State Counsellor participates in 31st ASEAN Summit

Daw Aung San Suu Kyi holds talks with US Secretary of State, UN Secretary-General

State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi held talks with US Secretary of State Rex Tillerson on the sidelines of the East Asia Summit in Manila yesterday.

At the meeting, they discussed issues including democratic transition, the peace process, the economy, investment and the latest developments in Rakhine State.

Following the meeting, the State Counsellor attended the 29th ASEAN Plus Three Summit, the ASEAN Plus Canada 40th Anniversary Commemorative Summit, and the ASEAN-EU 40th Anniversary Commemorative Summit in Manila.

After the luncheon hosted by the President of the Philippines Mr. Rodrigo Duterte, State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi attended the 12th East Asia Summit, and the 15th ASEAN-India Summit.

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Arrangements made to systematically harvest ownerless monsoon paddy, sell and return money to original owners

1. To harvest the monsoon paddy belonging to the villagers who have fled their respective villages in Maungtaw Township, the Rakhine State Government formed a Custodian Committee and made arrangements to harvest 45,386 acres of monsoon paddy with 44 harvesters beginning from 28 October to ensure that the ripened monsoon paddy would not go to waste. As of 13 November, 1714.24 acres have been harvested.

2. In this harvesting operation, 48.6 acres from Kankyataung village of Myothugyi village tract, 26 acres from Razabi village, 24.5 acres from Thaungsaing Nya village, 327.5 acres from Kanpuu village of Kanpuu village tract, 476.2 acres from Kyaungtaung village of Kyaungtaung village tract, 128.9 acres from Ohntaw village, 203.32 acres from Nwayone Taung village of Nwayone Taung village tract, 225.7 acres from Aleithankyaw village of Aleithankyaw village tract, 198.82 acres from Thandar village of Thandar village tract, 9.7 acres from Kyigangyan village of Kyigangyan village tract, and 45 acres from Myinhht village of Myinhht village tract were harvested. This yielded in total 65,628 baskets of paddy.

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Ministry clarifies rises of electricity charges

By Aye Aye Thant

At yesterday’s meeting, five asterisk-marked questions received replies, and discussion on a bill and putting forward a motion were performed.

At the meeting, De Tun Naing, Deputy Minister for Electricity and Energy replied to the question raised by U Pe Tin of constituency 6, in Mon State, “In the sector of electricity in the FY 2014-2015 the production cost was Ks74.85 per unit and the selling price was Ks74.14, thus the loss amount was Ks0.71 per unit. In FY 2015-2016 the production cost was Ks90.65 per unit and selling price was Ks90.42, so the loss amount per unit was Ks0.23, while in FY 2016-2017 the production cost was Ks96.12, the producing price Ks96.02 per unit, thus the loss was Ks0.10 per unit. Rising production costs is State-owned power plants were said to be the cause for the losses in producing electricity.

In the sector of electricity production, the number of privately owned power plants are annually increasing, presently reaching up to 50 per cent. In producing electricity, greater amount of power production from natural gas, which consumes much more, than the amount of production of electricity from low-cost hydro power plants causes average production costs to raise.”

The Deputy Minister added, “Foreign exchange rates often change a lot every year, so production costs annually rise up, with the increasing rates of foreign exchange, due to rising up of power purchase from privately owned power plants and rising costs for purchasing natural gas from the off-shore oil to operate natural gas power plants. Present rises of electricity production were caused by failure to cover the production cost, greater amount of electricity consumption by home-meters more than that by business and industry use meters. Arrangements will be made for reducing power wastage, designating newly made reasonable power prices as soon as possible, reducing dependency on natural gas which consumes production cost much, instead of gas which consumes less production cost and other energy sources.”

Four skills of English for people

After that, Daw Htu Mae of constituency 11 in Rakhine State put forward a motion urging the Union Government, “In Myanmar, English has been being taught in schools as a compulsory subject from KG to matriculation class.

But upon completion of academic learning at the matriculation classes, most of the students were sorrowfully found to have been very poor in English language proficiency. So, I hereby urge the Union Government to introduce teaching and examining the language in appropriate method with 4 skills—reading, writing, speaking and listening from grade 9, that is, 8th Standard Classes so that they can have language competency to some extent upon completion of the matriculation.

In Myanmar, the presently prescribed English Syllabus has only two skills—reading and writing skills. And, it was found that in examinations as well, the above-said two skills were found to have been being examined mainly.”

She added, “As known by all, they still lack skills in them practically. Under the current situations, Myanmar citizens are losing job opportunities of great promise in the country due to lack of qualifications in the language. So, it is of great need for students across the nation to apply English for an access to advanced subjects and cutting-edge technology through Information Technology. It is necessary to know English for acquisition of Scholarship Awards in International Institutes and Universities, professions and employments of great promise. Great job opportunities have been achieved, can our people be liberated from poverty. With a view to producing well-qualified citizens who know English to some extent and can learn life-long study upon completion of the high-school level academic learning, syllabus, teaching and examination methods should be changed in appropriate way.”
Daw Aung San Suu Kyi holds talks with US Secretary of State, UN …

State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi meets with UN Secretary-General Mr Antonio Guterres. PHOTO: MNA

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In the evening, she attended a ceremony to sign the Agreement on the Protection and Promotion of the Rights of Migrant Workers, the closing ceremony of the 31st ASEAN Summit and a ceremony to hand over the chairmanship of ASEAN to Singapore.

At the ceremony, Mr Duterte expressed words of thanks and Singapore Prime Minister, Mr. Lee Hsien Loong took over the chairmanship and extended greetings. Also present at the ceremony were leaders of the 10 ASEAN countries, leaders of ASEAN dialogue partners, the Secretary-General of ASEAN permanent representatives of ASEAN and senior officials of ASEAN nations.

