

2nd Pyidaungsu Hluttaw 6th session 6th day meeting

AT the 2nd Pyidaung Hluttaw's 6th session, 6th day meeting held yesterday, the Deputy Minister for Transport and Communications U Kyaw Myo said seafarers holding a Seafarers Identity Document (SID) could board and disembark ships, obtain hospitalisation and clinical treatment in emergencies, transit to join ships and return home without requiring an entry visa. An SID would be beneficial for the country as it can be issued by several countries and does not require any monetary input. The SID is a standardised, internationally recognised document that makes it easy to enter into member countries with ease, added the Deputy Minister.

The Deputy Minister was explaining about Myanmar rectifying and signing the Seafarers' Identity Documents Convention (Revised), 2003 (No. 185) sent to the Hluttaw by the President.

Furthermore, the Deputy Minister explained about Myanmar rectifying and signing the 2001 International Convention on Civil Liability for Bunker Oil Pollution Damage, which was also sent to Hluttaw by the President.

The Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Speaker then announced that Hluttaw representatives who want to discuss these matters should enroll their names.

Next, Union Ministers and deputy ministers explained the basic principles and policy for Hluttaw representatives in a bill on Pyidaungsu additional budget allocation for the 2017-2018 fiscal year. On the matter of permitting the additional budget allocated in section 12 of the report, Deputy Minister for Planning and

Finance U Maung Maung Win said that when the ministry's notice for an additional budget allocation request was sent to departments and organisations, the departments and organisations were asked to request for additional budget allocation for commercial tax, income tax, fund for the government, expenses required due to changes in foreign currency exchange, salary actually required, travel expense, pension and interest payments only. They were advised and managed to request additional budget allocation for insufficient capital expenditures on matters included in the 2017-2018 fiscal year national planning law, matters that can be completed within this fiscal year, matters on which the President Office and Union Government offices has permitted to request for additional budget allocation and permission will be granted as much as possible after said the Deputy Minister.

Foreign aid acquisition and obtaining foreign loans were allocated to increase yearly but were found not to meet the annual targeted amount. On this description, it was found that there were delays due to different procedures of the loan organisation and Myanmar.

Furthermore, set-standards to be followed were being drawn and in the following fiscal years, speedy receipt and utilization of foreign aid and loan will be monitored and managed. On the matter of reducing the deficit of state own business enterprises in section 25 of the report, out of 44 factories under Ministry of Industry and Ministry that were temporarily shut down due to be-



Deputy Minister for Transport and Communications U Kyaw Myo. **PHOTO: MNA**

ing economically unfeasible, two study groups were formed with free and independent experts, government and Hluttaw representatives to conduct a study on 28 factories to see whether to continue operation with the permission of economic affair committee.

While the Ministry of Planning and Finance is requesting the highest additional budget allocation, only 21.72 per cent is for the ministry while 78.28 per cent is nationwide expenses such as expenditures on interest, aid, tax share allocation to states and regions, expenses and debt expenses said the Deputy Minister.

At the present a policy-based budget system is practiced to prepare the budget. Internationally various systems of budgets such as policy-based, performance-based and a system of allocating budget based on success were seen to be used. In Myanmar budget reform is being undertaken in stages and will be changed gradually based on achieving the aimed results said the deputy minister.

Deputy Minister for Electricity and Energy Dr. Tun Naing said



Deputy Minister for Planning and Finance U Maung Maung Win. **PHOTO: MNA**

in 2018-2019 fiscal year electricity supply and administration department will conduct a 230 KV Mawlamyine-Ye-Dawei power line and sub-station projects with ADB loan to distribute electricity to towns in Mon State and Taninthayi Region.

A 66 KV Thanbyuzayat-Ye power line project is allocated to be started in 2018-2019 fiscal year for earliest distribution of electricity to Ye town. A group consisting of officials from ADB and the department were already conducting preliminary project work and the loan agreement will be signed in 2018. Ministry of Electricity and Energy will effectively utilise the requested 2017-2018 fiscal year additional budget allocation explained the Deputy Minister. Deputy Minister for Commerce U Aung Htoo said the additional budget allocation requested was more than 10 per cent of the initial request because the concrete laying of export import vehicle inspection ground in Muse (105) mile trade zone was conducted with Yuan 10 million assistance of People's Republic of China and Ks1,950 million, the equivalent of 10 million Yuan was

included. This makes the additional budget allocation request to be more than 10 per cent of the initial request.

