

Literary talk for students at University of Dental Medicine in Yangon

WITH a view to improving the personality of students and paying respect to their professions, a literary talk was held at the University of Dental Medicine in

Yangon yesterday morning.

At the talk entitled "Personal and Professional Development (PPD)", writers Tharawun (Pyay) and Maung Thar Cho (Jack —

Kungyangon) gave talks to the attendees. The literary talk was attended by the rector and faculty members, house surgeons, students and staff.—GNLM

Japan provides nearly USD 4.2 million for Peace Process in Myanmar

ON 9 March 2017, Mr. Tateshi HIGUCHI, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Japan to the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, and Mr. Nicholas George, Director a.i., UNOPS Myanmar, signed the Exchanged of Notes in Yangon to grant 487 million Japanese yen (approximately 4.2 million US dollars) for "the Project for Supporting National Reconciliation and Peace building Process".

This grant through UNOPS supports to promote reconciliation and peace process between the Government and Ethnic Armed Organizations, to process between the Government and Ethnic Armed Organizations, to contribute to the stabilization and sustainable development in Myanmar.

In the morning in Tokyo between Mr. Sihzo ABE, Prime Minister of Japan and Daw Aung

San Suu Kyi, State Counsellor in November 2016, Mr. Abe pledged to support national reconciliation and peace process, which is the top priority of the incumbent Myanmar government. The grant is a part of the plan to provide assistance totally 40 billion Japanese Yen for the next 5 years by Japan to Myanmar for the development in ethnic areas for the next 5 years.—GNLM

Union Minister warns gem industry of environmental damage

THE Union Minister for Natural Resources and Environmental Conservation U Ohn Win warned gem extractors about prioritising economic benefits over environmental concerns when mining for precious stones.

"The gem entrepreneurs should extract the nationally owned gem resources in limited quantities to be able to give heritage to the next generation and make adjustments to harmoniously balance the socio economy for local people in mining areas with profits from the gem extractions," said Union Minister U Ohn Win, Chairman of Myanmar Gems and Jewellery Emporium Organizing Central Committee.

"The gem producers need to follow basic principles such as avoiding environmental impact by conserving the damaged environment caused by gem extraction and produce benefits for all," said the Union Minister at the meeting for Myanmar Gems and Jewellery Emporium Organising Central Committee held yesterday in Nay Pyi Taw. The Minister urged gem entrepreneurs to sell the finished products made by technology as a priority over selling raw gems, to improve finished products in the domestic market and to penetrate the international market by producing high-quality finished products.

During the meeting, members of gem industries-related commit-

tees presented plans for the gem exhibition to be held in March 2017, displaying, selling in Myanmar Kyats, setting the prices, security, transportation and information releases.

The gem exhibition will be open from March 19 to 24 at the Mani Yadana Jade Hall in Nay Pyi Taw and sell at Myanmar Kyats.

The gem exhibition will be held with the aim of supplying raw stones to finished product producers, boosting the finished products industry, creating job opportunities, controlling illegal gem trading and supporting finance generation for the gem extractors and national gem traders.—Myanmar News Agency

Price of land near new Thanlwin Bridge rise tenfold

LAND prices near the Thanlwin Bridge project in Chaungzon, Mon State have increased tenfold during the past few years, ever since it was learnt that a bridge would be built across the Thanlwin River, linking the island of Belu Kyun with mainland Myanmar for the first time, residents said.

"The price of land has risen quickly to a very high level within two or three years," said Ko San Maung, a real estate agent residing in Mawlamyine Township, adding that the majority of buyers are from other regions and states.

Entrepreneurs are eyeing locations near the project area to purchase land in order to implement hotel projects, deep sea port projects, resort projects and filling stations. Those businesspersons continue to buy land in downtown Chaungzon, Daye Vil-



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lage and other parts of the town.

Depending on location, land prices in Chaungzon Township were between Ks1 million and Ks3 million per acre before the bridge project began in 2014.

Currently, the price for an acre of farmland near the approach road to the bridge under

construction has reached a high of Ks100 million.

Ko Win Ko, a resident, said that he has no plans to sell his property but is monitoring the market condition as the property may be priced too high after the project is completed.—Myitmakha News Agency

MYANMAR GAZETTE

Heads of service organization transferred and confirmed

1. The President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar has transferred the following persons as head of organizations shown against each from the date they assume charge of their duties.

Name	Appointment
(a) U Nyi Nyi San Rector Central Institute of Civil Service (Lower Myanmar) Union Civil Service Board	Rector Central Institute of Civil Service (Upper Myanmar) Union Civil Service Board
(b) U Aung Tin Soe Rector Central Institute of Civil Service (Upper Myanmar) Union Civil Service Board	Rector Central Institute of Civil Service (Lower Myanmar) Union Civil Service Board

2. The President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar has confirmed the appointment of U Htin Kyaw, Inspector-General (Director-General) of the Office of Anti-Corruption Commission, on the expiry of one-year probationary period.

Crime NEWS

Official from Buthidaung killed

MAHMOUD Sawlaim, an official from Kadi Village in Ahtetkwyemaw, Buthidaung, was attacked by a group of six wielding knives and rods and killed on March 9 in the evening.

On the evening before the attack at 8 in the evening, Mahmoud Sawlaim received a call from a local resident, Mahmoud Inus, requesting Sawlaim to come help his wife who was being harassed by other villagers. Sawlaim together with Abula Shain left for Mahmoud Inus' house in Kadi village and when they took too long to get back, Sawlaim's father, Maung Furmya followed their trail. When he arrived near Mahmoud Inus's home he witnessed Sawlaim being attacked by

Mahmoud Inus, Abula Shain, Adu Raman (also known as) Bawdilla, Dwela (also known as) Adulla, Abudahe and Karla with weapons each. Sawlaim's father began shouting for help whereupon the six assailants fled into the Dhani forest near Kadi village.

Mahmoud Sawlaim was found dead having suffered cuts to his temples and forehead, a pierce wound to the jaw, swelling of his right eye, slash wounds on his neck and chest and most of his teeth knocked out.

Sawlaim's father has reported the six assailants' attack on his son to Nyaungchaung police station and the case will be handled according to the law.—Myanmar News Agency

Fire breaks out in Maungdaw

A house caught fire after midnight on Wednesday in Sin Taung village in Maungdaw. The house was owned by Norulamein, who lives in another house in Sin Taung village. No one was living in the

house at the time. Damage caused by the fire amounted to Ks 30,000.

Police are still investigating the cause of the fire to be able to take action in accordance with the law.—Myanmar News Agency

RSO member detained in Maungdaw

A member of the Rohingya Solidarity Organisation (RSO) terrorist group who got involved in the Kyeekanpyin attacks was detained in Sinthaypyin (west) village in Maungdaw.

A nine-inch folding knife and a mobile phone containing a Bangladeshi SIM card were seized from Maung Soe, alias Shaungshu Ahlaung, on Balishaeywarlai Street in Sinthaypyin (west) village.

Upon interrogation, Maung Soe was found to be a member of Aqu Mul Mujahidin insurgent group, which is related to the RSO terrorist group which involved in the Kyeekanpyin attacks on 9 October in 2016.



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Action has been taken against the detainee in accordance with the law.—Myanmar News Agency