STATE Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi opened the Entrepreneurs Summit 2017 in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday with an address in which she encouraged the country’s young entrepreneurs to use cutting-edge technology for the development of Myanmar and take advantage of the country’s unique location and abundant resources.

The Entrepreneurs Summit 2017, with its theme “Leading Entrepreneurs, Building Economy” was organised by the Myanmar Young Entrepreneurs Association, attracting about 1,000 young entrepreneurs from across the country to discuss policies and initiatives that will support the success of young entrepreneurs in Myanmar.

New livestock research and development centre to be established

THE Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation said it is working to establish a livestock research and development centre, targeting the sustainable growth of the country’s livestock sector.

This comes from the recent coordination meeting of the Livestock Breeding and Veterinary Department in Nay Pyi Taw.

Dr Aung Thu, Union Minister for Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation, said efforts are being made to establish a livestock research and development center under a five-year plan between 2018 and 2023.

The establishment of the new centre is aimed at developing research programmes countrywide, said Dr. Aung Thu who urged project implementers to try their best to meet the ministry’s target of livestock sector improvement.

In his speech at the meeting, the Union Minister said the ministry is putting forth continuous efforts to boost the country’s productivity of agriculture products, meat and fish in anticipation of healthy exports under its sustainable development plan.
U Aye Tha Aung meets the residents of Kyaintali and Gwa

Deputy Speaker U Aye Tha Aung meets with local residents at the hall in Gwa Township. PHOTO: MYANMAR NEWS AGENCY

AMYOTHA Hlutaw Depu-
y by Speaker U Aye Tha Aung met local residents at the Hall of Kyaintali Township’s General Administration De-
part ment yesterday morning and at the Gwa Town Hall in the afternoon. During the meetings, the deputy speaker explained Hlutaw affairs and discussed the region’s developments.—Myanmar News Agency

Asia-Pacific Conference on Water to be broadcast live

THE opening ceremony of the Asia-Pacific Conference on Water will be broadcast live on 11 December by MRTV News Channel, MRTV Entertainment channel, Skynet Uptodate, and Myanmar Radio. The conference will commence at the Sedona Hotel in Yangon and the live broadcast will begin at 9am.—MNA

International Human Rights Day celebrated

THE Myanmar National Hu-
man Rights Commission (MNHRC) celebrated Inter-
national Human Rights Day in Yangon yesterday with the participation of prominent rights activists.
The ceremony to mark International Human Rights Day, which falls on 10 December, was also attended by the chairman and members of the rights commission, judges, law officers, regional lawmakers, diplomats and representatives from civil societies, interna-
tional non-governmental orga-

nisations (NGOs) and local NGOs.
The ceremony was opened with remarks by Yangon Re-
dition Rakhine Ethnic Affairs Minister U Zaw Aye Maung and Chairman of the MNHRC U Win Myint.

Writer Min Khite Soe San spoke about human rights; Ma Hsu Myat Mon, a 10th-grade student, on child rights; U Myat Thu Win, Chairman of Shwe Min Thar Foundation; on rights for the disabled; and Actress Soe Pyay Thazin on women’s rights.

Following the cere-
mony, the MNHRC issued a press release in honour of International Human Rights Day.

Myanmar National Human Rights Commission (MNHRC) released a statement yester-
day in honour of the Interna-
tional Human Rights Day. The statement said the Myanmar National Human Rights Com-
mission (MNHRC) along with the International Community celebrates this historic oc-
casion of the International Hu-
man Rights Day which falls on 10 December 2017.

Regarding the promotional activities, in 2017 the Commission visited 15 townships in the States and Regions to conduct human rights talks. Moreover, human rights workshops were carried out for government of-

ficials at Lashio District, East Yangon District, Magwe Dis-

try and Myitkyina District. The Commission was also able to hold four HR workshops for police officials, two human rights workshops for women organizations and a workshop on child rights for education department officials. In addi-
tion, lectures on human rights were conducted at the National Defense College, Staff College and Army Combat Training Schools. Furthermore, the Commission gave lectures at the Central Institute of Civil Service (Lower Myanmar) and Central Institute of Civil Service (Upper Myanmar). The Commission also conducted lectures on human rights at the Institute of Development in Administration for officials of the General Administration Department.

Myanmar National Human Rights Commission has been handling complaints as part of its human rights protection activities and as of 1 January 2017 up to the present moment the Commission has received a total of 359 complaints which were scrutinized according to the standard operating procedures. Field visits have been conducted as and when neces-
sary. During 2017 the Com-
mission visited prisons and de-
tention centers in Nyaung-U, Myingyan, Sittwe, Buthidaung, Insein, Lashio, Myitkyina, Kyaukphyu, Thandwe, Kalay, Monywa, Keng tu ng, Mine-
Has, Hinthada, Thaton, Hsi-
paw, Myaungmya, Pathein, Mandalay (Hlonbu), Yeme-
thin, Thayet, Taungoo, Nay Pyi Taw, Myeik, Kawthoung and Thayarwaddy to look into the Human Rights situations and submitted its findings and recommendations to the gov-
ernment. Statements were also issued for the general public. A team from the MNHRC visit-

ed Buthidaung and Maungtaw townships from 24 to 29 Sep-
tember 2017 to look into the threats attacks that occurred in the townships and issued a statement containing the findings and recommendations.

The Myanmar National Human Rights Commission with the aim of finding possible solu-
tion to the Rakhine situation held a Seminar entitled ‘The Affairs of Rakhine, Challenges and Future Prospects’ based on independent exchange of views on 11 October 2017. The Chairman and Members of the Commission, experienced per-
sions well versed in the affairs of Rakhine State, represent-
aves of local NGOs and in-
terested persons took part in the discussions and the recom-

mendations were submitted to the President. In addition, the Commission held ‘The Work-
shop on the Abolition of the Death Penalty’ in November 2017 in Nay Pyi Taw with the support of Asia Pacific Forum (APF).
The workshop was attended by Parliamentarians, Senior Government Officials and representatives from Civil Society and Members of the Commission. The workshop recommended to the President to consider the official morato-
rium on the death penalty since Myanmar has not carried out any execution up to the present moment and which will have positive consequences both externally and internally for Myanmar.

On this auspicious Human Rights Day, Myanmar Nation-
al Human Rights Commission pledged to carry out the human rights promotion and protec-
tion of the citizens in line with the provisions of the Myan-
mar National Human Rights Commission Law.—Myanmar National Human Rights Com-
mission
State Counsellor gives guidance in speech at 2nd Myanmar Entrepreneurship Summit 2017

STATE Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi gave a guideline speech at the opening ceremony of the 2nd Myanmar Entrepreneurship Summit 2017 held yesterday morning at Myanmar International Convention Centre 2 (MICC-II), Nay Pyi Taw.

The 2nd Myanmar Entrepreneurship Summit 2017 was organized by the Myanmar Young Entrepreneurs Association (MYEA).

The ceremony was attended by the Chairman of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw’s Legal Affairs and Special Cases Assessment Commission, Thura U Shwe Mann, Union Ministers, Union Civil Service Board Chairman, Central Bank of Myanmar Governor, Hluttaw Affairs Committee chairmen, Deputy Ministers, heads of departments, businesspersons, the MYEA Chairman, officials and members, local and foreign experts, young entrepreneurs from states and divisions and invited guests.

2nd Myanmar Entrepreneurship Summit 2017 was opened with musicians and dancers before State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi gave a speech outlining suggestions and guidelines for young entrepreneurs.

After the opening ceremony, Daw Aung San Suu Kyi met with MYEA Chairman and officials in MICC-II guest hall and took commemorative photo with the MYEA Chairman, officials, management committee officials, executives and youths from the summit organising work committees.

Next, the State Counsellor visited the 2nd Myanmar Entrepreneurship Summit 2017 Award winning booths and SME (small and medium enterprise) booths. A total of 43 booths were displayed in 2nd Myanmar Entrepreneurship Summit 2017.

The ceremony was attended by business persons, MYEA chairman, officials, members, local and foreign experts, states and regions entrepreneurs, invited guests and officials. —Myanmar News Agency

Outstanding young entrepreneurs encouraged, honoured at 2nd Myanmar Entrepreneurship Summit 2017 in Nay Pyi Taw

A dinner in honor of 2nd Myanmar Entrepreneurship Summit 2017 and an award presentation ceremony was held yesterday 7 p.m. at Myanmar International Convention Centre 2 (MICC-II), Nay Pyi Taw.

At the dinner Union Minister for Education Dr. Myo Thein Gyi and Myanmar Young Entrepreneurs Association (MYEA) Vice Chairman U Zaw Naing Thein delivered a speech outlining suggestions and guidelines for young entrepreneurs.

Afterwards, officials presented awards to three Myanmar Young Start-Up Award winners, three Myanmar Young Social Entrepreneur Award winners and three Myanmar Young Start-Up Award winners.

The summit was held with an aim to support Myanmar entrepreneurial businesses, young entrepreneurs, the successful establishment of businesses and SMEs and the country’s economic development. —Myanmar News Agency

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Cover price: 7,000 kyats
THE perceptive powers of a monk led to the discovery of an old cave in a forest near Langkho Township in Southern Shan State on Thursday, officials said.

