VP U Myint Swe attends Youth All-Round Development Festival

The opening ceremony of the Youth All-Round Development Festival, an event for Myanmar youth with the aim for them to share information, knowledge, experiences, ethical values and to build a future human society with their good views and ideas, was held yesterday morning in front of Yangon University convocation hall. Youth All-Round Development Festival Leading Committee patron Vice President U Myint Swe attended the ceremony and cut the ceremonial ribbon to open the festivities.

The opening ceremony was attended by Youth All-Round Development Festival Leading Committee chairman Union Minister for Information Dr. Pe Myint, leading committee members Union Minister for Religious Affairs and Culture Thura U Aung Ko, Union Minister for Education Dr. Myo Thein Gyi, Union Minister for Health and Sports Dr. Myint Htwe, Yangon Region Chief Minister U Phyo Min Thein, Deputy Minister for Home Affairs Maj-Gen Aung Soe, Deputy Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement U Soe Aung, Yangon Command deputy commander Maj-Gen Tin San Naing, Hluttaw representatives, Yangon Region government ministers,

State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi is welcomed by Chinese President Xi Jinping in Beijing, China yesterday. PHOTO: MNA

Myanmar, China to deepen close ties

STATE Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi and Chinese President Xi Jinping held talks yesterday in Beijing, China, committing to creating closer ties between the two neighbouring countries.

At the meeting, they cordially discussed accelerating the strategic cooperation between the two countries based on existing bilateral relations, cooperation in the international arena, exchange of goodwill visits by the leaders of the two countries, promoting friendship between the two peoples, cooperation in all sectors, China’s assistance for projects to be implemented by the two countries and the peace process in Myanmar.

Also present at the meeting were Union Minister U Win Khaing, Chief Minister of Mandalay Region Dr. Zaw Myint Maung, Deputy Minister U Min Thu and officials.
Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker meets Japan Prime Minister

Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker U Win Myint and Japanese Prime Minister Mr. Shinzo Abe held talks in Tokyo yesterday over promoting cooperation in all sectors between the two countries.

The discussion also focused on promoting relations between the two governments and the two parliaments.

Speaker U Win Myint is visiting Japan at the invitation of Mr. Tadamori Oshima, the Speaker of the House of Representatives of Japan.

Present at the meeting were U Win Myint Aung, Secretary of Pyithu Hluttaw Citizen’s Fundamental Rights Committee, U Inn Hton Khar Naw Sam, Pyithu Hluttaw Ethnic Affairs and Internal Peace Implementation Committee, U Htun Htun, a member of Government’s Guarantees, Pledges and Undertaking Vetting Committee, U Htun Myint, a member of the Citizen’s Fundamental Rights Committee, Pyithu Hluttaw representative Thura U Thet Swe Myanmar Ambassador to Japan U Thurein Thant Zin and officials from Pyithu Hluttaw Office.

Pyithu Hluttaw Deputy Speaker U T Khun Myat receives DCAF delegation

Following the meeting, the Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker and party attended a dinner hosted by Japan-Myanmar Association by Hotel New Otani, Garden Tower, Tokyo at 6pm (local time).

At 9 am, the Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker and party visited the Imperial Palace. —Myanmar News Agency

Amyotha Hluttaw Speaker concludes ROK visit

A goodwill delegation headed by Mahn Win Khaing Than, Speaker of Amyotha Hluttaw, returned home yesterday after visiting the Republic of Korea.

The delegation was welcomed at the Yangon International Airport last night by Yangon Region Hluttaw’s Speaker U Tin Maung Tun, Deputy Speaker U Lin Naing Myint, Charge d’Affaires of the Embassy of the Republic of Korea in Yangon Mr. Kim Jung Han and officials.

According to the responsible officials, there are over 12,000 kinds of cultural heritage items exhibited.

Following that Speaker of Amyotha Hluttaw and party visited Hyundai Motor Studio in Ilsan and Paju. The delegation visited Hyundai Motor Studio in Ilsan and Paju.

Mahn Win Khaing Than Visits National Museum of Korea

The goodwill delegation visited the National Museum of Korea on 1 December night. —Myanmar News Agency

ITAB, MLIP concludes meeting

International Technical Advisory Board – ITAB and the Ministry of Labour, Immigration and Population concluded the two-day meeting yesterday at Thangha Hotel in Nay Pyi Taw.

The chairman of ITAB Mr. Werner Haug clarified the publications and analytical reports, and discussed pending issues, including the publication and dissemination of remaining data and their use. The statement released by the ITAB said the ITAB recommends the government’s clear leadership in parallel to the political and peace process and ensures continuous communication with ethnic groups to foster coherence and understanding of the process. The ITAB recognized that a number of ethnic groups are undertaking consultations to reach a consensus on their ethnic listings. Then Dr. Nyi Nyi, who is a deputy director of Immigration and Population Department, and Ms. Janet Jackson and the chairman of ITAB Mr. Werner Haug, answered the questions raised by the media.

International Technical Advisory Board – ITAB was formed with experts in demography and census in 2003. They provided technical advice to the Government to promote compliance with international standards and technology, and conducted analytical reports, which are made publically accessible on the website of the Department of Population (DoP) and UNFPA. Their duties will be completed in December, 2017. —Myanmar News Agency
Vice President U Myint Swe attends Youth All-Round Development Festival

FROM PAGE 1

Following the meeting, State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi attended the CPC (Communist Party of China) in Dialogue with World Political Parties High-Level Meeting.

The State Counsellor delivered a speech at the meeting as the special guest of the People’s Republic of China.

The Myanmar delegation headed by Daw Aung San Suu Kyi attended a dinner last night hosted by Mr. Wang Huning, a member of the Politburo Standing Committee of the CPC.

Before going to the meeting yesterday, State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi visited the Myanmar Embassy in Beijing and met Myanmar Ambassador U Thit Lin Ohn, Military Attaché Brig-Gen Tint Hsuan, embassy staff and their families.

After the meeting, the State Counsellor and party attended a luncheon hosted by the ambassador—Myanmar News Agency.
Acting Chief Editor
Aye Min Soe
ase@globalnewlightofmyanmar.com

Expatriate Consultant Editor
Mark Angales
markangelo@gmail.com

Senior Editorial Consultant
Kyaw Myaing

Senior Translators
Khin Maung Oo
edt@globalnewlightofmyanmar.com
Khin Maung Win (Chief Proof Reader),
Zaw Min, zawmin.gnlm@gmail.com

International News Editor
Ye Htar Tin
school@globalnewlightofmyanmar.com

Local News Editors
Tun Van Naing (Editor),
mth@globalnewlightofmyanmar.com
Nwe Nwe Tin (Sub-editor),
nwe@globalnewlightofmyanmar.com

Translators
Khine Thanda Lwin,
Hai Mar Tin Win,
Ei Myat Mon
Zaw Win Tin
Kyaw Zin Lin
Kyaw Zin Tin

Reporters
May Thet Hnin,
reporter1@globalnewlightofmyanmar.com
Mayaw Myaing
reporter2@globalnewlightofmyanmar.com

Photographer
Kyaw Zeya Win  in Phoe Khwar

Computer Team
Tun Zaw (Chief of Computer Team),
Thaein Ngwe, Zaw Zaw Aung,
Ye Naing Soe, Nyi Zaw Moe,
Hnin Petin, Kay Khang Win,
Zaw Hnin, Zin Zin

