Modi wraps up trip

Indian PM visits religious and historic places

ON HIS FINAL day in Myanmar, Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi visited Shwedagon Pagoda, the Martyrs’ Mausoleum and Kali Bari Temple in Pabedan Township.

The prime minister visited Shwedagon in the morning and was greeted by Union Ministers for Religious Affairs and Culture Thura U Aung Ko, for Construction U Win Khaing. The head of state also met Shwedagon Pagoda’s board of trustees.

Mr. Modi, who is a Hindu, paid homage to the Shwedagon Pagoda, left flowers and candles and donated cash to the pagoda fund. The prime minister also planted a Bodhi tree in the Shwedagon compound’s western garden.

At the Martyrs’ Mausoleum, Mr. Modi laid a wreath for Bogyoke Aung San and other martyrs.

And at Kali Bari Temple in Pabedan Township, Mr. Modi offered prayers and left flowers, water and candles. After posing for photos with the temple’s board of trustees and volunteers, he visited Bogyoke Aung San Museum in Bahan Township and the Tomb of Bahadur Shah Zafar on Zewaka Road, Dagon Township.

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ARSA attacks displaced 30,200

THE terrorist group known as ARSA is to blame for the displacement of 30,200 residents of Maungtaw Township, Rakhine, according to the information committee of the government.

Due to ARSA extremist terrorists’ attacks between 25 August and 4 September on border police outposts, residents in Taungpyo Letwe, Kwunthteein, Thechaung, Meetaik and Taungpyo Letwe villages fled to border areas to take shelter.

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Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker U Win Myint met H.E. Mr. Song Tao, Central Committee of the Communist Party of China, Head of the International Liaison Department of the Communist Party of China at the office of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of China yesterday morning.

The two officials discussed cooperative efforts between their two nations.

After their meeting, H.E. Mr. Song Tao hosted a lunch in honor of the Myanmar delegation.

Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker U Win Myint is welcomed by H.E. Mr. Zhang Dejiang. PHOTO: MNA

PYITHU HLUTTAW SPEAKER U WIN MYINT MEETS CHAIRMAN OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE OF THE NATIONAL PEOPLE’S CONGRESS

Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker U Win Myint meets Chairman of the Standing Committee of the National People’s Congress Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker U Win Myint met H.E. Mr. Zhang Dejiang, Chairman of the Standing Committee of the National People’s Congress, the People’s Republic of China at the Great Hall of the People in Beijing yesterday.

The Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker and Standing Committee Chairman then held a meeting in which they discussed cooperative efforts between Myanmar and China.

After their meeting, the two officials exchanged gifts. H.E. Mr. Zhang Dejiang hosted a dinner in honor of Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker U Win Myint in the dining hall of the Great Hall of the People. Also in attendance at the dinner were Hluttaw affairs committee members Mahn Nyunt Thein, U Than Nyunt, U Khun Than Htoo, Daw Wint War Tun, U Tin Nu – also known as – U Tin Nu Aung, Myanmar Ambassador to China U Thit Lin Ohn and other Pyithu Hluttaw officials.

Homage to Buddha tooth relic stupa

Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker U Win Myint and party paid homage to Buddha tooth relic in Lingguang Temple, Beijing, People’s Republic of China yesterday morning and donated offering to Venerable Shin Chan Zang.

Afterwards they visited the ancient palace and the Great Hall of the People where officials show them around. — Myanmar News Agency

Bridges destroyed by ARSA terrorists repaired

On Wednesday morning, a group comprised of state and regional road and transport officials formed by the Rakhaing State government inspected roads and bridges along 44 miles of the Maungtaw-Kyikanyppin-Kyeinchaung-Aungthapyay and Bandoola roads that were destroyed by the Arakan Rohingya Salvation Army (ARSA) extremist terrorists and began emergency repairs.

“Roads and bridges destroyed by terrorists will be repaired by 10 September. Repair of the Arzanbaw bridge and Letyachauk bridges are underway. Roads damaged by rain will also be repaired urgently”, said Maungtaw District Assistant Director (Civil) U Zaw Min.

According to the state road department ARSA extremists destroyed the Wethyin Bridge and the Padaka Dewanali bridges 1 and 2, the Laungbote Bridge, the Letyachauk Bridge and the Arzanbaw Bridge on the Maungtaw-Kyikanyppin-Kyeinchaung-Aungthapyay and Bandoola roads.

“Security is important in rebuilding the destroyed bridges. It is dangerous with terrorists still active. Only with tight security near the workers can the bridge rebuilding work be done” added U Zaw Min.

Departmental officials of the Maungtaw region road transport improvement implementation committee inspected the 49 mile-long Maungtaw-Kanyintan-Alethan-kyaw-Thawinchaung and Angum roads on 3 September and found the road to be in good condition. — Myanmar News Agency

ASEM Senior Officials’ Meeting and related Meetings continue

The Opening Ceremony of the Asia-Europe Meeting Senior Official’s Meeting (ASEM SOM) was held yesterday morning at MICC-1 in Nay Pyi Taw.

Myanmar ASEM SOM Leader, U Kyaw Zeya, Permanent Secretary of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar delivered welcome remarks at the Opening Ceremony of ASEM SOM.

In his opening remarks, Myanmar ASEM SOM leader highlighted the fact that last year marked the 20 years of cooperation among ASEM partners and expressed pleasure as ASEM partners continues to maintain the ASEM fine tradition of close partnership well into the third decade.

He said “Strengthening Partnership for Peace and Sustainable Development” as peace and sustainable development are not only pertinent to Myanmar but they are also of crucial importance to nations all over the world. Peace and development can only be achieved by collective efforts and enhanced partnerships.

The Sub-group Meetings of the ASEM Senior Officials’ Meeting were held at MICC-1 Nay Pyi Taw, in the morning. Myanmar ASEM SOM Leader, U Kyaw Zeya charied ASEAN and Asian Sub-group meetings.

U Kyaw Tin, Minister of State for Foreign Affairs attended the Officials Dinner as guest of honour given by Myanmar ASEM SOM Leader at the Thin-galar Hotel.

Delegations from the ASEM Member States comprising 51 Asian and European countries, ASEAN secretariat, European Union and Asia-Europe Union and Asia–Europe Foundation are attending the ASEM SOM meetings and related Meetings held in Nay Pyi Taw.—Myanmar News Agency

PHOTO: MNA

Workers repair the bridge destroyed by ARSA extremist terrorists. PHOTO: MNA

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The prime minister depart- ed Myanmar from Yangon Inter- national Airport, where he was seen off by Union Minister U Win Myat, Yangon Region Chief Minister U Phyo Min Thein, the Indian ambassador to Myanmar and other officials.

State Counsellor welcomes Indian PM at Bogyoke Aung San Museum
On the last day of a two-day visit to Myanmar, Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi was met at the Bogyoke Aung San Museum, yesterday, by State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi.