“The cave was discovered by the sixth sense of Mei Phone Sayadaw, a well-known Buddhist monk of Southern Shan State, and people went on and searched for the cave in a forest, three miles north of Narr Linn Village and they found an old cave,” said an official.

The large entrance to the cave was covered with layers of stones. Once inside, the cave was found to be about 25 feet wide, 25 feet high and 30 feet long.

Among those who went to look for the cave in the forest were monks from Lankho Township Sangha Mha Nayaka Committee, army officials, Lankho Police, township officials and local people receive five precepts from the Mei Phone Sayadaw, and shared the merits gained in an old cave discovered in southern Shan State. PHOTO: SAIZAW LATT (LANGKHO)

Lankho Township Sangha Mha Nayaka Committee, army officials, Lankho Police, township officials and village administrators and villagers. Officials plan to further explore the newly found cavern, it is learnt.—Sai Zaw Latt(Langko)

Driver faces charges after road accident

TWO people were injured in a single-car crash after a vehicle overturned on Yangon-Mandalay expressway early Friday morning, according to police.

The accident happened near mile post No. 358/0 on the highway near Ward-2 in Wundwin Township, Mandalay Region, at around 5 am.

Travelling south, the six-wheeled vehicle loaded with 45 barrels of petroleum driven by Kyaw Myo Hsaing and one other on board went off Wundwin Dam and overturned because the driver lost control of his car, police said.

Both driver and passengers sustained minor injuries and were taken to a nearby hospital.

Police have filed criminal charges against the driver for careless driving under Sections 279 and 337 of the Penal Code.—Ko Ko Aung

Overturned vehicle on Yangon-Mandalay highway near Wundwin Township. PHOTO: KO KO AUNG

Four arrested for drug possession in Yangon

FOUR people were arrested by police on Saturday after they were in possession of a cache of yaba pills and marijuana, according to a police report.

The four — Nay Myo Win, Zaw Lin Tun, Thiri Shwe and Khine Lay were arrested during a pre-dawn raid on 9 December at around 1 am.

Acting on a tip-off, members of an anti-drug squad searched an unregistered house on Kyauksein Street in Hmawza Ward, Dala Township in Yangon.

Police found 184 WY brand yaba pills and marijuana weighing 3.66 grams and related equipment totaling Ks600,000. Action is being taken against the suspects under Section 15, 19 (a), 20 (a) and 31 of the existing Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law.—Naing Lin Kyaw (Dala)

Police file charges against knife wielder

POLICE have filed charges against a man who was carrying an illegal knife.

Police were patrolling the Ht-one Ai area in Kayin State on 8 December and found a man walking around at midnight. When they searched him, they found a 10-inch long knife in his pocket. The police filed charges against Saw Dar Di, alias Tun Lin Lin, 18, of Hlaing Gabar village, Hpa-An township.

When interrogated, he admitted that he is one of the fugitives who has been charged under section 15/16 (C) the Anti-Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Laws. He was charged with drugs and weapons offenses.—Min Thu/Tun Tun Htway (Hpa-An)
GROWERS from Pathein Township in Ayeyawady Region said they have reaped handsome profits from the sale of colourful chrysanthemum flowers in the domestic market this season, according to the Myawady Daily.

“Generally, chrysanthemum flowers enter the harvest season in December in the country. Demands for those flowers are high in the local market beginning in the first week of this month,” said U Chit Ko Ko, one of the local planters based in Pathein Township, who has been commercially selling flowers for many years. According to wholesalers, the price of chrysanthemum flowers have almost doubled in price this year. Growers distributing those flowers to Yangon, Kangothaeung, Yekyi, Athoke, Ngaputaw, Danuphu, Pantana, Kyaukgyi and Nyaungdon townships using motorways. However, they use rail transport to send the flowers to Kyankhin, Myanmar and Hinthada.

Currently, a branch of flowers is worth between Ks350 and 400 in the market, which is more than that of the same period of last year. Based on market demand, the Taiwan species of chrysanthemum flowers is more expensive than the native species, a retailer said.

Three different varieties of chrysanthemum are mainly cultivated in Pathein Township, including a Taiwan species obtained from Taunggyi of Shan State, with the request of the township agriculture department.

Growers earned Ks200,000 to 350,000 for a 10 ft x 4 ft plantation two months after cultivation this season, U Chi Ko Ko said.—GNLM

Border trade with ITC reaches over Ks27.76 billion

INDIVIDUAL Trading Card (ITC) holders traded goods with an estimated value of Ks27.76 billion from 1st April to 24th November in the current fiscal year, according to statistics from the Commerce Ministry.

Exports worth Ks2.38 billion and imports worth Ks25.38 billion were traded as of 24th November. There are a total of 119 businessmen who received approval for individual trading in fiscal year 2017-2018. The Trade Department has issued 1,383 cards so far, with 292 cards from 21st Nov 2012 to 31st March 2013, 261 cards in 2013-2014 FY, 317 cards in 2014-2015 FY, 146 cards in 2015-2016 FY and 248 cards in 2016-2017 FY.

The Myawady border gate had the highest trading value with the use of ITC. Individual trading card holders also conduct trade with neighbouring partners at Tamu, Muse, Tachileik, Lweje, Chinshwehaw, Kanpyeekay, Kawthoong, Reed, Mawtaung and Keng Tung checkpoints and Htalan Township.

The trade values with ITC were over Ks737 million from 21st Nov 2012 to 31st March 2013, over Ks6.6 billion in 2013-2014 FY, over Ks9.3 billion in 2014-2015 FY, over Ks6.4 billion in 2015-2016 and over Ks18.9 billion in 2016-2017 FY respectively.

The aforementioned department issued the ITC with an aim to boosting border trade. A businessman can trade Ks3 million worth of goods a day using ITC, and then, the trade department granted trade value up to Ks15 million a day, which is a five-day-trade-value.—Ko Khant

Growers reap healthy profits on sales of Chrysanthemum flowers

Flower seller looks at bunches of colourful flowers in the market. PHOTO: AYE MIN SOE

Three dead, one hurt in IED explosion in Maungthaw Township

Trade market ads

Call Thin Thin May, 09251022355, 09974424848

Hotline - 09974424848
marketing@globalnewlightofmyanmar.com
We thought not only profit for our company but also creating job opportunities for the local people

By A One Soe

Photo: A One Soe

THE 2nd Myanmar Entrepreneur Summit 2017 was held in Myanmar International Convention Centre 2 (MICC-II) yesterday morning. The following are interviews with some of the young entrepreneurs who attended the summit.

Ko Ponnya, Recycle Myanmar Founder

Recycle Myanmar will produce innovative products and provide market service. Since 2013, we produced “trash-for-recycle donation boxes” as Karuna Network to accept donations of recyclable trash. For example, a new energy drink, Honey Gold is being produced so that consumers have more choices and can be delivered to local markets. Efforts need to be made in distributing new products into the market so that the consumers know about it. Advertising need to be made and sponsorships are provided in events like this. Although we have successful products, a new product needs more effort. Introduction of Honey Gold is still in an infant stage. Therefore, we need to make many people know about it, produce more and sell more. Quality raw materials are imported.

Ko Nay Lin Soe, Director of Mingalaba Myanmar Goods Store

Our Mingalaba Myanmar Goods Store has about seven of the ten Myanmar traditional arts. There’ll be Myanmar sculpture, paintings, gold works, lacquer ware and silver works. Latest innovations are handicrafts made from coconut shells and dried gourd. We make many such goods.

There are also art works produced from pebbles from the rivers and streams. For now we are doing it in a small scale. To expand this work would require many experts (handymen-like people) as well as financial investment. Myanmar art works could not depend only on foreign tourists. We also need to depend on local tourists. This work will survive and be sustainable only when there are people who value Myanmar arts.

Ko Aung Zaw Oo, Managing Director, Aung Naing Thitsar Company

The Aung Naing Thitsar Company not only mills rice and exports, but also provides farm inputs such as fertilizers and farm machineries to farmers in an installment system. It had been exporting rice since 2004, and after 2008 it became a rice-specialised company and import and provide seeds and inputs such as machineries in a five-six month deferred payment system by requiring payments only when crops are harvested.

At that time, we will try to enter into European and Russian markets instead of exporting only to Asian and African markets. Now we are entering the eastern European markets. When Europe lifted the sanctions, we were able to export more. Compared to the past, farmers are using farm machineries more nowadays. They now know the ease and convenience of using farm machineries. However, farm machineries are expensive, depending on the quality, and this makes it difficult for farmers to purchase it with cash down. We are providing a financial service for the farmers through an installment payment system. State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi attended the 2nd Myanmar Entrepreneur Summit 2017 in recognition of the youths’ endeavours. I’m much satisfied to hear her giving a guideline speech encouraging the youth.

Dr. Aung Myat Lwin, Managing Director, Oriental Century Travels & Tours

Our main work are agri and village-based travel businesses. In our country, travel & tour businesses are gradually developing. But the problem is we are running out of places to visit, as there are places such as Yangon, Mandalay and Bagan only and there are no new travel destinations. When we think about new travel destinations, we thought not only profit for our company but also creating job opportunities for the local people.

