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During the call, they exchanged views on peace and stability in the post-election period, the peacemaking process in cooperation with the new government and further tasks for ensuring peace and development in the country.

Also present were Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defense Services Commander-in-Chief (Arm) Vice-Senior General Soe Win, senior military officers from the Commander-in-Chief Office, Ms Maria Elena Aguero, Deputy Secretary-General of the Club de Madrid and officials. — Myawady

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SPEAKER of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Thura U Shwe Mann received Mr. Ricardo Froilan Lagos Escobar, former Chilean President and member of World Leadership Alliance-Club de Madrid, in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

Also present at the call were U HlaMyintOo, chairman of Pyithu Hluttaw Legal Affairs and Special Cases Assessment Commission and officials of the Hluttaw Office. — Myanmar News Agency

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Pyithu Hluttaw speaker meets Indian ambassador

PYIDAUNGSU Speaker Thura U Shwe Mann met the Ambassador of India to Myanmar Mr. GautamMukhopadhaya at his office in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday morning, officials said.

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Daw Su Nyunt Oo, MW-CDF’s Central Executive Committee member, and party received Mr. Tetsuro Nonaka of the Bank and members and elaborated on the ongoing work of the federation.

Following the cash donation ceremony, the CEC member presented gifts to the delegation of the Mizuho Bank. — Myanmar News Agency

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JICA and MoE draw up 2017 - 2018 first grade curriculum

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Kindergarten will be taught with a new curriculum in this year of 2016-2017. Efforts are being made to draw up a new first grade curriculum of the coming academic year so that those current kindergarten students will be able to continue their schooling following a new curriculum.

“It’s been drawn up with the technical assistance of JICA so that those kindergarten children currently learning from the new curriculum will be able to continue following it once they reach first grade,” said Dr. Win Aung, member of the curriculum committee.

It is known from the Ministry of Education that the kindergarten curriculum took JICA, together with Myanmar education experts, roughly about three years to complete. “It’s good that the changes have been made to the curriculum to keep it up to date. However, we don’t want this curriculum just to be a trail on the students. It’s also important that it’s taught with effort. Only then will the level of education reach that of an international standard. There’s also a need for wide ranging discussions with parents,” said a mother from Yangon’s Pazundaung township. — Myitmyakha News Agency

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Senior General Min Aung Hlaing poses for documentary photo along with Mr. Ricardo Froilan Lagos Escobar, former Chilean President and member of the World Leadership Alliance-Club de Madrid. Photo: MNA

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