Thai PM welcomes President UWin Myint

President U Win Myint was welcomed to Thailand with a formal ceremony hosted by Thai Prime Minister General Prayut Chan-o-cha (Retd) at the Government House yesterday.

The President and First Lady were cordially greeted by Prime Minister Gen Prayut (Retd) and his wife upon arrival.

The President and the Prime Minister then received the salute of the Guard of Honor and inspected them.

The President was then introduced to the guests by the Prime Minister after which the President introduced his entourage to the Prime Minister.

The President and First Lady, and the Prime Minister and his wife then took a documentary photo together.

The President then signed the guest book at the Government House and took another documentary photo with the Prime Minister and his wife.

Afterwards, the President and the Prime Minister met in the guest hall of the Government House.

State Counsellor holds Peace Talk with youths in Mon State

State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi and youths hold the peace talk at Mawlamyine University in Mon State.

At the peace talk, State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi said all ethnic nationals representing Mon State were here. She said in Mawlamyine, there were Kayin, Mon and PaO ethnic nationals. “When I entered the compound of this university, I noticed that there were more females than males among the students. We will discuss about this issue,” she said.

In talking about peace, the State Counsellor stressed the importance of development for a country to have peace and stability, explaining two parts in security, physical and mental security.

“Physical security is not ceasefire only. Development is required. When there is development, there wouldn’t be worries about livelihood and survival. Security also depends much on education. It depends on stability. Men need to participate more in education sector,” said the State Counsellor.

She also discussed the ratio between male and female teaching staff, saying that 97 per cent are female and only 3 per cent are male. “I don’t know how it is in Mawlamyine University. In Yangon University roughly 60 per cent is female and 40 per cent is male. Numbers of male attending university is declining while female attendance is increasing. Females are also ahead of males in passing percentage too.”

She stressed the need to review at the earliest on why that is happening. This is happening in other countries as well. Females are becoming better in teaching. Percentage of males completing school is gradually declining. Percentage of females attending university is increasing. But interestingly, males attending post graduate courses are increasing. This is not only in our country but in other countries as well.
**Pyithu Hluttaw**

**10th-day meeting of 2nd Pyidaungsu Hluttaw’s 8th regular session held**

At the 10th-day meeting of the second Pyidaungsu Hluttaw’s eighth regular session held yesterday morning, Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Speaker Mahn Win Khaing Than announced the Hluttaw putting on record the bill amending the Myanmar Red Cross Society Law and the bill amending the Television and Broadcasting Law.

**Joint Bill Committee report on Science, Technology and Innovation Bill**

Next, the report of the Joint Bill Committee on the committee’s findings and comments on the Science, Technology and Innovation Bill, sent back with comments by the President, was explained and read.

Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Speaker Mahn Win Khaing Than requested the Hluttaw representatives who wanted to discuss the report to enrol their names.

**Discussion on six-month period work of National Education Policy Commission**

Later, a report on the work conducted by the National Education Policy Commission during the six-month period (2017 October to 2018 April) was discussed by U Khin Cho of Hlaing-bwe constituency, U Hla San of Magway Region constituency (1), Tatmadaw Amyotha Hluttaw representative Lt-Col Maung Maung Soe, U Than Aung of Ngaputaw constituency, U Kyaw Htwe of Yangon Region constituency (8), U Win Aung of Moemauk constituency, U Bo Gyi of Chauk constituency, U Aung Thike of Seikpyu constituency, U Zon Hle Htun of Chin State constituency (4), U Oo Tun Maung of Ponnagyun constituency, Daw Hhu May of Rakhine State constituency (11), Dr. San Shwe Win of Yekyi constituency, Naw Hla Hla Soe of Yangon Region constituency (10) and U Myint Lwin of Twantay constituency.

**Hluttaw put on record JCC on Hluttaw development progress report**

Vice Chairman of the Joint Coordinating Committee (JCC) on Hluttaw Development U Aung Kyi Nyunt then responded to discussions made by the Hluttaw representatives on the 2016-2017 year progress report submitted by the JCC on the Hluttaw development.

The vice chairman thanked the three Hluttaw representatives who supported, discussed and suggested on the report and explained in two parts the formation of the JCC and the works conducted by the JCC, in response to the discussion by Tatmadaw Pyithu Hluttaw representative Maj. Zin Lin. He further explained that the decision of the Hluttaw will be obtained on putting the report on record.

When voting was conducted on the report, there were 347 for, 184 against and seven who abstained, while Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Speaker Mahn Win Khaing Than announced the Hluttaw putting the report on record.

The 11th-day meeting of the second Pyidaungsu Hluttaw’s eighth regular session is scheduled for 21 June.

—Aye Aye Thant

**Pyithu Hluttaw Deputy Speaker U Tun Tun Hein receives HSF Resident Representative**

**Union Minister for the Office of the Union Government receives Former President of Timor-Leste**

**Rainfall intensity to decrease in central Myanmar**

The intensity of rainfall will decrease in the central Myanmar area as the monsoon is strong to vigorous over the Andaman Sea and Bay of Bengal, according to the Myanmar Daily Weather Report issued by the Department of Meteorology and Hydrology yesterday.

The forecast for Nay Pyi Taw, Mandalay, Yangon and the neighbouring areas for today is one or two rain showers, and the degree of certainty is 100 per cent.

Occasional squalls with rough seas will be experienced off and along the Myanmar coast. The surface wind speed in squalls may reach 40m.p.h. The wave height will be some 10-15 feet off and along the Myanmar coasts.

U Thaung Tun, Union Minister for the Office of the Union Government, received Senior Minister and Former President of Timor-Leste H.E. Mr. Jose Ramos Horta at 11:30 am yesterday at the Ministry of the Office of the Union Government in Nay Pyi Taw.

The meeting, they discussed the current situation in the region and constructive developments in Myanmar.

—Myanmar News Agency

**PYITHU Hluttaw Deputy Speaker and Chairman of Joint Coordination Committee (JCC) on Hluttaw Development U Tun Tun Hein received Hanns Seidel Foundation (HSF) Resident Representative Mr. Achim Munz and delegation at the Hluttaw Building, Pyithu Hluttaw Deputy Speaker’s office, in Nay Pyi Taw, yesterday afternoon.**

At the meeting, they cordially discussed the Hluttaw development works conducted by HSF assistance for capacity building for Hluttaw representatives and Hluttaw staff, cooperation between the parliaments of Germany and Myanmar, and experience of federalism and exchanged views.

—MNA

**Pyithu Hluttaw Deputy Speaker U Tun Tun Hein meets with HSF Resident Representative Mr. Achim Munz in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday. PHOTO: MNA**
President U Win Myint, First Lady Daw Cho Cho arrive in Thailand

President U Win Myint and First Lady Daw Cho Cho, arrived in Thailand yesterday to pay a goodwill visit and to attend summits.