When we started village-based travel businesses, we had discussions with interested people in a village. We explained to them the benefits of this business and they became more interested in joining us. This business was started from that village. We let visitors both local and foreign live in villagers’ homes. We make the place clean and hygienic. Foods are provided just as in a village setting and not in a restaurant-like setting. Foreign tourists are more interested in this.

Afterwards, we took the visitors to Myinnahi cave and visited four or five Danu villages beside the Myinnahi village. The visitors stay two or three nights. Locals pay for lodging as well as food, and the food is prepared by the housewives themselves, so the locals made money from this.

The villagers there can farm only during the rainy season, so they face difficulties during summer and winter. Water is scarce as it is a mountainous region. That is why our village-based travel business provides additional income for the locals.

To expand this business, we’ll need much support from the ministry. Support is in cooperating to provide security to the travellers. Another thing is to make international travellers aware of such places. We also worry of the effect of international travellers on the local’s tradition. We need to make adjustments to both sides.

As Myanmar travel businesses progress, the economy will develop. But the recent events in Rakhine have reduced the number of visitors. If media shows how stable and peaceful it is, it is believed that we’ll regain the confidence of the visitors and more will come to visit. Another thing is to increase international direct flights. This is believed to develop the Myanmar tourism sector.

We started the village-based travel business in 2016, and this is the first project. We are trying to make it profitable. There are plans to expand it if it is successful. There are approximately 50 foreign visitors per year. This is the first time we are doing this, so we start at 50. Later, we’ll increase the number.

Kyaw Swa Myint Htoo, Brand Executive, Asahi Loibeh

A new energy drink, Honey Gold, is being produced so that the consumers have more choices in beverages. Efforts need to be made in distributing a new product into the market so that the consumers know about it. Advertisements need to be made and sponsorships are provided in events like this. Although we have successful products, a new product needs more effort. Introduction of Honey Gold is still in an infant stage. Therefore, we need to make many people know about it, produce more and sell more. Quality raw materials are imported.

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Make efforts for establishing the culture of entrepreneurship

By Khin Yadana
Photo: Hein Htet Zaw

THE Myanmar Entrepreneurship Summit – 2017 was held yesterday at MICC 2 - Myanmar International Convention Center 2 in Nay Pyi Taw. The following are quotes from attendees.

Ko Kaung Nyein Soe, Executive of MYEA

The State Counsellor gave guidance to us in the morning, and we are going to hold four plenary sessions in which we will discuss how entrepreneurs formed in Myanmar, and how to overcome the challenges we are going to face in the future. And then we are going to discuss how to develop entrepreneurship, and the role of CSR, which plays an important role in my country. Everyone, especially youths who are doing business, should know all about it so that they can deal with the obstacles and gain win-win solutions.

The main thing is that they are sure to encounter such obstacles, and will need sufficient time to prepare to face them. Our team aims at supporting our youths, who are all under 45 years, to form the culture of entrepreneurship among them. We can help them financially as well.

U Tin Maung Win, MP, Chairman of Transportation, Communications and Construction

It is very useful to hold this kind of summit and we also celebrated a similar summit last year. Our parliament will support them in any way we can in order to develop entrepreneurship. It is of paramount important to develop ICT technology among the youths, and opportunities are within their reach. I think they should make the best use of their potential and ability.

Ma Su Thazin, MYEA member

Being a member of the Myanmar Entrepreneurship Association, I am in charge of the working committee and international relations. I would like to suggest the youths to join membership and learn from senior businessmen. We can give useful counseling to them so that they can create job opportunities without any difficulty. Our UMPCCI (Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce & Industry) is located at 29 Min Ye Kyaw Swar Road, Yangon. Ma Ohnmar Phyoe, member of MYEA

As for me, I would like to develop the tourism sector based on agriculture in our country. And

Mr. Ko Kaung Nyein Soe, Executive of MYEA

I want to urge them to join in it. Our country is in need of SMEs development and we should set up more industrial zones in order to promote economic standards. The future is in the hands of the youths, and they should find ways and means to overcome the challenges ahead of them.

Kyaw San Oo, member of MYEA

There are three reasons why

I attended this panel session today. The first reason is that I want to listen to the speech delivered by our State Counsellor Daw Aung San Su Kyi; the second, to build social networks or social relations with other people; the third, to deal with youths of today.

Ko Maung Nyein Ei, Chief Executive Officer, United Myanmar & Asia Co., Ltd.

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Young entrepreneurs are the engines of growth: State Counsellor

“ar to stand with dignity and strength among the world, Myanmar needs a strong economy, and we must develop the country by combining the power of the youths and economic power,” said the State Counsellor.

She also reiterated the need to promote the intelligence and quality of the citizens and the role of the government in building a sustainable economy.

Daw Aung San Su Kyi also invited suggestions from the young entrepreneurs to be taken into consideration about the government’s plans for creating a good investment environment in the country.

Despite rich land, favourable weather and natural resources, Myanmar is facing challenges in penetrating the regional market, as the country’s crops do not meet the required quality due to lack of innovation.

She urged the entrepreneurs to promote the quality of the country’s products with the use of innovation to be able to export value-added products rather than raw material.

In her opening speech, the State Counsellor also highlighted the “3 M’s” – money, market and mentorship – that would propel Myanmar’s young entrepreneurs to compete at the regional and international level.

To achieve a strong market, entrepreneurs should not solely rely on the government, but also use their capabilities to find the market through their quality products, said the State Counsellor. State Counsellor Daw Aung San Su Kyi also suggested that entrepreneurs who have achieved success in their businesses should build a Mentorship Network to be able to seek advice from successful businessmen from ASEAN countries and to assist local young entrepreneurs.

In concluding, she urged the young entrepreneurs to try hard to become honourable businesspeople who can conduct responsible businesses without seeking just profits.

A number of Entrepreneurship Awards were presented at the Summit to outstanding young entrepreneurs from across the nation.—Myanmar News Agency

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Nyein Nyein Ei (Chief Executive Officer, United Myanmar & Asia Co., Ltd.)

Our company is United Myanmar & Asia Co., Ltd. We use Myanmar products and natural medicinal products to produce “Dnae” soap, body lotion, facial mist, roll-on deodorant, general use soap, hand wash, water-free hand cleaner, consumer and beauty products.

Myanmar has many natural products. We can produce many consumer and beauty products from two to three natural products that are available in abundance.

Our “Dnae” brand beauty products were started to be produced in March. By August and September, it is becoming well established. Because people became weary of chemical products and prefer natural products.

We use online marketing for natural products. We are also selling in supermarkets. As the products are produced in Myanmar, we are trying to make it as cheap as possible for locals to afford.

Nyein Nyein Ei (Chief Executive Officer, United Myanmar & Asia Co., Ltd.)
By Anand Grover

P E O P L E who use drugs for possess small quanti- ties for personal use engage in a non-violent act that potentially harms only themselves. It is a limited understanding of the consequences and social costs. Indeed, Myanmar has for many years taken a permissive approach to drug use, which leads to drug use problems. The Government of Myanmar has taken a strong stance against drug use and drug trafficking, but it will not succeed in removing drug use entirely. A former works in the opium field.

The Narcotics Act reform as an opportunity for better outcomes. In recent years, however, the authorities in Myanmar have made notable efforts to reform their approach, and address drug use as a health concern, in particular as part of the response to HIV/AIDS, the leading cause of death in some countries. A draft bill of the proposed revision, adopted in the Upper House in December 2017, will be successfully removed. As a result, the citizens of Myanmar must cooperate in unity and provide support to remove drug use. At present, we are giving priority to Myanmar to bring peace, stability and development to this region.

At the same time, we are clear about our efforts to bring peace, stability and development to other regions in Myanmar. And in recent years, the environment in Rakhine State is working hard to bring about good opportunities for multi-sectoral development, such as raising the standards of living, the economy, ensuring security, creating job opportunities, vocational training, and health and education. It is true that the PPP concept is practically being implemented with great enthusiasm and determination. Being the most important stage as Rakhine State, the state is working hard to bring about good opportunities for development and human rights for Rakhine State individuals.

The draft bill also provides a new definition for people who possess small quantities of drugs for personal use. This exemption for possession, however, was removed when the bill was passed in the Lower House in August, even though drugs necessarily involve possession and hence amount to and carrying the paraphernalia prelude to the drug effects and people engaged in the cultivation of these crimes. In the end, we will work closely with the people of Myanmar to overcome external dangers and pressures. n

Decriminalization as a path for drug use. We are glad to see that the Myanmar government is considering decriminalizing drug use. This is worrying, since continuing to criminalization possesses for personal use, as well as pre-existing crimes and psychological addictions, perpetuates a model of punishment as the “best way” to address the presence of drugs in society, which needs to be reconsidered.

Removal of the stigma of drug use, decriminalize possession for personal use. The approach to drug control policy, substance use as a health concern is increasingly accepted by scientific and public opinion. Hence, the proposed revision in Myanmar in 2017 aims to address this issue.

The Global New Light of Myanmar
Panel discussions in 2nd Myanmar Entrepreneurship Summit 2017

At the 2nd Myanmar Entrepreneurship Summit 2017, successful and well-known entrepreneurs from Myanmar and abroad shared their views and experiences in business management, financial management, marketing and corporate social responsibility in business to young entrepreneurs through four panel discussions.

