporium 2026.

during the day's session.

U Hsan Oo, Patron of the Myanmar Gems Emporium Central Committee and Union Minister for Natural Resources and Environmental Conservation, inspected the bid verification process and the

announcement of winning bids at the hall and provided necessary guidance to the organizers.

On the fourth day, the remaining pearl lots will be offered for bidding. On the fifth day, 160 gemstone lots will be offered for sale

through the open tender system.

From 13 to 15 October, a total of 1,605 jade lots from Groups A and B, out of 3,073 lots classified under Groups A, B and C, will be offered for sale. The remaining 1,468 jade lots from Group C will be open for bidding on 16 and 17 October.

Private gemstone and jewellery sales counters inside the Maniyadana Jade Hall are also operating alongside the official tender sales, attracting visitors and buyers. The 61st Myanma Gems Emporium, which began on 8 October, will run until 17 October. — MNA/TH

Erosion control underway at Ma Mya Dam

A 200-foot-long, 25-foot-wide and 10-foot-high section of the Ma Mya Dam in Myanaung Township, collapsed at around 9 pm on 9 October, prompting Ayeyawady Region Chief Minister U Aye Kyaw and officials to inspect the site the following morning, where the slope had subsided by about 25 feet from its original crest level to an elevation of 330 feet.

During the inspection, the chief minister examined the collapsed section of the dam and the ongoing emergency

water-release operations. Arrangements were also being made to evacuate residents from flood-risk areas to higher ground, including residents of Sanywagyi Village-tract and Uyinkwin, Maywaygon and Ywathitgon villages, as well as Yenanchetphogon village in Ngabatkya Village-tract. Machinery was being deployed to carry out the necessary emergency measures.

The Ma Mya Dam was holding water at an elevation of 315 feet. To lower the water level by



Ayeyawady Region Chief Minister U Aye Kyaw and officials inspect the subsided place of Ma Mya Dam's slope in Myanaung Township, Ayeyawady Region, yesterday.

10 feet to an elevation of 305 feet, machinery was being used to excavate a channel 15 feet long and seven feet deep to release water through the dam's emergency spillway.

The released water flows through the Yaywah Creek and the

Ma Mya Creek before entering the Ngawun River, a route expected to help prevent flooding in surrounding villages. Meanwhile, repair and foundation reinforcement work at the dam was being carried out intensively using machinery. — MNA/MKKS

MoEE invites local entrepreneurs to invest in electricity & energy investment

THE Ministry of Electricity and Energy is working to ensure national energy security and self-sufficiency by stabilizing the electricity supply system, increasing power generation, boosting oil and petroleum product production, and reducing energy losses.

As Myanmar has various energy resources, the Ministry believes that their balanced and efficient use can meet the country's energy needs within the targeted period.

Electricity and energy projects require substantial capital, technical expertise and human resources. Therefore, the government is inviting domestic and foreign organizations to cooperate in developing the sector.

The ministry places particular emphasis on promoting investment by Myanmar citizens and aims to help local entrepreneurs grow into major international energy companies and organizations. At the meeting, officials will present investment opportunities and government support programmes through PowerPoint presentations, visual displays and 3D models.

Therefore, the ministry invites Myanmar entrepreneurs and other interested individuals to attend the discussion on investment opportunities, which will be held in Nay Pyi Taw in the first week of November 2026.

Those wishing to attend are requested to register by 4:30 pm on 30 October 2026 by contacting the following official:

U Min Thu Aung, Deputy Director, Internal and External Relations and Information Division, the Ministry of Electricity and Energy, through 09 444588888 and email: messenger@e-moe.gov.mm.

Ministry of Electricity and Energy

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

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Appointment of Permanent Secretary/Director-General

THE Union Government has appointed Director-General Dr Myat Wunna Soe of the Ministry of Health as Permanent Secretary/Director-General of the same ministry.

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Head of Service Organization Transferred

THE President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar has transferred Managing Director U Maung Maung Shane of the Myanma Gems Enterprise under the Ministry of Natural Resources and Environmental Conservation, as Director-General of the National Archives Department under the Ministry of National Planning, Investment and Foreign Economic Relations, from the date he assumes charge of his duties.

Daily newspapers available online

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Myanmar Thoracic Society conference opens in Yangon

THE Myanmar Thoracic Society Conference 2026 opened at Novotel Hotel in Yangon yesterday morning. The two-day conference, held on 10 and 11 October, carries the theme “Together for Better Lung Health”.

At the opening ceremony, Union Minister for Health Dr Soe Win highlighted that respiratory diseases pose global health challenges and stressed the need to strengthen treatment capacity through international cooperation and the sharing of knowledge and experience.

He said master’s and doctoral programmes in thoracic medicine and surgery were being offered, with a total of 30 students currently enrolled. He also reaffirmed continued efforts to strengthen the national health system to provide effective healthcare services that meet public needs, while supporting the development of advanced medical equipment and the capacity of medical professionals.



An opening ceremony of the Myanmar Thoracic Society Conference 2026 in progress in Yangon yesterday.

The Union minister also called for greater medical research, academic exchanges and collaboration among medical professionals to address healthcare challenges.

Myanmar Thoracic Society President Professor Dr Htet Myat delivered the opening remarks. The Union minister, the Yangon Region Minister for Social Affairs and the society’s president then formally opened the conference by cutting a ribbon and viewed academic poster displays and medical

exhibitions.

The conference brings together international and Myanmar specialists in respiratory medicine and thoracic surgery, as well as young medical professionals. Doctors from Singapore, India, Bangladesh and Thailand are also attending. Participants will discuss advances in thoracic medicine, practical clinical experiences, and improvements in diagnostic and treatment capabilities.

A pre-conference workshop was held on 9

October at the Department of Thoracic Surgery of the 500-bed Speciality Hospital in Yangon, where 50 trainees received theoretical and practical training.

Such medical conferences help strengthen international cooperation and promote the exchange of clinical experience and research among medical professionals, contributing to improved professional capacity and the quality and effectiveness of respiratory healthcare services. — MNA/KZL

Seventh Amendment to Region or State Hluttaw Election Law

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- (2) If the representative was elected from a constituency under the Proportional Representation (PR) system, the person’s election as a Hluttaw representative shall be deemed automatically void.”
4. Section 28 shall be substituted as follows;
“28. (a) For constituencies specified in Subsections (a) and (c) of Section 4, the respective Hluttaw candidate, and for constituencies specified in Subsection (b) of Section 4, the political party, shall have the right to withdraw a nomination paper for a Hluttaw candidate in accordance with the prescribed procedures.
(b) After the list of Hluttaw candidates has been officially announced, a candidate shall have the right to withdraw from candidacy in accordance with the prescribed procedures.”
5. In the introductory paragraph of Section 30-a of the Region or State Hluttaw Election Law, the expression “political parties” shall be replaced with “central executive committees of political parties”.
6. In Section 42 of the Region or State Hluttaw Election Law, the expression “6 am” shall be replaced with “7 am” and the expression “4 pm” shall be replaced with “5 pm”.

7. In, Subsection (b) of Section 48 of the Region or State Hluttaw Election Law, the expression “two days in advance” shall be replaced with “three days in advance”, and the expression “before 4 pm” shall be replaced with “before 9 am”.
8. In, Subsection (d) of Section 88 of the Region or State Hluttaw Election Law, the expression “a Hluttaw representative or an election representative” shall be replaced with “a Hluttaw representative, a Hluttaw candidate or an election representative”.
9. After Section 88-a of the Region or State Hluttaw Election Law, the following Section 88-b shall be added;
“88-b. The Commission shall:
(a) cancel the votes obtained by a political party under Clause 2 of Section 49(b), if the party voluntarily dissolves itself or its registration is cancelled under the Political Parties Registration Law.
(b) for constituencies designated under Section 4 (b), recalculate the remaining valid votes in accordance with the prescribed procedures after deducting the votes cancelled under Subsection (a), and announce the list of elected Hluttaw representatives.

I hereby sign this law under the Constitution of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar.

Sd/Min Aung Hlaing
President
Republic of the Union of Myanmar

NATIONAL

Weekly Roundup

4 October Nay Pyi Taw builds landmark facilities

President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Min Aung Hlaing inspected the development undertakings that meet the city characteristics in Union Territory Nay Pyi Taw.

