

Daw Aung San Suu Kyi: Transportation, electricity are keys to jobs, development

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“The government will help the public to have the acquisition of better transport and electricity, and the parallel creation of jobs”, she said. “We came to know that people acknowledged that the transportation sector developed much more than the electricity sector. In meeting with rural youths, I noticed them say that their living standards improved because of better transport.”

U Pe Zin Tun, the Union Minister for Electric Power and Energy, explained in brief about the amendment of the National Energy Policy, followed by the clarification of departmental conclusions toward the national energy policy by the director-general of the Oil and Gas Planning Department.

Afterward, Union Ministers from the Ministry of Agriculture,

Livestock and Irrigation, Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment Conservation and the Ministry of Industry, Union Attorney General, ministers for energy from regional and state cabinets gave suggestions over the draft policy of national energy, with discussions made by those present at the meeting. The State Counsellor wrapped up the meeting by saying that the expectations of a national energy policy were targeted to support the national economic development and to sustainably supply the internal energy demand. With a view for all the public to use energy resources in the long run, it is learnt that a framework for sharing the use energy rightly and fairly between regions and states will be laid down.—*Myanmar News Agency*



The co-ordination meeting on national energy policy held at the Myanmar International Convention Center-2 in Nay Pyi Taw. PHOTO: MNA

Union Ministries and Rakhine State Gov't coordination meeting held

COORDINATION meeting between Union Ministries and Rakhine State Government was held at Rakhine State Government office in Sittway yesterday afternoon.

Rakhine State Minister for Finance, Revenue Planning, and Economy U Kyaw Aye Thein gave an opening speech and Director-General U Htay Hlaing, Immigration Department, Ministry of Labour, Immigration and

Population explained about work procedures on working with the state government. U Nay Win, Deputy Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement, U Aung Kyaw, Deputy Director General, Ministry of Border Affairs, Dr. Than Htut, Deputy Director-General, Ministry of Health and Sports and Dr. Sai Kyaw Naing Oo, Deputy Director General, Ministry of Education ex-

plained about the respective ministries work on policy matters and coordination work with the state government.

Rakhine State Government secretary U Tin Maung Swe discussed in detail on state government works including matters of birth list, household certificate, work difficulties commonly occurring between union ministries and state government, quick implementation of matters submitted by state government to union ministries and timely response by union ministries in providing guidance to matters submitted by state government to which respective officials of the union ministries attending the meeting discussed and clarified in detail. Rakhine State Minister for planning, finance, Revenue and economy U Kyaw Aye Thein gave a closing note. The meeting was attended by State Minister of Development Affairs U Min Aung, State Minister of Chin Ethnic Affairs U Pon Bway, State Auditor-General Daw Yin Hla, officials and media.—*Myanmar News Agency*



Coordination meeting between Union Ministries and Rakhine State Government in progress in Sittway, Rakhine State. PHOTO: MNA

Yangon government earns over Ks159 million from cooperative enterprises

YANGON Region government earned over Ks159 million in revenue from cooperative enterprises this fiscal year, said U Myint Thuang, Regional Minister for Planning and Finance.

The government rented to the cooperative societies 34 rooms out of 116, which were nationalised in the days of the socialist regime. So, the government earned the revenue

from those 34 rooms.

“Among 34 rooms, two rooms are being used as departmental offices, another two rooms are being used by the human settlement and housing development department, leaving only 30 rooms for the cooperative department. The revenue is credited to the regional government’s bank account,” said U Myint Thuang, Regional Minister from

for Planning and Finance.

Out of 116 rooms, seven rooms are under lock and key, whereas another eleven rooms are regarded as dangerous. Those rooms are handed over to the privatisation commission. People who want to rent the remaining rooms can submit the applications to the privatisation commission according to the rules and regulations.—200

Restaurant owners fined for failure to affix tax stamps

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THE Department of Internal Revenue in Yangon took action against 520 restaurant owners who failed to use tax stamps issued by the government and fined Ks133 million during the 2016-2017 fiscal year, according to U Myint Thuang, Yangon Region Cabinet’s Minister for Planning and Finance.

“There are some restaurants which did not give bills, some which failed to put tax stamps on bills and some who put an incomplete set of tax stamps on bill that were found in the Yangon Region that caused losses while collecting tax,” said U Myint Thuang.

Restaurant owners had been called for a meeting at the township internal revenue offices in the Yangon Region and asked to issue bills on which tax stamps are to be placed. There were notice letters for customers on every restaurant’s wall that all the customers need to ask for the bill with tax stamps when they pay the money to the restaurants.

During the 2016-2017 fiscal year, the revenue from tax stamp sales in the Yangon Region reached more than Ks11 billion, according to the minister for Planning and Finance. The number of restaurants which were ordered to use tax stamps on their vouchers were 1,508 in 2015-2016, which increased to 1,265 restaurants in the 2016-2017 fiscal year.

“As there has been the situation of losing revenue with collecting tax in the Yangon Region, action will be taken so nothing will be wasted concerning the tax stamps in respective townships during the 2017-2018 fiscal year,” said Region Minister U Myint Thuang.

The stamp tax and commercial tax for the restaurants came out of the second meeting of the Yangon Region Hlut-taw held on 24 April, when U Kyaw Kyaw Htun, representative for No. 1 constituency in Hlaing township, asked how many restaurants in Yangon Region bought tax stamps and how much commercial tax was being collected in a month. U Kyaw Kyaw Htun also asked for action against those restaurants which did not properly use the tax stamps.

In the Yangon Region, on the bill issued by the restaurants which pay commercial tax, the Internal Revenue Department said customers have to pay a 5 per cent tax.

