President U Win Myint receives Chinese envoy

PRESIDENT U Win Myint received Mr. Song Tao, Minister of the International Department of Communist Party of the People’s Republic of China, at the Presidential Palace in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday morning. During the meeting, they discussed matters related to national reconciliation, internal peace, bilateral friendship and cooperation, bilateral visits of the leaders, building of the Silk Road economic belt, economic cooperation between the two countries, peace, stability and the development of border areas and Rakhine State.

Also present at the meeting were Union Minister for State Counsellor’s Office U Kyaw Tint Swe, Union Minister for Electricity and Energy U Win Khaing, Union Minister for International Cooperation U Kyaw Tin, Deputy Minister for the President’s Office U Min Thu and other officials. The Minister of the International Department of the Communist Party of the People’s Republic of China was accompanied by Chinese Ambassador to Myanmar Hong Liang.— Myanmar News Agency

ABOUT 80 per cent of the garbage fire in the western outskirts of Yangon has been put under control, and authorities decided yesterday to use bio-foam, a fire suppression agent, to control the smoke from the fire, officials said.

The fires started at a garbage dump in Hlinethaya on the afternoon of 21 April and burned for five days, causing health hazards in nearby areas due to the smoke and carbon monoxide emitted by the fire.

“Today, we put the fire under control and it cannot spread to other areas, and about 80 per cent of the fire is under control after we put out the fire on a two-acre area of the garbage dump. But, to control the smoke, we decided to use bio-foam,” said Yangon Region Chief Minister U Phyo Min Thein, following the meeting at the Yangon Region Government yesterday.

The regional government has made arrangements for obtaining 1,800 gallons of bio-foam from Thailand within 36 hours.
A fire broke out at Htein Bin rubbish dump in Hlinethaya Township on 21 April and has been burning for five days straight. Yangon Region Chief Minister U Phyo Min Thein said that 80 per cent of the fire has been extinguished and they are able to contain the spread of the flames. The biggest challenge is reducing air pollution caused by the fire but the Chief Minister said authorities have built a pipe network to create artificial rain and are also readying firefighting foam to smother the flames.

Artificial rain, foam to be used to douse Htein Bin garbage fire

By Yi Yi Myint and Ohn Mar Thant

U Phyo Min Thein, Yangon Region Chief Minister

Q: How has the regional government addressed the Htein Bin fire?
A: As you know, the main cause of the fire was the build-up of methane from the rubbish dump. We do not possess the technology to dispose of garbage systematically, so methane under the massive rubbish dump has been building up over the years. We tried to put out the fire on the first day but the fire had expanded to over 100 acres and resisted all attempts at extinguishing. The combined forces of the fire services department, reserved firefighters, and the police force have been hard at work to put out the fire. Our biggest challenge right now is containing the gas emissions from the burning rubbish. The pollution caused by this has had health risks to the neighboring area, and in fact we’ve had thirteen inpatients but we have also prepared responses to the situation.

We are changing tactics in handling the situation. In addition to the firefighters we will use a system of six pipes to simulate rain and pour it over the entire area. I’m personally overseeing the situation. We will use drones to survey the area and see where we need to give more attention. We have also ordered biofoam from Thailand as an alternative to spraying water.

The military is also providing valuable assistance whether it’s personnel, equipment and supplies, or helping in relocating elderly people who live too close to the rubbish dump. We can and have controlled the fire, but there’s the smoke rising from the burning rubbish deep under the dump that is polluting the air. I want the people to know that there is no risk of the fire spreading into other areas, but there will still be gas emissions. We have also increased security in Hlinethaya since it’s an industrial zone and we don’t want additional unnecessary problems. I believe we have things under control. We are working hard to completely stop the gas from spreading out.

Q: There have been reports of deaths from this incident. What is your response to that?
A: So far thirteen people have been hospitalised. Yesterday (24 April), a 61-year-old lady had difficulty breathing, so we treated her with an oxygen mask. She went back home, but today (25 April) we received news that she had passed away. The hospital has not contacted us regarding the reasons for her death and we do not know if she has other health-related issues. But this is what I’m worried about. If people with health problems cannot receive clean air, then it’s an additional problem for them. We are closely monitoring the situation and working for better solutions.

Q: When do you think the fire will be completely put out?
A: I’m calling a meeting with all department heads tonight (25 April) at 8pm. We already have plans to simulate rain and use biofoam. We also have a plan to blanket the area with fire-resistant cloths and pour water on it to contain the fire and gas emissions. We’re aiming to completely put out the fire by tomorrow.

Q: What safety measures are taken for the firefighters at the rubbish dump?
A: Since the rubbish dump spans a large area, we only allow personnel to advance if we are sure the route is 100 per cent safe for them. There have been reports of breathing difficulties from firefighting personnel, but no reports of deaths yet.

Q: Do you have any preventive measures to ensure something similar doesn’t happen in the future?
A: A rubbish dump this size has had small-scale incidents of methane combustion, but a combination of the hot weather and heat accumulated under the rubbish ignited the methane gas that resulted in this large-scale fire. We have installed pipelines into the rubbish dump to allow the trapped methane gas to escape outside. Our biofoam supply is not large enough to cover the entire area, so we are ordering more biofoam supplies from Thailand and we will prepare supplies to combat future incidents.

Q: How will you handle the existing rubbish dumps to prevent similar incidents?
A: The final sites for dumping rubbish collected over the city are Dawei Chaung and Htein Bin. We have installed pipes into them to let the trapped gases leak out. We have to work harder to make sure something similar doesn’t happen again.

