State Counsellor meets Chinese FM

Daw Aung San Suu Kyi, State Counsellor and Union Minister for Foreign Affairs, received Minister for Foreign Affairs Mr. Wang Yi of the People’s Republic of China at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Nay Pyi Taw at 11 am yesterday.

Views on Sino-Myanmar relations and cooperation, Belt and Road initiative, Myanmar’s peace process and the Rakhine issue were exchanged at the meeting.

After the meeting, documents in connection with the cooperation agreements between the Republic of the Union of Myanmar and the People’s Republic of China were signed and exchanged in the presence of State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi and Minister Mr. Wang Yi. The agreement on renovation of the National Theatre (Yangon) was signed by Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Religious Affairs and Culture U Tun Ohn and Chinese Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Hong Liang; the agreement on poverty alleviation and cooperation by Director-General U Khant Zaw of Rural Development Department of the Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation and the Chinese Ambassador; the agreement on renovation of National Indoor Stadium 1 by Director-General U Myo Hlaing of the Sports and Physical Education Department of the Ministry of Health and Sports and the Chinese Ambassador.

PHOTO: MNA

State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi and Minister for Foreign Affairs of China Mr. Wang Yi having a cordial chat while greeting each other.
Three veteran writers win Lifelong National Literary Award

THE Lifelong National Literary Award and National Literary Awards and Sarpay Beikman Manuscript Awards were presented at the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry in Yangon yesterday morning, with an address by Vice President U Myint Swe.

Speaking on the occasion, Vice President U Myint Swe said Gupyaukgyi Pagoda in Bagan has a stone inscription written in four languages – Pyu, Myanmar, Mon and Pali. It is a firm proof that Myanmar literature is a heritage that has at least 900 years of history. Myanmar literature continued to flourish throughout the ages from Pinya period to Kaungboun period. Excellent works of the respective periods also appeared all along its history. Myanmar Translation Association which later became the Sarpay Beikman came into being in 1947. Initial preparations were then made to present Sarpay Beikman Manuscript Awards. The Vice President then recounted the history of presenting Sarpay Beikman Manuscript Awards and the selection systems. He said at present the country presents 16 categories of National Literary Awards and 13 categories of Sarpay Beikman Manuscript Awards. He said three winners for the Lifelong National Literary Award for 2016 came out. This year’s winners include new writers, writers with some experience and veteran writers. The presentation of literary awards is for the continuous progress of Myanmar literature and emergence of brilliant writers. The awards have enhanced the confidence of writers and their creativity. So it is a drive towards the appearance of excellent literary works. The vice president expressed hope that literary world will produce more works in the interest of the community, race and country, create works that meet the international standard and provide support for the establishment of a democratic federal country. He then presented Lifelong Awards to veteran writers U Tha Noe (Maung Tha Noe), U Thein Than Tun (Thein Than Tun) and U Kyaw Win (Nyo Win).

Afterwards, Union Minister for Information Dr Pe Myint, Yangon Region Chief Minister U Phyo Min Thein, Rakhine Ethnic Affairs Minister of the region cabinet U Zaw Aye Maung and Region Auditor General Daw Khin Than Hla presented category-wise awards to winners.

U Tha Noe (Maung Tha Noe) on behalf of award winners spoke words of thanks. The Vice President and party posed for documentary photo together with the winners. Also present on the occasion were Hluttaw representatives, departmental heads, the chairman and EC members of Myanmar Writers Association, officials, families of the award winners and invited guests.

—Myanmar News Agency

Third day of 13th ASEM Senior Official’s Meeting held

THE third day of 13th ASEM Senior Official’s Meeting being hosted by Myanmar took place yesterday at the Emerald Hall of Myanmar International Convention Center-1 (MICC-1), Nay Pyi Taw.

During the meeting, the ASEM Senior Officials attended discussed the 3rd ASEM Pathfinder Group on Connectivity (APGC) Meeting, ASEM’s other meetings and forthcoming work programs, the matters of 14th ASEM Foreign Ministers’ Meeting and regional cooperation sectors.

Then, they discussed the draft of the meeting agenda in 13th ASEM Foreign Ministers’ Meeting, opening ceremony, closing ceremony and the meetings’ programs, the statement of 13th ASEM Foreign Ministers’ Meeting, other matters and the next ASEM Senior Official’s Meetings.

Present at the meeting were senior officials of ASEAN Secretariat and European Union, 28 member countries of EU, 2 non-EU member countries, 10 member countries of ASEAN, 11 countries of northeast and south Asia totaling 51 countries.

The 13th ASEM Senior Official’s Meeting continues to take place on 20 to 21 November at MICC-1, Nay Pyi Taw.

Participants holding talks at the 13th ASEM Senior Official’s Meeting. PHOTO: MNA

Three pillars of the ASEAN are political pillar, economic pillar and social, culture & education pillar while three basic principles of the ASEAN are equal partnership, mutual respect and mutual benefit.

—Myanmar News Agency
President U Htin Kyaw receives China’s Foreign Minister

President U Htin Kyaw received China’s Foreign Minister Mr. Wang Yi and party yesterday afternoon at Hall of Presidential Palace, Nay Pyi Taw.

During the meeting, they discussed promotion of economic cooperation and friendly relations in the new era of progress in China, China’s assistance to Myanmar in all sectors at the international sphere as a true friend, to promote cooperation for peace processes and the security, stability and peace carried out in Rakhine State.

Present at the meeting were Union Minister Thura U Aung Ko, Union Minister U Kyaw Tin, U Min Thu and officials. The guest party led by China’s Foreign Minister and China’s Ambassador to Myanmar Mr. Hong Liang also attended.

—Myanmar News Agency

Representatives arrives in Nay Pyi Taw for 13th ASEM Ministerial meeting

Representatives from respective countries arrived in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday morning to attend the 13th ASEM Ministerial meeting that will be hosted in Myanmar.

Croatia Deputy Minister arrived at Nay Pyi Taw International Airport yesterday morning 8:15 am and welcomed by deputy director general of the protocol department.

A delegation led by Chinese Foreign Minister arrived and welcomed by Deputy Minister of the foreign affairs U Kyaw Tin, Chinese Ambassador to Myanmar Mr. Hong Liang and other officials.

Indonesian Foreign Minister arrived in afternoon and Foreign Ministers from India, New Zealand, Norway, Mongolia, Singapore, Laos, Thailand, Finland, Slovenia, Portuguese, Malta, Ireland, Russia, Cambodia, Romania, Denmark, Estonia, Hungary and Switzerland also arrived in Nay Pyi Taw and were welcomed by respective officials.