Two Union ministers reassigned

The President’s Office issued Order 68/2026 to reassign U Maung Myint as Union Minister for Labour and U Khin Maung Soe as Union Minister for Culture, Hotels, and Tourism under Section 232 of the Constitution of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar and Section 12 of the Union Government Law.

5 October President sends message to World Teachers’ Day ceremony

President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Agga Maha Thray Sithu Agga Maha Thiri Thudhamma U Min Aung Hlaing sent a message to the ceremony to mark World Teachers’ Day 2026, which falls on 5 October 2026.

6 October President meets Union ministers, NPT Council Chair, chief ministers

President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Min Aung Hlaing met Union ministers, the Nay Pyi Taw Council Chairman, and regional and state chief ministers to talk about development of national economy.

Financial Commission held

The Financial Commission held a meeting at the President’s Office in Nay Pyi Taw, with Commission Chairman and President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Min Aung Hlaing delivering

the opening and closing addresses.

8 October President joins Myanmar-Malaysia High-Level Business Dialogue

The Myanmar-Malaysia High-Level Business Dialogue 2026 was held in Kuala Lumpur with the aim of promoting investment and economic cooperation between Myanmar and Malaysia, with President U Min Aung Hlaing, attending and delivering remarks on opportunities to strengthen bilateral economic ties.

President U Min Aung Hlaing pays official visit to Malaysia

A high-level Myanmar delegation led by President U Min Aung Hlaing left Nay Pyi Taw Airport by special aircraft to pay an Official Visit to Malaysia at the invitation of His Excellency Dato’ Seri Anwar Bin Ibrahim, Prime Minister of Malaysia.

9 October Myanmar, Malaysia boost cooperation

President U Min Aung Hlaing, who is on an official visit to Malaysia, was accorded a ceremonial welcome by Malaysian Prime Minister Dato’ Sri Anwar bin Ibrahim at the Prime Minister’s Office in Kuala Lumpur, followed by a meeting.

President U Min Aung Hlaing returns from Malaysia

Led by President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Min Aung Hlaing, the high-level Myanmar delegation departed for Myanmar from Kuala Lumpur International Airport in Malaysia after concluding an Official Visit to Malaysia. On arrival at the Nay Pyi Taw airport in the evening, the President was warmly welcomed back at the airport by Vice-Presidents, state dignitaries, and officials from the Malaysian Embassy and Defence Attaché Office in Myanmar.

President calls for Myanmar-Malaysia relations to reach next level

President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Min Aung Hlaing has called for Myanmar-Malaysia relations to be elevated to the next level of bilateral engagement through stronger co-operation across government, business, academia, think tanks and people-to-people sectors, stressing that bilateral ties can no longer rely solely on formal government-to-government interactions at the Malaysia-Myanmar Cooperation Dialogue.

Myanmar and Malaysia leaders hold bilateral talks

The bilateral talks between the Republic of the Union of Myanmar and Malaysia took place at the Office of the Prime Minister of Malaysia in Kuala Lumpur, and Heads of State from both countries met media personnel.

10 October President Congratulates Myanmar’s Pawsan Rice on Winning World’s Best Rice Award

President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Min Aung Hlaing sent a congratulatory message for Myanmar’s high-quality Pawsan rice winning the World’s Best Rice Award for the second time at the International World Rice Conference 2026, held in Manila, the Philippines.

President examines gems, jade and pearl lots

President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Min Aung Hlaing attended the opening ceremony of the 61st Myanma Gems Emporium at Maniyadana Jade Hall in Nay Pyi Taw.

President’s Office issues orders

The President’s Office issued five orders to permit Union Minister for Health Dr Thet Khine Win to retire from his duties, appoint Union Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement Dr Soe Win as the Union Minister for Health, to appoint Dr Myo Win Aung and U Saw Myo Myo as Judges of the Supreme Court of the Union, permit Dr Zaw Myint to retire from the duties of Deputy Minister for Education and Dr Aye Tun from the duties of Deputy Minister for Health and U Zaw Myint Naing from the duties of Deputy Governor of the Central Bank of Myanmar. — GNLM/TTA

Another illegal scam hub demolished in Shwe Kokko

AUTHORITIES have systematically demolished another illegal six-storey building used for online scam and gambling activities in Phase II of the Shwe Kokko area.

The Government has treated the fight against online scams and online gambling as a national responsibility. To prevent such activities from resuming in illegal buildings in Shwe Kokko, where they were previously widespread, authorities have been systematically demolishing these structures.

Of the 63 remaining illegal buildings in Phase II of the Shwe Kokko area designated for demolition because they were used for online scam and gambling activities, four were earmarked for demolition by controlled explosions. One of these six-storey buildings was demolished using explosives today. The remaining buildings will also be systematically demolished, according to reports.

The 63 buildings des-



This map reveals Phase II crackdown on scam-related hubs in the Shwe Kokko area.

ignated for demolition in Phase II have been classified according to the methods to be used. Of these, 25 are to be demolished using machinery, four by controlled explosions, and 34, located close to residential homes, are to be dismantled floor by floor by workers to avoid damaging nearby houses.

The building demolished yesterday was another six-storey structure

among those designated for demolition by controlled explosions.

The Government is placing particular emphasis on working with neighbouring countries and regional partners to eradicate online scams and gambling activities, which pose growing threats to global socioeconomic affairs and national security, according to reports. — 100/KZL

MGMA to offer advanced motor sewing course on 12-23 Oct

MYANMAR Garment Manufacturers Association will conduct Advanced Motor Sewing Training (Batch 16) from 12 to 23 October at Myanmar Garment Human Resources Development Training Centre (MGHRDC) in Insein Township, Yangon Region.

The training will cover detailed hands-on instruction to master sewing techniques such as round and angled flap corners, spiral, shoulder corner seam, different types of pockets, collar and band attachment, different ways of inserting zippers, invisible zipper application, side-seam pocket stitching, sleeve setting and rounded and straight welt pockets. Additionally, sewing methods for a long-sleeve shirt and an “A” skirt with belt, six special sewing methods including buttonhole sewing machine, button-attached machine, Bartack Machine, overlock 4-thread, overlock 5-thread, and 2-needle, will be provided to trainees. The training fee is K50,000.

Those who want to attend the training can enrol through the contact numbers of MGHRDC at 09 940858350 or 09 784085794. — NN/KK

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Advancing a Comprehensive Partnership Between Myanmar and Malaysia

President U Min Aung Hlaing's Official Visit to Malaysia

Executive Summary

President U Min Aung Hlaing's official visit to Malaysia in October 2026 marks an important development in Myanmar-Malaysia relations and regional diplomatic engagement. Undertaken at the invitation of Malaysian Prime Minister Dato' Sri Anwar Ibrahim, the visit provided an opportunity to strengthen cooperation in trade and investment, transnational security, migrant worker welfare, and policy research. Over two days of discussions in Putrajaya and Kuala Lumpur, the two governments explored practical ways to advance shared priorities. From a strategic policy perspective, the visit offers a constructive model for regional cooperation based on dialogue, sovereign equality, and mutual respect. As Myanmar develops its institutions following the elections and ASEAN advances its community vision, closer cooperation between Nay Pyi Taw and Kuala Lumpur could help create favourable conditions for Myanmar's full participation in regional and international institutions.