Editorial Section
C-05 (0913) 0984029,
Fax: (+95) (01) 8604105

Circulation & Distribution
San Lwin, (+95) (01) 8604452,
Hotline: 099-97424141

Advertising & Marketing
(+95) 97442448
Hotline: 099-97442448
marketing@globalnewlightofmyanmar.com

Published under Printing Permit No.
00629 and Publishing Permit No.
00510 by the Global New Light of
Myanmar Printing Factory
No.150, Nga Htat Kyee Pagoda Road,
Bahan Township, Yangon, by the
Global New Light of Myanmar Daily
under Printing Permit No.
00510 and Publishing Permit No.
00629

Write for us
We appreciate your feedback and contributions. if you have any comments
or would like to submit editorials, analyses or reports, please email
co@globalnewlightofmyanmar.com

Due to limitation of space we are only
able to publish “Letter to the Editor”
that do not exceed 500 words. Should
you submit a text longer than 500 words
please be aware that your letter will be
edited.

CPI in October shows slight increase
against September, so does inflation rate

The Consumer Price Index (CPI) in October was 135.70,
higher than that of September on account of the high price of
consumer products in the food, cigarette, beverage, health, and
transportation groups, officials said.

Similarly, the Year-on-Year CPI in October was up by 4 per
cent compared to the same period last year. Low and moderate
income families have been battered by high consumer prices.

Expansion of Mandalay international flights attracts more tourists

TOURIST arrivals to Mandalay have increased due to an expansion
of Mandalay international flights, specifically the Manda-
lay-Bangkok-Yangon-Mandalay, Mandalay-Hong Kong and Manda-
lay-Gaya routes.

Additionally, tourists come to visit Mandalay through border
gates by motorcycle or cars. Mandalay hosted a total of 374,221 tourists from Jan-
uary to October this year, mostly from China, Thailand, India, Sin-
gapore and Viet Nam. Tourists from Japan, Australia, New Zea-
land, the United Kingdom and the United States also visited Mandalay.

CPI in October shows slight increase
against September, so does inflation rate

The inflation rate in the first five-year plan from the 2011-2012 FY to the 2015-2016
FY rose. In a bid to reduce the inflation rate, authorities are making efforts in the second
five-year plan based on the policies of finance, currency, trade and foreign currency control,
according to the second five-year National Development plan.—Ko Htet

Report on Yangon-Hanthawaddy-Bago corridor and development of southwest Yangon given to Construction Ministry

THE Ministry of Construction, Urban and Housing Development Department and Korea In-
ternational Cooperation Agency (KOICA) successfully concluded the Master Plan Report for the
Yangon-Hanthawaddy-Bago corridor and development of the southwest part of Yangon.

An official handover ceremo-
ny was held at the meeting hall of the Construction Ministry
in Nay Pyi Taw on Wednesday, with Union Minister for Construction, Electricity and Energy delivering an opening

Report on Yangon-Hanthawaddy-Bago corridor and development of southwest Yangon given to Construction Ministry

THE Ministry of Construction, Urban and Housing Development Department and Korea In-
ternational Cooperation Agency (KOICA) successfully concluded the Master Plan Report for the
Yangon-Hanthawaddy-Bago corridor and development of the southwest part of Yangon.

An official handover ceremo-
ny was held at the meeting hall of the Construction Ministry
in Nay Pyi Taw on Wednesday, with Union Minister for Construction, Electricity and Energy delivering an opening

Report on Yangon-Hanthawaddy-Bago corridor and development of southwest Yangon given to Construction Ministry

THE Ministry of Construction, Urban and Housing Development Department and Korea In-
ternational Cooperation Agency (KOICA) successfully concluded the Master Plan Report for the
Yangon-Hanthawaddy-Bago corridor and development of the southwest part of Yangon.

An official handover ceremo-
ny was held at the meeting hall of the Construction Ministry
in Nay Pyi Taw on Wednesday, with Union Minister for Construction, Electricity and Energy delivering an opening

Report on Yangon-Hanthawaddy-Bago corridor and development of southwest Yangon given to Construction Ministry

THE Ministry of Construction, Urban and Housing Development Department and Korea In-
ternational Cooperation Agency (KOICA) successfully concluded the Master Plan Report for the
Yangon-Hanthawaddy-Bago corridor and development of the southwest part of Yangon.

An official handover ceremo-
ny was held at the meeting hall of the Construction Ministry
in Nay Pyi Taw on Wednesday, with Union Minister for Construction, Electricity and Energy delivering an opening

Report on Yangon-Hanthawaddy-Bago corridor and development of southwest Yangon given to Construction Ministry

THE Ministry of Construction, Urban and Housing Development Department and Korea In-
ternational Cooperation Agency (KOICA) successfully concluded the Master Plan Report for the
Yangon-Hanthawaddy-Bago corridor and development of the southwest part of Yangon.

An official handover ceremo-
ny was held at the meeting hall of the Construction Ministry
in Nay Pyi Taw on Wednesday, with Union Minister for Construction, Electricity and Energy delivering an opening

Report on Yangon-Hanthawaddy-Bago corridor and development of southwest Yangon given to Construction Ministry

THE Ministry of Construction, Urban and Housing Development Department and Korea In-
ternational Cooperation Agency (KOICA) successfully concluded the Master Plan Report for the
Yangon-Hanthawaddy-Bago corridor and development of the southwest part of Yangon.

An official handover ceremo-
ny was held at the meeting hall of the Construction Ministry
in Nay Pyi Taw on Wednesday, with Union Minister for Construction, Electricity and Energy delivering an opening

Report on Yangon-Hanthawaddy-Bago corridor and development of southwest Yangon given to Construction Ministry

THE Ministry of Construction, Urban and Housing Development Department and Korea In-
ternational Cooperation Agency (KOICA) successfully concluded the Master Plan Report for the
Yangon-Hanthawaddy-Bago corridor and development of the southwest part of Yangon.

An official handover ceremo-
ny was held at the meeting hall of the Construction Ministry
in Nay Pyi Taw on Wednesday, with Union Minister for Construction, Electricity and Energy delivering an opening

Report on Yangon-Hanthawaddy-Bago corridor and development of southwest Yangon given to Construction Ministry

THE Ministry of Construction, Urban and Housing Development Department and Korea In-
ternational Cooperation Agency (KOICA) successfully concluded the Master Plan Report for the
Yangon-Hanthawaddy-Bago corridor and development of the southwest part of Yangon.

An official handover ceremo-
ny was held at the meeting hall of the Construction Ministry
in Nay Pyi Taw on Wednesday, with Union Minister for Construction, Electricity and Energy delivering an opening

Report on Yangon-Hanthawaddy-Bago corridor and development of southwest Yangon given to Construction Ministry

THE Ministry of Construction, Urban and Housing Development Department and Korea In-
ternational Cooperation Agency (KOICA) successfully concluded the Master Plan Report for the
Yangon-Hanthawaddy-Bago corridor and development of the southwest part of Yangon.