“I thank Daw Aung San Suu Kyi for the special gesture of showing me around the Bogyoke Aung San Museum. Paid tributes to General Aung San,” Modi tweeted.
At the visit, he signed the museum guest book and posed for a photo with the State Counsellor. Bogyoke Aung San Museum is the former residence of Bogyoke Aung San, architect of Myanmar Independence.— Myanmar News Agency

Gov't officials meet locals in Maungtaw

U Nyi Pu, Rakhine State Chief Minister, U Khin Maung Tin, Deputy Minister for the Ministry of the State Counsellor’s Office and responsible officials from the Multi-Religions Friendship Association went to Maungtaw region yesterday, near where extremists from the Arakan Rohingya Salvation Army (ARSA) committed terrorist attacks, which has been described as a terrorist group, and met with local people.
The officials arrived at the office of Yathedaung township general administration, meeting local nationals and followers of Hinduism and Islam to ask their opinion of the terrorist attacks.

Following that, the officials went to Maungtaw, meeting Colonel Phone Tin, State Security and Border Affairs Minister, U Ye Htut, district administrator; departmental heads, town-eiders, local nationals as well as Christian, Hindu and Islamic residents.

In the meeting, Chief Minister said, “Union Government and State Cabinet are dealing with the Maungtaw region is not only the affair of Rakhine State, but also a national affair, so it is being deeply and soberly dealt with. Now is the time for us to build peace and stability in the nation. It is firmly believed that the Union Government, State Cabinet and all the responsible officials are essential to cooperate in unity so that the future will become the best.”
U Khin Maung Tin, Deputy Minister for the Ministry of the State Counsellor’s Office, said that the officials came here for the multi-religions friendship association to be well convinced of the actual situations on the ground and to make people from home and abroad know more about the situation.
The officials then went to Butidaung, meeting with local nationals and followers from different religions at the office of the township general administration department.

According to the statistics collected as of 4 September, 59 villages and 6,842 houses were burnt down, an estimated loss of Ks600 million. It is learnt that 6,158 families consisting of 26,747 people were displaced.—Myan-

Meeting to support and assist Rakhine State

UNION Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettle- ment Dr Win Myat Aye led officials from the Red Cross in a coordination meeting at the ministry office yesterday afternoon to support and assist people affected by the terrorist actions of the Arakan Rohingya Salvation Army (ARSA).
The Union Minister said the government will lead and cooperate with the Red Cross for support and assistance to quickly reach people who were displaced by the recent events in Maungtaw.

In the meeting, matters relating to providing secu- rity for Red Cross volunteers, non-duplication of cash transfers & relief assistance beneficiaries, setting up time frames for daily programmes, and cooperating in psychological social support work processes were discussed.
—Myanmar News Agency
More than 3,000 ancient monuments inventoried in Bagan

File photo shows the aerial view of Bagan, Mandalay Region. PHOTO: PHOE KHWAR

The Association of Myanmar Architects (AMA) announced there are a total of 3,822 monuments in the ancient site of Bagan archaeological zone, according to a report in the City News Daily yesterday.

The AMA has decided to conduct an inventory of ancient monuments after an earthquake shook Bagan on 24 August 2016. “The reason why we did the record as soon as possible is to know the real number of monuments after earthquake has destroyed the monuments,” said U Maw Lin, the vice chairman of the AMA. “The record will be very useful. The record can also determine if the monuments are original designs or not.”

The last inventory was conducted by French architect Pierre Fichard from UNESCO between 1982 and 1991. He listed 2,834 monuments.

AMA recorded 3,699 monuments in the ancient area and the Department of Archaeology, National Museum and Library also recorded an additional 123 monuments omitted by AMA.

Recently, Myanmar’s Culture Ministry banned visitors from climbing ancient pagodas to protect the structures in its bid to acquire a designation as a UNESCO World Heritage Site for Bagan by 2019.—City News

MCRB releases anti-discrimination briefing paper

By May Thet Hnin

THE Myanmar Centre for Responsible Business (MCRB) issued a briefing paper urging local and foreign entrepreneurs to fight employment discrimination against women, lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender people, people infected with HIV, disabled people and ethnic and religious minorities.

The paper named “Combatting Discrimination by Business in Myanmar” includes chapters on each form of discrimination and recommendations to promote equality in workplaces.

MCRB is an initiative of the Myanmar Centre for Responsible Business Convention to be held in Yangon

Chinese Entrepreneurs Convention will come to Yangon’s Myanmar Convention Center between 15 and 18 September, according to a report in the Myawady Daily yesterday. About 2,000 Chinese entrepreneurs from around the world will participate in the event. The convention will be held under the theme: “An Opening Economy in Myanmar: A New Epoch in History”.

Discussions will explore opportunities for Chinese businesspeople to jointly participate in the development of Myanmar and the region under ASEAN and the “One Belt One Road” program. The World Chinese Entrepreneurs Convention, held every other year, is among the largest events for global Chinese business community.Previously conventions were held in Hong Kong, China, Thailand, Canada, Australia, Malaysia, South Korea and Indonesia.—GNLM
Myanmar coffee exports are increasingly popular

Myanmar coffee exported approximately 100 tons of coffee beans to the United States, Japan, Switzerland, England, Iceland, Australia, Dubai, Hong Kong, Russia, the Netherlands and other export markets, at the price of US$4,900 to $7,000 per ton depending on quality, according to yesterday’s report of Myanmar Daily. At present, coffee growers are seeking Good Agricultural Practice (GAP) certificates to certify their crops’ quality and sustainable cultivation practices.

The Agricultural Department will go on a study tour to grant this certificate this year. Only coffee growers who conform to 16 conditions set for GAP will be certified. GAP criteria are set relative to market conditions in the cultivating nation, ASEAN standards and World GAP rules. GAP standards, including food safety requirements and environmental protection, have been disseminated to Myanmar coffee producers, said an official from coffee research team. —GNLM

ASEAN “The Legacy Award” conferred on KBZ’s Chairman

U Aung Ko Win, who founded the Kanawuz (KBZ) Group of Companies in 1994, one of the largest privately owned diversified group of companies in Myanmar, was awarded with the ASEAN’s The Legacy Award conferred on by the ASEAN Business Advisory Council-ABAC.

He, along with eight other renowned business leaders from ASEAN members states, was recognized at the 10th ASEAN Business Awards-ABA for their enterprises’ contribution to the region on Wednesday in Manila, the Philippines, by Mr Rodrigo Duterte, President of the Philippines.

Legacy Awardees were given distinctions for their commitment to growth, genuine development, and excellence in their national economies which significantly contributes to the ASEAN Community.

The award also marks the 50th anniversary of ASEAN.

More than 900 guests attended the APA Gala Night and 400 delegates mainly from the ASEAN region.—Thura Lwin-Eco

Thailand-Myanmar trade worth US$1 billion this FY

TRADE with Thailand led among Myanmar’s ASEAN trade partners at the end of June, with deals estimated at US$1 billion. Singapore followed Thailand with trade worth US$801 million.

Total ASEAN trade was worth $2.6 billion in the first three months of this fiscal year, including exports worth $892 million and imports worth $1.6 billion, according to the Ministry of Commerce. Bilateral trade value between Thailand and Myanmar was about $4.27 billion in FY2016-17, $4.86 billion in FY2015-16, $5.71 billion in FY2014-2015, $5.66 billion in FY2013-2014, $4.69 billion in FY2012-2013 and $4.51 billion in FY2011-2012. Between 1 April and 25 August, Thailand and Myanmar did border trade worth $484 million, which was about $17 million less than the same period last year.