U Ye Min Oo of Grand National Capital Company Limited moderated the first panel discussion titled “Evolution of Entrepreneurship in Myanmar” The panelists were Tun Commercial Bank, MGS Group of Companies and Myanmar Consolidated Media (Myanmar Times) Chairman U Thein Tun, Loi Hein Group of Companies (Alpine Drinking Water, Shark, M-150) and Ya danarbon Football Club Chairman Dr. Sai Sam Htun, Dagon Group of Companies and Myanmar SEZ Holdings Limited Chairman U Win Aung and Zeya & Associates Group Chief Executive Officer (CEO) U Zeya Thu Mon. They shared and discussed the transformation of entrepreneurship works during the transition from one era to another and innovations made to overcome difficulties.

The second panel discussion titled “Growing and Scaling Start-Up” was moderated by Myanmar Information Technology (MIT) founder and CEO Dr. Tun Thura Thet with the panelists Myanmar Cars DB CEO U Wai Yan Lin, Oway Group CEO U Nay Aung, and successful Thai digital business Seekster’s CEO Mr. Sahib Anandsongvit, who discussed and guided on expanding start-ups rapidly through new technology, good foundations and major inputs that are required.

Daw Mi Mi Myo Win, who served for 17 years as British Council’s Head of Programmes, was the moderator for the third panel discussion titled “Solving Social Problems in Myanmar through Market Solutions”. The panelists were Mr. Martin Pun, Vice Chairman of Serge Pun and Associates and corporate social responsibility head of Yoma Strategic Holdings, Chief of Technology and Innovation at United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific Mr. Jonathan Wong, DaNa Facility Team Leader Peter Brimble and 360 Ed founder Daw Hla Hla Win.

A second panel discussion titled “Growing and Scaling Start-Up” was moderated by Dr. Tun Thura Thet and the panelists U Wai Yan Lin, U Nay Aung, Mr. Sahib Anandsongvit.

New livestock research and development centre to be established

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As part of the drug elimination scheme, he said creating livelihood opportunities for residents in project areas as a national duty is needed.

According to official statistics, the Livestock Breeding and Veterinary Department produced 1.2 billion viss of meat (a viss is equivalent to approximately 1.63 kg), over one billion viss of milk and 8.4 billion viss of eggs between April and November of this year.

The livestock manufacturing sector achieved up to 67.32 per cent of its target this FY, said an official of the aforementioned department, adding that the department also distributed 16.647 million vaccinations across the nation as part of its plan to protect farm animals from infectious diseases.

A draft policy and procedures for sustainable development of the livestock sector has already been submitted to respective departments. In addition, 14 projects on development of the sector have currently been implemented by the department with the aid of international countries.

According to the scheme to increase the number of working animals, a total of 27,954 cattle were artificially inseminated, while another 118,336 became pregnancy naturally.

Collaborative efforts are being made between the Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation Ministry and its development partners to carry out a wide range of projects, including beekeeping, distribution of veterinary drugs, animal population surveys and prevention against animal diseases such as seasonal flu, rabies, and foot-and-mouth disease. —Myanmar News Agency
UK foreign minister arrives in Iran to lobby for jailed aid worker

DUBAI — British foreign minister Boris Johnson arrived on Saturday in Iran, where he is expected to lobby his Iranian counterpart Mohammad Javad Zarif for the release of jailed Iranian-British aid worker Nazanin Zaghari-Ratcliffe.

The visit is only the third by a British foreign minister to Iran in the last 14 years, and takes place against a complex backdrop of historical, regional and bilateral tensions.

Johnson will also meet President Hassan Rouhani, Ali Shamkhani, secretary of Iran's Supreme National Security Council, and other officials, the state news agency IRNA said on Saturday in its report on the visit.

Johnson and Iranian officials will discuss bilateral relations, including banking and economic ties, as well as regional issues and international developments.

“Iranian-British aid worker Nazanin Zaghari-Ratcliffe is seen in an undated photograph handed out by her family. PHOTO: REUTERS”

IRNA added.

Johnson has voiced to leave “no stone unturned” in Britain’s efforts to free Zaghari-Ratcliffe, a project manager with the Thomson Reuters Foundation, who is sentenced to five years in prison after being convicted by an Iranian court of plotting to overthrow the clerical establishment. She denies the charges.

“The Foreign Secretary will urge the Iranians to release dual nationals where there are humanitarian grounds to do so,” a foreign office spokesman said earlier.

Zaghari-Ratcliffe is not the only dual national being held in Iran, but has become the most high-profile case. Johnson said on 1 November that she had been teaching people journalism before her arrest in April 2016, in remarks critics said could have prompted Iran to extend her sentence. The Thomson Reuters Foundation, a charity organisation that is independent of Thomson Reuters and operates independently of Reuters News, said Zaghari-Ratcliffe had been on holiday and had not been teaching journalism in Iran.

Johnson has since apologised for any distress his comments may have caused and said that she was in Iran on holiday.

Zaghari-Ratcliffe has been told she will appear in court on 10 December; her husband Richard has said.

The visit will test Johnson’s ability to navigate a political landscape littered with potential pitfalls. Iran’s 1979 Islamic Revolution turned it into a pariah state for most of the West and many Middle Eastern neighbours.

International sanctions have only recently been lifted as part of a multilateral nuclear deal to curb Iran’s disputed uranium enrichment programme. That deal is under threat after US President Donald Trump decided to decertify Iran’s compliance with the terms of the agreement.

Britain has voiced its continued support for the nuclear deal but is one of a number of Western powers voicing concerns about Tehran’s “destabilising” influence in the region.—Reuters

Zimbabwe names diplomat Isaac Moyo as top spy

HARARE — Zimbabwe has named a former diplomat as the head of its intelligence agency, state-owned newspaper The Herald said on Saturday.

Isaac Moyo, who was serving as an ambassador to neighbouring South Africa and Lesotho, replaces retired army general Happyton Bonyongwe, the paper quoted chief secretary to the president, Misheck Sibanda, as saying.

No one was immediately available to comment in President Emmerson Mnangagwa’s office. The Herald is a mouthpiece for the government.

Moyo takes over a domestic spy network, the Central Intelligence Organization, that permeates every institution and section of society and has been used by former President Robert Mugabe to stay in power.

He has served as a member of the African Union’s Committee of Intelligence and Security Services of Africa (CISSA), intelligence provider to the union’s 55 states.

Mnangagwa, who was sworn in two weeks ago in the wake of the de facto military coup that ended Mugabe’s 37-year rule, has been ringing in changes in his administration including appointing leading military officials to top posts in his cabinet.—Reuters

Iraq describes lifting oil-for-food sanction as success to Iraqi diplomacy

BAGHDAD — Iraq hailed on Tuesday the United Nations Security Council (UNSC) resolution that lifted the sanctions of the Oil-for-Food Programme as a success to the diplomacy of the Iraqi Foreign Ministry.

A statement by the spokesman of the foreign ministry said that “a series of diplomatic successes achieved by the Iraqi Foreign Ministry has culminated in the issuance of a resolution of the UNSC” which lifted the sanction of the Oil-for-Food programme that allowed using force against Iraq if not fully complying with the UN severe sanctions.

After its meeting on Friday morning, the UNSC issued a statement, saying that the council members had adopted resolution 2390 (2017) unanimously after “all the measures imposed in its resolutions 1958 (2010) and 2335 (2016) pursuant to Chapter VII of the Charter of the United Nations in relation to the Iraq Oil-For-Food Programme had been fully implemented.”

Iraq has been under UNSC sanctions after the former Iraqi President Saddam Hussein invaded neighbouring Kuwait in August 1990, but the severe sanction created sufferings for the Iraqi civilians, pushing the UNSC to adopt the Oil-for-Food Programme in 1995 which allowed Iraq to sell oil on the world market in exchange for food, medicine, and other humanitarian needs for ordinary Iraqi citizens without allowing Iraq to boost its military capabilities.—Xinhua

In push for Yemen aid, US warned Saudis of threats in Congress

WASHINGTON — The United States has warned Saudi Arabia that concern in Congress over the humanitarian situation in Yemen could constrain US assistance, as it pushed Riyadh to allow greater access for humanitarian aid, a US official said on Friday.

The Saudi-led military coalition fighting the Iran-aligned Houthi movement in Yemen’s civil war started a blockade of ports a month ago after Saudi Arabia intercepted a missile fired towards its capital Riyadh from Yemen. Although the blockade later eased, Yemen’s situation has remained dire. About 8 million people are on the brink of famine with outbreaks of cholera and diphtheria.

That has led the White House to take the rare step of issuing two written statements in a week on Yemen, including one on Friday calling on the Saudi-led coalition to help facilitate the free flow of humanitarian aid and critical goods, like fuel.

“I think there has just been mounting concern over the continued humanitarian conditions in Yemen, and while we have seen progress, we haven’t seen enough,” said a senior Trump administration official, speaking on condition of anonymity.

“We want to see more in the coming weeks.” The White House also called on the Houthis to allow food, medicine and fuel to be distributed and accused them of political repression and brutality.

The Yemen war’s heavy toll on civilians has long been a sore point with members of Congress, triggering threats to block US assistance to the Saudi-led coalition. That includes US refuelling of coalition jets and the provision of limited US intelligence support.

