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# Artists add color to cultural ties

Project co-sponsored by *China Daily* to bring Chinese painters to Myanmar, promote a closer relationship

By CHINA DAILY

**C**hina Daily signed a memorandum of understanding agreement on Oct 8 in Yangon, Myanmar, with the Shwe Taung Group for the sponsorship of the China-Myanmar Culture Exchange Project, titled Myanmar: Through the Dragon's Brush.

The project is organized by China Daily Asia Pacific in collaboration with the Chinese Culture and Art Association.

A group of 10 Chinese artists will travel to Myanmar in mid-November to visit Yangon, Mandalay and Bagan. During their trip, the artists will paint scenery and hold a two-day art exhibition at Junction City, a world-class integrated development in Yangon.

The Shwe Taung Group, a leading conglomerate in Myanmar, will sponsor the exhibition venue and accommodation for all artists during their stay in Yangon. The group will also provide the event management services for the Junction City event. To promote cultural



Zhou Li (right), publisher and editor-in-chief of China Daily Asia Pacific, presents a painting to Aik Htun, chairman of Shwe Taung Group, in Yangon, Myanmar, on Oct 8. *China Daily* signed a memorandum of understanding with the Shwe Taung Group for the sponsorship of the China-Myanmar Culture Exchange Project. KENRICK LEE / CHINA DAILY ASIA WEEKLY

exchange, local artists will be invited to attend the exhibition to meet the Chinese artists.

The whole project will be divided into three sections.

Painting: The Chinese artists will paint the sceneries in Yangon, Mandalay and Bagan while on a tour of the cities. At the end of the tour, their artworks will be exhibited and

the artists will meet local artists, promoting cultural exchange.

Reporting: *China Daily* reporters will come together with the artists to report about the cultural,

lifestyle and art aspects of Myanmar. The report will be published in *China Daily* Asia edition, on its website, media platforms and social media accounts.

Highlight: China Daily Asia Pacific will publish an album of art featuring the paintings produced during the tour, which will be presented as gifts to special guests in the future.

High-ranking officials and diplomats are expected to attend the art exhibition.

Zhou Li, publisher and editor-in-chief of China Daily Asia Pacific, said the China-Myanmar Culture Exchange Project will be "a new milestone for the China-Myanmar relationship." "We are always looking for opportunities to bring these two countries closer," he added.

Aik Htun, chairman of the Shwe Taung Group, said: "We are happy to sponsor this project as this will bring about closer ties between Myanmar and China. We will be happy to participate in any project with the same objective in future as well."

## Shandong schools ban cellphones, tablets

Primary and middle school students in East China's Shandong province will not be allowed to use cellphones or tablets in classrooms starting from Nov 1, according to a new regulation.

The regulation, adopted by the provincial legislature last month, calls on schools to keep such devices for the students during school time, with the aim of curbing the incidence of myopia.

Parents should also control the time their children spend on electronic devices, teach them to keep a proper distance from books and screens, and ensure a correct reading position and sufficient lighting, it says.

In late August, the Ministry of Education, the National Health

Commission and six other government departments launched a multilayered action plan to help battle nearsightedness in children.

## Foreign investment up despite headwinds

China has absorbed a six-year high in total foreign investment in the first half of 2018, despite global trade tensions and economic uncertainties, an official document said.

Experts said quality-oriented economic growth and more opening-up policies are expected to further cement China's momentum in attracting foreign capital.

Net foreign investment inflow surged 45 percent year-on-year to \$294 billion from January to June, the highest since 2012, according to a document issued by the

State Administration of Foreign Exchange.

Foreign direct investment constituted 43 percent of the total inflow and increased by 1.3 times year-on-year, reversing the drop during the past two years.

## Probe of vice-minister proves equal treatment

An investigation of Meng Hongwei, vice-minister of public security, whose suspected lawbreaking includes taking bribes, shows China's strong determination to fight corruption, the ministry said in a statement on Oct 8.

"The investigation of Meng is very timely ... which shows that there's no privilege or exception in the face of laws, and no person can escape punishment if he or she violates the law," said the statement,

released after a ministry meeting chaired by State Councilor and Minister of Public Security Zhao Kezhi.

The National Supervisory Commission announced on Oct 7 that 64-year-old Meng is being investigated for suspected lawbreaking without giving details, but the ministry statement made it clear that he is suspected of taking bribes.

The news received huge attention worldwide because Meng also served as president of Interpol, which is based in France.

## Shanghai air terminal goes fully automated

Terminal 1 at Shanghai Hongqiao International Airport on Oct 15 will become the first in the country to offer completely automated check-in and boarding services for domes-

tic departures, after more than three years of renovation.

The terminal will serve domestic flights run by Shanghai-based Spring Airlines, along with international flights by other airlines.

A total of 28 self-service check-in machines and 18 sets of self-service baggage drop counters will take over the boarding process for passengers on Spring Airlines' domestic flights.

The machines can print boarding passes and baggage claim tags, allowing travelers to scan their ID cards, obtain their boarding passes and check in luggage by themselves.

The boarding process is complete after the passengers pass the security check, which is also automated. It includes data analysis and facial recognition, which takes about 12 seconds to complete.

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