—Myanmar News Agency

The 8th Model ASEM 2017 concludes in Nay Pyi Taw

Yesterday morning in Nay Pyi Taw, the closing ceremony of the 8th Model ASEM (Asia-Europe Meeting) was held in the city’s Myanmar International Convention Center-II (MICC-II).

Firstly the Chairperson of the 8th Model ASEM coordinat-ed the discussions for the reports issued and then gave instruction to each of the representatives in attendance.

The closing ceremony of the meeting was held at 2 pm. In attendance were Union Minister Dr. Myo Thein Gyi, Deputy Min-

ister U Win Maung Htun, Chief Directors, college students from 8th Model ASEM 2017 and other invited guests.

During the ceremony, Union Minister for Education Dr. Myo Thein Gyi said that the discussion of the young people from Asia and Europe conformed with the motto of the meeting “The development of peace requires firm relations”.

Some of the topics discussed at the meeting were challenges with trans-border crimes, increasing vocational training classes, deciding on policies or a framework to give security to news information, working to connect all countries and their citizens to the internet, increasing relations between countries to raise the quality of education and increasing the student exchange programs.

Other topics discussed were providing more educational opportunities to students with disabilities and students living in rural areas, finding solutions to end poverty, gender equality, changing to green, renewable energy sources like solar or wind power.

Dr. Myo Thein Gyi said that the meeting improved the debate skills of the youth participants and also increased their mutual understanding. He said they were able to discuss their differences and work towards a common solution for their problems.

Afterwards, the Chairperson of the 8th Model ASEM 2017 handed over the mutually agreed upon report to the Union Min-

ister. Ambassador Mr. Karsten Warnecke, Executive Director of Asia-Europe Foundation-ASEF, gave the closing speech and a model press conference of an actual ASEM meeting was carried out.

Afterwards, the award ceremony and participation certif-
icate for the 8th Model ASEM 2017 were carried out.

In the evening, the Union Minister attended the ASEF Direct Leadership Exchange Reception with foreign minis-

ters and youth representatives from Asia and Europe held in Nay Pyi Taw’s Thingaha Hotel.
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**CHIN STATE farmers busy in harvesting monsoon paddy in time**

RICE growers in Kyikha Town and nearby villages are now very busy in harvesting transplanted monsoon paddy in time, expecting good yield this season, residents say. Efforts are being made by local rice growers this harvest season to protect their products from getting ruined with unseasoned rains.

This is why farmers are putting forth continuous efforts to reap the rice crop from the fields as fast as possible.

Residents in Kyikha Town and nearby villages traditionally cultivate rice on a commercial scale.

“Nowadays we are facing climate change problem including untimely rains, flooding and other forms of natural disasters. In the previous year, rice plantations of mine badly destroyed by heavy rains, with the result that most of the harvest was lost and it also decreased in value of the products,” said Farmer U Tun Za Htun who are taking care the harvesting of the rice paddy without much wastage.

He added, “Our farming is doing well as this year’s climate is good. We have to enjoy the fruits of our hard work.”—ZO Hay Hsa

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**External trade revenue rose by US$3 billion against last FY**

MYANMAR’s external trade revenue between 1st April and 10th November in the current fiscal year is up by US$3 billion compared to the similar period of last year.

International trade hit $19.4 billion, with an estimated export value of $8.4 billion and an import value of $10.9 billion, resulting in trade deficit of $2.5 billion.

Agro products, animal products, fisheries, forest products, minerals, finished industrial goods and other export products are shipped to foreign countries. Export earnings as of 10th November increased $1.24 billion compared to the same period of last FY.

Capital goods such as auto parts, vehicles, machines, steel, and airplane parts are imported. Private sectors show a decrease of $190 million against last FY, whereas the state sector has seen an increase of $3.2 billion.

Intermediate goods import is highest in the import sector with petroleum products and plastic raw materials the main import items.

Import value is up by $1.3 billion against last FY. Consumer products such as pharmaceuticals, cosmetics, and palm oil also enters the market, showing increase of $455 million more than last FY. Trade via sea routes fetched $14.96 billion, an increase of $3.2 billion from last year, whereas border trade earned $4.4 billion, which is a significant drop of $178 million compared to last FY.—Htwe Myat

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**Livelihood trainings given to farmers in Wakema Township**

AS PART OF efforts to develop socio-economic status of rural community, a series of livelihood trainings have been given to farmers in central arid zone under the arrangement of the Agriculture Department in collaboration with Livestock Breeding and Veterinary Department, and the Agriculture Department.

Starting from November 16, the three departments launched a training programme in Hwakanut Village, Ugyidaw Township, Ugyidaw District, Ayeyawady Region, aiming to assist crop growers and farm operators how to minimize the use of their land while improving the quality of their produce.

The two-week training will last until 30 November. The participants of the training are residents of Hwakanut, Ugyidaw and nearby villages.

The skill development training mainly focuses on sharing knowledge on agricultural techniques, utilization of a mixture of natural and chemical fertilizer, quality seed production, pest control and eradication, insects killing and laws relating to the use of pesticides.

The trainees will also learn infection and symptoms of animal diseases, vaccinations, systematic injection and storage of animal vaccines through this training.

The township manager for pest control, the deputy-head of the township agriculture department and the head of the Livestock Breeding and Veterinary Department will share their knowledge and experiences.—Hlwan Thiha (Wakema)
Ye Tsp’s latex production declines from hot climate

The price of natural rubber latex (which is dried into rubber bales) is not as high as previous market price, said the rubber farm owners.

According to records of Ye Township Rubber Planters and Producers, there are 150,000 acres of rubber farms which can produce latex. In order for rubber to meet international criteria and fetch good price in export market, rubber farm owners are planning with the state government to produce purified rubber.

—Htut Htut (Ye)

Singapore company proposes purchase of 50,000 tons of quality rubber from Mon State

A Singapore company has offered to buy 50,000 tons of quality rubber produced in Mon State, according to yesterday’s report of Myawady Daily.

The Mon State Rubber Planters and Producers Association and the Singapore Hintha Agri Company have signed a Memorandum of Understanding for purchase. The agreement was signed at the Myanmar Rubber Business-Matchmaking and Exhibition on 14th November. The purchase price was not disclosed, said U Naing Kyan Yit from the Mon State Rubber Planters and Producers Association.

Due to a lack of technical assistance, Mon State’s rubber cannot meet export quality standards. With the subvention of Mon State government, high-quality rubber plants are planned for ten townships in Mon State. Currently, rubber factories are being built in Kyaukmaraw and Paung townships, with future facilities planned for Thaton, Mudon, Thanybyuzayat, and Ye townships.