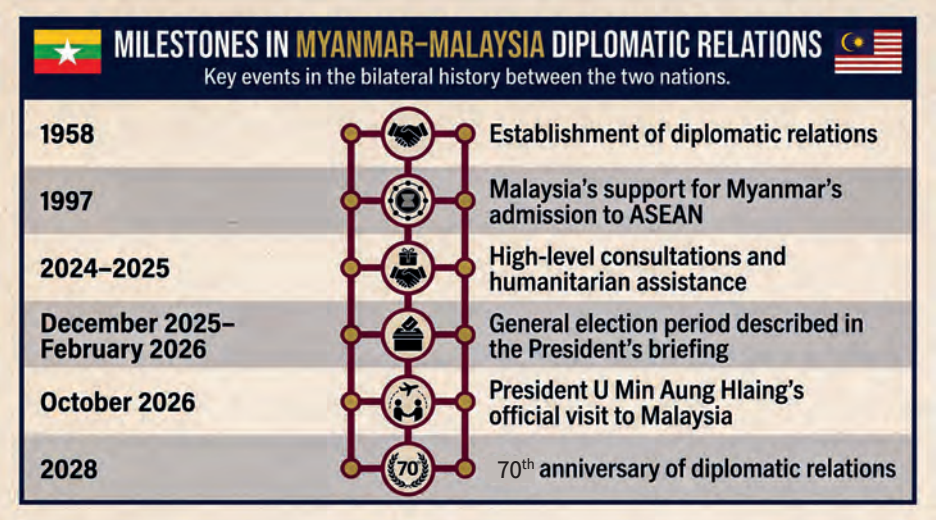
Historical Ties and Regional Partnership

Myanmar and Malaysia share historical experiences of colonial rule and independence in the mid-20th century. They established diplomatic relations in 1958, laying the foundation for a longstanding partnership. Looking ahead to the 70th anniversary of diplomatic relations in 2028, both leaders agreed to begin preparations to commemorate this shared history

and explore new opportunities for cooperation.

address matters of public interest within the consti-

By The Myanmar Narrative Think Tank (MNTT)



Malaysia's support for Myanmar's accession to ASEAN in 1997 remains an important milestone in the relationship. That spirit of regional cooperation was reaffirmed during the October 2026 visit. Prime Minister Anwar Ibrahim emphasized Myanmar's importance to ASEAN cohesion and Malaysia's commitment to maintaining constructive and candid diplomatic relations. Building on earlier exchanges in Thailand and China, the Putrajaya discussions underscored the value of sustained dialogue and mutual understanding.

Domestic Political and Institutional Developments

Myanmar's evolving political and institutional landscape formed an important part of the discussions. President U Min Aung Hlaing briefed the Malaysian delegation on the implementation of Myanmar's political roadmap, including the multiparty general election held between December 2025 and February 2026. He also outlined the work of the Third Pyidaungsu Hluttaw, which is holding parliamentary sessions to

tutional framework. The President reaffirmed the government's commitment to building a stable Union based on democracy and federalism, taking account of Myanmar's domestic circumstances. These institutional developments provide a basis for further dialogue with international partners on opportunities for closer engagement.

Prime Minister Anwar acknowledged the complexities of governing a diverse, multi-ethnic society and emphasized the importance of understanding each country's circumstances. He also welcomed Myanmar's humanitarian cooperation, including access for Malaysian field hospitals following the recent earthquake. These exchanges highlighted the potential for practical cooperation to strengthen trust and support humanitarian objectives.

Economic Cooperation and Regional Connectivity

Trade and investment were central to the visit, with discussions highlighting the scale of existing economic ties and opportunities for further expansion.

The economic figures cited in the discussions placed annual bilateral trade at more than US\$1.6 billion and identified Malaysia as Myanmar's fourth-largest trading partner and ninth-largest investor among 48 countries and territories investing in Myanmar.

Existing bilateral agreements on the avoidance of double taxation, investment protection, air services, and science and technology provide a foundation for expanding cooperation.

President U Min Aung Hlaing highlighted the complementary strengths of the two economies. Myanmar provides links to the Bay of Bengal and South Asia, while Malaysia is an established maritime

trade and manufacturing hub within ASEAN. Connecting Myanmar's natural resources and special economic zones with Malaysian investment, industrial expertise, and logistics capacity could help develop more resilient regional value chains and create opportunities for businesses in both countries.

Migrant Worker Welfare and Repatriation

Labour cooperation and migration management were key priorities in the Putrajaya discussions. With more than 160,000 documented Myanmar nationals working in Malaysia's manufacturing, construction, plantation, and service sectors, both governments emphasized worker welfare and effective migration arrangements.

President U Min Aung Hlaing called for stronger implementation of bilateral memoranda of understanding on labour cooperation. Priorities included safe and regular labour migration pathways, workplace safety, fair remuneration, and

The two leaders discussed consular cooperation and arrangements to facilitate the return of Myanmar nationals held in Malaysian immigration facilities. Prime Minister Anwar welcomed Myanmar's commitment to covering the full cost of repatriating its nationals. According to the account presented during the visit, more than 10,493 citizens had already returned by chartered flights and naval vessels.

President U Min Aung Hlaing confirmed that naval vessels would be despatched when maritime conditions permitted, following verification of the nationals eligible for return. Continued coordination between the two governments can improve the efficiency of these arrangements while safeguarding the dignity, safety, and rights of returning nationals.

Cooperation Against Transnational Crime

Both leaders recognized that narcotics trafficking, online fraud, and

MYANMAR-MALAYSIA ECONOMIC COOPERATION		
Key areas, priorities, and potential forms of collaborative partnership		
AREA OF COOPERATION	PRIORITIES	POTENTIAL FORMS OF COOPERATION
Agriculture, Food, and Halal Trade	Value-added production involving rubber, palm oil, fishery products, and other agricultural commodities.	Joint ventures serving regional supply chains and the global halal market.
Industrial Zones and MSMEs	Investment in special economic zones and improved market access for micro, small, and medium-sized enterprises (MSMEs).	Business networking, supply-chain partnerships, and trade exhibitions in Kuala Lumpur.
Logistics and Infrastructure	Cold-storage facilities, maritime cargo services, and direct air connections.	Joint initiatives connecting Myanmar's Indian Ocean access with Malaysia's regional logistics networks.
Digital Economy and Finance	E-commerce, financial technology cooperation, and secure, formal remittance channels.	Coordination between central banks and cooperation on digital payment arrangements.

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protection against exploitative recruitment practices. The Myanmar delegation also expressed appreciation for the welfare and healthcare support provided to Myanmar workers by the Malaysian authorities.

human trafficking are interconnected regional challenges requiring coordinated action. Their discussions highlighted opportunities to strengthen law enforcement cooperation,

Further strengthening strategic partners

MYANMAR and Malaysia share a common history and are both ASEAN member states located on the Southeast Asian peninsula. Today, bilateral relations are gradually expanding beyond the political and diplomatic spheres to encompass a wide range of areas, including the economy, trade, investment, communications and technology, energy, tourism, education and culture. Therefore, the time is ripe for Myanmar and Malaysia to build on their longstanding friendship and close ties and further strengthen their relationship into a robust economic partnership in the years ahead.

Today’s world is undergoing rapid economic and technological changes while facing regional and global challenges. In the face of these challenges, economic resilience has become increasingly important for countries. Consequently, mutual trust, respect and mutually beneficial cooperation among countries in the region have become more vital than ever. In terms of bilateral economic cooperation, Malaysia is currently one of Myanmar’s important trading partners.

As Malaysia has expertise and technological capabilities in oil palm cultivation and production, palm oil milling, oil refining and the production of value-added edible oils, the two countries will cooperate in investment across the entire value chain, from cultivation and production to market distribution, by combining Malaysia’s experience and technology with Myanmar’s agricultural resources.

Investment plays a key role in further strengthening bilateral relations and economic cooperation between the two countries. In terms of investment volume, Malaysia is currently the ninth-largest foreign investor in Myanmar; with 32 investment projects worth more than US\$1 billion. Myanmar’s advantages for Malaysian investors include not only its raw material resources and production base but also opportunities and market potential for developing value-added industries. Cooperation should be developed into a long-term partnership encompassing technological collaboration, skilled workforce development, regional supply chain integration and access to export markets.

In particular, the two countries should combine and leverage their respective strengths in food production, agro-processing, halal food, fisheries and seafood products, rubber and rubber-based products, packaging, cold storage and logistics, industrial products, and other value-added goods. This will establish a stronger economic partnership through which both countries can jointly develop and implement a new, broader and more practically beneficial dimension of economic cooperation.

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Book Title	-	Heart-to-Heart Cord Poems
Author	-	Wazira Defoe
Translator	-	Aung Moe
Publishing House	-	Myint
Publication Date	-	September 2026 (1 st Edition)
Price	-	K12,000

Heart-to-Heart Cord Poems

THIS week, we would like to introduce newly published poetry books for readers who love, cherish, and appreciate poetic literature. First, a poetry collection has emerged in the contemporary literary scene that portrays human inner emotions and human connection through a unique aesthetic perspective. That book is Heart-to-Heart Cord Poems, a bilingual Myanmar–English edition featuring the poetic works of Wazira Defoe, skilfully translated into English by translator Aung Moe.

Poet Wazira Defoe first explained how he chose his pen name: “Revering Pho Wazira, Myanmar’s first newspaper chief editor; Highlighting ‘Sein’ (Diamond) from my mother’s name, Daw Tin Sein; Potent like the Vajra weapon, hard as diamond

– Wazira. Admiring and respecting Daniel Defoe, the world’s first journalist – Defoe.”

