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President U Win Myint, centre, meeting with Union Chief Justice U Htun Htun Oo, sixth from left, and Supreme Court Judges yesterday. PHOTO: MNA

President meets Chief Justice and Supreme Court judges

PRESIDENT U Win Myint met with Union Chief Justice U Htun Htun Oo and Supreme Court Justices at the Presidential Palace in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday at 2 p.m.

During the meeting, the President discussed the work that needs to be accomplished to firmly establish the judiciary sector.

President U Win Myint also called for the conducting of responsible management at all levels, from the region and state to the township level.

The President further said there needs to be stricter regulations in maintaining court evidence, as loss and damage costs must be paid through the national budget.

He noted that greater amounts of foreign investment will flow into the country and the country's economy will develop only when there is rule of law and the country is free from corruption.

President U Win Myint said that skilled and truly capable persons must be assigned positions in the judiciary to strength-

en the sector. He noted that the Chief Justice has the responsibility to strengthen the entire country's judiciary sector and to properly guide judiciary officials at the state and regional level.

President U Win Myint urged Union Chief Justice U Htun Htun Oo and Supreme Court judges to work to strengthen the judiciary sector with the help and support of organisations that provide legal aid and rule of law centres.

Union Chief Justice U Htun Htun Oo briefed the President about the judiciary processes,

management of court evidence, challenges faced by courts, responsibilities taken by the Supreme Court of the Union, the number of court proceedings being conducted, and the status of reforming the organisational structure for employees.

Also present at the meeting were Deputy Minister for the President's Office U Min Thu, as well as Supreme Court Judges U Thar Htay, U Mya Thein, U Myint Aung, U Aung Zaw Thein, U Mya Han, U Myo Tint, U Soe Naing, and U Khin Maung Kyi. —Myanmar News Agency ■

Mro ethnic villagers receive new houses

RAKHINE STATE authorities handed over new houses to Mro ethnic people at the Thit-tonna Gwason Village-tract in Maungtaw Township yesterday.

The 86 houses were funded by the Ayeyawady Region Government and Mandalay Region Government, and handed over to Mro ethnic families from Karuchaung, Myatkhaung-taung, Panchaung and Inn Chaung villages from Thit-tonna Gwason Village-tract in Maungtaw Township.

The authorities also delivered a set of solar panels and a family kit, each donated by the Ministry of Industry to Mro ethnic families who lost their homes in terrorist attacks last year.

"We are delighted to stay in the new house in the plains area, instead of in the hills where we used to live," said U Aung Phaw, a Mro ethnic man. Following the ceremony, another 30 houses donated by Daw Khin Kyi Foundation and 10 houses by the Department for Development of Border Areas and National Races, were also handed over to Mro ethnic families from Kontaing Village. Authorities assisted ethnic people who moved into the houses and, along with solar panels and family kits, provided household utensils.

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Union Minister Dr Win Myat Aye meets with people at IDP camps in Cox's Bazar, Chittagong. PHOTO: MNA

Union Minister Dr. Win Myat Aye meets IDPs in Bangladesh

UNION Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement Dr. Win Myat Aye led a delegation to Bangladesh to visit the Ukha IDP camp in Cox's Bazar, Chittagong, and met with the district commissioner.

Dr. Win Myat Aye and his delegation were accompanied by Myanmar Ambassador to Bangladesh U Lwin Oo when they arrived in Ukha IDP camp's guest hall to meet with the district commissioner and UN representatives. They were briefed on the resettlement, food supply, and healthcare provided in the camp. The Union Minister and UEHRD Chief Coordinator Prof. Dr. Aung Tun Thet explained the reason for

their visit and noted that they are ready for the repatriation process of IDPs.

Afterwards, the Union Minister met with IDPs in the camp and explained to them about the development process in Rakhine, based on suggestions by the Rakhine Advisory Commission, the readiness for the repatriation process from Myanmar's side, the humanitarian aid provided in Rakhine, the UEHRD's resettlement project, the registration for national verification cards and its benefits, the freedom to travel, housing projects, vocational training, easy access to education and healthcare, and the ongoing process of closing IDP camps

that were established in 2012.