Mon State has more than 500,000 acres of rubber, which produce over 100,000 tons of rubber a year. –GNLM

Pepper yield likely to decline in Ye Township

ERRATIC weather has affected the yield of pepper, with production likely to drop compared to last year, said pepper growers from Ye Township, Mon State.

Torrential rain occurred at a time when pepper plants bloomed last July, causing some blossoms to fall off. The yield plunged to a third from that of the regular production rate in the previous years. This in turn contributed to a lack of the pepper products in the market. The majority of merchants stockpiled pepper, offering a good price last year. Now, the market is in a downward trend, said the merchants.

Peppers are normally produced in December and January in Ye Township.

The peppers are sent to Yangon market and also exported to foreign countries. A viss (1.6 kg) of pepper fetched Ks14,000 during the previous season. —Htut Htut (Ye)
Japanese FM emphasizes bilateral economic cooperation

Q: Since 2011, Japan-Myanmar economic cooperation has increased, especially in Thilawa SEZ and could you please tell me future cooperation between the two countries?

A: The challenges that Rakhine State faces are multi-faceted and complex. Myanmar Government had already initiated efforts to address the root cause of the issue, very soon after taking office. With regard to the situation in Rakhine State after 25 August, State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi indicated her de termination to make efforts on expanding humanitarian assistance and repatriation of the refugees, the resettlement and rehabilitation, and regional development and peace.

The Myanmar Government has been advancing these efforts and implementing the recommendations of the Kofi Anan report. The Government of Japan highly praises such efforts by the Myanmar Government, and will do its utmost to support them.

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Mr. Nakane, State Minister for Foreign Affairs of Japan.

Q: Through the history of bilateral cooperation, Japan has been contributed to Myanmar’s development in various sectors. What are key factors for the success of Myanmar’s development and how has Japan helped reach these goals?

A: Japan’s assistance goes to a wide range of sectors, with a view to ensuring that all Myanmar people can enjoy the fruits of the country’s democratic transition, national reconciliation and economic development. At present, 88 companies from various countries across the world (of which 45 are Japanese) have decided to expand their business in the Thilawa SEZ and 37 of those companies are already operating.

Going forward, further robust business activities in Thilawa SEZ will be important, not only in itself but also for driving the urban development of Yangon and ultimately the whole of the Myanmar economy. Japan will therefore continue to support efforts to improve investment environment in Myanmar.

Q: What is your impression on Myanmar democratization and peace process as Japan provides nearly US$ 4.2 million for the peace process?

A: Peace and national reconciliation are essential elements for Myanmar’s successful democratic nation-building and economic development. With this in mind, the Japanese Government appointed Mr. Yohei SASAKAWA, President of Nippon Foundation, Special Envoy for the Government of Japan, and pledged an assistance of 40 billion Japanese Yen (approximately 363 million USD) over five years, in order to foster progress in the peace process and bring stability and growth to the ethnic minority communities.

We particularly place emphasis on improving people’s livelihoods and supporting resettlement of repatriated population in the areas where the Nationwide Peace Agreement has been signed.

For example, 100 houses were constructed and handed over to the locals in Lay Kay Kaw Village of Karen State, and new schools, hospitals and bridges are being constructed in the conflict-affected areas in Karen and Mon State, allowing people to feel that peace is gradually taking hold. Japan has also contributed 4.2 million USD to the Joint Peace Fund in March this year. Japan will continue to provide assistance so that many people will be able to reap the benefits of peace.

Q: What is your impression on Myanmar’s efforts towards peace, stability and development in Rakhine State and what kind of further assistance Japan could lend in the process?

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GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT (GDP) AT CURRENT PRICES

ANNUAL GROWTH RATES OF GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT

Source: Planning Department
Information Unit: Central Statistical Organization

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Senior General receives Foreign Minister of China

SENIOR General Min Aung Hlaing received Foreign Affairs Minister of the People’s Republic of China, Mr Wang Yi at the Zayyar Thiri Behman in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday afternoon.

During the meeting, views on the need to inform the international community about the real situation of Rakhine issue, China’s assistance in Myanmar peace and stability and development undertakings, and further strengthening of the relations between the two countries through the firm friendship between the two armed forces.—Myanmar News Agency ■

Opening ceremony of 13th ASEM Ministerial meeting to be broadcast live

The opening ceremony of 13th ASEM Ministerial meeting will be launched today 9am at the international conventional center (1) in Nay Pyi Taw.

The ceremony will be broadcasted live from Myanmar Radio and Television (MRTV), Myanmar International TV, Myanmar Radio and Live Streaming will also be available on MRTV Face page. —Myanmar News Agency ■

Closing ceremony of 11th ASEF Journalist Seminar 2017 launched

THE closing ceremony of the 11th Asia-Europe Foundation (ASEF) Journalist Seminar 2017 was launched at Tungapuri Hotel in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday morning.

Officials from ASEF, media representatives from Myanmar and ASEF member countries attended the ceremony.

During the ceremony, Ms Nathalie Sajda from ASEF, U Myint Kyaw from Myanmar Press Council, Mr. Pawel Skawinski from Polish Press Agency, Editor-in-Chief from Mongolia Ms. Bolor Zaaankhuu and reporter from Ireland Mr. Chai Brady discussed under the title “The role of the Media for sustainable development”. They also discussed the ethic of media in connection with knowledge on peace, equality and releasing of correct and accurate news, the life of journalists, the standard and norm of newspapers, conditions on news releasing and broadcasting about non-educated children with mal-nutrition, qualities required for media and all media related persons and balanced news writing style on important news.

Next, Senior Lecturer Dr. Alex Wake from Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology discussed the tile named “Collaboration ways for Media and Education for the aim of sustainable development”, and also focused on the role of media for keeping sustainable development of Education sector along with suggestions for journalism and journalists. Media men also raised the questions after his discussion.

After that, Ms. Valentina Riccard from ASEF, U Zayyad Hlaing from Myanmar Press Council, freelance Journalist Ms. Claire Wilson from Australia and freelance journalist Ms. Sharmilla Ganesan from Malaysia also discussed under the title: “Ways to support sustainable development of cultural sector by Media”. They cordially discussed supporting the cultural sector by media from different points of view respectively. Then, Permanent Secretary for Ministry of Information, U Myo Myint Maung discussed the essential role of the Media including constructive journalism, proactive reporting, informing and educating to achieve Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), upgrading role of media to become ethical, professional, impartial, constructive and proactive ones, providing the adequate, accurate and timely development information. He also expressed his desire hoping for all the journalists attending the seminar can work together in the future to implement the theme of this seminar. Similarly, Executive Director Mr. Karsten Warnecke also expressed his dignitary words for the success holding of the seminar. In the evening, the seminar attendees visited National Museum in Nay Pyi Taw.