U Maung Maung Soe, Mayor of Yangon

Q: How are you handling the Htein Bin rubbish dump fire?
A: We’re handling the fire extinguishing and health services for this. We’ve managed to reduce the fire by 80 per cent and we’ve managed to order biofoam from Thailand. We need 5,000 gallons of biofoam, but we will only receive 1,800 gallons, so we have to make the most of it. The YCDC and health-related departments are handling the health services for local residents.

Q: How long will it take to put out the fire with biofoam?
A: Biofoam will coat the rubbish and prevent contact with oxygen. Right now we have 40 gallons of biofoam and we mixed it with one per cent water to douse the fire. The recommended ratio is 10 per cent water but we need to conserve as much of the foam so we mixed it one per cent water first. Even then it’s still effective, so I think 1,800 gallons will be enough.

The situation is also dangerous for the firefighters. They have to be careful where they step, as the rubbish pile beneath them can give way and if they fall in, the high temperatures can cause fourth or fifth-degree burns.

Q: A lot of townspeople reported a burning smell the other night.
A: It’s cooler at night, so the gases don’t rise up and instead get blown all over the place. But it’s not at a stage that causes suffocation. We are trying to contain the gases, but for now the townspeople will just get the smell of something burning.

Q: Are there preventive measures in place for these kinds of incidents?
A: Myanmar has had similar incidents before. We do not have the sufficient equipment to deal with it yet. We are investing in converting rubbish into alternative energy sources and also installing a methane extraction system in the rubbish dumps. It’s costly, but if we are able to do it, we will do it.

Q: Are there any private organisations or individuals helping out with this?
A: At first the YCDC and the fire department addressed the issue. Then the military arrived followed by the Irrigation Department. The military has provided massive help with a large force of personnel and equipment. We will first flush water into the dump to make the rubbish all wet, then we will coat it with biofoam. All respective ministries and departments have provided help so far.
I would firstly like to address the three branches of the sovereign power of the State, who have been entrusted with power according to the Constitution, to exercise mutual respect, understanding, and trust as they collaborate for the good of the people. Additionally, I wish to urge the media sector, which serve as the ears and eyes of the public, to understand the seriousness of their duties and to hold in high regard the public sector that they serve.

(Excerpt from the speech by President U Win Myint at the ceremony to take oath of office at Pyidaungsu Hluttaw on 30th March 2018)

Collective strength is vital to build peace and stability which we need. We need to have mutual understanding and mutual respect as the basic foundation to bring to an end the armed conflicts which have existed for many years among the ethnic nationalities. We can make this foundation strong with our collective strength.

(Excerpt from the speech by State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi on the 2nd Anniversary of NLD Government on 1st April 2018)

Garbage fire under control, bio foam to be used to control smoke

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Five clinics has been set up nearby villagers to provide healthcare to the people and about 60 ambulances are also being used to send patients to the hospital when necessary.

So far, about 13 patients have been sent to the hospital for emergency treatment.

The Ministry of Health and Sports has alerted the people to take precautions against the poisonous carbon monoxide, urging them to seek help from local authorities to escape from dense smoke where necessary.

About 800 firefighters and volunteers from the fire brigade, Yangon City Development Committee and Yangon Region Command continue to fight the fire amidst the poisonous smoke.—Htin Paw Win (Kamayut)

Union Minister for Border Affairs receives Ambassador of Switzerland to Myanmar

UNION Minister for Border Affairs Lt-Gen Ye Aung received Switzerland’s Ambassador to Myanmar Paul R Seger at the meeting hall of the ministry in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday morning.

During the meeting, they discussed matters related to human resource development of the ethnic races from the border areas, the cooperation made by Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC) for the development of the education, healthcare and agriculture sectors in Mon and Kayin States, as well as providing humanitarian aid and the repatriation process in Rakhine State, the five-year strategy and development scheme for 2019-2023, and co-operation between the Ministry of Border Affairs and SDC for the education, healthcare, agriculture and peace process.

—Myanmar News Agency

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Ministry of Information
White-headed stilt to become new migratory bird species

Six white-headed stilts (Himantopus Leucocephalus), which will become a new migratory bird species in Myanmar, were spotted in the last two years.

U Thet Zaw Naing, a bird expert from Wildlife Conservation Society (WCS) Myanmar programme, said: “It is a new migratory bird species which was never seen in Myanmar before. Last year, this bird species was found in Inle Lake and then in Taungthaman Lake.

This year, it was found in Taungthaman Lake and Moeyngyi Lake. We will designate it as a new migratory bird species if we spot it again next winter.”

This species of bird was seen in Inle Lake in the winter of 2017 for the first time.

Bird observers found this bird four times in two years in those natural lakes. WCS, the international organisation which saves wildlife and wildlife places worldwide, has been working in Myanmar since 1993. Since then, the WCS has been conducting biological surveys, monitoring populations of key wildlife species, assisting in the establishment of protected areas and providing staff with training on landscape management.

The WCS also protects Myanmar’s endangered endemic star tortoises in three protected areas, including Lawkannya-da Wildlife Sanctuary in Bagan, Shwesettaw Wildlife Sanctuary in Miminbu Township and Minsontaung Wildlife Sanctuary in Natogyi Township. —Nyi Tu

One-stop retail, wholesale market to be constructed in Mingaladon Garden City

THE Yangon one-stop retail and wholesale market will be constructed in Mingaladon Garden City. The project will be developed jointly by Zay Kabar Company and Chinese developer Zhejiang Ludwig Investment Co. Ltd.

The Yangon Mingaladon Grand Bazaar will allow consumers to buy all their needs in one place, according to Zay Kabar Company and Chinese developer Zhejiang Ludwig Investment Co. Ltd.