An official handover ceremo-
ny was held at the meeting hall of the Construction Ministry
in Nay Pyi Taw on Wednesday, with Union Minister for Construction, Electricity and Energy delivering an opening

Report on Yangon-Hanthawaddy-Bago corridor and development of southwest Yangon given to Construction Ministry

THE Ministry of Construction, Urban and Housing Development Department and Korea In-
ternational Cooperation Agency (KOICA) successfully concluded the Master Plan Report for the
Yangon-Hanthawaddy-Bago corridor and development of the southwest part of Yangon.

An official handover ceremo-
ny was held at the meeting hall of the Construction Ministry
in Nay Pyi Taw on Wednesday, with Union Minister for Construction, Electricity and Energy delivering an opening

Report on Yangon-Hanthawaddy-Bago corridor and development of southwest Yangon given to Construction Ministry

THE Ministry of Construction, Urban and Housing Development Department and Korea In-
ternational Cooperation Agency (KOICA) successfully concluded the Master Plan Report for the
Yangon-Hanthawaddy-Bago corridor and development of the southwest part of Yangon.

An official handover ceremo-
ny was held at the meeting hall of the Construction Ministry
in Nay Pyi Taw on Wednesday, with Union Minister for Construction, Electricity and Energy delivering an opening

Report on Yangon-Hanthawaddy-Bago corridor and development of southwest Yangon given to Construction Ministry

THE Ministry of Construction, Urban and Housing Development Department and Korea In-
ternational Cooperation Agency (KOICA) successfully concluded the Master Plan Report for the
Yangon-Hanthawaddy-Bago corridor and development of the southwest part of Yangon.

An official handover ceremo-
ny was held at the meeting hall of the Construction Ministry
in Nay Pyi Taw on Wednesday, with Union Minister for Construction, Electricity and Energy delivering an opening

Report on Yangon-Hanthawaddy-Bago corridor and development of southwest Yangon given to Construction Ministry

THE Ministry of Construction, Urban and Housing Development Department and Korea In-
ternational Cooperation Agency (KOICA) successfully concluded the Master Plan Report for the
Yangon-Hanthawaddy-Bago corridor and development of the southwest part of Yangon.

An official handover ceremo-
ny was held at the meeting hall of the Construction Ministry
in Nay Pyi Taw on Wednesday, with Union Minister for Construction, Electricity and Energy delivering an opening
Rubber sale centres to be implemented in Mon state

By May Thet Hnin

THE Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry (UMFCCI) has submitted a proposal to the government to grant the land to construct rubber sale centres in ten towns of Mon State, said U Banyar San, the vice chairman of Mon State UMFCCI office.

“UMFCCI has submitted a proposal to the government at the end of last month by Ks10 per liter in the retail and wholesale market in the third week of November. The rubber sale centres are wholesale depots of the rubber commodity,” he added.

Rubber sale centres are planned to be opened in Mawlamyine, Mawon, Thanbyuzayat, Ye, Kyakkyaw, Thataung, Paung, and Bilin towns in Mon State. Currently, purchasers buy rubber directly from the first owners. Then the purchasers distribute the rubber to export traders or factories. This often results in varying, unstable prices for rubber.

“To be able to emerge the rubber central markets which can encompass the whole country in 2018, the association is drawing up the Rubber Law as soon as possible”, said U Khin Myint, the secretary of the Myanmar Rubber Planters and Producers’ Association.

“To be able to produce high-quality rubber, local farmers have to use formic acid, which is quite expensive compared to the price of sulphuric acid, which is currently using in rubber production. Therefore, Mon State UMFCCI has also submitted a proposal to get a tax exemption for the imported formic acid from abroad,” said an official from the Mon State UMFCCI office.

Moreover, we have already submitted a proposal to the Union government to provide long-term loans with lower interest rates to construct a dry rubber factory. Therefore, we want the union government to implement our proposal as soon as possible, said U Banyar San.

China usually buys about 70 per cent of Myanmar’s rubber. The other 30 per cent is shipped to Singapore, Indonesia and Malaysia. Myanmar rubber is produced mainly in Mon State, Taninthayi Region, Kayin State, Yangon Region and Bago Region. Currently, Myanmar has more than 1.6 million acres of rubber plantations and more than 700,000 acres is producing rubber latex.

Local fuel price increases by Ks45 per liter in 30 days

The local fuel price has increased by around Ks45 per liter in November due to the rise in the global fuel market, according to petroleum experts.

In November, the fuel price in the global market increased by around US$3 per liter. The price of local fuel has increased by Ks10 per liter in the retail and wholesale market in the third week of November.

“The local fuel price remained on the rise because the global fuel price is related to the global fuel price and the US dollar exchange rate,” said fuel entrepreneurs.

According to filling stations in Yangon, the price of a liter of diesel reached around Ks785 in the retail market, while one liter of high-quality diesel sold for Ks805, 92 Octane for Ks790 and 95 Octane for Ks810.

The price of a liter of diesel reached around Ks745 in the wholesale market, while one liter of high-quality diesel was sold for Ks775, 92 Octane for Ks740 and 95 Octane for Ks780. The price of diesel reached around Ks745 in the wholesale market, while one liter of high-quality diesel was sold for Ks775, 92 Octane for Ks740 and 95 Octane for Ks780.

The Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry (UMFCCI) has also submitted a proposal to get a tax exemption for the imported formic acid from abroad,” said an official from the Mon State UMFCCI office.

Moreover, we have already submitted a proposal to the Union government to provide long-term loans with lower interest rates to construct a dry rubber factory. Therefore, we want the union government to implement our proposal as soon as possible, said U Banyar San.

China usually buys about 70 per cent of Myanmar’s rubber. The other 30 per cent is shipped to Singapore, Indonesia and Malaysia. Myanmar rubber is produced mainly in Mon State, Taninthayi Region, Kayin State, Yangon Region and Bago Region. Currently, Myanmar has more than 1.6 million acres of rubber plantations and more than 700,000 acres is producing rubber latex.

Bilateral trade between Thailand and Myanmar reaches US$2.45 billion

MYANMAR’s trade with neighbouring Thailand from 1st April to the end of September in the current FY amounted to over US$2.45 billion, with an estimated export value of nearly $1.4 billion and an import value of over $1 billion, according to statistics released by the Commerce Ministry. Among countries of the regional trade regime, Thailand stood at the top spot. Bilateral trade between Thailand and Myanmar is conducted through both sea routes and border gates.

Cosmetics, machinery, food products, agricultural equipment, and trucks are imported into Myanmar while fish, crabs, prawns, squid, eel, and other fishery products, plus onions, sesame seeds, turmeric, corn and dried tea leaf are exported to Thailand.


Since FY 1988-89, the Myanmar Investment Commission permitted 112 enterprises for Thailand investors with an estimated capital of $11 billion.

—KO KHANT

Local buying more gem souvenirs than foreigners

LOCAL people who are planning to visit overseas”, said Ma San May, the owner of the P&P souvenir and jewellery shop on 38th street in Yangon.

Souvenirs such as necklaces, lockets, bracelets, paintings, auto accessories and phone covers are selling well these days, vendors said. The items they buy differ depending on the country they visit.

