State Counsellor back from China working visit

STATE Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi who was in Beijing, People’s Republic of China for a working visit returned to Nay Pyi Taw yesterday afternoon.

Earlier in the day, State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi and entourage accompanied by Myanmar Ambassador to China U Thit Lin Ohn and Ambassador of China to Myanmar Mr. Hong Liang left Beijing at local standard time 10:30 a.m. and were seen off at Beijing International Airport by International Liaison Department of the Communist Party of China Deputy Director Guo Yezhou, Myanmar Military Attaché Brig-Gen Tint Hsan, staff from the Myanmar embassy and Myanmar Military Attaché’s office and officials.

The State Counsellor and entourage arrived at Kunming International Airport at local standard time 2 p.m. and went to Best Yuehang Hotel in Kunming with a motorcade for a brief rest.

Afterwards, the State Counsellor and entourage departed from Kunming International Airport on a special flight and was seen off by Yunnan Province Vice Governor Chen Shun, Myanmar Ambassador to China, Myanmar Consul-General, staff from the Myanmar embassy and Myanmar military attaché’s office and officials.—MNA

AID from India reached Hindu families in Maungtaw yesterday who are currently being sheltered at an Internally Displaced Persons (IDP) camp in Sittway.

The chairman and members of the committee in charge of aid to IDPs delivered the supplies to 155 Hindu families at the camp established at the Danyawady Sports Ground.

The aid distributed to the families includes 155 family beds, soap, biscuits, cooking oil and 156 mats given by private donors.

The humanitarian aid from India arrived in Yangon on a cargo ship on 25th November. The Indian Ambassador to Myanmar Mr. Vikram Misri handed over a relief consignment of 3,000 family bags for Rakhine State to Dr. Ko Ko Naing, Director-General of the Relief and Resettlement Department of the Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement.

“We will transfer the aid to the Rakhine State Government as soon as possible, and they will deliver the aid to the people without discrimination,” said Dr Ko Ko Naing. The 3,000 family bags worth 4 million Indian rupees includes rice, cooking oil, salt, dried noodles, biscuits, peas, mosquito nets and soap. The people of India previously donated aid to the people in Rakhine in 2015, 2016 and on 6th June 2017.—Tin Tun

(IFRD)
Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker U Win Myint returns from Japan

Voice from the heart heard at a ceremony to pay homage and respect to elderly writers

By Yi Yi Myint, Ohmar Thant / Photo: Zaw Min Latt

A CEREMONY to pay homage and respect to elderly writers on the occasion of Myanmar Era 1379’s Sasodaw (Writer) Day was organized and held by Myanmar Writers Association at Yangon City Hall yesterday morning. Following are the voices from the heart of the elderly writers and organisers heard at the ceremony.

U Maung Maung Soe (Yangon Mayor)

This is the type of events that ought to be held. Tatmadaw Commander-in-Chief was unable to come in person but paid his respect by sending goods for donation. The people and Tatmadaw are under the umbrella of literature. They are together in an educated environment and it is truly very heart-warming. I always say to do good deeds for the people. The good deeds come from intelligent. The food for intelligent is literature. If the literature is not up to par, the people are also below par. That is why youth should read as much as they can. Read with a thought of doing good deeds for the people. Reading without having this thought is useless.

Reading with this thought will bring world peace and it is impossible not to have development. The problems we are facing is based on this. Reading without this thought could not bring peace. The more you read, you’ll see that your ego is reduced. Youths are urged to read and do good deeds for the people. Whoever you do good deeds for, the country will develop. And for the country to develop, it is based on literature. Dr. ThanOo

I was in the literature circle since the 1950s writing for Yank-yaw, Linyone, Luda etc. I’m still writing. I’m glad to meet with my fellow writers. I’m also happy to pay respect and homage to (elderly) writers in this way. I would like to transfer the duty and responsibility of writing to the new generation writers. New generation writers are urged to do their best.

In short, have integrity, drive and be alert. Retain the historical cultural tradition, intelligence and literature tradition. May the country be peaceful and may it develop. Thanks for holding this event. New generation (writers) are urged to read as much as possible to increase knowledge. U Maung Maung Soe (Yangon Mayor)

PYITHU Hluttaw Speaker U Win Myint and party who were in Japan on a friendly visit at the invitation of Mr. Tadamori Oshima, the Speaker of the House of Representatives of Japan, arrived back in Yangon yesterday evening.

Officials from the House of Representatives of Japan, Myanmar Ambassador to Japan U Thurein Thant Zin and embassy staff saw off the Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker and party at Narita International Airport in Tokyo yesterday morning.

The Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker and party arrived back in Yangon in the evening and were welcomed by Yangon Region Chief Minister U Phyo Min Thein, Yangon Region Hluttaw Speaker U Tin Maung Tun, Deputy Speaker U Lin Naing Myint and Hluttaw representatives, officials from Embassy of Japan in Myanmar and the Pyithu Hluttaw Office at the Yangon International Airport.

Accompanying the Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker to Japan were secretary of the Pyithu Hluttaw Citizen’s Fundamentality Rights Committee U Win Myint Aung, secretary of the Pyithu Hluttaw Ethnic Affairs and Internal Peace Implementation Committee U Inn Hton Kbar Naw Sam, a member of the Government’s Guarantees, Pledges and Undertaking Vetting Committee U Htun Htin, a member of the Citizen’s Fundamental Rights Committee U Htun Myint, Pyithu Hluttaw representative Thura U Thet Swe and officials from Pyithu Hluttaw Office.—Myanmar News Agency

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It is a “mingala” to pay homage this way. Thanks to officials and donors who arrange for writers to meet once a year. The important thing is for youth to read. Writing without reading wouldn’t produce anything of worth. The more you read, the more valuable (your writing will be). That is why I want to say read as much as you can. Reading can bring you all round development. As a chairman of Myanmar Library Foundation, I’m trying to eradicate illiteracy. We are doing much for the establishment of village libraries. Not only the city dwellers but villagers must be able to read in order for the country to develop. If not, we’ll be duped. That is why it is vital to read.

This event is held every year and I’m happy to attend it. Writers can meet one another. New generation youth must read. I’m happy to see youth literature festival being held nowadays. Their future will be good only when they read. They’ll be valuable human resources. Literature is very important. By conducting literature festival and producing outstanding youth, the country will develop. Knowledge lies in literature and cultural development comes from literature. U MaungMaung (Chairman, Myanmar Library Foundation).
Dawei SEZ to be put on track

THE GOVERNMENT will seek ways to put the once-suspended Dawei Special Economic Zone back on track as it is considered to benefit not only Myanmar but also the south-east Asia region.

“To implement the project, ways must be sought to hold talks between Myanmar, Thailand and Japan” said Vice President U Henry Van Thio.

The Vice President made the comment at a meeting with local authorities at the Dawei SEZ project yesterday.

He also called on authorities to resume construction of the two-lane road that would connect Myanmar and Thailand as soon as possible while taking measures for implementing other related works.

The highway that is part of the project would link Dawei with Bangkok and the Greater Mekong Subregion, while the deep-sea port would link Thailand, Cambodia and Vietnam with India, the Middle East, Europe and Africa, significantly shortening transportation time and eliminating the need to navigate around Singapore through the Malacca Straits.

The Vice President’s comments indicate the Dawei SEZ project that could result in thousands of jobs along the Myanmar-Thailand border is back on track after years of fits and starts.

A high-level committee and a task force have been formed in order to restart and speed up the Dawei Special Economic Zone.

The Dawei SEZ that includes a highway and a deep-sea port has been in the works for years.

Myanmar and Thailand first signed a memorandum of understanding to develop the area in 2008, and two years later Myanmar granted a 60-year concession to the Italian-Thai Development (ITD) Public Company (ITD) to develop a deep-sea port, industrial estate, road and rail links to Thailand’s Kanchanaburi.

The ITD withdrew from the agreement in 2013 citing financial difficulties, before resigning the concession agreement in 2015.

Formed on 28 February, the new committee and task force will re-start the joint project between Thailand and Myanmar that aims to link the Andaman Sea to Bangkok and the Gulf of Thailand, according to the President’s Office.

At the meeting with local authorities yesterday, U Henry Van Thio heard reports planned for building infrastructure, resettling local people, and reviewing the project. During his tour, Vice-President U Henry Van Thio also assisted in development of tourism in Taninthayi Region.

The Vice President also met with U Saw Hsar Pu and U Saw Tunnar of the Karen National Union and discussed the peace process and regional development tasks.

—GNLM

Mass walk event of Youth All-Round Development Festival held

A mass walk event, one of the activities of Youth All-Round Development Festival, was held yesterday morning at the entrance (Adipati Road) to Yangon University, Kamayut Township, Yangon. Union Minister for Information and chairman of the Youth All-Round Development Festival Leading Committee Dr Pe Myint, festival leading committee member Union Minister for Education Dr Myo Thein Gy, heads of government departments, teachers and students from universities, sports schools under Department of Sports and Physical Education, basic education schools and sports lovers enthusiastically participated in the event.

People who wanted to participate in the event started to show up at the Adipati Road entrance of Yangon University around 5 a.m. At 6 a.m., festival leading committee chairman Union Minister Dr Pe Myint fired off the starting pistol to begin the mass walk.

