

## 31<sup>st</sup> convocation ceremony of Yazin University of Veterinary Science held

THE 31<sup>st</sup> Veterinary Science convocation ceremony of Yazin University of was held yesterday morning at the golden jubilee hall of the University, Zayar Thiri Township, Nay Pyi Taw.

At the ceremony, the graduate students took the oath in front of rector and then the rector Dr Mar Mar Win presented the certificates to each convocation students. Then, Dr Mar Mar Win delivered congratulation speech in which she said that the Yazin University of Veterinary Science was established in 1975 and a total of 5,225 vets were produced during the 60-year period.

Then, Dr Aung Thu Union Minister for Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation gave the awards to the outstanding teachers, deputy rector Professor Dr Ye Htut Aung, Associate Professor Dr Hlaing haling Myint

and lecture Dr Min Aung and outstanding students Ma Thae Su Nyaing, Ma May Mi Htwe and Ma Pyone Mar Lwin.

Yesterday convocation certificates to six Ph.D graduates, 198 BVSc graduates, nine MVM graduates and 79 MVSc graduates. Present at the convocation ceremony were Union Minister Dr Aung Thu, permanent secretary Dr Khin Zaw, Directors-General, rector and deputy rector and invited guests.

In the afternoon, supervised by Myanmar Veterinary Council, the 18th veterinary certificate granting ceremony was held and the outstanding students of 2016-2017 academic year, Ma Thae Su Nyaing, Ma May Mi Htwe and Ma Pyone Mar Lwin were awarded again by Myanmar New Hope Farm Co.,Ltd. — Zin Oo (Myanma Alinn)



Union Minister Dr Aung Thu awards outstanding teacher Professor Dr Ye Htut Aung. PHOTO: THIHA SITHU

## More village-owned fishponds for Maungtaw region



Director General of Fishery Department and party inspect the fishponds in Maungtaw region . PHOTO: NAY WIN TUN

MORE village-owned fishponds will be dug in Maungtaw, Rakhine State, for ensuring fish sufficiency in the region, according to U Khin Maung Maw, Director General of Fishery Department who inspected the fishponds in Maungtaw region yesterday morning with his party.

“With the state program, digging of fishponds in the villages of Maungtaw region is underway. We requested the budget allocation for 82 villages to the state government. Ponds for five villages, Mawya Wadi, Shwe Baho, Khaye Myaing, Phar Rut Chaung and Aung Zaya were already dug. All villages had already dug one acre each. Our fishery department will dig more ponds, depending on the budgets allowed by state

government. The fingerlings will be distributed by Myo Thu Gyi larval fish reproduction station”, said U Khin Maung Maw.

Although Maungtaw region is a place where inshore and offshore fishing can be done, freshwater fish and prawn breeding should also be done partly. During this year, nearly half or two-third of fishponds of 82 villages can be completed. If the fish and prawn can be bred in the old creeks and lakes, fish supply of Maungtaw Township can meet the demand, he added.

Fishermen in the region are more interested in offshore fishing as the region is close to Bay of Bengal and Naf River.

“Our region is close to Bay of Bengal and both inshore and



offshore fishing can be made. However, fishermen are afraid of dangers in the sea. Fish and prawn are plenty in the sea. Currently, it is difficult to catch fish and prawn as the regional security is not in safe condition. Digging fishponds is indeed beneficial for the villages’ long-term fish consuming”, said Ko Tin Aung, leader of Shwe Baho Village.

Director General and party inspected the fishponds of Shwe Baho and Kha Ye Myaing villages and also went to the Fishery Department in Maungtaw Town. The Director General and party also gave words of encouragement and provided dried fish and peas to the staff of fishery department. — Myint Maung/ Zaya

## Thandwe District Association (Yangon) holds annual gathering

THANDWE District Association (Yangon) held its annual gathering yesterday at the U Ottama Park in Yangon yesterday.

The association is formed with Rakhine communities in Yangon especially from Thandwe, Gwa, Taunggup.

Those who took part in the gathering were treated with traditional cuisine of Thandwe.

“The gathering turns 15th anniversary this year. The association holds the gathering every year for peoples from, Taunggup and Gwa townships who are staying in Yangon,” said U Htin Kyaw Lin, Vice-Chairman of the

Thandwe District Association (Yangon). Union Minister for Information Dr. Pe Myint also contributed Rakhine traditional cuisine to this gathering, he added. “We are very happy to see our relatives and old friends from Rakhine,” said Ko Te Zar Aung, a Thandwe resident and has been living in Yangon for 7 years.

At the gathering, shops selling Rakhine traditional foods, costumes and crops from gardens are crowded with the peoples.

Thandwe District Association (Yangon) was founded in 1945.— Min Thit (MNA)



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