Senator Chris Murphy, a Democrat from Connecticut and longtime critic of US support for the Yemen campaign, cheered Trump’s push for humanitarian aid this week. But in the same breath, he warned about US assistance to the Saudis.

“The Trump administration must continue to make clear to Saudi Arabia that the US will not support a campaign that intentionally starves civilians into submission,” Murphy said.

Trump administration officials have underscored those concerns in Congress to Riyadh.

“We wanted to be very clear with Saudi officials that the political environment here could constrain us if steps aren’t taken to ease humanitarian conditions in Yemen,” the official said.

—Reuters
Firefighters race to contain California wildfires as winds set to strengthen

VENTURA, (California) — Firefighters in Southern California were under pressure on Saturday to contain six raging wildfires, which have destroyed hundreds of buildings and forced tens of thousands of people to flee, before fierce winds are expected to strengthen again.

Forecasters predict wind gusts to increase in intensity by Saturday night, challenging the 8,700 firefighters who have been battling the fast-moving blazes for five days from the San Diego area up the Pacific Coast to Santa Barbara County. The fires killed at least one person, destroyed 500 structures, hurt six people and injured four firefighters. The strengthening winds “potentially put the fires that are currently burning at risk of spreading,” said Lynne Tolmachoff, spokeswoman for California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection.

“Firefighters have been taking advantage of the past 24 hours to try to get containment lines and strengthen them so that does not happen.” At the peak, about 212,000 people were forced to flee their homes. Evacuation orders were lifted in some areas, welcome news for many in shelters waiting to see if their homes survived. California governor Jerry Brown on Saturday will meet with residents affected by the fires and tour the wildfire damage in Ventura County northwest of Los Angeles, where the largest of the blazes, the Thomas Fire has charred 143,000 acres (57,870 hectares) and destroyed 476 structures.

“We’re keeping our fellow neighbors and Californians in our hearts and minds. We’re going to recover,” he said on Twitter on Friday.

A 70-year-old woman died in a car crash on Wednesday after smoke inhalation and burns along an evacuation route in Santa Paula, the Ventura County Star newspaper reported, citing medical examiner Christopher Young.

More than 3,800 firefighters from as far away as Portland, Oregon, and Nevada, battled against the Thomas Fire which was 10 per cent contained on Friday, up from 5 per cent on Thursday.—Reuters

Russia excludes rail-mobile ICBM system from armament, focuses on Sarmat missile

MOSCOW — The work on the Barguzin rail-mobile ballistic missile system has been excluded from Russia’s new state armament plan for 2018-2027 due to lack of financing, a source in the Russian defence ministry told TASS recently.

Instead, Russia has decided to focus on developing Sarmat and Rubezh intercontinental ballistic missiles, the source said.

As the Russian daily Rossiyskaya Gazeta reported earlier, the issue of developing new-generation missile-carrying trains has been closed at least for the near future. As the source told TASS, the Barguzin project had been put on hold since the autumn of last year and the pop-up tests of the Yars missile from the Plesetsk cosmodrome in north Russia were the last work carried out under this programme.

“The rail-mobile ICBM system will also be excluded from the new state armament programme through 2027 over a shortage of financing: there are no sufficient funds to finance all missile programmes for Russia’s Strategic Missile Force and Russia has sacrificed the Barguzin project for the time being for the sake of the Sarmat and the RS-26 Rubezh ICBMs included in the new state programme,” the source said.

Another source in the defence industry told TASS in May 2016 that the design documentation for the Barguzin project was ready and work had started to create the system’s individual elements. It was planned at that time that a new 13th missile division comprising five regiments armed with Barguzin rail-mobile ICBM complexes would become operational in Russia’s Strategic Missile Force in the early 2020s.

Barguzin, Sarmat and Rubezh ICBMs

The development of the Barguzin rail-mobile ballistic missile complex began in 2013 on instructions from Russian President Vladimir Putin. Each complex was expected to comprise six launchers of Yars solid-propellant missiles each containing four independently targetable warheads. The Yars ICBM weighs 50 tonnes and with its length of 22.5 metres it easily fits into a 24-metre rail car designed to carry 60 tonnes of cargoes. One such train was equalled to a regiment and a total of five such regiments consolidated into a division were planned to be operational. Simultaneously work began to develop the Sarmat silo-based heavy liquid propellant intercontinental ballistic missile intended to replace the operational R-36M2 Voyevoda missile. Its payload will reach 10 tonnes compared to 8.75 tonnes carried by its predecessor. As Russian Deputy Defence Minister Yuri Borisov said earlier, the first pop-up tests of the Sarmat missile should begin until the end of 2017. According to the deputy defence minister, this missile will be so powerful that it will be able to fly towards its targets both through the North and South Poles and will therefore have a practically global firing range. At about that time, work was launched to develop the RS-26 Rubezh mobile ground-based missile platform derived from the RS-24 Yars project with new targetable warheads for breaking through anti-missile defence. In experts’ estimates, the system has a maximum range of 12,000 km but can be launched against targets at a range of 2,000-6,000 km (which, as the United States claims, violates the INF Treaty). The missile was accepted for service in late 2016.—Tass
Indians vote in first stage of election seen as acid test for Modi

SURENDRANAGAR, (India) — Tens of thousands of Indians voted in the first stage of assembly elections in the western state of Gujarat on Saturday, where Prime Minister Narendra Modi faces his toughest electoral test since coming to power with a landslide victory in 2014.

Modi has himself led the campaign to ensure that his Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) retains power in his home state, as a combined opposition mounted the biggest challenge ahead of the general election in 2019.

Three big polls carried out in the run-up to the vote on Saturday and next week have predicted a victory for BJP but with a greatly reduced majority.

Voters started turning up early in the morning and some had to wait for about 15 minutes due to a malfunction in the electronic voting machine.

In the first few hours, more than 15 per cent of voters in Surendranagar district cast their ballot, according to state government officials.

An ABP-CDS poll this week gave the BJP 91-99 seats in the 182-member state house and the main opposition Congress 78-86, suggesting a close fight.

To win, a party needs 92 seats.

The surveys have often gone wrong, though, and Modi himself remains far more popular across the country than his rivals, including Rahul Gandhi who is leading the Congress charge to weaken Modi in his home base.

Votes from the election will be counted on 18 December and the results announced the same day.

A policeman checks identity papers of women as they arrive to cast their votes at a polling station during the first phase of Gujarat state assembly election in Panshina village of Surendranagar district on 9 December, 2017. PHOTO: REUTERS

In the first stage of state assembly elections on Saturday, 977 candidates are trying their luck in 89 constituencies spread across 19 districts of Gujarat, according to the Election Commission.

More than 21 million people will vote during the first stage of the election on Saturday.

Modi has thrown himself into the campaign, addressing dozens of rallies over the past month, saying he alone could deliver on development.

Gujarati businesses, which form the core of Modi’s support base, have complained that the Goods and Services Tax introduced this year and last year’s shock move to abolish 500 and 1,000 rupee bank notes, account for 86 per cent of cash in circulation, aggrivated already tough economic conditions.

Hindu-majority Gujarat is one of India’s richest and fastest growing states but also one of its most communally divided.

About 1,000 people, mostly Muslims, were killed after a wave of riots rocked Gujarat in 2002, when Modi was chief minister. A Supreme Court investigation found no case against Modi, who denied any wrongdoing.—Reuters

China warns of imminent attacks by “terrorists” in Pakistan

BEIJING — China on Friday warned its nationals in Pakistan of plans for a series of imminent “terrorist attacks” on Chinese targets there, an unusual alert as it pours funds into infrastructure projects into a country plagued by militancy.

Thousands of Chinese workers have gone to Pakistan following Beijing’s pledge to spend $57 billion there on projects in President Xi Jinping’s signature “Belt and Road” development plan, which aims to link China with the Middle East and Europe.

Protecting employees of Chinese companies, as well as individual entrepeneurs who have invested in the investment wave along what is known as the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor, has been a concern for Chinese officials.

“It is understood that terrorists plan in the near term to launch a series of attacks against Chinese organizations and personnel in Pakistan,” the Chinese embassy in Pakistan said in a statement on its website.

The embassy warned all “Chinese-invested organizations and Chinese citizens in Pakistan to increase security awareness, strengthen internal precautions, reduce trips outside as much as possible, and avoid crowded public spaces”.

It also asked Chinese nationals to cooperate with Pakistan’s police and the military, and to alert the embassy in the event of an emergency.

It did not give any further details.

Pakistan’s foreign ministry could not be reached immediately for comment.

China has long worried about disaffected members of its Uighur Muslim minority in its far western region of Xinjiang linking up with militants in Pakistan and Afghanistan.—Reuters

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MV YANTRA BHUM VOY. NO ( )
Consignees of cargo carried on MV YANTRA BHUM VOY. NO ( ) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 10.12.2017 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of MIP where it will lie at the consignee’s risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.
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More ‘Big Little Lies’ on its way to television

LOS ANGELES — “Big Little Lies,” the Emmy-winning drama starring Reese Witherspoon and Nicole Kidman, is returning for a second season on HBO, announced on Friday, with most of the cast expected to return.

Kidman said the decision to make a second series was “inspired by the overwhelming response by audiences around the world.”