The Union Minister also explained to the IDPs that they were here to provide assistance to IDPs who wish to return to Myanmar before the rainy season sets in, and to help with any problems they may be facing in the host country. He also told them they are ready for the repatriation process to begin.

This was followed by the Union Minister, Dr. Aung Tun Thet, Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation Chairperson Dr. Thet Thet Zin and officials meeting individually with the IDPs and discussing various matters. The Myanmar delegation then toured the camp on motor vehicles.—Thura Zaw ■



Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker U T Khun Myat meets with Indian Ambassador Mr. Vikram Misri in Nay Pyi Taw. PHOTO: MNA

Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker U T Khun Myat receives Indian Ambassador to Myanmar

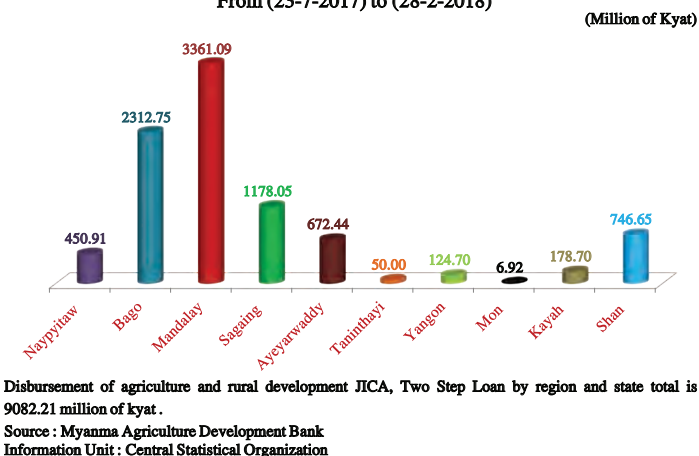
PYITHU Hluttaw Speaker U T Khun Myat received Indian Ambassador to Myanmar Mr. Vikram Misri at the Hluttaw building of the Pyithu Hluttaw in Nay Pyi Taw, yesterday afternoon.

During the meeting, they discussed the cooperation be-

tween Myanmar and India, and the legislative operations of the Hluttaw.

Also present at the meeting were Deputy Speaker U Tun Aung alias U Tun Tun Hein and other officials from the Pyithu Hluttaw.—Myanmar News Agency ■

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Development of elephant conservation-based tourism

May Thet Hnin

THE Myanma Timber Enterprise (MTE) is planning to develop Elephant Conservation-Based Tourism (ECBT) in time for the September tourist season in cooperation with the tour agencies.

Officials from the MTE discussed ECBT with officials from the tourism industry at the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Travel Association office and the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry in Yangon on 9 April.

The enterprise has so far opened 18 elephant camps across the country, with some 205 elephants. The MTE has explained the operation for the local and

foreign visitors. The entrepreneurs also shared their opinion on MTE's explanation.

"In 2016-2017, MTE suspended its logging operations for one year. Therefore, we have implemented ECBT for the conservation of more than 3,000 elephants and elephant mahout job opportunities", said an official from MTE.

Local and foreign tourists can feed, ride and wash the elephants. The visitors can also observe the elephant dancing at the camps. The visitors can also observe other significant places and other plantations which are very close to the elephant camp area. The elephant camps are also equipped with children's playgrounds and restaurants.

To attract the tourists, an elephant museum has been constructed inside some elephant camps. Some camps have also planted gardens to enhance the green environment. The MTE is planning to construct more places for the visitors to take a rest.

"There are thousands of tourists who visit the elephant camps in foreign countries every month. Therefore, we would like to suggest that we should build some small tents for the tourists to stay in and sell traditional foods. We also suggested to change the price. We have to make more decoration in this rainy season to attract more tourists", said U Min Thein, deputy chairman of the Republic of the

Union of Myanmar Travel Association. The entrepreneurs have proposed reducing entrance and riding fees for elephant camps.

"We will make a decision at the regular meeting of the enterprises", said U Moe Myint, Deputy General Manager of MTE.

"The admission fee for foreigner is Ks20,000 and the fee for riding an elephant for foreigners is Ks20,000. Therefore, nobody will ride the elephant. So, the entrance fees need to be changed for foreigners," said an entrepreneur who attended the meeting.