Trade values were $28.7 million at Tachileik checkpoint, $331 million at Myawady, $56 million at Kawthoung, $64 million at Myeik, $2.4 million at Hteekee, $2 million at Mawtaung and $240 million at Maese. — Ko Htet

U Aung Ko Win (2nd from Right) accepts the Legacy Award presented by President of the Philippines Mr Duterte. PHOTO: SUPPLIED
Technology, trained workers needed in fishery sector

By Ko Moe

Q: Could you tell us a bit about the fishery sector?
A: Our fishery sector is facing some difficulties right now. Raw fish and prawns are scarce and we are not technically improved to produce high value commodities.

It’s difficult to breed healthy prawns and fish that are free from diseases. When Cyclone Nargis came in May 2008, many prawn and fish breeders lost all their hatcheries and were unable to pay back their loans from the bank. Many of them are still unable to restart their businesses but they are trying.

Q: Can you tell us the strengths and weaknesses of Myanmar fisheries competing in the EU and other international markets?
A: One of our strengths is being free from import tax since receiving the GSP (Generalized Scheme of Preferences). A weakness of ours is lacking the proper infrastructure to meet the standards of the EU when exporting into their market because although they pay a high price, their demands are also many. For example, many of our factories can’t meet the food safety standards they demand. This is because even the EU and the US imposed sanctions on Myanmar; our main export market was China and our other neighboring countries however, we only exported them as raw materials and for a long time we did not focus on producing high quality commodities. So even though there is a demand for high quality goods, our factories are not ready to produce them yet.

Q: Can you give some comments on the traditional fisheries still in the industry?
A: The traditional fisheries in the country breed small amounts of fish using big ponds so they can’t produce at full capacity. However there are plans to upgrade fisheries to breed large amounts of fish in compact spaces using modern technology. The fishery sector is also not receiving much foreign investment and we are still using traditional methods of breeding that typically take a long time. For example, we used to extract oil by pounding the materials in a mortar but now it’s all done by machines.

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A: Currently the production rate for prawn and fish is low and we can’t get sufficient raw materials. Not enough raw materials mean we can’t meet the market demands. There is also not enough quantity to export into the new global markets. Take the hilsa fish (also known as the five spot herring) as an example. We used to be able to produce large sized hilsa but now we can only produce small sized ones. Freshwater prawns are rarely bred now and most of the fish bred in hatcheries take a long time to mature and fetch a low price as well.

Another difficulty is a lack of capable workers. Now there are many Burmese migrant workers who returned from Thailand when the new laws were passed. They have been trained in the fishery sector over there and if we can provide them with reasonable pay then we’ll be able to solve our problem of insufficient workers.

In the past there used to be training courses provided by the Institute of Fisheries Technology for quality control, production, fishing and so on but they were closed down due to various reasons. But now we are collaborating with international agencies to reopen these courses. We need to push university and vocational training schools to focus on the fishery sector to promote it.

Q: What are some of the things being done to penetrate into the global market?
A: As I’ve said, because of the sanctions we were cut off from the global market for many years so there are some difficulties. We need to connect with international agencies and participate in international exhibitions. We were able to participate in the 2017 Seafood Expo Global in Brussels in Belgium. We also enter an expo in Boston in the US and another in Shanghai in China every year to enter into the global market. We try to get the international community to recognize Myanmar’s brand of fishery products.

Q: What are some plans to raise the fishery sector to higher standards?
A: To get a sufficient amount of the much needed raw materials, the Myanmar Fisheries Department bans fishing during the breeding season and will gradually reduce the percentage of fishing each year. We now see the results of these practices as prawns and fish become more common. But we will have to wait and see if the short breeding period and we need to produce high-value commodities from the short supply of raw materials we have. The fishery sector has 117 factories which include 20 approved by the EU but only 5 of those can produce value added products. How will you attract FDI into the fishery sector?
A: We need laws that will draw in FDI and there needs to be a win-win situation for foreign investors too.

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A: First we need to make sure there are no shortages of raw materials. For example, Thailand and Vietnam import their raw materials for production. We also need to use the Cut-Make-Pack (CMP) model when we export. We also need to start the breeding of high-value prawns and fish that only require a short breeding period and we need to produce high-value commodities from the short supply of raw materials we have. The fishery sector has 117 factories which include 20 approved by the EU but only 5 of those can produce value added products.

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POPE TO URGE COLOMBIANS TO COME TOGETHER AROUND PEACE DEAL

BOGOTA — Pope Francis will use his first full day in Colombia to send a message of unity, planting a tree of peace and saying a Mass to preach reconciliation in a nation bitterly divided after five decades of war.

Francis received a tumultuous welcome on Wednesday afternoon. Screaming crowds mobbed the popemobile carrying the leader of the world’s 1.2 billion Roman Catholics as it made its way slowly from the airport to the Vatican Embassy in central Bogota. Faithful threw flowers and held up children to be kissed.

“Don’t let anyone steal your happiness, don’t let anyone steal your hope,” Francis told young people outside the embassy, his residence during the trip.

Francis, making his 20th foreign trip since becoming pontiff in 2013 and his fifth to his native Latin America, will spend all of 2017 touring 13 countries as it makes its way through Latin America, will spend all of 2017 touring 13 countries. During his stay in Bogota, Francis will visit the colonial-era cathedral to pray before a painting of Our Lady of Chiquinquira, the patron saint of overwhelming Catholic Colombia. The afternoon Mass in the capital’s sprawling Simon Bolivar Park is expected to draw more than a million people. Former fighters from the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia, or FARC, now a civilian political party, hope to use words instead of weapons to change Colombia.

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Teenage suicide bomber surrenders in eastern Afghan province

JALALABAD, (Afghanistan) — A teenager would-be suicide bomber has surrendered to police in eastern Afghan province of Nangarhar; the provincial governor office said in a statement Thursday.

“The 17-year-old Noor Aqa, who was lured by his father and brother to launch suicide attack on the government forces, has surrendered himself to police in Bati Kot district, but declined to carry out a suicide attack against security forces,” said the statement.

Afghan officials blame Taliban militants for encouraging children to take part in fight against government security forces and foreign troops stationed in the country.

According to the statement, father and brother of the boy are active members of the Taliban militant group.

Last year, a 12-year-old suicide bomber handed himself over to the Afghan security forces in the same province after changing his mind about carrying out a planned attack.

Damaged US destroyer to be transported to Yokosuka in Sept

YOKOSUKA, (Japan) — The US Navy said Wednesday it will transport the damaged guided-missile destroyer USS John S. McCain to its home base in Yokosuka later this month in the wake of its collision with an oil tanker east of the Strait of Malacca.

The ship will be carried by a heavy lift vessel from the Changi naval base in Singapore to the US Navy’s ship repair facility in the eastern Japanese city near Tokyo. The extent of damage to the destroyer, which collided with the tanker on 21 August resulting in the death of 10 crew members, will be checked at Yokosuka and repairs carried out.

— Kyodo News

AU, UN to convene joint peace and security meeting in Ethiopia’s capital

ADDIS ABABA — The African Union Peace and Security Council (AUPSC) and the United Nations Security Council (UNSC) will hold their 11th joint consultative meeting on Friday at the AU Headquarters in Ethiopia’s capital Addis Ababa.

The meeting will deliberate on peace and security situations in Africa, particularly on the situations in Somalia, South Sudan and the Lake Chad Basin.

The meeting will be preceded by informal consultations on Thursday, which focuses on the partnership between the AU and the UN, funding for AU peace and security activities, and post-conflict peace building.