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The mass walk participants were provided with refreshments and the day’s issues of Myanma Alin and Kyaemon newspapers.

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Youth All-Round Development Festival is being held from December 1 to 3 and involves youth debates, talks, English ability competitions, youth discussions, meeting with young artists, technical exhibits, rare books display, photo and history books display, show of distinguished writers and authors, book sales, singing, dancing, playing musical instruments, sports, recreational and competitive activities.

Inventions by universities are also shown in display booths while job fairs and youth food stalls are included as part of the festival and entrance is free for all.

Youth All-Round Development Festival was jointly organized by Ministry of Information, Ministry of Religious Affairs and Culture, Ministry of Education, Ministry of Sports and Health and Yangon Region government with an aim for youths to share information, knowledge, experience and morality and for future Myanmar society to be established with the good views and thoughts of the youth.

—Myanmar News Agency
Fisheries department takes legal action against illegal imported fish sellers

THE fisheries department is planning to take legal action against vendors who are selling illegal imported fish through border gates in the local market, according to a report in the Myawady Daily yesterday.

The department has urged the public to cooperate by giving information to deter the illegal fish imports.

“We have asked the government to allow us to inspect some places in the Yangon region which are used to smuggle fish into the country. The government has also already permitted. But we have to make sure to get the information from the public. If not, we will not be able to do anything,” said U Tun Win Myint, the head of Yangon Region Fisheries Department.

Most of the smuggled fishes are entering into the country through Thai border gate, which is creating a negative impact on the local fish breeding industry.

The department took legal action against smugglers after the local fish breeders informed us in March, he added.—GNLM

Bike rental program to launch in Dagon University in first week of this month

UNITY and Progress (UP), one of Dagon University’s student organisations, said it will commence a bicycle rental pilot project during the first week of this month, according to a report of the Myawady Daily’s Saturday edition.

The student body has already received the green lights from the rector of the university to launch the programme in the second semester of this academic year. With the support of Bikes in Yangon, the programme will give students and staff members the opportunity to rent a bike for a short trip within the university campus.

The new project will officially be introduced to university students very soon. It aims to promote the culture of bicycling by supporting bicycle transportation on campus.

Unity and Progress also has a plan to conduct music and public speaking trainings as well as sports activities for the university students.

Some students use rail services while others use buses for daily transportation. There are a few bus stops within the university area.

Established in 1993, Dagon University has become one of the largest universities in the country, offering bachelor’s and master’s degrees in arts and sciences for full-time, part-time and online students.

It is located on more than 1,500 acres of campus in Yangon’s Dagon Myothit (North) Township.—GNLM

Cherry trees to be planted across Chin State next monsoon season

FOR the purpose of promoting the tourism sector in Chin State, the state government is planning to grow cherry blossoms in every township of the state next year, according to a report of the Myawady Daily issued on Saturday.

This is a part of the government’s tourism development plan and is scheduled to launch next monsoon season, said a spokesperson of Chin State Development Affairs, Electricity and Industry Ministry, who added that planting of the flowering trees will be carried out especially in significant destinations in Hakha Township, along the route to Natmataung National Park in Kanpetlet Township and other natural areas.

Some cherry trees had butefore planted in Chin State.

The new scheme targets to grow 10,000 saplings of native species of cherry throughout the state in the coming year. If the cherry trees are planted in the 2018 monsoon season, the flowers are expected to begin blooming by 2020.

The growing of cherry blossom trees in the state is aimed not only at developing the state’s smokeless industry but also at enabling people to enjoy the scenic beauty of the flowering trees, one of the state’s cabinet members said.

The new programme will be implemented mainly by the state development committee in collaboration with the forest department, agriculture department, civil society organisations and residents.—GNLM
Norway in talks to invest in Kayin rubber sector

May Thet Hnin

NORWAY Company is in discussions with authorities to invest in the rubber sector at the industrial zone in Hpa-An Town, Kayin State, said U Tin Maung Sein, the secretary of the Karen State Rubber Production Association.

“They made a contact to invest in rubber sector since last year. They have already met with the authorities too,” he added.

They want to buy 10,000 pounds of liquid rubber per day from Kayin State. Therefore, they have asked the first owners how many pounds of liquid rubber they can produce per a day.

Initially, they said they will conduct soil tests to determine which fertilizer needs to be used in the rubber plantations. They will also cooperate with the local rubber cultivators to produce high-quality rubber.

“We can produce only the low-quality rubber. Therefore, they will buy the liquid rubber from us. Then they will boost the rubber quality in their factory. After that, they will seek the rubber market in Malaysia. They also discussed that they will produce the finished rubber products after they have received the high-quality rubber,” said U Tin Maung Sein.

Kayin State has around 500,000 acres of rubber plantations and nearly 300,000 acres is producing rubber latex.

Although other countries, including Thailand and Japan, are interested in investing in rubber plantations in Kayin State, they are reluctant because of a lack of order in the rubber sector, the high price of land in the industrial zone and insufficient infrastructure.

“If foreign companies invested in our country, we would receive the technology transfer from them. Also, we can receive other assistance for our rubber plantation,” said Daw Lin Lin Tun, the owner of the rubber farm in Hlaingtaw township in Kayin State.

“Currently, A Rubber Law is being drafted. The bill is expected to be enacted by the Hluttaw in late 2018. At present, officials from the Myanmar Rubber Planters and Producers Association and related ministries including the Ministry of Commerce and the Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation are under discussion,” said U Khaing Myint, the secretary of Myanmar Rubber Planters and Producers Association.

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.

Myanmar-ROK trade exceeds $400 million in current FY

TRADE between Myanmar and the Republic of Korea is valued at over US$400 million in the current financial year, according to the monthly trade report of the Ministry of Commerce.

In the first half of this FY, Myanmar’s exports to the East Asian country topped $154.995 million and imports were more than $247.199 million.

In September alone, the bilateral trade was $60.952 million, including over $29 million from exports and $31 million from imports.

Myanmar imports cosmetics, food and electronic equipment, mobile devices and other goods from South Korea and exports agricultural products including cashew nuts, mangos, rice, beans and pulses.

The trade of the two countries last fiscal year was valued at $866 million.

Bilateral trade between the two nations was $866 million in 2011-2012 FY and $823 million in 2012-2013 FY. The external trade with ROK reached a high record of nearly $1.6 billion in 2013-2014 FY. The trade declined to $862 million in 2014-2015 FY and $850 million in 2015-2016 FY.

The government is seeking to boost bilateral trade with the Republic of Korea for the long term.—Swe Nyein
UNION Minister for Ethnic Affairs receives delegation from Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region

UNION Minister for Ethnic Affairs Dr Pe Myint left Yangon at 1:20 pm yesterday for China to attend the Fourth World Internet Conference to be held in Beijing, the People’s Republic of China from 2 to 8 December.

The UNION Minister and party were seen off at the airport by Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Information U Myint Maung, Mr. Qi Qi, Head of Public Relations Department of Chinese Embassy to Myanmar, Deputy Permanent Secretary Mr Wang Xiaofeng.

UNION Minister Dr Pe Myint is accompanied on the trip by the Deputy Permanent Secretary U Myint Kyaw, Deputy Director-General U Ko Ko Naing, Printing and Publishing Department of the Ministry of Information.—Myanmar News Agency

Young and old participate in 2nd day of All-Round Youth Development Festival

THE second day of the All-Round Youth Development Festival was held yesterday at Yangon University, with a crowd of both young and old participating.

The festival involves literary movements, cultural activities, sports events, IT and scientific innovation activities as well as a book market, youth knowledge enrichment programmes, forums, cultural performances and entertainment.

The sports activity of the festival was launched by a group walk in the morning followed by games such as a tug of war, a pillow fight, a martial arts show and basketball scoring in front of Sagaing Hall and Bago Hall.

Crows were formed in front of the convocation hall of Yangon University taking photographs of each other, while near the Thit Pote tree, book shops, booths showing pictures of well-known authors and writers, a rare book display and the Myanmar Radio and Television band drew interest for the youngsters.

The Akayar Women’s Group conducted talks on the topic, “Sexuality and Value”, while a group led by actress Khajing Hnin Wai performed plays on understanding youths. The Q&A on youth education held by the Myanmar Committee for Women’s Affair’s was also an attraction.

In the literature activity launched in the afternoon, an English skills competition and a debate in English were held at Nilar Yatu Hall and Panglong Hall in Yangon University’s Department of Economics, where youths participated actively.

Kachin, Kayah, Kayin and Chin traditional dances, and portrait and caricature drawing in front of the Art Halls were also a major attraction.

Informational displays of ethnic national dress, traditional musical instruments, food and landmark sites were shown in photos and videos. Traditional dresses of eight ethnic nationals were shown. There was a quiz section as well as a photo studio, where visitors could take photographs of themselves in ethnic national costumes.

A technology exhibition on the grounds between Yangon University convocation hall and the University of Economics showing invented scientific products and computer technologies in booths was a popular site.

Information on job opportunities was showcased at the job fair exhibition booths in front of the Yangon University of Economics, while booths on Adipati Road educated the youths about the bad effects of drug use. Eliminating the abandonment of newborn children was also showcased. Paintings, handicrafts as well as food were also made available.