ECBT is conducted with the aim to implement elephant conservation and ecotourism at the same time, to create job opportunities for local people and

mahouts, and to earn the country income from the tourism industry. In 2016-2017 fiscal year, more than Ks120 million was earned from elephant camps. In 2017-2018, the income has increased to more than Ks300 million.

Thirteen elephant camps out of 18 have been opened in the time of the new government. The MTE has also planned to open more elephant camps other states and regions. There are more than 6,578 elephants in Myanmar, including 3,078 of MTE's elephants, 2,000 privately owned elephants and over 1,500 wild elephants. The MTE is conducting the elephant conservation effort in cooperation with international organisations. ■

Foreign heads of state send congratulatory messages to President

Mr. Aleksandar Vucic, President of the Republic of Serbia, said in his message that he extended his cordial congratulations and best wishes for the successful discharge of President U Win Myint responsible duties, personal well-being and prosperity of the friendly people of Myanmar.

“You may rest assured that I will be ready to invest, together with you, additional personal efforts aimed at further enhancement of the traditionally friendly relations and overall cooperation between the Republic of Serbia and the Republic of the Union of Myanmar,” said Mr. Aleksandar Vucic.

“I would like to take this opportunity to express my deep gratitude for the principled position of the Republic of the Union Myanmar regarding non-recognition of the unilaterally declared independence of the so-called “Kosovo”. I am confident that your country will continue to lend its support to the preservation of sovereignty and territorial integrity of the Republic of Serbia, in line with in-

ternational law, Charter of the United Nations and principles built into the foundations of major international organizations, including the Non-Aligned Movement, whose founding fathers included the leaders of our two countries, said the President of the Republic of Serbia.

Mr. Janos Ader, President of the Republic of Hungary, said in his message that he had the honour to convey his most sincere congratulations on the occasion of President U Win Myint’s election as President of the Union of Myanmar.

“I am pleased to note that in the past few years the co-operation between our two countries entered a more intensive phase helping us to identify promising areas. I would like to use this solemn occasion to reiterate my desire to further strengthen the traditionally friendly relations between Hungary and Myanmar for the benefit of our peoples and countries,” said President Mr. Janos Ader.

Mr. Donald Trump, President of the United States of America, said

in his message that he, on behalf of the people of the United States of America, sent his congratulations to President U Win Myint and the people of Myanmar as President U Win Myint celebrates his inauguration as President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar.

“As a partner and friend, the United States values the enduring ties between our two nations. We pledge our continued assistance to help Myanmar realize its goals of building a peaceful nation that offers inclusive economic growth, adherence to rule of law and respect for human rights, national reconciliation, and greater health for all its people,” said President Donald Trump.

Mr. Alain Berset, President of the Swiss Confederation, wished President U Win Myint every success in the fulfillment of your new function.

“I would like to take this opportunity to highlight the longstanding relationship between our two countries, which was recently strengthened by the celebrations of the

60th anniversary of our diplomatic relations I am confident that the ties between Myanmar and Switzerland will continue to deepen in the coming years thanks to our bilateral collaborations in many different areas, as well as through our regional and multilateral cooperation, especially in the context of Switzerland-ASEAN Sectoral Dialogue Partnership,” said Mr. Alain Berset.

“Furthermore, I would like to reiterate Switzerland’s commitment in continuing to support Myanmar in its ongoing transition into a stable democracy and in its efforts to achieve peace as well as sustainable socio-economic prosperity,” he added.

Mr. Shavkat Mirzeyev, President of the Republic of Uzbekistan, says in his message that “I have the honour to express my confidence that in Your highly responsible position of the President of Republic of the Union of Myanmar You will continue to promote the further development of mutually beneficial re-

lations between Uzbekistan and Myanmar.”

“I am convinced that the establishment of a constructive political dialogue, long-term trade and economic ties and cultural and humanitarian exchanges will serve to strengthen bilateral cooperation in the interests of our countries and peoples,” said Mr. Shavkat Mirzeyev.

His Majesty King Philippe, King of the Belgians, said in his message that he would like to warmly congratulate President U Win Myint on his election as new President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar.