On Monday evening, Daw Aung San Suu Kyi attended the ASEAN Plus Three Leaders’ Interface with the East Asia Business Council, the 9th Mekong-Japan Summit and the 9th ASEAN-UN Summit at the Philippine International Convention Centre (PICC). She also met with UN Secretary-General Mr. Antonio Guterres, exchanging views on the latest development in Rakhine State and the UN’s participation in implementing the special advisory commission’s recommendations in Rakhine State.— Myanmar News Agency

State Counsellor meets Prime Minister of Japan Mr. Shinzo Abe

STATE COUNSELLOR Daw Aung San Suu Kyi met with Prime Minister of Japan Mr. Shinzo Abe yesterday in Manila at the Philippines International Convention Centre.

During the meeting, matters relating to Yangon city development and the transport sector, obtaining electric power, Yango-Mandalay railway line construction, increasing income in the agriculture sector, small and medium-sized loans, provision of Japanese Yen 1.2 billion to assist in development of ethnic regions, supporting and assisting the work of the State Counsellor in Rakhine State development, provision of Japanese Yen 1.5 billion for road construction and electrical product manufacturing and training of Myanmar Police Force personnel were discussed.

The meeting was attended by Minister of State for Foreign Affairs U Kyaw Tin and officials.— Myanmar News Agency

Vice President U Henry Van Thio inspects National Landmark Garden

U Henry Van Thio, Vice-President and Chairman of the Ethnic Affairs, Public Affairs Management and Service Committee, together with Union Minister for Ethnic Affairs Naing Thet Lwin, Deputy Ministers U Soe Aung, U Win Maw Tun and Permanent Secretaries inspected the National Landmark Garden (Nay Pyi Taw) yesterday morning.

In the briefing hall, National Landmark Garden manager U Soe Naing explained to the Vice President about damage caused to state and region exhibits from the rising waters of the Yezin dam and the estimated cost of the damages.

Deputy Minister U Win Maw Tun, Vice Quartermaster-General Brig-Gen Thike Soe and Ethnic Affairs, members of Public Affairs Management and Service Committee, permanent secretaries explained water entry into the National Landmark Garden, government and private (public-private) cooperation, increasing service to attract foreign visitors, and works to increase appearance and essence.

The Vice President said ways need to be found to prevent similar water inundation and minimise the damage. Field trips need to be conducted to measure the depositing of sediment in the Yezin dam, repair and maintenance works to be conducted with a view toward long-term existence of the garden. Effect of climate change and villages nearby should be studied and reviewed. Things need to be done so as to achieve the aim of constructing the National Landmark Garden (Nay Pyi Taw) for it to become a place of attraction for the people to relax and study as well as to support the development of travel business. Exhibits showing Saloon people (the sea gypsies) and Taron people (sometimes referred to as “Asian pygmies”) should be shown as they are interesting.

A documentary movie of their traditions and way of life needs to be made and shown.

He finally remarked about reporting on repair works, completion of intended works and works extension that should be done.

The Vice President and party then viewed and inspected the states and regions exhibits in National Landmark Garden (Nay Pyi Taw), status of water inundation in Taninthayi Region exhibit and a room exhibiting a small scale model of Nay Pyi Taw.

Construction of the National Landmark Garden in Nay Pyi Taw started on 8 November 2008 and was opened on 11 January 2010. It is located in Nay Pyi Taw Council area, Zeyarthi Township, a mile east of milepost 257/2 of Yangon-Mandalay road and is on 400 acres of land. The reason for constructing it was to show a brief history of the Union of Myanmar, to view the lifestyle, food, works, and traditions of ethnic nationals, cultural heritage, natural resources, and natural scenery in a single place.

This will raise the national pride and dignity, and prevent the disappearance of cultural heritage.— Myanmar News Agency
Tender winners of railway improvement projects to soon be announced

The Ministry of Transport and Communications will officially announce the tender winning companies for Yangon Railway Station improvement project next month, according to a report of the Myawady Daily’s Monday edition.

The new plan is to develop commercial facilities, hotels and recreation complex on 62 acres of land plot within the compound of Yangon Railway Station.

The development project includes renovation and expansion of old Yangon Central Railway Station.

It is expected to take five years.

A spokesperson of the ministry said that not only domestic companies but international companies from Malaysia, Italy, South Korea, Qatar, Japan, Singapore, Canada and Vietnam expressed their interest to take part in tender process.

This is the second time the transport authorities invited tender for the new scheme as they found no appropriate companies for the project in the first tender.

This is why the ministry invited tender again.

Currently, scrutiny processes are being made by the ministry to choose tender winners. The name of the winning companies is planned to be announced within December.—GNLM

At least 20 illegal wildlife trade markets to be shut down in Golden Triangle region

The government will shut down at least 20 illegal wildlife markets, shops and restaurants in Golden Triangle region by 2020 with the cooperation of the Wildlife conservation groups, according to a report in the Myawady Daily on Monday.

Tigers, elephants, bears and pangolins are the most widely traded species in the Golden Triangle border region between Thailand, Laos and Myanmar. Moreover, rhinoceros, serow, helmeted hornbill, gaur, leopard, and turtles were also included in the list, according to a survey report which is jointly conducted by World Wildlife Fund (WWF) and TRAFFIC, a wildlife trade monitoring network.

“Hundreds of wildlife species are endangered with extinction because of uncontrollable wildlife trade. It happened not only in Greater Mekong but also across the world, said an official from WWF (Myanmar).

Those wildlife species are selling well in the illegal market because of tourists from China and Vietnam who are travelling to Mongolia, Tachileik in Myanmar and Boten and the Golden Triangle Special Economic Zone in Laos, it is learnt.—GNLM

20 suspects arrested in Maungtaw, one IED discovered

Twenty men were arrested on suspicion of terrorist attacks in Maungtaw on 11 November. They were found by members of security forces who were on duty carrying out security measures near Gaw Du Tha Ya (north village) and Gu Du Tha Ya in Maungtaw Township.

The arrested suspects are detained for further investigation.

Deactivated IED discovered

Meanwhile, a farmer from Mawrawadi Village, Maungtaw Township found a suspected plastic bag while harvesting rice in a field near Cheinkhali West Village on 13 November.

Daw Oo Win, aged 46, informed the security personnel. The security personnel found a deactivated improvised explosive device made of a 5 inch diameter and 10 inch long car piston. After investigation, it is found that the deactivated IED was abandoned by fleeing terrorists.—MNA

Imported vehicles still need to take out from Yangon Port

MYANMA Port Authority (MPA) will confiscate 192 imported vehicles which have not been taken out from the port within the prescribed period, according to a report in the Myawady Daily on 13 November.

