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State Counsellor receives Chair of the Global Commission on Drug Policy and Former President of Switzerland

STATE Counsellor and Union Minister for Foreign Affairs Daw Aung San Suu Kyi received Ms. Ruth Dreifuss, Chair of Global Commission on Drug Policy (GCDP) and Former President of Switzerland, at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Nay Pyi Taw,

yesterday. During the meeting, they exchanged views on matters pertaining to the work of the GCDP as an international player in drugs policies, and root causes and challenges in prevention and elimination of narcotic drugs.—*Myanmar News Agency*



State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi welcomes Ms. Ruth Dreifuss, Chair of Global Commission on Drug Policy (GCDP) and Former President of Switzerland, in Nay Pyi Taw. PHOTO: MNA

State Counsellor receives French delegation

DAW Aung San Suu Kyi, State Counsellor and Union Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, received a delegation led by Mr. Patrick Pouyane, President and Chief Executive Officer, Total Company, France, yesterday at the Minister's Office of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Nay Pyi Taw.

During the meeting, they discussed the matters pertaining to investment and cooperation of Total Company's investment in Myanmar's energy sector, co-operation in environment protection and socio-economic development of the people of Myanmar, and potentiality of generating solar power in Myanmar.—*Myanmar News Agency*

President U Htin Kyaw and First Lady visit . . .

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The Terracotta Army was discovered in 1974 to the east of Xi'an by farmers digging a well. As of 2007, 8,000 soldiers, 130 chariots with 520 horses and 150 cavalry horses were unearthed. The site was listed as a UNESCO World Heritage Site in 1987.

The figures depicted the military strength of the Qin dynasty's

empire and was learnt to be made between BC 257 and 246.

Shaanxi province is learnt to be the birth place of the President of People's Republic of China Mr. Xi Jinping and the starting point of China's "one belt, one road" project.

Afterwards, the President left Xi'an by air and arrived in Shanghai at 6:30 p.m.. The Presi-

dent and his entourage were welcomed by the Shanghai Provincial Government Deputy Secretary and officials. They continued to Shanghai Hong Qiao State guest house. Later yesterday evening, the President viewed the developments and sights of Shanghai onboard a river cruise ship in the Haungpu Jiang river.—*Myanmar News Agency*

Union Minister Dr. Pe Myint inspects newspaper houses, radio and television stations

UNION Minister for Information Dr. Pe Myint yesterday visited newspaper houses under the News and Periodicals Enterprise in Zeyathiri Township, Nay Pyi Taw and the Myanmar Radio and Television (MRTV) station in Tatkon Township. In the morning, the Union Minister arrived at the Nay

Pyi Taw newspaper house and met with staff from the Kyemon, Myanma Alin, Myanmar News Agency under the News and Periodicals Enterprise and the staff from Printing and Publishing Department at Pho Waziya Hall.

At the meeting, the Union Minister spoke about matters re-

lating to the work required to be done for digital newspapers, requirements for the staff to work in accordance with changing technologies, to be inventive in printing textbooks, encyclopedia and other printing works and coordinated in the management and upgrading of the staff. Afterward, the Union Minister inspected the work procedure of the news room and encouraged the staff. In the afternoon, the Union Minister arrived at the auditorium of MRTV in Tatkon and met with the staff.

At the meeting, the Union Minister cordially heard the necessities presented by the staff and fulfilled their requirements. Afterward, the Union Minister inspected the MRTV broadcasting work, Master Control Room, Convergence News Room, and the studio of National Races Channel.—*Myanmar News Agency*



Union Minister Dr. Pe Myint speaking at the meeting with staff from the News and Periodicals Enterprise in Nay Pyi Taw. PHOTO: MNA

NSA to clarify Rakhine situation

The National Security Advisor will clarify the Rakhine situation to diplomats and members of international organisations at the National Reconciliation and Peace Center in Yangon on 11 April, 10am.

Local and foreign media

are invited to cover the event.

Local media should contact the Information and Public Relations Department, while foreign media in Myanmar are to contact the News and Periodicals Enterprise.—*Myanmar News Agency*

PRESS RELEASE

Diplomatic relations established between the Republic of the Union of Myanmar and the Republic of Ecuador

THE Republic of the Union of Myanmar and the Republic of Ecuador established diplomatic relations at the level of Ambassadors, with effect from 6 April 2017 as the two countries are desirous of establishing friendly relations and mutually beneficial cooperation on the basis of the principles of the Charter of the United Nations and the norms of International Law in accordance with the Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations and the Vienna Convention on Consular Relations.

The Joint Communiqué on the Establishment of Diplomatic Relations was signed by the Permanent Representative of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar to the United Nations and the Permanent Representative of the Republic of Ecuador to the United Nations at the Permanent Mission of the Republic of Ecuador to the United Nations in New York on 6 April 2017.

Myanmar is making efforts to expand its diplomatic ties with countries around the world. The Republic of Ecuador is the 116th country with which Myanmar has established diplomatic relations.

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