According to the union tax law issued in 2015, The Department of Internal Revenue announced that the first-time fine for restaurant owners who fail to put stamps on a voucher would be Ks2 lakh. The fine for the second offense would be Ks5 lakh, the third time Ks7 lakh and the fourth time Ks10 lakh. Persons who complain to the department about a non-compliant restaurant will get 10 per cent of its fine as a prize.

7th anniversary of Khami National Day to be celebrated in Buthidaung Tsp on a grand scale

THE 7th anniversary of Khami National Day will be celebrated at the Gundayi monastery in Buthidaung Township, Rakhine State on 27 April.

The Khami is one of the Rakhine ethnic groups and Khami national day is scheduled to be celebrated after a conference was held in MraukU Township.

Khami national day is annually held in the townships in Rakhine State where Khami ethnic people had been residing since time immemorial.

The first anniversary of Khami national day was held on 27 April in Agyeetaw Ma (2) village in MraukU Township. The Khami national days

were celebrated four times in MraukU Township and one time each in Ponnagyun and Pauktaw townships and the celebrations were held on a rotational basis, said Khami national Ko Kyaw Sann Win.

There are over 80,000 Khami ethnic people in Rakhine State.—(Sittway IPRD)



Khami ethnic people celebrated 5th anniversary of Khami National Day in Rakhine State. PHOTO: SITTWAY IPRD

Signing on Memorandum of Understanding between Myanmar and the Netherlands for education

THE signing of a Memorandum of Understanding between The Department of Higher Education under the Ministry of Education and the Netherlands-based Stichting Electronic Information for Libraries (EIFL) was held yesterday in the meeting room of the Ministry of Education in Nay Pyi Taw.

The signing ceremony was attended by U Win Maw Htun, Deputy Minister for Education, the Director-General of the Department of Higher Education, rectors from various universities, librarians and responsible personnel from the Netherlands-based EIFL.

Dr. Thein Win, Director-General of the Department of Higher Education under the

Ministry of Education and Ms. Rima Kupryte, Director of EIFL, signed the MoU agreement for the cooperation of the

libraries of the universities in the two countries and the development of education.—*Myanmar News Agency*



Director-General of the Department of Higher Education Dr. Thein Win and Ms. Rima Kupryte sign the MOU in the presence of Deputy Minister U Win Maw Htun. PHOTO: MNA

Negotiations to open private universities in Myanmar

TALKS are ongoing about the possibility of private universities being opened in Myanmar, it has been learnt.

"We are negotiating with the government to open private schools and universities to promote the local educational sector," from an official of Myanmar

Investment Commission.

Instructions and qualifications necessary to gain permission to open such a university will be forthcoming if the plan is approved.

Local and foreign businessmen who want to open schools and universities shall submit

application forms to Myanmar Investment Commission, officials said.

Private universities will allow local youths pursue higher education at a diverse number of institutions in their own country, it is learnt from Myanmar Investment Commission.—200

MYANMAR GAZETTE

1. The President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar has transferred the following persons as heads of service organizations shown against each on probation from the date they assume charge of their duties.

Current Position	Transferred Position
(1) Dr. Soe Win Permanent Secretary (Education) Director-General In-charge Assessment Board (Education) Ministry of Education	Rector Institute of Economics (Monywa) Ministry of Education
(2) Dr. Hsint Soe Rector Mandalay Technological University Ministry of Education	Rector Mandalay Technological University Ministry of Education
(3) Dr. Daw Theingi Rector Technological University of West Yangon Ministry of Education	Rector Technological University (Thanlyin) Ministry of Education
(4) Dr. Kyi Soe Rector Technological University (Hmawby) Ministry of Education	Rector Technological University of West Yangon Ministry of Education
(5) Dr. Daw Kay Thi Lwin Rector Technological University (Thanlyin) Ministry of Education	Rector Technological University (Hmawbi) Ministry of Education

2. The President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar has appointed Deputy Director- General U Nyunt Win of the Department of Labour Relations under the Ministry of Labour, Immigration and Population as Director- General of the same department on probation from the date he assumes charge of his duties.

7,000 stimulant tablets worth K 14 million seized in Maungtaw Township

MEMBERS of the local security force from Kyeinchaung police station seized 7,000 stimulant tablets from the two motorcyclists near Leikya Junction in Maungtaw Township, Rakhine State on 23 April.

The security force searched a motorcycle driven by Mohamed Aliyed and Hami Tusoung from Shwezar Village and found 7,000 WY-branded stimulant pills worth K 14 million

hidden together with potatoes, dried fishes and detergent packs from them. Accord to the initial investigation, they took 50,000 kyat as transportation fee from Ahdu who resides in Shwezar (Kanbe) Village for the stimulant pills and it will be sent to Dimarmouk living in Taungpyo (Letyar) Town.

Action will be taken against the suspects in accord with the law.—*Myanmar News Agency*

Heroin and stimulant tablets seized in Mohnyin Township

A LOCAL anti-drug squad in Mohnyin seized 0.0365 kilo of heroin and 1,132 stimulant

tablets including K 760,000 in cash in a search of the hut of Tint Zaw Oo in Mawlumaw, Mohnyin Township on 24 April.

Similarly, on the same day, local police stopped and searched a motorbike driven by Tin Zaw on the Mawhan-Nhamache road in Mohnyin Township and confiscated 22,000 stimulant tablets along with K 490,000.

Action has been taken against the suspects under the Anti-narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law.—*Myanmar Police Force*



Tint Zaw Oo. PHOTO: MPF