The UNSC members on Wednesday arrived in Addis Ababa, capital of the East African country, which co-chairs the meeting together with Botswana, chair of the AUPSC for the Month.

Head of Ethiopian Mission to the UN and President of UNSC for the Month of September, Tekeda Aleme, said the consultative meeting would further strengthen and deepen the cooperation between the two organisations.

The meeting is also expected to discuss ways to further strengthen financial support to peace keeping operations.

— Xinhua
Deepening Myanmar-India Friendship

By Maw Lin

Human resource development and high capacity of the people working in various fields of national economy are crucial factors in carrying out the development works of the country. Due to the historical background of the country, the international assistance are needed for the human resource development in Myanmar. It is a heartening news to welcome that India is enthusiastically rendering helps for human resource development of Myanmar.

India had already assisted Myanmar in setting up two Industrial Training Centers in Myingyan and Pakokku. Basing on the positive experience gained from the Industrial Training Centers of Myingyan and Pakokku, India has decided to extend their help and made a pledge to give two more industrial centers in Monywa and Thaton. The pledge is to be welcomed as it supports in boosting the industrial technology of people in Myanmar. The program to build a planetarium in Myanmar under the assistance of India is to be highly appreciated as it can help nurture scientific temper among Myanmar youth. As two-third of the population of Myanmar has depended on the agricultural business, to promote the agricultural science and technique is seriously needed. It is to honour the India assistance for rapid progress in operationalizing the Advanced Center for Agricultural Research and Education set up at the Yezin Agricultural University and assistance given to Rice Bio park established at the Department of Agricultural Research is also an important one as Myanmar is an agricultural country.

The high-level skill in Information Technology is also essential and basic requirement for the all round development of Myanmar. The decision to extend the period of support to the Myanmar Institute of Information Technology and the India-Myanmar Center for Enhancement of IT skills is also to be welcomed with great appreciation. The agreement to render regular training to Myanmar diplomats at the Foreign Service Institute, New Delhi is also a step to further strengthen the bilateral friendship between Myanmar and India. The offer to train 150 Myanmar Civil Servants in English Language at Indian training institutes every tear for a period of 5 consecutive years is also to be highly appreciated as it will boost the capacity of service personnel. It is also a welcoming program to upgrade Women’s Police Training Center at Yameinth and to open a new training center for police officers as it can promote the rule of law in Myanmar.

In conclusion, Indian assistance to Myanmar is to be welcomed and appreciated as it tremendously supports the human resource development of Myanmar.

(Translated by Khin Maung Win)

On International Literacy Day, 2017, Remember that Literacy is the first priority

Maung Mye Moe

Every year on September 8, nations of the world join together to express their determination that literacy is the first priority for all people since 1966. In Myanmar, International Literacy Day celebration is held on every day of the year, as we have been devoted as we recognize the literacy practices from around the world in connection with this year’s theme: Literacy in a digital world and as a key target in Sustainable Development Goal 4. The SDG target we all have already set up is, by 2030, to ensure that all youth and a sustainable proportion of adults, both men and women achieve literacy and numeracy.

We all fully accept that literacy not only assists individuals to improve themselves socially and economically and allow them to realize their full potential, but it also helps whole communities to achieve multi-dimensional development goals. Literacy alone can provide access to much of the accumulated knowledge of mankind and eradicate ignorance, mistrust, prejudice, misunderstanding, egotism and lack of interaction which together are causing a lot of tensions, unhappiness and conflict in many regions of the world. Only literacy can help develop critical thinking skills which is the one of 21st century education goals. Literacy can also have much impact on our daily lives as it creates access to knowledge and information on life skills and social and economic development such as, healthy living, social skills, principles of democracy, human right and conservation of environment, etc. Moreover, a literate person is more likely to value education and it can accelerate the learning generations to grow up.

Literacy is the ability to read, view, write, design, speak and listen in a way that allows you to communicate effectively. The power of literacy lies not just in the ability to read and write, but rather in a person’s capacity to apply these skills to effectively connect, interpret and discern the intricacies of the world in which they have.

Literacy data published by UNESCO displays that since 1950, the adult literacy rate at the world level has increased by 5 percentage points every decade on average, from 35.7 per cent in 1950 to 68.2 per cent in 2015. However, for four decades, the population growth was so rapid that the number of illiterate adults kept increasing, rising from 700 million in 1950 to 878 million in 1990. Since then, the number has fallen markedly to 745 million in 2015, although it remains higher than 1950 despite decades of universal education policies, literacy interventions and spread of print material and information and communications technology (ICT). However, these trends have been far from uniform across regions. In Myanmar, according to 2014 Census, 2.7 million learners (aged five to sixteen years) have either never enrolled in school or have dropped out of the formal education system, and an estimated 3.5 million adults (over the age of 15) are illiterate. In order to meet the needs of all learners, the Department of Alternative Education (DAE) has been formed under the Ministry of Education since September, 2016. From the establishment of the new department of Alternative Education (DAE) basic literacy programmes are implemented at Kayah, Shan and Rakhine States. The DAE department is also providing non-formal education to the learners (over the age of 10) in 81townships.

Alternative education system in its flexibility can accommodate the needs of different groups of learners with restricted access to formal schooling which relevant to their situations. Alternative education system has multiple pathways of learning and each has their own objectives. Alternative education include a range of non-formal learning opportunities, including equivalency programmes which provide condensed version of what is learning in the formal education system, basic and functional literacy programmes which aim at children and youth, basic vocational skills for learner to have more earning quality and life-long learning opportunity programmes. During the last two decades, the learner’s literacy repertoire extend beyond the traditional pillars of reading, comprehension, grammar and writing to include digital and interactive applications. Today’s learners are facing with a myriad of traditional and digital literacies so it is so important that they can develop the skills to effectively navigate and decipher the constant information streams that surrounds them.

Today, many children are being classed as ‘digital natives’ – just as comfortable online as they are offline. The effective use of ICT enables endless educational possibilities, with constantly evolving information streams. However, the vastness of the internet can be a hindrance to those children who cannot effectively assess very carefully in order to decide what is important. Strong Literacy skills are a key tool used when children know, understand and interpret information.

Let’s find the ways to support the literacy development of our children studies have shown that children’s motivation and achievement improve when their parents are involved in their education. There are many everyday things the parents and teachers can do to encourage literacy learning. These include –

- Sharing your knowledge and explaining how you use literacy in your everyday life.
- Encouraging the children to read and view a variety of texts such as newspapers, novels, magazines, websites, etc.
- Talking about things you have read or viewed which are amusing, interesting or knowledgeable.
- Discussing favorite authors, directors or illustrators and what you like about them.
- Playing games that develop knowledge and enjoyment of words.
- Making use of school libraries, communities learning centres and resource centres.

It is remarkable that illiteracy is declining in Myanmar; just as in many parts of the world. Not only schools, universities, and education institutions, but also non-formal, and adult literacy centres are vital providers of literacy and these will sustain literacy skills as well as other community development activities. With greater participation, enthusiasm and commitment from the community, it is hoped that Myanmar will definitely gain the further progress in its efforts to bring universal literacy to its citizens.
Local, foreign independent journalists report from Maungtaw

A group of independent journalists including local and foreign media yesterday talked to people of the Islamic faith at a Bengali Market, Ka Nyin Tan Ward in Maungtaw Township, Rakhine State yesterday morning to gather the information regarding the activities of the Arakan Rohingya Salvation Army (ARSA) extremist terrorists.