The price of the souvenirs depend on the quality.—GNLM

A staff fills a car with fuel at a refilling station in Yangon. PHOTO: AYE MIN SOE
Woud that Yangon University Campus had been out of hibernation, always!: Writer Ponnya Khin

At the Youth All-Round Development Festival which commenced to be held today, the talk show titled “Youths in Pursuit of Arts,” was attended by youths. At the talk show presented by youth director Aung Myat and writer Ponnya Khin, youths took part in discussions attentively. The place nearby Thit Poke Pin Tree where rare books were exhibited and the other place in which photos of prominent writers were shown are being crowded with youths. Many are gathering in front of national lad and lass statues to take photographs. And, myriads of youths are going to and fro in front of showrooms for job opportunity before the Yangon University of Economics, whereas many are walking in front of showrooms for sharing knowledge along the Adipadi Road.

Here are some interviews with Myanmar News Agency.

Writer Ponnya Khin (leading negotiator—under the title of youths in pursuit of Arts)

It is just a talk show. While pursuing academic learning, an itching desire occurs to some youths. At that time, which kinds of hardship do they have? And, do their environments support their aspiration to develop? How will we make the youths develop artistic spirits while learning in class rooms? How will we encourage their hobbies? We will recount our experiences as to how we had overcome difficulties encountered as an artist. We want to hear their voices too. As for those present at the talk show, they can discuss and ask questions concerning what they want to know. We will give our replies. We hope the authorities concerned will come to know difficulties of youths to fulfill their needs. On seeing Yangon University Campus crowded with people, I assume it became alive more than ever. I would like Yangon University Campus to be active with youths’ activities, all the time. By observing such celebrations the event seems to be the one which will beautify YUC. Would that the event had left a good result for the University and the youths.

Youth director Aung Myat (leading negotiator—under the title of youths in pursuit of Arts)

At the invitation of the writer Ponnya Khin, I came here to discuss as to what a youth’s concept towards the art is and how much the arts is connected with youths and how much it is important. “Arts” is not the line that divides ages. It is the subject concerned with the whole planet. Anyone can appreciate it. It is beneficial to have arranged such events as we had a chance to express that not only the old but also the young can take part in the event. Being a youth, I myself have more opportunities more than ever. Daw Aye Aye Lwin, (head of the department—social welfare department, Yangon) (drug Rehabilitation centre—showroom)

Drugs are spreading among youths. Some do not know how to heal drug-addicts if youths are addicted to drugs. It can be cured for two weeks at the psychiatric hospital in Ywathagyi. After treatment at the hospital, it is required to give physical and spiritual rehabilitation to get rid of minds desirous of returning to former condition. In the past, trainees were not accepted due to the difficulties of accommodation. Now arrangements are underway to accept trainees. Vocational trainings will be taught them from the centre. For this aim, we took part in the festival.

U Kyaw Shin Naung (Assistant Director, National Museum Yangon)

This showroom was opened 2 December 2017

The Global New Light of Myanmar

RARE BOOKS BELONGING TO PAST 5 DECADES WHICH CANNOT BE FOUND HAVE BEEN SHOWN FOR THE PUBLIC TO STUDY AND READ.
Youth festival should be held every year so that we can show our talents and abilities

Ma Khin Win Shwe (Final Year, University of Education)

YOUTH All-Round Development Festival is being held at the University of Yangon for three days from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on December 1-3. It aims to promote physical and mental well-being of today’s youths.

At the festival, many activities related to literacy talks, arts, sports, IT and science are included while music bands are being entertained for the public.

The GNLM interviewed responsible officials and some of the artists who are joining this event.

Academy Di Ra Mo, a musician

It is nice for me to participate in this event, and I met with many youths from different parts of our country. They can study the cultural shows, Myanmar musical instruments and entertainment at one place. It is also beneficial to us and I am very pleased to watch these respective festivals.

U Tin Soe (Lecturer of Fine Arts)

I am assigned as the art activity and aim at amusing the youths by watching cartoons, animations, sketches and portraits. They can make them amused and happy and I am very pleased to do so.

Maung Aung Than Htay (Third Year of Fine Arts University)

The main thing is that many youths like us can be able to take part in these activities at the University campus. We are assigned as the art activity, especially the art of swing which was originally from Indian culture. In the entertainment sector, we perform the arts combined with Myanmar and Indian culture, which can enhance the friendship among our youths.

Ma Khin Win Shwe (Final Year, University of Education)

As a member of our youths, I am in charge of the education sector, and I am very glad to be able to do so. It is fun and amusing. I haven’t seen this kind of activities before. I’d like to say words of thanks to those who are responsible for this event. And I’d like to suggest to hold this kind of development festival every year so that we can show our talents and abilities because everyone has his or her own talents. Moreover their dreams can come true accordingly. Parents should not force their children to do what they want to, and should permit them the ways they desire.

Ma Thet Htar Shwe Zin (a student of Aung San Thuriya High School)

I am very interested in coming to this event which is a kind of amusing entertainment. It can give us knowledge and fun. I haven’t experienced this before, and I am determined to attend the University of Fine Arts when I pass the matric exams. This kind of festival for us should be held occasionally.

This is a festival that our young students should join it without fail. In addition to education sectors, there are many exhibitions such as drawing sketches, traditional dresses, cultural shows, picture with animations, quiz and puzzles, paintings, status, sculptures and artworks are being exhibited for a period of three days. Many students from different places come and study it.

Maung Aung Khant Wai (Final Year, University of Computer Studies)

What I’d like to tell our youths like me is that computer science plays a vital role in this IT age, and we should study it in order to keep abreast with the time. We can show our talents and shape our rosy future. It is proved that we can do it without any difficulty if we have a strong desire. Personally, this festival is worth visiting.

Ma Toe Thizar Khaing (Third Year, Dagon University)

I have a keen interest in joining this festival with my dear friends, who are different majors in my schools. I am also getting to know with other new friends and proud of being a part of it. This exhibits how to make pure and clean water which can help the people of rural areas. Moreover, there is another show how to make bricks which are mixture of plastics, and it can be built many houses built of bricks by using this technology. It is less costly and effective.

Maung Myo Myat Aung (Third Year, Botany)

I am delighted to attend this festival, and happy to meet with all my friends. We can exchange our points of view and knowledge. Our group was assigned to exhibit shellfish and butterflies to the comers. I want them to see rare species of animals.

U Tin Maung Thein (Chairman of Myanmar Human Resource Management)

I am responsible to conduct human resource management and am willing to accept new members who are mostly youths of today. I can share my knowledge for those who are really energetic and young enthusiasts. Next, I would counsel the young graduates who are ready to go to workplace, and I love meeting them. This is an event for Myanmar youths and the festival is full of activities and entertainments which are good opportunities for them. All are invited to join happily via media. Sporting events, sales and demonstration of weaving, arts and science shows are being held in front of Sagaiing Hall, and Bago Hall along the Adipadi Road.—Aung Kyaw Oo and Khin Zar Li

MISTER Tourism World 2017 to be held in four cities

MYANMAR will host the Mister Tourism World 2017 competition in four cities to promote tourism industry, according to a report in the Myawady Daily yesterday.

Contestants from over 20 countries will participate in the event. Aung Hsaiing Hlut from Myanmar will participate in the event.

Okkar Min Maung from Myanmar won a prize in Mister Tourism World 2016, which was held in the Philippines.

