

FDA meets with related ministries and groups

THE authority on food, drugs, cosmetics and medical devices held a coordination meeting for representatives of all groups concerned at the Ministry of Health and Sports on Friday.

In his speech, Myanmar Food and Drug Administration (FDA) chairman Union Minister Dr. Myint Htwe said it is difficult for the FDA alone to ensure that food, drugs, cosmetics and consumer product matters are safe and up to international standards.

For these consumer products to be safe for the people, it is important for organisations such as the Ministry of Education, development committee (municipal), the Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation, General Administration Department, Myanmar

Police Force, Customs Department and consumer affairs department to participate and cooperate. Similarly, the leadership, support and guidance of representatives from Pyithu Hlutaw, Amyotha Hluttaw, states/regions Hluttaw and social affairs ministers are very important.

“While everything is done to the utmost to know the inclusion of substances that shouldn’t be included in food, drugs, cosmetics and consumer products, informing the public to avoid consuming such products, avoid consuming products that are not labeled and do not have an expiry date and are not recommended by FDA, more needs to be done to provide recommendations according to regulation, sampling from the market and

investigating in the market”, the FDA chairman said.

The FDA started an international standard food chemical reference lab on 18 January 2018 and is conducting international standard testing. Furthermore lab networks in each ministry needs to be linked and more testing needs to be conducted, Dr. Myint Htwe said.

The DDA chairman gave thanks to Hluttaw representatives Dr. A Zin Latt, Dr. Than Aung Soe and U Aung Kyi Nyunt for raising questions on food and drug safety in the Pyithu Hluttaw and Amyotha Hluttaw.

“All who attend the meeting are urged to openly discuss together while the outcome of the meeting will be collected and combined by FDA and policy

framework and work processes are to be established soon”, said the Union Minister.

Next, implementation of safety programmes on food, drugs and cosmetics products and future work processes were explained by the FDA director general and representatives from each department in attendance openly discussed matters in which cooperation could be made.

The meeting was also attended by Pyithu Hluttaw health and sports development committee chairman Dr. San Shwe Win, Nay Pyi Taw Council member U Tin Tun, Pyithu Hluttaw representative Dr. A Zin Latt of Sagaing Region Shwebo constituency, Amyotha Hluttaw representative U Aung Kyi Nyunt of Magwe Region constituency 4,

directors general and officials from Ministry of Health and Sports, directors general from related departments and heads of departments, representatives from Myanmar Maternal and Child Welfare Association, Myanmar Women’s Affairs Federation, Myanmar Red Cross Society consumer protection group, Myanmar Consumers Union, the World Health Organization, European Union Myanmar Trade Development Programme, USAID, states/regions public health department heads, Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry, Myanmar Oil Millers Association, Myanmar Edible Oil Dealers Association and Myanmar Food Processors and Exporters Association.—Myanmar News Agency ■

Stone Village in Momauk to be a new resort

STONE Village Resort is about one mile away from Kyauk Camp in Momauk Township in Kachin State. The Stone Village Resort is located in an area that beech-wood, heart-wood and crown-wood are cultivated by the Hukaung Co Ltd., above the Nantkyayi Stream.

Different kinds of plants such as teak, jack-fruit, jengkol and shady trees will be cultivated in 100 acres of vacant, fallow and virgin land according to a management official of the Stone Village Resort.

“This camp is full of stone so it was called stone village and it is crowded with visitors during public holidays such as Thadingyut holidays, Christmas and Thingyan holidays. During the holidays in the past, students mostly visited

the resort and the entrance fee is free. However 500 kyats will be paid for parking motor-vehicles” he added.

“Most of the visitors go to the resort to view the natural scenery and landscapes along the Bamaw-Lweje road. In this region, rice is cultivated during the rainy season and watermelon is cultivated in the peak season. Furthermore, the visitors can listen to the lovely accent of Shan and Kachin ethnic people.

At the resort people can examine stone and crag samples in addition to exploring the jungle, walking on a suspension bridge and taking a bath in the stream. These are relaxing activities for all the people who visit Stone Village Resort.—Myanmar Digital News ■

Ks78 million for mothers, children in Maungtaw Township



Maungtaw Township Health Department’s officials providing cash assistance to villagers in Maungtaw under the Maternal and Child Cash Transfer programme. PHOTO: YAMANYA

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UNDER the Maternal and Child Cash Transfer (MCCT) programme to help expecting mothers and children under 2 years of age, over Ks78 million was given to qualified people between 5 and 9 February in Maungtaw, Rakhine State, it is learnt.

The provision of cash assistance was jointly conducted by

the Maungtaw Township Health Department and the General Administration Department, with a total of 2,180 expecting mothers from 67 wards and village tracts each provided with Ks45,000, for a total cash outlay of more than Ks78 million, according to Maungtaw Township Social Affairs Department township case manager U Kyaw Aung Sein.

“The MCCT program was implemented with an aim to increase the nutrition and health of

expecting mothers and children under two years of age. In doing this, it was provided to all in the township who were entitled, regardless of their social status, race or religion” said U Kyaw Aung Sein.

This is the first time the MCCT programme has been implemented in a ward or village in Maungtaw Township, and there are plans for another disbursement of cash at the end February, it is learnt. ■

Live broadcast of flag raising ceremony for 71st Anniversary Union Day

A ceremony for the raising of the national flag marking the 71st Anniversary Union Day of Myanmar on 12 February, 2018 will be held at the City Hall Compound in Nay Pyi Taw. A live broadcast of the event by Myanmar Radio and Television (MRTV), National Races Channel(NRC), Myawady Channel (MWD), MWD (Variety) Channel, MITV, MNTV, Sky Net Up to Date Channel, Sky Net(Ethnic Minorities) Channel, MIR (Radio), Myanmar Radio and MRTV Facebook will begin at 6:40 a.m.—Myanmar News Agency ■