The media group then went to Maw Ya Wati Village, where they interviewed village elder U San Hla Phyu and other residents.

The journalists also took photos of damage by fires in Maung Tha Liar and Zay Gone Than villages of Aale Than Kyaw village tract, Maungtaw Township and interviewed officials of border security police outposts, which defended against the ARSA extremist terrorist attacks on 25 August that killed over 70 people and forced thousands to flee.

Photos of the damages due to fire in upper Kan Paung Gyi and Kan Bu villages and Gaw Du Thar Ya village were also taken while media group was gathering information in Gaw Du Thar Ya village, around four or five ethnic people were found and media group reported to officials of Maungtaw District General Administration Department and the security forces after being informed of the news made a search for the suspicious men. Then, the media group took photos of constructed fence near No.1 inspection gate at Myoma west ward of Maungtaw between Myanamar and Bangladesh border.

New coaches for circular train to arrive in 2020

By Ko Moe

According to Myanmar Railways and the Ministry of Transport and Communication, 18 Diesel Electric Multiple Units (DEMU) train coaches ordered from Japan will arrive in Yangon in September 2020.

The new coaches — 66 units in all, were bought using a loan from the Japanese government, to be used in the Yangon circular train line and other places in need. Japanese loans amounting to US$206.53 million will be used for the purchase of the 66 coaches and for installing advanced signal systems at 23 level crossings along the circular train route, according to Myanmar Railway.

“Trains ordered from Japan will arrive here in two batches. Eighteen coaches will arrive in the first batch in September 2020, with the remaining units to arrive in 2021. Moreover, works for upgrading level crossings along the circular railways will be implemented using the loan from the Japanese government, with the aid of Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA),” said U Ba Myint, Senior General Manager of Myanmar Railways.

Myanmar Railways will carry out the project of upgrading the Yangon Circular Train Rails by investing $300 million in order to provide a more convenient, safer and better traveling experience very soon, it was learnt. The Yangon Circular Train route is over 46 kilometers, with 38 railway stations. Myanmar Railways runs trains in 25 shifts daily.

ARSA attacks displaced 30,200

Currently, a total of 30,200 people are camped along the Myanmar side of the border, including 1,200 people who are camped along the border between milestones 31 and 32, 11,000 between milestones 32 and 33 and 18,000 between milestones 34 and 35, according to the information office. On Wednesday, a homemade gun and an improvised explosive manufactured by ARSA was discovered by villagers, who were crossing a sugar-cane field in Aung Mingalar Village, Maungtaw. Upon learning of the discovery, police secured the weapons.

Home-made mines found in Taunggyi

Acting on a tip-off, police from Taunggyi, accompanied by the ward administrator, searched Nul Armin, also known as Aung Min, 44, at about 10:30 am yesterday and discovered equipment that appeared to be three home-made mines of varying sizes made of a mini-gas boxes. One of the home-made bombs had a bamboo stick fastened to it, police said. In addition, one decapitated Buddha statue measuring one-inch in height, along with pieces of lead and iron were found.

Under investigation, it was learnt that the man seized with the weapons suffered a head injury in a motorcycle accident over two years ago. The accident caused him to suffer from mental episodes, authorities said. Nul Armin, the son of Nul Din, also known as U Maung Maung of Kone Thar Kyauk Lane, Myawa Ward, in Taunggyi township, remains hospitalised at the Sao San Tun hospital in Taunggyi and is being kept under the close watch.

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May calls on MPs to back bill, move closer to Brexit

LONDON — British Prime Minister Theresa May called on parliament to support legislation to sever political, financial and legal ties with the European Union, a step towards Brexit the opposition says it will challenge.

The repeal bill, or EU withdrawal bill, is central to the government’s plan to exit the bloc in 2019, untangling Britain from more than 40 years of EU law and repealing the treaty that first made Britain a member in 1972.

On Thursday, parliament will start debating the “main principles” of the bill, which seeks largely to copy and paste EU law into British legislation. Lawmakers will vote on Monday on whether the bill can move on to the next part of its long legislative journey, when it could be amended.

Its safe passage through parliament is especially important for a government that has been criticised in Brussels over its Brexit strategy and after a series of leaks, one of a letter to companies asking them to support Britain’s plans.

“The repeal bill helps deliver the outcome the British people voted for by ending the role of the EU in UK law, but it’s also the single most important step we can take to prevent a cliff-edge for people and businesses, because it provides legal certainty,” May said in a statement.

“We’ve made time for proper parliamentary scrutiny of Brexit legislation, and I look forward to the contributions of MPs (lawmakers) from across the House (of Commons). But that contribution should fit with our shared aim: to help get the best Brexit for Britain.”

Her Brexit minister, David Davis, also urged lawmakers to speak out if they felt that any rights were not carried forward into British law by the bill, a challenge to the main opposition Labour Party which has said it cannot support the legislation without it being amended to better protect workers’ rights.

Monday’s vote will be a test of May’s deal with a small Northern Irish Party to shore up the majority that she lost in an election she did not have to call in June. Labour would need to convince EU supporters in May’s Conservatives to side with them to vote down the bill.

Some more vocal pro-EU lawmakers in the Conservative Party have now said they will vote with the government after asking for reassurance that parliament will be able to scrutinise any changes to the law.

“We are not rejecting EU law, but embracing the work done between member states in over forty years of membership and using that solid foundation to build on in the future, once we return to being masters of our own laws,” Davis said.

“I hope everyone in this House recognises this bill’s essential nature — it is the foundation upon which we will legislate for years to come — and I look forward to working with the whole House to deliver the bill,” he said in a statement.

But Chris Leslie, a pro-EU campaigner and Labour lawmaker, questioned whether parliament could trust May and Davis.

“The bill will give the executive unparalleled powers to change laws that affect the lives and rights of the British people by the stroke of a ministerial pen,” he said.

“For Theresa May and David Davis to ask us to just trust them isn’t good enough. I urge MPs from all parties to vote down this shambles of a bill.” —Reuters

Germans most afraid of terrorism, secure about finances

BERLIN — Fear of terrorism, political extremism and social tension due to mass migration are Germans’ top concerns as they prepare to vote in a federal election, a survey showed on Thursday.

Worries about jobs and the economy have meanwhile fallen to record lows, according to the annual study by insurer R+V.

Having presided over an economic upswing that has boosted wages and created jobs, Chancellor Angela Merkel is widely expected to win a fourth term in the 24 September election.

Some voters from her conservative alliance have however defected to the anti-immigrant Alternative for Germany (AfD) over her decision in 2015 to open Germany’s borders to hundreds of thousands of refugees fleeing war in Syria and Iraq.

The R+V study showed terrorism remained the top fear, worrying 71 per cent of Germans compared to 73 per cent last year. Security officials have said the country should brace for further violence by Islamist militants after it was hit by five attacks in 2016, including one in December on a Berlin Christmas market that killed 12 people.

“The fear of terrorist attacks is clearly in first place and is at one of the highest levels that has ever been measured,” said Brigitte Roemstedt, who heads the R+V Info Centre that surveyed around 2,400 Germans.