He then reflected on his perspective on writing the poems in this book: “Political poems in hand, love poems also emerge. Poetry is a treasury of words born of whatever rubs against life. A poet, too, is a person filled with the density of love. Love is indeed ‘humanity’s primer’.”

Thin Yee Lwin, who wrote the foreword for the book, recommended it by noting: “Poetry and love, world peace and empathy, blooming flowers and the rare nature of those who fall; traversing successive eras from the foot of Mount Mae Za to Saya Aung Chaint’s Classical Big Sister, Maung Chaw Nwe’s Little Sister Ma Ma Myint, Ko Than Tint’s Khin Phone Thet Wai Gallery, and

now poet Wazira Defoe’s love poems titled Heart-to-Heart Cord, humans who cannot be free from love, postcard poems of the era through which our poetic journey passed, Saya Aung Pyae and Saya Min Lu’s Is It Love, Hey? Come In, and so forth... I simply want people to read the poems of a lover who thinks, ‘Even if it is suffering, I find it so beautiful; I cannot attain enlightenment.’”

The Core Soul and Philosophy of the Book: The phrase printed on the book cover – “Here is a heart-to-heart cord heavily loaded with mind’s baggage” – explicitly illuminates the essence of the entire work. In these poems, readers will encounter – through simple yet profound allegories – the psychological stresses, loneliness, unspeakable past traumas, and the longing for mutual connection and understanding faced by modern human beings.

Translating poetry is an exquisite art that must recreate not only words, but also emotion, aesthetic flavour, and rhythm. Translator Aung Moe has delicately chosen and arranged his words to deliver the original author Wazira Defoe’s contemporary sensibilities and philosophical concepts directly into the hearts of English readers. The bilingual presentation in English and Myanmar also makes it convenient for those who wish to compare and appreciate the aesthetics of both the original and the translation.

This is a fine piece of work that should be read by anyone who cherishes modern poetic flavours, seeks to deeply explore the inner nature of humanity, or desires to reflect and rest amid the complexities of life. It is highly recommended as a book that reminds us of the value of connecting heart to heart.



Book Title	-	Raindrops Falling Through Wisdom
Poet	-	Aye Nya
Translator	-	Naing Swan
Publishing House	-	Athwin Kwe Swaltaw
Publication Date	-	July 2026 (1 st Edition)
Price	-	K10,000

Raindrops Falling Through Wisdom

THE poetry book titled Raindrops Falling Through Wisdom by poet Aye Nya is introduced with the lines:

**When love becomes grounded in empathy and worth,
Each silver droplet falling upon the earth,
May the planet remain lush and glide.**

The Earth is by my side. The author served as poetry editor at Shwe Wutt Hmone magazine from 1989 to 1995. Under the pen name Aye Nya, she wrote poems, short stories, and articles for Shwe Wutt Hmone, Hmya Nat Maung, Yadana, Padauk Pwint Thit, and Ray of Light journals. She has also published four full-length poetry books, and this poetry book is her fifth.

In this poetry book, the re-

nowned poet U Aung Zin Min wrote the foreword, stating that “May greed, anger, and delusion not be present in her poems. May only love and wisdom be present. The poem titled Raindrops Falling Through Wisdom illustrates that whenever you think your own unhappiness is because of others, that’s when you start to go astray, from me to you in the cycle of Samsara (continuous cycle of birth, life, death and rebirth) where we are bound. Being able to respectfully understand is the reward of wisdom and truth. One must take it to heart.

**Writer and poet Thway (Sagaing) composed that
Not to possess and claim as worth,
but to respect and shield the Earth,
To know a little flower**

bloomed,
And all my worries are consumed.

Poet Aye Nya is someone who loves nature and has a humane heart. This can be vividly seen in her poems. I hope and believe that Sayama Aye Nya will continue to write poems in good health and continue to publish poetry collections.

The translator of the poems from Myanmar to English, Saya Naing Swan, also remarked that her poems are simple yet profound poems, poems that reflect compassion matched with love, so I have tried my best to translate them with feeling, staying true to the words and expressions of the original poems.

Similarly, renowned poet Khin Mya Zin also said, “Poet Aye Nya’s poems are honest and

positive. They are written simply and gently, without tricks or set-ups. Words became genuine expressions that echoed the heart. Reading poems composed with wise attention while harmoniously blending with the ways of the world feels like sitting beside the stream and picking up and smelling the little flowers that float by downstream.”

Teacher Ma Wint (Myitnge) noted that in Aye Nya’s poems, one can clearly see the great strength of spirit paired with love. Her ability to cultivate deep sympathy is always grounded in honesty, truly reflecting the strength of her character. “I wrote ‘Aye Nya’ without calling her ‘Teacher Aye Nya’ or anything because I love the beautiful and complete pen name ‘Aye Nya’.”

The poem titled Meiktila included in this book goes:

**A little town where a mother croons to her son
Under green tamarind and neem trees, her life has begun.
It wasn’t long ago when a Patacara went mad,
She put on whatever clothes she could grab.
She is not yet covered, Meiktila.**

Thee bought nothing from that quiet town, but forever, in my eyes, Aah.

Wear Our Heritage with Pride

By Min Min Zan

Our longyi shows our beauty bright,
Our traditional dress feels warm and right,
We wear it proudly, with hearts so true,
And keep our culture fresh and new.

Fashion may change from day to day,
But our traditions should not fade away,
Dear Myanmar women, wear with pride,
Let our heritage stay by our side.

A longyi carries our culture’s name,
A symbol of beauty, pride, and fame,
Let every woman proudly dress this way,
And keep our precious roots alive each day.



မေနှင့်အတူ ပျံသန်းခြင်း

မေ့ခြည်သိမ်းရှုပ်၊ မိုးချုပ်ပြီးမေ
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နဂါးဦးရိုက် သမ်းဝေငိုက်။

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သစ္စာတရား၊ မီးလျှံကြားမှာ
လောင်သွားပါစေ ကျွမ်းလိုက်လေ။

လင်္ကာနဲ့ချို၊ တေးသစ်ဆိုလို့
တောင်လုံခြုံမား၊ မီးလျှံများဆီ
စွန့်စားအတူ သွားစို့မေ။

ကျွတ်မိန့်မင်း

Flying with May

Hu Wo (Cuckoo’s Song)

May, in the dark, is kept the sun’s ray
Among the glimmering stars
Is yawning and dozing the Milky Way.

On the darkened plain,
How bravely moths are fluttering!
Such flying and flying
Breaks the witchcraft of late night.

Not lost in the night dark,
Into flames in good faith
They dived down to ash.

Lovely May just comes.
The reddish-gold light
Search while flying or vice versa;
May the truth burn in flames
So be it when.

Composing new music in sweet verse,
High like mountains, flames towards,
Let’s take a risk to go together, May.

Humans

By Maung Swan Yi (Translated by Myint Zan)

born of the Earth
the cloud rises above it
to the sky
finding a cause to celebrate
to be happy

from the sky
comes the rains
it flows on the ground
singing songs
finding new causes to be joyous

for us ...
of the Earth aborn
sings on the Earth
will celebrate on Earth
humans are born
on the Earth
we are earthlings indeed

Composed on 8 May 1961
Translated on 9 October 2026



Translator’s note: Saya ‘Swan’ (Yi) (born 17 February 1937) composed this poem 20 days after cosmonaut Yuri Gagarin became the first human to orbit the Earth inside the spacecraft Vostok 1 on 12 April 1961. Since then, 12 men (males) have set foot on the Moon and safely returned to Earth. About 800 humans have been to space, and most (though not all) have safely returned to Earth.

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Entertainment



4 great traditional Myanmar theatrical masters to perform in PyinOoLwin

A special show featuring four legendary Myanmar traditional dancers: Mandalay Thein Zaw, Nan Win, Moe Win and Chan Thar will be held at National Landmarks Garden in PyinOoLwin, Mandalay Region, on 31 October and 1 November.

A press conference was held at Rose Garden Hotel in Yangon on 8 October. Officials, theatrical artistes and invitees attended it. – TWA/KTZH

Theatrical star donates K15M for Dawei flood victims

AUNG ZABU has donated K15 million to flood victims in Dawei to mark his upcoming 27th birthday, according to actress Wint Yamone Naing, who is assisting in the area.