Some of the imported vehicles which have arrived at the ports for over one year, need to take out from the ports.

Therefore, the authorities have already announced to take the imported vehicles from the port not later than December 2017. But the importers do not come and take the vehicles.

Out of 192 imported vehicles, there are four vehicles at Sula port, 21 vehicles at Myanmar Industrial port, three vehicles at Asia World port, 35 vehicles at Mobile Industry Processor Interface M.I.P.I and 129 vehicles at Myanmar International Terminals Thilawa (M.I.T.).—GNLM
Myanmar-Bangladesh border exports show increase of over $6 mn

BORDER exports from Myanmar to Bangladesh as of 3 November were valued at US$12 million in total, the Commerce Ministry reported.

Despite the decrease in value of border trade, Myanmar-Bangladesh total border trade over the first 217 days of this fiscal year increased by over $6 million against the last FY.

Bilateral trade of the two countries from April to early November reached US$12.857 mn, with exports exceeding imports by $5.6 mn. During the aforementioned period, trade through Maungtaw earned $5.57 mn while trade from the Sittway border point was valued at $6.49 mn. Ginger, peanuts, mung bean, dried plums, garlic, rice, saltwater prawn and fish, bamboo, blankets, candy, plum jam and footwear are included on the list of main export items at Myanmar-Bangladesh borders.

Myanmar’s international trade through sea routes accounted for 80 per cent of the total, and the rest was conducted via border gates. The country conducts its border trade with neighbouring countries via 16 land border gates.—Shwe Khine

AYA Bank, MPU, JCB introduce corporate credit card in Myanmar

Ayeyawady Bank (AYA Bank), Myanmar Payment Union (MPU), and JCB International have launched the AYA Universal Corporate MPU-JCB Co-Branded Card in Myanmar.

The co-branded card offers 2 different products: Universal Corporate Platinum Credit Card and Universal Corporate Gold Credit Card. Card members can enjoy the same JCB privileges as personal credit card members, such as JCB Plaza and special offers at selected merchants all over the world. Universal Corporate Platinum Credit Card users can also use JCB Platinum services, such as JCB Platinum Airport Lounge service, JCB Platinum Concierge Desk, and Special JCB Platinum Hotel Services.

The bank received its banking license from the Central Bank of Myanmar on 2 July 2010 and began operations on 11 August 2010. The bank is authorised to operate as an investment or development bank for the domestic market. The approved banking activities include borrowing or raising of money, lending or advancing of money, receiving securities or valuables for safe custody, collecting and transmitting money and securities; moreover, it provides international banking services, including international remittance, payment and trade services.

The announcement marks the first corporate credit card targeted for business payment use ever issued in the country.—Paypers.com

Closure of in Myawady-Maesot market for Japan-used car led to increase in auto parts price

THE closure of Myawady-Maesot market for Japan-used cars has increased car accessories price.

Since auto parts are currently being ordered from China and Thailand, the price is on the rise starting from second week of this month, according to yesterday’s report of Myawady Daily. Despite the increase in price, auto parts are highly demanded in the domestic markets. The actual suffer from the closure of Myawady-Maesot market is the local car owners instead of car accessories shops. We hope to tackle with the problems at a steady price, said Ko Nay Win, an owner of auto parts from Tarmway.—GNLM
Union Minister Dr. Pe Myint and media in Rakhine

To ensure the release of timely information on the implementation of UEHRD activity in Rakhine State, a media team led by Union Minister Dr. Pe Myint, accompanied by Chief Minister U Nyi Pu, yesterday inspected the paddy being reaped with the use of machine harvesters from the Mechanized Agriculture Department along Maungtaw-Angumaw Road in Myinlut sub-township.

The construction of houses in Kyaukpandu Village and the building of the Mayyu Mountain Road Overpass was also observed by the ministers yesterday morning.

The Union Minister and Chief Minister arrived at Kyaukpandu Village, where an official explained that in 1993, the Ministry of Border Affairs built 70 houses for local nationals, with 100 more houses currently being built with the budget allotment for the development of the border area amounting to Ks650 million in FY 2016-2017. Now preparation work has been completed, the official said. Twenty-three units have already been roofed and walled, with the necessary construction materials to build the remaining homes already acquired. In addition to the residences, five ponds each capable of holding 1,200 gallons, a rural dispensary, a playground, a marketplace, a police outpost and a mini-grid solar system plant are included in the scheme.

The Union Minister and Chief Minister then inspected the Mayyu Mountain Road Overpass project that is being accomplished with the use of heavy machinery by Road Special Team 17 of the Road Department. Out of four Mayyu Mountain Road overpasses being built by the Road Department, the 8-mile long Kyein Chaung-Guppi Overpass and the 14-mile long Kyaukpandu-Inndin-Ceti Pyin Overpass will be built with emergency funds in March 2018 as gravel roads, with Thet Paing Nyar-Padagar Road and U Daung-Nyaung Chaung Road to be built in the coming fiscal year.

The minister also inspected the Koe Tan Kauk police outpost in Rathedaung township, which was one of the outposts attacked by Islamic extremist terrorists on 9th October 2016. The minister then left for Sittway via Angumaw by speedboat.

In the afternoon, Union Minister and Chief Minister arrived in Sittway to inspect the MRTV transmitting station, NPE’s Sub-printing House (Sittway), Office of IPRD in Rakhine State.