Political extremism was the second biggest worry, troubling 62 per cent of Germans compared with 68 per cent last year, while 61 per cent fear that immigration could provoke social tension, down from 67 per cent.

R+V said fear of unemployment and a poor economic situation were at record lows, while concerns about natural disasters and contaminated food had increased.—Reuters

Malaysia says foils hijacking of Thai tanker, 10 pirates arrested

KUALA LUMPUR — Malaysian authorities thwarted the hijacking of a Thai oil tanker on Thursday and arrested 10 suspected Indonesian pirates on board the ship, a maritime security agency commander said.

A special team from the Malaysian Maritime Enforcement Agency (MMEA) stormed the MT Tanker MGTL off the coast of the northeastern state of Terengganu, nearly 10 hours after it was reported missing on Wednesday.—Reuters

Hong Kong Customs combats counterfeit medicines

HONG KONG — Hong Kong Customs conducted an anti-counterfeit medicines operation on 5 September to 6 September and smashed a syndicate suspected of storing and supplying counterfeit medicines and controlled pharmaceutical products.

Fourteen persons were arrested in the operation which was conducted in Tsing Yi, Kwai Chung, Hung Hom and Wong Tai Sin.

About 2,700 pills of suspected counterfeit medicines and 92,000 pills of suspected controlled medicines were seized with an estimated market value of about 2.05 million Hong Kong dollars (262,215.55 US dollars).—Xinhua

Philippine army says two Indonesians rescued from Abu Sayyaf captors

MANILA — Philippine soldiers rescued two Indonesian hostages on Thursday after a firefight that killed five of their Islamist militant captors on a southern island, an army commander said.

Five soldiers were also wounded in the encounter with about 20 members of the Abu Sayyaf group on its stronghold of Jolo in the country’s Sulu region, Brigadier-General Carlito Sobejana told reporters. —Reuters
French make third arrest in terrorism probe after explosives find

PARIS — French police are questioning three people after a raid where explosive materials were found at a flat near Paris, Interior Minister Gerard Collomb said on Thursday.

Materials used to produce TATP, an explosive often used by suicide bombers, were found at the flat in Villejuif on the southern rim of the French capital that killed 257 people in 1993. Investigators had a plumber contacted police to report suspect activity there.

A third person has been arrested after two were apprehended after the raid, said Collomb, who added that the suspects were being questioned on suspicion of terrorist activity despite talking of a bank heist.

“Those under investigation spoke of wanting to blow up a bank with the TATP but they way we see it is they have links with terrorism, and this is the channel of investigation,” Collomb told public radio station Franceinfo.

That line of inquiry was prompted by information found in telephone communications after the raid, he added.

More than 230 people have been killed by Islamist-inspired attackers in the past three years in France, which along with the United States and other countries are bombing Islamic State bases in Iraq and Syria. TATP, an unstable explosive, has been used by militants in several attacks in recent years, including Manchester in May, Brussels in 2016 and Paris in 2015. — Reuters

MSDF says helicopter crash in sea caused by human error

TOKYO — The Maritime Self-Defense Force said Thursday a recent helicopter crash off the coast of northeastern Japan in which three of the four crewmen remain missing was caused by human error.

The helicopter plunged into the Sea of Japan off Aomori Prefecture on 26 August while crew members were trying to fix an error with the bearing indicators’ reading, according to the MSDF’s investigation report. The MSDF reached the conclusion based on data from the flight recorder as well as testimony by the rescued crew member. — Kyodo News

Key to Korean Peninsula issue is sanctions and dialogue: Chinese FM

BEIJING — Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi said Thursday that the key to solving the nuclear issue on the Korean Peninsula is both sanctions and dialogue. Wang made the remarks during a press conference after a meeting with visiting Nepalese Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Krishna Bahadur Mahara.

He said China strongly opposes the nuclear test made by the Democratic People’s Republic of Korea (DPRK), which he said violated UN Security Council resolutions.

Wang said China supports further moves made by the UN Security Council on the issue, and China will maintain close coordination with related parties on the basis of objectiveness and fairness.

Sanctions are only one half of the key to solving the nuclear issue on the Korean Peninsula, and the other half is dialogue, he said, adding that sanctions and dialogue should work together to solve the issue.

He called on the international community to push for the restarting of dialogue and expected all the members of the UN Security Council to maintain unity to reach consensus and send a concerted message on the issue. — Xinhua

Indian court jails Mumbai 1993 blasts convict for life

MUMBAI — A court on Thursday jailed for life Abu Salem, convicted of involvement in India’s most deadly bombings, a series of blasts in the financial capital that killed 257 people in 1993, television channels said.

The fate of the other four men found guilty of the blasts along with Abu Salem, a prominent member of the group that planned the attack, was not immediately known.

In June, a court had ruled six men, including Abu Salem, guilty of involvement in the blasts that shook Mumbai more than two decades ago, but one died in prison before sentencing.

Investigators had said the bombs were ordered by India’s most wanted man, gangster Dawood Ibrahim, to avenge the demolition of the historic Babri mosque in north India by Hindu hardliners in 1992, during a period of religious conflict. — Reuters

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Reference is made to the Notice Inviting Objections to Change of Distributor of DuPont Company (Singapore) Pte Ltd published on page 13 of the Global New Light of Myanmar on 28 August 2017. DuPont Company (Singapore) Pte Ltd hereby informs members of the trade and public that the correct trade name of item No. 2 should read as DuPont™ Curzate M® 8 instead of DuPont™ Curzate M® 7.

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Dated: 8th September 2017.

In the matter of the Myanmar Companies Act and

MYANMAR VES JOINT VENTURE COMPANY LIMITED
[UNDER SECTIONS 203 & 206 (1)]

The Extraordinary General Meeting of Myanmar VES Joint Venture Company Limited duly held and convened on 31-8-2017, at 10:00 a.m at No. 66, Kabaraye Pagoda Road, Mayangone Township, Yangon Region, the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, the following special resolutions were passed.

SPECIAL RESOLUTIONS

(1) Resolved that the Company be and is hereby wound up voluntarily under Members’ Voluntary Winding up.

(2) Resolved that U Moek Kyaw (B.Com, C.P.A, D.B.L, ACCA), holder of Citizenship Scrutiny Card No. 12: Ou Ka Ma (Naing)-056566, Managing Director of Win Thin & Associates Limited, located at Room No. (2B & 2C), Rose Condominium, No. 182/194, 1st Floor, Botataung Pagoda Road, Pazundang Township, Yangon Region, the Republic of the Union of Myanmar be and is hereby appointed as Liquidator of the Company for the purpose of such winding-up and be authorized him to carry on the business of the Company to such extent and for such period as may be necessary for the beneficial winding up thereof and be granted such other powers as may be deemed fit or proper.

By order of the Board,
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South Korean installs four additional US anti-missile system launchers

SEUL — South Korea on Thursday installed four additional advanced US missile defence launchers, known as the Terminal High Altitude Area Defence system, to better insulate against the escalating threat from North Korea.

The government provisionally deployed the four remaining THAAD system launchers from the US Forces in South Korea in order to protect people’s lives and safety from North Korea’s ever-escalating nuclear and missile threats,” South Korean Defence Ministry spokesman Moon Sang Gyoung said.

The deployment is tentative and a final decision will be made after conducting a full environmental survey into the area in accordance with relevant procedures, Moon added.