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The market will be constructed within six months. On completion, the market will create nearly 3,000 job opportunities for the local people, according to Zay Kabar Company. —Thi Thi Min

20 tube wells shut down in Yangon due to low water quality

THE Yangon City Development Committee (YCDC) has shut some 20 tube wells in the Yangon Region due to low-quality water, according to a report in Myanmar Daily yesterday.

The underground water quality has not met the set standards, because the wells ran dry and salt water entered a few of them. Therefore, the use of underground water has to be reduced.

Recently, the authorities banned digging of tube wells because the majority of Yangonites use underground water. The authorities are planning to distribute water to address the shortage after shutting down the 20 tube wells. Also, authorities already dug a pond to store water.

“The 20 tube wells were being used in the Yangon Region. However, the quality of water declined after salt water entered the tube wells. Therefore, we have shut down the tube wells. We are making arrangements to distribute clean water,” said Daw Aye Pa Pa Nyo, assistant head of Engineering Department (Water and Sanitation) under the YCDC. The tube wells that were shut down recently are in Lamadaw, Latha and Ahlone townships. Currently, Ahlone Township is distributing water from only 21 of the 25 tube wells. —GNLM

Loan interest rate reduced for home buyers

THE interest rate on loans provided to those buying apartments in government housing projects has been reduced, according to a report in Myanmar Daily yesterday.

“We have reduced the interest rate from 12 per cent to 10.5 per cent for buyers. It depends on the funds available with the bank. However, only new buyers can avail of the reduced interest rate. Those who have already signed a loan agreement with the bank at a 12 per cent interest rate will not be eligible to avail of the new rate,” said Daw Myint Myint Moe, executive director of the Construction, Housing and Infrastructural Development (CHID) Bank.

“The new interest rate is only applicable to low-cost apartments funded by the government, and it will not be applied to other housing projects, said U Win Zaw, executive director of the CHID Bank. The new interest rate will help buyers save some Ks150,000 per year for an apartment worth Ks10 million. The bank changed its name from Construction and Housing Development Bank in December 2017 to Construction, Housing and Infrastructural Development Bank to aid in the infrastructural development of the country.” —GNLM
Fishery businessmen eye value-added products to increase income

By May Thet Hnin

ALTHOUGH Myanmar has increased its volume of fishery exports in the past two years, the income has not increased significantly.

To remedy this situation, fishery businessmen have planned to introduce value-added products.

Myanmar exports only fish and prawn raw materials. The export quality and value is remarkably on the downward trend compared to the neighbouring countries, said businessmen.

“We must keep introducing value-added products and produce marketable export items to boost exports,” said U Win Kyaw, secretary of the Myanmar Fisheries Federation (MFF).

In the 2011-2012 fiscal year (FY), fishery exports were registered at 380,061.32 metric tonnes with an estimated value of $663.95 million. A metric tonne of fishery products was worth $1,700 on an average. Some 376,845 metric tonnes of fishery valued at $652.84 million, were shipped to foreign countries in the 2012-2013 FY, at an estimated value of $1,732 per tonne.

Nevertheless, in the 2016-2017 FY, some 438,700 metric tonnes of fishery exports fetched only $605.82 million, at an estimated value of $1,380 per tonne.

During the 2017-2018 FY, some 568,237 tonnes of fishery exports, worth $717.7 million and valued at $1,215 per tonne, were exported, according to MFF statistics. Despite the increasing volume every year, the export value does not go up owing to the possible shipment of raw materials only. Fishery income is likely to reach up to $2,000 million in two years, only if there is value-adding, U Win Kyaw pointed out.

Value-added exports will help enhance the country’s revenue and more job opportunities will emerge, he maintained.

To make value-added products, capital, intensive technology and machines are required. Enterprises from the whole supply chain, including farming, hatchery, feed stuff processing, and fishery income are likely to increase through value-added products.

To increase the income, enterprises have to upgrade their working process altogether. However, it is difficult to change the entire supply chain, businessmen noted. In addition to advanced technology, demand plays a crucial role. Businessmen are worried about the fish market. “It is certain that livestock breeding is the basis of value-added exports. To improve their market share, exporters must be in touch with producers,” said an official from Myanmar Fish Farmers Association.

Moreover, the government should provide subsidies or loans, link with foreign loans or banks and fix land use permit.

The more than 480,000 acres of fish and prawn lakes across the country, more than 370,000 acres of lakes are illegitimate as they are using farm land for fish farming.

Border trade with Bangladesh exceeds $1 million in 13 days

The Myanmar-Bangladesh border trade during the first 13 days of the 2018 transitional financial year reached US$1.093 million, recording an increase of $737,000 against the same period last April, the Ministry of Commerce reported.

The value of bilateral trade with Bangladesh included $1.093 million through exports and $606,000 through imports.

Border trade between the two countries is conducted through the Sittway and Maungtaw cross-border trade camps. According to the ministry’s statistical report, the import value at the two borders increased by $362,000, whereas the export value decreased by $1,000.

During the period, exports through the Sittway border point were valued at $339,000, while the Maungtaw border gate saw the sale of $554,000 worth of marketable products to the neighbouring country.

Imports from Sittway border showed a slight decrease of $1,000, while the import figures for the Maungtaw border are not available for the first two weeks of this month.

At the Myanmar-Bangladesh border gates, ginger, pears, mung beans, dried plums, garlic, rice, saltwater prawns and fish, bamboo, blankets, candy, plum jam and footwear are the main export items.

Myanmar’s international trade through sea routes accounted for 80 per cent of its total trade, while the remaining trade was conducted via border gates.

The country conducts border trade with neighbouring countries via its 16 land border gates. —Swe Nyein

Myawady gate sees imports worth Ks1.15bn using ITC

IMPORTS through the Myawady gate using individual trading cards (ITCs) exceeded Ks1.15 billion between 1 and 13 April of the six-month transition period for the 2018-2019 FY, according to statistics released by the Commerce Ministry.

