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Five-Point Road Map of the State Administration Council

1. The Union Election Commission will be reconstituted and its mandated tasks, including the scrutiny of voter lists, shall be implemented in accordance with the law.
2. Effective measures will be taken with added momentum to prevent and manage the COVID-19 pandemic.
3. Actions will be taken to ensure the speedy recovery of businesses from the impact of COVID-19.
4. Emphasis will be placed on achieving enduring peace for the entire nation in line with the agreements set out in the Nationwide Ceasefire Agreement.
5. Upon accomplishing the provisions of the state of emergency, free and fair multiparty democratic elections will be held in line with the 2008 Constitution, and further work will be undertaken to hand over State duties to the winning party in accordance with democratic standards.

Efforts must be made for running electric trains in Myanmar like that international: Senior General

PREPARATIONS must be made for building diesel-electric multiple units (DEMU) assembled with parts manufactured at home and abroad through international technologies for the first phase, said Chairman of the State Administration Council Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing yesterday morning inspected the locomotive factory (Insein) of Myanma Railways in Insein Township.

Union Minister for Transport and Communications Admiral Tin Aung San and Managing Director Thura U Aung Myo Myint of Myanma Railways reported on a brief history of the factory, its missions and visions, maintenance capacity, upgrade of locomotive power, manufacturing of parts, major maintenance of steamed locomotives and test running and capacity enhancement for staff.

In his response, the Senior General said as locomotives are valuable, it is necessary to emphasize the best maintenance and upgrade of capacity as much as possible. Efforts must be made for running electric trains in Myanmar like that international, he added. The Senior General pointed out that preparations must be made for building diesel-electric multiple units (DEMU) assembled with



State Administration Council Chairman Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing pays an inspection tour round the Locomotive Factory (Insein) in Yangon Region on 27 May 2022.

parts manufactured at home and abroad through international technologies for the first phase.

Then, he stressed the need to prepare the running of electric multiple units (EMU) from the

DEMU. Diesel locomotives are being used along the circular railway of Yangon, he said. Now,

he continued to say that it is necessary to conduct research on

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Re-invitation for basic education staff who are absent from duty

THE State Administration Council is implementing nine objectives, including a social goal of national health and higher education, and is working hard to restore education to the next generation of young people in order to develop the nation's human resources.

For the education of the new generation, basic education schools across the country were reopened on 1-11-2021, and higher education universities/colleges were reopened on 12-5-2022. Basic education schools for the 2022-2023 Academic Year will be reopened on 2-6-2022.

Basic education is very important in the education of the new generation of young people who will be the leaders of the future. So those students can learn fully and to make the teachers/students ratio balance, experienced teachers are needed.

In order to resume their teaching duties for the next generations, teachers and educators who have been away from their duties due to intimidation, participation in peaceful protest, or worry, and teachers and educators who have been prosecuted under staff discipline are informed to report to the relevant Township Education Offices where the schools are located or the nearest Township Education Offices in their current area of residence to file an appeal voluntarily by 31-5-2022.

Among the basic education staff who are absent from duty due to various reasons, those who are absent without leave due to various reasons, those under the investigation, and those who file an appeal, shall be considered as unpaid leave for the period of non-duty and will be re-employed except for those who have committed serious crimes.

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Government Peace Talks Team meets KNU/KNLA (PC)-led delegation



The meeting between the government's Peace Talks Team and the delegation led by the KNU/KNLA (PC) Chairman in progress.

THE Peace Talks Team of the Government and a peace delegation led by Chairman Saw Htaw Lay of the Karen National Liberation Army (Peace Council) KNU/KNLA (PC) held a meeting

in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

The meeting was attended by State Administration Council Member National Solidarity and Peacemaking Negotiation Committee Chairman Union Minister

at the Government Office (1) Lt-Gen Yar Pyae, in his capacity as leader of the Peace Talks Team, Council Member Lt-Gen Moe Myint Tun, NSPNC Secretary Lt-Gen Min Naung, Chairman Saw

Htaw Lay of KNU/KNLA (PC), Vice-Chair Dr Naw Kapaw Htoo and Central Executive Committee Member Saw Maung Maung.

In the talks, Peace Talks Team Leader Lt-Gen Yar Pyae and KNU/KNLA (PC) Chairman

Saw Htaw Lay made greeting speeches and the attendees discussed peace and development programmes. After that, they adjourned the meeting. The discussion will be continued on 28 May. — MNA



Construction of solar dryer completed under Mekong-Lancang project at coffee technology development farm in Ngaphe



The completed solar dryer.

THE construction of a solar dryer to produce high-quality coffee in the hilly area has now been completed at the Coffee Technology Development Farm (Natyekan) in Ngaphe Township, which is under the Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation.

The construction started in September 2021 under the Mekong-Lancang Project, was implemented by Snacks Mandalay Co., Ltd with K26 million from the 2021-2022 financial year's allocated fund and completed in March 2022.

The solar dryer will provide coffee growers from 10 hilltop

village-tracts in Ngaphe Township with a system to dry harvested high-quality crops in a short period. The hilly region has a humid climate, and in the past, crops used to become mouldy as they are dry at home.

The solar dryer can dry 100 pyi at a time, and it takes only a week to completely dry the coffee whereas drying at home takes about a month, said the in-charge of the coffee plantation.

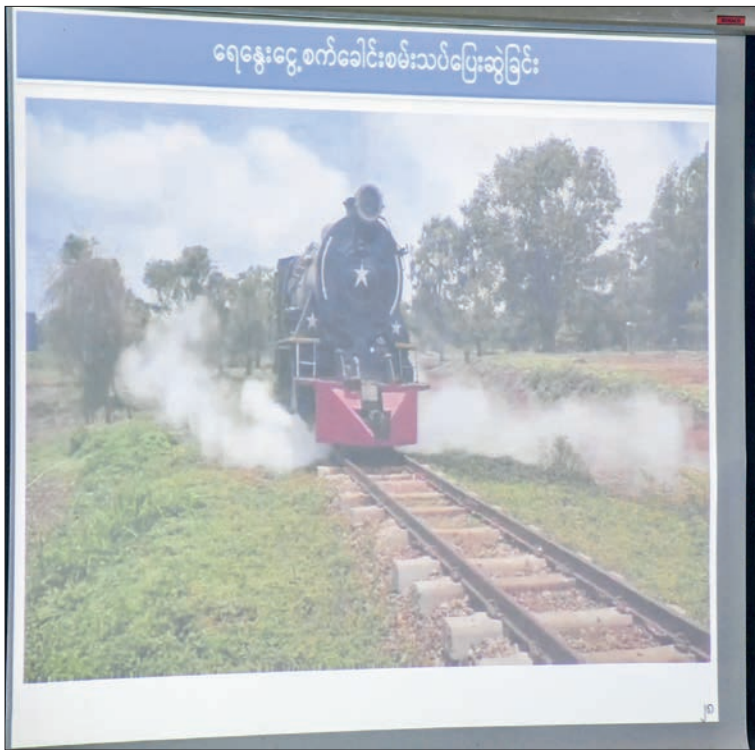
In addition to coffee, conjac and chilli can also be dried by the solar dryer, he added. — Ma Yu (Ngaphe)/GNLM

We will have to continue to consolidate the strength of the national unity in the future also

AS for the country which is a heterogeneous society, historical lessons have taught us that only the national unity can ensure the non-disintegration of the Union and the perpetuation of sovereignty. We will have to continue to consolidate the strength of the national unity in the future also.

(Excerpt from the message sent by Chairman of the State Administration Council Senior General Maha Thray Sithu Min Aung Hlaing on occasion of 74th Anniversary Union Day on 12 February 2021)

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The Senior General hears the reports on the Locomotive Factory (Insein).



The Senior General looks into new DEMU coaches.



The Senior General gives foodstuffs to one patient at Insein Railway Hospital.

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the running of electric trains in the country. As electric locomotives will be used for rail transportation across the nation, the locomotive factory (Insein) needs to manufacture small electric locomotives under research works and then upgrade

the works for manufacturing the standard electric locomotives, he added.

The Senior General presented foodstuffs to the factory staff through the managing director.

The Senior General and party viewed round assem-

bling locomotives, maintenance works, upgrading of locomotive capacity, transforming steam locomotives into the coal-fired locomotives, and manufacturing spare parts for the locomotives.