If this amount is omitted, the additional budget allocation request is Ks386.7 million and is only 2.91 per cent of the ministry's initial request. Walling of Maungtau and Lweje trade stations during this fiscal year for security reasons is also included in the additional budget allocation request.

Net profit of Myanmar Citizens Bank increased to Ks 7.82 billion in 2016-2017. However a profit share of only Ks 3.12 billion was given because expenses were incurred for hiring foreign experts to be competitive in international banking with other banks, raising infrastructure and CORE Banking works.

Furthermore, once it becomes a listed company, profit sharing is equally provided and profits from the Ministry of Commerce's share in the bank had declined explained the Deputy Minister. Union Minister for Industry U Khin Muang Cho, Union Minister for Health and Sports Dr. Myint Htwe, Deputy Minister for Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation U Hla Kyaw, Deputy Minister for Transport and Communications U Kyaw Myo, Deputy Minister for Education U Win Maw Tun and Deputy Minister for Construction U Kyaw Lin also explained about the policy in joint bill committees assessment report, basic principles, policy of Hluttaw representatives in the bill on Pyidaungsu additional budget allocation for 2017-2018 fiscal year. — Myanmar News Agency ■

Rakhine State Gov't prepares to build repatriation camps for refugees

RAKHINE State Government launched preparation for construction of buildings where refugees returned from Bangladesh would be scrutinized.

Rakhine State Chief Minister U Nyi Pu and its cabinet members along with developers, who will construct the infrastructures, visited the Ngakhuya and Taungpyolatwe areas in Maungtau yesterday, inspecting the sites chosen for building the infrastructures.

Following the trip, they went to a new village construction for Mro ethnic people in

Thittonnar Gwason Village-tract in Maungtau Township being implected by the Ministry of Border Affairs and the Department for Development of National Races.

During the trip to conflict areas in northern Rakhine, Chief Minister U Nyi Pu, Rakhine State ministers and developers visited an area where a new village for Hindus which was destroyed by ARSA terrorists in late August.

More than 70 households would be provided with a 40ftx-60ft house each in the new

village of Ohhtein for Hindu families. During the trip, State Chief Minister U Nyi Pu urged the developers to create job opportunities for local Mro ethnic people in constructing houses.

He also urged Mro ethnic people to actively participate in establishing housing for the local people. The Rakhine State Chief Minister also held a meeting with the developers over establishing repatriation camps for refugees who fled to Bangladesh as their houses were destroyed by ARSA extremist terrorists.— Nay Htet Khaung ■



Rakhine State Chief Minister U Nyi Pu and developers visit the site where repatriation camps would be established **PHOTO: MIN HTET**

National Verification Cards issued in Maungtaw

STAFF from the Rakhine State Immigration and Population department led by the state head of the department issued National Verification Cards (NVCs) to residents in Shwezar Village in Maungtaw Township, northern Rakhine yesterday.

The issuing process of the NVC took place at the post primary school of Shwezar Village. U Aung Min, the state head of the department, explained the NV Card to local residents, who were also provided with mosquito nets and food.

This work was already being conducted earlier in the year, but was delayed due to the ARSA extremist terrorist attack on 25 August. The work was restarted in Maungtaw Township, Shwezar village tract on 12 October. For a national ID, up until 8 November, after scrutiny using a biometric system, 625 people, including 364 men and 279 women, were issued National Verification Cards and 77 people, including 44 men and 33 women, were recorded and will be issued cards. —Myanmar News Agency ■



Hindu villagers show their National Verification Cards (NVCs) in Shwezar Village. PHOTO: MNA

Monsoon paddy harvested in Rakhine State by Agricultural Mechanisation Department

AREAS of Rakhine State where there were terrorist attacks were facing difficulties in harvesting monsoon rice, prompting the Agricultural Mechanisation Department to deploy harvesting machines to harvest the monsoon rice. A total of 934 acres in Kanpu, Kyaungtaung, Myothugyi, Ohntaw, Alethanyaw, Nwayo Netaung, and Wah Cha villages of Maungtaw Township were harvested from 26 October to 8 November.

