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## Myanmar Youth Policy released

State Counsellor urges people to strive to maximise their abilities

MYANMAR's youth, which makes up more than a third of the country's population, will lead the way towards a better future, and an official policy promoting and nurturing youth will help, State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi said yesterday.

The State Counsellor attended a ceremony in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday to introduce the Myanmar Youths Policy, which was developed to improve and elevate the role of youths in all sectors of the country.

The youth policy draft formulated by youth representatives who were selected by regions and states was approved at the cabinet meeting of the Union Government on 11th November 2017. The Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement, the Ministry of Health and Sports, the Ministry of Education and United Nations agencies also collaborated with youth representatives to develop the draft.

In her speech at the ceremony, Daw Aung San Suu Kyi urged all the people in the country to strive to boost their abilities.

The State Counsellor said she is optimistic that Myanmar's economy and education will improve. Young people will play a major role in the country's success because Myanmar's youth population makes up more than a third of the total population.

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State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi greets a youth in wheelchair who attended the ceremony to release the Myanmar Youth Policy in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday. **PHOTO: MNA**

## UEHRD talks with US, UN on Rakhine repatriation

The Union Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement Dr. Win Myat Aye held talks on the repatriation issue in Rakhine State separately with the US Ambassador Mr. Scot Marciel and Mr. Knut Ostby, the UN Resident and Humanitarian Coordinator for Myanmar at his ministry in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

The meeting with the US Ambassador focused on repatriation and resettlement of refugees, shutting down camps in the hills of Myaypon Township, reducing restrictions on the people living in IDP camps, measures related with issuing National Verification cards, US\$50 million in aid from the US for the internally displaced people returning from Thailand and measures taken for enacting a law on prevention of violence against women, works of the Union Enterprise for Humanitarian Assistance, Resettlement and Development in Rakhine State and implementation of the agreement between Myanmar and Bangladesh for repatriation and resettlement of refugees.

At the meeting with Mr. Knut Ostby, they sought ways for carrying out an assessment for cooperation between the UEHRD and UN, and a proposal for seeking help from UN for closing IDP camps.— Myanmar News Agency ■



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# State Counsellor discusses honorary consuls over trade promotion

Daw Aung San Suu Kyi, State Counsellor and Union Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar received Mr. Won Bae Dahn, Honorary Consul-General of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar in Busan, the Republic of Korea, Mr. Bryon Wilfert, Honorary Consul-General of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar in Toronto, Canada, Mr. Ercan Aygun, Honorary Consul of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar in Ankara, the Republic of Turkey, Mr. Ricardo Cateb Cury, Honorary Consul of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar in Sao Paulo, the Federative Republic of Brazil, Mr. Filippo Bertani, Honorary Consul of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar in Florence, the Italian Republic and Mr. Toshio Nishimura, Honorary Consul



State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi holds the meeting with honorary consuls in Nay Pyi Taw. PHOTO: MNA

of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar in Nagoya, Japan, at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Nay Pyi Taw, at (1100) hrs today.

During the meeting, they discussed the promotion of trade, investment and cultural cooperation between the Repub-

lic of the Union of Myanmar and respective countries. Also present at the meeting were U Kyaw Tin, Union Minis-

ter for International Cooperation and senior officials of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.—Myanmar News Agency ■

## Agreement on Cooperation on Projects of the Mekong-Lancang Cooperation Special Fund inked

THE Signing ceremony of the Agreement on the Cooperation on Projects of the Mekong-Lancang Cooperation Special Fund for Myanmar was held on Friday, at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Nay Pyi Taw.

The agreement was signed by U Myint Thu, Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, on behalf of the Ministries that proposed the projects and H.E. Mr. Hong Liang, Ambassador of People's Republic of China to Myanmar. The ceremony was attended by representatives from respective Ministries and officials.

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fund of 300 million US dollar was established by China during the Second Mekong-Lancang Foreign Ministers Meeting held in 2016 in Siem Reap, Cambodia. 132 projects were selected for implementation under the Mekong-Lancang Special Fund, of which, 10 projects from Myanmar, 83 from China, 16 from Cambodia, 13 from Laos, 5 from Thailand, and 5 from Vietnam were selected. The total amount of 2.4 Million US Dollars will be received for 10 selected projects, of which, 1 project is from Ministry of Home Affairs, 1 from Ministry of Transport and Communications, 5 from Minis-

try of Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation, 1 from Ministry of Religious Affairs and Culture and 1 from Ministry of Education.

The Mekong-Lancang Cooperation was established following the initiative put forward by Chinese Premier Li Keqiang at the 17th ASEAN-China Summit held in Myanmar in 2014 to establish a new type of cooperation mechanism among six Mekong-Lancang countries comprised of Cambodia, China, Laos, Myanmar, Thailand and Vietnam with an aim of promoting cooperation in the areas of political and socioeconomic development.—GNLM ■



Mr. Hong Liang (Left) and U Myint Thu (Right) sign Agreement on the Cooperation on Projects of the Mekong-Lancang Cooperation Special Fund for Myanmar. PHOTO: MNA

## Chief Justice of the Union U Htun Htun Oo receives Singapore Ambassador to Myanmar in Nay Pyi Taw

CHIEF Justice of the Union U Htun Htun Oo received Singapore Ambassador to Myanmar H.E Ms. Vanessa Chan Yuen Ying at the office of Chief Justice of the Union in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday morning.

In the meeting, they exchanged views and cordially discussed matters relating to cooperation after the signing of a memorandum of understanding (MoU) between My-

anmar and Singapore, cooperation for the Rule of Law and Judicial Education and Training Programmes.

Also present at the meeting were Deputy Chief of Mission & Counsellor Mr. Koh Chee Chian; judges of the Supreme Court of the Union U Thar Htay, U Aung Zaw Thein, U Mya Han and U Myo Tint, Director-General U Ko Ko Naing and other officials.—Myanmar News Agency

## 11 million stimulant tablets seized in Maungtaw in 2017

DURING 2017, over 11.1 million stimulant tablets were seized in Maungtaw, Rakhine State, according to an anti-narcotics squad official.

“In Maungtaw Township, a total of 27 cases, including 25 stimulant tablets cases and two marijuana cases, were found during 2017”, said Police Major Zaw Win.

“The drug seizures were

made in Maungtaw and Buthidaung townships. We are adopting a drug-combating policy to be carried out across the country”, he added.

As Buthidaung and Maungtaw are border towns, anti-narcotics squads are making concerted efforts to conduct preventive measures in the region, officials said.—Myint Maung/Zaya