At the circular diesel locomotive factory, the Senior General viewed round new DEMU

carriages already arrived from Japan and gave instructions to officials.

At Insein Railway Hospital, the Senior General heard reports on daily healthcare services for staff and families, retired staff and local people, the requirement of health staff and

health aid presented by the managing director and Chief Medical Officer Dr Than Min Htut. The Senior General pledged to provide health staff and aid for the hospital as much as possible.

The Senior General comforted patients and gave foodstuffs at the hospital. — MNA

Continuous efforts must be made for exporting frozen meat and fish, dried meat and value-added products to foreign markets: Senior General

MULTIPLE agriculture and livestock in the area of Yangon Command aim to supply meat, fish and vegetables to some eight million people of Yangon Region at reasonable prices, said Chairman of the State Administration Council Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Min Aung Hlaing in inspecting vegetables, mushrooms and eggs produced from No 1 agriculture and livestock farm of Yangon Command in Insein Township yesterday morning.

The Commander of Yangon Command reported on the progress of the agriculture and livestock farms, and sales of meat, fish, vegetables, eggs and milk to officers, other



Senior General Min Aung Hlaing inspects vegetables, mushrooms and eggs produced from No 1 Agriculture & Livestock Farm at Yangon Command.



ranks and families in addition to war veterans, police members and families at fair prices.

Speaking on the occasion, the Senior General said multiple agriculture and livestock in the area of Yangon Command aim to supply meat, fish and vegetables to some eight million people of Yangon Region at reasonable prices. Products must be sold at fairer prices to Tatmadaw members and service personnel and fair prices to the people. Emphasis must be placed on welfare for consumers but profits. It is

necessary to produce healthy products on livestock farms through coordination with the veterinary research teams. Encouragement must be given to private agriculture and livestock farms. If it is local food sufficiency, continuous efforts must be made for exporting frozen meat and fish, dried meat and value-added products to foreign markets.

Later, the Senior General inspected the agriculture and livestock farm and attended to the needs of the farms in charge. — MNA

20 new cases of COVID-19 reported on 27 May, total figure rises to 613,280

MYANMAR'S COVID-19 positive cases rose to **613,280** after **20** new cases were reported on 27 May 2022 according to the Ministry of Health. Among these confirmed cases, **592,261** have been discharged from hospitals. Death toll stands at **19,434** without more casualties. —MNA

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Maintenance of buildings must lead to long-term existence and convenience of venerable Sayadaws: Senior General



State Administration Council Chairman Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing hears the report on major renovation at the Maha Pasana Cave on Kaba Aye Hill in Yangon yesterday.

MAHA PASANA CAVE, a historic building, needs systematic maintenance for long-term existence, Chairman of the State Administration Council Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing was quoted as saying in inspecting the major renovation at Maha Pasana Cave on Kaba Aye Hill of Yangon Region yesterday.

Union Minister for Religious Affairs and Culture U Ko Ko and officials reported to the Senior General on a major renovation of the cave in phrases, upgrade of six buildings on Hanthathiri Hill of Kaba Aye, land preparations, landscaping works and road maintenance.

In his speech, the Senior General said Maha Pasana Cave, a historic building, needs systematic maintenance for long term existence. Necessary maintenance must be done in the monsoon. Maintenance of buildings must lead to long term existence and convenience of venerable Sayadaws After completion of renovation for the building, roads must be upgraded. And, proper drainage system and improvement of road shoulders must be undertaken, he added.

The Senior General viewed round the major maintenance works in the cave and left the necessary instructions. He then paid homage to the Bud-



dhists on Kaba Aye Hill in Yangon Township of Yangon. Cornerstones were laid for the cave in 1953. Its construction was participated by 1,486 labourers together with more than 3.3 million volunteers within 396 days. It finished on 10 May 1954. The Sixth Buddhist Synod was held with the participation of 2,500 members of the Sangha from five Theravada Buddhist countries for two years and five days from 17 May 1954 to 22 May 1956. The 68 years old cave faces some damage. As such, major maintenance works are being carried out with 75 per cent completion in line with the



dha image on the top floor of the cave.

The Senior General then

inspected situations to upgrade the hostels and roads for the stay of venerable Sayad-

aws on Kaba Aye Hill and Hanthathiri Hill.

Maha Pasana Cave is lo-

guidance of the Senior General on his tour of the cave on 8 October 2021. — MNA

CURRENT AFFAIRS

Sales of locally produced peanut oil on the rise

ACCORDING to the foreign palm oil market, the oil price becomes higher together with the active peanut oil sales in the market.

The peanut farmers grew well and received quality peanuts due to the weather condition by the end of 2021. Depending on the peanut quality, one viss of peanut produces between 40 and 43 ticals after grinding. The price of grinded husk is K1,300 per viss.

The price of peanuts was about K2,500 per viss by end of November 2021. The peanut exports to border areas also declined due to the outbreak of COVID-19, and the local price of palm oil was high. Therefore, the production of peanut oil also became higher through small-and-medium-sized operations in the middle parts of Myanmar.

Due to the peanut prices



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and production rate, the price is only different K1,000 than the price of palm oil. The oil was also sold to the customers by the end of November 2021,

said Ko Kyaw Moe Oo, a peanut oil seller from Yenangyoung Township.

The price of palm oil and peanuts became high in De-

ember 2021 and the price of peanut oil is K9,000 per viss on 15 March 2022. The renowned peanut oil fetched K8,000 per viss in late 2021 and it gets

K11,000 per viss now, said Ko Aung Aung Oo, a peanut oil buyer from the Nyaungpinlay Market.

The palm oil is mainly used in operations of fried food and the peanut oil is not used on a large scale for its prices.

When the authorities reduce the palm oil import volume and prioritize the local peanut, sesame and sunflower plantations and oil grinding operations, it can meet the amount of reduced palm oil import, said a market researcher.

Although there are some challenges for palm oil recently, the manageable scale peanut grinding industry becomes active together with medium and large scales grinding industries. Officials also emphasize impractical oil mills to promote oil production. — TWA/GNLM

Falling lime prices hit farmers' profits

FARMERS face losses for the falling prices of lime in the market, according to the lime farmers.

Although the price of lime was over K100 for one last year it is now only K3 during this year. It causes huge losses to the lime farmers, said Ma Mee Nge from

Toungoo Township.

"This year, the price is K3 per lime but it was over K100 last year. The prices are different," she added.

In February, the price of lime is K75 and K50 for large sizes at the wholesale centre. Although there are plentiful lime

between June and October, they cannot be transported and sold local for high logistics costs and difficulties in transportation. The transaction becomes slack and it does not fetch good prices, and the farmers face hardships.

The lime fruits are mainly grown in Pyay, Mawlamyine, Myitnge, Shwegyin, Mottama, Toungoo, Kayin State, Tagay, Kyarinn, Kyatkhetchaung, Khotekhwar, Kyaikdon, Natchaungphyar and other villages.

The current price of lime in Yangon is K100 for three limes although it was K200 per lime in the past.

"Although we have a large number of limes this year, we do not get good prices. The wholesalers do not dare to buy in bulk. As the farmers do not get good prices this year, they face losses for labour charges. There are piles of limes that are not sold out," said lime farmer Ko Tun Tun Kyaw. — TWA/GNLM



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29 abandoned vehicles seized at Thilawa Port



Some disowned cars are seen at Thilawa Seaport.

THE police seized 28 abandoned vehicles at Thilawa Seaport, according to the statement of the Illegal Trade Eradication Committee on 26 May.

On 23 May, the Customs Department conducted inspections at Hteedan Port Terminal and found an abandoned Light Truck (RHD) worth K9,014,688 with expired ID term, and took action as per the Customs Procedures, the statement said.

On 24 May, the Customs Department also confiscated 28 discarded vehicles worth K423,110,383 with expired ID terms at the Myanmar International Terminal Thilawa and took action in line with the Customs Procedures. — TWA/GNLM

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BRIC nods \$6.1 mln worth of 2 FDI projects in May, creating 1,450 jobs

BAGO Region Investment Committee (BRIC) endorsed two foreign projects with an estimated capital of US\$6.1 million in May, creating 1,450 jobs for residents, according to the BRIC meeting held on 27 May 2022.