“This competition is not only for the showcase of beauties. We have to read many books to promote our knowledge to participate in the competition. The contestant from Myanmar will succeed in 2017 competition depending on how much hard has he tried, said Okkar Min Maung.

The competitions will be held in Yangon, Mandalay, Bagan and NgweSaung from 10 to 21 December. The final show will take place at the National Theatre in Yangon on 21 December.

The event is held with the aim of letting other countries know about Myanmar’s natural beauty and boost the tourism industry to meet international standards.—GNLM
Different religions at the confluence of kind hearts or similarity

Pope Francis and party held a meeting with the Sayadaws of the State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee for giving out GAP certificates, by forming supervision committees. It is necessary for agro-producers to perform good practices of agriculture which are suitable for environmental conservation, those practices are systematically been put to test.

We cannot fetch good prices in the current situation. So it is crucial to improve the quality of our products.

Invitation to young writers for Sunday section

The Global New Light of Myanmar is accepting submissions of poetry, opinion, articles, essays and short stories from young people for its weekly Sunday Next Generation Platform. Interested candidates can send their works (poem, essay, articles) to:— Editorial Department, The Global New Light of Myanmar

ENQUIRIES AVAILABLE

The Department of Agriculture is performing its process of GAP certification and giving out the GAP acknowledgement certificates with great momentum. Here I would like to share the information that application forms are available for those who would like to get GAP Certificate by applying GAP System at respective township, district, regional, and Irrigation offices. And information on GAP can be enquired at those places. Agriculture became an industry that can fetch foreign currency transactions. Exports exchanges from self-help basis household kitchen. People came to care the production of agricultural products which are suitable for environmental conservation, those practices are systematically been put to test.

We cannot fetch good prices in the current situation. So it is crucial to improve the quality of our products.

Invitation to young writers for Sunday section

The Global New Light of Myanmar is accepting submissions of poetry, opinion, articles, essays and short stories from young people for its weekly Sunday Next Generation Platform. Interested candidates can send their works (poem, essay, articles) to:— Editorial Department, The Global New Light of Myanmar

ENQUIRIES AVAILABLE

The Department of Agriculture is performing its process of GAP certification and giving out the GAP acknowledgement certificates with great momentum. Here I would like to share the information that application forms are available for those who would like to get GAP Certificate by applying GAP System at respective township, district, regional, and Irrigation offices. And information on GAP can be enquired at those places. Agriculture became an industry that can fetch foreign currency transactions. Exports exchanges from self-help basis household kitchen. People came to care the production of agricultural products which are suitable for environmental conservation, those practices are systematically been put to test.
Festival to develop youths

Vice President U Myint Swe together with Union Minister Dr Pe Myint and officials visit the booths at Youth All-Round Development Festival in Yangon University Campus. PHOTO: MNA

Yangon Region Chief Minister U Phyo Min Thein presents the certificate of honour to an outstanding student. PHOTO: MNA

A band troupe entertains audience at the opening ceremony of Youth All-Round Development Festival. PHOTO: PHOE KHWAR

Outdoor sports activities at the Youth All-Round Development Festival attract students

Students perform at the opening ceremony of the Youth All-Round Development Festival PHOTO: MNA

Students participate in sport activities at Youth All-Round Development Festival at the University of Yangon on 1 December 2017. PHOTO: MYANMAR NEWS AGENCY
VP U Henry Van Thio inspects airport, office construction sites and preparations for APWF

VICE President U Henry Van Thio yesterday visited the sites on which Hanthawaddy International Airport and the National Water Resources Committee office building will be constructed and inspected preparation to hold the Asia-Pacific Water Forum (APWF).

Hanthawaddy International Airport Construction Project Leading Committee Chairman Vice President U Henry Van Thio arrived at the Hanthawaddy International Airport Construction site at 11 a.m.

The Vice President was briefed about the Hanthawaddy International Airport Construction Project by Hanthawaddy International Airport Construction Project Leading Committee members Union Minister U Thant Sin Maung, Bago Region Chief Minister U Win Thein and Department of Civil Aviation Director General U Min Lwin in the project briefing hall.

In response to the briefing, the Vice President remarked on the need to complete the coordination on remaining matters, implementing the project as soon as possible and resolving the land issues systematically.

The Vice President, Union Minister U Thant Sin Maung, Bago Region Chief Minister U Win Thein then toured the Hanthawaddy International Airport construction site.

In the afternoon, National Water Resources Committee Chairman Vice President U Henry Van Thio accompanied by Union Minister U Thant Sin Maung visited a site in Mayangon Township, Yangon Region where the National Water Resources Committee office building is to be constructed. At the site, Directorate of Water Resources and Improvement of River System Director General U Htun Lwin Oo talked about the site planned for the building, the building design and the estimated cost.

Afterwards, Chairman of Steering Committee to hold 3rd Asia-Pacific Water Forum Vice President U Henry Van Thio reached Yangon Region government office and inspected preparations made for the 3rd Asia-Pacific Water Forum. Work committees and sub-committees explained preparation works and Union Minister U Thant Sin Maung and Yangon Region Chief Minister U Phyo Min Thein provided additional explanations.

In his comment to the explanations, the Vice President spoke not only of achieving the aim of holding the APWF successfully, but to obtain effective solutions to water problems faced by the country through international cooperation. By reporting on behalf of the Asia-Pacific region, the region’s water-related challenges and finding a solution together at World Water Forum to be held in Brazil in 2018, the country’s image is raised, as well as raising the honour of the nation, and thus all are urged to do their best in preparing and coordinating for the water forum.

The first water forum was held in Japan in 2007 and the second was held in Thailand in 2013. The 3rd Asia-Pacific Water Forum hosted by Myanmar will be held from 11 to 12 December; it is learnt.—Myanmar News Agency

SG Min Aung Hlaing addresses at 59th Intake Graduation of DSA

THE 59th intake graduation ceremony was held in the morning at the parade ground of the Defence Service Academy in Pyin Oo Lwin.

First of all, the Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services received the salute of Cadet brigades, inspecting the cadet brigades, followed by paying salute with quick and slow march.

Afterward, Senior-General Min Aung Hlaing presented prizes to outstanding students—cadet no/30765 Cadet Kyaw Thura the Aung Sittithi award, Cadet no/31232 Cadet Myo Zaw Oo the training outstanding award, Cadet no/31139 Cadet Pyae Phyo Aung the outstanding award for literature (Arts), Cadet no/31479 Cadet Than Toe Aung the outstanding award for literature (Science) and Cadet no/31488 Cadet Thein Toe Aung the outstanding award for computer.

In-C-of the Defence Services said, “In accord with the aims and objectives of the Defence Service Academy to produce well-trained military officials, junior leaders of the Tatmadaw are being produced. As the graduate cadets, throughout the successive eras the officers had performed national duty and the Tatmadaw’s duties successfully. So as to keep the dignity and value of Tatmadaw, military officers are required to try hard to become good officers.”

“In addition, Senior General addressed, “Tatmadaw duty is to protect the national sovereignty, and bring about the national interest. The duties have been entrusted according to the Constitution, but it must be noted that no one can perform anything out of law. No one is above the law. In performing duties, Tatmadawmen are to abide by rules, laws and regulations, instructions and directives strictly. In the events of Rakhine State, it was found that Tatmadaw has performed their duties in accord with laws and rules systematically concerning Rules of Engagement.”