The value of trade conducted by individual card holders in the first 13 days of April was some Ks169 million at Tamu, Ks3.9 million at Muse, Ks11.1 million at Kanpiketee, Ks79 million at Kawthoung and Ks202 million at Mawtaung. Individual trading amounted to Ks1.62 billion, with exports worth Ks292 million and imports valued at Ks1.32 billion.

The trade department issued three cards during this period. The trade values with ITC were more than Ks577 million from 21 November 2012 to 31 March 2013, more than Ks6.6 billion in the 2013-2014 FY, more than Ks9.3 billion in the 2014-2015 FY, more than Ks6.4 billion in the 2015-2016 FY, more than Ks18.9 billion in the 2016-2017 FY and Ks45.9 billion in the 2017-2018 FY. The trade department has issued 1,435 cards so far. The trade department issued the trade cards to boost border trade.
In this age of launching multi-sectoral warfare, people militia strategy is to be developed and practiced hand in hand with the Tatmadaw and the people.

In line with Section 341, Chapter VII of the Constitution which states, “The Defence Services shall render assistance when calamities that affects the Union and its citizens in the Union.” the Tatmadaw is taking preventive measures against disaster, disaster mitigation measures, rescue and rapid response and participating in rehabilitation and resettlement tasks. Moreover, the Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services has ordered his men to reach disaster-hit areas at once to render assistance without waiting any orders, and he exhorted them to take tough trainings like other armies to be able to respond in a short time against every danger including natural disaster befall on the country and its citizens.

The Tatmadaw provided rescue and rehabilitation assistance in time to victims of fire, storm, flood and earthquake in the second year in office of the government. Families of Tatmadaw men have also provided the victims with cash, foods and consumer goods. Such works include the Tatmadaw taking security measures in seven regions and states where fire broke out, and during the catastrophe, the Tatmadaw moved 765 household to safer places and provided rescue and aid items worth over 21 million kyat to victims.

In 14 regions and states, torrential rains caused flooding and the Tatmadaw took part in moving 4074 households to save havens and providing assistance.
worth 18 million kyat. From 2016 to this day, Tatmadaw moved 11851 households of flood victims to safer places, and Tatmadaw aircraft airlifted 127 tons of goods, and rescue items worth 137 million kyat.

To rebuild pagodas and religious edifices hit by earthquake in Bagan in 2016 August, Tatmadaw organized second donation ceremony in April 2017 in which over 94 million kyat were donated. Altogether donation of 892 million kyat was made till today.

Myanmar Navy rescued 42 storm victims using 6 Navy vessels. As a humanitarian work, two vessels of Myanmar Navy shifted 165.646 tons of goods to Rakhine State for victims hit by Cyclonic storms. For the rescue and assistance providing work, Tatmadaw spent 309 million kyat to provide assistance to victims in the second year in office of the government.

As the Tatmadaw is building itself to become strong, efficient and patriotic Tatmadaw, it is recruiting skilled youths, paying special attention to prevention against children from recruitment. In doing so, the Tatmadaw is participating in joint activities on prevention against under aged children from recruiting under the agreement between the government and United Nations Country Task Force on Monitoring and Reporting (UNCTFMR). Under Letter No. 112/2/8-Government Office dated 11-5-2016, Committee for Prevention Against Children from Recruitment was formed with 12 members. With the cooperation of UNCTFMR, the government has taken the following measures in the second year in office:

(a) Holding meetings 49 times
(b) Monitoring Visits to 85 regiments/units
(c) 67 were released and handed over to parents/guardians on 23-6-2017 (altogether 877 were released)
(d) Course on prevention against children from recruitment were conducted once in two months. Altogether 25630 officers and other ranks have taken the courses. Military actions have been taken against 18 officers and 29 other ranks who have recruited child soldiers.
(e) Bone X-ray method has been applied to divide child from grownups in recruiting and 4315 recruits have received the examination.

Myanmar Tatmadaw is rigidly following rules described in Action Plan in cooperation with UNCTFMR.

The Tatmadaw allowed a request made by CTFMR on using National Campaign Materials for the next time. The materials were aired from TV and radios of the State and published in papers, starting from 9-5-2017. Tatmadaw is cooperating fully with CTFMR for removing it from the list of countries using child soldiers.

The Tatmadaw is performing its three main duties namely national defence, training and serving the interest of people. As regards serving interest of people, its medical units are sent to remote areas to provide health care starting from 2012. In 2017, 535470 local people received treatments and of them, 3960 were admitted to military hospitals. Another 17210 were received treatments for various diseases.

Specialists, medical officers and nursing officers made field trips to remote and far-flung areas including Cocogyun and Hainggyikyun. During the trips, 16312 patients received treatments.

In addition to the above-mentioned achievements, military doctors provided health care to 11431 IDPs in Rakhine State from 24 April 2017 to 10 March 2018. From 1 April 2017 to 17 December; hospital boat Shwepazun sailed to Ayeawady Region, and gave treatment to 10676 people. People living in twenty two townships in Chin State and Naga areas are no exception in receiving treatments provided military medical experts. Myanmar and India co-chaired ADMM Plus Experts’ Working Group on Military Medicine. Myanmar hosted 1st ASEAN Military Medicine Conference from 18 to 22 February 2018 at Melia Hotel.

In building Standard Army endowed with military, administrative and organizational capabilities of each and individual soldiers plays an important role. To realize the goal, trainings are conducted at training depots, schools, institute and universities of the Tatmadaw. Moreover, Mobile Training Team from India Army is lecturing UN Peacekeeping subject to officers and other ranks of the Tatmadaw.