“I’m so grateful to have this opportunity to keep exploring these female characters and make this series with my friends,” she added in a statement.

The dark female-driven drama centring on a murder mystery was released in February as a limited series based on the novel of the same name by Liane Moriarty.

But it proved a huge hit for HBO with an average 7 million viewers per episode and won eight Emmys in September, including a best actress trophy for Kidman.

HBO did not announce a broadcast date for the second season and gave little details of the plot except to say that David E. Kelley had written seven scripts based on a new story by Moriarty.

The cable network said the second series “will explore the malignancy of lies, the durability of friendships, the fragility of marriage and, of course, the vicious ferocity of sound parenting.”

Kidman and Witherspoon, who both served as executive producers, will reprise their roles. HBO said that “most of the cast,” which also included Laura Dern, Shailene Woodley and Zoe Kravitz, are expected to return.

—Reuters

JK Rowling defends Johnny Depp casting in next ‘Fantastic Beasts’

LOS ANGELES — “Harry Potter” author JK Rowling on Thursday defended the decision to cast Johnny Depp in the next “Fantastic Beasts” movie after a backlash from fans unhappy about the circumstances of the actor’s recent divorce.

In a statement on her personal website, Rowling said filmmakers had considered recasting the role of villain Gellert Grindelwald for “Fantastic Beasts: The Crimes of Grindelwald,” the sequel to 2016’s “Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them”.

But she said the circumstances of Depp’s 2016 divorce from actress Amber Heard were private and should be respected.

The Warner Bros movie, due to be released in November 2018, is the second of a planned five movie spinoff franchise from the blockbuster “Harry Potter” films.

“Harry Potter” fans had legitimate questions and concerns about our choice to continue with Johnny Depp in the role,” Rowling wrote.

“The agreements that have been put in place to protect the privacy of two people, both of whom have expressed a desire to get on with their lives, must be respected.

“The filmmakers and I are not only comfortable sticking with our original casting, but genuinely happy to have Johnny playing a major character in the movies,” Rowling said.

Depp’s marriage to Heard ended in divorce amid bitter allegations of domestic abuse and blackmail.

After reaching a private settlement in August 2016, the couple issued a joint statement saying their relationship was “intensely passionate and at times volatile but always bound by love,” and that there was “never any intent of physical or emotional harm.”

Warner Bros said in a statement on Thursday that it supported the decision to keep Depp. Director David Yates and producer David Heyman also said in a joint statement that while recognizing “the magnitude of the issues raised” they stood by the decision to cast Depp.

Depp’s representatives did not immediately respond to a request for comment on Thursday.—Reuters

‘X-Men’ film director Bryan Singer sued for alleged sexual assault

LOS ANGELES — Brian Singer, the director of the film series “X-Men”, has been sued for allegedly sexually assaulting a 17-year-old boy in 2003, according to a lawsuit filed in King County Superior Court in Washington state.

Singer has denied the accusation. The lawsuit, filed on Thursday on behalf of a man named Cesar Sanchez-Guzman, said the alleged assault took place in February as the director of 20th Century Fox’s “X-Men: Days of Future Past”.

In the lawsuit, Sanchez-Guzman alleged that Singer was a guest at the party and took him on a tour of the yacht at which alcohol was served, according to court documents.

In the lawsuit, Sanchez-Guzman said Singer had clashed with the film’s lead actor and failed to independently confirm any of the allegations made in the lawsuit. The lawsuit asks for damages to be determined at a trial.

The accusation against Singer is one of a number against prominent American men in politics, media and entertainment who have been accused in recent months of sexual harassment and misconduct.

The lawsuit comes days after Singer, 52, was dropped as the director of 20th Century Fox film “Bohemian Rhapsody”.

Entertainment trade publications including “Variety” and “The Hollywood Reporter”, citing unnamed sources, said Singer had clashed with the film’s lead actor and failed to turn up on the movie set.

Singer was previously sued for sexual misconduct in 2014 by a man named Michael Egan, who accused the director of abusing him as a minor. Singer called the claims “completely false” and a “sick, twisted shakedown” at the time. The lawsuit was later dismissed. —Reuters
Children’s literacy festival held in Baw La Khae Township, Kayah State

A children’s literacy festival supervised by the Kayah State Cabinet and organised by the Information and Public Relationship Department and Basic Education Department was held yesterday morning at Saw La Phaw Hall, Baw La Khae Township, Kayah State.

The festival was held with a vision to sharpen children’s intellect and thinking skills, nurture their creativity, and expose them to reading as a contented and fun pastime.

Kayah State Chief Minister U L Paung Sho, Kayah State Hluttaw Speaker U Hla Htwe, State City Development Committee and Social Affair Minister Dr. Aung Aye Htay and three outstanding students of Baw La Khae Township cut ceremonial ribbons to open the festival. The Children’s Festival Team Song and the Myanmar School song were sung by the students of Baw La Khae Basic Education High School.

State Chief Minister U L Paung Sho delivered the opening speech, and State Chief Minister and wife, ministers of state cabinet members, State Hluttaw Speaker and State Maternal and Child Welfare Association handed over donated cash to the officials.

The State Chief Minister and state cabinet members gave presents to the students and viewed the children’s literacy festival and book bazaar. —Kayah (IPRD)

Danmark, Yangon Film School, and University Law Faculties mark International Human Rights Day 2017

The Embassy of Denmark in Myanmar through its Denmark-Myanmar Programme on Rule of Law and Human Rights is joining with the Yangon Film School and its partners from the Law Departments of East Yangon and Dagon Universities to mark International Human Rights Day. Human rights are the core international rules that are valid for all human beings globally. The Embassy of Denmark and Yangon Film School have joined forces with the Law Departments of Dagon and East Yangon Universities to spread this message.

At Nawaday Cinema in Yangon yesterday, lecturers from these two universities will use a selection of documentaries produced by multi-ethnic students of Yangon Film School to talk about human rights, challenge the views of law students and filmmakers, and present national legislation relevant to human rights issues.

A workshop on the rights of people living with disabilities (Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities & The Rights of Persons with Disabilities Law) will begin with a screening of the Human Rights Human Dignity Film Festival award-winning “Lovely Bones” by Nwaye Zar Chee and “Beyond the Light” by Myo Min Khin, followed by a Q&A session with the film directors.

The second session of the day will focus on children’s rights (the Convention on the Rights of the Child, Labour laws connected to child labour, the right to education and the Child Law) where the documentaries “Far from Home” by Thitia Thwe, “Water Boy” by Tay Zar Win Tun, “Now I can read” by Khin Khin Hsu and “To School” directed by Soe Moe Aung will be screened.

Denmark is supporting the two Law Faculties to use new teaching methodologies and new ways of presenting content. The goal of the event is to show how film and documentaries in particular can be used as a resource to discuss international human rights and Myanmar laws related to the protection of all human beings. Members of the press are invited to the opening of the event on 9 December at 11:00 am at Nawaday Cinema.

—Denmark Embassy

Shinhan Bank holds Seminar at UMFCCI

Trade Finance Seminar organized by South Korea’s Shinhan Bank, International Business Division, held recently at the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry-UMFCCI in Yangon.

The Seminar was attended by more than 180 entrepreneurs and officials from the Central Bank of Myanmar, local banks and financial institutions.

At the seminar, Mr. Jeong Ji Ho, Shinhan Bank of International Trade Business Division, and Mr. Hong Seok Woo, CEO of Yangon Branch, discussed global payment procedures and financial rules.

They also discussed with the CBM, UMFCCI and local financial institutions cooperation in promoting bilateral trade between Korea and Myanmar.

Shinhan has opened its Yangon branch in Myanmar, and starts its operation for customers for the first time as a Korean Bank in 2016.—GNLM
Myanmar defeated by Viet Nam in M-150 Cup

Kyaw Zin Lin

MYANMAR was defeated yesterday by Viet Nam, an ASEAN football power, in a M-150 Cup match at Buriram Stadium in Buriram, Thailand.

The Myanmar U-23 team was comprised of Sann Sat Naing, Nann Wai Min, Hike Hike Aung, Soe Moe Kyaw, Captain Si Thu Aung, Haing Bo Bo, Lwin Moe Aung, Yan Paing Soe, Yan Naing Oo, Maung Maung Lwin and Win Naing Tun.

The Vietnam U-23 squad lined up with goalkeeper Tien Dung, Van Hau, Xuan Truong, Duc Huy, Van Toan, Cong Phuong, Duy Manh, A Hoang, Van Thanh, Quang Hai, and Dinh Trong

Myanmar decided to use very young players, most under the age of 19, which could have been the difference in the match.

With the difference in form, age and experience, Viet Nam dominated play from the first few seconds of the match and overwhelmed the short, narrow play.

At 11 minutes, Vietnam’s Cong Phuong coordinated with teammate Quang Hai, the Hanoi FC midfielder, to launch the ball into the far corner of the net for the match’s first score.

Ten minutes later, the collaboration between Viet Nam’s Cong Phuong and Quang Hai continued as the ball was left-footed into the net from the outside of the penalty area for the second goal.

Myanmar appeared to score in the latter part of the first half, but referees ruled players were over the line and the goal was not allowed.