PRESIDENT U Win Myint and First Lady Daw Cho Cho left Nay Pyi Taw by special flight to pay an official visit to Thailand at the invitation of Thai Prime Minister General (retired) Prayut Chan-o-cha yesterday morning. The President is also attending the 8th Ayeyawady-Chao Phraya-Mekong Economic Cooperation Strategy (ACMECS) Summit and the 9th Cambodia-Laos-Myanmar-Viet Nam (CLMV) Summit that will be held in Bangkok.

The President, First Lady and delegation were seen off at Nay Pyi Taw International Airport by Vice Presidents U Myint Swe and U Henry Van Thio, Tatmadaw Commander-in-Chief Senior General Min Aung Hlaing, Union Minister for Transport and Communications U Thant Sin Maung, Nay Pyi Taw Council Chairman Dr. Myo Aung and wife, Nay Pyi Taw Command Commander Maj-Gen Myint Maw, Charge d’affaires of the Embassy of Thailand to Myanmar and other officials.

The President and First Lady were accompanied by Union Minister for International Cooperation U Kyaw Tin, Deputy Minister for Commerce U Aung Htoo and other officials.

President U Win Myint, First Lady Daw Cho Cho, Union Minister for International Cooperation U Kyaw Tin, Deputy Minister for Commerce U Aung Htoo and other officials arrived at the Royal Thai Air Force Wing 6, Bangkok, Thailand where they were welcomed by Deputy Prime Minister Somkid Jatusripitak and wife, Minister of the Prime Minister’s Office Mr. Suwapan Tanyu-wattana and wife, Myanmar Ambassador to Thailand U Myo Myint Than and wife, Thai Ambassador to Myanmar Mr. Juk Joon-Long and wife, Myanmar Military Attaché (Army, Navy, Air) to Thailand Brig-Gen Khin Zaw and officials from the Myanmar Embassy. After a brief rest in Bangkok Shangri-La Hotel, the President and the First Lady went to the Grand Palace in Bangkok where the President signed the Royal Guest Book.

Next, the President and the First Lady paid homage to Emerald Buddha, made cash donation and took documentary photo.

Afterwards, the President and the First Lady went to Myanmar Embassy in Bangkok and met with officials from the embassy, military attaché and department and their family members.

At the meeting, the President spoke of the Myanmar embassy legalizing Myanmar workers working illegally in Thailand, to work together with labour organisations to obtain the workers’ legal rights and then presented gifts.

Later, the President, First Lady and party attended the luncheon hosted by Myanmar Ambassador U Myo Myint Than. —Myanmar News Agency

PHOTO: MNA

President U Win Myint and First Lady Daw Cho Cho are seen off by Vice Presidents U Myint Swe, U Henry Van Thio and officials at Nay Pyi Taw International Airport as they depart for Thailand yesterday. PHOTO: MNA

President U Win Myint and First Lady Daw Cho Cho are welcomed by Thai officials as they arrive in Bangkok, Thailand. PHOTO MNA
State Counsellor visits Mawlamyine

STATE Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi visited Kyaiikhtalon Pagoda and paid homage to Sayadaws of the pagoda Board of Trustees yesterday. The State Counsellor, together with Union Ministers Lt-Gen Kyaw Swe, Lt-Gen Ye Aung, Dr. Myint Htwe and Deputy Minister U Min Thu, arrived in Mawlamyine yesterday morning and were welcomed by Union Minister for Ethnic Affairs Nai Thet Lwin, Chairman of the Peace Commission Dr. Tin Myo Win, Mon State Chief Minister Dr. Aye Zan, Speaker of Mon State Hluttaw Daw Tin Ei, members of the Mon State Cabinet, MPs, Mon State Advocate, Mon State Auditor and local people.

During the visit to Kyaiikhtalon Pagoda, the State Counsellor donated offering to the members of sangha led by Bhaddanta Sumana Ovadacariya Sayadaw of the Board of Trustees of the pagoda.

After the visit, the State Counsellor attended the peace talk with local people at the Mawlamyine University.

After the peace talk, State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi viewed local products from Chaungzon Township displayed outside the hall.

Local women gifted a slate as a souvenir to the State Counsellor.

Local women gave a demonstration of traditional weaving for producing blankets and textiles.

The State Counsellor held a meeting with members of the New Mon State Party at the Aung San Hall of the Mon State Government.

Also present at the meeting were Mon State Cabinet, Mon State MPs, Aye Zan, Speaker of Mon State Hluttaw Daw Tin Ei, members of the Mon State Cabinet, MPs, Mon State Advocate, Mon State Auditor and local people.

Following the meeting, the State Counsellor held a meeting with the Union Ministers and members of the Mon State Cabinet. She arrived back in Nay Pyi Taw by special flight in the evening. —Myanmar News Agency

Local media gathers news in Maungtaw

A group of local media visited villages in Maungtaw Township to report development there. They arrived at the Sittwe Airport yesterday morning by air.

The media group went to the Anau Maw Port via the Yaychanpyin Port by boat, and continued to Indin village where they met local residents and collected news on ARSA terrorist attacks which occurred on 23 August, their living conditions, and living in harmony between the two communities.

Next, they proceeded to Kainggyi (Mro village) and interviewed local people. The media group arrived at the Ngakhuya Reception centre where they met with the boat crash survivors and asked their experiences which they encountered in the sea. Afterwards they went to Kyet Yoe Pyin village where they met local people and gathered news.

The group included reporters from various media houses, including VOA, MIZZEMA, Irrawaddy, MRTV, MITV and MNA. —MNA

Journalist from local media interview a woman in Ngakhuya Village in Maungtaw. PHOTO: MNA
State Counsellor holds Peace Talk with youths in Mon State

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We need to think of how equality in education can be achieved for females and males from the start. We will have to find way to keep the males happy in the school compound and make them want to have an education. If males don’t have jobs, they don’t want to get an education, and waste their time in teashops, it will affect our social stability. From there, it will affect the long term peace and stability of our country, said the State Counsellor.

Price stability of rubber, improving transportation, creating job, effective actions against drug

In his discussion, Ko Kyaw Zin Oo, third year math major student, said there is no one in the country that does not want peace. During the time of our forefathers, Mon State was not peaceful and due to this there were difficulties in the economy, education and transport. Now there is peace. But if there is peace only in military side and no peace in economics, education and job opportunities, our country, the states, townships and rural area will not have peace.

Because of this, many in Mon State went abroad to seek out a living. They took along their children as they can’t afford to educate them here due to their personal financial situation. On the other hand, lack of job opportunity is making even graduates leave, villagers had to carry their mother and child. These are the bad outcomes of not having peace.

