



Book shops at the summer book festival are crowded with book lovers. PHOTO: YE HTUT

Paper reading sessions, book festival comes to an end

The paper reading sessions on translated literature and a summer book festival has successfully completed its third and final day at the Printing and Publishing Department in the Central Press Building on Theinbyu Road in Yangon yesterday evening.

The morning session of the third day was chaired by Dr. Maung Maung San (Ky Min) and Daw Khin Phone Yi (Natmauk A Ni Cho), U Ye Htut (Thanlyin Maung Wint Wah) as resource person and U Maung Maung Oo (Hein Latt) reading the papers titled “English to Myanmar translated dramatic literature” and “Translation: Knowledge” and answering questions raised by participants.

The chairmen of the after-



U Tin Hlaing (Ledwintha Saw Chit) delivers speech at conclusion of the paper reading session at the Central Press Building. PHOTO: YE HTUT

noon session were U Maung Maung Oo (Hein Latt) and Daw San San Nwet (San San Nwet-Tharyarwaddy) and resource persons were U Ye Myint Kyaw (Ye Myint Kyaw), U Hla Myint (Dr. Hla Myint) and Dr. Sein Myint read three papers titled

“Political Philosophy needed in Myanmar Translation Literature,” “Translating Pali or Myanmar Pariyatti Literature into English” and “Influencing public literature interests of Translation team in Myanmar” and replied to questions raised by the participants.

Afterward, U Tin Hlaing (Ledwintha Saw Chit), Chairman of paper reading session organizing committee, gave his concluding address and successfully ended the reading sessions. While the paper reading sessions were conducted, a summer book festival was held on the ground and first floor of Central Press and were filled with monks, book lovers and shoppers. —Myanmar News Agency ■

Burmese-American man killed in front of his children

Stephen Kim, a Burmese-American immigrant killed in front of his three children, was able to spend his last day with them in a school activity.

The 41-year-old resident of Des Moines, Iowa, in the United States was shot to death during an attempted robbery last week. He was waiting in his car for his wife while his three children sat at the back. Sgt. Paul Parizek, a spokesman for the Des Moines Police, said four people were involved, one of whom fired the fatal shot. Kim’s murder is the 11th homicide in the Iowa capital so far this year – last year, the city recorded 13 homicides.

“As he did what any parent would do, instinctually, and try to protect his children, they essentially executed him in front of his kids. These are innocent people who have done absolutely nothing wrong, and this type of terror is brought onto their family” Parizek told the Des Moines Register newspaper.

Kim came to America with his wife Esther as refugees in December 2008. Apparently, the grim incident occurred just hours after Holy Family Catholic

School celebrated its “Culture Day,” where Kim’s two older children, first- and second-graders, attend school.

Kim attended the event with his kids, including his youngest who is about to start preschool in the fall. Martin Flaherty, school principal, described him as “kind” and “hard-working.”

“He was just so earnest, and he wanted to do what was best for his kids and his family. He worked so doggone hard.”

Flaherty added, “He was absolutely determined to make sure his children had a good education. He was a committed father.” Kim’s death was easily mourned by loved ones, including the Burmese refugee community. Henny Ohr, executive director of the Ethnic Minorities of Burma Advocacy and Resource Center (EMBARC), said:

“I think it’s unfathomable for the refugee community from Burma to come to any understanding of something this senseless.”

A fund-raising effort has been set up to help with Kim’s funeral costs and his children’s education. —GNLM ■

Fire destroys roof of Maungtaw home

Police said yesterday that a drunken man named Phweyorkzuyarman set fire to the roof of Marmatfaryu’s house in Ywarthitkay ward, Maungtaw Township yesterday after Marmatfaryu refused to give

the man money to buy more liquor.

Police from Maungdaw Myoma Police Station have filed charges against Phweyorkzuyarman under the law. —Myanmar News Agency ■

Water tanker donated to fight drought in Mandalay

A philanthropic association in Thazi Township has been provided with a water tanker to fight drought in the township.

