Parliament records second 5-year development plan

Over 170 foreigners enrol to study Myanmar at UFL during 2015 – 2016

A TOTAL of 173 foreigners from 12 countries were given permission to study Myanmar language at the University of Foreign Languages(UFL) in Yangon during the academic year of 2015 – 2016, it is known from the academic institution.

According to the records of the UFL, between the years of 1974 – 2015, the university handed out 41 bachelor of the arts degrees and 84 diplomas in Myanmar language, while a total of 1,239 students successfully completed language classes.

“A diploma in Myanmar language for foreigners lasts two years, while a BA is four years in length. Myanmar language classes on the other hand ranged between basic, intermediate and advanced level and run for less than a year. Those who completed the language classes were given a course completion certificate. There are some difficulties though in teaching foreigners. In terms of how we overcome [those difficulties], we practice a visual form of teaching through prompt cards.” explained Dr. Kyi Kyi Moe, professor and head of the Myanmar language department of UFL.

As well as 173 new students enrolled in Myanmar language at the university during the year of 2015 – 2016, the total number attending the university that year, including those second and third year students, was 227. “I've come from Korea to study Myanmar language. I'm now in my third year of study. My father is also in Myanmar, doing business. That's why I want to be fluent in the language. I've also come here because I'm interested in the country,” said a third year Myanmar major student from Korea, Ma Kyay Sin May.— Myitmakha News Agency

MFFG to contribute building for MWCDF

THE Myanmar First Financial Group Co Ltd will assist the Myanmar Women and Child Development Foundation in the construction of a building for the foundation.

The agreement between MWCDF and MFFG Co Ltd was signed yesterday by a vice chairperson of MWCDF and Mr Duan Zengli, Chairman of the MFFG Co Ltd.

Also present at the signing ceremony, held at the office of MWCDF were responsible personnel of the MWCDF, the wife of the chairman of the MFFG Co Ltd and dignitaries.— Myanmar News Agency

Meeting on accommodation for new MPs held

A COORDINATION meeting on accommodation for parliamentarians to the second Parliament session was held at guest house-2 of Nay Pyi Taw Development Committee in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday, attended by Speaker of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Thura U Shwe Mann.

After hearing reports on preparatory works, the Speaker thanked officials concerned who are preparing accommodation, transportation, health and security for the new members in Parliament. Next, those present submitted reports on general matters, and the meeting came to an end with concluding remarks by the Speaker.

Also present at the meeting were Daw Aung San Suu Kyi, chairperson of Pyithu Hluttaw Rules of Law and Procedure, parliamentarians and officials.—Myanmar News Agency

Durability of scorched Mingalar Zay to be tested

THE Yangon City Development Committee (YCDC) and the Myanmar Engineers Association (MEA) will form a committee to test the durability quality of the recently blazed Mingalar Zay.

It is known, in accordance with the invitation of the YCDC, that the special cases inspection committee under the MEA will carry out the inspections on the fire damage of the Mingalar Zay market which is located in Mingalar Taung Nyunt township of Yangon. “The MEA will carry out the inspections. We will wait for [their] results and then request their advice on how to go about properly carrying out restorations. We will plan to carry out restorations as quickly as possible,” explained U San Shwe Htun, Head of the Markets Department of the YCDC.

A committee will be formed which will include the MEA and members of the YCDC's High-story Buildings Supervision and Markets Departments, while activities will be continued to be carried out to test the strength of endurance of the fire damaged market, it is known from the MEA.

U Nyan Maung San, chairperson of the special matters inspection committee under the MEA explained the aforementioned inspections will start from January 25 and last approximately one week, after which further discussions will be held to find an answer as to the best way to carry out restoration activities.

“We will start inspections after January 25. The colours show the extent of the fire damage which can be seen with one’s own eyes. We will also carry out x-rays of the concrete. We will cross check the data collected from the x-ray scans, whether the endurance of the concrete has weakened, and then make a record on the level of endurance,” he explained.

The aforementioned market caught fire in the small hours of 1:30am on 9 January, incurring damages of over 36 million kyat, according to estimates revealed by the Fire Department. But it wasn't the first time the four story building was seen ablaze, it has happened once before on 25 March, 2010 but was reopened after restorations were made.—Myitmakha News Agency