The Union Minister and media team left Sittway by air, arriving in Yangon in yesterday evening.—Myanmar News Agency
31st ASEAN Summit and Related summits conclude

State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi (5th left) with other ASEAN leaders and UNSG Guterres (4th left) pose during a family photo in Manila on 13 November. PHOTO: REUTERS

ASEAN leaders, South Korean President Moon Jae-in, Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe and Chinese Premier Li Keqiang pose for a family photo before the 20th ASEAN Plus Three Summit in Manila on 14 November 2017. PHOTO: REUTERS

State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi participates in the ASEAN-India Summit in Manila on 14 November. PHOTO: MNA

The meeting of Mekong-Japan Summit being held in Manila on 14 November 2017. PHOTO: MNA

The meeting of ASEAN-Canada Summit being held in Manila on 14 November 2017. PHOTO: MNA

State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi (2nd left) with other ASEAN leaders and European Council President Donald Tusk hold hands for a photo during the ASEAN-EU Summit in Manila, Philippines on 14 November. PHOTO: REUTERS
Political Climate of the World and Myanmar's Foreign Policy

By Thein Tun (IR)

Economic reforms

MYANMAR is making significant changes in the education sector filling the inter- national level. The country’s education policy, budget allotment on the education sector, human resources reinforcement, curriculum reform and etc. have brightened the educational aspirations of the people.

The country's education latched behind for years as the victim of politics. In fact, youths of the country were purpose educated to become graduates or literate. They were away from the essence of knowledge. So the whole education system deteriorated together with the absence of a firm strategy, financial support and human resources reinforcements. All these deficiencies are clearly visible.

The low literacy standard of the nation has become more noticeable at this political critically jargoned. Brilliant intellectuals and intelligentsia are the core part of the drive to reach the international level. Shortage in human resources and ideologies are results of low education standard. Change has become internalized to turn to the education system from the bottom.

The country started education reforms alongside the multi-sector changes in the education system from the bottom. It has approved the annual increase in the education budget as an important column. The budget of the education sector reached K 172 billion in fiscal year 2015-2016, up from K 127 billion in fiscal year 2014-2015 and K 149 billion in fiscal year 2013-2014. The increase in the budget has improved the education's形象 and sense in form. The master plan of the education involves the aim of producing good citizens having creativity and thinking power and other mental abilities and physical power. The founding of 25 member commission for the national education pole is going to yield significant achievements. Other related committees were also formed. The formation of such bodies is to put the education sector under the leadership of information technology.

The National Education Commission submitted two letters to the Wallace. These letters proved that the commission's achievements were satisfactory. They could be the country's hope.

Today’s education

Today the education sector is playing an important role in the national reforms and future progress. Since today’s education has not reached the satisfactory level, it cannot build future. There are changes which need to be taken as well as much time.

Mostly, students are still undergoing education through way or out of date methods. For example my little daughter was memorizing the three things of the alphabet mentioned by her teacher. Her teacher told the class that the three facilities she taught them in the lesson was the only correct and intelligent question in connection with the three things of a professor. Such an improper method only hampers the thinking power of the students and the children.

India has the vision to present the real situation of the education sector. We can find the correct answer only if we know the prevailing situation. India today is looking may provide a person with reasoning power, rational thinking power and etc.

So I asked my daughter to visit the school library. My daughter’s answer was they were prohibited by their teacher from visiting the school library. It is a wrongdoing. It hurts the future hopes of the country.

The educational staff should be aware of the fact that they should not be the ones that steer the education sector to nowhere. The education sector is week in promoting the creativity, in- quisitiveness, rationality, and reasoning power. Once the head of a private school with high marketmatization pass rate told me that the school aroused inmaturity, thinking power, curiosity, and intelligences of students. He blamed the current examination-based education system for the failures.

In my view the education system is still weak in promoting the rational thinking power and inquisitiveness of the children. Potentialities, effective means of the policy and the examination system. Thus are the most basic elements of the education system. Professional organizations should place emphasis effectively for teachers. This initiative, conducting research and sharing knowledge, driving in- novations, reforms and improvements can be found only if staff at all levels realizes the real situation.

The way to make amendments and improvements is bound to the staff at all levels.

Modern slavery and child labour: Asia’s unacceptable record

62 per cent of the victims of modern slavery and 40 per cent of the child labours are concentrated in Asia and the Pacific. Unacceptable forms of work call for unprecedented measures to combat them, urged by Nations, ILO Assistant Direc- tor-General, as Governments, employers’ and workers’ representa- tives from 192 countries discuss ways to accelerate the eradication of child labour worldwide at the IV Global Conference on the Sustained Eradication of Child Labour

Out of the 44 million victims of modern slavery worldwide, almost two thirds -33 million people - are exploited in Asia and the Pacific. Making the 2030 Agenda the largest number of victims of modern slavery today.

Further breakdown of the modern slavery figure reveals that the region accounts for 72 per cent of all victims of forced sexual exploitation, 68 per cent of those subjected to state-imposed forced labour, and 60 per cent of those in forced labour exploitation.

And although the share of persons living in extreme poverty in Asia and the Pacific has fallen by about 70 per cent over the past 30 years, 62 million children still must work so they and their families can survive.

Among these unacceptable forms of work is part of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, adopted by world leaders in 2015. An agenda mandated to end all forms of modern slavery and child labour requires integrated thinking, coordinated action, effective policy making and efficient use of resources in unprecedented ways. Policies beyond the world must converge around this goal, to address the root causes of modern slavery and child labour: poverty, lack of justice and safety for children, and the root incentive to ensure there's no one left behind.

The latest figures show that the Sustainable Development Goals, particularly Goal 8.7, will not be achieved unless all efforts are dramatically increased. Modern slavery and child labour requires integrated thinking, coordinated action, effective policy making and efficient use of resources in unprecedented ways. Policies beyond the world must converge around this goal, to address the root causes of modern slavery and child labour: poverty, lack of justice and safety for children, and the root incentive to ensure there's no one left behind.

Achieving SDG 8.7 will require mobilising partnerships at a new level. Partnerships that harness energy, resources and strategic synergies. And build on what Alliances 8.7 is about: a multi-stakeholder initiative, conducting research and sharing knowledge, driving in- novation, and leveraging resources to accelerate achievements to achieve the target.

This requires active leadership at all levels of society, especially in government, faith-based organizations, community leaders, employers’ organizations, workers’ organizations and civil society. Alliances 8.7 is more than a technical task force, it is a platform for stakeholders to define and implement their commitments to drive a coordinated approach to making child rights a reality.