The Brighter Future Myanmar Foundation donated the tanker to the Zayathuka Water Donation Team in a ceremony in Tharse Township on 29 April.

Deputy Administrator



of KBZ Ltd. and Director U Tin Htun and officials from the foundation donated the 3,000-gallon water tanker for distributing water to twenty-six villages

around Tharzi with scarcity of water. Chairman of the Zeyathuka Water Donation Team, U Han Khin and responsible officials accepted the donation. —010 ■

Sunday Pet Fish Market to be opened in Yangon’s Zoo

A Friday market that sold pet fish in the Yangon Zoological Garden will be opened as a Sunday market starting 7 May, according to U Khin Maung Oo, Joint Secretary(1) of the Myanmar Pet Fish Enterprise.

Although the Friday market is currently attracting business in the summer holiday months, it will be shifted to Sunday, a public holiday, from 6am to 12noon to allow more people to visit.

Various pet fish and other

related accessories are sold in this market, with the price of domestic gold fishes ranging from Ks100 to Ks5,000 kyats per fish. Imported pet fish can fetch Ks50,000 to Ks100,000.

In this market, dealers from the Township of Hlaingthayar, Shwepyithar, Dagon Myothit (south), North Okkalapa, South Okkalapa and Mandalay came and sold domestic pet fishes and imported pet fishes from Thailand and Singapore.—200 ■

2nd Donation Ceremony for Thiri Mingalar Mahasasana Beikman in Insein, Yangon

COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF of Defence Services Senior General Min Aung Hlaing attended the second donation ceremony for Thiri Mingalar Mahasasana Beikman held in Yangon at 1:00 pm yesterday.

The ceremony to offer donation for Thiri Mingalar Mahasasana Beikman to be constructed and with the donation contributed by Tatmadaw families and other wellwishers in the precinct of Abaya Laba Muni Buddha Image located on Mindhamma Hillock of Insein Township in Yangon was held on the afternoon of 1st May.

First, Senior General Min Aung Hlaing and wife Daw Kyu Kyu Hla donated cash amounting to Ks 10 million, which was accepted by Quartermaster-General Lieutenant-General Nyo Saw. Afterwards, Vice President U Myint Swe and wife presented Ks 34 million followed by a donation



Senior General Min Aung Hlaing gives donation at the Zeyathiri Beikman in Yangon. PHOTO: MNA

ceremony. The grand total of donations amounted to over Ks 929 million including the first time donations.

After the ceremony, the Senior General and party warmly greeted the wellwishers and observed the documentary photos for construction the Sasana Beikman.

The Beikman is a two-sto-

reyed building and has 186 ft in length and 72 ft in wide. It is being constructed adjacent to Lawka Chantha Abaya Laba Muni Buddha Image located on Mindhama Hillock in Insein Township. The building is intended for all Sanghas to use for holding religious examinations and religious purposes.—Myanmar News Agency ■

Losses Which Are Irreplaceable

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Nowadays, there are extremely large amounts of people using face-book, wasting time and money other than usefully. They include our families, relatives and next of kin. Nothing can be said about it, if they hold the ruler of inborn human rights because they have spent their own money.

Look forward to public benefits

Humans cannot live alone, having to live in society or community. We need to take people's interest into consideration, rather than our personal benefits. Only if national interest develops, will the interest of every individual develop, to put it simply on a national scale. Likewise, our nation will be of great benefit, only if every person lives frugally and work hard. Look at today's face-book pages. The worst thing is that we usually hate speech and vulgar usages. There are some groups spreading rumors and invented stories, by exaggerating a piece of ordinary news. Some are posting indecent and compromising photos and video files. Spreading fabricated news as an ad hominem attack is in fact a great loss that comes to nothing.