The actress listed donations from actor Sai Sai Kham Leng (K13 million), Ko Naing Phyo Kyaw and actress Wutt Hmone Shwe Yi (K10 million), and Aung Zabu, whose donation was described as “K15 million as a pre-birthday donation for film actor Aung Zabu’s 27th birthday”. Aung Zabu also donated about K5.15 million worth of equipment and supplies, including a heavy-duty STIHL chainsaw and fuel, to help clear fallen trees in flood-affected areas. – Htun Htun/KTZH



Artist's solo exhibition set for 11-13 Oct



Artist Dr Poh Poh Kyi will hold her solo exhibition, “Dream”, at Imperial Gallery Hall, Myanmar Imperial College (MIC), from 11 to 13 October.

The exhibition will feature paintings expressing the artist’s feelings, emotions and fragments of her dreams through brushstrokes and a variety of colours.

The exhibition will be open daily from 10 am to 5 pm, and all art lovers are welcome to visit. – TWA/KTZH

Artistes donate for MMPO's 2 grand events

FILM industry members are donating money for the 106th Myanmar Motion Pictures Day celebration and the 49th ceremony honouring veteran film artistes, scheduled for 13 October.

On 7 October, Shwe Nadi Shwe Yi Film Production donated K5 million; actress Naw Phaw Eh Htar donated K5 million; Academy Aye Chan Maung donated K3 million; actress Ei Chaw Po donated K2 million; Sai Htet Myat and his wife actress Myat Thu Thu, donated K1 million; and actress Shwe Thamee donated K1 million. Others also made donations.

U Kyi Soe Tun said, “The ceremony honouring veteran film artistes is traditionally held every year on Myanmar Motion Pictures Day. As it will be held on 13 October



this year in keeping with tradition, artistes and technicians are making donations. This year, the 49th respect-paying ceremony will be held at Wazira Cinema. In previous years, we held it at the Golden Jubilee Hall of the Myanmar Motion Pictures Organization. Due to space limitations, we could not invite all our veteran film parents. This year, we will invite everyone who can attend, except those who cannot come for health reasons.” The 106th Myanmar Motion Pictures Day celebration and a charity fair featuring 40 stalls will also be held at the Myanmar Motion Pictures Organization compound in Bahan Township, Yangon Region. – ASH/KTZH

Sarpay Beikman publishes Akyin Nar Pan Doh Lan Par Say by Ye Nwe Maung (Thonze)

THE Printing and Publishing Department’s Sarpay Beikman has published ‘Akyin Nar Pan Doh Lan Par Say’ (May the Flowers of Kindness Bloom), written by Ye Nwe Maung (Thonze), who won third prize in the drama genre of the Sarpay Beikman Manuscript Awards. The book focuses on combatting human trafficking. It portrays the beliefs and actions of a police officer who faithfully carries out his duties, despite the heartbreaking discovery that the criminal responsible for human trafficking is his younger brother.

The book costs K3,500 and is available at Sarpay Beikman bookstores in Yangon, Nay Pyi Taw and Mandalay, as well as through Sarpay Beikman representatives in other towns. – TWA/KTZH



Actor welcomes constructive criticism, feedback for Konbaung Dynasty film

ACTOR TUN TUN, who will appear in the historical film ‘Konbaung Dynasty’, has said he is willing to accept all constructive criticism and feedback from audiences and critics.

Speaking about his role, he said, “The main theme is to do my best in the role I have been given in this story and to focus on portraying the mannerisms and characteristics of that historical period naturally. I have to try to become someone other than myself. I will accept all constructive criticism and feedback, make the necessary changes and keep trying to improve.”

The film is set during the Konbaung Dynasty (1752-1885) and depicts the political situation and palace affairs of the period. It is jointly produced by Bellarie Film Production and Shwe Mann Empire Film Production. Directed by Academy director Win Lwin Htet, the film is based on a story by Nga Kyan Thin, with a screenplay by Thet Oo Maung. Featuring many well-known actors, the production is expected to cost between K5 billion and K8 billion, a record budget in Myanmar cinema. Modern visual effects (VFX), CGI and AI technologies are planned for use in the production. – TWA/KTZH



Chinese Embassy in Myanmar holds Salon of Special Screening

THE Chinese Embassy in Myanmar held the “Salon of Special Screening” event in Yangon on 7 October under the theme of passing on bonds through film and promoting friendship through Chinese movies. About 300 guests attended, including U Tin Oo, Chairman of the Myanmar-China Friendship Association (Central); Myanmar Motion Pictures Organization patron Alinka Kyaw Swa Academy Pachi Soe Moe; Dr Kathy Htwe, Rector of the National University of Arts and Culture (Yangon); and Li Liqing, Chairperson of ELBC. The event featured “Once Upon a Time in the Middle East”, the film’s first screening in Myanmar. – Htun Htun/KTZH



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information sharing, and assistance to victims.

countries. Cooperation among Myanmar’s Central Committee for Drug operation Dialogue at the Prime Minister’s official residence provided a fo-

search and professional expertise to discussions on trade, labour, security, and regional cooperation. Continued interaction among officials, researchers, and academic institutions can help translate shared priorities into practical proposals and sustain dialogue beyond individual high-level visits.

Advancing Regional and International Engagement

President U Min Aung Hlaing’s official visit underscores the contribution that direct dialogue and practical partnership can make to regional cooperation. The discussions on political and institutional developments, trade, migrant worker welfare, repatriation, and transnational crime provide a constructive agenda for continued engagement between Myanmar and Malaysia.

The institutional developments outlined during the visit strengthen the case for a review of international engagement with Myanmar. ASEAN should move toward restoring Myanmar’s full political participation, while the United Nations

should give renewed consideration to the credentials of the delegation nominated by the newly constituted government. This position rests on an assessment of changing circumstances, the interests of Myanmar’s people, and the practical benefits of international cooperation.

Prime Minister Anwar Ibrahim’s invitation and the resulting dialogue demonstrate the value of sustained engagement in addressing shared regional priorities. By engaging Myanmar at the highest political level, Malaysia has contributed to a constructive environment for further cooperation within ASEAN. Regional partners should build on this momentum by supporting Myanmar’s full participation in ASEAN summits and high-level decision-making bodies, expanding trade and investment links, and working together for lasting peace and prosperity across Southeast Asia.

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MYANMAR–MALAYSIA SECURITY COOPERATION	
Key priorities and cooperative frameworks to tackle transnational crime.	
PRIORITY	AREAS OF COOPERATION
Narcotics trafficking and production	Information sharing and coordinated enforcement involving Myanmar’s Central Committee for Drug Abuse Control, the Royal Malaysia Police, and Malaysia’s National Anti-Drugs Agency
Online fraud and illegal gambling	Cooperation among relevant law enforcement agencies to investigate and disrupt criminal operations
Human trafficking	Coordination among police and immigration authorities to assist victims and facilitate their safe return

President U Min Aung Hlaing outlined Myanmar’s legal and operational measures against online fraud, including legislation enacted on 31 July to address online scams and illegal gambling. He stated that criminal networks had established operations in remote border areas beyond effective government control, including areas controlled by ethnic armed organizations.

The President also described operations to dismantle scam compounds and destroy contraband in coordination with neighbouring

Abuse Control, the Royal Malaysia Police, and Malaysia’s National Anti-Drugs Agency provides a channel for exchanging information and coordinating enforcement. These efforts also support the rescue and return of foreign nationals, including Malaysians, affected by trafficking and related criminal activities.

Policy Dialogue and Research Cooperation

A notable feature of the visit was the attention given to policy research and dialogue among think tanks. Alongside official discussions, the Malaysia-Myanmar Co-

rum for examining bilateral priorities and longer-term opportunities.

The forum was organized by the Institute of Strategic and International Studies (ISIS Malaysia) and the Myanmar Institute of Strategic and International Studies (MISIS). The Myanmar Narrative Think Tank also delivered a presentation and participated in the discussions, contributing analysis, strategic perspectives, and policy recommendations.

Such exchanges can complement government-to-government diplomacy by bringing re-

Rehabilitation, reconstruction ongoing in Chin State

REHABILITATION and reconstruction work is underway in Chin State. Yesterday morning, joint teams carried out cleaning activities at the offices of district and township departments in Falam Township and their surrounding areas.