—Myanmar News Agency ■

GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT (GDP) AT CONSTANT PRICES

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Source: Planning Department
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The final day of the 11th Asia-Europe Foundation (ASEF) Journalist Seminar 2017 in progress. PHOTO: MNA

Senior General Min Aung Hlaing receives Foreign Affairs Minister of China, Mr Wang Yi. PHOTO: MNA

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Focus on different points of views

**Introduction**

The ASEM Summit was held 15-17 July 2013, in Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia. It was the 13th summit since the forum was established in 1996. At the summit, Myanmar acknowledged the importance of ASEM for Myanmar to build relations with European Union and to increase mutual understanding and blame on Myanmar.

In 2008, at the 10th Summit held in Vientiane, Lao PD, was the first ASEM summit to be held in a country that was a former colony of a European country. This was followed by the 11th ASEM Summit in Rome in 2010. The aim of the Summit was to implement the two principles which will help solve the problem. Myanmar has clearly laid down two principles that will be helpful in the search for a solution acceptable to both sides. Security Minister Mr. Kyaw Htoon said, “It would be extremely difficult if the two opposing points of view reach a compromise.”

ASEM’s background and history

The Asia–Europe Meeting (ASEM) was commenced in order to be able to cooperate bilaterally helpful in the search for a solution acceptable to both sides. Security Minister Mr. Kyaw Htoon said, “It would be extremely difficult if the two opposing points of view reach a compromise.”

ASEM has been held every two years since 1996, the first summit was held in Varna in 1996, with a total of 25 participating member countries from Asia and Europe. The purpose of ASEM is to increase the two principles that will help solve the problem. Myanmar has clearly laid down two principles that will be helpful in the search for a solution acceptable to both sides. Security Minister Mr. Kyaw Htoon said, “It would be extremely difficult if the two opposing points of view reach a compromise.”

ASEM’s destinations

Four major destinations of ASEMs are as follows:

1. **To support global peace and security by making Asia–Europe Comprehensive cooperation.
2. **To strengthen political dialogue and in-depth understanding in European Union.
3. **To facilitate the implementation of the two principles, which will help solve the problem. Myanmar has clearly laid down two principles that will be helpful in the search for a solution acceptable to both sides. Security Minister Mr. Kyaw Htoon said, “It would be extremely difficult if the two opposing points of view reach a compromise.”

**Correction**

Please read “the US still does not have sufficient information” as “the US still does not have sufficient information” in the 2-page summary of “Opinion” page “Friendship and open minds”.

**The past, the present and the future of ASEM**

(Continued from 19-12-2017)

ASEM was founded on 3 March 1995. The body was formed at the ASEM EU Summit which was also participated by the leaders of China, Japan and the Republic of Korea. The first ASEM Summit was held in Bangkok, Thailand.

As I have mentioned earlier, the ASEME is an organization set up by political will through discussions and cooperation between social sectors from Asia and Europe. Their aim is to establish relations between Asia and Europe to create unity and consolidation among people.

ASEM gets a budget to fund designated amount of their requests, so as the governments of member countries. And most of the projects’ works are funded by partner organizations and private enterprises. Since joining ASEME, Myanmar is committing its annual contributions to ASEM.

The拢 of the central authority for ASEM is the Board of Governors (GOB). Governors are appointed on the basis of either the top office of a country by ASEM member countries. Generally, the projects of the ASEME Foundation, ASEM Senior Officials’ Meeting, and ASEM Ministerial Meeting are held in Bangkok, Thailand on 2-3 April 1996. Son of the Republic of Korea and the third meeting was held in 2002, Copenhagen Denmark the fourth summit on 22-24 September 2007. And, the Fifth southeast Asia and the ASEME Foundation is a 3-4 April 1996 Son of the Republic of Korea and the third meeting was held in Brussels of Belgian the fourth summit on 22-24 September 2007. And, the Fifth southeast Asia and the ASEME Foundation is a 3-4 April 1996 Son of the Republic of Korea and the third meeting was held in Brussels of Belgian the fourth summit on 22-24 September 2007. And, the Fifth southeast Asia and the ASEME Foundation is a 3-4 April 1996 Son of the Republic of Korea and the third meeting was held in Brussels of Belgian the fourth summit on 22-24 September 2007. And, the Fifth southeast Asia and the ASEME Foundation is a 3-4 April 1996 Son of the Republic of Korea and the third meeting was held in Brussels of Belgian the fourth summit on 22-24 September 2007. And, the Fifth southeast Asia and the ASEME Foundation is a 3-4 April 1996 Son of the Republic of Korea and the third meeting was held in Brussels of Belgian the fourth summit on 22-24 September 2007. And, the Fifth southeast Asia and the ASEME Foundation is a 3-4 April 1996 Son of the Republic of Korea and the third meeting was held in Brussels of Belgian the fourth summit on 22-24 September 2007. And, the Fifth southeast Asia and the ASEME Foundation is a 3-4 April 1996 Son of the Republic of Korea and the third meeting was held in Brussels of Belgian the fourth summit on 22-24 September 2007. And, the Fifth southeast Asia and the ASEME Foundation is a 3-4 April 1996 Son of the Republic of Korea and the third meeting was held in Brussels of Belgian the fourth summi

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Later, Union Minister for Religious Affairs and Culture Thura U Aung Ko and Chinese Foreign Minister Mr. Wang Yi formally unveiled the signboard of the Chinese Cultural Bureau in Yangon.

Afterwards, State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi and Chinese Foreign Affairs Minister Mr. Wang Yi met the press.

At the press meeting Mr. Wang Yi said that since his first meeting with State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi he has had the desire to promote Si-no-Myanmar cooperation. He met with Daw Aung San Suu Kyi during his Myanmar visit to attend the 13th ASEM meeting. The discussions were centered on further promotion of bilateral cooperation. China supports the current government’s endeavours to realize the public aspiration. China encourages Myanmar to develop its economy and improve the people’s social lives. China renders cooperation and support for Myanmar’s peace and national reconciliation process. The country also gave assistance for the success of the 12 ASEM foreign affairs ministers meeting. As regards mutual cooperation, the Chinese Foreign Affairs Minister recounting his meeting with the Myanmar counterpart during which serious discussions were made on economic cooperation and a corridor for facilitating bilateral cooperation. The corridor will pass through Mandalay Region before reaching Yangon in the east and Kyaikphyu in the west. It is a part of the One Belt and One Road. The corridor is the vital part for further enhancing bilateral cooperation. Mr. Wang Yi said he accepted Daw Aung San Suu Kyi’s view on Rakhine issue. Myanmar and Bangladesh should solve the issue through dialogue.