During the second year in office of the government, two batches at officers’ training courses for graduate women have been opened and two courses for lady doctors and dentists were conducted. For human resource development, Tatmadaw men are sent to Japan, China and Russia to do on Master and Doctorate degrees. One of the significant performances of the Tatmadaw is sending its officers to UN Peacekeeping Force in South Sudan and Liberia.

In this age of launching multi-sectoral warfare, people militia strategy is to be developed and practiced hand in hand with the Tatmadaw and the people. Security no longer means just military affairs as it related to political, economic and social affairs. Global situations prove the fact that people’s participation is essential. In this regard, trainings at University Training Corps (UTC) are conducted to build reserved force.

In 2017-2018 academic year, 1895 UTC students were trained by No.1 UTC from 13-2-2018 to 29-8-2018; 1028 by No. 2 UTC; 394 by UTC 3; 606 by UTC 4 and 345 by UTC 5 totaling 4270. To be able to appoint faculty members of the respective universities as gazetted officers, Advisory Committee chose suitable persons and appointed as officers and considered their promotion. From 2013 to 2017, altogether 22 faculties of UTC membership were appointed. UTCs will surely produce good citizens endowed with defence concepts who are eager to defend their motherland.

The Tatmadaw, upholding Our Three Main National Causes, is performing its national defence duties and participating in national development plans with might and main.

(Translated by Wallace)
The wired Guide to Climate Change (and its consequences) is an obstacle towards the future of tourism. In the past, the wired Guide to Climate Change has pointed out the dangers of deforestation, which has been a major concern for the tourism industry. However, more recent developments have shown that the tourism industry is becoming more aware of the impact of climate change on the environment.

The wired Guide to Climate Change has been a valuable resource for the tourism industry, providing information on the effects of climate change on the environment. In the past, the wired Guide to Climate Change has been used as a tool to help the tourism industry understand the impact of climate change on the environment. However, the wired Guide to Climate Change has also been used as a tool to encourage the tourism industry to take action to reduce its impact on the environment.

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Performance of Sagaing Region Government in 2nd Year in Office

By Shin Min

Sagaing Region Government has carried out efforts to achieve all-round development in all socio-economic sectors of the people. In accordance with 3 policies laid down by the Sagaing Region Government, efforts are being made to improve agricultural modernization, transportation and electricity supply, and tourism development in the region.

In order to implement the policy of boosting agriculture, the Sagaing Region Government had created 1600 acres of farmlands for the farmers in the region. Sagaing Region Chief Minister Dr. Myint Naing said, “In order to improve the agriculture and livestock sectors in the region, the Sagaing Region Government has created over one thousand acres of farmlands and given to farmers who don’t have any lands for their employment opportunities.

During the period-of-two year, the Sagaing Region government has made an effort to improve the transportation systems in the region. All the roads constructed by the Road Department under the Ministry of Construction are tarred roads. Roads in towns are now in the process of covering Asphalt Concrete. Also all the bridges in the states are concrete ones. According to the data, there were 1210 miles of rural roads, 966 rural bridges, 336 miles of roads and 267 bridges including the Chindwin Bridge (Kalay) and the Chindwin Bridge (Homalin) and the Chindwin Bridge (Khamti) in the Sagaing Region.

Electricity

The regional government is planning to develop three hydropower projects in Homalin, Lahe and Nanyon townships in Sagaing Region. These hydropower projects have provided opportunities for employment, education, business and the social sectors.

Regarding electricity, the Sagaing Region Government has provided some 4990 villages to get access to electricity in the region. Previously, most of the villages within Sagaing Region relied on diesel-powered generators, solar power, mini hydropower and biomass/husk power for electricity.

The Sagaing regional government had arranged to supply electricity to the villages where there is no electric power supply. Over 4,000 villages have received the electricity in different ways in the region. According to the data, 89.03 per cent in the region had received the electricity from the government power supply.

Tourism Sector

Sagaing is a very promising land with its natural beauty, natural resources and rich soil fertility. There are four rivers such as the Ayeyawady and the Chindwin flowing in this region and people can grow the plantations on the delta fertile land. With colorful ethnic groups and rare animals found in this region, the Sagaing Region has become a good region for eco-tourism, too.

There are extinct animals like tigers only found in Sagaing Region. Tigers are very rare nowadays and the region is very famous for its strong natural beauty and natural resources.

In the Sagaing Region, there are so many undiscovered treasures to make the sightseeing for eco-tourism. There are valuable extinct animals such as golden deer, Himalayan bears and tigers which are not much found in Asia.

Also, there are ancient pagodas such
In order to develop the region, cooperation is needed to take part in the endeavours for regional peace, stability and progress.

As the Naga Self-administered Zone is endowed with natural resources, it is of great importance to tap effectively for regional development. There are many committees to preserve the Naga culture and literature. All-inclusive efforts are required for regional development. Peace and stability is the key for regional development. Only peace and stability can ensure national development of the Region. It is witnessed that development in Naga region is proof of its peace and stability.

In order to develop the region, cooperation is needed to take part in the endeavours for regional peace, stability and progress. The Sagaing Region Government is making the utmost efforts to narrow the gap between the regions and state.

**Implementation Process**

As Bowl Mountain Pagoda which has amazing sites for eco-tourism.

There are so many ancient buildings which had been built in the colonial era. They are very famous as well as so much interesting places to be discovered and promoted for the tourism.

Besides the tourism attractions, there are also other business opportunities in the region such as making bamboo plantation projects.

With the bamboo the local people can make good traditional and modern furniture. And paper can be made with bamboo and we can also get by-products after processing.

Sagaing Region is rich in natural resources. Thus many mining products such as gold, copper and coal are found in this area.