An amateur mounting climbing practice programme was also made available by the Myanmar Hiking and Mountain-eering Federation, along with other amusement programmes.

The All-Round Youth Development Festival information and recording sub-committee of the Ministry of Information issued news and information on the festival in a timely manner through daily newspapers and handouts.

The Youth All-Round Development Festival is held by the government with an aim for youth in Myanmar to share information, knowledge, experience and ethical values and to build a future human society with their good views and ideas.

It will be held until 3 December.

—Myanmar News Agency
Festival to develop youths

Kachin ethnic dance troupe perform at the 2nd day of the Youth All-Round Development Festival. **PHOTO: MNA**

An old man looks at portraits of famous writers. **PHOTO: KHIN MAUNG WIN (KYEMON)**

Youths participate in the chess tournament at the 2nd day of Youth All-Round Development Festival. **PHOTO: MNA**

Youth All-Round Development Festival crowded with students and people yesterday. **PHOTO: MNA**

The traverse wall of Myanmar Hiking & Mountaineering Federation at Festival attracts children. **PHOTO: MNA**

Students participate in a folk sports activity at Youth All-Round Development Festival at the University of Yangon. **PHOTO: MNA**

Concert of the Students with disabilities of Future Music Band at second day of the Youth All-Round Development Festival at the University of Yangon yesterday. **PHOTO: KHIN MAUNG WIN (KYEMON)**
I would also like my visit to embrace the entire population of Myanmar and to offer a word of encouragement to all those who are working to build a just, reconciled and inclusive social order. Pope Francis stated, “The future of Myanmar must be based on respect for the dignity and rights of each member of society. Respect for each ethnic group and its identity, respect for the rule of law, respect for democratic order that enables each individual to project for oneself and every group—men and women—to offer its legitimate contribution to the common good.” By doing this, obviously enough, the main objective of the Papal visit may be regarded as designed for peace and love.

State Counsellor, Daw Aung San Suu Kyi also said, “Your Holiness, the gift of compassion and encouragement to all can separately be distinguished in the cooperative and private sectors of governmental, semi-governmental, forest resource-based, and aquatic resources. The sector for livestock and fishery industry in FY 2017-2018 includes 3.4 percent of GDP. The structure of governmental livestock breeding, private sector or cooperative,副秘书长 that you bring to us will be viewed with the heart-felt welcome and delight over the Pontiff’s visit for all the people of Myanmar. As regards the youths, the Pontiff includes to all those who like my visit just for six months. Then, why did the Pontiff include diplomatic point of view, diplomatic relations between that Myanmar be included in his itinerary. From the meaning of his itinerary, “Love and Peace.”

As regards the youths, the heart-felt welcome and delight over the Pontiff’s visit is over to 50 million. Yet, Pope Francis has decided to offer its legitimate contribution to the common good. By doing this, obviously enough, the main objective of the Papal visit may be regarded as designed for peace and love.

PHOTO: AYE MIN SOE

Due to failure to know accurate amounts of animal population, inaccuracy (excess or defect) is still in the matters such as production of drugs and vaccines for animals, supplies of feeds for cattle, fulfillment of necessities for animal breeding may emerge. If so, it can cause great loss for the farmer and his national population, so as to avoid such incidents, it is urgently needed to accurately collect animal population in Myanmar and to release the approved views.

Thus, in coordination between the animal husbandry and veterinary department, the Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock Breeding and Irrigation and FAO the program for launching the campaign for farm animal population census was drawn up for FY 2017-2018, and it will be implemented in January, 2018 across Myanmar.

By doing so, the following benefits will be achieved:

1. —acquisition of accurate amounts of animal population
2. —helping the national economy by implementing projects on the development of breeding successfully, based on the amount of animals according to the data collected.
3. —drawing and implementation of projects of animal hygiene based on the data of animal population collected
4. —coordinating actual facts and figures in laying down projects and policies on provision of adequate food and alleviation of poverty

Data disaggregation

On the review of the background history of animal census or data on animal amounts in Myanmar; it was collected prior to 1983-1984 by the department of land records, the Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock Breeding and Irrigation and FAO, the program for launching the campaign for farm animal population census was drawn up for FY 2017-2018, and it will be implemented in January, 2018 across Myanmar.

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“Countries across the Region need to drive and fast-track road safety initiatives with highest political commitment to effectively address road traffic injuries which continues to be a leading cause of death in the age group of 13 to 29 years, mostly involving vulnerable road users – primarily motorcyclists,” Khetrapal Singh, WHO Regional Director for South-East Asia, said as Montefiore Centre adopted “Phuket Commitment” on road safety at a ministerial level meeting, the Phuket Commitment calls for prioritization, high-level commitment, united efforts of all stakeholders, knowledge management, enforcement of regulations and time-bound delivery. “Everyone needs to participate and share the responsibility – the government, the ministries, the private sector, civil society organizations, non-government organizations, communities and the general public,” Prof Dr Piyasakol Kasemsuri, representative of the UN Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP) and Chair of the conference, stated. “We are still facing a critical challenge of the global road accident epidemic. In 2015, we estimate as many as 1.3 million people were killed in road crashes in the Region. Over 1.5% of these deaths were of vulnerable road users – primarily motorcyclists, and other two and three-wheeler riders. The vulnerable road users (VRUs) – comprising of pedestrians, cyclists and riders of powered two and three wheelers are exposed to greater risks and are disproportionately affected.

Cost-effective road safety measures are required for the sustainable reduction of road accidents and deaths in the Region to accelerate action for road safety measures.
Homage paid to elderly writers on Sasodaw Day

IN commemoration of ME 1379 Sasodaw (Writer) Day, Myanmar Writers Association held a ceremony to pay homage to elderly writers in Yangon City Hall yesterday morning.

First, Myanmar Writers Association chairman U Kyaw Win (Manotha Kyaw Win) gave a greeting speech explaining about successfully holding the ceremony.

Next, Myanmar Writers Association fund raising committee chairman U Ohn Maung (Myinmu Maung Naing Moe) announced the list of donors who donated for ceremony. Myanmar Writers Association secretary U

A ceremony to pay homage to elderly writers held in Yangon City Hall on Sasodaw Day on 2 December 2017. PHOTO: MNA

Nyunt Tin (Maung Nyein Thu – Gyoingual) recited the homage verse as the attendees paid homage to the elderly writers.

Afterwards donations were presented in person to 216 elderly writers by Yangon Command commander Maj-Gen Thet Pone, Yangon Mayor U Maung Maung Soe, Myanmar Writers Association chairman U Kyaw Win (Manotha Kyaw Win) and officials.

Donations made to the ceremony were President Office Ks. 6.45 million, Tatmadaw Command-in-Chief Senior General Min Aung Hlaing Ks. 4.32 million, Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker U Win Myint Ks. 2.15 million, Union Solidarity and Development Party Ks. 2 million, Myanmar Library Foundation Ks. 1.5 million, Dr. Tin Tun Oo and Dr. Khin Mo Mo (Multi-Media Group) Ks. 1.5 million, Dr. U Hla Maung Foundation (Retired Ambassador) Ks. 1.5 million, Yangon Region government Ks. 1 million, Maha Tharesithu General Soe Win (Retired) and Daw Than Nwe (Ma Lay, Monywa) family Ks. 1 million as well as 122 cash donors who donated Ks. 32,982 million, 14 material donors who donated more than Ks. 40 million worth of goods while Shwe Than Lwin Media Group donated Sky Net video receivers to each of the 216 elderly writers.

The donations were accepted by Myanmar Writers Association chairman U Kyaw Win (Manotha Kyaw Win).—Myanmar News Agency

Voices from Youth All-Round Development Festival

By Nanda Win
Photos: Ye Htut

Dr. Tun Ko (Professor and department head, Geography Department, Yangon University)

As our department, we are teaching geography and planning to conduct Bachelor of Environmental Study, master course and doctorate course next year. We are currently opening another diploma course. Students need to gain 60 marks in English and a total marks of 388 in order to pursue geography in my department. If the students want to study environmental study course, they need to score 65 marks in English and a total marks of 388 in the matriculation examination. We can teach 60 students in this semester. Geography is the study of the physical properties of the earth, including how humans affect and are affected by them. Any subject considered in terms of its physical distribution. We have to study the correlations between humans and its environment and can apply to it with the help of modern technology. Environmental study becomes well-known and it can make a sustainable effort to our ecosystem, which is a system formed by its environment that functions as a unit. This subject can teach them special thinking skills and later it can enhance regional development which is a crucial combination of our social life.

Dr. San Shwe (Professor and department head, Archaeology Department, Yangon University)

Students can attend our classes if they achieve 60 marks in English and total marks of 388 in their matriculation examination. Many graduates of Archaeology work as lecturers, tourist guides and government officers in their respective places across the country. It is a very interesting subject which can promote our tourism industry and rapid economic growth.

Dr. Aung Kyaw (Professor of Mathematics)

There are many entrance exams for those who want to study this subject at our department, and currently we can accept 100 outstanding students who are scoring high marks in the exams. We are conducting many courses including B.Sc (Physics), B.Sc (Honors) and doctorate. Mathematics can boost better and faster calculations skills, clear logical thinking and problem-solving abilities.

