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President U Win Myint sends message on occasion of 51st Anniversary of founding of ASEAN

“Resilience and Innovative ASEAN”, a theme for this year, strengthens our efforts to meet future challenges: President

(8 August 2018)

Esteemed Citizens,

Today marks the fifty-first anniversary of the founding of ASEAN -- a regional grouping of ten countries that strives to offer a greater sense of hope, expectation, confidence and togetherness to more than six hundred million people in the Southeast Asian region. On this special occasion, I have the pleasure to extend my warmest greetings and best wishes to the people of

Myanmar as well as to the peoples of the Member States of ASEAN.

ASEAN Member States share a long-standing tradition of cultural and historical linkages. These affiliations though diverse, bind them together, bridge their differences and make ASEAN more united in dealing with the emerging challenges.

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President U Win Myint receives Ambassador of Denmark to Myanmar



President U Win Myint meets with outgoing Denmark Ambassador Mr. Peter Lysholt Hansen at the Presidential Palace in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday. PHOTO: MYANMAR NEWS AGENCY

U WIN MYINT, President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, received H.E. Mr. Peter Lysholt Hansen, outgoing Ambassador of Denmark to Myanmar, at the Presidential Palace in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday afternoon.

Increasing bilateral relations, cooperation discussed

During the meeting, matters relating to increasing bilateral relations and cooperation, democracy, human rights, rule of law, stability and development of Rakhine State were discussed.

Present at the meeting were Deputy Minister for the Office of the President U Min Thu and responsible officials. — Myanmar News Agency ■

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Union Minister U Ohn Win receives NEWRI Exec Dir, Danish Ambassador, separately

UNION Minister for Natural Resources and Environmental Conservation U Ohn Win received the Executive Director of the Nanyang Environment & Water Research Institute (NEWRI), Nanyang Technological University, Prof. Shane Allen Snyder and his delegation at the guest hall of the ministry at 10am yesterday.

During the meeting, they openly discussed NEWRI's research and development, education and training, ongoing processes, drinking water purification projects conducted around the world, purifying waste water, and NEWRI's completed, ongoing and future processes and projects in Myanmar.

Similarly, the Union Minister received Danish Ambassador Mr. Peter Lysholt Hansen



Union Minister U Ohn Win meets with Danish Ambassador Mr. Peter Lysholt Hansen on 6 August. PHOTO: MNA

at 5pm on 6 August.

At the meeting, they discussed the implementation process for projects coping with climate change implemented in Rakhine State and Taninthayi Region, as part of the Denmark-Myanmar collaboration agreement, replanting and conserving Rakhine's mangrove forests,

elevating the social status of the region, projects for raising awareness on adapting to climate change, raising awareness on poaching and legal action taken towards it, and steps to be taken in acquiring a verification document to import Myanmar's timber products to the European market.—MNA ■

Union Minister U Thant Sin Maung meets DMA personnel for IMO Audit

UNION Minister for Transport and Communications U Thant Sin Maung met with personnel from Department of Marine Administration (DMA) for IMO (International Maritime Organization) Audit in DMA head office meeting room at Theinbyu Road, Botahtaung Township, Yangon yesterday afternoon.

At the meeting, the Union Minister delivered an opening speech and DMA Director General U Thaug Kyaing, relevant directors and officials explained about the Corrective Action Plan drawn up, according to the Interim Report sent by IMO. Meeting attendees then joined in the discussion and the Un-

ion Minister provided necessary guidelines.

Present at the meeting were Union Minister for Transport and Communications U Thant Sin Maung, DMA Director General U Thaug Kyaing, deputy directors general, directors and officials from Myanma Port Authority, it is learnt. —GNLM ■

Dr. Win Myat Aye separately receives UN Habitat Country Manager, US Ambassador



Union Minister Dr. Win Myat Aye shakes hands with US Ambassador Mr. Scot Marciel in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday. PHOTO: MNA

UNION Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement Dr. Win Myat Aye separately received UN Habitat Country Programme Manager Mr. Bijay Karmacharya and a group led by US Ambassa-

dor to Myanmar H.E. Mr. Scot Marciel at the Ministry office Maykhala hall in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

During the meeting with UN Habitat Country Programme

Manager in the morning, matters relating to technical support provided by signing memorandum of understanding (MoU) with Disaster Management Department and advice and technical support of UN Habitat on resettling of returnees in Rakhine State were discussed. During the meeting with the US Ambassador in the afternoon, matters relating to a technical work group visiting Rakhine State to effectively implement the MoU signed between Ministry of Labour, Immigration and Population, UNHCR and UNDP, establishing Kyauktaw Township as a model township for social parity in Rakhine State, setting up of national level strategy to systematically close down temporary relief camps and US providing necessary support for the local populace to meet and deliberate were discussed, it is learnt. —MNA ■

Political talks held to mark 30th anniversary of 8888 Uprising

DAY-2 of the political talks continued at the Yangon University yesterday, celebrating the 30th anniversary of the 8888 Uprising.

Those who took part in the 1988 nationwide strikes participated in the talk titled, "Myanmar's Politics and Dictatorship".

Politicians discussed Myanmar's democracy movement under the title "30-year journey of democracy movement" and "Equal rights for ethnic people and a federal union" on Monday.

The talks attracted Mem-

bers of the Parliaments, former students who took part in the uprising in 1988, students and the people.

In memory of the 1988 Uprising, documentary photos on political situation before 1988, democracy movement during the 1988 Uprising, news releases, flags and paraphernalia that were used in the Uprising are also displayed to the public at the Recreation Centre of the university.

The 30th anniversary of the 8888 Uprising will be held on a grand scale today.—Zaw Gyi (Panita) ■



Political talks held to mark the 30th anniversary of the 8888 Uprising at Yangon University in Yangon yesterday. PHOTO: PE ZAW

CBM selling US dollars to private banks in the country since 27 July

TO stabilize the US dollar and Myanmar Kyat exchange rate, the Central Bank of Myanmar (CBM) has been selling US dollars to private banks in the country since 27 July, the according to CBM Foreign Exchange Management Department Director General Daw May Toe Win.

Starting from 27 July, CBM had been selling about 100,000 dollars daily to private banks, and to date had sold 800,000 dollars. CBM plans to increase the sale, it is learnt.

Despite these sales, the

exchange rate continued to rise and on 6 August, the exchange rate was between Ks 1,457 and Ks1,464 to a dollar.

CBM is regularly monitoring the foreign currency market in order to prevent price manipulation that could destabilize the exchange rate. Furthermore, the reference exchange rate of CBM is mainly based on interbank market and CBM is striving toward making it nearest to the market exchange rate, said Director General Daw May Toe Win.—

Khin Maung Htwe ■