The four interceptor launchers brought from the United States were set up in Seongju, southeast of Seoul. Two others were installed there in April and are operational. Earlier this week, a provisional survey into the environmental impact of the THAAD system was completed, paving the way for deployment of the additional launchers at the site, formerly a private golf resort, in North Gyeongsang Province. Clash occurred throughout the night near the site as some 400 residents of a nearby farming village clashed with police officers during a protest against the deployment, according to Yonhap News Agency. The police said some 8,000 officers were sent to the area near the deployment site. Dozens of residents and police officers sustained injuries and were taken to nearby hospitals. Local residents have protested the deployment for fear of becoming primary targets in a North Korean attack. They have also raised concerns over the potential harmful impact of electromagnetic waves from the THAAD’s radar on their health as well as agricultural products.

Later in the day, South Korean Defence Minister Song Young Moo said in a statement to the public that the deployment is “an inevitable measure” needed to protect the nation’s people from North Korea’s military threats.

“North Korea has a large number of mid- and long-range missiles that can pose direct threats to us, and it carried out a high-powered nuclear test on 3 September,” Song said.

Ministry spokesman Moon said South Korea is considering holding consultations with “a related country” to discuss specific ways to ease concerns about the THAAD system. He was apparently referring to China, which has firmly demanded that South Korea scrap the THAAD deployment. Beijing believes that the advanced defense system’s radar enhances the US military’s ability to spy on its territory. South Korea and the United States, however, insist the system is solely designed to intercept missiles fired from North Korea. After the announcement by the previous South Korean government last summer that the country would deploy the THAAD system, its relations with China plunged to their worst level in many years, with South Korean businesses there allegedly targeted under what Seoul sees as retaliatory measures by Beijing.

—Kyodo News

Message from Ms Irina Bokova, Director-General of UNESCO on the occasion of International Literacy Day

Digital technologies permeate all spheres of our lives, fundamentally shaping how we live, work, learn and socialize.

These new technologies are opening vast new opportunities to improve our lives and connect globally — but they can also marginalize those who lack the essential skills, like literacy, needed to navigate them.

Traditionally, literacy has been considered a set of reading, writing and counting skills applied in a certain context. Digitally-mediated knowledge societies are changing what it means to be literate, calling for new and higher-level literacy skills. At the same time, in return, technology can work to improve literacy development.

This must be understood in the wider context. Worldwide, 759 million adults today still lack even the most basic literacy skills. Some 264 million children and youth are not benefiting from school education. Furthermore, international surveys show that a large share of adult and youth populations all over the world, including developed countries, are inadequately equipped with the basic digital skills required to function fully in today’s societies and workplace. Narrowing this skills gap is an educational and developmental imperative.

Information and communication technologies are creating opportunities to address this challenge. Digital tools can help expand access to learning and improve its quality. They have the power to reach the unreached, improve the monitoring of literacy progress, facilitate skills assessment, and make the management and governance of skills delivery systems more efficient.

To create and seize new opportunities to take forward Sustainable Development Goal 4 on Education and lifelong learning for all, we need collective action. Partnerships between governments, civil society and the private sector are essential today to promote literacy in a digital world. I see the Global Alliance for Literacy within a Lifelong Learning Framework as a model of the concerted efforts we need to advance the global agenda and support national literacy initiatives.

International Literacy Day offers a moment to review the progress and come together to tackle the challenges ahead. This year, the event is devoted to better understanding the type of literacy required in a digital world to build more inclusive, equitable and sustainable societies. Everyone should be able to make the most of the benefits of the new digital age, for human rights, for dialogue and exchange, for more sustainable development.—Irina Bokova

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Singapore, Indonesia likely to strengthen cooperation in digital economy, tourism

SINGAPORE — Singapore and Indonesia will likely deepen their cooperation in digital economy and tourism, according to Singaporean Prime Minister Lee Hsien Loong and Indonesian President Joko Widodo at a joint press conference on Thursday afternoon.

Lee said he discussed the areas Singapore and Indonesia can deepen bilateral cooperation with Widodo in a “good meeting this morning”, which is part of Singapore-Indonesia Leaders’ Retreat for the 50 years of bilateral relations between the two countries.

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—Xinhua ■

Strong solar flare to affect shortwave communications

BEIJING — A strong solar flare may affect shortwave communications on earth, but the disruptions on earth will be minor, according to the Chinese Academy of Sciences (CAS).

A solar flare is a violent explosion in the sun’s atmosphere caused by a massive magnetic activity. The flares produce huge magnetic activity. The flares produce large amounts of radiation that can affect the earth’s ionosphere and disrupt radio communications.

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High-speed passenger train derails in Indian capital

NEW DELHI — A high-speed passenger train derailed in the Indian capital Thursday, railway officials said.

The derailment of Delhi-bound Rajdhani Express from the eastern city of Ranchi took place on Minto bridge around 12:00 pm local time, hours after seven coaches of another passenger train went off the tracks in the northern state of Uttar Pradesh.

However, there have been no casualties in the incident.

“The engine and the power car are affected. Since the speed of the (Ranchi-Delhi Rajdhani Express) train was very low, there was no injury to any passenger,” Neeraj Sharma, Northern Railways spokesperson, told the media.

Earlier this morning, Shaktikunj Express train derailed near Titwala station, a small town in the western state of Maharashtra. No injuries were reported.

Five people were injured after a passenger train derailed in India’s financial capital Mumbai on 25 August.

Similar to 23 August, over 80 people sustained injuries when Delhi-bound Kaifiyat Express derailed in the northern Indian state of Uttar Pradesh.

And on 19 August, 14 coaches of Utkal Express derailed in the same state, killing at least 24 people and injuring over 150 others.

While Chairman of Railway Board A.K. Mittal resigned last month, Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi replaced Suresh Prabhu with Piyush Goyal as the Rail Minister earlier this week.

Indian Railways is one of the world’s largest train networks, criss-crossing the country from north to south and carrying millions of passengers daily, but its safety record is poor.—Xinhua ■
A scene in “The Great Myanmar”, one of the five films to be shown during Myanmar Democracy Day on 15 September, is based on the history of Buddhism and Buddhist culture in the Bagan era. The film took more than five years to complete. A 3-D version of the film will be shown to Myanmar audiences, while foreigners will see a 2-D version. PHOTO: SUPPLIED

“Glittering with Gold in the Sunlight”

The Myanmar Festival held in honour of Democracy Day on 15 September will present special shows on films, music and Myanmar traditional performance troupes called “Anyeint”, under the arrangement of the Ministry of Information.

The festival is designed for developing spirits and habits of the democratic society in youths. Among them, the special film “Glittering With Gold in the Sunlight,” was shown at the Thamada Cinema at 7 am yesterday.

The film was based on the story “The Gardener the Flower” written by National Literary Award winner Ledwinthar Saw Chit. It was made into a film by director Zaw Myint Oo, assistant director Aung Aw Bar, and script writer Hsu Myet Chai. The production company Mingalar Film Production cast Kyaw Htet Aung and Aye Myat Thu as the main characters.

Ledwinthar Saw Chit (original writer of the story)

I created the story based on my personal experience while devoting myself to teaching as a junior assistant teacher. I won then Sarpay Beikman literary award and the National literary award. After translating it into English in 2005, it was given the ASEAN Literary Award under the name of the “The Gardener the Flower.” In the country, the teaching world was dominated by females. Initially, its Myanmar name was “Pan Myaing Le Ga U Yin Hmu,” but was renamed “Nay Chi Hma Shwe Yi Laung.” The film presents the collective efforts of teachers, students and the people to develop education.”