**Regional Development**

The Naga capital of Lahe and Khamti Towns are now linked by the Sinthe-Lahe Road, which is accessible in all weather conditions, while the Lahe-Nanyun Road has been upgraded, and the efforts of the respective departments must be recognized.

As for the Sagaing Region Government, concerted efforts are being made to carry out development tasks for socio-economic life of Naga people. Therefore Naga people need to strive for regional development with added-momentum joining hand with the government.

**Returning the land to the rightful owners**

The Sagaing Region Government had returned 48000 acres of confiscated land to the farmers in the region. These measures were due to thanks to the Sagaing Region Government and committees concerned for their efforts to return the land to the rightful owners.

**A modern gems market**

With the cooperation of the Sagaing Region Government and the Sagaing Gems and Jewellery Entrepreneurs Association, plans are under way to build a modern gems market in order to attract foreign buyers, allowing local companies to develop and bringing in tax for the country. With the cooperation of the Region Government and the local people, it is heartening to witness to see the progress of the socio-economic status of the Sagaing Region.

**Vice President U Henry Van Thio delivers the address at the ceremony to return seized land to farmers in Taze Township, Sagaing Region on 13 July 2017. PHOTO: MNA**

**Senior Deputy Representative Mr. Moon Sang Won and dignitaries pose for a documentary photo at hand-over ceremony in Sagaing, Korea International Cooperation Agency (KOICA) handed over the reins of a project yesterday for improving the library at Co-operative University in Sagaing. PHOTO: MNA**

**Volunteers deliver food to flood victims at Sasana Waiponla Monastery in Hmanpin Village, Homalin Township. PHOTO: SUPPLIED**

**Naga ethnic people are dancing at the traditional new year festival in Lahe Township, Sagaing Region. PHOTO: MNA**
Coordination meeting to boost trading, investment held in Nay Pyi Taw

Deputy Minister U Aung Htoo delivers the speech at the meeting to enhance trading and investment at the Ministry of Commerce in Nay Pyi Taw on 24 April. PHOTO: MNA

A coordination meeting to boost trading and investment was held at the meeting hall of the Ministry of Commerce on 24 April in Nay Pyi Taw.

At the meeting, Deputy Minister for Commerce U Aung Htoo said, “The coordination meeting is being held with the aim of holding a private dialogue to discuss some issues which are under negotiation and to deal with some proposals made by the chairman of the Private Sector Development Committee. There are some 19 points which are still under discussion by the nine associations.”

He added that he was going to resolve some 12 cases proposed by the Myanmar Rice Federation, Myanmar Sugar and Sugar Related Products Merchants and Manufacturers’ Association and Myanmar Automobile Manufacturer and Distributor Association to get a good result.

“The Ministry of Commerce is making efforts to boost the trading and investment sector. The process is gaining momentum. As a result, the volumes of investment have been increasing in Myanmar. Moreover, SMEs play a crucial role in the development of the state, and cooperation is being made to adopt a single registration system according to the standard of ASEAN. The members of the association raised some questions regarding the difficulties faced in the process of trading and investment, and the Deputy Minister for Commerce U Aung Htoo answered the questions.—Myanmar News Agency ■

Thai court issues arrest warrant for rights activist

An arrest warrant was issued Tuesday for British labour rights activist Andy Hall, who defended Myanmar workers allegedly forced to work long hours in sub-standard conditions at a pineapple canning factory in Bangkok.

The court made the order with a view to ensuring Hall’s attendance for a verdict of the Appeals Court on multiple appeals against his September 2016 conviction, which stemmed from his audit into allegations of labour abuse which, when published by Finnwatch, provided the reason for Natural Fruit Co. Ltd. workers for the Finnwatch report Cheap Has A High Price, published in 2013. These interviewees’ testimonies detailed allegations of labour abuse which, when published by Finnwatch, provided the reason for Natural Fruit’s prosecution in this case.—AFP ■

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Appointment of members for Myanmar National Human Rights Commission

In accordance with the provisions stated in the Article 19 of the Myanmar National Human Rights Commission Law, the following persons have been appointed as members of the Myanmar National Human Rights Commission as shown below:

(1) U Sein Than
   Director-General (Rtd.)
   Union Supreme Court

(2) U Nyunt Tin
   Ambassador (Rtd.)

(3) Dr Dwe Tin May Tun
   Professor (Rtd.)
   Distance University (Yangon)

Sd/ Win Myint
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Disbursement of Agriculture and Rural Development
IJCA, Two Step Loan By Region and State
Prom (32.7-2017) to (31.3-2018)
(Millions of Kyat)

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Source: Ministry of Commerce Development Bank
Information Centre: Central Statistical Organisation

Apology

Due to a production error, the same article headlined “Online skin trade fuels Myanmar elephant slaughter” appeared on both Page 9 and Page 13 in yesterday’s edition of the Global New Light of Myanmar. The Global New Light of Myanmar regrets the error.—GNLM ■

Two injured in train-motorbike collision in Mogaung

Two people on a motorcycle, including a woman and a seven-year-old boy, were injured in a crash with a train on Wednesday morning, according to a police report. The accident happened at around 6:25 a.m. on 25 April between Namati railway station and Mayan railway station in Mogaung Township in Kachin State. The motorcycle, driven by Ma Ywa Hsam, 30, with Maung Myo Hsam Aung, 7, riding pillion, collided with an RBE up-train, driven by U Kyaw Soe Win, between mile post nos. 695/1 and 693/24. She was attempting to cross the railroad. Both the woman and the boy received bodily injuries. Following the incident, the motorcyclist sustained serious injuries on her left head and right thigh, while the child sustained minor wounds to his head and thigh. They are now receiving medical treatment at Myitkyina General Hospital. The Namati Township police have filed charges against the motorcyclist under the Railway Act for reckless driving.—Win Naing (Kachinmyee) ■

Bomb suspects from 2016 Mayangon, Dagon bombings imprisoned

YANGON’S Western District Court sentenced Ko Shwe, alias Khin Maung Shwe, alias Yar Kut, 39, to 20 years of penal labour yesterday.