The Global New Light of Myanmar
Rural Development Training Centre handed over

A ceremony on the transfer and opening of Agriculture Education and Rural Development training centre was held yesterday morning in the hall of the Yein Thar Aung agriculture and rural development school, Zeyathiri Township.

At first Union Minister for Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation Dr Aung Thu, Chargé d’Affaires of the Embassy of the Republic of Korea in Myanmar Mr Kim Jung Han, Chief Representative of Korea International Cooperation Agency (KOICA) Myanmar Office Dr. Shin Eui Cheol, Deputy Minister for Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation U Hla Kyaw, Deputy Minister for Planning and Finance U Maung Maung Win, Nay Pyi Taw Council member U Aye Min Htun cut the ceremonial ribbon to open the Agriculture Education and Rural Development training centre. Next, Union Minister for Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation and officials sprinkled scented waters on the commemorative plaque of the training centre and then viewed the training centre exhibit and photo exhibition of new village activities in states and regions.

As per the bilateral friendship programme, a Record of Discussion (RoD) was signed between KOICA and the Department of Agriculture on 17 February 2014 for the Myanmar Saemaul Undong Project. The Myanmar Saemaul Undong Project conducted with the support of KOICA is for the development of model formats in rural development and relevant governmental organisations are urged to cooperate for progress and success.

The project will be conducted for two years until 2019, and officials from the Department of Agriculture are advised to cooperate with technicians from Korea to set up and implement programmes for the long term existence and effective utilisation of the Agriculture Education and Rural Development training centre that opened yesterday. Chargé d’Affaires of the Embassy of the Republic of Korea in Myanmar Dr Shin Eui Cheol made speeches of greetings yesterday.— Myanmar News Agency.

Reader’s talks to be held every Sunday

Save The Library will hold the reader’s talks at the Yangon Book Street which is located at Thein phyu road every Sunday, according to a report in the Myawady Daily on 13 November.

Reader’s talks will be held in front of the central printing factory from 10 am to 12 noon. The readers who love the literature can participate in the reader’s talks free of charges. At the reader’s talks, they usually discuss about literature and the advantage of the reading. People who are interested to participate in the reader’s talks have to register at the library’s network one month ahead, said Ko Maung Maung Soe, in charge of the Save The Library. For further detailed information, please contact the following phone number: 09-795986686 of the Save the Library.— GNLM

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(1) BC 17943 BC 18190
Maj-Gen Tun Tun Win Maj-Gen Tin Soe Win

(2) BC 18856 BC 19511
Brig-Gen Tin San Naing Brig-Gen Ye Naing Myo

(3) BC 23980 BC 19991
Lt-Col Kyaw Lin Oo Col Tin Tun Oo

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(1) BC 18725 BC 17516
Brig-Gen Khin Maung Aye Maj-Gen Win Thein

(2) BC 20262 BC 23770
Colonel Aung Tun Lin Lt-Colonel Maung Soe

(3) BC 28488 BC 29110
Captain Tun Tun Htay Major Myo Min Aung

Hla Thein
Chairman
Union Election Commission
Youths launches voluntary services in northern Rakhine

As part of efforts of the Union Enterprise for Humanitarian Assistance, Resettlement and Development in Rakhine-UEHRD in Rakhine, young people launched their voluntary service in Buthidaung and Maungtaw, delivering aid to the local people and carrying out survey for aid.

Supervised by Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement, a total of 75 volunteers including 40 youth volunteers from nationwide and 35 local volunteers made a field trip to villages in Maungtaw and Buthidaung delivering aid to the local people and collecting facts for future aid program.

Meanwhile, another group including 38 volunteers led by U Thein Htut

Swe Deputy Director General of Relief and Resettlement Department also delivered aid to local people and carrying out the survey at the villages of Inn Gyiin Myaing, Wah Khote Chaung, San Nyin Wai (ethnic), San Nyin Wai (Khami), Kan Paing and Kha Mway in Buthidaung Township.

“Young people from different parts of the country requested to carry out voluntary services in Rakhine on their own volition,” therefore, the Union minister submitted the request to the State Counsellor. The volunteers come to participate in the rehabilitation services in conflict areas. Taking survey is only to know the current needs of the villages”, said U Aung Kyaw Moe, Deputy Director General of Social Welfare Department.

The aid delivered by the youths includes rice, two visses of cooking oil, potatoes, onion, peas, 25 cans of fish, one packets of iodine salt and milk powder for the children aged under two years to every household. The households with over seven family members were provided double of those foods. The voluntary services will last until 21 November reaching nearly 40 villages. —News Team

Ownerless cattle in Maungtaw rounded up

Livestock Breeding and Veterinary Department has set up three camps in Pantawpyin, Khondaing and Nga-khuya and conducting a field trip to round-up and take care of cows, buffaloes and goats abandoned by owners when they fled from terrorist attacks of 25 August in Maungtaw Township.

A work committee to systematically take care of abandoned cows, buffaloes and goats and township veterinary group was formed and villages near the camps such as Pantawpyin village (Muslim), Kyeechaung Village (mixed), Nga-khuya Village (mixed), Mawrawadi Village (ethnic national), Shewtwar Village (mixed), Three Mile Village (ethnic national), Myothit Village (ethnic national), Kappakaung Village (ethnic national), Kan-thaya Village (ethnic national), Ywathaunya Village (ethnic national), Chaungpin Village (ethnic national), Magyi-kone Village (ethnic national), Thayakone Village (ethnic national), Oo Khaung Village, Thayakonaubang Village (ethnic national) and Bawdikone Village (ethnic national) were visited.

It was found that the cows, buffaloes and goats were not ownerless but had owners and of today a total of 278 cows and 632 goats were rounded up and cared for. A talk on livestock breeding, prevention and containing of animal contagious disease was held on 24 October near Pantawpyin Village camp for ownerless cows, buffaloes and goats and a total of 30 persons attended.

They were provided with informative brochures and pamphlets. A group led by Livestock Breeding and Veterinary Department Director General went to camps for ownerless cows, buffaloes and goats in Pantawpyin Village and Khondaing Village on 2 October and met with livestock breeders and coordinat-ed on matters related to works the department will do, things to do for development in cow breeding, high grade insemination, prevention and containing of animal contagious disease and requirements.