The UN General Assembly needs to render assistance for the realization of the dialogue. Myanmar has already agreed on the holding of bilateral talks. The issue should be divided into three sectors in solving it. The first one is to restore peace and stability and a ceasefire, the second is to find a better way for the dialogue and the third is the launching of a poverty alleviation campaign after a quick agreement. The basic factor of the lack of peace and stability is poverty. More international aid is needed for poverty alleviation. As Sino-Myanmar cooperation has reached a new chapter assistance will be provided for the social and economic progress of Myanmar.

State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi said Myanmar and China are friends enjoying mutual respect and understanding on the same level despite the huge difference in strength and power. The equal fraternal spirit is a requisite as well as an appropriate measure for bilateral cooperation that ensures proper progress. Myanmar’s main requirement is peace and stability as well as progress. The cooperation and participation of China, a friendly neighbor of Myanmar is of vital importance in the endeavors for fulfilling the requirement. Cooperation through the detailed coordination based on various factors will provide rapid thrust for Myanmar’s peace, stability and progress.

She said Myanmar values China’s understanding of the Rakhine issue which is much complicated and delicate. The three sectors or points proposed by the Chinese Foreign Affairs Minister agree with the view of Myanmar. Myanmar’s insistence on the rule of law is for stability and ceasing conflicts. Myanmar is desirous of solving the issue through bilateral talks with Bangladesh. Development and poverty alleviation is the hope and goal of the government not only for Rakhine State but also for the entire country. China’s assistance as a friend in need amidst the many problems is so much encouraging for Myanmar. May there be eternal friendship between the eternal neighbors China and Myanmar, she prayed.

In answering the question raised by MITV on behalf of the local media, Chinese Foreign Affairs Minister Mr. Wang Yi said China’s hope for Myanmar is its peace and stability which is divided into three sectors. China has listened to the voices of Myanmar and Bangladesh. China hopes for further talks between the two countries.

As regards the question raised by Xinhua on behalf of foreign media, State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi said the principle progress in the relations between the two countries is the bilateral understanding. It is the most important progress as such degree of bilateral understanding can solve any kind of problem. Myanmar favours not only the Belt and Road initiative, but also any beneficial matter or project that serves mutual interest. Myanmar’s main goal is the further strengthening of people-to-people friendship. She expressed hope to deal with the development projects in connection with Belt and Road initiative in Beijing soon.

Daw Aung San Suu Kyi hosted a luncheon for Minister Mr. Wang Yi at Sofitel Hotel. Union Minister Thura U Aung Ko, and U Kyaw Tin and officials were also present. The Chinese Minister was accompanied by the Chinese Ambassador and officials. — Kyaw The Ein, Kyaw Htak Soe, Myo Myint

Foundation laied to build new Station Hospital in MraukU held

FOUNDATION laying ceremony for building new station hospital in Myaung Dway Village, MraukU Hospital, Rakhine State was held yesterday morning at the site of construction.

Attended at the ceremony were Indonesian Ambassador to Myanmar H.E Dr Ito Sumardi, Ministry of Health and Sports’ Director-General Dr Moe Win, Rakhine State cabinet’s officials, Rakhine State head of the hospital Dr Shwe Thein, MraukU District General Administration Department’s deputy head U Soe Win and officials and villagers from Myaung Bwe, Paung Toke, Nan Kyar, Bu Talone.

The Indonesian Ambassador delivered the speech, in which he said that the station hospital is being reconstructed for the development of Rakhine region, with the aim to assist the health care of the people in the villages.

Then, the Indonesian Ambassador and party visited Archaeology and National Museum in MraukU and viewed the archaeological artworks and Rakhine ethnic people’s utensils displayed. They also visited Koethoung Pagoda. — District (IPRD)

Union Minister Dr Win Myat Aye holds talks with Foreign Minister of Indonesia H.E Ms. Retno L.P Marsudi. PHOTO: MNA

Union Minister Dr Win Myat Aye receives H.E Ms. Retno L.P Marsudi

Union Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement Dr Win Myat Aye received the Foreign Minister of Republic of Indonesia H.E Ms. Retno L.P Marsudi yesterday evening at the Makhalar Hall of the ministry.

During the meeting, the Indonesian foreign minister discussed asking that what sectors his country can cooperate in the works of UEHRD and Rakhine State Advisory Commission. The union minister discussed back regarding UEHRD’s works being implemented with three goals, cooperation works for repatriation being carried out by Myanmar-Bangladesh bilateral agreement, the situation of receiving centers, the socioeconomic programs for resettlements and developments to be carried out according to disasters management law, the performances of nine tasks forces of UEHRD, regional transport communication and electricity projects being carried out and the situation to be involved at UEHRD’s performances.

— Myanmar News Agency

Indonesian Ambassador to Myanmar H.E Dr Ito Sumardi bears a report presented by an official. PHOTO: IPRD
Our village is peaceful, we want no more violence

By-News Team

Photo-Phoe Taung, Nay Lin

AFTER the terrorist attacks by ARSA in Yathedaung, Maungtaw and Buthidaung townships in Rakhine State, many Islamic people from local villages have fled to Bangladesh. However there are some Islamic people who have remained in their villages and continue to live and work there peacefully.

The media group interviewed some of the Islamic people who remained and the village leaders on the challenges that they face and the possible reasons some Islamic people have fled abroad.

Kasein

(Resident of Tayetpyin Village)

I sell betel nut in Nyaung Chaung Market and I have 5 family members. One of my daughters made her own decision to go to Bangladesh with her husband on 19 October. The husband calls me and says it’s difficult living over there. Our village is peaceful for now and we want no violence. Because of the restriction to remain at home before 6am and 6pm, there isn’t much work to do and so some moved to Bangladesh to find work but it isn’t going well for them over there.

Eislam

(U Maung Sein) (66 year old resident of Tayetpyin Village)

My family and I have always lived here. I graduated from the Defense College. After Article 144 was enforced the people here can’t gather timber or fish anymore so I think that’s why they went abroad. The government gives out rations but there are just too many people for it to be enough. The terrorist attacks have also slowed down or halted businesses.