Bago Region Chief Minister U Myo Swe Win gave remarks at the meeting that the region attracts domestic and foreign investors on account of stability and COVID-19 preventive measures. BRIC is prioritizing the labour-intensive industries like manufacturing on the Cutting-Making and Packaging basis. He will support to have the better infrastructure (road, power and water supply) for the investors in the region. The factories and workshops must run their businesses in the designated zones and the supervisory committee of the Bago Region Industrial Zone is required to closely monitor the factories. The chief minister also urged the officials to ensure there are no vacant plots of land in the zone. If the factories are found not to execute the type of business they are allowed to run, they will face legal action under the existing law. Moreover, he added to provide technical and financial assistance to small and medium-sized enterprises.

Later, U Ko Ko Latt, director of the Bago Region Directorate of Investment and Company Administration presented two projects with PowerPoint. They are Weartec Seam Garment Manufacturing Co., Ltd based in China with a capital of \$3 million and Japan-listed Bago Sport Gloves Co., Ltd putting \$3.1 million. They will pump foreign investments in the manufacturing of garments and gloves. The committee members make suggestions on that and the chief minister coordinated matters in line with the law, rules and regulations.

Between 1 February 2021 and May 2022, Bago Region pulled foreign investments of US\$123.712 million and K9.529 billion of domestic investments made by Myanmar citizens, which creates 7,458 job opportunities for local people, according to BRIC. — Tin Soe (Bago)/GNLM

Sedawgyi Dam continues irrigating over 69,000-acre summer paddy in Madaya Tsp



The dam provided irrigation water to 44,388 acres of summer paddy and 1,162 acres of other crops in Madaya Township, 44 acres in Chanmyathazi Township, 17,485 acres in Patheingyi Township, and 6,141 acres in Amarapura Township, respectively.

THE Mandalay Region Irrigation and Water Utilization Management Department stated that the irrigation network from the Sedawgyi dam to the summer paddy and other crops two districts will continue until 15 June to ensure sufficient water supply.

The irrigation in Mandalay and PyinOoLwin districts commenced in the third week of February, covering 68,058 acres of summer paddy and 1,162 acres of other crops, totalling 69,220

acres. The irrigation supply will be provided until 15 June, said the assistant director of the department.

“The dam provided water resources for 69,220 acres of summer paddy and other crops. It exceeded the targeted acres. The department will continue irrigation until 15 June. The growers also need to use the irrigation water systematically and effectively. Sedawgyi dam has stored full capacity for irri-

gation,” he explained.

The dam provided irrigation water to 44,388 acres of summer paddy and 1,162 acres of other crops in Madaya Township, 44 acres in Chanmyathazi Township, 17,485 acres in Patheingyi Township, and 6,141 acres in Amarapura Township, respectively. Similarly, Marle Nattaung Dam supported 2,023 acres of summer paddy and other crops in Singu Township. — Maung Aye Chan/GNLM

Seintalone mango export price highly correlates with quality

THE prices of the Seintalone mango variety shipped to China depend on quality, said U Kyaw Soe Naing, general secretary of the Myanmar Mango Market and Technology Development Association (Mandalay).

The prevailing prices of Seintalone are worth up to 140 Yuan per 16-kg basket. For low quality, it fetches only below 100 Yuan.

Nonetheless, mango growers slashed agricultural input costs and caused quality degradation during this mango season. Therefore, some mango had post-harvest diseases such as stem-end rot and black spot in the fruit, U Kyaw Soe Naing continued.

Consequently, Seintalone mango did not acquire market in China due to quality damage, said Sai Khin Maung from the Khwanyo Fruit Wholesale Centre.

“Quality plays a crucial role in exports. It is hard to deliver the



Farm workers are seen sorting out quality mangos.

mango amid the transportation difficulties. Price is evaluated on mango skin colour, taste, packaging and freshness. However, bagging materials should not be utilized more than two times for fruit wrapping. Quality depends on agricultural inputs like bag-

ging material, treatment and pesticides. Nonetheless, exporters do not dare to take a risk due to uncertainty in cross-border transportation,” he continued.

Although the mango is placed in China’s market within five days, some traders cannot

even cover the general cost owing to fruit loss, he added.

“There is no price manipulation. Mango is prioritized in the trade channel, yet quality damage made the exporters lose. Some even lost the capital,” Sai Khin Maung pointed out.

This is why the Khwanyo Fruit Centre notified growers and exporters of the quality control in the remaining season.

At present, about five truckloads of Seintalone mango are daily conveyed to China. Mango growers are required to maintain the fruit quality.

Of about 200 mango varieties that originated in Myanmar, Seintalone, Shwehintha, Padamyar Ngamauk, Yinkwe, and Machitsu varieties are primarily grown. The foreign market prefers Seintalone varieties.

Ayeyawady Region possesses the largest mango plantation acres, having about 46,000 acres. Bago Region is the second-largest producer with 43,000 acres and Mandalay has 29,000 acres of mango. There are over 24,000 acres in Kayin State, over 20,400 acres in Shan State and over 20,000 acres in Sagaing Region, according to the association. — NN/GNLM

Don't hesitate to the preservation of cultural properties, fine arts

PRESERVATION of customs, traditions and national characters is the nature of all global countries. Advancements and developed things of each country can be identified as material improvement and unchanged existence of cultural properties, the essence of the nation.

Cultural characteristics of the nation are drives for citizens to forge the spirit of adoring the country and ensure a strong and dynamic patriotic spirit. The historical background of each country indicates the preservation of natural culture results.

Now is the best time for all ethnic nationals to show off their excellent skills in the preservation and presentation of their exclusive cultural heritage and fine arts for long term existence thanks to strenuous efforts of the State. Let's go on!

and preserve and safeguard their cultural heritage and national characteristics, currently, plans are underway to organize the traditional cultural performing arts competitions this year after taking a five-year break. Indeed, it is satisfactory for the people who wish to see the resurgence of Myanmar's cultural performances.

The 23rd performing arts competition will take place in Nay Pyi Taw in coming October. The national-level competitions will be staged on a grand scale with an exclusive event of traditional dance to be performed by Mon ethnics in addition to dance troupes of regions and states.

It is sure that preservation and presentation of traditional fine arts and cultural properties on a yearly basis will help all ethnic people enhance amicability among the ethnic nationals and flourish the Union spirit. On the other hand, such kind of preservation and presentation of works of culture and fine arts uplift the national prestige and integrity.

Now is the best time for all ethnic nationals to show off their excellent skills in the preservation and presentation of their exclusive cultural heritage and fine arts for long term existence thanks to strenuous efforts of the State. Let's go on!

The nature of the country Myanmar is based on ancient cultural heritages in invaluable culture. All ethnicities residing in Myanmar possess their own cultural characters. Moreover, the common cultural heritage including fine arts concerning the whole nation is still preserved by the citizens today. The governments in successive eras have been preserving the culture and fine arts in different ways for new generations.

The traditional cultural performing arts competitions were held from 1993 to 2006. Thanks to the performing arts competitions, unknown outstanding performers emerged one after another to value Myanmar's fine arts. Those outstanding performers are able to occupy the hearts of audiences forever.

In line with the objective of social affairs: to respect and promote the customs and traditions of all national people

Japanese companies longing for workers to resume entry for foreigners

By Suzuka YOSHIDA

THE Japanese government has resumed entry permits for business and international students from March 1st for the first time in about two years. As a result, Myanmar people who had decided to work in Japan began to arrive in Japan one after another. Most of them are Technical Intern Trainees and Specified Skilled Workers, and some of them are also called advanced human resources and international students. Japanese companies that have survived for two years will finally be able to resume their business as a full-fledged. And foreign businessmen and workers were also waiting for entry very much.

More than 2.82 million foreigners residing in Japan

As of the end of June 2021, more than 2.82 million foreigners are residing in Japan. Among them, the most are Technical Intern Trainees, followed by advanced human resources (human resources who have completed specialized academic studies such as universities and have work experience), study abroad, and Specific Skilled Workers. Since the Specific Skilled Workers mechanism started in 2019, the number of people is small.

Technical Intern Trainees

work as unskilled labour in the operations with no high Japanese proficiency, but after 5 years, they will be recognized as Specified Skilled Workers. Or they can pass the test and become a Specified Skilled Workers. This process will give workers the freedom to choose their employer and qualify them to work longer in Japan. Now, workers are in an environment where they can work in Japan as long as they hope with some qualifications. This promotion mechanism is based on the traditional business model in which they start working in society as unskilled labour and gradually grow into human resources who gain experience and skills and increase corporate value. Foreigners are guaranteed the minimum wage set by the government as well as the Japanese.

