

Private sector development is the main driving force behind economic growth



Vice President U Henry Van Thio inspects making bricks at the newly opened factory in Yangon. **PHOTO: MNA**

PRIVATE sector development is the main driving force behind the national economic growth, noted Vice President U Henry Van Thio in northern Yangon yesterday morning.

He was speaking at the opening of a new factory where 225 million aerated concrete blocks-AAC and 90 million autoclaved pressed concrete bricks-APC are manufactured annually.

The State is encouraging the public-private partnership-PPP in its mission of prioritizing the private sector development, the vice president explained, adding, its PPP programme is privatizing the convertible industries.

Under the State's PPP programme, Mother Industrial Co., Ltd converted a government-owned sand brick factory in Insein Township north of Yan-

gon into an advanced industry, manufacturing AACs and APCs beginning 24 this month. The vice president also highlighted the importance of industrial development for the export promotion, realization of an economic model that strikes a balance between the agricultural and industrial sectors, and job generation of citizens living in the country and returning from abroad.

Union Minister for Industry U Khin Maung Cho and Managing Director of the company U Soe Yi also gave speeches at the ceremony in which the VP unveiled the factory plaque and the minister, Yangon Region Hluttaw Speaker U Tin Maung Tun, Region Minister for Rakhine Affairs U Zaw Aye Maung and officials formally inaugurated the factory. —Myanmar News Agency ■

Grand Hanthar International Specialist Hospital opens in Yangon

THE first stage of Grand Hanthar International Specialist Hospital at the corner of Kyimyindine road and Nanattaw road in Yangon was opened yesterday, with an attendance by U Kyaw Win, Union Minister for Planning and Finance and officials.

The first stage of the newly opened hospital can provide full fledge services such as outpatient, emergency and inpatient services and have diabetes center and hormone disease specialist center with various supporting machineries said Dr. Than Than Aye from the hospital.

The 8-floor hospital has 700-bed with 800 medical staff including specialists.

The next stage will include more specialized services and surgeries.

Present at the opening cer-

emony were the Union Minister, departmental officials, hospital management and invited guests.

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Grand Hanthar International Specialist Hospital is officially opened by Union Minister U Kyaw Win and officials. **PHOTO: MNA**

NCA based on draft submitted by ethnic...

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"Many types of ceasefire agreements were signed that failed for various reasons. NCA include thoughts on preventing such failures and there were groups who signed the NCA as well as groups that hadn't signed yet. There are political problems that had happened for years. There are different background histories of how each ethnic armed organizations came into existence.

Discussing in this differing circumstances, there are differ-

ences in presentation and approaches. Therefore we are keeping the doors open for groups to join us while setting up a common ceasefire process that is firm and would not break down the ceasefire. We are working on a basic policy that is acceptable to all. It also includes basic policy that is acceptable to those who are not in (the NCA)," said U Zaw Htay.

The 8 ethnic armed organizations that have signed the NCA on 15 October 2015 were Karen National Union (KNU), Karen National Union/Karen National

Liberation Army (Peace Council) [KNU/KNLA(PC)], Democratic Karen Buddhist Army (DKBA), Chin National Front (CNF), Pa-O National Liberation Organization (PNLO), All Burma Students' Democratic Front (ABSDF), Restoration Council of Shan State (RCSS) and Arakan Liberation Party (ALP). Questions raised by the news media personnel at the press conference were answered by UPDJC Secretariat members U Zaw Htay, U Hla Maung Shwe, Dr. Hlan Hmon Sar Khaung and U Aung Soe. ■

Tree falls, kills man in Maungtaw

A VILLAGER was found dead under a fallen tree in a forest in Maungtaw Township yesterday.

The victim is identified as Swe Tusong from Shwetine Village in Maungtaw Township.

He went into the forest together with his friend to

cut bamboo in the morning of 25 May. As they did not returned to the village, the villagers went into the forest to search for them and found the body of the victim. Ma Shawbi, who went into the forest together with the victim is still missing.—MNA ■

Fire breaks out in Maungtaw

A FIRE broke out in Eudaung village in Maungtaw Township yesterday, destroying a shop.

The fire caused by negligence happened at a shop of

Maung Kyan at 8:00 pm.