Fawbi Mamoud

(Resident of Du-O-The Village, Buthidaung Township)

My family owns 20 acres of farmland. We don’t need to go away since we have farm work to do. Some people left because they’re afraid for their lives but I don’t know what the reason for their fear is. Still others leave because there is no work for them here. Up till 15 September there have been over a thousand people who left this place.

Abdumalik (Elder of Kadi Village)

After the attacks on 25 August about 900 hundred villagers left the village for abroad. As an elder I tried to persuade them not to go but because of restricted travel and other people from other villages are also leaving, I couldn’t do anything. We’ve received rations and support three or five times already. I don’t want anyone else to leave because here we can fish and reap our crops.

Abdu Ramah (Chief of Du-O-The Village, Buthidaung Township)

Most of the villagers left for abroad a week after the attacks. The reason is that most of our villagers work in Rakhine villages but after they were restricted from entering work has been slow for them. Administrative bodies and the Red Cross provide us with support from time to time. We haven’t had contact with the people who’ve left.

Kyaw Zin Win (Chief of Payarpyin village tract, Buthidaung Township)

There are three villages in our village tract including an ethnic village and a Bengali village.

The residents of Payarpyin and Aungpa Bengali village make up over 6,000 villagers. Our Rakhine Gantgaw Myaing villagehas over 400 villagers. Most of the villagers left for abroad a week after the attacks on 25 August.

I heard that the majority left because of difficulty getting work and food. Some of the villagers and the administrative bodies are providing food and the Taitmadaw donated some clothing. Even though Article 144 was enforced, it is still possible to work between 6am and 6pm.

They can work in the fields, fish or tend to the cattle. The area around here didn’t have any problems on 23 August and we’ve had Bengali people pass through here on their way to work. There are no religious restrictions or restrictions of any kind here.
Residents of Myitkyina Town to receive free eye surgery next month

Win Naing (Kachinmyye)

THE free eye care programme of a Buddhist monk is due to take place in the first week of next month in Myitkyina, the capital city of Kachin State, with the organisers inviting residents from all wards/villages across the state who are suffering from eye disease.

This will be the eighth time Sitagu Sayadaw, a well-known Buddhist monk working for people in need of help for decades, has organised this kind of eye care charitable contributions in the region.

Under this programme, the treatment will be offered with compassion to patients of all ages and without religious discrimination at Myitkyina’s Sitagu Cakkhudana Hospital between 4 and 7 December.

U Maung Thein, chair of the hospital’s organising committee, said that the Sitagu Cakkhudana Hospital in Myitkyina Township in Kachin State was officially launched in December 2011.

He added that the hospital has offered comprehensive surgical care to 290 patients for the first time. Since its establishment to date, the hospital provided free eye surgery to about 9,000 people.

Between 1993 and 2016, a total of 388,170 people with eye disorders received eye care while more than 71,000 others underwent surgical treatments provided by eye specialists at Sitagu Cakkhudana hospitals across the country.

The most common eye diseases in the country are cataracts, glaucoma, corneal diseases, injuries and retinal diseases.

Cataracts are the most common cause of vision loss in people over age 40 in Myanmar. According to the World Health Organisation’s assessment, cataracts are responsible for 51 per cent of the world’s blindness.
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INVITATION TO SUBMIT EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FROM DEVELOPERS

1. In line with the National Development Plan, the Government of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar has identified the economic potential to contribute to the country’s economic development. As our endeavours for national development, Myanma Railways (MR) is committed to develop Botahtaung Station Area as Rail Concerned Business, High-rise Building, Comprehensive Development in the planned area of 1.68 ha (4.16 acres) and Thitsar Road Over Bridge Construction and Transport System also the essential part of the Greater Yangon City development.

2. During previous Tendering process Myanma Railways was enable to select successful Developer.

3. Myanma Railways now invites Expression of Interest (EOI) from reputable local, international or joint venture developers to undertake design and build works for Botahtaung Station Area as Rail Concerned Business, High-rise Building, Comprehensive Development, Thit Sar Road Over Bridge Construction and Transport System.

4. Interested Developers shall submit EOI documents to prove themselves capable enough for the development. MR shall be in charge of the selection of potential developer as prequalification.

5. Developers passing the prequalification shall be invited to prepare and submit technical and Financial proposal documents.

6. The successful Tender (hereinafter referred to as the ‘Concessionaire’), shall be responsible for designing, financing, procurement, construction and maintenance of the project and in accordance with the provisions of a concession agreement to be entered into between the successful Tender and the Myanma Railways.

7. The EOI in original hard copy, one duplicate copy and an electronic copy of the EOI in CD ROM shall be submitted to the Deputy General Manager, Supply Department, Myanma Railways, Corner of 51st Street and Merchant Street, Botahtaung Township, Yangon, Myanmar, Phone:+95-1-291985, 291994 or 393424 not later than 14:00 hours on (19th) December 2017. Submission by email shall not be entertained.

8. Myanma Railways reserves the right to accept or reject any EOI, and to annual the selection process and reject all expression at any time, without there by incurring any liability to the affected Developers or Myanma Railways.

Managing Director
Myanma Railways
Ministry of Transport and Communications

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**Government keep global climate deal on track despite US pullout**

BONN, (Germany) — Almost 200 nations kept a 2015 global agreement to tackle climate change on track on Saturday after marathon talks overshadowed by US President Donald Trump’s decision to pull out.

Fijian Prime Minister Frank Bainimarama, presiding at the two-week talks in Bonn, said the outcome “underscores the importance of keeping the momentum and of holding the spirit and vision of our Paris Agreement.”

Delegates agreed to launch a process in 2018 to start reviewing existing plans to limit greenhouse gas emissions as part of a long-term effort to ratchet up ambition. It would be called the “Talanoa Dialogue, after a Fijian word for story-telling and sharing experiences.

And they made progress to draft a detailed rule book for the 2015 Paris agreement, which seeks to end the fossil fuel era this century, at the meeting in Bonn that ran overnight beyond a planned ending on Friday.

The rule book, covering aspects such as how to report and monitor each nation’s greenhouse gas emissions, is due to be ready by December next year.

Many delegates said the work needed to go faster.

“Right now we’re moving at a brisk walk, so all countries will need to really pick up the pace from here,” said Jose Sarney Filho, Brazil’s minister for the environment.

Gebre Jembel Endaile of Ethiopia, who leads the group of least developed countries, also said “many areas of work are still lagging behind”, despite steps forward in Bonn.

The Paris pact aims to limit a rise in average world temperatures to “well below” two degrees Celsius (3.6 degrees Fahrenheit) above pre-industrial times, ideally 1.5 (5.4F) to limit more droughts, floods, heatwaves and rising sea levels.