The reason why the Japanese government has begun to seek foreign human resources in this way is that the labour is in shortage throughout Japan due to the declining population and the popularity of work concentrated in urban areas. At a factory in a local area, few people would like to come to simple and physically difficult work or low-wage work. That is why factories in a local area started to demand foreign workers to fill the gap.

Increased expectations for Myanmar people

By the way, among all the foreign residents, Myanmar is 35,692, accounting for 1.26 per cent. It is the second largest after Vietnam, China, Indonesia and the Philippines. In terms of the status of residence, Technical Intern Trainees account for 3.62 per cent (as of 2019) and Specified Skilled Workers account for 4.52 per cent (as of September 2021).

The number of Myanmar Technical Intern Trainees and Specific skilled Workers is increasing year by year, according to a Japanese representative of the Arbourfield International Co. Ltd., a dispatching agency with a long history in Myanmar said "Some Japanese supervising agencies involved with us say that even if they want to recruit people in Vietnam, very few workers come to be examined. In particular, Vietnamese people avoid the construction industry because of their hard work. But Myanmar people mostly like not to mind occupations so more companies are recruiting."

The number of working places in Vietnam is increasing, and the quantity and quality of human resources who wish to come to Japan have reached a plateau because they decide whether to work in

Japan or the home country based on salary and work tightness. On the other hand, Myanmar does not have many workplaces in their country yet, and people come to gather in all occupations. Depending on the type of job, the ability of Myanmar is generally high because of the gentle temperament that is surely a comparative advantage, especially for care workers who should communicate closely with aged people. The construction industry, which Vietnamese people no longer want, is a job that will be needed more in Myanmar, so human resources who have studied in Japan for five years are expected to be middle managers after returning to Myanmar. Therefore, there are people who want the construction industry from the Myanmar side as well. Since the demand for human resources of care workers and construction workers is always existing in Japan, there will be a strong tendency to demand Myanmar in the future as well.

Need a system to guide Dispatching Companies and employers

The two years that new foreign workers could not enter Japan was a period of trial for Japanese companies. There are many companies whose operat-

ing rates have declined and their management has deteriorated. According to Tokyo Shoko Research Co. Ltd., which investigates the business conditions of companies nationwide, the number of bankruptcies was 7,773 in 2020 (total debt of 1.220.46 billion yen) and 6,030 in 2021 (total debt of 1.1507 billion yen). And many supervising agencies should integrate should play a role to take care of Technical Intern Trainees.

Both employers and supervising agencies are in financial distress. In this situation, it may be possible that some companies will try to use foreign workers with a low salary, which is close to the minimum wage. Even before COVID-19, some foreign workers disappeared from com-

panies that did not raise wages. This tendency was strongly seen in Myanmar, and there was a time when the disappearance rate of sudden disappearance from the company dormitory reached 17 per cent without complaining at all. The above-mentioned the Arbourfield International Co. Ltd. representative in Japan said, "If you are considerate of technical intern trainees and pay the same wages as Japanese people, you will not disappear. In most cases, the reason for the disappearance is due to Japanese companies." Dispatching agencies that have a good reputation in Japan, such as Arbourfield, have a solid system to listen to workers' worries in Japan. However, not a few dispatching companies do not contact work-

ers after sending them to Japan as workers. As a result, a savage broker may approach workers by pretending to be a kind caretaker. Only the sending government can guide the dispatching agencies, which does not even pay the cost of coming to Japan (taking care of the workers), but the government also seems reluctant to play that role.

There is a global competition in recruiting foreign workers among host countries. In Asia, Singapore, Malaysia, South Korea and Taiwan are active. South Korea and Taiwan have a rivalry with Japan. In South Korea, the government provide Korean language lessons to workers, and Taiwan does not strongly demand the acquisition of the language, so if you wish, you will be hired

in a short period of time. On the contrary, Japanese companies and the government demand candidates of foreign workers to pay the cost such as receiving training to learn Japanese in advance to pass Level 4 of Japanese. Myanmar's dispatching agency, which handles human resources destined for Japan, can collect cost 2,800 US dollars per person from a student, and as a result, they have been living in a considerably cut-down manner after coming to Japan to pay their self-investment amount (debt) back. And they say Vietnamese candidates of workers have to pay the dispatching agency \$ 10,000 - \$ 15,000. It is natural that a country, which imposes such a burden on workers, loses the competition to get human resources with Taiwan and South Korea.

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Number of Foreign Residents source: Ministry of Law of Japan

	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	Jun / 2021
Nationwide	2,121,831	2,232,189	2,382,822	2,561,848	2,731,093	2,933,137	2,887,116	2,823,565
Myanmar	10,252	13,737	17,775	22,519	26,456	32,049	35,049	35,692
students		3,473	4,553	5,753	6,369	5,429	4,371	3,421
Technical Intern Trainee		1,978	3,960	6,144	8,432	13,118	13,963	13,967
Specified Skilled Workers		0	0	0	0	100	674	1,265
Advanced Human Resources		1,422	1,798	2,316	3,146	4,689	5,767	6,076
Others		6,864	7,464	8,306	8,509	8,713	10,274	10,963



The inhalable COVID-19 vaccine is showcased at China International Health Industry Expo in Haikou City, Hainan Province, on 12 November, 2021. PHOTO: XINHUA

Chinese inhalable COVID-19 booster vaccine safe and effective: study

The researchers concluded that a heterologous booster immunization with an aerosolized Ad5-nCoV in previously vaccinated adults is safe and highly immunogenic.

A CLINICAL trial in China has shown that an inhalable COVID-19 booster vaccine is safe and effective in adults.

Scientists led by Chen Wei with the Academy of Military Medical Sciences in China developed an aerosolized adenovirus type-5 vector-based COVID-19 vaccine (Ad5-nCoV) adminis-

tered via oral inhalation.

Chen's group and the researchers from the Jiangsu Provincial Centre for Disease Control and Prevention conducted a randomized, open-label, controlled trial to evaluate the vaccine's safety and immunogenicity as a booster jab in 420 Chinese adults who had previously received two doses of inactivated vaccine.

Eligible participants were randomly assigned between 14 and 16 Sept last year to receive either a low dose or a high dose inhalable vaccine, or the vaccine identical to their previous two intramuscular shots, as a control group, according to the study published recently in the journal *Lancet Respiratory Medicine*.

The results showed that the

low dose group had a concentration of serum neutralizing antibodies of 744.4 and the high dose group 714.1 14 days after the booster dose, significantly higher than that in the control group of 78.5.

The vaccine-induced neutralizing antibodies can bind to the coronavirus and prevent it from infecting cells.

Also, only 26 and 33 participants reported adverse reactions in the low dose group and the high dose group, respectively, within 14 days of the booster dose, significantly fewer than the 54 reported in the control group, according to the study.

The researchers concluded that a heterologous booster immunization with an aerosolized

Ad5-nCoV in previously vaccinated adults is safe and highly immunogenic.

Now, they are planning a multicentre, randomized, double-blind, parallel-controlled efficacy trial of the inhaled vaccine as a booster dose following a primary series of immunization with Ad5-nCoV in Mexico. — Xinhua

MoI Union Minister inspects factories in Magway, Sagaing regions



UNION Minister Dr Charlie Than of the Ministry of Industry, accompanied by U Aung Chein, Minister for Magway Region Economic Affairs, inspected the soft drinks and ice factory (Magway) in the morning on 26 May and instructed officials to fulfil the needs.

Afterwards, a team led by the Union minister arrived at No 35 Heavy Industry (Chauk) and inspected the production process of high voltage ceramic insulators. The Union minister directed officials concerned to draw the business plan and ensure the quality of the high voltage ceramic insulator. He encouraged the staff to make efforts in order for the industry to run for the long term, generate

profits every year and carry out market research on products. He urged them to invite the investors for solar power projects on the land owned by the factory as well.

