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## President U Htin Kyaw and First Lady visit Shanghai and Hangzhou

PRESIDENT U Htin Kyaw and First Lady Daw Su Su Lwin who are on a goodwill visit to the People's Republic of China visited Oriental Pearl Radio & TV Tower in Shanghai yesterday morning.

The President and entourage viewed the scenic beauty of Shanghai from the tower and looked round inside the tower. Then, the President and the First Lady signed the guest book.

The Oriental Pearl Radio & TV Tower is on the bank of Huangpu River in Shanghai. Construction began in 1991 and the 468 m (1,535 ft) tall tower was completed in 1994. Currently it is the seventh tallest in the world and the second tallest in China. Modern technology was combined with Chinese symbolism to construct the tower that contains an observation platform, educational Space City, exhibition facilities, shopping center and a hotel. Broadcasting service is provided to 9 TV channels and 10 radio stations.

Afterwards, the President and party arrived at the Shanghai Museum and observed the traditions, culture and customs of the ancient Chinese people.

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President U Htin Kyaw and First Lady Daw Su Su Lwin visit Shanghai Museum in Shanghai, China. PHOTO: INFORMATION AND PUBLIC RELATIONS DEPARTMENT

### State Counsellor to meet rural youths on 11 April

State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi will hold a round-table talk with rural youths at the Myanmar International Convention Centre-2 (MICC-2) at 2 p.m on 11 April (Tuesday). The talks will be broadcast live on TV beginning 1.45 pm.—*Myanmar News Agency*

### Villagers in conflict areas in northern Rakhine to get land soon



Land reclamation task being carried out in Warpeik village, Maungtaw, Rakhine State. PHOTO: POE HTAUNG

#### Ye Khaung Nyunt

HEAVY equipment is at work in reclaiming 24 acres of land at Warpeik village in Rakhine State where fire brokeout on 13 November evening last year in addition to violent attacks it faced a month earlier.

The authorities are reclaiming land for about 300 homes for the village in Maungtaw Township that had lost 289 homes in the fire out of a total of 318.

“Warpeik is included in our village tract. The current land reclamation program covers 280 new homes. According to

home-ownership list, only 255 families had homes. But we are building 280 as we have also taken into account the accommodation for homeless families. As the program is nearly completed, we set the resettlement date for villagers who lost their homes on the 10th of this month,” explained U Zaw Phyto Tun, the administrator of Kyeeganbyin village-tract.

Under the program, every household will get a 40-ft x 60-ft plot in the reclaimed area which has entrance and departure roads and systematic drainage system.

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Maungtown dwellers preparing to celebrate traditional Thingyan festival. PHOTO: TIN SOE

## Buthidaung to celebrate traditional Thingyan festival

MYANMAR traditional Thingyan Festival will be held in Buthidaung Township, Maungtown district, Rakhine State, according to local authorities.

Entertainments by departmental dance groups, Thingyan dances and staged music will be performed in a central pandal, Division and Tactical Command pandals and Rakhine traditional pandal from Thingyan Eve Day to the final day of Thingyan which begin 13th April this year.

Furthermore, on the Myanmar New Year day, Paritta recitation for safety, 'jivitadana' and respect paying ceremonies will be held.

Buthidaung Township Administrator U Kyaw Min Tun said security arrangements are made in advance for the people to enjoy the Thingyan festival.—*Yamanya, Tin Soe*



## Aids should be constructive to peace, stability and progress



A participant taking part in the meeting. PHOTO: TIN TUN (IPRD)

RAKHINE State Chief Minister U Nyi Pu met coordination committee members and UN and INGO staffs at the state government office yesterday morning.

The chief minister thanked international organizations for providing humanitarian aids for peace, stability and progress of the state, requesting them to cooperate with his government as and when necessary. The aids should be constructive to peace, stability and progress of the local people, he suggested.

Participants then explained the committee's functions, current and future aid programs of UN/INGOs and development plans, on which the chief minister gave recommendations.—*Tin Tun (IPRD)*

## Survivors, families of victims of ferry capsized gets cash assistance



An official from KBZ's BFM presents cash assistance to survivors of the ferry accident. PHOTO: THURA LWIN

SURVIVORS of the ferry that capsized in the Ngawun River in Ayeyawady Region and families of the victims have been provided with cash by KBZ's Brighter Future Myanmar Foundation-BFM.