In the second half, despite a concerted Myanmar attack, Viet Nam still dominated. In the midfield area at the 64-minute mark, midfielder Phan Van Long received Van Thanh’s pass, and in the face of the goalkeeper, he easily lifted the score to 3-0. About five minutes later, Van Long passed to Cong Phuong to cross the corner, setting a 4-0 victory for Vietnam.

On December 11, Myanmar will meet Uzbekistan in their second match.

Over 300 cyclists attend event in Thanlyin

Thet Khaing (Thanlyin)

OVER 300 cyclists participated an event of the Thanlyin Cycling Club yesterday morning in Thanlyin Township, Yangon Region, including Bicycle Network Myanmar and Battle cycling groups.

The event was attended by Pyithu Hluttaw representative U Lwin Ko Latt, region Hluttaw representatives U Aung Naing Htun, township head U Aung Ko Htun, bike lovers, members of bicycle groups, students and many foreigners.

Bristol City snatch late winner to maintain promotion push

LONDON — Bristol City’s Aden Flint scored in stoppage-time to snatch a 2-1 victory over fellow promotion chasers Sheffield United on Friday that kept them third in England’s second tier Championship.

Flint steered the ball home at the far post to decide an absorbing contest after the hosts had John Fleck sent off for a two-footed lunge with 30 minutes remaining.

United had hit the woodwork three times in the first half before Jamie Paterson put the visitors ahead two minutes before the break.

Leon Clarke levelled three minutes after the restart before Fleck was dismissed and Flint volleyed in the decider.

City have 40 points, seven adrift of leaders Wolverhampton Wanderers, who host Sunderland on Saturday, and three behind second-placed Cardiff City, who face Reading on Monday.

Sheffield United are fourth with 37.—Reuters
Ava seen in the Twilight

Mai Nu Brick Monastery is located in Innwa, Mandalay Region, on the East bank of the Ayeyawady River. PHOTO: NYI ZAW MOE

OUR team is complete in quality though its quantity is limited. In our group, there are a member of parliament, artists, and a scholar of stone inscriptions and a person who always gazes and thinks about this and that is also part of us. Although the participants are in different natures and from diverse works, their aim to get Ava is identical. It has been for nearly six hundred years Ava was founded. Besides, Ava stood as the royal capital for four times though ancient Myanmar monarchs used to shift the royal capital from one place to another place according to predestinated event. So, hearing this glorious name “Ava” repeatedly in our ears, at one evening, we left Mandalay where we put up at for Ava by a jeep.

We have to pass Amarapura first. Then, after taking the route where groove of lettpan (red silk cotton tree) grows in a row for some minutes, the forepart of Ava Bridge is seen. This bridge is built crossing over Ayeyawady River and heading to Sagaing. The confluence of Ayeyawady River and Myitnge River is where Ava is located. The poem “The Golden Ava, our land is so prosperous that it is at the top of island (Jambudi-pa)” illustrates the location and form of Ava. Before we approach the bridge, we need to take left flood plain area to get sandbank. Then, we get the other side of the river by a ferry. When we reach there, the sun already dips down the horizon. We turn back to see the way we took. On the left bank, there are two pagodas in fading lime color and their ornamentals are leaning. In the backyard of these two pagodas, there is an old monastery and a palm tree. Boats are being harbored at water’s edge* in front of those two pagodas. Boats are paddling calmly in the river. We gaze this scenario in the background of sunset. Only for awhile, artists said they would prefer to leave behind here and the rest of us continue to get the place where Ava palace once situated before the sun goes down.

I say the place where Ava palace once situated because the signs of a royal capital can be rarely seen there for it has been a very long time it was established. When we follow cart wheel tracks slowly, the old moat, the old wall, the old tower; the old brick monastery come to the sights of our eyes. These are symbols which indicate Ava was once a prosperous royal capital. But, now, there is no water in the moat, the wall is ruined; some parts of the wall are buried beneath the ground, the tower is leaning to the other side because of earthquake and there is no monk in the brick monastery.

It is remembered that King Tadoeminphyar is the very first King to choose Ava as the royal capital. It might be because of the fact that Ava is surrounded by water which is the natural protection for the capital at that time. Another two reasons might be that Ava is close to 11 districts of agriculture where staple grains and crops are prosperous and the weather is fine. Every dynasty which could receive good foundation mended Ava. As they fixed, Ava was complete with the characteristics of a royal capital. Food supplies were sufficient. Celebrations which adults and young took part were held. Literary festivals were popular not only in the court but also in countryside. Civilization and culture were improved in every sector. Among them, the palace built during the reign of King Shwenankyawtshin, the descendent of Tadoeminphyar is included.

Invitation to young writers for Sunday section

The Global New Light of Myanmar is accepting submissions of poetry, opinion, articles, essays and short stories from young people for its weekly Sunday Next Generation Platform. Interested candidates can send their works to the Global New Light of Myanmar at No. 150, Nga Htat Kyee Pagoda Road, Bahan Township, Yangon or by email to deljkl@globalnewlightofmyanmar.com with the following information: (1) Sector you wish to be included in (poetry, opinion, etc.), (2) Real name and (if different) your penname, (3) Your level of education, (4) Name of your School/College/University, (5) A written note of declaration that the submitted piece is your original work and has not been submitted to any other news or magazine publishing houses, (6) A color photo of the submitter, (7) Copy of your NRC card, (8) Contact information (email address, mobile number, etc.). – Editorial Department, The Global New Light of Myanmar news office.
Lesson 30: Voices (Active Voice and Passive) 2

Now, here come the answers to the last week’s Exercise 29.
I. (a) Active, (b) Active, (c) Passive, (d) Passive, (e) Active, (f) Active, (g) Active, (h) Passive, (i) Active, (j) Passive.

II. Change into Passive Voice.
(a) Chocolates are liked by us.
(b) Little pets are loved by children.
(c) The baby is fed by Mother.
(d) A sweet song is sung by me.
(e) Christmas songs are sung by us.
(f) Mary is followed by the lamb.
(g) Her clothes are washed by Mi Mi.
(h) The coffee is made by John.
(i) Telling stories is fond by Grandma.
(j) His car is driven by Daddy.

(b) John made the coffee.
(i) Grandma fond telling stories.
(j) Daddy drove his car.

(B) Change into Passive Voice.
(a) Chocolates were liked by us.
(b) Little pets were loved by children.
(c) The baby was fed by mother.
(d) A sweet song was sung by me.
(e) Christmas songs were sung by us.
(f) Mary was followed by the lamb.
(g) Her clothes were washed by Mi Mi.
(h) The coffee was made by John.
(i) Telling stories was fond by Grandma.
(j) His car was driven by Daddy.

We can also change the sentences from III into Future Tense as follows:…

(A) Change into Future Tense.
(a) We will like chocolates.
(b) Children will love little pets.
(c) Mother will feed the baby.
(d) I will sing a sweet song.
(e) We will sing Christmas songs.
(f) The lamb will follow Mary.
(g) Mi Mi will wash her clothes.

(h) John will make the coffee.
(i) Grandma will fond telling stories.
(j) Daddy will drive his car.

(B) Change into Passive Voice as follows too.
(a) Chocolates will be liked by us.
(b) Little pets will be liked by children.
(c) The baby will be fed by mother.
(d) A sweet song will be sung by me.
(e) Christmas songs will be sung by us.
(f) Mary will be followed by the lamb.
(g) Her clothes will be washed by Mi Mi.
(h) The coffee will be made by John.
(i) Telling stories will be fond by Grandma.
(j) His car will be driven by Daddy.

(We put just “will be” and then followed by the “Past Participle of the Verb”)

That’s all for today Class.
Hope that you can do the Exercises very well.
See you next week Class! Bye for now!
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Wish that you can do all smoothly and easily.
That’s all for today.
Bye Bye Class! See you!
Dr. Nu Nu Win
(Retired Professor and Head of Department)

The author has been discussing about the Mental Health of teachers for two weeks. This time the author wants to point out the “Overloaded Work Burden of Teachers” as the serious cause that hurts their Mental Health.

It is natural that there are many many different kinds of jobs, teachers have to carry out. They have to teach the children (i.e. their very basic job), to take care of the children, to treat them and nurture them to develop in all different matters (such as physical, mental, emotional, social, moral developments and so on), to let them have proper attitudes towards the country, nation, races, environment, and so on, to let them grow up according to their own paces etc.

As the different kinds of jobs of a teacher is not a simple one from the very beginning, to carry out their daily routines such as calling out attendance, inquiring why a student is absent for this day, if in case the teacher has to get contact with the parents to see what happens really to a student, to help him in such matters as financial, social, health, mental and so on, then to write diaries for this day, to write teaching plans for the coming days, do corrections, teach again or explain again to the students if it is necessary, to take care of discipline in the classroom, to adjust anything we need in the classroom, to negotiate whenever there are quarrels or fights among the students, and so on.

As we all know very well, it is really a very very busy job indeed according to its nature.

But, most of the teachers carry out all these daily routines happily and easily as if all these are natural to them.

But, sometimes, there comes the outside extra jobs they have to carry out. If there are some important occasions in their area, they have extra duties, such as to welcome the VIPs (i.e. to go and wait for the VIP guests to come up since very early in the morning up till the time they come up, although it may be in the afternoon without any meals) and one more thing is they have to take care of their students too during these waiting hours. And for this they may miss their classes, both teachers and pupils, so they have more job of teaching to do so on the next day to cover up the course they have missed in the last day. Such is an unfair burden to the teachers.