Dr. Yay Chan (Professor of Physics, Department, Yangon University)

Physics is also known as Father of Science and it involves the study of matter and its motion and behavior through space and time. Students can take advantage of many job opportunities including research, business, science, engineering and education sectors.

Dr. Aye Pe (Professor and department head, Botany Department, Yangon University)

We are conducting the botany and other related courses for this semester. Moreover we are planning to open another environmental science course very soon. Those who want to attend this major are to get distinction in Botany and total marks should be over 400. The numbers of students are very limited, for we can accept only 50 students this year. Botany is the scientific study of plants, and it involves the plant life of geographical areas. They can easily find suitable jobs after their graduation.
Tatmadaw Commander-in-Chief Senior General Min Aung Hlaing in Sittway

TATMA DW Command er-in-Chief Senior General Min Aung Hlaing met with officers, troops and families of the Sittway cantonment in Sittway Cantonment Hall yesterday afternoon.

Western Command Brig-Gen Soe Tint Naing first explained security and stabilising works in Rakhine State, repair and new construction of the Myanmar-Bangladesh border fence and assistance provided for resettlement of ethnic nationals.

Senior General Min Aung Hlaing then commented on the need to provide security systematically for local ethnic nationals, to acquire timely information on the movement of terrorists and to continuously conduct law enforcement and security measures.

The Senior General also commented on cooperating with Rakhine State government and administrative officials to create job opportunities for local ethnic nationals and for regional development.

In repatriating those who had fled to a neighbouring country, the Senior General said it is to be done according to the agreement between the two countries and the returnees need to be thoroughly assessed. The returnees also need to obey Myanmar’s existing laws while data and information about them need to be true and correct, the Senior General said.

The Senior General added that the Tatmadaw, police forces and departmental personnel should stand together with the people. —Myanmar News

Rakhine State Hluttaw in line with local populace: Rakhine State Hluttaw Speaker

IN his meeting with the local populace, Rakhine State Hluttaw Speaker U San Kyaw Hlaing said the Rakhine State Hluttaw is always in line with the local residents in all matters including reconstruction and regional development with regards to the terrorism event in Rakhine State Maungtaw region.

He mentioned this at the meeting held between the Rakhine State Hluttaw Speaker, Deputy Speaker, Hluttaw representatives, legal affairs advisory group and Maungtaw town people held yesterday afternoon in Maungtaw’s sasana beikman.

“A certain level of peace had been achieved in Maungtaw and Buthidaung region and the Rakhine State Hluttaw is in line with the local residents on the terrorism event in Rakhine State. Hluttaw is standing on the side of the local people and the union and state governments are implementing the reconstruction works. Together with the reconstruction works, regional development works and job opportunities will be included. In the hluttaw, regional development works were given a priority without affiliation to any party or person” said the Hluttaw Speaker.

The local populace discussed transparency in reconstruction and repatriation works and informing the local populace on all matters.—News Team

December Sports Month in Maungtaw and Buthidaung begins with mass walk

A mass walk on the occasion of the first week of December Sports Month was held in Maungtaw and Buthidaung townships yesterday morning.

Hluttaw representatives, personnel from government departments, civil societies, teachers and residents participated in the mass walk events.

“The Ministry of Health and Sports December walking event is held country-wide. Stability and security had been achieved in Maungtaw after the event of August 25. That is why this event had been organised for the people from Maungtaw Township to participate. There were people who routinely walked for health even during the time when there were disturbances. As it is becoming stable, mass walks will be conducted every Saturday”, said Maungtaw District administrator U Ye Hlut, who participated in the Maungtaw Township mass walk.

The route for the Maungtaw walk was from the women’s household work training school to the bridge at the entrance of Maungtaw Township and on to Myothugyi Village. In Buthidaung Township, the mass walk started in front of U Ottama Hall, went around town and ended at the Buthidaung Myoma sports ground, where group physical exercises were conducted.

“I always walk every morning at 6. I think it is becoming safer and better to walk now. Today was more enjoyable as I walked with departmental personnel”, said U Aung Myint Naing, who lives in Bo Hmu Village, Ward 4, Maungtaw.

Although a 6 p.m. to 6 a.m. curfew is still in place in Maungtaw and Buthidaung, it will be adjusted as the security situation improves.

“The night time curfew was announced once every two months, and once there is stability and security it will be changed accordingly” said U Ye Hlut.

The December Sports Month mass walk for the first week of December was held on Saturday 2 December. It will be conducted every Saturday.—News Team
Mass walk marks Youth All-Round Development Festival

By Khin Zar Li, Zarni Maung

WHILE the song calling for early go to bed and early get up to work was floating in the air, a crowd gathering near the arch of the University of Yangon was ready to start their early walk campaign on 2nd December morning.

The campaign conducted by the Ministry of Information to mark the Youth All-Round Development Festival was attracted more than 3000 people including Union ministers, governmental officials, university students, school children, teachers and hikers.

They walked along Pyay Road, Inya Road and University Avenue Road and ended at the University of Yangon.

Myanmar News Agency interviewed the persons participated in the campaign and Following is the excerpts of the interviewees.

Dr. Pe Myint
Union Minister for Information

Youth All-Round Development Festival includes activities related with education, literature and art to help development of youths. Sports activities also includes in it. Among them, the walking activity is to mark the Youth Multi-Development Festival.

We will do walking now as a sports activity. When youths participate in this walking, they will gain the collective spirit. In fact, walking is also nurturing a good habit for good health. Health is the greatest gift. If they are not in good health, youths can not perform their work effectively.

Dr. Myo Thein Gyi

Union Minister for Education

We can consider today a historic day because today second December marks the day of walking week and the walking to mark the Youth All-Round Development Festival too. Besides, the Youth All-Round Development Festival is also coincident with the 97th anniversary of the University of Yangon. On behalf of the Ministry of Education, I want express my delight for getting their support to the standard of sports will be improved in the near future.

Daw Ei El Maw, a sports teacher, B.E.M.S 6, Hlaing Township

It is good to take part in mass walking activities. I feel fresh and vigorous after joining this event. It can enhance unity and a spirit of sport. I think, it is better for the young people to join this event. They can be strong in physical and mental well-beings.

U Myo Hlaing, Grade 8(C), B.E.H.S 2, Kamayut

I am happy to join this event. As for me, I feel very good to participate in it. Walking is a good exercise and can enhance your memory. It is very nice to walk with my friends. I’d like to urge all my friends to walk in the early morning.

Ma Khin May Oo, Grade-9 (F), B.E.H.S 3, Kamayut

I am in the habit of walking together with my friends in the early morning.

I love sports and games, that’s why I do the physical exercises at home. There are many participants like me in this mass walking activities. It is amusing and enjoyable too.

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Flynn pleads guilty to making false statement to FBI as White House downplays implication

WASHINGTON — Former National Security Adviser Michael Flynn on Friday pleaded guilty to lying regarding improper contacts with Russian officials, as the White House said the charges implicated no one else in the White House.

“My guilty plea and agreement to cooperate with the special counsel’s office reflect a decision I made in the best interests of my family and of our country. I will accept full responsibility for my actions,” Flynn told a court in Washington DC.

Special Counsel Robert Mueller’s office issued a statement earlier Friday specifying Flynn’s charges, saying he lied to the Federal Bureau of Investigation about two contacts he’s had with Russian officials prior to assuming office.

Flynn had falsely stated that on or about 29 December, 2016, he did not ask the Russian ambassador to the United States to “refrain from escalating the situation in response to sanctions” from the United States and that he did not remember receiving a call from the Russian ambassador.

“The intensity of the wind may come down and the cyclone could change into depression,” Sudevan said adding fishermen have been warned not to go to the sea for the next few days as waves are likely to be 3-5 meters (12-15 feet) high. —Reuters

Cyclone batters southwestern India coast killing 14, many missing

MUMBAI — Cyclone Ockhi barrelled into the Lakshadweep islands in southwestern India on Saturday after drenching the neighboring states of Kerala and Tamil Nadu, claiming so far around 14 lives with many fishermen still feared trapped at sea.

Authorities including the National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA), India’s Coast Guard and Navy have resumed about 223 fishermen and evacuated thousands of people from cyclone hit areas, officials said, as they continued their operations on Saturday.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi has spoken to the chief minister of Tamil Nadu, assuring him of support operations including necessary funds, according to local media.

Ockhi is expected to travel north towards Mumbai and Gujarat in the next 48 hours, according to Indian Meteorological Department (IMD) Director S. Sudevan in Trivandrum, though it is likely to lose intensity.

“The false statements involved mirror the false statements to the White House officials which resulted in his resignation in February this year,” Cobb said.

“Nothing about the guilty plea of the charge implicates anyone other than Mr Flynn,” he said. —Xinhua

Former US National Security Adviser Michael Flynn leaves the federal court following his plea hearing in Washington DC, the United States on 1 December, 2017. PHOTO:XINHUA

A man uses his mobile phone to take photographs of tides on the shores of the Arabian Sea, after flooding caused by Cyclone Ockhi in the coastal village of Chellanam in the southern state of Kerala, India on 2 December, 2017. PHOTO:REUTERS

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For Development of a Data Centre within MICT Park, Yangon, Myanmar.