Drugs are being used by both the elders and youth. Drug usage is affecting the stability in villages and wards.

He discussed on price stability of rubber (the primary product of the state), improving transportation, creating job opportunities, effective actions against drugs and fulfilling health requirements.

Peace and public health

Ma San Thi, a nurse then discussed on peace and public health. According to her parents and grandparents, the state was not at peace and the people lived in fear all the time while being vigilant about possible dangers. Health personnel could not provide health education and services as there was no peace. As the public could not get the services and treatment of doctors and experts in hospitals and clinics, they have to make do with whatever sub-standard treatment they have resulting in unnecessary losses in life and health. As there was no peace, expecting mothers could not get the babies delivered properly with doctors and nurses in hospitals and clinics, many uses the services of untrained midwives resulting in the death of both the mother and child. These are the bad outcomes of not having peace.

At our time now, we have peace. Compared with the past when there was no peace, there has been development in economy, social, transport, education, health and many others. As there is peace, health personnel are conducting more health education and health care services. Peace plays an important role in health sector. As there is development, people are relying on hospitals and clinics. She hoped that the government provides sufficient staff in the hospitals and clinics.

She said there are many who want to become nurse in her village but the entry requirement to become a nurse for a student who passes matriculation examination is high. Many never had the chance to become a nurse. She hope the entry requirement could be reduced so that more can become nurses.

Victims of conflict or not having peace

Khol Htoo Aung of Capacity Development Myanmar, an NGO, said there are two to three ethnic armed organisations in PaO region. When they came to a village, there accommodation and food had to be taken care of by the village. When they leave, villagers had to carry their things. This is what he’d been experiencing since he was young. His region never tasted the flavor of peace.

As there was no peace, education and healthcare was not good. When he was young school education up to fourth standard was available. For higher standards, he needed to travel about 10 miles through areas where there is no or bad transportation.

Thanks to the head monk in a monastery, he graduated last year. There were over 80 youngsters like him from conflict areas in the monastery in Mawlamyine. With the support of Su Foundation, he started working in Capacity Development Myanmar (CDM) regional development works. He was able to do this because Mon State is at peace he discussed.

Youth participation in peace

Mi Zin Win Mon, youth affairs committee member, Nyein Foundation discussed on public participation in peace and said a certain numbers of youths are participating in peace process.

She wanted youth to participate in important sectors. Only when youths understand the reason of not having peace can their participation be true and accurate. She thinks that youth need to study and know the historical truth. Only when the historical truth is well understood can they know why there is no peace. With this understanding, she believed that mutual understanding and good relation can be established in youth more quickly.

Participation of local ethnic nationals in peace

In his discussion on the participation of local ethnic nationals in peace, Saw Kyaw Moe in the restaurant business said the current effort toward peace is to establishing a union based on democracy and federal system. He thinks the aim is to have a union where democracy is alive and well, where there is politics, economy and social equality and self-determination.

Thaton Township is one of the ten Townships in Mon State where Kayin ethnic nationals are the majority and they lived in area of conflicts. But there aren’t any of them participating in the present peace process. Nor there were anyone who understands about it. This is the main obstacle toward achieving long term peace. We are entering the third year of ceasefire. Once they get the taste of peace and see it as a huge attraction, they will become more involved in it.

Peace and regional status

Mi Yin Nun Swam, second year law student, discussed about peace and regional status. She spoke about rubber that is the main product of the region. She believed that foreign investment in rubber would greatly benefit the state as well as create income for the country.
The Committee for Implementation of Recommendations on Rakhine State

Report to the People on the Progress of the Implementation of Recommendations on Rakhine State (January to April 2018)

(continued from yesterday)

With support from the JICA, a solar system was installed as a step to provide required electricity for setting up a mini-blood bank in Buthidaung township hospital. Suggestion boxes are now in place at all hospitals and health care centres to prevent and address corruption, illegal collection of service fees, exploitation and discrimination in the health sector.

Five meetings and discussions with experts from Norway, the European Union and 3MDG fund were held, and a Working Group Committee was established for developing a master plan for upgrading Sittwe General Hospital. Eight repair and maintenance activities of Sittwe General Hospital are now completed, and the other three are ongoing.

Data collection from 30 Enumeration Areas (EAs) (23 EAs of only ethnic nationals, 4 EAs of only Muslims and 3 EAs of both ethnic nationals and Muslims) in Rakhine State - as part of the nation-wide Myanmar Micronutrient Food Consumption Survey - is now completed, and the data collected are now being analyzed. At the same time, routine nutrition activities such as vitamin A supplementation and deworming continues as planned in Rakhine State.

Four training courses on management of malnutrition for a total of 204 health staff were delivered.

Commodities for nutritional development including 100 sets of training aid materials for Integrated Management of Acute Malnutrition, 6 electronic devices for measurement of nutritional status of mothers and children, 6 height measuring instruments, 200 measuring tapes for mid-arm circumference of children and 6 boxes of different special infant formulas were also provided.

Drugs

A new National Drug Control Policy that is rooted in the principles of public health, human rights and development was launched on February 20, 2018, with an aim to effectively deal with drugs issues alongside health and education efforts.

There were 66 drug-related arrests during this reporting period, with a total 88 suspects (80 males and 8 females) and drugs worth of 25,324.93 million MMK (equivalent to USO 19.04 million) in custody.

Communal Participation and Representation

Efforts are being made to promote political representation and civic participation of ethnic minorities, communities and women in Rakhine State. The Union Election Commission organized four training workshops and two follow-on workshops for election tribunal office staff, chairpersons, members and staff of sub-commissions at different levels - including those from Rakhine State. The purpose was to identify needs and explore ways for promoting equal participation of all citizens in electoral process, increased youth participation in 2020 general elections, and greater involvement of women and disabled persons in different stages of electoral cycles. In a closer look at women participation in the election commissions, the percentages of women working for sub-election commissions at Rakhine state level, district levels and township levels are found to be 16.67%, 24.14% and 17.98% respectively.

Registration of CSOs are also being supported as a measure to promote social works of all communities and religious organizations, in accordance with the rules and regulations. A total of 21 organizations were registered during this reporting period, including 10 organizations that received registration certificates from the State Registration Board (7 of those received temporary registration certificates); and 11 organizations that received registration certificates from the Township Registration Board.

Inter-communal Cohesion

Promoting inter-communal cohesion is a crucial part of endeavors to bring development, peace and stability to Rakhine State. As an initial stage, a meeting to discuss this issue was held in Nay Pyi Taw on 29 April 2018 with MPs of Rakhine State parliament, representatives from all the communities in Rakhine State and government officials. The suggestions and outcomes of this meeting will be reviewed and implemented as a step-by-step approach to build inter-communal cohesion.