In the afternoon, the Union minister arrived at No. 1 Steel Mill (Myingyan) in Mandalay Region. He instructed officials concerned to draw a timeline for power and energy to resume the operation of Melt Shop 1, start manufacturing in the set time frame, ensure the maintenance of the installed machine and equipment, and the efficient handling and storage of materials to minimize the losses. The Union minister also inspected the working process of the scrap baling press machine. —MNA

Auditor-General Office holds Real-Time Audit Seminar

THE Seminar on Real-Time Audit starting from the 2022-2023 Financial Year was held at the Assembly Hall of the Office of the Auditor-General of the Union in Nay Pyi Taw at 9:30 am on 27 May in line with COVID-19 rules and regulations.

Union Auditor-General Dr Kan Zaw stated that the objective of the seminar is to raise awareness of Real-Time Audit starting in the 2022-2023 Financial Year for departments and organizations, and the government is deeply implementing for stability, peacefulness, development of the State, socio-economic development, human resource development and extended

investments and projects for education and health, based on the domestic fund; and departments and organizations implementing the projects have to conduct the Public Financial Management in the most effective ways, and then Real-Time Audit is to monitor and audit their performance effectively for the public interest; and Concurrent Control, Monitoring and Real-Time Audit are the most modernized and effective ways of Public Financial Management in the world today.

Afterwards, the Director-General of the Audit Department widely explained the purpose, benefits, and work

plan of Real-Time Audit. Then, responsible persons from the Office of the Auditor General of the Union answered the raised questions of the attendees and responsible senior officials of the Ministries and Organizations.

The permanent secretary, director-general of Audit Department, deputy permanent secretary, deputy directors-general and directors of the Office of the Auditor-General of the Union, and the responsible senior officials from Ministries and Organizations attended the seminar face to face.

The responsible finance officers from departments and



organizations under the Ministries and Organizations, directors from Region and State

Auditor-General Offices, and responsible persons were present virtually. — GNLM

Efforts needed for legal migration

IT should work together to ensure that the immigration is legal as the human trafficking is connected to the migration, said MoL Deputy Minister U Aung Tun Khine, Chairman of the repatriation, integration and rehabilitation work group during a group meeting on 26 May.

The deputy minister said it should make preparations during this period for the consequences of the COVID-19 outbreak such as living, social, economic and other social problems, domestic violence, human trafficking especially migration. When the infection rate declines, there should be proper preventive measures for the Myanmar migrant workers and

all should cooperate in fighting against human trafficking.

Then, the attendees joined the discussion and the deputy minister concluded the meeting. According to the 2020 data of the UN, there are 3.7 million Myanmar migrant workers 70 per cent of whom are working in Thailand.

The workers are also sent to Thailand under MoU System this month - 287 on 10 May, 301 on 11 May and 151 on 19 May.

A total of 327 Myanmar nationals were arrested for illegally crossing the border into Thailand on 22 May and 247 people on 19 May, according to Thai authorities. — Htun Htun/GNLM

MAI to start Moscow-Yangon cargo flight near year-end

BY the end of this year, Myanmar Airways International (MAI) is making efforts to launch a cargo flight between Moscow and Yangon, aiming to support the economy and create a trade market for goods with a large country.

In the meeting between Myanmar Ambassador to Russia U Lwin Oo and Head of the Federal Air Transport Agency Alexander Neradko, they discussed the preparations of the Russian Air Navigation Authority to launch direct flights between the two countries and the plans to invite the Russian airlines into the airline market of two countries.

Myanmar's MAI Airlines

expects and carries on to launch cargo airlines by the end of 2022.

"We have asked the ministries for help under the guidance of the State Government. The Myanmar Ambassador and the Russian Federation Authority group are discussing launching the flight with Russia. We are trying to be introduced as fast as possible. Initially, a cargo flight will provide the market for the country's various products. It also aims to support the country's economy in another way on the side. The MAI will operate upon the request for passenger flights between the two countries after the successful launch of a

two-way cargo flight. We hope to resume operations before the end of this year," said Captain Kyaw Soe Hla of Myanmar Airways International.

Since the reopening of Yangon International Airport, domestic airlines are operating daily and foreign airlines are also entering Myanmar. In the past, over 17 foreign airlines have entered Myanmar, and the number of foreign airlines has decreased due to the Covid-19 pandemic. As the number of tourists in the world has increased, more foreign airlines will be entering Myanmar after June, according to MAI. — Nyein Thu (MNA)/GNLM

K5 billion worth of stimulant tablets seized in Mingaladon Township

THE Anti-Drug Police Force seized K5 billion worth of five million stimulant tablets in Mingaladon Township.

At 3:30 pm on 17 May, the Anti-Drug Police Force examined a house of Zaw Min Soe in Thingangyun Gyi Ward of Mingaladon Township, according to the information. They captured one million stimulant tablets and K15 million with Kyaw Kyaw Aung, Win Htun, Hla Sein Maung, Chit Oo Maung, Zin Min Ko, Lwin Min Htike and Thet Paing Oo.

According to the examination at midnight, police seized four million stimulant tablets again in a house, which is hired as Kyaw Kyaw Aung by Zaw Min Soe, in Pale (3)

Ward of Mingaladon Township.

Afterwards, at 10:00 am on 18 May, according to the information, police seized Ma Mee Nge Soe (aka) Ma Thida Soe with K8.5 million and Pyae Sone and Kyaw Thu with K4 million and a 6-wheel Hino car in Myeik Township.

They admitted the seized stimulate tablets to be carried from Shan State to Yangon and stored in these houses by selling then to Taninthayi Region and Rakhine State.

Trafficker Zaw Min Soe is on the run and they are prosecuted under the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law, the Myanmar Police Force stated. — MNA



Ten arrestees are seen along with seized stimulant pills in Mingaladon Township.

Illegal timbers, consumer goods, vehicles seized



Officials confiscated illegal teak doors in Yangon.

SUPERVISED by the Anti-Illegal Trade Steering Committee, action is being taken under the law against illegal trades across the country.

The combined inspection team led by the Forest Department confiscated K622,248 worth of 0.9428 tonne of illegal teak doors and parts of illegal teak

doors from a vehicle (approximately valued at K10,000,000) near the Tollgate on the Htantabin-Thidaaye Road in Htantabin Township of Yangon North District on 25 May. The action was taken under the Forest Law.

On 26 May, the inspection team seized K129,600 worth of 0.4320 tonne of illegal teak in

Taungup Township of Rakhine State. The action was taken under the Forest Law.

Moreover, on 27 May, the on-duty inspection team made inspections at the Kawkareik (Tadakyoe) combined checkpoint and confiscated K3,709,000 worth of vehicle tyres and detergent powder that showed no official documents from a truck. The action was charged under the Customs Law.

In addition, Police Force seized an unregistered motorbike at an estimated value of K150,000 and took action under the Export/Import Law. The Forest Department team captured K6,314,220 worth of 9.5670 tonnes of illegal gum-kino sawn timber and action was taken under the Forest Law. Therefore, from 25 May to 27 May, six arrests were made, totalling K20,925,068, according to the Anti-Illegal Trade Steering Committee. — MNA

K5.16 billion worth of Ice seized in Hpa-an Township

THE Anti-Drug Police Force seized K5.16 billion worth of Ice (methamphetamine) in Hpa-an Township on 15 May.

At 5:30 pm, the combined team consisting of the Anti-Drug Police Force searched an Alphard car, acting on a tip-off, driven by Kyaw Zeya with San Win Kyaw aboard heading from

Thaton to Myawady on the Yangon-Myawady Road in Hpa-an Township.

They captured K5.16 billion worth of 205 kilogrammes of Ice (methamphetamine) and one kilogramme of Ketamine.

According to the examination at noon on 19 May, police seized drug trafficker Htun Lin

Aung at a hotel in Maha Aungmyay Township of Mandalay Region.

They admitted the drugs to be carried from Shan State (South) to Kayin State. They are prosecuted under the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law, the Myanmar Police Force stated. — MNA

Drugs seized in some townships across Myanmar

THE combined team consisting of the Anti-Drug Police Force stopped and searched an Express bus at the combined checkpoint in Mohnyin Township at 11:30 am on 25 May. They captured 5,400 stimulate tablets and 0.66 kilogramme of heroin.

According to the inspection at 5:30 pm on the same day, Police seized drug traffickers Zin Min Htay (aka) Ko Zin, San Ko Oo (aka) Myo Gyi, Ma Ja Nu (aka) Ja Rei and Ma Sein Lwin Htwe, with 5,850 stimulant tablets and two motorbikes at a guesthouse in PyinOoLwin.

