

Paper Reading Session supports media development

PAPER Reading session is viewed as a program to support the development of Media council said Dr Pe Myint, Union Minister for Information yesterday at the Myanmar Media Paper Reading session at the Yangon City Hall.

The session aiming at the development of Myanmar Media and learning the history of media in Myanmar was opened by Union Minister Dr Pe Myint, Yangon Mayor Dr Mg Mg Soe, Vice Chairman(1) U Aung Hla Htun, Vice Chairman (2) Dr Myo Thant Tin of Myanmar Media Council.

"I am pleased for successfully holding the paper reading session. The age of the media council transformed form Myanmar Press Council (Interim) is not so long though, it had involved the history

of democratic transformation and the freedom of the press," he said.

The minister said he was proud of paper reading session, one of tasks of Media council was being held and viewed the session was a task to support the development of media and wished media council be able to hold more paper reading session more than present.

Dr Mg Mg Soe said he welcomed the paper reading session and wanted the newspaper which mentioned the historical milestones to be enduring.

U Ohn Kyaing, the Chairman of Paper Session Organizing Committee said he had plan to publish a book compiling the papers to be a reference for the journalists.

In the first day of the paper reading session, the interesting

events in the history of Myanmar media was read by Dr Tin Hlaing (Bo Hlaing), the history of Myanmar media read by Hantharwaddy U Ohn Kyaing, Future Yangon and Yangon Municipal Industry movement by Daw Than Myint Aung, the history of Myanmar media structure by U Kyaw Swar Min on behalf of U Khin Mg Lay (Phoe Thautkyar), the newspapers from the upper Myanmar by Kyaw Yin Myint and Myanmar telegram media in Kongsong era.

Today paper reading session includes Myanmar and International Media by U Aung Hla Htun, the way to be a good journalist by U Chit Naing (Seikpyinnyar), Myanmar media and women by Daw Thin Thin Thar, some laws the journalist should know by U Han Nyunt (U Han Nyunt-Law), Politic and the journalist's strategic vision by Dr Tin Htun (Thahton Tin Htun), Myanmar media and Myanmar politic by U Zayya and U Myo Ko Myo.

Total 12 papers were read in the two-day paper reading session and 60 booths are exhibiting newspapers, journals, magazines and books there. —Myanmar News Agency



Union Minister Dr Pe Myint addresses the Myanmar Media Paper Reading session. PHOTO: MNA

South-East Asia countries adopt Call for Action to accelerate efforts to End TB

NEW DELH — Health Ministers from countries in WHO South-East Asia Region which bear half the global TB burden, and WHO today signed a Call for Action for Ending TB, pledging to scale-up efforts and implement adequately funded, innovative, multisectoral and comprehensive measures to achieve the global target to end the disease by 2030.

"We need to make ending TB our central priority. The disease continues to be a leading cause of death and lost productive years in the crucial age group of 15-49 years causing catastrophic expenses, financial losses, outright impoverishment of individuals and households and massive aggregate costs to national economies. Ending TB is paramount for health and development across the Region," Dr Poonam Khetrpal Singh, Regional Director for WHO South-East Asia, told the Ministerial Meeting Towards Ending TB in the South-East Asia Region, here.

In 2015 TB caused nearly 800 000 deaths in the Region while an estimated 4.74 million new cases were reported. Six of the Region's countries – Bangladesh, DPR Korea, India, Indonesia, Myanmar and Thailand – are among the 30 high TB burden countries globally.

While countries in the Region

have been making efforts against TB, the annual decline in TB incidence – which is currently between 1.5% and 2% – is insufficient and needs to be scaled up to at least 10% to 15% for the countries and the Region to meet the End TB targets. The global targets seek to reduce TB mortality by 90% and incidence by 80% by 2030.

Committing to take exceptional action and high-impact interventions as per the Call for Action, the Ministers of Health agreed to lead the implementation of the national TB response through an empowered body reporting to the highest levels of Government.

The Call for Action stresses upon increasing government and partner budgetary allocations to enable national TB plans to be fully funded.