The drafting of an anti-hate speech bill is currently in progress, with an aim to prevent spreading hate speech, incitement of violence and shattering unity among different religions and races; as well as to promote harmony and peaceful coexistence between diverse racial and religious groups.

The Security Sector

Training and capacity building programs continue to enhance the performance and capacity of security forces as well as to strengthen the implementation of the Community Policing System. During the reporting period, seven training and workshops were organized, with 245 police officers/other ranks trained.

Drone Photography of ancient buildings in Mrauk-U; Documentation of intangible cultural heritage; observations, studies and documentation of Rakhine traditional wedding ceremony; field study of an ancient pagoda and stone sculptures in Pyine Mountain near the boundary post between Kyakdaw and Ponnagyun townships; documentation of silver coins, glazed ware and utensils exhibited in the Mrauk-U Museum; Preservation and repair work by Mrauk-U Cultural Heritage Site Conservation Working Group for Mya Wah Taung, Barbu Taung, Shin Nge Tet, Photo Taw Maw and Mingala Munaung Pagodas, as well as preservation of Buddha images in the Nivuzar Mountain Range; Layout documentation and unearthing work of the ancient palace site; 11 coordination meetings with ministerial officials, national/ international experts, ambassadors from partner countries and locals, for listing Mrauk-U as a UNESCO World Heritage Site; Documentation of the history of 43 pagodas and Buddhist religious buildings that are over 100 years old in Ponnagyun, Buthidaung, Sittwe and Pauktaw Townships.

All police personnel on active duty for security and law enforcement now wear visible name badges. The Office of the Chief of the Rakhine State Police Force has requested to allocate 20.54 million MMK from the State budget, for installation of 26 CCTV cameras in 26 checkpoints in Rakhine State.

All police personnel in Rakhine State are under the command of the Chief of Myanmar Police Force. Police personnel are executing their duties -including arrests and detentions of suspects - in accordance with the standard operating procedures prescribed within the legal framework. The Myanmar Police Force initiates departmental investigations that they receive for any complaints on breach of such procedures; and takes actions for those who are found guilty as accused.

Additionally, the Myanmar National Human Rights Commission and the Anti-Corruption Commission are also carrying out investigations upon receipt of complaints and taking actions if the accused is found guilty, in accordance with the laws and procedures.

To enhance communications and avoid unnecessary misunderstanding between the security forces and the communities, local people and police personnel who speak local dialects are now used as interpreters.

Cultural Development

The following activities were carried out in this reporting period as part of continuing efforts for promoting cultural development in Rakhine State, as well as to enlist Mrauk-U as a UNESCO world heritage zone:

- field visits and data collection on water sources in some wards and villages of Mrauk-U;
- Drone Photography of ancient buildings in Mrauk-U;
- Education programs in urban wards of Mrauk-U regarding Mrauk-U cultural heritage;
- Documentation of intangible cultural heritage; observations, studies and documentation of Rakhine traditional wedding ceremony; field study of an ancient pagoda and stone sculptures in Pyine Mountain near the boundary post between Kyakdaw and Ponnagyun townships; documentation of silver coins, glazed ware and utensils exhibited in the Mrauk-U Museum;
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The President and Prime Minister then attended the Myanmar-Thai bilateral discussion held in the Pakdi-bodin Hall. Together with the President at the meeting were Union Minister U Kyaw Tin, Deputy Minister U Aung Htoo, Ambassador U Myo Myint Than and other officials.

During the meeting they discussed promoting bilateral relations, ensuring that Myanmar workers in Thailand receive legal work permits along with their rights and security, collaborating on developing their border areas and upgrading the border gates, constructive assistance from Thailand to Rakhine issue, cooperating on repatriation of displaced people in Thailand back to Myanmar, promoting bilateral trade and investments, and plans for celebrating the 70th anniversary of diplomatic relations between Myanmar and Thailand.

The President and Prime Minister then held a press conference. Next, the President and First Lady observed the exhibits at the Government House displaying traditional Thai cuisine, garments, and traditional handicrafts. In the evening, the President and First Lady attended the banquet dinner hosted by the Prime Minister and his wife.—MNA
All work can be done through dialogue

By Myo (IR)

Widely and popularly known as “Shangri-La Dialogue”, it mainly centered on “Asia Security Summit” attended by senior officials of the region. This year, from 1 to 3 June 2018 at Shangri-La Hotel in meeting of ministers from ASEAN, the ISSG Shangri-La Dialogue is Asia’s premier defence summit, a unique meeting of ministers and delegates from over 50 countries. As this year’s “Shangri-La Dialogue” was important for Myan-
mar, the author takes the oppor-
tunity in presenting the main features of the dialogue through this article to the exten-
ted readers.

A Glance at “Shangri-La Di-
alogue”
The government of Singa-
pore and the London-based In-
ternational Institute for Strategic Studies – ISSG had launched its first dialogue in 2002. The security heads of the region interacted through con-
ference building and exchanged views at the Dialogue. The Dia-
logue’s agenda is intentionally wide-ranging, reflecting the many security and defence challenges facing a diverse and diverse region. Each year it recog-
nizes emerging as well as established regional security matters. All the important and key policy-
makers in the region can find their place at the Shangri-La Hotel, 22 On Orange Grove Road, Singapore, and it is therefore called “Shangri-
La Dialogue”.

The format of “Shangri-La Di-
alogue”
Each summit typically is op-
ened with welcome dinner and follow-
up by speaking remarks by Dr. John Chipman, Director-General and Chief Executive of ISSG, and a keynote address was deliv-
ered by specially invited chief guest for that year. Historically it was given by a prominent Singa-
aporean. The dialogue opened with a head of state or head of government has delivered the keynote address, a rare and unique dealt with usual dealt with the security mechanisms of the region.

Over the years, the prime ministers of Vietnam, Japan, Singa-
pore, Indonesia, Thailand and Malaysia have delivered keynote addresses from 2012 to 2017. At the “Shangri-La Dia-
logue”, plenary sessions are held under five topics on regional se-
curity matter, which have been attended by respective delegates. Opening remarks were delivered by relevant delegates, followed by question and answer sessions. Every year, the defence secretary of the United States delivered a speech. Ancient important security matters of the region is taken up at the Special Session of the “Shangri-La Dialogue”. The Special Session is participated in ministerial level or high rank-
ing officials, representatives from international and regional organi-
sations, including researchers, followed by Q and A session. They also exchanged views. Bilateral meetings as well as multilateral meeting also had taken place. The plenary sessions of the Shangri-La Dialogue provide an annual forum for Asia’s most important top defence officials to network and expand their defence diplo-
matic outreach. Bilateral, multilateral and multilayered forums are re-
viewed for the meetings to take place during breaks. A govern-
ment delegation might typically last one or two days; a govern-
ment delegation last between half an hour or the course of the summit. Singapore’s defence minister usually also hosts multilateral private lunches.