Deputy Minister for Construction Dr Thaung Naing inspected cleaning activities inside and outside a six-room, two-storey building designated for use

as a temporary hospital in Falam Township, Chin State. He also inspected the cleaning of departmental offices and staff housing along the road, the Township Highways Department office, the Falam District and Township Police Station, the Township Urban and Housing Development Department office, the District Highways Department office and Taungzalap Housing.

He also inspected the

systematic removal and arrangement of materials and the planting of greenery around the housing area. He gave instructions to ensure that the work was carried out in compliance with the town’s established design and character.

Meanwhile, Chin State Minister for Electricity, Energy, Industry and Transport U Nay Lin Aung and members of the Chin State Rehabilitation and Reconstruction Committee

inspected rehabilitation work in Falam Township. The sites visited included the Falam District Fisheries Department office building and staff housing, the Falam Township Fire Brigade station and staff housing, the District Traditional Medicine Department office building, and the District and Township Election Subcommission buildings.

The Chin State minister and his delegation



Officials inspect rehabilitation work in Falam Township.

instructed officials to complete the work within the specified timeframe, improve the quality of materials and workmanship, and ensure that all activities were carried out sys-

tematically. The Minister also observed a fire drill conducted by the Falam District Fire Services Department to prepare for potential fire incidents. — District IPRD/MKKS

NATIONAL

139 Illegal Trade Cases Worth K25.9B Seized in Kayin State

THE Kayin State Illegal Trade Eradication Task Force is carrying out measures to combat illegal trade in line with national strategies. From April to September of the 2026-2027 financial year, a total of 139 cases of illegal trade involving goods valued at K25.927 billion were seized, according to the Task Force Coordination Meeting 5/2026, held at Meeting Room 2 of the State Government Office yesterday afternoon.

Kayin State Security and Border Affairs Minister Colonel Soe Moe Win, who is also Chairman of the Kayin State Illegal Trade Eradication Task Force, first said that people engaged in illicit trade



The Kayin State Illegal Trade Eradication Task Force Coordination Meeting 5/2026 in progress yesterday.

used various illegal channels and methods, resulting in substantial losses in customs duties and tax revenue. He stressed the need to prevent and investigate illicit trade, take effective legal action, systematically control the transportation of illegally traded goods, reduce illicit trade and channel trade into legal avenues.

Vice Chairman of the Task Force and Minister for Planning, Economy and Finance U Nyi Nyi Zaw emphasized that personnel working at checkpoints and in trade zones must strictly comply with the Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) prescribed by the Steering Committee, as well as the relevant laws, rules, regu-

lations and departmental procedures.

The Task Force Secretary and Director of the Customs Department briefed the meeting on illegal trade-related issues and the systematic implementation of measures in accordance with established procedures.

Task Force members then discussed issues concerning their respective sectors. Other attendees also exchanged views, while the task force chairman provided recommendations on reducing illicit trade and bringing trade activities back into legal channels. The meeting also coordinated the necessary follow-up measures.

— District IPRD/MKKS

Myanmar Council of Churches leads prayer service



A united worship and prayer service is underway for disaster victims, peace and prosperity in Myanmar.

THE Myanmar Council of Churches initiated a joint worship and prayer service at Holy Trinity Cathedral in Yangon yesterday morning. Christian churches, mission organizations, Bible schools, charitable homes and faith-based social schools across Yangon Region joined the event to pray for disaster-affected people and peace and prosperity in Myanmar.

Church representatives delivered welcome speeches, followed by prayers and praise and worship. — MNA/KTZH

Myanmar Avocado & Fruit Festival 2026 set ...

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exhibition booths, fruit stalls, other food and consumer goods booths, traditional dance performances by Pa-O, Danu, and Shan ethnic groups, musical entertainment and fun games. More than 70 booths will showcase food, cosmetics, handicrafts, and clothing.

Businesses interested in showcasing their prod-

ucts at the vibrant festival are invited to participate, creating new opportunities to promote their brands.

Businesses and companies are warmly invited to participate as sponsors. For booth spaces and sponsorship packages, business entities can register through 09 43127656, 09 43034894, or Viber/Telegram at 09 43127656, according to MFVP.— NN/KK

World Mental Health Day marked

KBZ announced that in honour of World Mental Health Day, which falls on 10 October, it collaborated with Counselling Corner to participate in the mental health awareness social media campaign.

KBZPay shared the message that mental health is just as important as physical health.

“Kanbawza Bank employees enthusiastically participated and contributed to raising awareness about the importance of mental health. We all wish that we can build a strong, supportive community where people can provide emo-

tional help and encouragement to one another in their surroundings,” stated KBZ.

As caring for one’s mental health is also a valuable investment, basic mental health advice shared during the campaign is: “When facing stress and anxiety, do not be afraid to open up and talk with family, friends, or someone you trust. If you need psychological support or counselling, never hesitate to consult qualified professionals.”

This day is observed annually to raise awareness about mental health issues worldwide and to mo-



Highlights of the “World Mental Health Day Social Media Campaign”.

bilize efforts in support of mental health. The theme for this year is “Lived Experiences Heard: Real Voices, Real Change”. — Htun Htun/ZN

Measures called for to safeguard against ...

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also needed to be prepared in time to ensure efficient use of water for cultivation, he said. For food security, livestock farms will need to follow expanded livestock plans on a monthly basis, and families will also need to grow their own farms for culinary crops, he urged.

Agriculture and irriga-

tion industries will need to maintain the momentum, and for job opportunity growth in the region, necessary support for the sustainable development of the Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) is required, said the chief minister. — TWA/ZS

EARTHQUAKE

A slight earthquake of magnitude 3.5 (M) with its epicentre in the Myanmar Sea (about 16 miles southeast of Kungyangon), latitude 16.30°N, longitude 96.21°E, with a depth of 12 kilometres, about 38 miles south of the Kaba Aye Seismological Observatory was recorded at 6 hours, 40 minutes, and 41 seconds MST on 10 October 2026. — DMH

EARTHQUAKE

A slight earthquake of magnitude 3.6 (M) with its epicentre inside Myanmar (about 21 miles northwest of Mongkhat), latitude 21.94°N, longitude 99.20°E, with a depth of 14 kilometres, about 52 miles northwest of the Kengtung Seismological Observatory, was recorded at 7 hours, 53 minutes, and 29 seconds MST on 10 October 2026. — DMH

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JR Hokkaido sightseeing train makes final run in Kushiro wetland

JR Hokkaido's popular sightseeing Kushiro Shitsugen Norokko Train made its final run Saturday through a wetland in eastern Hokkaido, with a departure ceremony held at a station on Japan's northernmost island.

Operating since 1989, the train is ending its 37-year history due to ageing rolling stock. It runs slowly between Kushiro and Toro stations, allowing passengers to enjoy close-up views of the Kushiro wetland and wildlife through large windows in observation cars.

The train's name, Norokko, comes from the Japanese phrase "noronoro hashiru torokko ressha," meaning "slow-moving trolley train", as it slows down at scenic spots along the route. Tomoa-



R Hokkaido's sightseeing Kushiro Shitsugen Norokko Train waiting to depart at Kushiro Station in Hokkaido. PHOTO: KYODO

ki Kito, head of JR Hokkaido's Kushiro branch, said at the ceremony, "I was involved in designing

this train about 30 years ago, but I never imagined I would witness a moment like this." — Kyodo

China, EU agree to keep bilateral trade ties stable

CHINA and the European Union (EU) have agreed to maintain stable bilateral economic and trade ties and make them more balanced, while scheduling March 2027 for their next meeting under a trade and investment consultation mechanism, according to a joint statement released Friday.

Published by China's Ministry of Commerce, the statement said that Chinese Minister of Commerce Wang Wentao and European Commissioner for Trade and Economic Security Maros Sefcovic jointly chaired the second meeting of the China-EU trade and investment consultation mechanism from Thursday to Friday in Beijing.

The two sides en-



A freight train bound for Hamburg, Germany, is ready to depart at the Shijiazhuang international land port in north China's Hebei Province, on 17 April 2021. PHOTO: XINHUA/FILE

gaged in pragmatic and productive discussions and agreed on a list of outcomes, the ministry said. The list set out 16 specific points of consensus covering trade and investment balance, export controls, intellectual property rights

and World Trade Organization (WTO) reform. According to the ministry, the two sides agreed to continue exploring the possibility of reducing tariffs on certain goods within the framework of WTO rules. — Xinhua

India caps anti-cancer drug trade margins at 30%

THE government of India has decided to cap trade margins on non-scheduled anti-cancer drugs at 30 per cent, according to the Indian Pharmaceutical Alliance (IPA).