Director Zaw Myint Oo

Apart from some changes to be adapted to changing time, the story similar to the original. It is mainly designed for the sake of the people.

Kyaw Htet Aung (male lead character)

I was greatly pleased and proud to take part in the film. The story was so excellent that it made me shed tears. At the time when males seldom choose teaching career until now, the film highlights teachers’ dedication to the job, with their hobby, Cetana and spirit of sacrifice.

Aye Myat Thu (female lead character)

I like this kind of story featuring the simplicity of actual life. Being a well-known story by the writer Ledwinthar Saw Chit, it put much pressure on me to play as the main character. I never put on makeup during filming, to ensure that I looked like a typical villager; that is, to add verisimilitude.—Khine Zarli

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Wild bear watching attracts hikers to Hokkaido national park

ASAHIKAWA (Japan) — Hiking through the hills of a national park in Japan’s northernmost main island of Hokkaido has become popular for the opportunity it presents to see wild brown bears in their natural environment.

The hiking route in the Daisetsuzan National Park is open only from late June to early October — and closed when the park’s brown bear information center judges conditions too dangerous. Hikers are allowed to walk the trail without a guide after hearing a lecture about brown bears, including prohibited behaviors such as cooking in the forest, locations where visitors should not eat, and never to leave waste behind.

The 7-kilometer route that takes visitors to ponds in the mountainous area in Kamikawa boasts a high chance of seeing bears in the distance. Since the opening of a supervisory office in 1994, no trouble between human beings and bears has occurred.

“If we keep an adequate distance, we can coexist with them,” the center says.

The number of foreign tourists has increased in recent years after the route, called Daisetsu Kougou Onsen Spa Numameguri, was introduced by a Lonely Planet guidebook.

On one early morning in August, a couple from Germany were excited to see one adult brown bear with a cub eating grass about 200 meters away. Using telescopes, the couple observed the bears which appear to be about 1.5 to 1.7 meters tall.

“Many of the bears here are gentle in nature and run away soon when being approached,” said Hitoshi Yanagisawa, 41, a brown bear information center official.

The area is a popular feeding spot for brown bears because of its moistness and rich vegetation, and around 30 bears are seen there every summer. Visitors can walk the route from 7 am to 3 pm during the open period. Information center officials patrol the route every day and post information on a notice board in the center about where bears were recently spotted or their footprints found.

According to the Hokkaido prefectural government, 14 incidents involving brown bears were reported throughout the prefecture over the five years through March 2016. In some cases, people were attacked by bears when they entered a forest to collect edible wild plants.

The center plans to analyze its accumulated data on the biology of wild bears and launch an eco tour for visitors seeking to see the animals in the wild.

“I had been thinking bears are scary, but they were so cute when I saw them from a distance. My image of bears has changed,” said one visitor, Yanagisawa said. “Bears are smart, and they may understand when and where humans are present and do not come forward.”

“We can sneak a look at bears’ natural behaviors, like sliding down snow-covered hills and swimming in ponds,” he smiled.—Kyodo News

Six Australian universities ranked in world’s top 100

CANBERRA — An international survey has ranked six Australian universities in the world’s top 100.

The Times Higher Education (THE) rankings for 2017, released on Wednesday, rated 1,000 institutions from 77 countries and regions on teaching, research, citations, outreach and income.

The University of Melbourne was rated Australia’s best — and the 32nd best university in the world — followed by the Australian National University (48), the University of Sydney (61), the University of Queensland (65), Monash University (80) and University of New South Wales (82).

All of the Australian universities within the top 100 fell between one and seven places from last year’s ranking with the exception of the University of Melbourne which moved up one place.

China was the biggest improver, gaining more than two institutions in the top 30 for the first time.

“There are, however, Western nations that appear to be keeping pace with the improvements seen in Asia,” Simon Baker, THE’s data editor, said on Wednesday.

“Australia, for instance, has recorded an impressive change in average overall score, fuelled by a solid citations and research productivity performance. The country seems to have been held back only byfalling reputation scores for its universities.”—Xinhua

Mr. Bib Dutta @ U/ Hla Myint, retired DGM (Finance) of Myanmar Sugar Cane Industries, Ministry Agriculture & Irrigation, daughter of late Mr. A.N Sen and Late Mrs. Parul Sen of Mandalay and eldest sister of M/S Sen Brothers’ Family of Yangon, Mandalay and Kolkata, India, mother of Ms. Lippy Oliver (USA), U Myint Aung @ Mr. Gautam Dutta, Ms. Moushumi Dutta @ Mr Marlar, mother-in-law of Daw Aye Thida Khan, sister-in-law of Mr. P.K Dutta @ Mr. Buddha Dutta (retired Head Master), Ms. Anjali Dutta and Mr. Milan Dutta of Barasat, Kolkata, India, grandmother of Ms. Brinda Oliver (USA) and Ms. Joya Dutta @ Ma Khin Kyawt Kyawt Aung expired at Alexandra, Virginia, USA at local time: 4:35 am on Sunday 3rd September 2017 and cremated at Alexandra at local time: 1:30 pm on Wednesday, 6th September 2017. Sardh Ceremony shall be performed at Yangon, Myanmar on 15th September 2017 according to the Hindu Religious rites.

Bereaved Family

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Viet Nam, Indonesia notch dominant wins in U-18 Championships

KyawZin Lin

Viet Nam had a big opening victory in Group B action yesterday when they trounced Brunei by a score of 8-1 on the fourth match day of the AFF Under-18 Championships in Yangon at Thuwunna Stadium.

Viet Nam scored three goals in the first half before adding a flurry of goals after the breather for the lopsided win.

Xuan Tu scored the opening goal for Viet Nam by heading the ball across from Truong Tien Anh at the 15-minute mark.

Viet Nam got its second goal two minutes later from Nguyen Hong Son. Tien Anh scored the third goal for Vietnam at 24 minutes.

Brunei managed to score a lone goal when Muhammad Nur Asyraffahmi Norsamri capitalised on a defensive mistake at 44 minutes. Tran Van Cong then restored order for Viet Nam, enabling them to take a 3-1 lead going into the second half.

Viet Nam took full control of the game after the break as they pushed Brunei back into their own half before scoring seemingly at will, with goals by Xuan Tu at 74 minutes, Dang Van Toi at 77 minutes, Nguyen Khac Khiem at 78 minutes and 90 and Mai Hoang at the 89-minute mark.

Indonesia also had a big win yesterday in Group B, blasting the Philippines 9-0 in the late game at Thuwunna Stadium. PHOTO MFF

The Rising stock of midfielder Jordan Henderson, who has captained England twice in the past week, and a superb goal for teenager Ben Woodburn on his Wales debut means the continued uncertainty surrounding Philippe Coutinho and his desire to join Barcelona is a manageable distraction.

No wonder pundits are taking Liverpool seriously.

“I didn’t fancy Liverpool before the season started but they’ve made some decent buys and kept Coutinho which is a boost for them,” former Manchester United great Ryan Giggs conceded this week. “After the business they’ve done I’ve probably changed my mind and they will be in the mix.”

—Reuters