The Ferry "Ngwe Kyan-sin" carrying passengers from a wedding reception collided with a barge carrying stones and capsized at 7.30 pm on 7th April,

killing 20 passengers. About 30 people have been rescued alive.

Families of the 20 victims were given Ks500,000 each, while 30 victims who survived the accident were given K100,000 each by the foundation yesterday.

The donation were made at the Patheon Hospital where the survivors are receiving treatment.—*Thura Lwin*

## Disaster mitigation training course in Buthidaung township concluded

A five-day training course for capacity building provided to 26 people by allied organizations in Buthidaung Township in Rakhine State for performing effectively the emergency search and rescue operations during natural disasters concluded.

The aim of the training course is to effectively carry out search and rescues work when a disaster occurred, said U Aung Khant Kyaw, the representative of Care Myanmar at the completion ceremony held at the hall of Fire Services Department in Buthidaung township on yesterday.

U Aung Min Htike, township deputy chief officer of the Fire Services Department also explained about the knowledge on the search and rescue



Concluding of disaster mitigation training course in progress. PHOTO: TIN SOE

operations and U Kyaw Myint Wai, township first aid deputy head talked about first aid.

The trainees were 12 staff from Fire Services Department, 14 from Red Cross Association and received outfits, books and flyers to be applied for rescues works.—*Yamanya*

## INTERPOL Red Notice on suspect Aung Win Khaing

U Kyi Lin is undergoing trial for assassinating U Ko Ni in Yangon International Airport international arrival gate No. 6 on the evening of 29 January. Aung Win Khaing, aged 45, son of U Aung Than, was found to be an accessory in the crime and had absconded. In order to arrest him, Myanmar Police Force had contacted INTERPOL and an INTERPOL Red Notice was issued on 7 April.



Suspect Aung Win Khaing.

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The Shanghai National Museum is a museum of ancient Chinese art situated in the middle of Shanghai. The museum was founded in 1952 and was rebuilt at its current location in 1996. It has eleven galleries and three temporary exhibition halls exhibiting ancient Chinese bronze, sculpture, ceramics, jades, paintings, calligraphy, seals, furniture in Ming and Qing dynasties and arts and crafts by Chinese minorities.

Then, President U Htin Kyaw and First Lady Daw Su Su Lwin departed Shanghai by high-speed train and arrived in Hangzhou City at 2:30 pm local standard time and visited West Lake there.

West Lake is a freshwater lake in Hangzhou, the capital of Zhejiang province in eastern Chi-

na. It is divided into five sections by three causeways. There are numerous temples, pagodas, gardens, and artificial islands within the lake. West Lake is one of the famous places and one of the tourist attractions in Hangzhou.

In the evening, the President and party left Hangzhou by air and arrived at Beijing International Airport at 6:30 pm local standard time and were welcomed by Assistant Foreign Minister of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the People's Republic of China Mr. Kong Xuan You, Myanmar Military Attaché Brigadier-General-Tint Hsan and embassy staff and the Guard of Honour.

Afterwards, the President and entourage were taken to Diaoyutai State Guest House in Beijing where they will stay.—*Myanmar News Agency*



President U Htin Kyaw and First Lady receive red carpet welcoming at Beijing International Airport. PHOTO: IPRD



Union Minister Dr Win Myat Aye gives words of encouragement to a ferry boat victim at People's Hospital in Patheingyi. PHOTO: MNA

## Ferry boat victims provided with cash assistance

THE staff from the Department of Relief and Resettlement under the Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement conducted search and rescue works and provided the patients with blankets and clothing as initial assistance in collaboration with respective departments after the boat called "Silver Star" sank shortly after a "head on collision" with the cargo ship in Ngawun River near Ohnmardanti Jetty in Patheingyi, Ayeyawady Region on 7 April evening.

The Vice-Chairman of Natural Disaster Management Committee and Union Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement Dr Win Myat Aye together with Ayeyawady Region Chief Minister Mahn Johnny gave words of encouragement to the ferry boat victims who are receiving medical treatment at the People's Hospital in Patheingyi yesterday morning. The Union Minister and officials presented K 1.5 million for the ferry boat victims and K 6 million for the deceased through Regional Minister for Social Affairs Dr Hla Myat

Thwe.