Similarly, 77 acres in Thingonet, Chaungnwe, Kywitay,

Kankawkyoung, Partalat villages were harvested from 30 October to 8 November, it is learnt.

Also, 15 acres in Pya Hla, Hsin Yoe Shae were reaped from 5 October to 8 November while 11 acres in Htaung Shae, Kin Seik, Maw Ywar, Phar Pyaw villages in Minbya townships were harvested on 7 and 8 November. Five acres each in Lanmadaw village in Kyawtaw township and Phonmarkyoung village in Ann township were also harvested, it is learnt.— Myanmar News Agency ■

Cattle in Maungtaw Township vaccinated

THE Livestock Breeding and Veterinary Department is providing free medical treatment to animals in Maungtaw Township, Rakhine State. The department has already provided medical treatment to 266 cattle and 616 goats. The local township veterinary team has provided free vaccination to animals in Pan Taw Pyin camp, Khon Dine camp, Ngakuya villages and other villag-



The Livestock Breeding and Veterinary Department is providing free veterinary care to cattle and goats in Maungtaw Township. PHOTO: MNA

es. The local township medical team is still providing free medical treatment in the villages and has not been able to find more ownerless cattle, which were

numerous in recent months. The veterinary team plans to go to other villages in the region to provide vaccinations. — Myanmar News Agency ■

1,696 villages in Rakhine State now have light

Hmwe Kyu Zin
(MYANMAR NEWS AGENCY)

A ceremony was held in Ministry of Electricity and Energy in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday to celebrate the ongoing work being done that has so far provided electricity for dozens of towns and nearly 1,700 villages in Rakhine State.

At yesterday's ceremony, it was noted that of 26 towns targeted, 15 have been provided with electricity from the system, while 11 were being lighted by other means.

Of the 3,738 villages listed, 222 were provided with electricity from the system while 1,474 villages were provided with light by other means, totalling 1,696

villages that now have electricity. In terms of households, 77,408 out of 459,772 households now have light.

Arrangements were made to provide electricity from the grid to Yathedaung, Buthidaung and Maungtaw townships in Rakhine State, and the plan is to have electricity in Yathedaung by March 2018, Buthidaung by June 2018, and Maungtaw Township by December 2018. At a total cost of Ks5.75 billion, 44 villages, 18 in Yathedaung Township, 11 in Buthidaung Township, 15 in Maungtaw Township will have continuous light from the grid. For now, electricity is provided every day to Yathedaung town for 5 hours, Buthidaung town for 9½

hours and Maungtaw town for 12 hours using diesel generators.

The permanent secretary of the Ministry of Electricity and Energy said emphasis has been placed on providing electricity from the power grid to Rakhine State. Before this is accomplished, power will be provided with diesel generators.

Officials yesterday explained how full electricity usage was achieved in Mayangone, Hline, Kamayut, Bahan, Sanchaung and Kyimyindine townships after installing a 230/66kV, 125 MVA transformer.

The earlier 100 MVA transformer is an Off Load Tap that requires shutting down the power supply to boost up the voltage

when there is a voltage drop. With the installed 230/66kV, 125 MVA transformer, it is an On Load Tap and does not require shutting down the power supply to boost up the voltage when there is a voltage drop.

With the installation of this new transformer, consumers in Mayangone, Hline, Kamayut, Bahan, Sanchaung and Kyimyindine townships now have full and stable electrical voltage, and electricity can be provided to building and houses that are being built.