Myanmar ICT Development Corporation Limited hereby announces that reputable contractors with turn-key experience may contact the appointed Consultant, Myanmar Beca Limited, to obtain the EOI Questionnaire for prequalification. Request for EOI questionnaire must be delivered in written form to myanmar@beca.com before 9th December 2017, 4:00pm.
Actor Jim Nabors, TV’s ‘Gomer Pyle’ of 1960s, dies at 87

LOS ANGELES — Actor Jim Nabors, whose portrayal of the grinning country bumpkin Gomer Pyle on the 1960s television hit “The Andy Griffith Show” belied a classic baritone singing voice, died on Thursday at the age of 87, his website said.

Nabors, who later became a star with his own television show “Gomer Pyle, USMC,” died at his home in Hawaii, the website said, citing his office manager.

The Honolulu Star-Advertiser reported that Nabors had been in declining health for the last few years. He had entered a hospital on Wednesday for tests and asked to be released to go home, his husband Stan Cadwallader told the newspaper.

Nabors’ show business break came in the early 1960s when Andy Griffith saw him in a Los Angeles cabaret - singing in a sophisticated, ear-grabbing voice and telling stories between songs in a Deep South drawl - and offered him a part on “The Andy Griffith Show.”

Griffith’s sitcom — tales of down-home people in a slow-moving Southern town — was one of the most popular on US television at the time and Nabors’ Gomer Pyle character was a hit after joining the cast in 1962.

Gomer was the town’s rustic, kind-hearted gas station attendant whom was given to exclamations of “golly” and “shazam” when he was impressed, as well as “surprise, surprise, surprise” and “shame, shame, shame” — depending on the circumstances and stretching each word to several syllables.

After two years on the Griffith show, Nabors was given his own sitcom, “Gomer Pyle, USMC,” with Gomer enlisting in the US Marine Corps. It proved to be a viewers’ favourite, sometimes reaching No 1 in the Nielsen ratings.

As a Marine, Private Pyle was a major screw-up and always at odds with his no-nonsense sergeant. Through it all, he remained pure of heart, sunny of disposition and simple of mind.

After five years of “Gomer Pyle, USMC” Nabors was ready for a different challenge and left the show. His subsequent variety show, “The Jim Nabors Hour,” had a two-year run and he made frequent guest appearances on other television shows.

LOS ANGELES — Actor Scarlett Johansson has said she feels “bittersweet” about not starring in a Marvel movie after the “Avengers 4”.

The 33-year-old actor plays the role of Natasha Romanoff aka Black Widow in the Marvel Cinematic Universe and is scheduled to appear in “Avengers: Infinity War” and “Avengers 4”.

“It’s bittersweet to imagine not having these films to come back to. I’ve been living this story with these people for 10 years through ups and downs. We’ve built a great family,” Johansson told Vanity Fair.

“Personally, it feels like a loss. There’s a gain that comes with that for each one of us. We have Brie Larson on this film. She’s here before shooting the stand-alone Captain Marvel movie so we get to watch her get her feet wet for real,” she added. Johansson said she is excited for the new generation and optimistic about the future of the Marvel Cinematic Universe.

“I’ve been very surreal for me to watch these new cast members come in and get their feet wet and breath new life into these characters who are so iconic. I feel a lot of joy for the next generation.

“It’s a bittersweet feeling but overall it’s a positive one. I feel good about the work we’ve done and the work I’ve done,” she said.—PTI

I have no impulse control: Armie Hammer on quitting Twitter

LOS ANGELES — Actor Armie Hammer has revealed the reason he quit micro-blogging site Twitter.

The “Call Me by Your Name” actor said he took the decision due to lack of “impulse control” and felt responding to every criticism he faced on Twitter.

“I just have no impulse control so if somebody says something stupid, I couldn’t help but say something back, and then it just exploded. This is a toxic environment, and my life is way better off,” Hammer said, according to The Wrap.

“It’s so funny People are so addicted and into Twitter, it seems crazy that someone could walk away from it!” They’re like, ‘Wait, he deleted it? It was actually really easy,” he added.—PTI

Scarlett Johansson. PHOTO: REUTERS

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Turkish ‘Microangelo’ tells Istanbul’s tale on miniature objects

ANKARA — Following his morning stroll around Istanbul’s medieval Galata tower, Hasan Kale walks into a bulk food market to examine the goods that will make up his next canvas.

“These are the ones I was looking for;” Kale says excitedly, as he scoops up a handful of pumpkin seeds.

The 57-year-old’s morning routine may not stand out at first glance, but his motive does. At home, once Kale pours his freshly bought pumpkin seeds on his table, the adventure begins.

A micro-artist renowned as Turkey’s Microangelo, a pun on Italian Renaissance master Michelangelo, Kale paints scenes from Istanbul on miniature objects or even food particles.

For him, no object is too small — from fig seeds to bottle caps, lentils to fishbone, Kale finds any object or food big enough to paint a scene from his hometown of Istanbul.

“Of course the only hindrance here is that you can’t hang it on your wall and look at it while you sip your coffee. You have to submerge in it,” Kale said.

Celebrating his 22nd year as a micro-artist, Kale said he has so far painted on 350 different objects, but that one of the biggest challenges of using food as a canvas is that his micropieces may not always last for long.

Nowadays, Kale said he was working on opening the world’s first micro objects museum to exhibit his tiny oeuvre.

“I fight to make them last forever ... I try to take them to the highest level and I want to display them in the world’s first and only museum of micro-objects that I want to open.”—Reuters

Peace Music Festival competition result to be announced

A nationwide, months-long Peace Music Festival held in honour of the peace process effort and the country’s advance toward democracy organized by Ministry of Information.

At the event in which contestants competed for prizes for the best peace-related songs of the level-1 held in eleven towns and level-2 and level-3 held at stages in Nay Pyi Taw, Yangon and Mandalay.

The results of five contestants who are referees and public favorites will be announced on 3 December. The results announcements will be broadcast live on MRTV at 8:30 pm and the 4th event of the level 3 of the peace music festival took part on 20 November 2017.

The three winners will have to take part in the Grand Final for first, second and third prizes which will be held at People’s Square in Yangon on 10 December.

Special Course No. 8 for doctors concludes at CICS (Lower Myanmar)

A special course No. 8 for medical officials was officially ended at the Central Institute of Civil Service (Lower Myanmar) yesterday with an concluding speech by Dr Win Thein, Chairman of the Union Civil Service Selection Board.

More than 510 doctors and dentists attended the eight-week course, which began on 9th October.

Speaking at the concluding ceremony, Dr Win Thein called on the trainees to contribute their skills to the best of their ability. The medical professionals will assume their duties soon at their designated assignments as part of the country’s Universal Health Coverage-VHC. “I would like to urge all of you to take a role in bringing about fitness of the people and promoting the country’s education standard while doing research individually and collectively for the improvement of your work,” said Dr Win Thein.—Myanmar News Agency

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Dr Win Thein delivers the speech at the closing ceremony of special course No.8 for doctors at Central Institute of Civil Service (Lower Myanmar). PHOTO: MYANMAR NEWS AGENCY

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MFF Grassroots Football Festival 2017 kicks off in Bago

Kyaw Zin Lin

WTF! The aim of identifying and nurturing good youth players in Myanmar, the MFF Grassroots Football Festival 2017 was held in Hanthawady United’s home stadium in Bago yesterday morning. The Grassroots Festival was organised by the Myanmar Football Federation (MFF).

About 300 youths in the region participated in the festival and instructed in football skills and tactics by 50 football coaches and teachers.

Government officials and executives from the Myanmar Football Federation also attended the opening of the ceremony and delivered speeches of encouragement for the youths participating in the festival.

The ceremony was concluded in the afternoon after extensive training in football skills by instructors and coaches.

The Grassroots Football Festivals are organised so as to influence the power of soccer to educate, inspire, and mobilise youth in Myanmar to overcome health challenges, live productive lives, and be agents for change in Myanmar’s communities.

Grassroots Festivals were also held in Yangon, Mandalay, Mawlamyaing and Taunggyi with the hopes of improving youths’ skills and health.

A kid seen under training at MFF Grassroots Football Festival 2017 in Bago yesterday. PHOTO:MFF

2018 World Cup: A tale of two derbies

MOSCOW — Iberian Peninsula derby Portugal-Spain and “English Premier League derby” Belgium-England might be the deadliest rivals in the 2018 FIFA World Cup group draw.

Portugal will meet Spain in the first game in Group B during their 2018 WC campaign, while Belgium, which harbour many EPL players, will face England in the third game in Group G, according to the group draw on Moscow time Friday night.

The Iberian Peninsula derby is also a game between two champions — Portugal, the 2016 European champions, against Spain, the 2010 World Cup champions. It might not be an easy kickoff for either team in the 2018 campaign as both failed to win their first games of the 2010 and 2014 editions. Who win this derby may well enter the last 16 directly as Morocco and Iran are less competitive in Group B.

In Group G, many EPL teammates will become rivals. Manchester United’s Romelu Lukaku, Manchester City’s Vincent Kompany, Hot Spurs’ Jan Vertonghen and several EPL players might play for Belgium against Man United’s Ashley Young, City’s Raheem Sterling, Spurs’ Harry Kane. In what mood the two favorites will face with their EPL colleagues in their last game in the group may depend on the results of two previous games playing against Panama and Tunisia.