Senior General left the parade ground after receiving salute of cadet brigades. After the ceremony C-in-C of Defence Services met with 5 outstanding cadets and their parents, giving words of honour. Present at the ceremony were C-in-C of Defence Services Daw Kyu Kyu Hla, Union Minister for Defence, high-ranking officials of Commanders-in-Chief (Army, Navy, Air) and their wives, Commanders of the Command, Principal of the Defence Service Academy and military attaches from foreign countries, invited guests and parents of graduate cadets.—MNA
THE Kanyinchaung Economic Zone, only 3 miles away from Maungtaw Township, Rakhine State, will be implemented with an additional Ks 1.5 billion from the Rakhine State government and Ks 700 million from private businesses.

The Ks 2.2 billion work will be implemented in a joint venture between the Rakhine State government and Naf Myit (Naf River) Amin (Light) company limited, it was announced at the ceremony on commencement of work to implement the Kanyinchaung Economic Zone yesterday.

“This is the first step of the Kanyinchaung Economic Zone. Much was done to take this first step. Establishment of an economic zone would benefit the region. Peace can bring about good economy and good economy will also bring about peace in the country. The government is setting up policy and implementing it for the simultaneous development of peace and economy. Government is putting much emphasis on Rakhine State situation. After August 25, it is known to everyone that economic development of the region, stability, peace and long term socio-economic development has been given a priority. The whole country is cooperating for all round development of this region”, said management committee chairman U Nyi Pu.

Implementation of the Maungtaw Kanyinchaung Economic Zone was started by the Rakhine State government and Maungtaw region businesses in October 2015. As a first stage, it was constructed on 49.6 acres of land and to upgrade from Kanyinchaung trade zone to Kanyinchaung economic zone, 100 acres of land was added. Using the waterway, Kanyinchaung economic zone is only about 15 minutes away from Bangladesh and it is an economic zone that will prioritise the export/import sector. Of the border trade economic zones, Maungtaw border trade conduct 90 per cent exports and only 10 per cent imports, while trades are conducted solely in American currency. “Of the nine border trade gates, Maungtaw Economic Zone is the one that has a trade surplus. Before the 2012 event, target achieved was beyond the amount set by border trade head office. After July 2016, combined export/import values dropped below 60 per cent. The work on the economic zone was started in October 2015 with the Rakhine State government putting up Ks 600 million and the private sector putting up Ks 400 million. Now the state government is putting in an additional Ks 1.5 billion, while the private sector is putting in Ks 700 million at the ratio of 65:35. Earth work and road construction will be completed in February. Construction of the remaining buildings will be completed in March”, said Kanyinchaung Economic Zone management committee Vice Chairman 2 U Aung Myint Thein.

The Kanyinchaung Economic Zone will have cold storage facilities to store meat, fish and prawns, garment factories, trading offices, restaurants and rest houses. Part one zone A is being implemented on 49.58 acres of land while zones B, C and D in part two will be on 103.36 acres of land. The Kanyinchaung Economic Zone will be on 152.94 acres of land and once completed, it is expected to increase the Maungtaw border trade volume significantly, it is learnt. —News team

---

**Judge of the Supreme Court of the Union inspects Kyaukpyu Prison**

Judge of the Supreme Court of the Union U Thar Htay along with Judge of the High Court of Rakhine State U Kyauk and Judge of the Kyaukpyu District Court Daw Khin Sanda Khin inspected Kyaukpyu Prison recently.

The team led by the Supreme Court’s judge met with the prisoners, enquiring whether the prisoners get their rights. During the visit, they inspected meals, accommodation, health care, water supply and library service provided to them.

The delegation also enquired the inmates whether they were tortured in the prison.

The judges made arrangement for ensuring rights of prisoners in accordance with the prison manual.

Following the tour of inspection, the delegation met with judges and law officers in Kyaukpyu District at Kyaukpyu District Court and urged them to avoid partiality and corruption to gain the trust of the public.—Phyo Wai Lin (IPRD)

---

**Over 845,000 stimulant tablets confiscated in Naf River**

Security police confiscated 845,500 stimulant tablets from three suspects who crossed the Naf River, Maungtaw Township Rakhine State yesterday.

On yesterday morning, police were on patrol near Maungtaw Township and arrested a suspect, Maw Noe, 30 who lives in Thayat Oak Village, Maungtaw Township, together with 635,500 stimulant tablets in four glossy sacks, with an estimated worth of Ks 31 billion on a boat en route to another country.

Police are taking action against the suspect at Nga Khuya Police Station in accord with the law.

---

**Two suspects arrested, ammunition seized in Maungtaw, Rakhine State**

Security personnel conducted law enforcement measures yesterday and seized ammunition from a house in West Myoma Ward in Maungtaw Township.

Acting on a tip-off, security personnel searched a house owned by Zaw Mi Armand, 53, in the West Myoma Ward in Maungtaw Township and found one Luger-type pistol and one ballistic shield with 23 bullets in the ground underneath the excrement pipe of the house. Officials also arrested Zaw Mi Armand as well as his son, Soe Naing Kyaw, 24.

The police filed charges against them under the Law.—Myanmar News Agency

---

**Three men arrested in Naf River**

Security police arrested three men on board in Naf River near Mg Ni Village, Maungtaw Township, Rakhine State on Thursday morning.

While security police were patrolling the Naf River, the three suspects, Motzar Hmar, 54, jubai, 19 and Hlan Han Ki Arolung, 19 who live in Tatkanat, Bangladesh were found on a boat headed away from Myanmar.

Police are taking action against the suspects under Immigration Act 13(1) at Ma Gyes Chaung Police Station. —Myanmar News Agency
By Nanda Win

YOUTH All-Round Development Festival is underway starting from 1 December and during the 3 days of festival from 1 to 3 December, literature activities, art activities, sports activities, IT and science activities are included as well as book sales, youth education programs, discussion, songs, dances and playing musical instruments.

Furthermore 21 faculties from Yangon University have booths on display and professors from the faculties are conducting talks in the booths daily 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. 1 to 3 December it is learnt.

Following are the voices of the professors interviewed by Myanmar News Agency:

Dr. Ni Win Zaw (Professor and department head, library and research department, Yangon University)

Our department teaches post graduate to doctorate courses. Library data management subjects such as management of books in library, management of e-Resources and setting up digital library were taught. First year course can be attended if the student achieves 60 in English and a total mark of 380. Diploma is post-graduate course and will have a written and oral entrance examination. Nowadays library course are becoming popular. Libraries are also becoming developed. It is heading toward the era of digital library. We want youths to become interested in this subject. Once this subject is learnt, it is easier to learn other subjects.

Dr. Ni Win Zaw.

Dr. Ni Win Zaw.

Dr. Poe Poe (Head of English Professor, Yangon University)

We are now conducting the courses from first year to final year of B.A (English) and post graduate diploma in English and Diploma for English Teaching as well. Those who want to attend English major at the Yangon University are to get distinction in English in the matriculation examination and total marks should be over 450. Most of the students are keen on learning English. As you also know that our department conducts many English courses in order to promote standard of English.