Next, the status of constructing 66.79 miles Ye U-Budalin-Kani-Mingin 66 KV power line, 180 miles Na Bar-Shwebo-Ondaw 230 KV power line projects, constructing locks in Moebye Dam

for boat passage, the thermal energy factory department, power plant projects, signing agreements on renting and operating two liquid petroleum gas (LPG) factories and four LPG sale shops, inspection of illegal electricity usage in September 2017, providing good public service, implementation of e-government, implementation of Advanced Metering Infrastructure (AMI) Project in Dawbon Township to reduce blackouts, how the public in Mandalay region has stable and full electric power and clearing of service lines were explained.

Officials from Ministry of Electricity and Energy then replied to questions from local and foreign media. ■

We will overcome difficulties with our firm resolution

By Khin Maung Oo

THE Ministry of the Office of the State Counsellor issued a Press Statement on November 7 in response to the Presidential Statement issued by the UN Security Council on 6 November 2017, saying that the Government of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar regrets that a Presidential Statement has been issued with regard to a situation that is in the process of being resolved amicably between two neighboring countries.

The issuance of the Presidential Statement ignores the fact that the issues

facing Myanmar and Bangladesh today can only be resolved bilaterally. The presidential statement should be denounced as the UNSC Permanent Representative put pressure with his one-sided opinion prioritizing their needs, simultaneously by ignoring dedicated efforts of the Myanmar Government with regard to the Rakhine State affair. At the UNSC open debate an attempt to make a resolution over the Rakhine State affair did not reach agreement, hence the issuance of the Presidential Statement was approved.

The Statement will not help Myanmar's efforts in solving the problem,

instead, causing to increase tensions between different religious communities. As a result, it can create an increase of global pressure on Myanmar, unnecessarily. It is disappointing not to take notice that such unnecessary pressure may harm the activities of UN and NGOs.

At the time when representatives including their members are criticizing over excessive spending certain UN organizations, it is not appropriate to repeatedly exaggerate concerning the Myanmar affair.

Myanmar will make objections over unfair statements, simultaneously mak-

ing efforts to gain success in implementing the process.

Concurrently, any harms against the process of implementing peace, stability and development of Rakhine State will be removed. Accordingly, in spite of the fact that there are statements, pressures and hindrances which are likely to cause harmful effects more than good ones to Myanmar, all the people of Myanmar will make our dedicated efforts hand in hand with the Government, for success in implementing eternal peace, stability and development in the country including Rakhine State. ■

Bagan Archaeological Zone touted for UNESCO's World Heritage



PHOTO: PHOENIX KHWAH

By Suthethmu (Mayangon)

HISTORICALLY and religiously, Bagan is a place of great importance for Myanmar People. Now, it is very near to have Bagan, ancient city of Myanmar designated as UNESCO's a world cultural heritage.

In trying to become a world heritage from grandeur, splendor and importance of Bagan, file-part 1 (draft) was submitted on September 22, 2017. Final copy must be tendered in January 2018, to have the region designated as a world heritage site. In doing so, final copy must be submitted together with the first and second volumes—Management Plant. It must undergo

the examination of the UNESCO in the same year. Upon completion of the examination, the UNESCO Conference to be held in June or July 2019 will decide as to whether it should become a world heritage or not.

The importance of Bagan ancient site is the importance for the whole nation, hence the need to do performances adapted to pagodas and stupas including natural environment and landscapes where ancient Bagan cultural heritages are situated, for having the region designated as the ancient cultural heritage site.

In fact, it is not appropriate to build concrete roads in Bagan region. In case needs come up unavoidably, it is necessary for all to cooperate so

that kinds of renovations or buildings adapted to the cultural heritage site can become. A person or an institution's decision is of great importance so as not to be an error. Simultaneously, cooperation of authorities concerned cannot be left aside.

Previously, pagodas and stupas were painted white with lime wash for lack of knowledge. Frequent painting with lime wash caused lime layers impress on murals. Due to the cutting-edge technology of Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) to come lime layers on the Arnanda Pagoda off, murals appeared again, it was found.

These facts exist as a support for Bagan Region to be put on the world heritage map. If asked which kind of

a support it is, it is none other than a support to re-discover hidden cultural heritage. It is also a lesson for us not to do such things.

Besides, to mark the visits to Bagan, some youths wrote on the wall paintings damaging the cultural heritage. Law enforcements should be tightened in Bagan to prevent such kind of destruction to the wall paintings.