2018 “Shangri-La Dialogue”
In the evening of 1 June, 2018, national welcoming dinner was held, fol-
lowed by issues “Regional Gover-
ernment and Chief Executive of ISSG presented speeches. Prime Minister Nar-
endra Modi.

Sessions were held as fol-
low:
First Plenary Session - US LEADERSHIP AND THE CHAL-
LENGES OF INDO-PACIFIC SE-
CURITY
Second Plenary Session - DE-ESCALATING THE NORTH KOREAN CRISIS
Third Plenary Session - SHAPING ASIA’S EVOLVING SECURITY ORDER
Fourth Plenary Session - NEW DIMENSIONS OF TERRORISM AND NUCLEAR VUL-
NERABILITY
Fifth Plenary Session - RAIS-
ING THE BAR FOR REGIONAL SECURITY COOPERATION

Special sessions under six topics were held as follow:
1. New strategic technologies and transformations among the different regions of the world
2. Enhancing maritime securi-
ty codes of conduct and con-
struction-building measures
3. The security and humani-
tarian crisis across the region
4. Strategic implications of mil-
tary bases and logistics in the Asia-Pacific
5. Managing connectivity in re-
gional security cooperation

Across several sideline con-
versations at the dialogue this year, governmental and non-
governmental delegates alike probed

The utility of the Indo-Pacific. De-
pending on the interlocutor, the outcomes was either to have a more geographical descriptor in search of a strategic purpose or the call of an emerging concert of democracies, led by the United States and Asia’s major regional powers.

Union Minister for the Office of the Union Government and Na-
tional Security Advisor U Thaung Tun took part in the Asia Security Dialogue. Dr. Jean-Christophe Belliard, Deputy Secretary General, Po-
litical Affairs; Political Director, European External Action Service, European Union. Major General Md. Saiful Abidin, Director-General of Forces Intelligence of Bangladesh
damchould not attend the session due to health reason.

At the Shangri-La Dialogue, National Security Advisor U Thaung Tun called on interna-
tional community to see situation in Rakhine more objectively. At the Special Session “The Secu-
ricy and Humanitarian Crisis in Myanmar’s Rakhine State”, he underscored that terrorism was the main cause of the recent out-
break of violence in Rakhine. He stressed that Rakhine is a pluralist society. The violence in Rakhine is a result of long-term conflict in the region with the situation is necessary, and there-
fore, facing against all odds in a more serious and straightforward way.

Stepping into the halls of “Shangri-La Dialogue”, National Security Advisor U Thaung Tun and the delegation have grasped and maneuvered over the controversial and one-sided accusa-
tions, and eventually cleaned up the mess in a dignified manner.

The writer of the article would like to sum up that by attending the Shangri-La Dialogue and interacting with the delegates have enhanced the faith and trust among the nations; further strengthened relation; improved cooperation and regional security.

While carrying out development tasks, we have to ensure that they are in conformity with the Nationwide Ceasefire Agreement and with the country’s existing laws.

A government is responsible for the construction of development infrastructures such as building roads, bridges and achieving electrification as the fruits of peace. And all efforts for peace must be carried out in conformity with the law. It is important that all activities conducted for peace do not change the rule of law. We believe this cooperation between the government and armed groups is important. Regarding infrastructure, while the local people take care of their region’s development, the government must work in the national context.

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International Theravada Buddhist Missionary University confers diploma on monks, students

INTERNATIONAL Theravada Buddhist Missionary University of the Ministry of Religious Affairs and Culture held a ceremony to present diplomas for the 2017-2018 academic year and to welcome the 2018-2019 academic year diploma trainees at the university in Mayangon Township, Yangon.

International Theravada Buddhist Missionary University Rector Sayadaw Dr. Bhaddanta Nanda Marla Bivamsa delivered a welcome speech on the occasion.

Next, the Rector Sayadaw presented diplomas and other accessories to 48 students, including eight foreign sanghas, four men, six nuns, five women, 15 Myanmar sanghas, nine nuns and one woman, who attended the 2017-2018 academic year diploma course.

Later, the Rector Sayadaw presented velvet hand fans and shawls with the university emblem to the 2018-2019 academic year diploma trainees, consisting of a foreign contingent of 20 sanghas, six nuns, nine men and nine women and a local contingent of 11 sanghas, nine nuns, two men and four women, making up to a total of 70 students.

Trainees from 17 countries attended the 2018-2019 academic year diploma course.—Myanmar News Agency

Union Minister Dr. Pe Myint visits community centres in Nay Pyi Taw

UNION Minister for Information Dr. Pe Myint visited the Information and Public Relations Department (IPRD) community centre in Pyinmana Township, the Dekkhina District office and training centre in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

First, the union minister arrived at the community centre, operating under the Information and Public Relations Department (IPRD) in Pyinmana, and observed children competing in a colouring contest in the children's reading room, and presented toys to them.

He then visited the book club and instructed its members to organise young people to join as members. He next visited the women's club and the youth club and discussed club matters with the members.

The union minister inspected the computer skills class, foreign language classes, and the sports classes taught for free at the community centre.

Later, the union minister inspected the mobile libraries, a collaboration project between the IPRD and Daw Khin Kyi Foundation.

Next, the union minister arrived at the IPRD in Dekkhina District and presented toys to the children competing in a colouring contest in the children's reading room. He then inspected the library and the mini-museum there.

The union minister also visited the IPRD's training centre and met the assistant directors from state and region IPRD, offices attending the news writing and publishing class being held there.

He instructed them to adhere to news writing ethics while delivering swift and accurate news to the public.—Myanmar News Agency

Australian Minister, Senator leaves Yangon

THE Australian Minister for International Development and the Pacific and Senator Concetta Fieravanti-Wells left Yangon yesterday morning.

The delegation, led by the Australian minister, was seen off by Australian Ambassador Mr. Nicholas Coppel and officials from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs at Yangon International Airport.—Myanmar News Agency

Senator the Honourable Concetta Fieravanti-Wells, the Minister for International Development and the Pacific of Australia, seen off by Australian Ambassador Mr. Nicholas Coppel at Yangon International Airport yesterday. PHOTO: MNA
SWRR Union Minister separately receives UN Special Envoy, Timor-Leste’s Senior Minister, Japanese Ambassador

UNION Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement Dr. Win Myat Aye received United Nations Secretary-General’s Special Envoy to Myanmar Ms. Christine Schraner Burgener in Maykhalar Hall at his office in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

During the meeting, the Union Minister Dr. Win Myat Aye and the Special Envoy exchanged views on Myanmar’s continued efforts on the repatriation process for displaced persons, receiving the returnees with systematic measures according to the bilateral agreement, voluntary return of the returnees in dignity, cooperation with the UN agencies and other international organisations, and viewing on pragmatic ways for the International Organisations.

