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ASEAN-AIPA Leaders' InterfaceStimulant tablets
seize in Bahmo

An anti-drug squad unit 1 from Bahmo found 3200 stimulant tablets in a search of a motorbike driven by Aung Myint with Ma Thin Phyu on Bahmo-Mansi road near a bridge of Manyut village, Bahmo Township on 29 April.

Police have taken action against Ma Thin Phyu, 42 and Aung Myint, 60 under the Anti-Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law.—Myanmar Police Force ■

Two men missing in
Yathedaung

Two men are missing after they left in search of mollusks to Mayu hillock in Kotankyauk village tract in Kyauksataing village, Yathedaung Township on 22 April.

According to their wives, U Aung Mya Kyaw and U Mg Aye left to search for mollusks from their home on 25 April and have not been seen since.

Police from the Zadi Pyin border guard station and locals searched neighboring villages, but the men were not found. The investigation is continuing.—Myanmar News Agency ■

At the invitation of the ASEAN Inter-Parliamentary Assembly (AIPA) Chairman and Speaker of the House of Representatives of the Philippines H.E. Pantaleon D. Alvarez to attend the ASEAN Inter-Parliamentary Assembly (AIPA) Preparatory Meeting for the ASEAN-AIPA Leaders' Interface and ASEAN-AIPA Leaders' Interface, Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Speaker Mahn Win Khaing Than and delegation arrived to Ninoy Aquino International Airport, Manila, Philippines on the evening of 27 April.

The Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Speaker and delegation were welcomed by Myanmar Ambassador to the Philippines U Win Naing and officials from Philippines House of Representatives at Ninoy Aquino International Airport and Makati Shangri-La Hotel. On 28 April, Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Speaker and delegation attended the AIPA Preparatory Meeting for the ASEAN-AIPA Leaders' Interface together with parliament leaders and representatives from AIPA member countries Brunei, Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, Myanmar, Singapore, Thailand and



Speakers of parliaments of ASEAN countries join hands as they pose for photo. Photo: MNA

Vietnam.

Afterwards the AIPA Chairman and Speaker of the House of Representatives of the Philippines, the delegation leaders of the ASEAN Parliaments and the AIPA Secretary General took a commemorative photo.

In the evening, the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Speaker attended a dinner hosted by the AIPA Chairman and Speaker of the House of Representatives of the Philippines.

On the morning of 29 April, the Myanmar delegation attended the Opening Ceremony of 30th ASEAN Summit held in the Philippine International Convention Center and in the afternoon, attended the ASEAN-AIPA Leaders' Interface.

The Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Speaker and delegation flew back from Manila yesterday morning and arrived at the Yangon International Airport in the evening.

The Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Speaker and delegation were welcomed at the airport by Yangon Region Hluttaw Speaker U Tin Maung Tun, Deputy Speaker U Lin Naing Myint, Amyotha Hluttaw Local and Oversea Workers Affairs Committee Chairman U Kyaw Htway, Fundamental Rights of the Citizen, Democracy and Human Rights Affairs Committee Chairman Dr. Htay Kywe and officials.—Myanmar News Agency ■

Myanmar Citizens Bank
opens Sittway Branch

MYANMAR Citizens Bank opened its Sittway Branch on Merchant Street in Mawleik Ward, Sittway yesterday.

The Ministry of Commerce, which coordinates and supports the rural development sector, holds a majority share in Myanmar Citizens Bank.

Dr. Than Myint, the Union Minister for the Ministry of Commerce, attended the bank branch opening ceremony by pressing a button to unveil the bank's sign board. U Kyaw Aye Thein, Rakhine State Minister for planning, finance, revenue and commerce; U Toe Aung Myint, Chairman of Myanmar Citizens Bank; U Yan Naing Tun, Director General, Department of Trade; Myanmar Citizens Bank board of directors U Hla Oo and U Zayya Thura Mon then cut a ribbon to officially open the bank.

Sittway becomes the 22nd branch of Myanmar Citizens Bank. Money transfers and withdrawals can be done among the branches of Myanmar Citizens Bank as well as at 300 other bank branches of Ayeyarwady, CB, Myawady, SIMDB, MOB, CHD and RDB banks throughout the country. A service to pay import/export license fee is also provided, in addition to providing the usual bank services. U Nay Win, the managing director of Myanmar Citizens Bank, said that the bank will arrange with Good Brothers (Company) to sell farming and agricultural machinery under an installment payment plan to farmers. Furthermore, to enable cash flow for farmers in rural areas, secured loans with lands and buildings as collateral will be provided.—Maung Sein Lwin ■

Modern three-storey Mayyu Market
under construction in Sittway

A MODERN three-storey market is being constructed on the old Mayyu Market site in Sittway, Rakhine State using Australian design technology, officials said yesterday.

A local company, Western Shining Stars, is starting the construction beside Mayyu Road, Football Ward, Sittway with the permission of the Rakhine State Ministry.

Western Shining Stars is owned by Sittway locals and is constructing the market together with Golden Green Energy Co. on a 50-50 basis sharing the total construction cost estimated to be more than Ks7 billion.

The market complex is three-acres wide and will house government and public banks. Shops will also be constructed in the market compound. The



Scale model of Mayyu Market. PHOTO: SUPPLIED

three-storey market is a reinforced concrete building with four escalators and two lifts and is expected to be completed in mid-2019.

Western Shining Stars Public Co. chairman U Kyaw Yin said the project will bring Sittway in line with most other states and regions that have modern shopping malls and supermarkets. Once the modern market is completed it is

expected to become the central place for business in Sittway.

The authorities had set the project period at 30 months, the market is targeted to complete in two years. The company set up a temporary market in the Lawkananda Pagoda compound to cater to the vendors and shop owners of the old market while the new market is under construction.—Maung Sein Lwin ■