Despite the two interesting derbies, Group D is considered probably the most competitive of all. Argentina just qualified in the last round of preliminaries. Both Croatia and Iceland made into elimination stage of the 2016 European Football Championship. Iceland even entered the last eight. Nigeria are one of the toughest seeds in Pot Four.

Playing against Uruguay, Egypt and Saudi Arabia in Group A, hosts Russia are expected to make it through. But they will then find it difficult to go further as they might encounter Portugal or Spain in the round of 16.

The record five Asian teams may face total destruction after three group matches. Just-qualified Australia will have to survive games against two European sides, France and Denmark. South Korea will face defending champions Germany and Sweden, which stopped four-time World Cup title owner Italy entering the 2018 campaign.

Japan might be kicked out by Poland’s Robert Lewandowski and Colombia’s James Rodriguez. The pride and confidence of Iranians built during Asia preliminaries might be smashed by the two blades of the scissors Portugal and Spain. As the lowest-ranked seed in the campaign, Saudi Arabia will struggle along with Egypt.

—Xinhua

Myanmar U-21, U-23 to test with MNL All-Star team

IN preparation for international friendly matches, the Myanmar U-23 and U-21 men’s national football teams will play friendly matches against a Myanmar National League (MNL) All-Star team this week at Thwunna Stadium, according to the MNL website.

The match between the MNL All-Star team and Myanmar U-23 team, which is preparing for the M-150 Challenge Cup in Thailand, will be played tomorrow. The Myanmar U-21 team, which is preparing for the Vietnam International U-21 Thanh Nien Newspaper Cup, will play a friendly with the MNL all-stars on 6 December.

Both matches will be played at the Thwunna Stadium in Yangon. The MNL All-Star team is composed of the best players from all MNL Clubs. There are altogether 20 stellar players including Kyaw Ko Ko and Thahta Sittu on the team that will be jointly headed by two local football coaches who are former Myanmar football stars, U Myo Hlaing Win from Myanmar Football Federation and U Soe Myat Min from current Champion Shan United FC.—Kyaw Zin Lin

Cardiff fight back to beat Norwich in the Championship

LONDON — Cardiff City moved to within a point of leaders Wolverhampton Wanderers in England’s second-tier Championship after they fought back from a goal down to beat Norwich City 3-1 at home on Friday.

Cardiff trailed to a thunderous effort from Marco Stiepermann at the break but turned the match around in the second half with a penalty from Joe Ralls and further goals from Junior Hoilett and Omar Bogle. The win moved Cardiff up to 43 points, with Wolves visiting Birmingham City on Monday while Aston Villa missed the chance to go third after a 1-1 draw at Leeds United.

Cardiff had looked in trouble at halftime following Stiepermann’s effort from distance but whatever manager Neil Warnock said in the half-time interval produced a stirring reaction after the break.

—Reuters

Argentina’s former midfielder Diego Maradona (C) shows the “Spain” slip during the Final Draw of the FIFA World Cup 2018 at the State Kremlin Palace in Moscow, capital of Russia on 1 December, 2017. PHOTO: XINHUA
“Different creators of different Children”

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Parents need to bring up their children carefully because children can imitate everything easily. The world is full of different people with different behaviours. Some people may behave good behaviours with being optimistic. Some people may behave bad behaviours with being pessimistic. As children are innocent, they cannot distinguish what is true or what is wrong clearly. Most of the behaviours of children depend on their neighbourhood. Like the saying, “Parents are the very first educator”, parents should admonish their children how to speak, how to eat and how to communicate with each other. Some parents teach their children with wrong ways (beating, teaching with rude words). From my perspective, that ways are not effective. If parents admonish their children by that means, children will hurt in their heart. Parents should talk children with good and polite words. They should teach their children with examples by revealing positive and negative.

Parents should persuade their children to do good manners by praise. Some children are shy to do some good manners like worshipping parents and elders. Parents should fix it. Children will do it if they are praised. Every Mom and Dad love her or his children. However, it is so important to choose the right way of love. Every parents want to fulfill every wish of their children. So, they work hard for their children. Some parents, however, do not know actually what their children really want. Every child absolutely want is love. Some parents cannot give enough love to their children because of their work. Perhaps, they think children will satisfy if they fulfill everything what the children want.

Some parents neglect their children’s ideas. They do not listen carefully what their children really want to say. I think parents should not neglect children’s ideas. Sometimes, their ideas can be suitable for work. Some of the parents are authoritarian. They command children to do everything. If they do so, children cannot do almost everything by themselves. They cannot lead in their environment (classroom, group work). Therefore, the future of children depend on parents. Children are the future leaders of the world. On the other hand, we can say that children are like plants. So, parents need to follow the right ways of growing plants to see the shady tree full of fruit. The last thing I would like to say is that “Please don’t destroy a plant before it becomes a shady tree”.

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 to the Global New Light of Myanmar at No. 150, Nga Htat Kyee Pagoda Road, Bahan Township, Yangon or by email to dce@globalnewlightofmyanmar.com with the following information: (1) Sector you wish to be included in (poetry, opinion, etc.), (2) Real name and (if different) your penname, (3) Your level of education, (4) Name of your School/College/University, (5) A written note of declaration that the submitted piece is your original work and has not been submitted to any other news or magazine publishing houses, (6) A color photo of the submitter, (7) Copy of your NRC card, (8) Contact information (email address, mobile number, etc.). — Editorial Department, The Global New Light of Myanmar news office.
Lesson 29 : Voices (Active Voice and Passive Voice)

Basic English Grammar for Basic Students

Hello Class!
Here again with another new lesson of English Grammar!

Today, we are going to study about the Voices. There are only two different kinds of Voices, named the **Active Voice** and **the Passive Voice**.

Let's see some examples.

**e.g.**

(1) The boy beats the dog.
(2) The flowers are plucked by the girl.

In sentence (1) the subject of the sentence “the boy” is doing something to the Object of the sentence “the dog”.
The action of “beating” goes from the Subject “the boy” to the Object “the dog”.

Here in this sentence, the Subject “the boy” is active and doing something to the Object “the dog”. As the Subject is active, here in this sentence, it is called the **“Active Voice”**

But, in sentence (2) the Subject of the sentence “the flowers” don’t do any action. They are not active. They are plucked by the girl. So something is done to them. When the Subject is not active, it is **“Passive”**. So, it is called the **“Passive Voice”**.

Therefore, we can memorize very easily that ..
When the Subject is active and doing something to the Object, it is called “Active Voice” and
When the Subject is not active, but passive, and it is done some action by others, it is called “Passive Voice”.

Here comes the Exercise now.

**Exercise 29**

I. Now, please say which sentence is “Active” and which is “Passive”.

(a) The dog bites the boy.
(b) They are playing football.
(c) The cakes were eaten by the children.
(d) The picture is drawn by her brother.
(e) We will play tennis.
(f) He taught them English.
(g) I will go and fetch the water.
(h) Rice and curry will be cooked by my aunt.
(i) Children like sweets.
(j) Ice cream will be eaten by the guests.

Here we can change the sentences of Active Voice into Passive Voice and also vice versa.

**e.g.**
The boy beats the dog.
The dog is beaten by the boy.
The dog bites the boy.
The boy is bitten by the dog.

In this way, we can change the Active Voice into Passive Voice and, so also the Passive Voice into Active Voice.

So, today, let’s start with the Simple Tenses (Present, Past, Future) first.

Let’s see some examples in Simple Present Tense.

**e.g.**

(1) The girls like flowers.
(2) Children eat chocolates.
(3) Mother cooks rice and curry.
(4) She loved cats.
(5) They played football.
(6) Daddy liked hiking.

When the Subject is active and doing something to the Object “the dog”. As the Subject is active, here in this sentence, it is called the **“Active Voice”**

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So, in short, we choose “am” for the 1st person, Singular or Plural, Present or Past.

So let’s see with the examples ..

**e.g.**

(1) The girl plucks the flowers.
(2) The dog bites the dog.
(3) The girl plucks the flowers.
(4) The boy beat the dog.
(5) My mom scolds me.

For the Past Tense, choose from “was, were”.

Let’s see this sentence.
The flowers (3rd person, Plural) were (Past Tense) …..

So, in this way, let’s see the steps.

Step (1) Put the Object to the Beginning of the sentence.
Step (2) We see whether this one is “1st or 2nd or 3rd Person”, Singular or Plural, Present or Past. Then Choose from “am, is, are, was, were”.

Here for Present Tense, choose from “am, is, are” and
For the Past Tense, choose from “was, were”.

After this, you put the Past Participle “of the Verb”.

**e.g.**

(1) The flowers are plucked by the girl.
(2) The dog is beaten by the boy.
(3) The girl plucked the flowers.
(4) The dog was beaten by the boy.
(5) I am scolded by my mom.
(6) We were scolded by our mother.

So, study these steps one after another thoroughly. Here comes the Exercise again.

**Exercise 29.**

II. Change the following sentences into Passive Voice.

(a) We like chocolates.
(b) Children love little pets.
(c) Mother feeds the baby.
(d) I sing a sweet song.
(e) We sing Christmas songs.
(f) The lamb follows Mary.
(g) Mi Mi washes her clothes.
(h) John makes the coffee.
(i) Grandma fonds telling stories.
(j) Daddy drives his car.