The Ministers discussed setting up of a Regional Innovation to Implementation (I 2 I) fund for accelerated sharing of knowledge, intellectual resources and innovations to reach out and treat all cases.

Dr Khetrpal Singh said countries also need to apply best practices in taking comprehensive TB treatment and prevention programmes to universal scale, while improving quality and making them genuinely 'people-centered'.

They need to tackle poverty, malnutrition, quality of health care services, sub-optimum living conditions and other socio-economic factors that fuel TB.

Opportunities to accelerate progress should be seized with rapid adoption of advances in diagnostics and medicines.

"Together we can and must end TB," the Regional Director said, while announcing that 'bending the curve to end TB' would be a flagship programme of WHO in South-East Asia Region to support member countries take immediate action with an extreme sense of urgency to End TB.

The investments in ending TB are expected to give huge returns, with more than 11 million lives expected to be saved and nearly 60 million infections expected to be prevented across the Region by 2035. This will also complement social and economic growth by averting nearly 300 million DALYs.

Other than the Ministers of Health, officials from health departments of member countries, and representatives of partner organizations such as the World Bank, The Global Fund, Stop TB Partnership, USAID and DFAT Australia, attended the two-day meeting organized by WHO. —WHO

Curriculum Vitae of His Excellency Mr. Rodrigo Roa Duterte President of the Republic of the Philippines



H.E. Mr. Rodrigo Roa Duterte, President of the Republic of the Philippines, was born in Maasin on 28 March 1945.

He studies Political Science at the Lyceum of the Philippines University, and graduated in 1968 with a Bachelor's degree in Arts. He also obtained a law degree from San Beda College of Law in 1972.

He served at the Prosecutor's Office in Davao City from 1977 until 1986 when he was appointed as OIC Vice Mayor of Davao City.

Mr. Duterte is among the longest-serving mayors in the Philippines and has been the Mayor of Davao City for seven terms, totaling more than 22 years. He has also served as vice-mayor and as congressman for the City.

On 9 May 2016, Mr. Duterte won a landslide victory as the 16th President of the Philippines. He was officially proclaimed by a joint session of the Philippines' Congress on 30 May 2016. He is the first Mindanaoan President and the first local chief executive to get elected straight to the Office of the President.

Heavy weapons sent by MNDA aimed delay Tatmadaw's operation

MYANMAR National Democratic Alliance Army (MNDA) aiming at delaying Tatmadaw's major operation and destroying and threatening the life of the innocent people, made an attack on the evening of 17 March.

The firing of 10 rockets assumed to be 107 mm came from the border area between BP 126 and BP 127.

One of the heavy artillery shell fired by MNDA hit near Narlee village, four near Htinpar Kyaine village, two at the end of the bottom of Maharmuni Pagoda Hill, three near the resident of military retired persons and one empty house of them was destroyed by the shells while others places were reported for undamaged.—Myanmar News Agency



Members of Maungtau Investigation Commission visit northern Maungtau Township. PHOTO: MNA

Members of Maungtau Commission meet with the locals from Muslim Community

THE members of Maungtau Investigation Commission visited yesterday the villages in Northern Maungtau to meet the members of Muslim Community who temporarily fled from the village in October and got back to the village.

The member of the commission visited villages were U Aung Naing, U Saw Thalaysaw, assistant member Daw Than Than Win, Deputy Director of the Department of Social Welfare and Dr. Htar Htar Lin and U Ye Htut, Deputy Commissioner of Maungtau district. The members of the commission met with the women and the children separate-

ly in Pinyinhu Chanung village, Kyarkhaung Taung village and Yadwin Kyun village and made questioning to and discussing with the members of the family about the incident occurred in October.

U Ye Htut, Deputy Commissioner of Maungtau district will make arrangement for the transportation for the convicts' family members who want to see them at the Buthidaung prison to relieve their suffering.

The suspects from Pinyinhu Chanung, Kyarkhaung and Yedwinkyun village were investigated on suspicion of the October's incident and were arrested in Buthidaung.—San Lwin Oo (IPRD)