Field trip to round up and caring for ownerless cows, buffaloes and goats were conducted by groups and the rounded up cows, buffaloes and goats will be kept and cared for in the camps and arrangements were being made to return the cows, buffaloes and goats to their original owners. —Myanmar News Agency

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4th Myanmar-Bangladesh meeting held

THE 4th Myanmar-Bangladesh Central-Level Meeting on Border Security and Law Enforcement Cooperation was held yesterday afternoon in Grand Ballroom 2 of the Thingaha Hotel in Nay Pyi Taw.

Present at the meeting were high-ranking officials of the Myanmar Police Force, Police Brigadier General Myo Soe Win, members of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Ministry of Home Affairs, Ministry of Defence, Ministry of Labour, Immigration and Population, Mr. Abul Hossain, Director-General of the Bangladesh Border Guard Police, and high ranking officials of Bangladesh’s Office of the Prime Minister and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

At the meeting, matters to be performed out of the agreements of the meeting on border areas at the 3rd meeting between the Myanmar Police Force and Bangladesh Border Guards, matters to be implemented on upgrading bilateral cooperation for security and law enforcement at the border area, commanding and controlling officer-level regular flag hoisting meetings, interchange of information with the changing times, cooperation on drug trafficking, terrorism, human trafficking and cross-border crime, illicit fishing, repatriation and arrest of criminals related to ARSA extremist terrorist attacks, and establishment of a Border Liaison Office (BLO) were discussed, it was learnt.

Police Chief Aung Win Oo of the Myanmar Police Force met separately with Mr. Abul Hossain and party, who were hosted with a dinner in Grand Ballroom 2 of the Thingaha Hotel.—Myanmar News Agency

Arrangements made to systematically harvest ownerless monsoon paddy...

3. The harvested paddy will be threshed and this monsoon paddy will be sold and the money obtained will be put in a government bank account. This money will not be used for development projects in Maungtaw region but arrangements are being made to return this money to those who have fled their villages upon their return. In order to harvest the remaining 2875.69 acres of monsoon paddy as quickly as possible, 25 more harvesters have been added and a total of 69 harvesters are now in operation. It has been learnt that since it is difficult to keep the harvested paddy in storage, the paddy has been sold in the local market at the prevailing price and arrangements are made to keep the money in proper custody.

4. Therefore, we wish to state that the news saying that ownerless paddy in Maungtaw region will be harvested, sold and then the proceeds put into the government budget is not correct.

Workers harvest rice with the use of machinery in Maungtaw. PHOTO: MNA

Man-made tunnels discovered in Maungtaw

MEMBERS of security forces on duty to carry out security measures near Kyaukpandu Village in Maungtaw Township in northern Rakhine State found a 3.5 feet long, 2 feet wide door made from a man-made underground tunnel dug by ARSA extremist terrorists about 300 meters south of Kyaukpandu Village on 13 November, according to the Commander-in-Chief’s office.

While conducting law enforcement measure, security personnel found one more man-made tunnel which is 15 feet long, 5 feet wide and 5 feet high ground tunnel. The roof of the tunnel was covered with 6 inches of square wooden blocks. Security forces discovered three tunnels made by ARSA terrorists on 5 November in the morning near Kyaukpandu and Thinbawgway villages in Maungtaw Township. The security forces are carrying out detailed and thorough searches around the village where the tunnel was found.—MDN

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The Republic of the Union of Myanmar has received financing from the International Development Association (IDA) towards the cost of the Flood and Landslide Emergency Recovery Project (FLERP). The IDA No. of the credit agreement is No. 5889-MM. The Department of Highways (DOH) of the Ministry of Construction, in its role as implementing agency of the FLERP, intends to apply a portion of the proceeds of this financing towards eligible payments under the Purchase Order Contracts C4-MOC-G07, C1-MOC-G01 and C4-MOC-G02 for the supply of Double Cab Project Inspection Vehicles, Laboratory Equipment and office Equipment. DOH now invites eligible suppliers to express their interest in supplying the following items:

Reference Number: C4-MOC-G07 – Double Cab Project Inspection Vehicles
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Expressions of Interest must be submitted in a written form to the email address below and clearly indicate the reference number above. Eligible suppliers having expressed interest will receive an INVITATION TO QUOTE (ITQ).

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The 4th Myanmar-Bangladesh Central-Level meeting being held in Grand Ballroom 2 of the Thingaha Hotel in Nay Pyi Taw on 14 November 2017. PHOTO: MNA

Workers harvest rice with the use of machinery in Maungtaw. PHOTO: MNA
South China Sea code of conduct talks to be “stabiliser” for region-China premier

MANILA — China’s agreement to begin discussions with the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) on the fine print of a code of conduct framework for the disputed South China Sea will be a “stabiliser” for the region, Chinese Premier Li Keqiang said.

“China’s greatest hope is for peace and stability in the South China Sea,” Li told ASEAN leaders in Manila.

Southeast Asia and China foreign ministers in August adopted a negotiating framework for a code of conduct in the South China Sea, a move they hailed as an early implementation of the code of conduct,” Li said, according to a transcript of his speech released by China’s Foreign Ministry on Tuesday.

Li didn’t give a timeframe, but said he hoped this move would be a “stabiliser” for the region.

Critics say the agreement to talk on the details of the code of conduct is only an incremental move, with a final agreement not likely anytime soon. Despite a period of relative stability in the South China Sea, some countries at the summit said this shouldn’t be taken for granted.

The framework seeks to advance a 2002 Declaration of Conduct (DOC) of Parties in the South China Sea, which has mostly been ignored by claimant states, particularly China, which has built seven man-made islands in disputed waters, three of which are equipped with runways, surface-to-air missiles and radars.

All parties say the framework is only an outline for the code will be established but critics say the failure to outline as an initial objective the need to make the code legally binding and enforceable, or have a dispute resolution mechanism, raises doubts about how effective the pact will be.

Signing China up to a legally binding and enforceable code for the strategic waterway has long been a goal for claimant members of ASEAN, some of which have sparred for years over what they see as China’s disregard for their sovereign rights and its blocking of fishermen and energy exploration efforts.