But existing policies are on track to cause a rise of about three degrees (5.4F) by 2100. The Talanoa Dialogue would be a step towards tighter policies.

The Bonn meeting was under the shadow of Trump’s decision in June to withdraw from the Paris accord and instead promote the coal and oil industry. Trump doubts man-made emissions are the prime cause of rising temperatures.

No other nations have followed suit and even nations whose economies depend on fossil fuels have rallied around.

“Everyone got together and said ‘we have to protect the world. We have to protect the Paris Agreement. Countries are moving forward,’ ” United Arab Emirates Climate Minister Thani Ahmed Al Zeyoudi told Reuters.

One senior European diplomat said Trump’s decision had “sedated” the talks into a numbed sense of unity, avoiding major confrontations to underscore that the main faultline on policy was between Trump and the rest of the world.

Washington retains its place in the talks for now because the Paris pact stipulates that no country can formally pull out before November 2020.

The fossil fuel industry was very much under the spotlight during the talks. The US administration’s only event in Bonn was to promote coal, which jarred with many other nations who wanted talks to focus on renewable energies.

In seeming defiance, 20 countries and two US states joined an international alliance to phase out coal from power generation before 2030.

Environmental groups said the outcome in Bonn was a step in the right direction, but many issues needed to be resolved over the next year, including financial support for developing nations who want to cut emissions and for adaptation.—Reuters ■

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**Kids’ floors at remodeled department store drive sales growth**

TOKYO — Remodeled children’s floors at major Japanese department stores are seen as a growth pillar that could help revolve sales, attracting working parents who are willing to spend more on their kids.

Customer traffic has increased following changes in the way baby items are displayed, grouping them by category or children’s age, rather than categorizing by brand. New services, such as Lego block courses, have also yielded positive results amid the trend of Japanese fathers becoming more involved in childrearing.

Takashimaya department store has renovated its baby item sections at six outlets in areas including Tokyo and Osaka since September last year. Sales at five of the six stores in the year through August have soared roughly 24 per cent from a year earlier.

A variety of buggies now feature adjustable handles able to accommodate use by taller men, as well as women. The children’s floor “has become the entrance (of department stores) for women in their 30s who have given birth,” a Takashimaya official said.

In March, Takashimaya’s Shinjuku outlet in Tokyo remodeled its baby item section so its customers can pick products by use or child’s age rather than brands. Part of the floor for early elementary school children was also renovated in September.

“As you can buy anything online nowadays, we hope to provide a place where you can experience all kind of things at our store,” an official at the Shinjuku outlet said. The store is also planning to set up a space where children can practice bouldering and jump rope.

At an annex building of Sogo department store’s Chiba outlet, which was partially renovated in September, children can now take Lego block courses. The outlet plans to open a space where families can play table tennis in late November.

“We hope our children’s floor will become a magnet for moms, dads and grandparents,” a Sogo official said.

—Kyodo News ■
Peace Music Festival starts 3rd round of level 3 in Yangon

Zaw Gyi

The third round of Level (3) stage of peace music festival was held yesterday night at Hexagon Complex, Shwe Htut Tin, East Horse Race Course Road, Tamway in Yangon.

Union Minister for Information Dr Pe Myint, Union Minister for Ethnic Affairs Nai Thet Lwin, Yangon Region Chief Minister U Phyo Min Thein and cabinet member ministers, Yangon region Hluttaw Speaker U Tin Maung Tun, Yangon region Deputy Hluttaw Speaker U Lin Naing Myint, Attorney General of Yangon Region U Han Htoo and delegation led by Director General of Myanmar Radio and Television (MRTV) U Myint Htwe and officials and invited guests attended.

At the ceremony, Say Paing Construction Co. Ltd donated Ks 10 million, U Tha Aung and wife Daw Nan Saw Htwe family from MY Multi Media Co., Ltd donated 2 million Kyat and Director General of MRTV, U Myint Htwe accepted the donations and gave back the certificates of honors.

The festival is being held across the nation with the aim of arousing public awareness and support of, and cooperation in the national reconciliation, the national unity, the internal peace and the democratic federal state.

Level 1 was held at Taunggyi, Myitkyina, Mawlamyine, Lashio, Pathein, Yangon, Nay Pyi Taw, Mandalay, Sittway, Pha Ahn and Kalay. At the end of level 2, judges selected 11 contestants for the Level3 stage.

The code numbers for SMS voting are (7676) for MPT network, (6600) for Telenor network and (6031) for Ooredoo network. The SMS votes shall be sent within 48 hours of the contest.

The SMS votes for each contestant will be announced on Myanmar Television Programmes and Music Festival official Facebook Page.

Event 1 of Level 3 of the peace music festival was held on 5 November in Nay Pyi Taw, event 2 and event 3 of Level 3 were held in Yangon on 12 November and 19 November. Seven contestants out of nine were selected in event 3 of Level 3 of the peace music festival. Event 4 of Level 3 of the peace music festival will be held on 26 November.

The Level 3 event will be held in Yangon and the 11 contestants will have to take part in the Grand Final for first, second and third and seven consolation prizes.

The first prize winner will get K 30 million, the second prize winner K 20 million, the third prize winner K 10 million and each consolation prize winner K 5 million.

MRTV is broadcasting live program of the Music Festival at 8 pm on TV and Facebook page "www.facebook.com/peacemusicfestival"

Pa-O people celebrate New Year Festival in Thaton Township

Thet Oo (Thaton)

THE New Year Festival of Pa-O ethnic people was held in the precinct of Shwesayan Pagoda in Thaton Township of Mon State on Sunday morning.

The annual festival falls on the 1st Waxing of Nadaw, the ninth month of the traditional Myanmar lunar calendar.

Pa-O people yearly celebrate this kind of event for the purpose of promoting its culture, history, literature and preserving its own language.

This is the second time the festival has been organised by Pa-O Literature and Cultural Association of Mon State, said its chairman U Khun Shwe Thin.

On that day, Pa-O people made several donations including offering day meal and rice to Buddhist monks from over 100 Pa-O monasteries.

The association presented awards to 70 outstanding students who passed the matriculation examination with distinctions in 2016-2017 academic year.

Pa-O is the seventh largest ethnic nationality in Myanmar. They mostly reside in Kayin, Kayah and Mon stats as well as Sagaing Region.

Currently, the Pa-O New Year Festival Efforts is held only in Thaton Township. Efforts will be made to yearly celebrate the festival in other regions and states next year.
Myanmar artist wins 1st place in Category 36 of 2017 American Arts Awards

U HLA TUN, a Myanmar fine artist, ranked first in Category 36 of 2017 American Arts Awards among international artists from more than 50 countries, including some ASEAN member countries, Asian countries and western states.