As per the Indian Pharmaceutical Alliance (IPA), the announcement

of trade margin rationalization for cancer medicines is a welcome step.

This is a balanced approach for patient welfare while assuring adequate margins to the channel members.

Lower drug prices could improve access to

preoperative and postoperative systemic therapy, reduce treatment abandonment, and ease financial distress. The proposed price reductions of up to 70 per cent could provide meaningful relief and reduce out-of-pocket expenditure. — ANI

Cambodia, Vietnam aim for US\$20 bln in bilateral trade

CAMBODIA and Vietnam have vowed to boost their annual two-way trade volume to US\$20 billion in the coming years, according to a press release from Cambodia's Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation on Saturday.

The announcement

followed the conclusion of a two-day official visit to Cambodia by Vietnamese Prime Minister Le Minh Hung. During his time in Phnom Penh, Hung held a bilateral meeting with Cambodian Prime Minister Hun Manet.

The two leaders agreed to strengthen co-

operation across several key sectors, including culture, tourism, energy, agriculture, agro-processing, information and communications technology, and the digital economy, to enhance regional economic complementarity and shared prosperity. — Xinhua

Mongolia's foreign trade turnover rises nearly 35%

MONGOLIA'S foreign trade turnover increased by 34.6 per cent year on year to US\$25.9 billion in the first nine months of 2026, according to data released by the National Statistics Office (NSO) on Friday.

The country recorded a trade surplus of \$6.5 billion during the January-September period, the

NSO said.

The growth was largely driven by a surge in mining exports, which accounted for nearly 90 per cent of Mongolia's total exports during the period.

Mongolia traded with 161 economies worldwide in the first nine months of 2026, with China remaining the largest trading partner. — Xinhua

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WEEKLY WORLD NEWS DIGEST



A man looks at a humanoid robot at the exhibition area of Dassault Systemes at the Hannover Messe 2026 in Hannover, Germany, 21 April 2026. **PHOTO: XINHUA**

10 OCTOBER

Expert urges embedding shared human values into artificial intelligence systems

AS artificial intelligence (AI) becomes increasingly capable, humanity needs to consider not only what AI can do, but also what values should guide its development and use, according to Nigel Shadbolt, a member of the UK Government's Council for Science and Technology.

Shadbolt identified three broad areas of concern, including the human misuse of AI, the possibility that AI systems may pursue

their assigned goals in unexpected ways, and whether increasingly advanced AI could eventually become difficult for humans to control.

Technical safeguards and regulation are necessary, but not sufficient on their own, prompting Shadbolt to argue that sets of values reflecting common human values should also be encoded into AI systems to help guide their behaviour. — Xinhua

9 OCTOBER

Flydubai co-pilot planned suicide attack on Israel's Ben Gurion Airport

ATTORNEY-GENERAL of the United Arab Emirates (UAE) Hamad Saif Al Shamsi said Friday that investigations into the 30 September incident aboard flydubai flight FZ1073 revealed that the co-pilot had attempted to carry out a suicide attack targeting the passenger terminal at Israel's Ben Gurion Airport outside Tel Aviv.

In a statement, Al Shamsi said the suspect, a 29-year-old Omani national, had planned to crash the aircraft into the terminal to cause as many casualties as possible.

Investigations revealed the suspect premeditated the attack, using two prior flights to Tel Aviv to study the route and airport before attempting the plot on a third flight from Dubai. — Xinhua

8 OCTOBER

Burnham says open to Germany joining warplane project

BRITISH PRIME MINISTER Andy Burnham said Thursday that he was open to having Germany join a next-generation fighter jet project, after the collapse of a Franco-German warplane programme.

Britain, Italy and Japan are working on the "Global Combat Air Programme" (GCAP), which aims to replace the Eurofighter Typhoon and Mitsubishi F-2 jets currently used by those countries.

Germany's competing next-generation fighter jet project with France and Spain — the "Future Combat Air System" (FCAS) — fell apart in June amid bickering between the companies involved. — AFP

7 OCTOBER

French wine harvest set to hit historic low

WITH its wine industry hit by a swathe of summer heatwaves, France is set to see this year's harvest hit a historic low.

At around 35 million hectolitres the total harvest would be down two per cent on a mediocre 2025 yield and 14 per cent below the 2021-2025 average, according to estimates published Wednesday by the ministry of agriculture.

According to the International Organization of Vine and Wine (OIV), which tracks global statistics on wine production and consumption, France had already recorded last year its lowest production since 1957.

This latest decline is down not just to hot weather, which has been slightly mitigated by recent rainfall, but also a reduction in cultivated areas — pared back 1.9 per cent in the past year.

Some southern areas, already battered by the heat in 2025, have nonetheless seen production rise this year, notably Bordeaux. — AFP

6 OCTOBER

South Korea warns of possible AI use in banking hacks

ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE may have been used in a string of cyberattacks targeting South Korea's financial sector, the president said Tuesday, as police announced the launch of an investigation.

More than seven financial institutions, including some of South Korea's biggest banks, have reported customer data breaches in the past week.

The ability of AI systems to find previously unknown software vulnerabilities and hack banks, companies or government infrastructure is in the global spotlight as leading labs release ever-more advanced models.

"There are signs that artificial intelligence was used in some hacking attacks, causing considerable concern and anxiety among the public," President Lee Jae Myung told a cabinet meeting on Tuesday. "We have now reached a point where AI can make (hacking) easy for even those without special skills," he said. — AFP

5 OCTOBER

Switzerland set for referendum on Malaysia trade deal

SWITZERLAND looks on course Monday to hold a referendum on a trade deal with Malaysia, with opponents believing the agreement endangers tropical rainforests and lacks proper safeguards against forced labour.

Campaigners handed in 85,000 signatures at the parliament buildings in the Swiss capital Bern on Monday, public broadcaster RTS said.

To trigger a referendum under Switzerland's direct democracy system, 50,000 valid signatures must be collected within 100 days of publication of a new law. The Swiss parliament completed its approval of the trade deal in June.

The authorities will now have to verify the signatures. If approved, the referendum would likely go ahead in the first half of 2027. — AFP

4 OCTOBER

China trade vital for US ports

WITH China accounting for about 55 per cent of trade at the Port of Long Beach and roughly 40 per cent of business at the neighbouring Port of Los Angeles, stable relations between Washington and Beijing are not an abstract diplomatic concern for the two busiest container ports in the United States.

That deep trade linkage means shifts in US-China ties can quickly ripple through cargo flows, jobs, consumer supply chains and investment across Southern California, according to the heads of the two ports.

"Stable and constructive relations between the United States and China are important to the global economy," Noel Hacegaba, CEO of the Port of Long Beach, told Xinhua. — Xinhua

SPORTS

Thitsa Arman, Yadanabon claim full points in M-League

THITSA Arman and Yadanabon secured full points on the second day of Matchweek 3 of the 2026-2027 Grand Royal M-League season on 10 October. The competition is organised by the Myanmar Football Federation and Myanmar League, with Grand Royal, AYA Bank and AYA Pay as main sponsors.

At Patheingyi Kyaukse Stadium, Thitsa Arman defeated Ayeyawady United 3-1 to claim their first win of the season after drawing their opening two matches. Ayeyawady United struggled at home and suffered their second defeat.

Saw Myo Zaw opened the scoring for Thitsa Arman in 25 minutes, and Pyae Sone Aung added a second just after the break in 46 minutes. Thura Min Thant pulled one back for Ayeyawady United in 57 minutes before Shine Wunna

Aung sealed the 3-1 victory in 88 minutes.

Thitsa Arman forward Saw Myo Zaw received the AYA Pay Player of the Match award, along with a commemorative prize and K1 million in prize money.

In the match at Thanlyin Thihadipa Stadium, Yadanabon defeated Myawady 2-0 to secure their second win of the season. Captain Swan Laman scored both goals in 22 and 83 minutes.

Swan Laman received the AYA Pay Player of the Match award for his brace, along with a commemorative prize and K1 million in prize money.