Meanwhile, irresponsible attitude such as leaving food, candle lights and flowers inside the caves without throwing them away systematically has attracted insects and animals causing destruction to the ancient wall paintings indirectly.

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Chairman of Legal Affairs and Special Cases Assessment Commission meets Chinese Ambassador

CHAIRMAN of Legal Affairs and Special Cases Assessment Commission of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Thura U Shwe Mann received Chinese Ambassador to Myanmar H.E. Mr Hong Liang at the (I-11) Hluttaw building in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday morning.

During the meeting, the ambassador discussed peace and development of Rakhine State with positive cooperation of China for Myanmar's peace, development, stability and security.

Chairman of Legal Affairs and Special Cases Assessment Commission of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Thura U Shwe Mann also mentioned his recognition of China's good will over Myanmar's sovereignty and territory



Thura U Shwe Mann meets with Chinese Ambassador Mr Hong Liang in Nay Pyi Taw. PHOTO: MYANMAR NEWS AGENCY

mar's sovereignty and territory possession and he also recognised on China's firm standing for Myanmar regarding Rakhine issue and take value for China's participation for world peace.

Present at the meeting were member of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw's Legal Affairs and Special Cases Assessment Commission U Ko Ko Naing, U San Shwe Aung and officials from the office.—MNA ■

Mobile teams give health care to local people

UNDER the supervision of Ministry of Health and Sports, mobile teams are giving health care to local people in Rakhine State.

A delegation led by Maung-taw Township Head of the department of Health, Dr Kyaw-

Maung Maung Thein launched a mobile clinic and gave H1N1 vaccination to local people in a Hindu refugees' camp opened in the compound of BEHS (1) Kanyin Thann, Maung-taw Township.

Specialists from Magway

University of Medicine who also arrived in Maung-taw also volunteered in the health care free service. There are a total of 158 households with a total of 992 people staying in the refugee camp.—Myanmar News Agency ■

Federation of Rakhine Nationals funds monastery construction in Maung-taw

A total of Ks 75 million for the construction of a monastery in a new village in Khone Tai Town in Maung-taw Township were donated by donors led by Federation of Rakhine Nationals and monks led by Tipitaka Dara Syaydaw Bhadanta Eaindar Parla yesterday.

"There was no monastery in an old village in Khone Tai. If we want to go to a monastery, we have to go to Natala village.

We are very glad to hear the news about the construction.

All the villagers will express their gratitude for

the construction and feel really happy," said a village administrator U Maung Hla.

The donation were also included Ks 1 million for 42 house holding in Nanthar Taung village, Ks 1 million for Nanthar Taung Philanthropic school students and teachers, Ks 3 million for police and security force, Ks 0.5 million for donation for foods and 32 bags of clothing by Nay Lha Thitsar family.

Then, attendees for the donation ceremony took five precepts and listened to the preaching from the Sayadaw.—Myanmar News Agency ■

Correction

Please read "non-traditional challenges" instead of "traditional challenges," in the news story "3rd Co-ordination meeting held for convening youth multi-development festival" on page-7 of November 8 Issue of the Global New Light of Myanmar.— Myanmar News Agency ■

Bagan Region to be Put in the List of UNESCO's World Heritage

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Tourist arrival to Bagan ancient archaeological zone reached 300,000 in the 2016-2017 Fiscal Year and it is expected that Bagan would attract more visitors when it is listed in the world's cultural heritage by UNESCO.

Bagan attracted more than 240,000 foreign visitors in the 2015-2016 Fiscal Year.

While the government is making efforts for Bagan to be included in the world's cultural heritage list, the ancient cultural zone was hit by an earthquake on 24 August. The destruction to the pagodas in Bagan has brought a high level anxiety to the people who have a dream that Bagan

would be included in the world's heritage list.

Following the earthquake, experts restored the quake-hit pagodas without damaging their original styles luring UNESCO to consider the Bagan for the world's heritage.

