

President U Htin Kyaw receives ROK National Assembly Speaker

President U Htin Kyaw received H.E. Mr. Chung Sye-kyun, Speaker of the National Assembly of the Republic of Korea and party at the Presidential Palace in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

During the meeting, views on promoting cooperation and friendship between the two parliaments, increasing invest-

ments in Myanmar and regional peace matters were discussed.

Also present at the meeting were Deputy Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker U T Khun Myat, Deputy Amyotha Hluttaw Speaker U Aye Tha Aung, Deputy Minister of President's Office U Min Thu and officials. — Myanmar News Agency ■



President U Htin Kyaw meets with a delegation led by Speaker of National Assembly of Korea. PHOTO: MNA

SC attends ceremony celebrating 60 years of Swiss-Myanmar diplomatic relations



State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi arrives a ceremony to celebrate 60 years of Swiss-Myanmar diplomatic relations. PHOTO: MNA

State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi attended a ceremony to celebrate 60 years of diplomatic relations between Myanmar and Switzerland in Nay Pyi Taw.

The ceremony organized by Embassy of Switzerland was held yesterday at the Sofitel Hotel (The Lake Garden Hotel). Present at the ceremony were the Chairman of the Union Election Commission U Hla Thein, and Union Ministers U Kyaw Tint Swe, Dr Pe Myint, U Ohn Win, Dr Myo Thein Gyi, Dr Myint Htwe, Dr Win Myat Aye, U Ohn Maung and Nai Thet Lwin, National Security Advisor U Thaug Tun, Chairman of the Union Civil Service Board Dr. Win Thein, Chief of General Staff (Army, Navy and Air) General Mya Tun Oo, Nay Pyi Taw

Command Commander Maj-Gen Myint Maw, Deputy Minister U Khin Maung Tin, Switzerland Ambassador to Myanmar Mr. Paul Seger and invited guests.

Musical performances were given at the opening ceremony by youths from Mr. Roger's Orphanage (Yangon) and the Kachin Baptist Church, led by Mr. Sebastian See-Schierenberg, Ms. Katherine Lewiston, U Aung Moe Kyaw and Daw Darli Khin Zaw.

Afterwards, State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi gave a keynote speech on the 60 years of relations between Switzerland and Myanmar. The State Counsellor then gave commemorative bouquets to the musical performers followed by a banquet dinner. —Myanmar News Agency ■

H1N1 – 510 undergoing treatment, 194 identified positive and 20 fatalities as of 10 August

Eleven new seasonal influenza patients were identified between Wednesday and Thursday afternoon, bringing the total number of known H1N1 cases in Myanmar to 194 people.

The virus is blamed for 20 fatalities since the most recent outbreak began and 510 people are currently undergoing treatment for symptoms consistent

with H1N1.

In Yangon, 66 influenza patients are being treated at Waibagi Specialist Hospital; the others are at hospitals scattered throughout Myanmar.

In the face of such a serious outbreak, the Ministry of Health and Sports has increased its health education outreach on the disease, displaying stickers

and posters on mass transit and other public spaces

The ministry announced yesterday that children, elderly people, and others with compromised immune systems, including people with AIDS, kidney disease, tuberculosis and diabetes were especially susceptible to H1N1 infection.—Myanmar News Agency ■

Trading resume in Maungtaw after repair of broken dock in Bangladesh

Trade across Myanmar's border with Bangladesh has resumed after a dock structure in Bangladesh was repaired yesterday.

"Trading boats didn't return to Maungtaw side yesterday and there were some delays in Maungtaw. The dock was broken for a short time only as repair was immediately conducted and trade resumed normally today" said U Tun Kyaw, the Staff officer of Maungtaw border trade

station.

U Khin Maung, a trader from Sittway said "Boat departure was halted for a day after hearing about the broken dock but when it was repaired and normal trade has resumed. We mainly export ginger, rice, plum, dried plum and turmeric." U Khin Maung said that the sailing time is about 10 hours from Sittway and weather conditions need to be observed before

crossing the sea.

It only takes about two hours to cross the Naf River into Bangladesh from Maungtaw border trade station.

In July of fiscal year 2016-2017 trade value exported from Maungtaw border trade station was about US\$470,000. During the same period this year trade value exported was \$1.32 million, an increase of \$850,000.—A One Soe, Myo Thu Hein ■



Workers load sacks of rice into a boat at Maungtaw Border Trade Station. PHOTO: A ONE SOE