At 12:45 pm on 26 May, the Police Force searched and examined Win Zaw (aka) Pho Tha Htoo in Myeik village of Myeik

Township and captured 2,000 stimulant tablets. According to information at 3:30 pm on the same day, Police seized San Bo (aka) Chartheik with 2,350 stimulant tablets at his house in Kalwin village of Myeik Township.

At 11:00 am on the same day, Police examined Hlwan Moe (aka) Kalar and Ma Theingi near the Yanaung bus stop in Dawbon Township with 4,000 stimulant tablets and at 11:30 am, police examined Ma Thandar at Myitta Street in Dawbon Township and captured 3,730 stimulant tablets and 0.02 kilogramme of Ice.

At 5:00 pm on the same day, police stopped and searched a motorbike driven by Win Bo

(aka) Tharbo with Ma Hla Than on the Nawngkhio-Yaksawk Road in Nawngkhio Township and seized 3,590 stimulant tablets.

Police Force searched the motorbikes driven by Zaw Myo Win (aka) Lu Zaw and Pyae Phyto Aung (aka) Nga Pyae and captured 2,600 stimulant tablets at 12:30 pm on 26 May.

According to examination at 4:00 pm on the same day, Police searched a house of Ma Myat Myat Moe (aka) Pa Pa in Phayaphyu Ward of Taunggyi Township and seized 60,000 stimulant tablets.

According to information at 5:00 pm on the same day, Police Force captured drug possessor

Nyein Chan Htwe, at his house in Phayaphyu Ward of Taunggyi Township.

They are prosecuted under

the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law, the Myanmar Police Force stated. — MNA



Four arrestees are pictured along with seized drugs and motorbikes in Myeik.

ECONOMY WORLD

UK taxes oil giants to help tackle inflation fallout



A tanker is refilled with crude oil at the BP oil refinery in Hamble, near Southampton, southern England on 4 October 2021. **PHOTO: ADRIAN DENNIS / AFP**

BRITAIN'S finance minister Rishi Sunak on Thursday unveiled a sizeable support package for consumers hit by soaring energy bills, with help from a temporary windfall tax on oil giants.

A government package worth £15 billion (\$19 billion) will be funded in part by an exceptional levy on soaring profits enjoyed by the likes of BP and Shell that have benefitted massively from surging oil and gas prices.

That marked a U-turn for

embattled Prime Minister Boris Johnson, who previously insisted such a move would hinder efforts by oil majors to invest in greener energy. But Sunak told parliament on Thursday: "It is possible to both tax extraordinary profits fairly and incentivize investment."

The Chancellor of the Exchequer acted after British annual inflation surged to a 40-year high on rocketing energy costs, squeezing household budgets

and leaving many struggling to make ends meet.

"We need to make sure that for those whom the struggle is too hard and for whom the risks are too great they are supported," Sunak added.

"This government will not sit idly by while there is a risk that some in our country might be set so far back they might never recover. This is simply unacceptable and we will never allow that to happen."—AFP

Chinese official urges high-quality development of digital economy

A senior official of the Communist Party of China (CPC) on Thursday called for leveraging strategic opportunities to accelerate the high-quality development of the digital economy.

Huang Kunming, a member of the Political Bureau of the CPC Central Committee and head of the Publicity Department of the CPC Central Committee, made the remarks while addressing via video link the opening ceremony of the China International Big Data Industry Expo 2022 held in Guiyang, southwest China's Guizhou Province.

Noting that the digital economy has bright prospects and a great role to play, Huang stressed the importance of promoting the full-chain digital



An attendee interacts with a robot during the 1st Summit of Jinan National Artificial Intelligence Innovation and Application (JNAIIA) Pilot Zone & the Exposition of Artificial Intelligence Innovation and Application on Yellow River Basin in Jinan, east China's Shandong Province, 19 April 2021. **PHOTO: XINHUA/GUO XULEI**

transformation of key industries and key enterprises. He urged further integration between

the development of the digital economy and the real economy.—Xinhua

NEWS IN Brief

Taliban sign deal with UAE to run Afghan airports

THE Taliban have signed an agreement with the United Arab Emirates on operating airports in Afghanistan, the group's transportation and civil aviation minister said on Tuesday, after months of talks with the UAE, Turkey and Qatar.

Taliban's deputy minister of transport and civil aviation Ghulam Jailani Wafa signed a deal on Tuesday with a GAAC corporation representative in the presence of Mullah Abdul Ghani Baradar, first deputy prime minister. Speaking at the contract signing event, Mullah Baradar stated that the country's security is strong and that the Islamic Emirate is willing to work with foreign investors.

Baradar stated that with the signing of this deal, all foreign airlines would begin flying to Afghanistan safely and dependably.

"When we were in a severe and emergency position, the UAE assisted us with technical assistance and free terminal repairs," said Ghulam Jailani Wafa, Minister of Transportation and Civil Aviation. "The GAAC Corporation is a multinational firm that offers aviation services in the United Arab Emirates."

The Taliban took over Afghanistan in August 2021, which led to the collapse of the previous government.—ANI

Brazilian state's "strategic partnership" with BRICS bank "essential" for sustainable urban development

THANKS to the "strategic partnership" with the New Development Bank (NDB), which formally opened in 2015 as a fruit of the BRICS mechanism, the northern Brazilian state of Para has been carrying out an infrastructure construction project that is expected to benefit over 340,000 residents and "improve their quality of life," the state officials have said.

"We see the partnership with the NDB very positively in the sense that it is an important asset that allows the state to carry out works in important regions," said Helder Barbalho, governor of Para state, in a recent interview here with Xinhua.—Xinhua

Russian central bank slashes rate to rein in rouble

RUSSIA'S central bank cut its key interest rate Thursday following an emergency meeting, as authorities seek to rein in the rouble which has surged in value despite the conflict in Ukraine.

The Bank of Russia slashed the rate to 11 per cent from 14 per cent, saying external conditions for the economy remained "challenging, considerably constraining economic activity".

The policy-setting meeting was originally set to take place on June 10 but the central bank surprised the market by announcing Wednesday that an extraordinary meeting would take place the next day.

"Financial stability risks decreased somewhat, enabling a relaxation of some capital control measures," it said in a statement on Thursday.

The Bank of Russia said it "holds open the prospect of key rate reduction at its upcoming meetings".

The next rate-setting meeting is set to take place on 10 June.

After the West slapped Russia with debilitating sanctions over the start of Moscow's military campaign in Ukraine in February, financial authorities introduced strict capital controls to boost the economy.—AFP

Japan to allow mass tourism, but only in tour groups

JAPAN announced Thursday it will reopen to tourists from 98 countries and regions starting 10 June, ending a two-year pandemic closure, but travelers will only be allowed in with tour groups.

The decision comes after the government last week said it would test allowing small group tours with visitors from the United States, Australia, Thailand and Singapore from this month.

On Thursday, the government revised border controls to resume accepting package tours from 98 countries and regions including Britain, the United States, France, Spain, Canada, and Malaysia.

Japan will also expand the number of airports that accept international flights



Mount Fuji is the single most popular tourist site in Japan, for both Japanese and foreign tourists. Visitors take photos of cherry blossoms in bloom around a five-storey pagoda with Mt. Fuji in the background at a park in Fujiyoshida, Yamanashi Prefecture, on 10 April 2022. PHOTO: KYODO

to seven, adding Naha in its southern Okinawa prefecture and New Chitose near Sapporo in northern

Hokkaido. For most of the pandemic Japan has barred all tourists and allowed only citizens and

foreign residents entry, though even the latter have periodically been shut out.—AFP

Air France-KLM launches 2.26-bln-euro capital increase

AIR France-KLM Group is to launch a capital increase of 2.256 billion euros (2.417 billion US dollars), the Franco-Dutch airline holding company said in a press release on Tuesday.

The launch of the capital increase is with

preferential subscription rights to existing shareholders maintained through the insurance of 1,928 million new shares in the group to be subscribed in cash and or by offsetting claims, it said.

The subscription

price is 1.17 euros per new share with a subscription parity of three new shares per one existing share. The subscription period is from 27 May to 9 June.