During the meeting with Timor-Leste’s Senior Minister and former President Mr. Jose Ramos Horta, they cordially discussed matters related to the implementation process aiming to provide humanitarian assistance, relocation, resettlement and development sectors, holding NV Cards, reception centres, transit centre, providing infrastructure for personal hygiene, clean drinking water, electricity, transportation, MoU with UNDP, UNHCR and Myanmar. Likewise, the Union Minister received Japanese Ambassador Mr. Ichiro MARUYAMA, and they discussed matters regarding the ground situation in Rakhine State, education for the youths at the reception centres, issuing NV Cards, cooperation with ministries the rule of law measures on anti-corruption, and cooperation with UN Agencies — MNA

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U SET AUNG, Deputy Minister for Ministry of Planning and Finance, and Mr. Ichiro Maruyama, Ambassador extraordinary and plenipotentiary of Japan to Myanmar, exchanged notes concerning the grant aid for the project for the development of financial market infrastructures, worth 5,456 million JPY (approximately US $50.5 million) in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

The project aims to enhance the functions of CBM-NET, which was introduced in January 2016, thereby, adapting to the changes of the environment surrounding financial infrastructure.

The enhanced CBM-NET is expected to contribute to strengthening the Myanmar economy further — Myanmar News Agency

Ministry of Construction
Republic of the Union of Myanmar
REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST
Flooded and Landslide Emergency Recovery Project (FLERP)
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The Republic of the Union of Myanmar has received financing from the World Bank towards the cost of the Flooding and Landslide Emergency Recovery Project (FLERP). The Department of Highways (DOH) and the Department of Rural Road Rehabilitation (DRRD) of the Ministry of Construction (MOC) who implement the FLERP intend to apply part of the proceeds for the hiring of a specialized consulting firm in the broad area of Design and Supervision of Civil Road Works.

The FLERP’s stage 1 has started with a number of road works in both the Rakshine State and the Ayeyarwaddy Region which will be completed before the end of 2018. For the FLERP’s stage 2, the DOH and the DRRD now jointly invite expressions of interest (EOI) from qualified and experienced consulting firms and the Consultants for an assignment of which the core objective is to assist both DOH and DRRD with the planning, design and implementation of the works identified for stage 2 which is expected to start late 2018, early 2019. More specifically:

1. This Consultancy will support the DOH project office in Nay Pyi Taw and the local governments in Chin and Rakhine States through the following tasks: (i) technical surveys and investigations; (ii) preliminary and detailed engineering designs with cost estimations; (iii) preparation of safeguards documentation; (iv) tender documents preparation as per relevant WB standards; (v) construction supervision, monitoring and verification; (vi) reporting; (vii) knowledge transfer and capacity building.

2. This Consultancy will support the DRRD project office at Nay Pyi Taw in the DRRD field offices in Ayeyarwaddy, Bago, Magway, Sagaing and Yangon Regions through the following tasks:

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The assignment is divided into two lots: Lot 1 for DOH and Lot 2 for DRRD. Two separate contracts will be awarded. Expression of Interest shall clearly indicate which lot if applied for. Consultants may apply for both lots.

Interested consulting firms must provide specific information demonstrating that they have the required qualifications and relevant experience to perform the Services. Short-listing criteria are (1) at least 10 years of experience in the field of road construction and road rehabilitation covering rural roads as well as highways and access roads; (2) Having delivered in the last 5 years at least 3 similar projects of similar size, scope and nature; (3) Substantial experience in the development of road construction documents, bidding documents and plans; (4) Substantial experience in the supervision of large and complex road construction works including supervision of the physical realization of the works and contractual financial management procedures; (5) Substantial experience in the development and the operation of effective QA programs and compliance records; (6) Substantial experience in terms of development and delivery of capacity building and knowledge transfer programs; (7) The ability to interact with a multi-stakeholder setting, ranging from government partners to contractors and the civil society. Interested Consultants are requested to provide specific information and past project references in order to demonstrate they meet each of the short-listing criteria. There is no need, at this stage of the selection process, to provide with individual key expert CV’s as they will not be taken into consideration earlier than the technical proposal evaluation phase.

Expressions of Interest must be submitted in a written form to the address below (in person, or by mail, or by e-mail) by Monday 9 July 2018. A Consulting Firm will be selected in accordance with the QCBS method set out in the World Bank Guidelines for Selection and Employment of Consultants under IBRD Loans and IDA Credits and Grants, January 2011 and revised July 2014. Interested consultants should pay attention to paragraph 1.9 of these Guidelines, setting forth the World Bank’s policy on conflict of interest. Consultants may associate with other firms in the form of a joint-venture or a sub-consultancy agreement to enhance their qualifications. In the case of a joint-venture, all the members thereof will be evaluated jointly for the purpose of short-listing. Unclear expressions of interest worded as “in association with...” and/or “in affiliation with...” without indicating the status of the partnership and the designation of the lead partner may not be considered for short-listing.

Further information and a copy of the detailed Terms of Reference (TOR) may be obtained at the address below during office hours from 09:00 to 16:00, Monday through Friday, except public holidays, or by simple e-mail request to: U KhinZaw, FLERP Project Director, The Department of Highways, Ministry of Construction Office No. 11, Nay Pyi Taw, Myanmar.

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State Counsellor holds Peace Talk with youths in Mon State

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As language barrier is an obstacle in education sector; she wanted the government to establish more schools that teaches in mother tongue for ethnic Mon children.

Peace and democracy
In his discussion on peace and democracy, Ko Tun Tun Lin, a teacher from a private school said establishing peace is the basic requirement for democracy. Without peace, there wouldn't be rule of law. Without rule of law, there wouldn't be democracy. Rule of law is the most important pillar for democracy. Democracy is important to establish peace and without a firm democracy in place, ethnic nationals would have difficulty in accepting peace.

Participation of the public in peace
Mi Ngwe Lay, Mon Cetana Development Foundation and clothing shop discussed about public participation in peace. She urges the maintaining of symbols and emblems that the ethnic nationals consider as important. Women have a strong will to participate deeply in the peace process and if a place for women to participate in the process is created, a sustainable peace will be achieved.