In the past, we have experienced, welcoming not only the VIPs, but also their wives and daughters who just come round for a pilgrimage to the area, so teachers have to go and not only welcome them, but also to present them with flowers and candles to offer at the pagodas, and sometimes even to carry the guests’ slippers.

The author thinks these are the extra jobs unsuitable for the teachers, but all these experiences had been appeared really once in our country, especially in the distant areas from the Big Cities.

That is what the author wants to mention as improper extra jobs for teachers.

And one more extra matters they need to carry out is when the persons in authority from the Ministry of Education or from the Basic Education Department come to schools as school supervision. Before they come up, all the daily routines of the schools were being carried out smoothly in its own fashion. But, it’s a great “But”, just because they have to prepare what to show to these supervisors as TEOs, ATEOs and so on. Sometimes, they need to do some make up things so that they can be supervised well at the front of their Supervision Team. If everything goes smoothly, it will be nice for the whole school. But, if not, that’s the danger point they all have to face at the mercy of that Supervision Team. That is why all these corruptions such as Bribery to the Supervision Team or giving presents to the team or treating them with very good and expensive luncheons and dinners to all these from the team and so on.

These will take place for at least three or four days ahead before they are coming. During these days, teachers have to work and prepare specially for these teams, so they also miss their own duties of teaching again. That will make them very exhausting to overcome their teaching and to make all these missing lessons up again in the days after the Supervision Team’s return.

These are extra overload to the teachers. And all these cause their mental and physical health.

At the present days, the Chapter-end Tests are also a great burden over not only the teachers, but also over the students and parents. They have to teach in such a prescribed time, then prepare for the test questions and test rooms, supervising these Chapter-end Tests, then do the corrections, and then to announce the results, then prepare report cards to send to the parents and so on. After that, their daily routine to teach a new chapter comes up and then a new chapter-end test for that one and so on, never-ending stretch of Chapter-end Tests.

All these such things will hurt the Mental Health of teachers so much. Moreover, the present day’s opinions and attitudes on teachers by parents and students are also serious causes to hurt the Mental Health of teachers these days.

Where is their period for relaxation? Where is their time to enjoy with their family? Where is the time to study more for their profession? Where is the time for them to carry out their own hobbies? Where is their dignity as teachers in their social surroundings? (Once we have, but not now.)

And so on.

Therefore all these never-ending stretch of overloading extra jobs are the ones that hurt the Mental Health of Teachers.

All Persons in Authority and all Educationists should take their eyes upon these facts and should take it into consideration for the Mental Health of Teachers, if they really want to carry out their Education Plans come up with very good results for improving our Education of the Country.

Dr. Nu Nu Win, Retired Professor and Head of Department, Department of Educational Psychology, SUOE.
By Chan Thar (Meikhtila)

As I opened my eyes after a deep sleep, my eyes catch the early morning dew clinging on the rooftops. Winter is doing its job well and the chilling cold reminds me of a hilly region in Shan State which I visited last year. The vision of the cold hilly scenery transports me back into the past from my memories.

I had seen breathtaking images of the hilly Shan State through pictures on Facebook and that inspired me to go visit them in person. One day a photographer from Taunggyi happened to arrive in Meikhtila and, seizing the opportunity, I invited him to tea.

After asking him for advice on the best time and places to visit the Shan State, I went on my trip without delay. The chilly November weather sank in our skin as we rode motorbikes to our destination. When we arrived in Pyi Nyaung we were greeted by two signs that read ‘Welcome to Mandalay’ and ‘Welcome to Shan State’ placed side by side. We arrived in Aungban around 4pm and 20 minutes later, we arrived in a small village called Kyone in Pindaya Township within the Danu Self-Administration area. There were only 5 miles to our destination. On our way we saw carts full of vegetables being carried away and the faces of the local Danu people portrayed an innocence.

From there, we arrived at the famous Shan hilly region 15 minutes later. As I told my friend we may have arrived at our destination, the motorcyclist parked his bike nearby and the two of us took out our cameras and snapped away.

We made our way to a small place called Myin Muu Kyone village. The scenery there is a mixture of cold and beauty. The first rays of light shine upon the place and we saw some of the residents busily going about their daily chores. If given the choice, we would go visit Myin Muu Kyone again and participate in all of its beauty and breathtaking views. It is a haven for photographers and I knew that as long as I have a pair of hands, I will continue to travel around and take photos of vividly natural scenery.

Shan State, a photogenic paradise for all photographers

Photo: Chan Thar (Meikhtila)

By Chan Thar (Meikhtila)
Three reasons why tourists are prohibited from climbing popular temples in Bagan

TOURISTS often head to the top of the famed pagodas at sunrise and sunset in order to snap the coveted shot of countless hot air balloons rising above the city.

But, they would be banned from it for three reasons.

“There are three reasons for the ban. We are concerned about the danger of hurting visitors and about damaging the pagodas. The another reason is the religion because some visitors drink alcohol at the pagodas that we prohibited them,” said U Aung Kyaw, Director of the Department of Archaeology and National Museum.

The decision was made at the meeting of the Bagan Ancient Archaeological Zone Management Committee on 30 November.

Measures would be taken to enforce the rules in Bagan by Mandalay Region Government as from December.

“The popular pagodas in Bagan are very old monuments, and some could collapse at any time. Banning climbing is a necessary precaution to protect our cultural heritage,” said an official of the same department.

Ministry has banned climbing at a handful of popular temples, including Thagyarhit, Thagyarbone, Pyathada and Thitsarwady. There is no date set for a complete ban on climbing all other temples, including Shwesandaw, the most famous sunset viewing temple.

Other improvements are in the works to help Bagan secure Unesco status. These include beefing up security, improving access roads, and removing all billboards that block views of pagodas. Following a ban on new developments in the archaeological zone in 2014, a new hotel strip is springing up near Bagan’s airport.

The authorities are considering a range of options to ensure holidaymakers can still get good views of the region’s sensational sunsets. They include the installation of a tethered helium balloon and the construction of man-made hills near the temple complex.—Nadi Hlaing
T and a silver stake. and driving in a golden stake
lasses, playing pipe and bugle,
with muck, milk, butter, and mo-
applying a kind of earth mixing
with power through recitation,
spirits, sprinkling water endowed
founding the palace; devotion to
bit about the arrangements in
as he can read, we know a little
scription is now so ruined that
of Archeology. But the stone in-
looked after by the department
kyawtshin. That monument is
evidences the establishment of
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Theodore Roosevelt
said, “Courtesv is as
mark of a gentleman as
courage”. Sophie Turner
also said, “Courtesv is a
lady’s armor”. As they said,
courtesy is very important
like courage for a man and
dress for a lady. Courtesy is
like a great epigpade of the
polite society. However,
it is not behaviour that is
set aside for special occa-
sions. According to Robin
Thompson, “Behaving politely
is a way of life, not just something
you pull out when you are at
a wedding or a fancy restaurant”.
Courtesv should be automatic
in a person's life that is, people
need to be used to it naturally as
day they do everyday chores.
Most people would define
courtesy as polite behaviour that
reflects good manners and
respect and kindness to others.
As much as most of the parents
would desire, courtesy and
respect are not traits that are
innately ingrained in a child.
However, children can be taught
to be polite and courteous from
the time he or she is young. By
raising courteous children, their
courteousness will help them
feel comfortable and confident
in any social setting. Besides,
teaching courtesy to children is
part of parent's five responsibili-
ties for their children instructed
by Our Lord of Buddha. There-
fore, children should be taught
good table manners and polite
behaviour since their childhood.
It is said that parents are the
very first teachers for a child.
So whether a child is courteous
or not directly depends on his
her parents and environment
they live. Children should be
taught systematically how
to live, talk and behave politely
since their childhood. According
to William Wordsworth, the
child is the father of the man. It means
that all what we do in childhood
hardly change when we become
adults. Therefore, courtesy
and mutual respect should be
taught at home since children
are young. Home is the very first
place where all of good and bad
behaviours start to be rooted in.
Besides, parents should send
their children to the schools or
organizations which are open
to everyone to learn good man-
ners and courtesy. Such kind of
school is Dhamma school by
Buddhist organization. Espe-
cially in today's high tech world
of computer, tablets and smart
phones, children learn quicker
become smarter at a young-
er age. These advances in
their intellect, however,
will do them little good if
parents fail to teach them
social skills, courtesy and
respect needed for getting
along with others. These
reasons show that why chil-
dren should be taught to be
polite and courteous since
they are young and at home.
As Shinshi Suzuki once
said, “Children learn to smile
from their parents”. So it is clear
that a child always learn and
imitate what to do from their
parents. It is their parents who
a child sees and lives closely
since he or she was born. It is
their home that starts all of their
behaviours.
Therefore, it can be totally
said that courtesy is born at
home and it is home-brew. Par-
ents needs to be courteous and
polite themselves and should be
role models for their children.
In this way, children can turn cour-
teousness into a lifelong habit till
they become adults and they will
be able to discover that common
courtesy offers in their personal
and professional lives.