The COVID-19 recapitalization aid that was granted will be re-

paid by 1.7 billion euros in order for Air France-KLM to “free itself from the conditions set by the European Commission’s temporary framework” and “reduce the Company’s net indebtedness,” the company said.—AFP

THE REPUBLIC OF THE UNION OF MYANMAR
MINISTRY OF ENERGY
MYANMA OIL AND GAS ENTERPRISE
(INVITATION FOR OPEN TENDER)
(10/2022-2023)

1. Open tenders are invited for supply of the following respective items in Myanmar Kyats.

Sr No.	Tender No.	Description	Remarks
(1)	DMP/L-065(22-23) (Retender)	Hakjaw Complete Set (1) Set	Ks
(2)	DMP/L-070(22-23) (Retender)	Heat Shrinkable Sleeve and Closure Patches (4) Items	Ks
(3)	DMP/L-075(22-23) (Retender)	Central Control Integrated Monitoring System (CCIMS) (Phase-2) (1) Lot အား Turnkey စနစ်ဖြင့်ဆောင်ရွက်ခြင်း	Ks
(4)	DMP/L-155(22-23)	Electrical Accessories for MAG-SPT Oil Field (37) Items	Ks
(5)	DMP/L-156(22-23)	Electrical Accessories for ZJ 50D Drilling Rig (3) Groups	Ks
(6)	DMP/L-157(22-23)	Electrical Accessories for Yenangaung and Mann Oil Field (4) Groups	Ks
(7)	DMP/L-158(22-23)	Electrical Spares Parts for ZJ 50D SR -II Rig (35) Items	Ks

2. The Open Tender forms including Description of Materials / Qty with details specifications and Tender Terms & Conditions can be available during office hours commencing from 27 May 2022 at the Finance Department, Myanma Oil and Gas Enterprise, No. (44) Complex, Nay Pyi Taw, Myanmar.

3. The interested Bidders should submit the Technical Specifications with Original Bid Bond and Commercial Quotation in each separate sealed envelopes on which to be addressed to the Managing Director, Myanma Oil and Gas Enterprise and should reach in Tender Box of the Myanma Oil and Gas Enterprise not later than 12:00 pm on 10, June 2022.

4. Tender Closing Date & Time - 10-6-2022, 12:00 pm

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CLAIMS DAY NOTICE
M.V X-PRESS MEGHNA VOY.NO. (22009N)

Consignees of cargo carried on **M.V X-PRESS MEGHNA VOY.NO. (22009N)** are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on **28-5-2022** and cargo will be discharged into the premises of **AWPT** where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

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

No claims against this vessel will be admitted after the Claims Day.
Phone No: **2301185**

Shipping Agency Department
Myanma Port Authority

Agent For:
M/S X-PRESS FEEDERS LINES

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE
M.V PAZEH WISDOM V.NN220509

Consignees of cargo carried on **M.V PAZEH WISDOM V.NN220509** are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on **30-5-2022** and cargo will be discharged into the premises of **MIPL** where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

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

No claims against this vessel will be admitted after the Claims Day.
Phone No: **2301928**

Shipping Agency Department
Myanma Port Authority

Agent For:
M/S UNI SPRING LOGISTICS HOLDINGS PTE LTD

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE
M.V AAL KOBE

Consignees of cargo carried on **M.V AAL KOBE VOY NO. (-)** are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on **30-5-2022** and cargo will be discharged into the premises of **TMIT-1** where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

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

No claims against this vessel will be admitted after the Claims Day.
Phone No: **2301928**

Shipping Agency Department
Myanma Port Authority

Agent For:
M/S BEN LINE AGENCIES (S'PORE) PTE LTD

GLOBAL AFFAIRS

Philippines starts using Subic Bay as naval base

THE Philippines has begun using Subic Bay as a naval base, the country's navy said this week.

One of the Philippine Navy's two guided-missile frigates was deployed at the new base on Tuesday, about 30 years after the US Navy withdrew from the strategic area about 80 kilometres west of the capital Manila.

The base sits on the roughly 100-hectare plot of a former shipyard acquired by US private equity firm Cerberus Capital Management LP that has been leased to the navy. It is possible the US military will seek joint use of the facility, which is located across the bay from the site of the former US naval base.

The Philippine Air Force, meanwhile, plans to station aircraft at Subic Bay International Airport in order to monitor and respond to maritime disputes, according to a Subic Bay port official. The airport used to form part of the US base.

Following the US withdrawal in November 1992, the former naval base was turned into a sprawling port known as Subic Bay Freeport. — Kyodo

Philippine Navy officers are pictured with a frigate deployed at a new naval base in Subic Bay on 24 May 2022. **PHOTO: THE NAVY/KYODO**



LATEST DEVELOPMENTS

Japan gov't warns of risks to stable food supply amid Ukraine crisis

THE Japanese government warned Friday the country faces risks in securing food supply due to the spread of the coronavirus and Russia's invasion of Ukraine, calling for the diversification of import partners and the lifting of the food self-sufficiency rate.

The annual white paper on food and agriculture noted that the international price of wheat hit a record high in March due to a poor harvest in the United States and other countries as well as the Ukraine crisis. It also stated the need to "continue monitoring prices closely," as domestic food prices are also increasing due to rising crude oil prices and the yen's sharp depreciation, which has led to higher import prices for the country highly dependent on food imports. —Kyodo

Ukraine says war in east at 'maximum intensity'

UKRAINE said Thursday that fighting in the eastern Donbas region of the country had reached its fiercest level yet, as Russian forces pushed deeper into the industrial region.

"The fighting has reached its maximum intensity," Ukraine's Deputy Defence Minister Ganna Malyar told a press briefing. "Enemy forces are storming the positions of our troops simultaneously in several directions. We have an extremely difficult and long stage of fighting ahead of us," she added. —AFP

RUSSIA-UKRAINE CONFLICT

Putin ready to help overcome food crisis if West lifts sanctions

MOSCOW is ready to make a "significant contribution" to averting a looming food crisis if the West lifts sanctions over Ukraine, President Vladimir Putin told Italian Prime Minister Mario Draghi on Thursday. Russia was slapped with unprecedented sanctions after Putin ordered troops into neighbouring Ukraine on 24 February. The sanctions and military action have disrupted supplies of fertilizer, wheat and other commodities from both Russia and Ukraine. The two countries produce 30 per cent of the global wheat supply. "Putin emphasises that the Russian Federation is ready to make a significant contribution to overcoming the food crisis through the export of grain and fertilizer, subject to the lifting of politically motivated restrictions by the West,"

the Kremlin said in a statement following the call. It added that Putin also spoke about the "steps taken to ensure safety of navigation, including the daily opening

of humanitarian corridors for the exit of civilian ships from the ports of the Azov and Black Sea, which is impeded by the Ukrainian side". —AFP



Russian President Vladimir Putin said he's willing to facilitate grain and fertilizer exports as global concern mounts about food shortages. A warehouse storing phosphate plant fertilizer for shipping is seen at the OAO PhosAgro plant in Cherepovets, Russia. **PHOTO: ANDREY RUDAKOV/GETTY/AFP/FILE**

Japan, Thailand oppose bid to change status quo by force in Ukraine

JAPANESE Prime Minister Fumio Kishida and his Thai counterpart Prayut Chan-ocha agreed Thursday they will never tolerate the attempt to change the status quo by force in Ukraine in response to Russia's invasion of the country.

Kishida told the Thai prime

minister in their summit in Tokyo that the international community needs to be "on the same page in raising the voice of opposition against Russia", according to the Japanese Foreign Ministry.

Prayut said in response that Thailand shares the same view with Japan on Russia's aggres-

sion against Ukraine in principle, adding that diplomatic efforts are vital to end the war as soon as possible, according to the ministry.

Japan has imposed sanctions on Russia over the invasion in coordinated efforts with other Group of Seven countries,

while Thailand maintains a neutral policy on the Russia-Ukraine conflict.

The meeting comes as Japan is seeking to enhance ties with Southeast Asian countries to counter the growing political and economic clout of an assertive China amid concerns over a

similar situation taking place in the region as Russia's military aggression continues.

Kishida expressed Japan's cooperation for a successful Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation summit meeting to be held in November in Bangkok chaired by Thailand. —Kyodo

China-ASEAN cooperation gains steam as ties grow stronger



Workers make electronic products for export at a logistic zone of the China-ASEAN free trade zone in Pingxiang, south China's Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region, 15 April 2020. PHOTO: XINHUA/LU BOAN

DESPITE COVID-19 outbreaks and growing uncertainties, China sees unstoppable momentum in its cooperation with the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN), and is ready to further deepen its strategic partnership.