State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi replies to questions
The State Counsellor replied that if everyone wishes for peace that we have to figure out why there are so many conflicts around the world. She said we need to go to hospitals. She said that she wishes for the youth to be more knowledgeable and up-to-date with the peace process. She said only if the youth understand the reason for conflicts can they be involved with the peace process in a positive and beneficial way. She urged the young generation to study about the country’s history and causes for conflicts saying that understanding history can speed up building trust and friendship among youths of ethnic races. The State Counsellor said there are plans to hold peace talks in all 330 townships across the country by collaborating with the respective state and region government and NRPC officials.

The importance of the Nationwide Ceasefire Agreement
National Development relies on the contents of the NCA to be in harmony with the laws, rules, and policies of the nation. She said the efforts of the government in constructing roads and supplying electricity is only possible because the peace process is going well.

He urged the listeners to adhere to traffic safety and wear helmets as another person's while adopting an attitude of responsibility and values their own rights as much as another culture view the situation and it is important for different culture to be understanding of each other's differences.

Continued fighting will lead to more DFs
Regarding the businesses offered by organizations when peace prevails in regions, the State Counsellor said that if there is no peace in the land then there will continue to be displaced people fleeing from armed conflicts. It is important to remove the underlying causes for conflicts and fighting.

Preserving our priceless culture
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Union Minister Dr. Myint Htwe
The Union Minister for Health and Sports said that the request for a K57 million CT scanner from Mawlamyine in Mon State has been approved. He urged the listeners to adhere to traffic safety and wear helmets as so as to avoid head injuries.

Public peace talks in 2017 and so far have taken place twice at the International Convention Centre-II in Nay Pyi Taw, and once in Panglong in Shan State, Wundwin Township in Mandalay Region, Loikaw City in Kayah State, and Myaungmya Township in Ayeyawady Region.—Myanmar News Agency
World can 'sleep well' after North Korea summit, Trump says

WASHINGTON — A jubilant-sounding President Donald Trump declared Wednesday that his ‘deal’ with Kim Jong Un has ended the North Korean nuclear threat, as his top diplomat said he hoped to see “major disarmament” of the country by 2020.

Despite the lack of detail, or binding terms in the joint statement agreed with Kim — which has alarmed a majority of observers of the nuclear standoff — Trump struck a resolutely bullish tone.

“There is no longer a Nuclear Threat from North Korea,” he tweeted in a Nuclear Threat from North Korea, “there is no more rocket launching, and I think the world can ‘sleep well tonight’!”

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Hungarian court to hand down heavy sentences for migrant truck deaths

BUDAPEST — Nearly three years after the gruesome discovery of 71 migrants suffocated in a lorry on an Austrian highway shocked Europe, a Hungarian court is due Thursday to hand down unprecedented heavy sentences for the traffickers.

Critics said the unprecedented encounter between Kim and Trump was more style than substance, producing a document short on specifics about the key issue of Pyongyang’s atomic weapons.

But the US president trumpeted the outcome as a “deal” with North Korea and vowed there would be “no more rocket launches, nuclear testing or re- search!”

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The alleged ringleader, Samsoor Lahoo, himself a young Afghan of 31 who had fled his country, told the court they were simply ordered to “let them die instead.”

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North Korea’s Kim knows denuclearisation must be ‘quick’: Pompeo

SEOUL — Kim Jong Un understands that denuclearisation must happen “quickly”, US Secretary of State Mike Pompeo said Thursday, warning there will be no sanctions relief for Pyongyang until the process is finished.

Washington remained committed to the “complete, verifiable and irreversible” denuclearisation of North Korea. Pompeo added, after the historic US-North Korea summit in Singapore drew criticism for its vague wording on plans for Pyongyang to give up its nuclear weapons.

“We believe that Kim Jong Un understands the urgency... that we must do this quickly,” he said of the effort to have North Korea abandon its atomic arsenal.

Washington’s top diplomat was in Seoul to brief his South Korean and Japanese counterparts after President Donald Trump’s post-summit comments sparked confusion and concern in Tokyo and Seoul.

But Pompeo insisted at a joint press conference with the two countries’ foreign ministers that there was no daylight among the allies on how to achieve the denuclearisation of North Korea. Contrasting the Trump policy with previous US administrations, Pompeo said: “In the past, they were providing economic and financial relief before... complete denuclearisation had taken place.” “That is not going to happen, President Trump made that clear”.

Pompeo’s comments came after North Korean state media reported Wednesday that Trump had not only offered to stop military exercises during dialogue, but also lifted sanctions imposed on Pyongyang. Trump said after his meeting with Kim that the first between sitting US and North Korean leaders — that Washington would halt its joint military exercises with South Korea, an announcement that caught Seoul — and apparently the Pentagon — by surprise.

The US and South Korea conduct several large drills every year to maintain readiness for operations on the peninsula, a source of irritation for Pyongyang, which considers them preparations for an invasion.

“Frank” discussions

South Korean Foreign Minister Kang Kyung-wha appeared to sidestep the issue at the joint press conference, saying the matter would be left to military authorities to discuss, and that the US-South Korea alliance remained “as robust as ever”.

Earlier, South Korean President Moon Jae-in acknowledged that “there may be very conflicting views” about the summit, but it had still helped mitigate fears of a nuclear war.

“In this way I believe it was very successful,” he later said Seoul would carefully consider the future of the drills “if North Korea faithfully implements denuclearisation measures and sincere dialogue continues”, according to his office.

While it is not directly involved, Japan also considers the exercises vital.

The “deterrence based on them (plays) an essential role for security in northeast Asia”, Japanese Foreign Minister Taro Kono said after the “frank” trilateral talks Thursday.

Kono said Japan understood the pause in the drills to be contingent on North Korean steps towards denuclearisation, adding that “no security guarantees have been given yet” —AFP

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Consignees of cargo carried on MV MONTOK VOY.NO. (05) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 14-6-2018 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of MITT-2 where it will lie at the consignee’s risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

Damaged cargo will be surveyed daily from 8 am to 11:20 am and 12 noon to 4 pm from the Vessel.

No claims against this vessel will be admitted after the Claims Day.

**AGENT FOR: M/S MERIDIAN SHIPPING AGENCY DEPARTMENT MYANMA PORT AUTHORITY**

**Phone No:** 2301928

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No claims against this vessel will be admitted after the Claims Day.

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Farmer strives to preserve indigenous Japanese horses

HONG KONG — As housing prices spiral in Hong Kong, young professionals are living in ever-shrinking spaces, with box-like “nano-flats” and co-shares touted as fashionable solutions.

Blocks of sleek miniature apartments packed with mod cons are springing up around the densely packed city, pitched as an attractive and more affordable lifestyle choice, but still at an eye-watering cost.

Property developer Adrian Law, 25, paid more than HK$6 million ($765,000) two years ago for his 25-square-metre tiny studio apartment in a new residential building in the Mong Kok district of Hong Kong, where spatiating housing prices have forced young professionals into ever-shrinking spaces.