Under the title of “Landscape with life”, his artwork “Going to the field” was selected as the world’s best landscape with life, followed by Australia, China, Canada and the US. Under the same title in Category 36, his work “Custom of the Village” was ranked fourth place while “Summer dry zone” was ranked fifth place.

The first prize winner U Hla Tun was born in Mandalay in 1952. His first masters were his grand uncle and brother. He started drawing commercial works in Mandalay in 1952. Thom Bierdz, self-taught artist and actor, co-founded this opportunity to bring new artists from around the globe into contact with American galleries. The programme welcomes painters, photographers, sculptors and digital artists from all countries.

Winning works of Artist U Ha Tun. PHOTO: SUPPLY

First Ever Yangon 100PLUS Active Run Event takes place with 5,000 Runners

The first ever Yangon 100PLUS Active Run Marathon event supported by the Yangon City Development Committee (“YCDC”) and Ministry of Health and Sports, took place yesterday morning in Myanmar’s commercial capital, drawing a strong response from the public with approximately 5,000 runners who took part across two different categories — 10km Challenge and 5.3km Fun Run/Walk.

The event saw runners filled with enthusiasm and excitement take to the Yangon streets for their run. Organized to help grow the local running community and to promote the importance of healthy lifestyle to people in the country, 100PLUS aims to make the marathon one of the country’s most recognized and anticipated annual sporting events, bringing together runners, supporters, volunteers, corporates and the wider community.

Yangon 100PLUS Active Run 2017 Winners

The first of the two race categories, the 10km Challenge, was flagged off at Thuwunna Football Stadium at 5.30am by U Zaw Aye Maung, Ministry of Rakhine Ethnic Affairs, Daw Hlaing Maw Oo, Secretary of YCDC, Daw Thwe Thwe Oo, Member (4) of YCDC, U Soe Aung, Principal, Ministry of Health and Sports, and Mr Freddy Oh, Country Manager, F&N Myanmar.

In the men’s category, Ko San Naing from Myanmar won first place with a strong time of 33 minutes 11 seconds. Coming in second was Ko Wint Naing Htun with a time of 34 minutes 13 seconds. Third place went to Ma Myint in 35 minutes.

In the women’s category, Ma Thida Cho from Myanmar won first place after clocking 42 minutes 42 seconds. Finishing behind her were Ma Nilar San in second place (42 minutes 19 seconds) and Ma Myint Nyunt Aye in third place (42 minutes 30 seconds).

FNB 100PLUS Active Run Event

The display of paintings by international artists from all countries.

The exhibition displays paintings used by U Kan Nyunt, Yangon’s most recognized master artist, as well as rare graphite paintings and wood paintings, oil paintings and watercolor paintings.

The highlight program of the exhibition, being pleased by international tourists and guests is the portrait of lecturer Daw La Lin Lin Aye in sitting participant drawn by painting students alumni.

The painting enthusiasts who come to the exhibition visit other galleries and buy the artwork albums of U Kan Nyunt.

— Ngway Nadi (Myit Nge)

Bereaved Family

The funeral ceremony will be held at Yeway Cemetery at 4:00 p.m. on 21 November 2017 (Tuesday).

Buses will leave from the residence at 2.30 p.m.

The exhibition held in Yangon on 21 November 2017 (Tuesday).

Artists and critics, collectors, lovers of art, and the general public, were asked to come visit the exhibition to remember the legacy of U Kan Nyunt.

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Artists Exhibition, in commemoration of Artist U Kan Nyunt’s centenary celebration held
Myanmar to compete in International U-21 Vietnam’s ThanhNiên Cup

THE Myanmar Under 21 National Football team will compete in the International U-21 ThanhNiên Newspaper Cup that will be hosted in Vietnam.

A total of five teams; Vietnam U-21, Vietnam U-19, Myanmar, Thailand and Japanese Yokohama U-21 club will compete in the tournament.

The Myanmar team will be headed by its head coach U Kyi Lwin.

The competition will be held from 12 to 22 December and all the matches will be played in a round robin system.

Myanmar will play against Vietnam U-19 on 12 December, Thailand U-21 on 14 December, Vietnam U-21 on 16 December and Japanese Yokohama U-21 on 18 December.

The top two teams, which will get the highest marks, will advance to the finals and the other two teams, the third and fourth most mark scorers, will fight for third place.

The International U-21 ThanhNiên Newspaper Cup is an annual football tournament held in Vietnam. The tournament was officially launched in 2007 by ThanhNiên News in cooperation with the Vietnam Football Federation, with the aim of improving youth football in Vietnam. — KyawZin Lin

Manchester clubs win again as United stars return

LONDON — Premier League leaders Manchester City brushed aside Leicester City 2-0 for their 16th successive win in all competitions as Manchester United welcomed back long-term absentees Paul Pogba and Zlatan Ibrahimovic in a 4-1 rout of Newcastle United.

With Tottenham Hotspur losing ground after a 2-0 derby defeat at neighbours Arsenal, the league continues to look an argument between Manchester's big two who are separated by eight points.

A tap-in by Gabriel Jesus and a stunning strike from Kevin De Bruyne provided the City goals against a Leicester team who have often troubled them in the past.

The home side went close to equalising when Harry Maguire hit the post after the break, but City went straight up the other end and put the result beyond doubt with a stunning counter-attack that De Bruyne rounded off with an unstoppable 20-yard shot in the 49th minute.

The only concern for City manager Pep Guardiola was an injury to John Stones, who hobbled off before the break and may not play again this year.

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Dimitrov snaps Sock jinx, rises to world number three

LONDON — Grigor Dimitrov stood one win away from the biggest title of his career on Saturday after ending his Jack Sock jinx to reach the final of the season-ending ATP Finals at the 02 Arena.

The Bulgarian, finally beginning to look the real deal after year's weighed down by comparisons to Swiss great Roger Federer, produced more dazzling tennis to win 4-6, 6-0, 6-3 and set up a Sunday showdown with fellow debutant David Goffin.

With Federer stunned earlier by Goffin, who Dimitrov thrashed in group play earlier in the week, the door had opened tantalisingly for the 26-year-old to go on and collect the biggest title of his career to date.

But Sock had won their last two meetings having saved match points, most recently at Indian Wells this year, and those demons were lurking for Dimitrov as victory loomed.

Poised for victory at 5-3 40-15 in the decider he made two nervy errors then ballooned a forehand out on a third match point.

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