

Chinese Buddhist delegation calls on State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee

A Chinese Buddhist delegation led by Chairman of the Chinese Buddhist Association met with the members of the State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee at the Thiri Mingalar KabaAye Hill in Yangon yesterday.

At the meeting, Members of the State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee and Sayadaws of Chinese Buddhist Association prayed together for the propagation of the Buddha Sasana in the world.

Before launching the prayer session, members of the Sangha led by Chairman of the State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee Bhaddanta Kumara recited parittas.

Speaking on the occasion, Sayadaw Dr Bhaddanta Kumara welcomed the visit of Chinese Buddhist delegation and suggested to hold discussions between the Buddhist associations of the two countries over propagation of Buddha Sasana and strengthening friendship between the two countries.

Union Minister for Religious Affairs and Culture Thura U Aung Ko, Yangon Region Chief Minister U Phyo Min Thein, Yangon Region Hluttaw Speaker U Tin Maung Tun and officials were present at the ceremony and donated offertories to the Members of the Sangha of both countries.—*Myanmar News Agency*



Chairman of Chinese Buddhist Association (Right) presents Buddha statue to Dr Bhaddanta Kumara. PHOTO: MNA

Buthidaung-A Ngu Maw Road upgraded to concrete

UNDER the supervision of the Rakhine State Rural Area Development Department using Union Special Funds for the 2016-17 fiscal year, Buthidaung-A Ngu Maw Road is being upgraded to concrete road with a concrete bridge constructed.

The road is 12 feet wide and construction is underway on a 1.4 mile stretch that is 95 per cent complete. Construction is

already completed on the 14 feet wide and 15 feet long concrete bridge. The works were begun by the Saidin Ar Man Company on 4 March.

Ks189.44 million was spent on this project and once it is completed, un-interrupted travel to Thabatetaung, Kakyetbet and Maung Ni village via Buthidaung will be possible.—*Yamanya*



Upgraded Buthidaung-A Ngu Maw Road is commissioned into service. PHOTO: TIN SOE

MIC soon to invite investors to establish new industrial zones

MYANMAR Investment Commission (MIC) will soon to invite investors for expressions of interest (EOIs) for establishing new industrial zones, said U Aung Naing Oo, the director-general of the Directorate of Investment and Company Administration.

The MIC has already requested the respective regional and state governments for a list of suitable land in order to set up an industrial zone. As a second step, the list of lands which will be the most appropriate for this plan will be revealed after scrutiny.

Currently, the policy discussion is still ongoing and MIC will release an announcement soon,

said U Aung Naing Oo.

Most of the industrial zones face renovation problems because of its long term period. Therefore, the economic zones and special economic zones will be implemented, said Union Minister U Kyaw Win for the Planning and Finance Ministry at a meeting with businessmen on 17th March at Hotel Novotel.

We will grant permits only for those who want to actually run the businesses, but not for the monopolists, he added.

There are a total of 29 industrial zones and over 6,200 small and medium-sized enterprises in Yangon Region, it is learnt.—200

Hong Kong to help Myanmar set up a gold exchange

THE operator of Hong Kong's gold exchange is in talks to help the government of Myanmar establish a bourse in the country for trading the precious metal, according to Haywood Cheung Tak-hay, president of the Chinese Gold & Silver Exchange Society.

"This is the right timing for Myanmar to establish a gold exchange as the country is very keen on modernising its economy," Cheung said in an interview

with the South China Morning Post.

"Myanmar lies on the route of China's One Belt, One Road project, which enables it to capture the growing opportunities of commodities and other types of trading in the region."

The local exchange will provide Myanmar with advisory and technical support through the Hong Kong Myanmar Chamber of Commerce, for which it will collect a fee, Cheung said with-

out disclosing the amount. It will need to get regulatory approval in Myanmar and the chamber will work out the shareholder structure in the gold exchange.

This is the first attempt in the century-old history of the Hong Kong bourse, set up in 1910, to expand its services overseas.

The exchange is still being used by jewellery and gold traders for floor trading and internet trading.—*South China Morning Post*

110th anniversary of Literary Icon Zaw Gyi celebrated

THE 110th anniversary of the author Zaw Gyi, one of the pioneers of the renaissance of Myanmar literature in the 1930s, was celebrated yesterday in Yangon Book Plaza in Lanmadaw Township.

The organizer of the event, author Myay Hmon Lwin (Our Literature), said Zaw Gyi was not only a pioneer of Myanmar literature, but also an innovator in the writing of poetry and philosophical and translated literature.

"The new generation seems to forget those great authors who had done great things for literature. We celebrate this with the aim to have their accomplishments remembered forever", said

Myay Hmon Lwin.

Yesterday's celebration had two parts. The first was the moving remembrances of Zaw Gyi by authors Min Yu Wai, Thitsarni and U Mya Kyaing, who worked with Zaw Gyi on Myanmar literature.

The second section was a competition of reciting Zaw Gyi's poems by youths from 14 to 25 years of age and the awarding of prizes to the best three performers by author Myay Hmon Lwin.

The author's eldest daughter, Dr Khin Myo Han, expressed her pleasure for having her father celebrated.

"As a member of the family, I am pleased for this celebration by the literature community. My father was fond of a simple lifestyle. He had patriotic spirit and love for the country. He wrote many poems for ethnic unity," said Dr Khin Myo Han.

The publishers of Zaw Gyi's works sold the literature of the author at a 20 per cent discount at Yangon Book Plaza yesterday.

Zaw Gyi wrote Patautpan (The Gum-kino Flower) in 1928. He introduced an innovative style of poetry inspired on the thinking and writing of ancient poems and inspired generations of Myanmar writers.—*Myat Sandi*

More stalls for broiler chicken to be opened

Eight stalls which sell broiler chicken directly from the breeders have been opened in cooperation with the Livestock Breeding and Veterinary Department, Yangon City Development Committee (YCDC) and Myanmar Broiler Association and more stalls are planned, according to the Myanmar Broiler Association.

Currently, the stalls are open

at eight markets, which received positive feedback from consumers as they supply the fresh meat at a cheap price.

The YCDC will submit a report about the extended market to Yangon Region government, said Dr Kyaw Win, the chair from the Myanmar Broiler Association.

These chicken stalls were opened on 4th February. A viss of chicken sells for Ks1,000 to

Ks2,000 after cleaning.

"Some buyers incorrectly think that only chicken stained with blood is fresh. We have a plan to distribute pamphlets to the public so that some consumers come to realize this is wrong," said Dr Kyaw Win.

The opening of the stalls aims to supply nutritious, fresh chicken to consumers at a cheap price, it is learnt.—200