According to Isobe and the horse association, there are eight breeds of Japanese horses from the northernmost main island of Hokkaido to the westernmost island of Okinawa.

The other breeds are Noma (Khithe Preference), Taishu (Nagasaki Preference), Misaki (Miyazaki Preference), Tokara (Kagoshima Preference), Miyako and Yonaguni (both Okinawa Preference).

They are gentle-natured and have strong bodies although the sizes are smaller than thoroughbred racehorses. The height of their withers — the part between the shoulder blades — is around 1.3 metres while that of thoroughbreds is above 1.6 metres.

Other characteristics include relatively large heads and thick flowing manes.

According to the horse association, it is believed that all Japanese indigenous horses are descended from animals brought from the mainland of Asia at various periods and routes dating back to the 6th century or earlier.

Horses played an important symbolic role in Japanese religion and certain shrines even today stand sacred white horses.

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—Kyodo News

Tight squeeze for Hong Kong’s young professionals

HONG KONG — A farm raising only indigenous Japanese horses has been opened near a shrine known as a “horses’ sacred site” in western Japan, with the owner aiming to boost breeding to preserve such species.

Japanese horses were once raised across the country to work in fields and transport goods and people. However, the indigenous horse population decreased as modern transportation developed and currently there are only some 1,700 left, according to the Japan Equine Affairs Association.

Iskumi Isobe, the 33-year-old owner of the Mikarimonomori farm, was engaged in projects to preserve indigenous horses and promote traditional horse-back military arts at a different farm she used to work for in Yamanashi Prefecture.

Mikarimonomori farm in Omihachiman, Shiga Prefecture, raises four horses from two different regions in the country, Hokkaido (Dosanko) and Nagano Prefecture (Kiso). Isobe plans to cooperate with other farms in breeding indigenous horses.

For her horse farm she picked a lot about 500 meters away from the Kamo Shrine, which is dedicated to gods protecting horses. She opened the farm, which is about 1,350 square meters on 1 May. According to the shrine, Emperor Tenchi is said to have established a farm in vast swathes of the region in 668.

Visitors can feed and ride the horses, and also try “Ya-busame” horseback archery at her farm.

“I used to ride horses and I wanted to try it again,” a female visitor from the city, who brought carrots for the horses, said.

According to research, horses can bring profit above quality of life.

“If you count the per-square-foot price for smaller-size flats, it is even higher than larger flats,” said Ip, who believes mental and physical health will suffer if properties continue to shrink.

Rental prices have also rocketed and the wait for government-subsidised public housing can be five years.

Ip says expanding land supply by any means, including reclamation from the sea, is the only way to solve the affordable housing shortage.

But other local land research groups argue Hong Kong should develop under-utilised brownfield sites and idle government land first. The government is considering a host of options, from new artificial islands to developing the city’s cherished country parks.

Designers are also putting forward their own new concepts, including converting concrete pipes into living spaces and transforming shipping containers into homes.

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PHOTO: KYODO NEWS
Myanmar women beat Chonburi FC in friendly

The Myanmar women's national football team played against Chonburi FC at BTU Sport Science Stadium in Thailand yesterday, where they beat the Thailand club 3-1.

The Myanmar team included goalkeeper Thin Thin Soe, Aye Aye Moe, Khin Than Wai, Khin Myo Win, Yamin Lwin, Nilar Myint, Captain Than Than Htwe, Thandar Moe, Nu Nu, Nilar Win and Yi Yi Oo. Myanmar's three successive goals were scored by Than Than Htwe, Nilar Win and Yi Yi Oo in the first half. Although the match was a friendly, both teams played with all efforts. Myanmar were on their toes at the start itself through clear-cut football passes, and at the 29th-minute mark Than Than Htwe's score broke the deadlock for Myanmar.

After the goal, Myanmar used power play and again scored at the 33rd minute through Nilar Win. Myanmar scored the third goal through the effort of Yi Yi Oo at the 43rd-minute mark.

Thailand’s Chonburi did not give up and scored their lone goal at the 46th-minute mark. By the end of full-time play, Myanmar had won 3-1.

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Rakhine United’s main players to be absent at match against Yadanabon

TWO main players, including defender Thet Tun Aung and striker Si Thu Than Soe, will be absent at Rakhine United’s match against Yadanabon FC at Waitharli Stadium on 16 June, owing to the fines imposed on them in their previous matches, according to the Myanmar National League (MNL).

Defender Thet Tun Aung of Rakhine United played all the 15 matches this season, displaying brilliant defending skills and preventing his team from conceding too many goals.

Similarly, striker Si Thu Than Soe scored three goals for his team and played in most of the matches for his team.

Head coach of Rakhine United U Soe Thein expressed his views about the lack of players in the coming matches.

“It will be a weak point for Rakhine United, as two main players cannot participate in the coming match. But we will do our best with the current players. Yadanabon is a good team, comprising many Myanmar national footballers. We will do our best to get good results,” said U Soe Thein. Rakhine United is in the eighth place with 20 points, while Yadanabon FC is placed in the fourth spot with 23 points.

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Manchester City to start title defence at Arsenal

LONDON — Premier League champion Manchester City will begin their title defence away to Arsenal on the weekend of August 11-12, the English Premier League announced yesterday as it unveiled the fixtures for the 2018/19 season.

The exact date of the game will be confirmed when television broadcasting schedules are drawn up. —AFP

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World Cup trophy displayed at Moscow’s Luzhniki as ceremony begins

MOSCOW — The World Cup trophy was displayed at Moscow’s 80,000-seat Luzhniki Stadium on Thursday ahead of the tournament’s opening match between host nation Russia and Saudi Arabia.

To deafening loud cheers at the crucible of Russian and Soviet sports, former Spain goalkeeper Iker Casillas held up the golden trophy for fans to photograph.

Outside the refurbished stadium, colourful crowds of fans danced and chanted, with a heavy police presence keeping order.

The mood was festive and peaceful, with Russian fans cheering a group of Saudi fans in green who were congregating outside one of the entrances.

The opening ceremony included a mini-concert by British pop star Robbie Williams, who performed “Let Me Entertain You”. Russian President Vladimir Putin and FIFA boss Gianni Infantino officially open the tournament minutes before the 1500 GMT kickoff.

A bellowing chant of “Russia!” echoed through the packed stadium as the opening ceremony got under way to music from Russian composer Pyotr Tchaikovsky.—AFP

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Sport Science Stadium in Thailand. PHOTO:MFF

Spanish goalkeeper Iker Casillas (L) and Russian model Natalia Vodianova stand next to the World Cup trophy during the opening ceremony at the Luzhniki Stadium in Moscow on 14 June 2018. PHOTO:AFP