It is not possible for archaeology department only or individually to take care of the protection of Bagan Cultural Heritage. All people of Myanmar are needed to take part in this task. Cultural heritage can be found all over the country at different places. However, Bagan Cultural Heritage can be seen collectively in 42 square mile area. There are 3800 archaeological edifices according to the record of the survey. All people in Myanmar

are obliged to preserve and maintain those ancient religious edifices for life-long existence.

In maintaining and preserving those ancient buildings and pagodas which reach almost 1000 years of age it is very important to be systematic. Moreover it is the national duty for all people to protect those cultural heritage and to try those to be registered in UNESCO world heritage list. In this respect people have to abide by the disciplines to be followed in the cultural heritage area. Many human activities are to be avoided in the heritage zone. The activities that jeopardize the nature of historical and cultural scene, natural habitat of plants and

animals and water resources should be avoided in the heritage area. Furthermore, gold panning, earth excavations, pond digging, quarrying, leveling of hills and hillocks, earth filling the lakes, ravines and plains should be abstained in the heritage zone. Then the repairing, renovating and maintaining the old buildings, mechanized farming, and planting the trees that will grow higher than 6ft. should also be avoided.

Especially, only when the true nature of Bagan area can be maintained, the more chances for Bagan Heritage to be registered in UNESCO World Heritage List will be secured. The responsible personnel in coordination

with the local people should manage the placement of buildings of villages or towns in the heritage area according to the guide lines set by the UNESCO. Cooperation of local people and regional administrative arrangements are vital in the management of Bagan area.

When Bagan is registered in UNESCO heritage list, the socioeconomic development of the local people, increase in pilgrimage and research on the area, increase in the number of tourists and the systematic maintenance and protection of the heritage with the assistance of international professionals will be obtained. ■

(Translated by Khin Aye Win)

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

Voices from volunteers of UEHRD

By Zaw Gyi (Panita)

VOLUNTEERS who will take part in UEHRD are being conducted preliminary on-job trainings from November 6 till 8 at the Women's Development Centre on Than Lwin Street, Kamayut township, Yangon. 83 Volunteers are attending the training conducted by professionals from the Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement and external voluntary teachers.

Here are interviews with Myanmar News Agency.

Dr San San Aye, Director-General of Social Welfare Department



UEHRD is the Union Enterprises and youths across the nation will take part in it. For successful implementation of 20 days for the people from youths, the Ministries, Rakhine State Government, local entrepreneurs, donors, youth team for negotiation on humanitarian assistances, organisations performing the tasks of provisions of humanitarian assistance,

public-orientated volunteer groups and youth who will work as volunteers for 20 days from the whole country will take part in the campaign. The present training is being conducted with a view to sharing knowledge on provision of humanitarian assistances in Rakhine State to volunteers and making youths take part in building the nation and national peace. Volunteers were selected from Myanmar youths aged between 18-35 years who applied for voluntary service of their own accords. Upon completion of the training, they will be grouped into two—in Buthidaung and Maungtau and they will be assigned to perform the tasks of data collection, distribution of humanitarian aids and referring the needy persons to authorities concerned, together with staff from the department of relief and resettlement. The training is the one conducted for the first time. Further trainings will be conducted for delivering assistances to the needy persons and villages.

U Kyaw Lin Htin (in-charge of the training)

Training was opened for three days for conducting subjects on data collection, delivering humanitarian assistances and referring needy persons to authorities concerned. Some parts were conduct-

ed just for knowledge. At the training principles and practical routines were conducted such as on-job manners, what to do and what not to do on the ground and first aids. Trainees were found learning lessons attentively.

Ma Htoo Thet Naing (trainee)



Assuming that I should take part in the project as a youth, I joined UEHRD. The present training is the first-ever one conducted by UEHRD. We learnt that similar trainings will be conducted in future. I am very proud of having an opportunity to take part in the campaign. I feel that it will be a beneficial one for the public.

Ma Hnin Yu Shwe (trainee)

I was ready to take part in it since the time when I came to know that there would be such a program. On the assumption that we should take part as a youth I joined it. The training taught us what to do and what not to do on the ground. By combining our personal knowledge and

lesson knowledge, I hope we can do the best.