Dr. Poe Poe.

Most of them have a keen interest on it and as a result, it can create job opportunities.

Dr. Aye Mi San (Professor of Zoology, Yangon University)

Our department conducts many courses including B.Sc (Zoology), B.Sc (Hons) and doctorate. We do many research on fish and other related studies. Moreover, we have already built an Aquatic Bio Lab, and are carrying out other research. We cooperate with other many countries including Japan, Norway and other Asian countries in order to send exchange students, staff exchange and other researchers. In order to promote human resource developments, we have to produce many outstanding scholars and experts. Currently, some species are facing extinction due to global change global impact respectively. We need to share education and information to those who are involved in this job.

We also are in need of specialists and naturalists to conserve our environment so that we can manage to maintain our living world and the beauty of nature. We should nurture our youths to become nature lovers and global citizens who can safeguard our world.

CLAIM’S DAY NOTICE

MV PACITA VOY. NO (-)

Consignees of cargo carried on MV PACITA VOY. NO (-) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 2.12.2017 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of AIPIT where it will lie at the consignee’s risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

Damaged cargo will be surveyed daily from 8 am to 11:20 am and 12 noon to 4 pm to Claim’s Day now declared as the third day after final discharge of cargo from the Vessel.

No claims against this vessel will be admitted after the Claims Day.

SHIPING AGENCY DEPARTMENT
MYANMA PORT AUTHORITY AGENT FOR: M/S NEW GLODEN SEA LINES
Phone No: 2301185

CLAIM’S DAY NOTICE

MV MCC SHANGHAI VOY. NO (-)

Consignees of cargo carried on MV MCC SHANGHAI VOY. NO (-) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 2.12.2017 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of M.I.T.T/MLP where it will lie at the consignee’s risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

Damaged cargo will be surveyed daily from 8 am to 11:20 am and 12 noon to 4 pm to Claim’s Day now declared as the third day after final discharge of cargo from the Vessel.

No claims against this vessel will be admitted after the Claims Day.

SHIPING AGENCY DEPARTMENT
MYANMA PORT AUTHORITY AGENT FOR: M/S MCC TRANSPORT (S’PORE) PTE LTD
Phone No: 2301185

CLAIM’S DAY NOTICE

MV AKDENIZ M VOY. NO (-)

Consignees of cargo carried on MV AKDENIZ M VOY. NO (-) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 3.12.2017 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of MITT-2 where it will lie at the consignee’s risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

Damaged cargo will be surveyed daily from 8 am to 11:20 am and 12 noon to 4 pm to Claim’s Day now declared as the third day after final discharge of cargo from the Vessel.

No claims against this vessel will be admitted after the Claims Day.

SHIPING AGENCY DEPARTMENT
MYANMA PORT AUTHORITY AGENT FOR: M/S WILJELMSEN SHIPS SERVICES (S’) PTE LTD
Phone No: 2301928

Dr. Nilar Kyu. PHOTO: YE HTUT

Dr. Ni Win Zaw. PHOTO: YE HTUT

Dr. Ni Ni Than. PHOTO: YE HTUT

Dr. Poe Poe. PHOTO: YE HTUT

The Global New light of Myanmar
2 December 2017
NATIONAL

2017

2017

2017

2017

2017

2017

2017

2017

2017

2017

2017

2017

2017

2017

2017
Myanmar Investment Commission’s work in 2017 September and October

Myanmar Investment Commission is permitting local and foreign investments according to Myanmar Investment Law.

Myanmar Investment Commission had permitted in September of 2017-2018 fiscal year a total foreign investment including the increasing of investment totals US$ 440.371 million and in October of 2017-2018 fiscal year a total foreign investment including the increasing of investment totals US$ 105.100 million.

Foreign investment permitted during September and October of 2017-2018 fiscal year are as follow.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Sr. Sector</th>
<th>Number of Investments</th>
<th>Capital US$ million</th>
<th>No. of Investments</th>
<th>Capital Kyat million</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>1 Transportation and communication sector</td>
<td>2</td>
<td>1,600.500</td>
<td>1</td>
<td>392.700</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2 Industrial sector</td>
<td>10</td>
<td>325.221</td>
<td>10</td>
<td>33.775</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>3 Electricity sector</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>1</td>
<td>3.685</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>4 Housing sector</td>
<td>1</td>
<td>174.000</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>5 Other service sector</td>
<td>1</td>
<td>2.100</td>
<td>2</td>
<td>2.600</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Total</td>
<td>12</td>
<td>449.571</td>
<td>14</td>
<td>105.100</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

*Increase in the investment was included in the investment amount.

Myanmar national investment permitted during September and October of 2017-2018 fiscal year are as follow.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Sr. Sector</th>
<th>No. of investments</th>
<th>Capital Kyat million</th>
<th>Capital US$ million</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>1 Industrial sector</td>
<td>2</td>
<td>1,600.500</td>
<td>1</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2 Construction sector</td>
<td></td>
<td>65,784.357</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>3 Agriculture sector</td>
<td>1</td>
<td>100.000</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>4 Other sector</td>
<td>3</td>
<td>9,100.000</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Total</td>
<td>6</td>
<td>76,885.337</td>
<td>1</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

*Increase in the investment was included in the investment amount.

Increased number of jobs created by Myanmar national investment during September and October of 2017-2018 fiscal year are as follow.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Sr. Sector</th>
<th>No. of jobs created for local workers</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>1 Industrial sector</td>
<td>4,406</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2 Electricity sector</td>
<td>16</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>3 Transport and communication sector</td>
<td>79</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>4 Housing and building construction sector</td>
<td>23</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>5 Other service sector</td>
<td>23</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Total</td>
<td>4,406</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Increased number of jobs created by foreign investment during September and October of 2017-2018 fiscal year are as follow.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Sr. Sector</th>
<th>No. of jobs created for local workers</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>1 Industrial sector</td>
<td>180</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2 Agriculture sector</td>
<td>9</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>3 Other service sector</td>
<td>403</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Total</td>
<td>595</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

India, China love story with classical dances charms Chinese

BEIJING — A dance play, featuring classical dance and art forms of India and China, depicting the romance between an Indian and Chinese, captivated the audience here. The dance drama “Shiv-Yin”, co-choreographed by noted Indian choreographer Rukmini Chatterjee and Chinese dance artist Aimin Teng, involves classical Indian dance forms of Bharatnatyam, Kathak and the Chinese martial arts.

The aim of the dance play is to portray the commonalities between world’s two ancient civilisations.

While Souraja Tagore, Kantika Mishra and Rukmini enthralled the audience with their immaculate Bharatanatyam and Kathak dances, merging them into the story line, the all male Chinese artists lightened the show with their Kung fu skills.

“Shiv-Yin is a rare performance bringing China and India together through dance and music.” Rukmini said, outlining the theme of her show performed here last night at a theatre attended by large Chinese audience.

“It is a beautiful love story that traverses the emotions of love, anger, jealousy and ultimate union, through a vibrant interpretation of classical Indian and contemporary Chinese dance forms.”

It explores the concept of the male and the female, known in Chinese as Yin and Yang through two distinct cultures. In a larger context, Shiv-Yin searches for commonalities between two great civilisations, she said.