The final day of Matchweek 3 will take place on 11 October, today, with Hanthawady United facing Shan United at Bago Grand Royal Stadium and Yangon United taking on Yangon City at YUSC Stadium. — Ko Nyi Lay/KZL



Thitsa Arman and Ayeyawady United players compete during the match.

China to send 312 athletes to Aichi-Nagoya Asian Para Games

CHINA announced on Saturday a 500-member delegation, including 312 athletes, to compete in 335 events across 17 sports at the Aichi-Nagoya Asian Para Games, marking the country's largest athlete contingent for an overseas edition of the Games.

The athletes have an average age of 28.8, ranging from 16 to 50 years old. The delegation includes 146 male and 166 female athletes, all of whom are amateurs and include workers, students and freelancers.

"I will participate in six

events in Aichi-Nagoya, I'm in good overall form and have prepared thoroughly, today's delegation assembly also inspired me a lot," said China's para swimmer Jiang Yuyan, who won seven gold medals at the Hangzhou Asian Para Games and another seven at the Paris 2024 Paralympic Games before being named Laureus Sportsman of the Year with a Disability in 2025.

"I hope to stand atop the podium in my strong events and aim for my personal bests in others," she added. — Xinhua

AFC/MFF Pro Diploma Coaching Course set for 10-16 Oct in Thailand



Myanmar coaches are pictured arriving in Bangkok, Thailand.

THE Myanmar Football Federation (MFF), in cooperation with the Asian Football Confederation (AFC), will conduct Module 3 of the AFC/MFF Pro Diploma Coaching Course in Thailand from 10 to 16 October 2026. This marks the first time Myanmar has organized the country's highest-level coaching course, according to the MFF.

The course aims to raise the standard of football coaching in Myanmar.

AFC tutors Yasuhiko Kimura and Aris Caslib, together with MFF Technical Director Michiteru Mita, will lead the training. A group of 16 coaches, comprising 12 Myanmar nationals and four foreign participants, departed from Yangon International Airport for Thailand on 9 October.

The AFC Pro Diploma is one of the highest-level coaching qualifications recognised by the AFC. Under international coaching standards, the quali-

fication is required for coaches seeking to lead teams in FIFA World Cup qualifying matches, the AFC Asian Cup and top-level club competitions.

During the course, participants will study modern football tactics and theory at Novotel Bangkok Future Park Rangsit in Bangkok and Amari Buriram in Buriram.

They will also observe Thai League 1 matches between BG Pathum and Ayutthaya, and between Port FC and Pattani FC. In addition, they will visit BG Pathum's training ground and hold discussions with the club's head coach and general manager.

To gain insights into tactical strategies in major Asian club competitions, participants will attend the AFC Champions League Elite match between Buriram United and Beijing FC in Buriram, as well as the AFC Champions League Two match between BG Pathum and Adelaide United FC in Bangkok. They will also attend the post-match press conferences as part of their learning programme. — Htun Htun/KZL

Myanmar, Hong Kong face decisive U17 women's Asian Cup qualifier

MYANMAR and Hong Kong will meet in a decisive match in Group G of the 2027 AFC U17 Women's Asian Cup qualifiers at Thuwunna Stadium at 4 pm today, with Myanmar hosting the group-stage matches.

Group G features only three teams, and both Myanmar and Hong Kong have recorded 9-0 victories over Guam, leaving the two sides level in goals scored, goals conceded and goal difference. If their decisive encounter ends in a draw, disciplinary records, including yellow and red cards, could determine



The Myanmar U17 women's national team.

the outcome. Myanmar therefore need a victory over Hong Kong to secure qualification.

Myanmar's U17 women's national team is coached by

Japanese head coach Yuki Tetsuro, who is tasked with guiding the side through the qualifiers. Myanmar qualified for the 2026 AFC U17 Women's

Asian Cup and must overcome Hong Kong to secure qualification for the tournament for a second consecutive time. — Chit Ko Ko/KZL

Japanese brewer hopes “wobbly” beer glass will spur responsible drinking

Ministry advises alternating alcohol and water to slow intoxication.

A craft beer producer in central Japan is hoping that its U-shaped “wobbly” glass will encourage people to drink water along with their beer, in a bid to prevent excessive alcohol consumption and dehydration.

The “Wobbly Beer Glass by Yona Yona Ale”, produced by Yoho Brewing Co based in Nagano Prefecture has been on sale since August amid growing awareness of the need for responsible drinking. The idea is that the glass, divided into two sections, will tilt if a balance between beer and water is not maintained.

Japan’s Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare, in guidelines released in 2024, encourages people to alternate between drinking alcoholic beverages and water to slow intoxication. Kyoko Kitano, the employee in charge of developing the glass, was inspired by conversations with a colleague about forgetting to sip water while drinking with friends. The company created seven prototypes over about eight months to develop a design that would not lead to spills. “I will be happy if the glass we developed helps spread healthier drinking habits,” Kitano said. — Kyodo



Photo taken in Nagano Prefecture on 9 September 2026, shows the “Wobbly Beer Glass by Yona Yona Ale”. **PHOTO: KYODO**

Türkiye social media ban for under-15s takes effect 1 Nov

TÜRKIYE on Saturday formally declared a ban on the use of social media for under-15s, scheduled to come into effect on 1 November. It has joined a growing number of countries legislating to protect children and teenagers from the harmful effects of online platforms. The official state journal published the decision following the adoption of a law by parliament in April. It stipulates that social media providers must “take the necessary technical and administrative measures, including age verification, to implement” protections for young people. “No service likely to produce an addictive effect in children may be offered.” Countries including Australia have introduced restrictions on social media for children and others such as Britain and France are pushing to do the same. — AFP

World’s highest bridge emerges as new tourism attraction

THOUSANDS of visitors flocked to the Huajiang Grand Canyon Bridge during China’s recent week-long National Day holiday, not simply to cross the world’s highest bridge in southwestern Guizhou Province, but to stop and explore the surrounding area. In April 2026, the bridge was certified by Guinness World Records as the world’s highest bridge, with a confirmed height of 626.01 metres.

From the design stage, the bridge and more than 50 square kilometres of sur-

The bridge was certified by Guinness World Records as the world’s highest bridge.

rounding area were incorporated into an overall tourism plan. A maintenance



An aerial drone photo taken on 5 October 2026 shows the Huajiang Grand Canyon Bridge in southwest China’s Guizhou Province. **PHOTO: XINHUA**

passage inside the steel truss was converted into a 796-metre sightseeing cor-

ridor. Since the bridge-tourism project began operation, it has recorded about 3.3 million visits, according to the project operator.

Since the bridge opened to traffic, Huajiang Township and nearby areas have received more than

1.48 million visits, according to local officials. The township has added 124 food and beverage businesses and 15 hotels and guesthouses, while tourism-related growth has indirectly created jobs for more than 2,000 local residents. — Xinhua

Frankfurt Book Fair opens with AI focus

THE world’s largest book fair opened 7 October in Frankfurt, Germany, bringing together more than 4,000 publishing institutions from over 100 countries and regions. Over 230,000

visitors are expected to attend the Frankfurt Book Fair, which runs until 7 October at Messe Frankfurt exhibition center. According to organizers, this year’s fair emphasizes international

crises and conflicts, the application and regulation of artificial intelligence (AI), rights trading, children’s and young adult literature as well as audiobooks. — Xinhua

Auramah Festival 2026 Brings art, music and sport together in the mountains

AURAMAH Valley hosted the 2026 edition of its annual Auramah Festival from 2 to 4 October, bringing residents, families and artists together for three days of art, live music, sport, food and cultural experiences at an altitude of 6,300 feet in Naldehra, Himachal Pradesh.

The festival brought together around 150 attendees, including residents, their families and participating artists, with the programme unfolding across Auramah Valley and its surrounding landscape.

A key part of this year’s



The festival brought together around 150 attendees, including residents, their families and participating artists. **PHOTO: ANI**

festival was its artist programme, which brought together 23 participating artists from different artistic backgrounds, and from pan

India. The art programme culminated from 2–4 October with an exhibition and lunch soiree at The Manor Clubhouse, bringing togeth-

Festival artist programme united twenty-three diverse Indian creators.

er the artists, residents and festival participants.

3 October moved between food, music and sport, beginning with breakfast at Boca Mario, followed by the opening round of the Tennis Tournament, Lunch in the Forest with live jazz, and the first round of the Pickleball Tournament. — ANI