Taking Selfie

Some harm nobody, posting photos about themselves or those nearby or their routines, since dawn to dusk, including taking meal and drinking coffee. Nothing special is being posted. It would have been acceptable if the meal they took, the place they went and the persons they met were peculiar than ever. Now they have been posting selfies without aim and objective, with the exception of drinking water & going to toilets. Though they are disappointing, it is not appropriate for us to block these posters, being close friends. Here I want to say is none other than the fact that we are losing time and money, with the passing time. As said above, we can earn money again but time lost is regrettable. What is more regrettable is that our potential avant-garde had been consumed with the time.

Think ourselves reasonably

If we assess our deeds, money can be earned again, but we exerted our physical and mental efforts for getting it, so we should not waste it. It will cost a family consisting of 4 or 5 members 50,000 Kyats on the conservative estimate, may be round about 100,000 Kyats,

including on-line charges.

40,000 or 50,000 kyats spent is equivalent to the income earned for the whole month by an ordinary daily-wager. Instead, some spent much money on purchasing pre-paid phone cards, living on scanty amount of food. They are spending their time online. Every one of us living in a society should not be satisfied just with the pleasure of a family or a group. We should not kill time without applying our abilities. Instead of it, we should always try our best for self-motivation so that our capacities will become higher and higher. As for those who know how to use on-line beneficially, online websites are like a resource that will never be deprived of knowledge much as we exploit enormously. Now is the knowledge age—the knowledgeable ones can enjoy benefits while the naive ones will go past the resource.

Hence, we should assess time and money wasted. Spending excessively is a useless wastage. Changes start from every individual, thence to a family and a country. Therefore all want changes.

So as to be able to liberate ourselves from unbeneficial losses, let us start from individuals! ■

IFC, CBM promote new credit reporting regulation

IFC, a member of the World Bank Group, has successfully supported the Central Bank of Myanmar to develop a regulation for credit reporting—a key step in building up modern financial infrastructures that are necessary to improve access to credit for consumers and micro, small and medium enterprises in the country.

The Central Bank of Myanmar (CBM) issued the Regulation on Credit Information Reporting System on March 31, 2017, which provides a basis for the establishment and operations of credit reporting companies, such as credit bureaus, according to a report on April 28.

About 70 officials and representatives from the CBM, relevant government agen-

cies, the Myanmar Banks' Association, local and international banks, microfinance institutions and other lending agencies, as well as international development partners today attended an event to promote the new regulation. The participants deliberated on the key features of the Myanmar credit reporting regulation and its implications for the lending industry.

"The regulation is fundamental for credit information sharing among the lending institutions through credit bureau, which pools information from various types of creditors and public data sources on individual and business borrowers," said Daw Khin Saw Oo, Deputy Governor of the CBM.—Mizzima ■

Rakhine to export 10,000 tonnes of matpe to India

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But a potential problem is that only vessels weighing a maximum of 3,000 tons can berth at the Sittway port. If a new port is built in Sittway, this will become a major transfer point capable of exporting pulses and beans directly to India.

"I am submitting this matter to the Union Minister for him to submit onward at the union level", U Kyw Aye Thein said.

It is learnt that there were border trade stations in Sittway Township and Maungtau Township where trade volumes were high in the past, but due to the current situation, trade values were only around US\$5 million. In order to improve this situation, the Rakhine state government is finalising the setting up of a trade zone in Kanyinchaung, Maungtau

Township this year. The construction of the Kanyinchaung trade zone was begun in 2015 with a total cost of Ks1 billion – Ks 600 million from the government and Ks400 million from local business persons.

It is learnt that the state government's grand plan for the development of Rakhine State is divided into north, middle and south zones. Matpe planting is the main activity of the agriculture and livestock sector in the north zone, while the travel sector will be developed in the MraukU. Matpe planting is being done now, and fresh water fish breeding has also started in Kyauktaw.

If the breeding of fresh and seawater fish is successful, it will help to increase the declining trade with neighbouring Bangladesh. ■



Matpe beans. PHOTO: MAUNG MAUNG THANT (KYEMON)