(Notes that all these sentences are in the Simple Present Tense.)

III. (A) Change the above sentences from No. II into Simple Past Tense first.
(B) Then change these into Passive Voice.

IV. Make any Five sentences of your own in Simple Present Tense and then change them into Passive Voice.

V. Make the sentences you have made in No. IV into sentences of Simple Past Tense. Then change them into Passive Voice.

That’s all for today class.

We will continue with the Simple Future Tense next week.

Hope that you can do your exercises well.

SEE SUPPLEMENT-H
Mental Health of Teachers (2)

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LAST week, the author has written how much the Mental Health of Teachers is important in the improvement of Education in a country. And it was pointed out that if not the teachers have their Mental Health, how can they carry out their important Practical Programmes to improve the Educational Plans already laid down.

The authors has pointed out the two most important facts which can reduce the Mental Health of Teachers are: (1) Low Salary or Inefficient Salary and (2) Insecurity in the Work Place.

This week, the author wants to point out other facts that can create the Mentally Unhealthy Conditions for Teachers.

No. (3) is the lack of proficient or proper leader at the upper layer of the Department and Ministry or lack of heads, ATEOs and TEOs and so on who lack the efficiency and knowledge in the field of Education.

The Upper Officers who do not know Education properly and who are inefficient in the field of Education are a great nuisance for the teachers to follow some improper orders to follow and to carry out. Some who do not know Education or the type of job they should do, pretends as if they know everything and they shout at the teachers from schools.

As they are teachers, they know some basic things they should do and if the order comes down from the upper layer are meaningless, they are quite disappointed to follow these meaningless orders which are so improper to carry out. But, as they are just plain teachers from the Basic Education, they have to obey and carry out all these improper orders although they know very well that these are meaningless.

The author thinks that it is the most troublesome and nuisance thing to do so as they know the truth. But, if they do not obey these meaningless orders, they are afraid whether they will lose their jobs as teachers or not. That’s why they have to carry out these meaningless orders and from the very beginnings, they know well what kind of results will come out from the very beginning. But, anyhow, they have to obey and carry out these meaningless things to follow the orders.

This is the most distressful thing to do so in the lives of Teachers.

And it is also important that whether their heads, senior teachers, deans, ATEOs and TEOs and all other upper layers are fair or not. If these people are fair, they will have the will to work with these fellows. But, if not, they do not want to work anymore and want to get out of the job. But, if on the other hand, they are the bread winners of their families, they surely not get out of that job, so they have to go on with their job where they are no more happy. It also hurts the Mental Health of the teachers.

One more thing is, although they do not like such kind of persons above them, they have to obey to all these meaningless things they are ordered to do, so it can make them angrier and angrier or down-heart-ed more and more, and lose their interests in their work anymore. It will really make their quality of job and quality of teaching worse more and more.

How can we carry on with our Education Plans which are already laid down to improve Education and to upgrade the quality of Education.

So, we need to choose the right man in the right place first. The persons in the Upper layer of the Ministry of Education who have the responsibility to give out orders to carry on with the improving or upgrading the Quality of Education should know Education very well and they should have the heart which can sympathize and empathize their follower staff. For this ability, they should have experience with all these different Educational jobs and plans and processes very well.

This is very important for the Good Mental Health of Teachers.

If not, although they know very well from the very beginning, what kind of results will come out, but although they like it or not and although they believe it or not, they will carry out what they are ordered to do so, as robots which are just following the order without any interests or will to do so.

Such kind of work cannot lead to a successful ending with better results.

They work as the robots just because they do not want to lose their jobs in such a kind of atmosphere and in such a kind of tight era.

Unfairness in the job site can lead corruptions appear in the field of Education.

As they are human, they will adjust themselves very quickly in their work site to win the favour of the Upper ones. If they need to bribe, they will find ways and means to bribe their upper officers and it can also lead them to take bribes from their lowerhands.

If they need to say just all the sweet things (although it is not true) for their favourism from their upperhands. Sooner or later, the truths will be fading away and nobody will care about it any more. This is the condition leading to all corruptions and all destructives in the future.

So, loving truth, fairness, sympathies and empathies are the most important things in the relationship and coordination and cooperation among staff both Upper and Lower.

When we lose all these in the field of Education, we will lose Mental Health for the teachers. Not only Mental Health, but also Morality and Character of Teachers can also be lost. And it will leads to destructions and corruptions in the field of Education.

Another thing which is important for the Mental Health of Teachers is the respect place of their jobs.

As in our country, we always put Teachers in the same platform with the Lord Buddha, the Dhamma, the Sangha and the Parents, it is of great honour to be a teacher.

But, as time flies and the values on the teachers from the site of parents and children changes and lesser and lesser their respects become.

It is also a heart-breaking feeling from the side of the teachers.

In the older times, the parents said to the teacher, when they come to send their children to schools, “Teacher, you can do whatever way which is suitable to bring this child clever and obedient and so on. You can beat him, scold him or what ever you want to nurture him only if you should not make him blind or disable.

But, nowadays, parents ready to report to the higher officers if their children are punished although it is the thing deserved for their lack of disciplines or for doing their bad and inappropriate deeds. They do not see teachers as teachers. They just only see teachers as if they were servant who are already paid for teaching their children.

According to the ways they are treated, the teachers will have conditions to maintain their Mental Health or not.

If not, what will be the consequences?

They will just ignore such kinds of children of such kinds of parents whatever they are doing, whether it is good or bad, suitable or not suitable and so on. Then what will the consequences to all these?

We can have badly undisciplined young generations for our country. We can have the ones that are lack of interests in their school work and in knowledge. And what kind of country we are going to construct in the future with such kind of human resources?

From these just mentioned above facts that will make bad effects on the Mental Health of Teachers, we should or we can see the depth of this problem of Mental Health. How can teachers without Mental Health can produce people of the future who have the ability and efficiency to shoulder down our responsibilities for the country? How can we people of the present trust our future and our country’s future to handover to those such kind of young people.

As the young ones or the youths are very important for the country’s future, we need to think out what kind of teachers we need to nurture these young ones.

Therefore, the need of Mentally Healthy Teachers are of great importance for the future of our country.

(to be continued)

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Geosciences and Mount Popa

By Than Tun

Although Mount Popa is not in the middle of the rain forest, it is still a fascinating visit for visitors. It is a mountain that is over 2,000 meters above sea level, and is located near the town of Bagan in the Irrawaddy region. Mount Popa is a volcanic cone that dominates the landscape of the area, surrounded by a sea of sand and sandstone. It is an extinct volcano situated in the central part of Myanmar, and is regarded as the abode of local gods. It is also known as the "mountain of the gods" because of its unique shape and the fact that it is the only mountain in the area that rises above the sea level.

The volcanic cone of Mount Popa is composed of consolidated hard materials and Irrawaddy sandstones, covered by rocks less resistant to weathering such as tuff layers. The hill with central pillar (volcanic neck) of andesitic rock mass was formed by folding and uplift of several layers, sometimes doubling the affected area for days. As the great earth tremors can trigger the dormant volcanoes to erupt, and the volcanic eruption would make the Taungkalat island 960 meters high. The rumour of the peeling of Mount Popa has been circulating through the social media.

Before answering the above conjectures, geologic principle of volcanism should be put forward to those people who were lacking basic geologic knowledge. The earth sea lies in a geologically unstable planet. One account of the gravity of the earth is that all the materials are subject to change. If the geologic setting of the earth brought about the natural geologic phenomena such as volcanic eruption, earthquake, landslide, submerging, tsunami, heavy rain, and etc. which were weathered and eroded through the geologic ages leaving the central neck of andesitic rock mass with central volcanic neck.

The volcanic eruptions occurred on the slopes of Mount Popa. Mount Popa is not connected with the earthquake. We can see firmly Popa Volcano will never be active again and the land slide near the Taungkalat is not connected with the earthquake.

The study of volcanology is an interesting field of research. The geologist in the past 50 years is studying the geology of the Popa area. The geologist of Department of Geology of Myanmar University of Science and Technology has been researching the geology of Mount Popa. The study of volcanology is an interesting field of research.

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Ah! There! A shark!

Merciful Buddha, where is he?

I don't wanna get bitten!

Learning does not end with age.

That is true.

Tell me, what are you still learning?

Well, one day.

I had to go to a business meeting.

They sure lectured me there.

Right... come back tomorrow.

Another place, another lecture.

Come back next day.

I'm already over 60!

I still have much to learn.

Where have you been? I've been waiting a long time.

I'm working at a supermarket now.

Oh, but your hot temper will get in the way.

How many times have you quarrelled with a customer?

Just once.

Not bad.

I expected someone with your temperament to have quite a few rows.

That's because today's just her first day!

Oh my...
Trone Tribe from Northern Extreme of Myanmar

By Maung Maung Kyaw

WHEN we talk about the interesting people of Myanmar, we usually say “Trone in the upper, Salone in the lower.” It is a wonder to see Salone with their lives in water of southern extreme of Myanmar and it is amazing to see the Trones on top of snow-capped mountains in the far north of the country. One should study and have knowledge on the strange indigenous people of Myanmar.