“I wish you success in carry out the duties entrusted to you by the Parliament. The Kingdom of Belgium remains committed to supporting the people of Myanmar on their path to democracy, development and national reconciliation,” said King Philippe.

“My country is looking forward to working with your government and further deepening the ties of friendship between our two countries, bilat-

erally and multilaterally. In this framework, your participation to the ASEM Summit which will take place in Brussels in October 2018 would certainly contribute to the success of this important event,” he added. “Finally, I would like to sincerely thank your country for supporting Belgium candidature to the United Nations Security Council,” said King Philippe.

Mr. Khaltmaagiin Battulga, President of Mongolia, says in his message that “it gives me great pleasure to note the successful development of friendly relations and cooperation between Mongolia and Myanmar on the basis of common principles of international relations. Taking this opportunity, I wish to pledge to Your Excellency my full collaboration in further expanding and strengthening our bilateral relations,” “Please accept, Your Excellency, my best wishes for your good health and happiness as well as prosperity to the friendly people of Myanmar,” he added. Myanmar News Agency ■

Mro ethnic villagers receive new houses

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Also, the new villages will be provided with water supplies, transportation, clinics and schools, according to authorities.

Ethnic Mro nationals lived peacefully with agriculture and new Khon-

htaing (Mro) village will soon be developed with the full requisite of a village.

The Rakhine State government has been building new homes in the Maungtau Township for the security and social development of ethnic groups, such as Mro,

Khami, Thet and Daingnet, among others. These groups were earlier living in the mountainous areas.

The government expects that the construction of such villages will improve the livelihood and social conditions of the people.—Tin Soe ■



Mro ethnic villagers walk past their new houses in Maungtau. **PHOTO: TIN SOE**



A Mro family waves from their new house in Kontaing Village. **PHOTO: TIN SOE**

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Rakhine State Thingyan pandals will liven celebration

RAKHINE State Minister for Social Welfare Dr. Chan Tar, who is also chairman of the Rakhine State Maha Thingyan Festival Executive Committee, told reporters that Rakhine State will hold a traditional Thingyan Festival amid other festivals that will celebrate the Myanmar New Year of 1380.

He said the festivals will include the pandals, a large platform from which water is thrown at Thingyan participants, a competition in the making of Thanakha (Limonia acidissima) an ancient process that has been handed down the generations, sacred bathing of the images of Buddha, washing of the hair of old women by young ladies, keeping the Sabbath, doing charitable deeds, paying homage to the elderly and participating in water dousing



Local people ready to get wet in Traditional Thingyan Water Festival in Rakhine State. PHOTO: HAN LIN NAING

celebration.

Rakhine State will have two large pandals, fifteen medium-sized pandals, and 24 small pandals for people celebrating Thingyan. Dr. Chan Tar said that every year, the Rakhine State Government opens two large pandals in Sittway, and local

residents of Mizan Ward open a Rakhine traditional pandal. He said the addition of department-opened pandals will make Rakhine State more lively this year. He said the department pandals are not mandatory but opened by the staff as they wish to celebrate Thingyan.

Dr. Chan Tar said they opened the first Rakhine traditional pandal in Ngapali to promote interest and tourism there. He said that the tradition of placing a wooden long boat filled with water in the pandals was a common sight in his youth but the practice has since become

rare. He said he wished to bring that tradition back. The Rakhine Government has allotted Ks1 million to each township in Rakhine as funds for the Thingyan festival. Rakhine people have the tradition of splashing water on each other only after the sacred bathing of Buddha images.

Before the sacred bathing of the Buddha Images, young men and ladies gather at an appropriate place in their village or ward and grind sandalwood on specially designed smooth stone slabs.

A Rakhine traditional music troupe comprising Rakhine youngsters play Rakhine Thingyan songs and antiphonal chants that include a loud chorus that encourages and entertains the ladies labouring in the grinding of the sandalwood.

There will also be Rakhine musicians to perform on stage.

Dr. Chan Tar said he wished for all the citizens in Rakhine State to celebrate Thingyan with peace and happiness, spreading kindness to each other in this gentle and important traditional festival. —Myo Myint ■

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