— Reuters

Thieves dug 7-metre tunnel into bank in India’s Mumbai to loot lockers

NEW DELHI — A group of robbers dug a 7.6-metre long tunnel into a bank to the lockers in India’s financial capital of Mumbai, local media reports said on Tuesday.

The robbery is believed to have taken place at a branch of Bank of Baroda in the Juninagar area near Navi Mumbai early Sunday.

Police officials said they have registered a case and initiated investigations into the incident. According to reports the robbery was planned over five months ago.

The bank staff discovered the robbery when they went to work on Monday morning and walked into the locker room to find several vaults open.

“We are examining the CCTV footages. Even though the exact valuation of the looted items is yet to be ascertained,” a police official said.— Xinhua

Viet Nam not to tolerate illegal fishing: ministry

HANOI — Viet Nam will never tolerate or permit activities related to illegal, unreported and unregulated (IUU) fishing, said the country’s deputy agriculture minister.

“Viet Nam is being warned by the European Union of being issued yellow cards on IUU fishing, so we will have to do our best to overcome this problem,” Viet Nam News Agency on Tuesday quoted Deputy Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development Vu Van Tam as saying.

Viet Nam will put the fight against IUU fishing into its revised Fisheries Law and build a national action plan to prevent, minimize and eliminate IUU fishing by 2025, he said.— Reuters

Chinese Premier Li Keqiang attends the 20th Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) Plus Three (APT) Commemorative Summit on the sideline of the 31st Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) Summit in Manila on 14 November. PHOTO: REUTERS

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LOS ANGELES — Showing plenty of staying power, Disney-Marvel’s “Thor: Ragnarok” is dominating the North American box office with $56.6 million at 4,080 locations in its second weekend.

The figure gives the third Thor movie the 29th highest second weekend of all time and the fifth best of 2017. It also took in nearly the combined total of the two new titles — Paramount’s family comedy “Daddy’s Home 2,” with $30 million from 3,575 sites and Fox’s mystery “Muder on the Orient Express” with $28.2 million at 3,341 venues.

“Thor: Ragnarok,” starring Chris Hemsworth and directed by Taika Waititi, declined 54% from its $122.7 million opening last weekend and is already the ninth highest domestic grosser of 2017 with $211.6 million in its first 10 days. It’s also been a stellar international performer with $438 million in less than three weeks — topping $650 million worldwide.

On 8 November, “Thor: Ragnarok” became the 12th consecutive Marvel Cinematic Universe film to top $500 million worldwide.

The movie has reversed a box office slump that persisted through October and left 2017’s overall domestic moviegoing down 5% from last year at $9.14 billion as of Sunday. With Warner Bros.’ “Justice League” opening next weekend, Disney-Pixar’s “Coco” on 22 November and “Star Wars: The Last Jedi” launching on 15 December, the industry is now poised to end the year on an upbeat note. The overall weekend totaled about $148 million, down 6% from the same frame in 2016, according to comScore.

“Now it will take the dream team of Justice League, ‘Coco’ and of course ‘The Last Jedi’ and a host of other films big and small to rally the industry toward a year end total that could rival last year’s record $11.4 billion,” said Paul Dergarabedian, senior media analyst at comScore. “The clock is ticking and there’s not a lot of time left on the calendar to make up the difference.”

“Daddy’s Home 2” is performing at the high end of recent forecasts and is finishing about 23% below the original’s $38.7 million opening in 2015. Mark Wahlberg and Will Ferrell reprise their roles as fathers co-parenting the children of Wahlberg’s character who struggle to cope when their fathers, played by Mel Gibson and John Lithgow, arrive during the holiday season. The film carries a $70 million budget.

The original went on to gross $150 million domestically. Paramount’s distribution president Kyle Davies pointed to an A-CinemaScore as an indication that the “Daddy’s Home 2” is resonating with all demographics — and should perform well in coming weeks.

“We are well-positioned heading into the holiday season with a movie for audiences from 8 to 80,” he added. “Murder on the Orient Express” has also launched above expectations. Kenneth Branagh stars as detective Hercule Poirot in the latest adaptation of Agatha Christie’s story of a murder mystery on a luxury train in the 1930s. — Reuters

South Korea celebrity appears in Chinese ad in subtle sign of thawing diplomatic tension

South Korean actress Jun Ji-hyuan looks at a tablet as she arrives at the 50th Baeksang Arts Awards in Seoul on 27 May, 2014. The arts awards is an awards ceremony for the television and film industry in South Korea. PHOTO: REUTERS

SEUL — A South Korean actress is promoting cosmetics on China’s biggest online mail, in a subtle sign of easing diplomatic tension that has seen once-ubiquitous South Korean celebrities vanish from Chinese marketing campaigns.

Jun Ji-hyun, who has played the lead roles in hit movies and dramas such as 2013’s “My Love from the Star,” featured prominently on Monday on the product page of health goods maker Mentholatum on Alibaba Group Holding Ltd’s Taobao.com.

Jun’s appearance comes toward the end of a year in which South Korea’s entertainment industry suffered a drop in Chinese demand for South Korean cultural exports. The drop came as Beijing objected to Seoul’s use of a US anti-missile system, prompting popular anti-South Korean sentiment in China.

South Korean celebrities soon reported being unable to attend promotional events and having work visa applications delayed, officials at South Korean talent agencies told Reuters.

“Chinese TV ads featuring South Korean celebrities were suddenly dropped and new ones aired with Chinese celebrities,” said a director of a South Korean talent agency, declining to be identified due to the sensitivity of the matter. Chinese foreign ministry spokesman Geng Shuang, at a regular briefing on Monday, said he was not aware of any restrictions on South Korean cultural exports, and that “China will work hard with South Korea to promote the early return to the correct and healthy track of bilateral exchanges and cooperation.” — Reuters

Shawn Mendes, Eminem and U2 among winners at MTV Europe Music Awards

LONDON — Canadian pop singer Shawn Mendes led the pack at the MTV Europe Music awards on Sunday night, taking home “Best Song,” “Best Artist,” and “Biggest Fans” awards, in a show that featured performances from French Montana, The Killers and Kesha.