Since China and ASEAN forged dialogue relations in 1991, the two sides have remained committed to promoting regional prosperity with comprehensive cooperation and bringing tangible benefits to people in the region. In 2002, China and ASEAN signed a framework agreement to start the construction of the China-ASEAN Free Trade Area (FTA), which came into effect in 2010. Under this world's largest FTA, more than 90 per cent of the goods between China and ASEAN countries can be traded

at zero tariffs, and restrictive measures on services and investment have also been substantially lifted.

Trade volume between the two sides jumped from less than 8 billion US dollars in 1991 to 684.6 billion US dollars in 2020, an increase of more than 80 times. In 2020, ASEAN and China became each other's largest trading partners.

After the Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP) agreement, a mega trade deal between 10 ASEAN member states plus China, Japan, the Republic of Korea, Australia and New Zealand, officially took effect at the beginning of this year, the rosy prospects for China and ASEAN are highlighted by their even-closer economic and trade exchanges.—Xinhua

NEWS IN BRIEF

Ex-Pakistan PM Khan threatens protests unless parliament dissolved

FORMER Pakistan Prime Minister Imran Khan on Thursday threatened to resume protests unless the government of Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif dissolves parliament.

Khan, who was ousted last month in a no-confidence vote in the National Assembly, has organized a series of rallies with his supporters over the past two days to garner public support for his demand for fresh elections.

Addressing thousands of protesters, including supporters of his Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf party, in Islamabad, Khan said, "I am giving six days to the government to announce the date for elections" after dissolving the national and provincial government assemblies. —Kyodo

Military redeployment turns Chile's Mapuche areas into powder keg

WITH military troops once again patrolling their ancestral lands, members of the Mapuche indigenous community in Chile's south are angry.

Failure to resolve a conflict over the group's land claims has led to a surge in violence and arson over the last decade, with property owned by logging companies often the target.

Carolina Soto, a Mapuche woman who occupies state-owned land near the city of Temuco, said that "the violence came from outside, with the military." —AFP

5 miners killed in Bolivia landslide

FIVE gold mining workers were killed after being buried by a landslide when extracting gold on the banks of a river in central Bolivia, local authorities said Thursday. The victims of the tragedy in the community of Huajchamay, in the town of Cocapata, in central Cochabamba department, ranged in age from 20 to 40 years old, according to the police report.—Xinhua

BBC to axe 1,000 jobs in digital transformation

THE BBC is to axe 1,000 jobs and scrap some broadcast channels in traditional form as it prioritizes digital and copes with a funding freeze, the British public service broadcaster said on Thursday.

Aiming to "build a digital-first public service media organization", the BBC said it would "change in step with the modern world, giving audiences the content they want... in the ways they want it".

The network will create a single 24-hour television news channel serving the UK and abroad, absorbing BBC World.

Channels including children's channel CBBC, BBC Four and Radio 4 Extra will stop

traditional broadcasting, while "a number" of World Service language services will become digital only.

Director-General Tim Davie

made a speech to BBC staff on Thursday in which he hailed "a fresh, new, global digital media organization which has never been seen before.—AFP



The World's Newsroom is a fusion of the BBC's international journalism and state-of-the-art technology, pulled together under one roof. PHOTO: BBC

Japan, Vietnam vow to confront security threats in Indo-Pacific

JAPAN and Vietnam pledged Thursday to work together in dealing with security threats in the Indo-Pacific, the Japanese Foreign Ministry said.

During a meeting in Tokyo, Japanese Foreign Minister Yoshimasa Hayashi and Vietnamese Standing Deputy Prime

Minister Pham Binh Minh also confirmed that the principle of respecting independence, sovereignty and territorial integrity must be protected, according to the ministry, although Hanoi has stood aloof from sanctions and other international actions against Russia for its invasion

of Ukraine. Hayashi told Minh he hopes the two nations will cooperate toward the realization of a free and open Indo-Pacific, a Japanese and US-promoted vision for countering China's growing military and economic clout in the region, the ministry said.—Kyodo



Myanmar team to play friendly matches in Thailand



The Myanmar football players are keen to heed the instructions given by the coaching team in Thailand. **PHOTO: MFF**

THE preliminary Myanmar squad will play two international friendlies in Bangkok, Thailand in preparation for the AFC Asian Cup 2023.

The Myanmar team left for Thailand on 22 May to play Hong Kong and Bahrain in the FIFA (A) international friendly

matches.

Team Myanmar will leave for Kyrgyzstan on 3 June to compete in the Asian Cup after taking training at the Alpine Training Camp in Bangkok, Thailand.

The Myanmar national team will face hosts Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, and Singapore in Group F

of the 2023 AFC Asian Cup. The winner and the second-placed team of the group will advance to the next stage of the tourney.

The 27-player preliminary squad will be announced by head coach Antoine Hey after the international tournaments. — GNLM

Myanmar lose to Bahrain in friendly with goals conceded near-final whistle

MYANMAR and Bahrain, who are training for the third round of the 2023 Asian Cup, played a FIFA international friendly match in Thailand on 27 May and Myanmar lost 0-2 to Bahrain in this match.

Myanmar reacted well to Bahrain and lost this test match only because of the goals conceded near the end of the match.

The Myanmar team played defensively but was able to threaten Bahrain's goal without any unilateral pressure.

In the second half, the Myanmar team changed players

and increased their attacking power and got more chances to create goals.

The Myanmar team has had at least three chances, which could change the outcome of the match.

Young goalkeeper Pyae Phyo Thu, who was allowed to play in this test match, made few mistakes and was able to defend Bahrain's attack.

However, in the 89th minute, the Bahrain team was awarded a penalty and Madi himself converted a penalty

to give his team a lead.

Two minutes after the opening goal, Bahrain scored the second goal, which was scored by Heimidan.

The Myanmar national team has been training in Thailand since 22 May in preparation for the third round of the Asian Cup, and the first leg on 24 May was a goalless draw against Hong Kong.

The Myanmar team will continue training in Thailand until 2 June and leave for Kyrgyzstan on 3 June for the third round of the Asian Cup. — Ko Nyi Lay/GNLM



Myanmar team Captain Maung Maung Lwin (red) attempts to clear the ball against a Bahrain player during their friendly match played in Thailand on 27 May 2022. **PHOTO: MFF**

Republic of the Union of Myanmar State Administration Council Nine Objectives

1. Political affairs

- (a) To build a Union based on democracy and federalism, through a disciplined and genuine multiparty democratic system that is fair and just.
- (b) To emphasize the achievement of enduring peace for the entire nation in line with the Nationwide Ceasefire Agreement (NCA).
- (c) To continue implementing the principle of peaceful co-existence among countries through an independent, active and non-aligned foreign policy.

2. Economic affairs

- (a) To enhance production based on agriculture and livestock through modern techniques and strengthen all-round development in other sectors of the economy.
- (b) To develop a stable market economy and promote international investment in order to enhance the economic development of the entire National people.
- (c) To promote and support local businesses to create employment opportunities and increase domestic production.

3. Social affairs

- (a) To ensure a strong and dynamic Union spirit, the genuine spirit of patriotism.
- (b) To respect and promote the customs and traditions of all National peoples and preserve and safeguard their cultural heritage and national characteristics.
- (c) To enhance the health, fitness and education quality of the entire nation.

Liverpool's Salah eyes Champions League revenge against Real



Liverpool's Mohamed Salah eyes the ball during the UEFA Champions League semifinal second-leg match against Villarreal, Villarreal, Spain, 3 May 2022. **PHOTO: AFP**

“WE have a score to settle,” Mohamed Salah posted on social media moments after Real Madrid set up a re-match with Liverpool in Saturday's Champions League final. Salah's first appearance in European club football's showpiece game came to an agonizingly premature end in Kyiv four years ago. The Egypt forward made a tearful first-half exit after suffering a shoulder injury in a challenge with Real defender Sergio Ramos, who was accused of cynically slamming his opponent into the turf. Madrid went on to win 3-1 and Salah has never been able to shake the bitter memories of that night. “That was the worst moment in my career,” the 29-year-old said at Liverpool's pre-match media day this week. “I was really, really down in that time.” — AFP