Ko Kyaw Gyi (trainee)

I was interested in the project as I came to know that it would be launched by the government together with volunteer youths. I myself was a volunteer in my region. I am very proud and pleased to have a chance of taking part.

Ko Khin Maung Thein (trainee)

I would like to go to the area since the time when the events took places. But I could not due to various reasons. Now I came to have a chance. I believe I can do successfully on the ground by combining lesson knowledge and personal knowledge.

Phyo Ko Ko Zaw (trainee)



Being a program led by the government, I assumed that I should take part in it. I will be able to perform on the ground based on lesson knowledge and my willingness. I firmly believe that it will be surely successful. ■

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Permission of registration as a political party

Union Ethnic Federal Democracy Party headquartered at No. 496, Kyunpintha Ward in Myitkyina in Kachin State, permitted an application for registration as a political party in accordance with the Section 9 of the Political Parties Registration Law on 9 November 2017. The registration number of Union Ethnic Federal Democracy Party is 106.

(Hla Thein)
Chairman
Union Election Commission

Ethnic armed groups close to signing ceasefire

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Khu Oo Ral, leader of the Delegation for Political Negotiation (DPN), said his side needs to discuss usages in the agreement and they are also expected to be agreed upon in the upcoming meeting.

"We believe that NCA would be signed after the outcomes of the meeting have been submitted to the leaders of both sides," he said. The two sides have met seven times over the past 15 months, seeking ways for all to sign the Nationwide Ceasefire Agree-

ment. The meeting was attended by Dr. Tin Myo Win, U Thein Zaw, Lt-Gen Yar Pyae, Lt-Gen Min Naung, Lt-Gen Tin Maung Win, Deputy Attorney-General U Win Myint, U Naing Ngan Lin and members of the Peace Commission while DPN side was led by Khu Oo Ral, leader of the delegation, and U Nai Aung Ma Ngay, deputy leader, and members. Among the observers were leaders of the signatories to NCA including Pado Saw Khwe Htoo Win and Yebaw Than Ge. —Zaw Gyi ■

S-Korean National Day, Armed Forces Day celebrated



UNION MINISTER for Transports and Communication U Thant Sin Maung and wife Dr Daw Khin Than Aye were welcomed by Korean charge d' affaires to Myanmar Mr. Kim Jung

Han at a ceremony to mark the Korean National Day and Armed Forces Day which was held in Lotte Hotel in Yangon at 6:30 pm on 9 November.—Myanmar News Agency ■

Nine tasks forces of UEHRD to meet with Rakhine Gov't

Nine private tasks forces of Union Enterprise for Humanitarian Assistance, Resettlement and Development in Rakhine (UEHRD), together with Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and industries (UMFCCI) will meet with Rakhine State government on 15 November and discuss resettlement and development in Rakhine State. UEHRD's chief coordinator Dr Aung Tun Thet, UMFCCI's officials and representatives from nine tasks forces of UEHRD

held meeting at UMFCCI and discussed to systematically and effectively fulfill the needs of Rakhine State.

Nine tasks forces of UEHRD, Construction and infrastructure; Agriculture and livestock breeding, Economic Zones Development, Information and Public Relations, Job creation and Vocational Training, Healthcare, Micro-financing, Fund raising through crowd-funding and Tourism promotion and UMFCCI's officials are now preparing and planning for constructing

infrastructure buildings, installing water and electricity access and upgrading roads.

On the visit, they will present their planning to Rakhine State government and local residents and the region's needs and expanding works will be discussed. "One best result will be obtained when the needs of local residents meet with the assisting works of private businesspersons", said UEHRD's chief coordinator Professor Dr Aung Tun Thet.

U Aung Kyi Soe, UM-

FCCI's general-secretary also said that as the development strategy for Rakhine State was already set, UEHRD's tasks forces will discuss with Rakhine State government to carry out the strategy properly.

All 17 townships in Rakhine State, in the state will see the development works, he added. The tasks forces are also planning to conduct the Vocational Trainings for the local residents for the development in their education and skills. —MNA ■