British R&B singer Rita Ora performed the hosting duties, as well as a mashup of her 2017 hit “Your Song,” alongside her new single “Anywhere.”

US rap star Eminem opened the show with a performance of his new song “Walk on Water,” with Skylar Grey standing in for Beyonce to sing the other part in the duet. The Detroit rapper also took the award for “Best Hip Hop,” an honour which he appeared to find slightly baffling.

“I’m not really sure how I got this, ‘cause I haven’t had an album out in a few years” he quipped in his acceptance speech, adding “I got one coming through.”

“Look What You Made Me Do,” singer Taylor Swift had been the most-nominated star of the evening, with six nominations, but failed to win any awards.— Reuters
Australia 'brings a smile' with Ferry McFerryface, but not everyone gets the joke

SYDNEY — In the grand tradition of Britain's Boaty McBoatface, Australian authorities are christening one of the ferries crossing Sydney's world famous harbour Ferry McFerryface, but some union workers aren't amused.

The New South Wales state government announced the name for one of its six new ferries on Tuesday after a public vote, with Transport Minister Andrew Constance deeming it "one for the kids".

Ferry McFerryface was actually the second choice in the Australian poll, behind Boaty McBoatface, the name also chosen by the British public in a 2016 vote to name a new polar research vessel.

The British government overturned that vote, instead naming the vessel after leading naturalist David Attenborough. Australian authorities said they planned to comply with the public vote, albeit passing on Boaty as the first choice, given the lack of originality.

"We asked Sydney to name their new ferries, and we have listened," Constance said in a statement.

"Ferry McFerryface will be the harbour's newest icon, and I hope it brings a smile to the faces of visitors and locals alike."

But the country's Maritime Union, whose members staff the ferry fleet, failed to see the funny side. Paul Garrett, a spokesman for the union, said workers were frustrated by the decision, noting that ferries have traditionally been named after Sydney's beaches and successful Olympians.

"Ferry McFerryface" should have been given the honour of naming the ferries eliminating the need for a public vote," Garrett said.  "It also could've been named after our biggest beach, Bondi before."
Shan United FC makes preparation for ASEAN competitions

SHAN United FC is entering the play-off competition of 2018 Asian Football Confederation after winning the MNL (Myanmar National League) Max Cement 2017 championship. General Manager of the club U Khin Maung Tun said it is now making preparation for this competition.

“ACL level is slightly higher than Myanmar football (level). But Shan United FC will compete in the best it can. That is why we are now preparing for it. After discussing with the chief coach and technical director, we plan to reinforce the team with local players” he said. “If we are to play again in AFC Cup from ACL, we aim to do something as a team representing the country. Our target is to play in AFC Cup. We want to erase the record of Myanmar team not going past the group stage last year” he added.

According to Myanmar National League Facebook Page, Shan United FC also has a plan to upgrade State Football Stadium in Taunggyi to host the Asian Football Competition. — Kyaw Zin Tun □

Myanmar ties India in 2019 AFC Asian Cup qualifier

MYANMAR national football team drew with India in the qualifying match for 2019 AFC Asian Cup held yesterday at the Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium in Goa city, India.

The first goal for Myanmar was scored by Yan Naing Oo at one minute-mark, as soon as the game kicks off. But a few minutes later, at 13 minutes, the equalizer goal for India was scored by Chhetri with a penalty.

At nineteen minutes, Myanmar footballer Kyaw Ko Ko scored the second goal for Myanmar and when the first half of the game was completed Myanmar was 2-1 over India.

In the second half, Indian player Lalpekhlua scored the second equalizer.

The two teams tried to defeat the other, but both teams couldn’t score the winning goal and the match ended with 2-2 tie.

After the match, Myanmar stands third place in Group A with India leading in the top place and Kyrgyzstan in second place. —Kyaw Zin Tun □

England boss Southgate backs grounded Rashford to reach the top

LONDON — England striker Marcus Rashford may only be 20 but has already shown the attributes to become a top player; manager Gareth Southgate has said ahead of the team’s international friendly against Brazil on Tuesday.

Rashford burst on to the scene with a brace for Manchester United against Midtjylland in the Europa League last year and has quickly established himself as a key part of the squad for both club and country.

“It’s amazing really that he’s been a player who’s been able to step under the radar as we think so much of him, not only his ability, but his mentality and his maturity,” Southgate told British media.

“He’s a very exciting player, but grounded, wants to improve all the time. For me he’s going to be a top player. He has all the attributes of the top players I’ve worked with, but he’s still only 20.

“Quite often we look across at each other in training and raise our eyebrows at some of the things he does. He’s a very exciting player.”

Southgate said the faith shown in Rashford by United manager Jose Mourinho and former England boss Roy Hodgson was a sign that they considered him a big-game player.

“Jose (Mourinho) wouldn’t mess around, but he picks him in all the big games and is on the field in nearly every game,” Southgate said. “Roy saw the same things. ‘We wanted to look after him last summer as we see him as a big part of our future. He’ll score goals... his technique and his finishing ability are tremendous.’

The striker, who has made 14 appearances for England, will look to add to his two goals when they play five-times world champions Brazil at Wembley. — Reuters □

Manchester City not invincible, says Wenger

LONDON — Manchester City have opened up an eight-point gap at the top of the Premier League, scoring 38 goals along the way, but while some are predicting an unbeaten season for Pep Guardiola’s side, Arsenal manager Arsene Wenger is not convinced.

City have won 10 of their opening 11 games, a home draw against Everton in August depriving them of a perfect start, and their 3-1 win over Arsenal earlier this month extended their winning streak to 15 games in all competitions.

Arsenal are the only team to go unbeaten throughout an entire Premier League season (2003-04) and when asked whether City could emulate his “Invincibles” the Frenchman said there was still a long way to go.

“They are a good side but they are not an unstoppable side,” Wenger told BeIN Sports.

“People always want to predict what will happen in the game. “I don’t know more than you, maybe, maybe not, but at the moment only one team has done it”.

Arsenal, who trail City by 12 points in sixth, host Tottenham Hotspur in the north London derby on Saturday. — Reuters □