Ko Shwe was convicted for planting homemade explosives at the Ocean Supermarket in Mayangon Township on 17 June 2016 and in the compound of Yangon Region Hlutaw on 25 November 2016. Ko Shwe was pressed with charges by both Mayangon police station and Dagon police station, and therefore, will be serving a combined 20 years of penal labour.

Ko Shwe had three accomplices in the Hlutaw bombing, namely, Soe Win, alias Mohamed Ali, 40; Soe Min Zaw, alias Thar Nge, 42; and Yasin, alias Kyaw Thu, 33. Soe Win was also convicted and sentenced to 10 years of penal labour, while Soe Min Zaw and Yasin were freed from charges according to Penal Code 258 (1).—Myanmar News Agency ■
Senior General Min Aung Hlaing receives Minister of International Department of Communist Party

Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Min Aung Hlaing received Mr. Song Tao, Minister of International Department of the Communist Party of the People’s Republic of China, at Nay Pyi Taw yesterday afternoon. During the meeting, they discussed matters related to bilateral relations between the two countries, the efforts made by the Tatmadaw for the peace process in Myanmar and the condition of bilateral goodwill relationship between the two countries. —MNA

Occupational safety and health forum held in Nay Pyi Taw

WITH the cooperation of the Ministry of Labour, Immigration and Population and International Labour Organisation (ILO), an occupational safety and health forum was held at Thingaha Hotel in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

During the forum, Union Minister for Labour, Immigration and Population U Thein Swe delivered the opening speech. “For a safe and healthy working environment, a new law is being drawn up to submit to the Hluttaw. Moreover, the implementation process will be carried out after the law had been approved by the Hluttaw, so that we can learn lessons from the experiences of the ASEAN nations,” he said. “We have invited some experts from ASEAN countries to share their experiences, and it can help ensure a safe working environment,” he added. Coordination Officer from ILO Rory Mungoven delivered the opening speech, followed by a speech by Factory and General Labour Laws Inspection Department Director-General U Nyunt Win.

The programme officer from ILO Safe Youth at Work Project Valentine discussed the “Safe Day”. Next, Singaporean Senior Consultant from Ministry of Manpower Dr. Lee Hock Siang explained safety in the work environment. Director-General of the Philippines Bureau of Working Conditions Nicanor Bon explained the safety processes in the working environment in the Philippines. Director Saiful Azhar Bin Mohd Said from the Ministry of Works, Malaysia, also explained his experiences in the safety and health sectors in Malaysia.

Next, officials from Singapore, Philippine and Malaysia participated in discussions. The forum was held with the aim of ensuring a safe working environment and promoting the health sector in Myanmar.—Myanmar News Agency

Chairman of Pyithu Hluttaw’s International Relations Committee receives OHCHR chief

U ZAW THEIN, chairman of Pyithu Hluttaw’s International Relations Committee, received Chief of the Asia Pacific Section at Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) Jyoti Sanghera at the hall of the Pyithu Hluttaw building (I-3) in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday afternoon. During the meeting, they discussed matters related to cooperation in human rights issues and the Hluttaw affairs.—Myanmar News Agency

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A delegation led by Mr. Song Tao, Minister of the International Department of the Communist Party of the People’s Republic of China arrived in Yangon yesterday by air from Nay Pyi Taw and were welcomed at Yangon International Airport by Yangon Region Government Social Affairs Minister U Naing Ngan Lin and staff of the Chinese Embassy.

Mr. Song Tao and delegation members went to meet Vice President (2) of the NLD Dr. Zaw Myint Maung and other Central Executive Committee (CEC) members at the National League for Democracy Headquarters (NLD Headquarters) in Bahan Township, Yangon. NLD Vice President Dr. Zaw Myint Maung hosted a dinner in honour of the delegation led by Mr. Song Tao at the Sedona Hotel in Yangon.

The delegation departed from Yangon by air yesterday evening.—Myanmar News Agency

Journalists meet displaced persons at border in Maungtaw

A group of independent journalists representing local and foreign media visited the border fence in Maungtaw yesterday and interviewed displaced persons currently staying near the border.

The journalists arrived in Taunggyi Letwe yesterday morning and observed the situation of displaced persons, asking why they did not want to return home and for their views on the National Verification Card.

Following the visit, the delegation visited the bilateral friendship bridge between Myanmar and Bangladesh.

The journalists arrived back in Yangon yesterday evening.—Myo Myint

Workshop on prosecuting financial crimes and money laundering

Under the Transnational Crime Programme of the Union Attorney-General’s Office and the Department of Justice of the United States, a workshop on prosecuting financial crimes and money laundering began in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

It was opened with addresses by Union Attorney-General U Min Tun Oo and US Ambassador to Myanmar Mr. Scot Marciel.

Law experts from the Department of Justice of the United States and experts from the Union Attorney-General’s Office and Myanmar Police Force will discuss and give lectures on investigations and prosecution of financial crimes and money laundering.

The workshop will end today.—MNA
Chainchaung Bridge project in Bago nearly complete

A BRIDGE project in Kyaukdaga Township, Bago region, is nearing completion, with a majority of the development work finished, according to a spokesperson for the project.

Approximately more than 90 per cent of the overall project has been finalised, and it is expected to be opened very soon, according to a project manager.

Organised by the Kyaukdaga Township Development Department, the project has been carried out in Ingon Village-tract by using more than Ks200 million, fully funded by the region government.