The show is co-produced by China Dancers Association, China Literature and Art Foundation, Shri Ram Centre for Performing Arts, Serendipity Arts Trust.—PTI

The long winter: ‘Game of Thrones’ fans in four-day viewing marathon

LONDON — Ice zombies and fire-breathing dragons plague the characters in the hit fantasy TV series “Game of Thrones,” but for fans who took part in a four-day marathon to watch the series’ 67 episodes back-to-back, a painless end posed a greater threat.

The marathon viewing began on Monday evening in London’s Prince Charles Cinema, and concluded on Thursday evening, and was held to mark the upcoming release of the programme’s seventh series on DVD on 11 December.

“To see it all in one chunk will give you something different, that we don’t get when we’re waiting around for the next season to come. They won’t get the irritation that we all get,” said actress Hannah Waddingham, who plays the ill-fated Septa Unella in the series and attended the opening night.

Around 350 people attended some of the screenings over the four-day event, while only seven hard-core fans managed to last from start to finish.

One of the participants described the screening as an “endurance race,” and mindful organizers handed out survival kits containing tissues, alcohol gel and dental supplies.

“Game of Thrones” tells the story of warring factions in a dragon and zombie filled medieval fantasy world, where winter lasts for years. It has garnered critical praise and a huge international following over its seven series. The show’s eighth and final series is expected to premiere in late 2018 or 2019, though a release date has not been officially confirmed.—Reuters
Researchers date discovery of Christ's tomb in Jerusalem to Roman era

ATHENS — Mortar under a slab at the heart of Jerusalem’s Church of the Holy Sepulchre dates to the era of Roman Emperor Constantine, confirming historical accounts of the discovery of the place where Christians believe Jesus was entombed, researchers say.

According to historical accounts, Constantine — who was the first Roman emperor to convert to Christianity — discovered the rocky tomb with assistance from his mother Helena between 325 and 326 AD, buried beneath a temple to the Roman goddess Venus.

Today it is visited regularly by millions of pilgrims and tended by priests from several Christian denominations under strict rules still in place from the Ottoman era.

Non-drop shop — Christmas tree farmer prepares for seasonal rush

COLCHESTER, (England) — With Christmas around the corner, Wick Farm in Colchester, eastern England, is gearing up by harvesting its crop of fir trees.

Farmer Guy French said selling directly to customers is one of the best parts of the festive season.

“You can’t remember what you had last Christmas, but you always remember getting your Christmas tree,” he told Reuters.

“So we always make it the experience to get the Christmas tree direct from us, the farmer.”

The British Christmas Tree Growers Association says around seven million trees are bought each year in Britain. French said this year’s crop of Nordmann Firs, which cater for 95 per cent of Wick Farm’s market base, is made up of seven-year-old trees.

They are popular because their soft needles are “non-drop”, though French said that unlike the more traditional Norway Spruce, they lack the classic “Christmassy” smell.

Indonesia, Southeast Asian partners to strengthen cooperation in film industry

SINGAPORE — The Indonesian Film Board (BPI) and the Southeast Asian Audio-Visual Association (SAAVA) signed here Thursday a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to strengthen cooperation.

The two sides inked the agreement so as to jointly promote the filmed entertainment, digital content and media production industries in Indonesia and around Southeast Asia.

They agreed to promote more co-productions and jointly develop and promote best practices across the region.

They also aimed to develop the regional media finance industry by educating investors on sound media investment methodologies and proper structuring of film funds, while teaching producers about proper pitching, honest budgeting, and how to engage investors on the business side of the creative business.

Moreover, they decided to promote knowledge and skills transfer through greater participation and exchanges at events, and the sharing of data and information.

“Indonesia is the largest market in Southeast Asia, with a rich cultural history and a vibrant media industry. This collaboration will help expand and strengthen the network across the region, enabling filmmakers, financiers and distributors to share creative ideas and structure business deals with each other,” said Chan Gin Kai, SAAVA’s president.

The MoU was signed at the Southeast Asian Film Financing Forum, a cornerstone event at the Asia Television Forum and ScreenSingapore market.

The Asia TV Forum & Market is one of the constituent events of the Singapore Media Festival- Southeast Asia’s largest international media event gathering industry players from film, television, and digital media. This year’s festival runs from 23 November to 3 December.

BPI represents and serves the growing Indonesian community of feature film producers through the organisation and participation of film events within and outside of the country.

SAAVA is a regional non-profit creative producing network that aims to unite media producers and financiers in the region.—Xinhua
Playmaker Silva extends Man City contract

LONDON — Manchester City midfielder David Silva has signed a one-year contract extension to keep him with the club until 2020, the Premier League leaders said on Thursday.

The Spaniard has been integral to City’s success since joining in 2010 and helped drive them eight points clear atop the league standings this season.

“I am so happy to have committed my future to City,” the 31-year-old told the club’s website.

“I am incredibly proud of what I have achieved at City in my seven-and-a-half seasons here and with Pep in charge, I feel we are in a great position to win trophies this season and beyond.”

City are on a 19-game winning streak across all competitions and host a stumbling and relegation-threatened West Ham United on Sunday.

— Reuters

Number of home stadiums for MNL-1 football teams reaches nine

THE number of home stadiums for teams in the MPT MNL-1 football league has increased to nine.

The nine home stadiums are in the cities of respective States and Regions including Yangon, Mandalay, Taunggyi, Nay Pyi Taw, Pathein, Mawlamyaing, Bago, Sittway and Monywa.

Yangon United FC will use Yangon United Sports Complex (YUSC) in Yangon, Yadanabon.

FC will use Mandalay Thiri Stadium in Mandalay, Shan United will use Taunggyi Stadium in Taunggyi, Rakhine United will use Rakhine United Football Complex (RUCFC) in Sittway, Ayeyawady FC will use Independence Stone Pillar Stadium in Pathein, Hanthawady FC will use Grand Royal Stadium in Bago, Southern FC will use SMFC Stadium in Mawlamyaing, Maha United FC and Myawady

Tiger dazzles in long-awaited return from injury

NEW PROVIDENCE, (The Bahamas) — Tiger Woods dazzled in his much-anticipated return from injury on Thursday at the Hero World Challenge in the Bahamas where the former world number one flashed a fist pump and did not seem bothered by his troublesome back.

Woods, competing for the first time after a near 10-month layoff during which he had spinal fusion surgery, appeared pain free at the Albany course on the island of New Providence where he mixed five birdies with two bogeys for a three-under-par 69.

That left him in a four-way share of eighth place and three shots behind Britain’s Tommy Fleetwood after the first round of the elite 18-man event featuring eight of the world’s top 10.

“I didn’t know what I could do,” Woods told Golf Channel. “I’ve been playing a lot of holes at home, but it’s a little different when you have to tee it up in a tournament.”

Woods, who two months ago said he was only hitting 60-yard shots, drove mostly well off the tee, made some solid putts and impressive par saves but at times also let out expletives and slammed his club in frustration.

Riding high after a pair of consecutive birdies, Woods was two shots off the lead at the par-five 15th hole when his tee shot sailed far right. He took a drop and went on to two-putt for his second bogey of the day. From there he went on to close out with a trio of pars to cap a round that showed, perhaps, that the 14-times major champion still has plenty left.— Reuters