

# Vice President U Myint Swe calls on youth's innovation, leadership, inclusiveness in All-Round Youth Development Festival (Mandalay)

INNOVATION, friendliness, leadership and inclusiveness of youths should be taken into account in activities of the forthcoming Mandalay All-Round Youth Development Festival, said Vice President U Myint Swe.

The remark came yesterday at the meeting of the leading committee for holding the All-Round Youth Development Festival at Mandalay University, slated to be held mid-August.

"Today is the time when the State is boosting the efficiency and strength of youths. Youths constitute an enormous driving force for the development of the country," said Vice President U Myint Swe, in his capacity as the patron of the leading committee, at the meeting held at the Ministry of Information.

In his address, he also highlighted the importance of promoting the development of the five strengths of youths—physical, knowledge, character, friendship and wealth, as the youths who are the leaders of the future it is necessary to build the Myanmar society based on freedom, development and prosperity.

The All-Round Youth Development Festival (Yangon) was held at Yangon University in 2017



Vice President U Myint Swe addresses the meeting of the leading committee for holding the All-Round Youth Development Festival at Mandalay University in Nay Pyi Taw. **PHOTO: MNA**

from 1 to 3 December.

"The first festival at the Yangon University met with success, and it became a bridge between past and future generations, with participation of students from universities and colleges, youths from social organizations, and former students," he added.

"We took pride in holding the All-Round Youth Development Festival at the Yangon University and were delighted to visit the festival with booths systematically set up by youths and universities and colleges, talks, arts activities, sport activities and songs," said the Vice President.

He also called for systematic cooperation between work

committees and sub-committees in organizing the activities of youths and entertainment activities at the Mandalay festival.

Also present at the meeting were Union ministers Dr. Pe Myint, Thura U Aung Ko, Dr. Myo Thein Gyi and Dr. Win Myat Aye, Chief Minister of Mandalay Region Dr. Zaw Myint Maung, deputy ministers Maj-Gen Aung Thu, U Aung Hla Tun and Dr. Mya Lay Sein, cabinet members of the Mandalay Region government, senior military officers, members of the work committee and sub-committees.

The All-Round Youth Development Festival (Mandalay) will be held with the aim of promoting

youths' skills, knowledge, ethical values, as well as developing their five strengths – physical, knowledge, character, friendship and wealth – and establishing a future Myanmar society based upon their views and ideas.

The leading committee for holding the All-Round Youth Development Festival (Mandalay) was formed with 20 members led by the Vice President.

The work committee, under the leading committee, was formed with 17 members, led by the Deputy Minister for Information.

Following the opening address of the Vice President, Union Minister for Information Dr.

Pe Myint reported on measures taken for holding the festival and future plans.

Union Minister for Education Dr. Myo Thein Gyi reported on suggestions to include the IT sector, while Mandalay Region Chief Minister Dr. Zaw Myint Maung on sector-wise arrangements for the festival.

Afterwards, members of the leading committee Union Ministers Thura U Aung Ko and Dr. Win Myat Aye also reported on measures taken by their ministries respectively.

The meeting ended with concluding remarks by Vice President U Myint Swe.—Myanmar News Agency ■

## Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker receives Japanese Parliamentary Vice-Minister of Justice

PYITHU Hluttaw Speaker U T Khun Myat received Japanese Parliamentary Vice-Minister of Justice Mr. Takashi Yamashita at the Pyithu Hluttaw building in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

During the meeting, they discussed promoting friendship and cooperation between the governments and parliaments of Myanmar and Japan, promoting the legal and judicial processes between Myanmar and Japan, matters about judicial transformation regarding market economy to be developed and foreign investment to be promoted.

Also present at the meeting were Deputy Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker U Tun Tun Hein, Pyithu Hluttaw Judicial and Legal Affairs Committee



Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker U T Khun Myat shakes hands with Japanese Parliamentary Vice-Minister of Justice Mr. Takashi Yamashita in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday. **PHOTO: MNA**

Chairman U Aung Tin Lin, Secretary U Hla Than and other officials.—Myanmar News Agency ■

## Battalion commanders of Myanmar, Bangladesh meet in Maungtau

A Myanmar-Bangladesh battalion commander-level meeting was held on Tuesday on the Myanmar side at the meeting hall of No.1 entry/exit checkpoint in Maungtau Township, Rakhine State. Ten attendees from Myanmar led by Provisional Police Lt.Col Nay Myo Thu of No.2 border unit and ten attendees from Bangladesh led by Lt.Col of No.2 border regiment Md Asadud-Zaman Chowdhury attended the meeting. During the meeting, Myanmar border

police unit exchanged information on drug seizures and also discussed further cooperation on it. They also discussed to fully cooperate and confirm the information related to movement and activities of ARSA and exchange of the news and information in a timely manner. Afterwards, Bangladesh border regiment discussed matters related to border crossing, holding meetings regularly and arrangements to conduct joint patrols.—Myanmar News Agency ■



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