There are a few inhabitants some distance away in the north of one of the spur of the Trone Karong Mountain in the northern extreme of Myanmar. There are some villages in the name of Panman Din, Ngawa, Gawaing, Tazundan, Tahundan, Gubara, Madein, Mandon, Ali Aung, Gushin and Makhon Kan along the Nantamaing stream. Tazuhtu, Kharong and Tahundan villages can be reached if one set out from Tazundan which is in the area just south of the Trone Karong National Park, through the park area along the Adunlaung Stream. In that area on the east bank of Adunlaung Stream Rawan and Trone tribes are living with Rawan as majority. Those villages are situated on the snow-capped mountains. Tahundan village is situated at the altitude of 6300 ft. above sea level in the northernmost part of Myanmar and it is one of the smallest village in Myanmar (in the previous time) where Tibet and Myanmar people live together. That is the village where the Trona tribes, also widely known as Myanmar gypsies are living.

Moutain journey to Trone village

Yeinwepar group had got to that Trone village in 1956 in response to the wish of the government. The Trone village is a far-flung place and remote from other inhabited area where the Ayarwaddy ha started. Therefore, road communication is totally out of the count. To reach to that area it needs to take road transport first to Myitkyina then take Myitkyina-Sunprabon-Putao 218 mile-long road to get to Putao. Myitkyina-Sunprabon-Putao road is also not serviceable during wet season. Another alternative to Putao is by air; however airfare is outrageous being US$ 100 and above.

From Putao to later stations one has to resort to on foot, horse and mule rides. Mule track having 6 ft. in width is the best for travelling in that area. Most of the journey has to rely on walking as the road track is too narrow even for a mule or horse to trot. Depending on the difficulties of the track stop for a while should be taken after making 10 or 15 miles trip. There are rest houses for taking the respite. Travellers usually stop 3 times in Putao-Naungmun journey. Local people use the term “station” for a stop. So they usually say it takes 3 stations for 3 overnight stops. From Putao across Khanti to Namkhian on the bank of Malikha river is, they say; one station. From Namkhian to Namti Li-su village (altitude 2500ft) at the base of another ascent and then forward to Masabu jungle camp after passing the mountain, a watershed for Malikha and Nantisan rivers at the altitude of 6716ft. Leave Masabu and go through a dense forest along Nankulin stream to reach the plain and then cross the Nantisan, also called as Shankauchang stream by bamboo raft to reach Naungmunyi. Now, the traveler is in Naungmun Township. Then go on walking up to Tasaiku which is 7 miles away from Naungmunyi. An overnight stop for 2nd station at Tasaiku. Afterwards, the trippers have to continue the journey by ascending the 6000ft. high mountain for 4 miles and then descend along the slope for about 5 miles and reach the confluence of Ratnamiri, Namshanti and Wantgutu rivers and arrive at a jungle camp in the name of Gaulkaleu camp. As the place is near the confluence of three rivers fish are abundantly found. Leeches and land leeches occur also abundantly. Short rest shall be taken there to get energized for further ascent to 4000 ft. mountain for about 8 miles after crossing the confluence by a rattan suspension bridge. After that Shin Shanka camp is reached for overnight stop. As it is extremely cold and windy the explorers have to sleep by the wood fire wrapping up in the blankets. After that the travelers have to pass the 6700 ft. high Paikpyai Razi mountain to reach the Nantamaing river basin at the upstream end of Ayarwady. After crossing the Nantamaing river by suspension bridge Panandin town, home of Rawan tribe is reached. Panadin is the major station to take rest and to refill the necessary foods. The journey ahead is not as tough as before as it has to travel along the bank of Nantamaing river without any major mountain pass. The road 30 miles to Ga-waing village is 6ft. wide, but very tough. Besides, due to the soil creeps and mass movements the river way changes and original roadway is frequently blocked. It results in 3 overnight stops (3 stations) for a 30 miles journey. When the trippers leave Gawaing village the river bank is too steep to walk, and it needs to cross the river and continue the trip. Then overnight stop at Khaslawand village. After the travel the whole day Tazundan village is reached and after two or three days trip along the jungle track the travelers reach the locality where Trone tribes were staying in the past. Trones are no longer there.

Historical background of Trone tribe

The Trone has been named after the Trone river where the Trone tribe originated. The majority of the Trones were living in the upper part of the Trone river basin that lied in the Chinese territory. Some migrated into Myanmar and settled at 3 villages, Htarone Karong, Bazaydun and Thala Hoo in the Adun river basin at the upper end of Maykha river. According to the report of Yeinwepar group which explored the Trone area in 1955-56, only 32 female and 26 male Trone tribe were found. The population, then, has become decreased and now only 8 Trone tribal people survive in 1997. Some said only 2 Trones had been left in later years. Some said they witnessed the 43 years old Trone man Ko Dawie and his 8 siblings.

In 2003 Htoo Foundation had arranged for Ko Dawie to visit Yangon as recreation trip as he assisted Htoo Foundation in the Mountaineering event in Putao. As his sister declined to visit Yangon she was left in Putao. Ko Dawie is of pure Trone blood and then he was 60 years old. He has an elder sister with age of 64 years and a 38 years old younger sister. We, all the people have to pray for their longevity.

Trone tribe living on the mountains in the northern vicinity of Myanmar and also Trones living well inside in Myanmar had disappeared. The facts that caused the disappearance of Trones should be studied and recorded.

Translated by Rhin Maung Win
Too much forgiveness makes danger

WHY forgiveness is not the path to peace and enlightenment? Forgiveness has to be earned and it’s totally OK not to forgive someone. Forgiving doesn’t mean you have to make amends with who hurt you. It doesn’t mean befriending them, sympathizing with them or proving what they have done to you. It just means accepting that they’ve life a mark on you. And that for better or for worse, that mark is now your burden. It means you are done waiting for the person who broke you to come put you back together. It’s the decision to heal your own wounds, regardless of which marks they’re going to leave on your skin. It’s the decision to move forward with scars.

We are taught to forgive and forget people from a very young age. We grew up forgiving people whom have wronged us because that is what we are supposed to do. Forgiveness becomes a natural happening for some people. It becomes so incredibly easy because we know we are supposed to see the good in everybody, and after so long we actually begin to believe every person has a kind heart. There’s your trouble. Not everyone has a heart as pure as yours. It seems a lot easier to think everyone has good intentions from the start, but once you accept that, that is not the case, you aren’t disappointed as often.

Well, I do forgive, but only for the right people. The people who take responsibility for their actions, the people who will take action to make change, even if it means facing some demanding situation within themselves. Even then, there is a “forgiveness line”. Once someone crosses that, there’s no going back. I am not saying don’t forgive anyone ever. There are very few people I have chosen not to forgive in my life. These decisions have been deeply considered and very difficult.

Forgiveness is saying, “Hey, you did something, I was upset. It’s okay. I don’t hold you responsible for your actions now, and I don’t feel upset about it anymore.” Every adult is responsible for his or her actions. Forgiveness only comes when they have shown that they recognized their actions were wrong and have taken steps to make changes. However, I feel the fact that you’ve forgiven them does not mean they have changed. It depends on the person’s perspective, if they really want to be a better person or not. Since forgiveness requires work, it takes time to show who you really are.

People take your kind soul for granted and push forgiveness button considerably often, knowing once they push that button you have no choice but to forgive. It’s just who you are; it’s in your blood. In the end you actually hurt yourself. You pass out forgiveness like it’s candy, and get your feelings hurt when someone takes it and then turns around and smashes it on the ground. Too many times have you given that same person a different piece? That being said, continue to forgive people. Forgive a person who never even asked for forgiveness but does it for YOU. Do it to give you peace of mind. Most of all stop thinking everyone deserves a second, third and forth chance.

FROM SUPPLEMENT-B

Now, here comes the answers for the last week’s exercises 28.

I. Change into Past Perfect and Past Perfect Continuous Tenses.
(a) While she had been driving to the party, they all had finished their dinner.
(b) While he had been going back home, she had started singing.
(c) While she had been coming back home, her mother had finished her cooking.
(d) While the doctor had been arriving at the hospital, the patient had already died.
(e) While we had been trying to find out the truth, he had gone back home.
(f) While it had been raining, we had driven our car to arrive home.
(g) While Maung Maung had been finishing his homework, the teacher had come to the class.
(h) While I had been sleeping, he had called me on phone.
(i) She had been staying at home, when the rain had stopped.
(j) The sun had been shining again, before the storm had gone away.

II. Change into Future Perfect and Future Perfect Continuous Tenses.
(a) While she will have been driving to the party, they all will have finished their dinner.
(b) While he will have been going back home, she will have started singing.
(c) While she will have been coming back home, her mother will have finished her cooking.
(d) While the doctor will have been arriving at the hospital, the patient will have already died.
(e) While we will have been trying to find out the truth, he will have gone back home.
(f) While it will have been raining, we will have driven our car to arrive home.
(g) While Maung Maung will have been finishing his homework, the teacher will have come to the class.
(h) While I will have been sleeping, he will have called me on phone.
(i) She will have been staying at home, when the rain will have stopped.
(j) The sun will have been shining again, before the storm will have gone away.

That’s all for today Class. Hope that you all have done well!

Bye Bye Class! See you next week!
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