Upon completion of the project, the reinforced concrete bridge will be 70 feet long, 20 feet wide and 22 feet high. Bridge engineers and workers are making concerted efforts to meet the target time frame.

A project engineer said the new transport facility will help users cut travel time and ensure the smooth flow of commodities. It will also provide education, health and transport benefits to the town’s residents. As part of its plans to raise the socio-economic status of the rural community, the government is building more transport and communication infrastructure each fiscal year.—Khin Ko (Kyaukdaga) ■

Media conference held over Kyaikhto cable car project

By Khin Zar Li

SKY Asia Company held a media conference on 24 April to clarify the widespread rumours about the Kyaikhto cable car project at Cable Car Main Station in Kyaikhto town. News that the Kyaikhto cable car does not have a life insurance and safety equipment are being spread on social media.

A few reports on social media have mentioned that the Kyaikhto cable cars are unsafe for passengers and the company does not have life insurance. They further reported that a local company involved in the implementation of the cable car project is being sued for more than Ks7,000 million.

The company claimed it would address the matter according to the Myanmar construction procedure and law. Moreover, the company has already signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with IKBZ insurance company on 30 March 2018 for life insurance before the cable car started its operations.

SKY Asia Company was jointed by entrepreneurs from South Korea and Myanmar. The company invested $20 million (Ks27.3 billion) to build a cable car system. French based POMA Cable Car Company provided technical assistance to construct the cable car, said Cho Ki Hyung, managing director of SKY Asia Company.

The first cable car in Myanmar has made it easy for pilgrims to reach the Kyaikhto pagoda within seven minutes. The mountain bus fare is Ks2,000 per person for one route from Kinpun base camp up to the pagoda platform. However, the cable care fare is Ks4,000 per person for a round trip. More than 3,000 passengers ride the cable car per day. On the first day of the cable car operations on 15 December 2017, more than 350,000 pilgrims took the cable cars.

“I am riding the cable car for the first time. I heard it is dangerous to ride the cable car. However, going to the pagoda on the mountain in a car can be dangerous because the road is too narrow. Riding the cable car is more comfortable,” said U Myin Shwe from Papintaung village, Pantanaw township ■

Myanmar launches new sites for ASEAN cities Getting to Zero Initiative on HIV

UNAIDS commended the Myanmar Ministry of Health and Sports for the launch of two new sites as part of its commitment to the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) Cities Getting to Zero Project, which is financed by the Government of Japan. The project together with the global fund will support the sites in reaching their Getting to Zero goals.—GNLM ■

Workshop on Computer Forensics and Digital Evidence held

WITH the technical assistance of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime- UNODC, Workshop on Computer Forensics and Digital Evidence kicked off in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

U Aung Kyi, Chairman of the Anti-Corruption Commission, delivered an opening address at the workshop, stressing the important role of computer forensics and digital evidence in the country’s fighting the corruption in the future.

The two-day workshop will end today.—Myanmar News Agency ■
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Myanmar selects footballers for AFF U16 Girls’ Championship

TWENTY-THREE players were se-

lected for the Myanmar U-16 Girls squad for the 2018 Asian Football Federation (AFF) U-16 Girls’ Championship, which will take place in Indonesia starting on 1 May. The goalkeepers are Poe Ou, Sein Loe Loe Oo and Khan Myat Noe. Defenders are May Thet Mon Myint, Phoo Phoo Zin Zaw, Moe Satt Kha, Win Win Lae, Naw Lar Al War, Khaing Thazin Oo. Midfielders are Pont Pont Pyae Maung, Zin Mar Htwe, Wai Phoo Eain, Phy Phyu Win, May Thwe Ko, May Thu Khaing, Kay Kay, Nhin Nhin, Saung Hnin Phwe. Strikers are Myat Noe Khin, Swe Mar Aung, Su Pyae Pyae Kyaw, July Char and Htet Htet Win. The Myanmar Girls’ team will be led by its head coach Daw San San Thein. Myanmar is in Group (A) to-gather with Viet Nam, the Philip-

ines, Malaysia, Singapore. According to the Champions-

ship’s rules, every match will con-sist of two 40-minute periods, ac-


ording to the AFF. In the semi-final and final matches, if the score is tied at the final whistle, there will be no extra time play, and a penalty shootout will commence to decide the winner.—Lynn Thit (tgi) ■

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Myanmar is passionate about English football says Angus Kinnear

AS part of the AYA Bank Tour 2018, Leeds United will arrive in Myanmar on 7 April and test with the MNL All-Star team at Thawunna Stadium in Yangon on 9 May and also test with the My-

anmar National Football team in Mandalay on 11 May. Managing Director of Leeds United Angus Kinnear said: “Myanmar is one of the fastest grow-

ning nations in South East Asia and is passionate about Eng-

lish football. They have ambi-

tious goals for grassroots and elite football development that we are delighted to be able to support. This tour gives us an opportunity to meet new fans of football who will hopefully support our journey back to the Premier League in the coming years.”

“From a football perspec-

tive we welcome the opportu-

nity for our players who have not featured much in the past six months due to injuries the chance to continue their reha-

bilitation. The squad are very excited for the chance to repre-

sent the Club in Asia.”

General Secretary of the Myanmar Football Federation U Ko Ko Thein said: “We are very pleased to welcome an English club with the history and herit-

age of Leeds United. The football infrastructure in Myanmar continues to improve and develop, and this is an important mile-

stone on our journey”

“Myanmar is a football-mad country and this tour will help us to showcase our passion for the game at and abroad. I’d like to thank the sponsors of the tour AYA Bank, and of course Leeds United for coming to play here. We wish them very well for the future.”

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