The Union Minister then met with the regional natural disaster management committee members at the meeting hall of the Irrigation and Water Utilization Management Department and urged them to focus on preparatory works regarding the natural disasters, taking lessons from the past. It needs to be ready to respond to the natural disasters with the people's participation, he added. He highlighted the importance of cooperation between the union and regional governments in issuing the statements to win public trust and in carrying out necessary preparations to mitigate natural disasters.

Afterward, the Union minister provided K 259.16 million from the fund of the Natural Disaster Management Committee for the two school-cum-shelters to be built in Pyapon and Bogale Townships and K 22.90 million for digging lakes in Pyapon, Kyonpyaw and Dedaye Townships through the regional minister for social affairs.—*Myanmar News Agency*

## UCSB launches Public Consultations on Civil Service Reform

THE Union Civil Service Board is striving to strengthen the core values of the Myanmar Civil Service through a series of reforms currently underway. The UCSB aspires to enhance Honesty, Integrity, Impartiality and Objectivity across the service, and to establish a fundamental Competency Framework for civil servants, which would focus on Ethos, Ethics, Equity and Efficiency.

To support this transformation, the UCSB is developing a Civil Service Reform (CSR) Strategic Action Plan in collaboration with the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP). The development of the Strategic Action Plan has witnessed a full participatory process, whereby a series of workshops were held from August 2016 to February 2017 involving more than 1200 participants from Parliament, Union level Organizations and Ministries, States and Regions, the Civil Societies, Development Partners and members of the International Community. ASEAN Member States representatives were also part of these

consultations.

The Strategic Action Plan will allow to modernize the civil service and enable it to support and effectively contribute to the political and societal transformation of Myanmar; and to transform the Civil Service and its personnel into a trusted partner of the Myanmar people upholding the highest standards of integrity, equality and accountability. The Strategic Action Plan includes Four Focus Area, namely: (1) New Civil Service Governance; (2) Merit-based and performance-driven culture and system; (3) Effectiveness and Efficiency of the Civil Service and (4) Transparency and Accountability in the Civil Service.

A detailed logframe/workplan of the plan was the outcome of these consultations. Union Ministers, Deputy Ministers, Permanent Secretaries, Directors General and Deputy Directors General from the Central Organizations and Ministries were invited to provide their inputs of comments and suggestions on the first version of the Draft.

The CSR Strategic Action

Plan Final Draft Logframe is currently posted online for inputs of comments and suggestions. It can be found on UCSB's websites: [www.ucsb.gov.mm](http://www.ucsb.gov.mm) and [ucsb.imis.com.mm](http://ucsb.imis.com.mm) and UCSB's Facebook Account Page: Ucsb Myanmar and Page Name; Union Civil Service Board Myanmar.

In light of this, Citizens, Civil Service Personnel from Parliament, Central Organizations and Ministries are invited to visit the aforementioned Website and Facebook page and provide their feedback and inputs to the UCSB on a dedicated email address: [myanmar.civilservicereform@gmail.com](mailto:myanmar.civilservicereform@gmail.com), not later than on 27 April 2017. UCSB also disseminated the logframe to all the staff from Parliament, Central Organizations and Ministries, State and Regions via formal official channels.

All comments and suggestions will be treated in full confidentiality and will be used in the review and finalization of the Logframe and more broadly the Civil Service Reform Strategic Action Plan document.—*Union Civil Service Board*

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"It will be a model village. In the past untidy groups of homes were erected hither and thither in a village, making it inaccessible to fire engines in emergency times. But now we have the entrance road and the departure road apart from the existence of well-arranged drains. We will set

up more such villages when and where necessary, Zaw Phyto Tun told the media." "The government will provide financial aid for building houses on the orderly reclaimed plots after the allotment program. Currently World Food Program-WFP is providing food for Kyeeganbyin Ale village and Warpeik village monthly in

the two ethnic villages, only poor families are chosen under food aid program. We cannot supply food for everyone yet," he added.

During the October violent attack, fire broke out in 12 villages causing loss of 1152 homes, according to the list compiled by Kyeeganbyin village administration office in December.