

Daw Aung San Suu Kyi meets separately with Indonesian President and Brunei Sultan



State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi holds talks with Indonesian President Joko Widodo. PHOTO: MNA

WHILE in Manila, Philippines, to attend the ASEAN Summit and related meetings, State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi yesterday met separately with Indonesian President Joko Widodo

in the Sofitel Philippines Palaza Hotel at local standard time 9 a.m. and Brunei Darussalam Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Muizzaddin in Philippine International Convention Center

at local standard time 10:20 a.m.

During the meeting with the Indonesian President, improving bilateral relations this year was noted and discussions



State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi meets Brunei Darussalam Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Muizzaddin. PHOTO: MNA

were held on increasing cooperation in the economic sector, stability and development in the Rakhine State and cooperation in regional and international matters.

In the meeting with the Brunei Darussalam Sultan, matters relating to increasing bilateral relations, cooperating in the energy and agriculture sector were discussed.—*Myanmar News Agency*

Fire burns down two homes in Maungtaw Township

A FIRE broke out in Myinlwut, Maungtaw Township on Friday evening, destroying two houses.

The fire was caused by an electric short circuit in Mawlawi Marmatno's house in Ywar Hown village, Ale ward in Myinlwut, and put under controlled

by villagers.

Two homes worth Ks 38000 were engulfed in the fire.

The suspect has been investigated at the Ale Than Kyaw Police Station.—*State Counsellor's Office Information Committee*

Outstanding students tour Bagan and Mandalay

A total of 176 outstanding students of ninth grade and 18 teachers arrived Bagan yesterday to make excursion tour of the archaeological zone.

Before the Bagan trip, the students visited Mandalay's renowned Myanansankyaw golden palace and Maha Myat Muni Pagoda.

Upon arrival to multi-talented youth camp (Bagan) in the afternoon, they were greeted by Nyaung U District Education Officer U Nay Win, teachers, students and scouts.

The outstanding students will take a recreation at Myanabon Royal Emerald River View Resort during the trip.—*Naing Lin Kyi*



Outstanding students making an excursion tour in Mandalay. PHOTO: MNA

Men of letters have the same wish for progress of the freedom of literary talks

PAPER reading session on translated literature and summer book festival were held at Central Press of the Printing and Publishing Department on Theinbyu Road, Yangon, yesterday morning, officially opened by Union Minister for Information Dr. Pe Myint, Chairman of paper reading session organizing committee U Tin Hlaing (Ledwintha Saw Chit) and Chairman of Myanmar Publishers Association Dr. Tha Tun Oo.

In his address, Dr. Pe Myint said it was the third time, and during the first one, the first ever debate on the political issue by literati could be held. Later a paper reading session on contemporary literature was held.

Normally, men of letters have the same wish for progress of the freedom of literary talks. Myazeti stone inscriptions written in four languages is a proof that translated literature flourished since then. Myanmar literature is close to



Union Minister Dr. Pe Myint, U Tin Hlaing (Ledwintha Saw Chit), Dr. Tha Tun Oo open paper reading session and summer book festival. PHOTO: MNA

Buddhist literature, Pali and Sanskrit. The style of writing was invented by ancient Myanmar literati by adding their artistic creations in the translated works on the said three languages. And Myanmar literature gained fast development based on literatures that came in from India, although there were own creations. During the colonial era, there were joint translated

works between Myanmar intellectuals and foreign counterparts. Translated works could open the eyes and ears of Myanmar people.

Later, the paper reading session followed, during which questions raised by four participants were answered by the resource persons. The paper reading continued today.—*Myanmar News Agency*

ICRC visits Buthidaung Correctional Facility for 3rd time

A delegation of the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) visited the Correctional Facility in Buthidaung, Rakhine State, yesterday for the third time.

During the visit, the 10-member delegation led by Mr. Jacques Ducros De Lafarga De Romefort from ICRC interviewed inmates.

At noon, five members of the delegation discussed with officers of the prison and gave suggestions to them while other delegation members led by Mr. Makoto Abe interviewed an inmate.—*Myanmar News Agency*



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