It claimed the shop with thatch roofs and bamboo walls.

The police filed charges against him under the law.—MNA ■

Hand-made guns and bullets seized in Maungtaw

THE security forces seized hand-made guns and bullets while searching a house in Thawunchaung village in Maungtaw Township yesterday morning.

Acting on a tip-off, the security forces searched the house of Marmat Shawbe in

Thawunchaung village and seized three hand-made guns, eight rubber bullets, two fired rubber bullets, seven 5.56 mm bullets, and a receipt showing money paid to 20 peoples on 1 May. The police are making investigation to find the suspect who is at large.—MNA ■



Photo shows seized hand-made guns and bullets. **PHOTO: MNA**

School enrolment week begins in Maungtaw



Teachers presents books and school uniforms to school children in Maungtaw. PHOTO: YE HTUT

SCHOOL enrolment week for the 2017-2018 Academic Year began in Maungtaw on 25 May, providing exercise books, text books and school uniforms to school children free of charge.

Authorities are urging the parents of the school children

to send their school-age children to schools as the schools are accepting enrolment of children through 31st May.

“So far 700 children have been enrolled for the 2017-2018 Academic Year within three days. Our school has more than

2000 children,” said Daw Hla Thein May, Headmistress of the No 2 Basic Education High School in Maungtaw. There are more than 400 schools in Maungtaw and Buthidaung townships in Maungtaw District, with more than 150,000 students.—Min Thit

MHE-Demag organises first-ever exclusive material handling technical workshop in Myanmar

MHE-Demag, a joint venture between Jebsen & Jessen (SEA) Pte Ltd and Demag Cranes and Components GmbH, organised its first ever material handling technical workshop in Myanmar. This exclusive, in-depth workshop was aimed at knowledge

sharing to educate key customers and to grow MHE-Demag’s business in Myanmar.

Supported by a local partner, General Machinery Trading Co., Ltd (GMT), the workshop saw the participation of more than 60 key players from various public

sectors including representatives from Myanmar Navy, Myanma Railways, Myanmar Port Authority, Ministry of Industry, Ministry of Construction, Myanmar Economic Holding Ltd and Ministry of Electricity and Energy, among others.

Mr Klaus Schilling, Regional Director, MHE-Demag, said, “MHE-Demag ventured into Myanmar more than ten years ago, when the country’s infrastructure development was in its infancy. This workshop demonstrates MHE-Demag’s continuous commitment towards supporting our local partners and customers in Myanmar, and is an important step for MHE-Demag in terms of growth. We look forward to organising more knowledge sharing sessions in Yangon and other parts of Myanmar in the near future.”—GNLM ■



MHE-Demag organises first-ever exclusive material handling technical workshop in Myanmar. PHOTO: PHOE KHWAR

Sule Shangri-La launches “A Bridge of a Lifetime”

SULE SHANGRI-LA, Yangon, will open the lacquer-panelled doors of its Myanmar Ballroom on 27 and 28th May as the hotel celebrates love and romance with the “A Bridge of a Lifetime” wedding fair.

The affair counts as its main collaborators are some of the city’s most respected wedding specialists: Signature Weddings and Events Planning, show producer and creative director Brian Jeremiah, and floral and creative designer

Mummy Kwaw.

“A Bridge of a Lifetime” marries modern and traditional Burmese weddings, which are best captured in the wedding and evening gown creations of the featured local designers.

Mogok Pauk Pauk will lead the gala fashion shows on both days, while Charlotte Barjou, Ma Myint Zu of Zu Zu Collection and Latt Latt are the featured designers for the high tea bridal fashions shows.—GNLM ■



Sule Shangri-La launches “A Bridge of a Lifetime”

Star City organises furniture sales, funfair

STAR CITY conducted the furniture sales and funfair at the Star City Housing in Thanlyin yesterday.

“Visitors to the event will come to know that Star City Housing is not far from

downtown Yangon and it is also a place busy with people,” said Leasing Manager of the Star City Mr William Gramond.

The two-day event ended today.—GNLM ■



Star City's furniture sales and funfair ends today at its housing in Thanlyin. PHOTO: SUPPLIED